LOWER RATES ON SCHEDULE K

PRESIDENT TAFT SENDS SPECIAL MESSAGE ADVISING REVISION OF WOLLEN TARIFF.

H E RATES PROHIBITORY

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C. Dec. 20.--Presidule K of the wool tariff. He also damages for personal injuries. sent the tariff board's report on this scheduel. Neither Taft nor the board suggested specific rates of duty. Taft said the duty should be based on the application for the parole of Joseph difference in the cost of production at M. Huston, the convicted capital home and abroad.

wool-not on the wool and grease comscale of ad valorem rates on cotton.

on raw wool, on yarn and on cloth On raw wool the board finds the present system of levying duty bad and th eduties higher than the difference in the coast of production in the Unit ed States compared with the cost abroad. The method of levying duty RICHERSON INFLICTS is condemned because it charges for grease as well as wool and operates to keep out of this country the heavy shrinking woolens. On tops, from which yarn is made the present rate is found prohibitory. It costs eighty per cent more in United States to convert tops into yarn than it does anywhere else. On yarn from which cloth is woven, the present rate of duty is found prohibitory because it keeps out all except the finer grades. On cloth the present rate is pronounced prohibdium grade cloths principally because of the specific compensatory duty

CO.,

NY

to make cloth from yarn in the United

France. while duties on sixteen samples of bleeding to death." foreign cloth selected by board averaged 184 per cent, the actual excess of the domestic price over the for-eign price was found to be only 67 WILL HAVE BOOTH per cent as a result of domestic compe-

Tracing the profits in the cost of a suit from sheep to man's back, the board takes the average suit as costing twenty-three dollars retail. The farmer receives for the wool in such a suit \$2.23 and his profit is 68 cents. manufacturer receives \$4.78 and a profceives \$23 and profit \$6.50.

For Christmas Decorations. We have a large stock of beautiful holly, holly leaves and cut flowers

for Christmas decorations. We also have a large line of nursply you with good healthy trees, es. seals tomorrow and Mrs. T. R. Boger pecially large hackberries at very low on Saturday. prices. Wichita Nursery & Floral Co. Corner Ninth and Brook. Phone

Representative Frank Buchanan of Chicago, former president of the In-Chicago, former president of the In-ternational Association of Bridge and last night. All cuts are reported full Structural Iron Workers, has intro- of snow, which is the heaviest in postal employes, old age pensions, em- threatened as the storm is unabated ployers' liability and other matters today. touching labor.

FRANK HURSH TRIAL ON JANUARY 22

From Wednesday's Daily.

the case of the State of Texas vs. Alex Sanders, charged with statutory rape, was called and the case re-set for the 8th of January 1912, at 1:30 p. m. The special venire summoned at that time.

The case of the State of Texas ve Tariff Board Submits Report Showing was set for the 22nd day of January, 1912 at 1:30 p. m., and a venire of one hundred men summoned.

The court then resumed the trial of dent Taft sent Congress a message the case of Lucas Zhilman vs. the M. today advising the lowering of Sche- K. & T. Ry. Co., a suit for \$30,000

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 20.-The architect, probably will be acted up-He recommended an immediate re- on by the state board of pardons at vision downward. The tariff board the meeting begun today. Huston reported that in nearly all classes of was imprisoned in the Eastern Penithe schedule the rates of duty are tentiary a year ago after a legal batprohibitory. The board also con- the extending over several years. Sev-The tariff board reported that the who were convicted died before the COFFMAN KUST SERVE demns the system of levying them. leval others of the alleged grafters duty should be assessed on scrubbed long legal fight ended and Huston was the only one to suffer actual bined. It also suggested a gradual imprisonment. His release on parole has been recommended by the board The report is divided into sections of prison inspectors.

> Every Red Cross Christmas Seal is bullet in the fight against tuber-

WOUNDS ON BODY

Boston Minister Charged With Murder In Critical Condition From Own Hands.

the murder of Avis Linuell, today venue, inflicted serious cuts upon his body itory on heavy weight, cheap and me in his cell, necessitating a surgical operation by the prison surgeons. which fixes a certain specific charge the jail hospital where an auxiliary new hearing was granted. The case per pound before the ad valorem rate operation was performed, the sure was tried in the Fifteenth district they thought he would re-It costs one hundred per cent more cover. Counsel Morse for Richeson, also tried him at McKinney. His at who had been visiting the former forneys already have given inotice States than it does in England or clergyman daily until yesterday, said that they will ask for a new trial. on each visit Richeson expressed The present system of fixing the confidence in his acquittal. How same advalorem rates on different Richeson's act would affect the furgrades fabric is condemned as unfair. ture proceedings in his case, his law. \$12.000 PAID FOR The board figurs would seem to show yer would not conjecture. A disturbthe "probitory duties" do not effect ince was heard in Richeson's cell American consumer so much as would early today. To the guards who ran be inferred by use of those words; for up he cried "I've cut myself-I'm

seals the proceeds from which are 1000. to be devoted to the fight against the white plague in Texas, has not been price paid for it is probably the the Jews of America. it of 23 cents, wholesaler receives as large up to date as could be wishallotted here.

the erection of a booth at the post rate of almost twenty-five per cent Petersburg Government. office from which Mrs. McKee, wife per annum. ery stock of all kinds and can sup of Rev. J. L. McKee will sell the

48 Hours Snow at Dalhart.

189-3te By Associated Press.
Dalbart, Dec. 20.—Forty-eight hours of continuous snow and rain block aded allatraffic on the Rock Island duced nine labor bills. These effect years. The cattle on the range are

Two Foot More Rise will Start Water Running Over Spillway

As a result of Tuesday's rains Lake feet Wednesday morning, and was few days has been ill with the grip still rising. With two feet more rise the water will start running over the at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. spillway for the first time in several "H. Carrigan on Austin street, left this years. Manager Orth of the Water afternoon for his home in Fort will be completely filled before the water all gets down.

Wichita had risen two and a half J. H. Barwise, Sr., who for the last and Light Company believes the lake Worth. He is now somewhat better. although not yet fully recovered.

READY TO ACCEPT. GOV'T ENGINEER A REPUBLIC

When court opened this morning TANG SHAO YI MUST, HOWEVER, SUBMIT QUESTION TO YUAN SHI KAI.

in this case were ordered to report ARMISTICE IS EXTENDED VIEWED

Opposing Forces Will Not Engage in Active Hostilities Between Now and December 30th.

By Associated Press. Shanghai, Dec. 20.—That he is ready to accept a Republic mut "must first consult with Peking," was the state ment loday at the Chinese Peace Conference of Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kai who is now the real head of the Imperial government

An identical note of the foreign pow ers headed by the United States was presented to the Peace Conference this morning. The armstice between opposing forces has been extended un til December 30.

LIFE IN PENITENTIARY

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 20.-After being out four hours and a half the jury in the Louie Coffman case came in shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and rendered a verdict finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree, and assessing his punishment at confinement in the state penitentiary for life.

Coffman is charged with killing his wife. Jessie Coffman, at their home near Melissa, Collin county, the night of Jan. 3, 1910. He was tried at McKinney on the charge and was given the death sentence. He was given a new hearing by the court Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.-Rev. of criminal appeals and the case was Clarence Richeson, awaiting trial for transferred here on a change of

Coffman is 34 years of age and be longs to one of the best families in Collin county, as did also his wife. After Richeson had been carried to He has been out on bond since the

EIGHTH ST. PROPERTY

From Wednesday's Deily. A deal was consummated Mandy through the firm of Marlow and Stone,

The lot is only 19x50 feet, and the highest which has ever been paid in so because of the fact that the prop-

The Author's Unusual Success. Thomas Dixon, author of Clansman," a big revival of which will be seen here Saturday night at the Wichita Theatre, has had unusual

success as a novelist. Contrary to the proverbial custom he did not have to peddle his initial work for months, for it was accepted for publication without delay and when issued was a tremendous suc-This was "The Leopard's coss? Spots," of which the play, "The

Clansman." is a dramatization in part

taking in incidents in the book of

'The Clansman" as well.

"The Leopard's Spots" was intended as an answer to "Uncle Tom's Cabin," whose author had dealt slavery a heavy blow, without looking forward to the consequences of the emancipation of the negro. The substance of Mr. Dixon's argument is to repudiate the idea that absolute equality can ever exist between the Caucasion and Ethiopian in the United States. "The Clansman" is the greatest problem play ever written, Advance seats will be on sale at O.

Red Cross Seals insure a Merry nating the question of race as a tion for the conservation of life and Christmas to giver and recipient,

F. Marchman's Drug Store.

NOW IN CITY

NECTION WITH PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

in Company With Commissioner

Roads to View Them at Their Worst. B. H. Burrell, U.S. highway engin er, of Washington, D. C., accompanied

Highway Engineer Drove Over

by Mrs. Burrell, is in the city making his hendquarters at the Westland Ho Engineer Burrell, has come to Wich ita Falls in response to a request sent in to the Agricultural Department by Judge C. B. Felder, on behalf of the

road commissioners of Precinct No. 1. who will have charge of building the macadamized roads under the bond is sue. Mr. Burrell met with Commissjoners G. D. Anderson, Myles O' Riley and J. L. Jackson in Judge Fel

der's office this morning. Mr. Burrell will remain as consult. ing engineer and co-operate with the beard of commissioners as long as his services are necessary in the preliminary work of road building.

Mr. Burrelt requested the members I the committee that he be taken out over the roads while they are showing he effects of the recent rains, believing that he can best judge of the improvements necessary, when the roads are in the worst condition for travel. The government is furnishing the services of Mr. Burrell without any cost, other than sequiring, that livery bills that he may contract in the discharge of his work be paid by the

county. In this connection Engineer Burrel and the road commissioners request that all property owners who have will confer a favor by reporting the came). matter to the engineer or committee as soon as possible.

THE HOUSE WILL

Senate Ratified Russian Treaty Abro gation by Adoption of Lodge Resolution.

By Associate Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The
House his afternoon began the conside ation of the final steps to end the House would join the Senate in ap proving Taft's action.

The Senate by a unanimous assisted by Jim Dickson, by means last night formally ratified President of which Phy Taylor purchased from Taft's notification to Russia of the J. L. Jackson, a lot and the building termination of the treaty of 1832. thereon, situated on Eight street, The Lodge joint resolution, reported near the Union Depot, and which is at by the Foreign Relations Committee present occupied by the Union Bar as a substitute for the Sulzer resolu-The sale of Red Cross Christmas Saloon. The consideration was 112, tion that passed the House 300 to 1. was adopted after an all-day debate over Russian discrimination against

The resolution was adopted at 7:19 It of 23 cents, wholesaler receives The resolution was adopted at 7:19 this city for a piece of property so p. m. It was introduced for the comsome kind Wichita Falls may fall small. However, Mr. Taylor is well mitee by Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts short of buying the ten thousand seals pleased with the deal, and the more as the measure couched in the language most satisfactory to the Wash-In order to help the sale of the the rents for an annual sum of \$2, ington Administration, which sought seals permission has been granted for 700 and thereby pays interest at the

The final action came after two substitutes had been voted down. It was the climax of a notable proceed ing in the chamber which guards jealously its traditional powers to make and break treaties. All through the symposium of views to which many Senators contributed throughout the day, however, there were cita tions of historical instances of treaty terminations by executive acts.

The Senate was held in session un til a late hour under the urgent plea of Senator Lodge that to secure action before the Christmas holiday recess Thursday, it was necessary that the Senate should act. Every Senator who spoke voiced

his advocacy of Congressional action to meet the Russian discrimination. They were unanimous for the ternfination of the treaty, but showed wide divergence of views as to the manner in which that end should be accomplished. Among those who held conflicting opinions were Messrs. O'Gorman of New York, Stone of Missouri and Williams of Mississippi. The most conspicuous opposition so that accurate vital statistics can to the Senate resolution developed be readily obtained for the further when Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska advice and information of the people offered a substitute resolution elimi- as to the needs of additional legisla-

cause for discriminating and omitting limb.

MOROS DEFY DISARMAMENT

AND AMERICAN TROOPS IM-MINENT ON ISLAND OF

JOLO.

TODAY MOROS ARE ENTRENCHED

Occupy Peak of Buddajo Where They Are Surrounded by American Infantry and Artillery.

Manilla, Dec. 20 .- A battle is imminent in the island of Jolo between six hundred Moros and a force of American troops. The Moros are defying an charging fireworks Sunday evening, on ultimatum issued by General Pershing tives in that district. The Moros have fortified the peak of Buddajo. The American infantry and artillery have surrounded them. Fighting is expect-

OKLAHOMA CITY LIVESTOCK MARKET

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 20.to \$5.85; heifers \$5.50; cows \$5.00; ed. bulls \$4.00. The receipts of calves was 75 head. The market was strong Tops sold for \$6.25,

the charge that Russia had violated the terms of the treaty.

The Hitchock substitute, however was along the lines of the House resolution. Those who voted in the affirmative on the substitute were Senators Chitlon, Culberson, Rayner Smith of Maryland, Taylor, Watson and Williams (Democrats) and Sens gravel pits or prospective gravel pits tors Clapp and Poindexter (Republi

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson of Los Angeles, Cal., have stopped off here for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harrington and other relatives while enroute to Chicago.

On all the mail you send, Every penny helps the fight The dread white plague to end.

FRENCH NOTABLE IS DIVORCED BY WIFE

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 20.—The divorce court today granted Mme. Langevin a separation from her husband who is a oted professor in the College of France. The separation was granted on account of Langevin's alleged relations with Mme. Curie, the famous scientist. The suit was the cause of great sensation and several duels. The judge's decision does not men

tion Mme Curie's name but states that the separation is granted because Prof Langevin has abandoned the conjugal domicile. It also appears from documents submitted that Prof Langevin had been guilty of "grave injuries" towards his wife. This allusion to the correspondence alleged to have passed etween Mme. Curie and Prof. Langein. The four children were given ino Mme. Langevin's care.

23 Sticks of Dynamite Found.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.— Twenty-three sticks of high power dynamite were found by a gardner ate yesterday buried in shubbery at he residence of Arthur Letts, owner of the largest department store in Los Angeles. After an investigation the police

announced their belief that the dynamite had been placed in the yard by some one who wanted to get rid of t. There was nothing to indicate that any attempt was to have been made to blow up the Letts residence No caps or fuses were found. Two men who were seen loitering

around the Letts mansion at noon

are being sought by the police, but

the latter admit that the can contain-

ing the explosives had been buried

for some time.

Seventeen States make it mandatory for employers to report all acei dents to an authorized State official

BOYS FINED FOR DISCHARGING FIREWORKS

rom Wednesday's Daily. Three drunks appeared in the city W. court this morning and were fined ten dollars and, in the absence of the nec essary cash joined George Dobson's street gang.

The same crippled man who made

imself conspicuous Saturday evening y using curse-words and performing agrant and pulling off a drutk. As the evidence proved conclusive Mayor Noble in his capacity as city judge ined the fakir twenty-five dollars. Not having the cash to liquidate, he joined the city gang until he serves his time. Indiana avenue, plead guilty and were ordering the disarmament of the na- fined one dollar each. One boy who escaped at the time was arrested hast night and put-in the lockup. He was staples which won-prize money were arratuded this morning and plead net guilty. There being no direct evidence to prove his guilt-he was diccharged. Evidents the city authorities linend

Hurricane at Pensacola. Pensacola, Dec. 20 .- A guli ffurricane hit this section last night. The wind here reached a velocity of eighty miles an hour. Many trees were up Cattle receipts were 600 head. The cooted, and small buildings damaged, narket was strong. Steers sold up but no shipping losses are yet report-

to enforce the ordinance against dis-

charging fireworks.

HUNGRY SANTA CLAUS

Has Unpleasant Pittsburg Experience of merchantable corn and middling and Makes Appeal to City Judge.

starved Santa Claus today begged Magistrate Saam to send him to the work house. He had for two days essayed the role of a Prince of Childhood Cheer for a toy "hawker's" concern. . Illness, hunger and age had bushels of corn and 1.695 bales of made him unfit for his work. He reflected a poor artificial brand of Kris \$2500.

Kringle cheer: spent the night as a lodger in North cotton per acre, the second prize of Side police headquarters. Today he \$1500. declared that the workhouse was his

willing to work if I have strength to days. I have done no wrong, but I bushels of corn and 1.1364 bales of may unless I get relief. Date in March when my term expires 1- may \$500.

feel better." The pseudo Santa Claus was ac-

SNOW 15 INCHES

was still falling. Reports from Panhandle points say

18 inches deep and extends, as far four inches deep. Severe cold is not tion today,

good roads in the Sherman precinct. Grayson county carried by a substantial majority.

Help the women of Texas fight the great white plague. Buy Red Cross

Epworth League Elects Officers. Last Sunday evening the Epworth Lee Gildersleeve. Epworth Era agent League of the M. E. Church, South, to be selected by cabinet

\$10,000 IN GOLD IS DISTRIBUTED

B. HINKLEY, OF SAN BENITO, CAMERON COUNTY. WON FIRST PRIZE OF \$25000.

FOR CORN AND COTTON

Many of the Contestants-Reported Re-Markable Yields-The Contest a Great Success.

Dallas, Dec. 20. Farmer's from all over the state gathered today at the Third Annual Convention of the Texas industrial Congress and witnessed the distribution of ten thousand dollars' in gold prizes for the best production of corn and cotton. Specimens of both on exhibition. Some of these field products were arranged in the form of a huge star.

A feature of the program was an address by Col. Henry Exall, president of the congress. The report of the awards committee

ollows > We, the undersigned, C. M. Evans, H. H. Williamson, J. H. McLeod, A. J. Smith, acting at the request of Col-Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial Congress, as a committee to defermine the successful contestents for the \$10,000 in gold prizes offered by the congress for the largest combined yields of corn and cotton produced in the state this year, have earnined the proofs of the SENT TO WORKHOUSE wields of various contestants, as subdifferent prizes as follows:

For the largest combined yields 1 cotton, each crop consisting of ten Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.-A half acres, grown on one plot or tract of land on the same farm, under the same management and without irriga-

> To W. B. Hinkley, San Benito Cameron county, who produced 34.734 cotton per_acre, the first -prize of

To Collin A. Hunley, Buffalo, Free-Monday afternoon he collapsed and stone county, who produced 51.287 had to give up his job as Santa. He bushels of corn and 1.331 bales of

To Charles A. Doss, Rockdale, Milam county, who produced 52. "I can at least keep warm up there | 826 bushels of corn and 1.928 bales and be fed," he explained. "I am of cotton per acte, the third of \$750. To George A. Doss. Rockdale work. Please, Judge, give me ninety Milam county, who produced 54,594

cotton per sere, the fourth prize of

To Joseph Vitek, Payette, Fayefte county, who produced 56.77 bushels of corn and 1.1 bales of cotton per acre, the fifth prize of \$250. To P. C. Galler, Taylor, Williamson county, who produced 42 bushels of corn and 1.05 8 bales of cotton per acre; to J. S. Carroll, Tennesses. DEEP IS REPORTED colour, Anderson county, who produced 35,972 bushels of corn and 1.116 bales of cotton per acre; to Frank Snow fifteen inches deep at Leedy, Krenek, Jr., Lovelady, Houston coun-Qkla., is reported by Chief Engineer ty, who produced 42.52 bushels of corn Cooke of the Wichita Falls Route who and 19118 bales of cotton per acre; has just returned from that place to W. O. Barnes, Halville, Harrison He says that in the cuts on the rail county, who produced 58.763 bushels road the snow lies four and in some of corn and set bales of cotton per places five feet deep. At Elk City acre; to Ed Jones, Ivanhoe, Pannin yesterday afternoon the snow was county who produced 11.1 bushels of eleven inches deep on the level and corn and 12784 pales of cotton per was still falling. county, who produced 18 bushels of that the snow is from a foot to eorn and 1.182 bales of cotton per acre: to . M. G. Bean, Paris, Lamar south as Quanab, where it is about county, who produced 16.5 bushels of corn and 1.1884 bales of cotton per reported from any place in this sec. acre, to R. J. Johnson, Overton, Rusk sec county, who produced 39,027 bushels for corn and 828 bales of cotton per The bond issue for \$400,000 for acre; to S. F. Vaughan, Jonesville, Harrison county, who produced: 17.072 bushels of corn and 1.0888 bales of cotton per acre, and to A. B. Dunn. Mart, Limestone county, who produced 29.09 bushels of corn and .8906

13,75\$,652 Bales of Cotton Had Been Ginned Prior to Dec. 13th

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The elected officers as follows: census bureau's ginning report today shows cotton ginned prior to December 13 for the entire United States as 13,759,652 bales. Texas ginned president, Siss Anna Trimble; 2nd 3,860,386, Louisiana 340,017, Oklahoma vice president, Miss Beth Trimble; 3rd 858,822, Arkańsas 754,667.

President, Quence Mitchell: 1st vice. vice president Miss Lais Smith; 4th vice president, Miss Lena Edwards; secretary, C. V. Durland; treasurer,

(Continued on Page Eight)

PLAN STRIKE OF 700,000 MEN

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS OF UNIONS INVOLVED IN HARRI-MAN LINE STRIKE BEHIND THE MOVE.

ALL THE WESTERN LINES

Railroad Officials Discredit Move As Dying Gasp of Harriman Line Strikers.

By United Press. Chicago, III. Dec. 16.-The most far-reaching strike plans ever conside ered involving every class of union labor on every railroad west of the Mississippi-almost 700,000 men, is the desperate expedient to force a victory over the Harriman railroads which is projected here tonight by a committee of labor teaders. The plan calls for a general strike of all shopmen, telegraphers, roadmen, clerks, road handlers and switchmen on all western railways to such an extension of the walkout to such eastern railroads which handle freight, which may be moved by strikebreakers on the western carriers. Whether such a paralyzing blow to the railroads can be dealt rests of course with the telegraphers, roadmen, clerks; freight handlers and switchmen themselves.

The plan was reached, it was stated, three days after a secret conferof the big union of craftsmen now pulpa. Mr. Russell is also here. concerned in the Harriman roads strike. They left Chicago tonight for St. Louis, where they expect to hold secret meetings with the labor, leaders of the uinons whom they hope to induce to join to muster the strike.

Railroad officials tonight discredited the move of the unions as -the "dying gasp" of the strike on the Harriman lines, a final bluff on the part of the five crafts involved in the present strike to "scare" the carriers into yielding.

BATTLE OF WORDS OVER SHATTERED HULK OF THE MAINE

tle of words over the shattered hulk ally announce its controlling interest of the Maine between Minority Leader James Mann (Republican, of Illi. from Mrs. W. M. Laffan, who inherited nois); and Representative Sisson the property from her husband. The (Democrat of Mississipi), disturbed the debate on the urgetn deficiency bill in the House late today. Sisson, almost white with rage and chagrin, hurled such hot words at Mann that

A \$300,000 provision for the removal of the wreckage of the Maine from Havana harbor was under consideration. It was understood that the war department officials expressed the purpose to bulkhead the hulk and sink it at sea. Sisson offered an amenament that the wreckage be of the Sun, it is believed the newspa brought up salvaged and held in the per will be moved further up town form of relics to partially re-imburse Row that once was Tammany Hal' the government for its expense.

"It is strange," said Mann, "that the gentleman does not include a provision to sell the bones of the dead sallors who gave up their lives, in order that the government may be reimbursed."

Sisson jumped to his feet and shouted hoarsely at Mann "I may be guilty great Dana who moulded the Sun, whe of a great many indiscertions but I trust I shall never be as brutal as which has survived his death, who the gentelman from Illinois. The re- made it distinctive in style and literary mark is absolutely gratitious. , It makeup, gave it new methods of hand

ber to that sort of insinuation and pealed to the "newspaper profession. that some of scar. I have never desired to resent anzinsult, I have all mous all over the country. No persor ways been ready to take care of my has ever been able to define what self but the rules of the House will constitutes a "Sun" story, but it is one not permit me to do and say those that can be recognized from afar. It things that I desire to do."

storm of applause from the Demo fice. Every inch of space in the of cratic side but he was in too much fice is occupied and partly because earnest to beed and he shouted "If of this, and partly because of the dem the gentleman from Illinois has any ocracy that has always animated the desire to cast any reflection upon me Sun methods the entire staff sits in or my motives then I want to say that a single room, reporters and managing terests, which will afford through there are times for such action. I do editor separated only by a few feet. not think it is becoming in the gen with no rail intervening. That was the tleman to make this sort of insinga way they did things on the old Sun tion when he is protected by the rules of the House."

Sisson eat down with the Democratic side shouting approval. Mann rising in his place nervously disclaimed any need for the protecting of the Sisson's amendment was defeated and the matter apparently closed.

PAID \$36 INTEREST ON A \$15 LOAN

By United Press.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 16.-Alleging that he had paid \$36 interest on a \$15 loan and again \$72 interest on a similar loan and that the money lending concern was responsible for his discharge as a brakeman of the International & Great Northern Railway, J. F. Fagan today inagainst the Dixie Loan Company.

BIERBAUM WELL IN 28 FEET OF SAND ON DOUGLAS TRACT

A report from Electra tonight says that the Bierbaum well on the Douglas tract-northeast of Electra is now in 28 feet of sand at a depth of 1780 feet with a fine showing of oil. This well s about a mile and a half northeast of Electra and the news was received RUSSIA IS SENSITING with rejoicing by the oil men here to-

night. It is expected that the well will be baled in early next week. With this news also came a report hat the Ninety Nine Pumping Company's well northwest of Petrolia which came in a few days ago with a

great flow of gas will be drilled deep-

er at once. The week has brought good news from both ends of the great northwest Texas oil field and there is good cause for the rejoicing among the oil men who are remaining in the city over the hoildays and the wires have been burdened with carrying the good news to those who have returned to the East to

spend the Christmas tide. It is announced that Reed, Lowe and Lawson have started drilling in the Jennings Triangle on Section II close to the Denver tracks near Electra. Flannagan and Russell are getting

ready to start drilling at once on a location on the north half of section 10 of the Fisher Land. The rig is already on the ground an

drilling will be started in a few days. ence of the international presidents J. P. Fannagan arrived today from Sa-

HAS NEW OWNER

AFFAN'S WIDOW SELLS CON TROL OF GREAT PAPER TO WILLIAM C. REICK.

\$2,500,000 WAS SUM PAID

The Sun Is Most Distinctive Paper I America-A "Sun Story" Always Recognized.

By United Press.

New York, Dec. 16 .- The New York Sun, one of thebest newspapers ir Washington, D. C., Dec. 16 .- A bat. America, tomorrow morning will form has been purchased by Wm. C. Reick said to be in the neighborhood of \$2,

> Wni. C. Reick in about fifteen years service on the New York Herald was advanced to the presidency of the com mean and it means nothing we have pany from which he resigned in 190; held, by Adolph S. Ochs, Later the Ochs Brothers he acquired the Pub lic Ledger of Philadelphia.

With the announcement of the sale from the little brick building on Parl and which the Sun has occupied for

Ever since the Sun was established

as a penny paper, back in 1833, it he stood for a certain distinctive kind of journalism, but that was particularly true after it passed into the hands o Chas. A. Danna in 1868. It was the gave it that unique, original flavor emanates evidently from a desire to ling copy, made it, in fact, a newspa wound. He should not submit a mem per that Joseph Pulitzer declared ap The "Sun story" has become fa has been said that the Sun office is Sisson was interrupted with a more of a club than a newspaper of

> Charles A. Danna, who controlled the Sun from 1868 until his death ranked with the great American edi tors, but his methods are entirely dis tinct from all the others. Greeley would never have college men around Danna's staff was made up of college men. Even today 75 per cent of the Sun's staff is made up of college grad-

Beaumont is preparing an exhibit they attacked the Revista forces unof their horticultural and agricultural products fo rexhibition at the land show to be helde in Springfield, Mo. lost 14 men. beginning Dec. 18.

Ground has been broken at Alpine for the site of the only combined wax, paper and soap factory in the world.

The Commercial Club at Waxaba five million dollars to pay the exchie at a meeting held ou Dec. 12th, penses of the revolution which placstituted suit for \$30,000 damakes made definite arrangements for the ed Madero on the seat of power ad This is said to be the second largest erection of a \$100,000 hotel. journed this afternoon.

REP. SULZER IS STANDING FIRM

HOPES SENATE WILL PASS RESO. LUTION ABROGATING RUSSIAN TREATY WITHOUT AMENDMENT.

Sulzer Regards This As Good Sign and Declares United States Will Succeed in Purpose.

By United Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.-Asserting that Russia cannot afford to sulk and be isolated. Representative Sulzer, Republican of New York, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, in a statement tonight expressed the hope that his resolution abrogating the treaty of 1832 with Russia would pass the Senate unchanged.

"I hope the Senate will pass the resolution without amendment and with the same unamity the House gave," said Mr., Sulzer, "That is the only thing that can now be lone, and it will be official notice to Russia that the people of the United States are in earnest, and are sincere Russia has always doubted this. The enactment into law of the resolution will have a good effect and in ms opinion will bring about a new treaty n harmony with the spirit of the

"Our relations with Russia will al ways continue friendly and harmon ous and a new treaty, up to date, will soon be written. Rusisa cannot afford to sulk and be isolated. O: course, I don't know what the Rus sian Ambassodor said to the Secre tary of State, but I am sure that he Mid not tell him that Russia would no live up to her treaty obligations with the United States and recognize pass ports held by American citizens with out discrimination.

"I am told that the Russian Ambas sador objects to the declaration in my resolution that Russia has vic lated the treaty. This statement is absolutely true. The record is con clusive and I am surprised that the Ambassador objects to the truth Official Russia seems to be getting sensative about the matter at least and that is certainly a good sign there is nothing offensive about the reso lution. I drew the resolution care fully with a desire to say nothing to which Official Russia or any friend or sympathizer with Russia could take purchase-price is kept secret, but it is diplomatic form and follows the pre

not said before." accept the resolution as inevitable if lieved that a new treaty, which will insure fair treatment to Americans of every race of religion will result.

To Extend Hawley Lines. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.-

Stockholders of the Minneapolis and rant which would authorize the im St. Louis railroad met here today to approve the new financial plan by which the Minneapolis and St. Louis was no apporpriation whatever made and the lowa Central roads are to be combined. The Iowa Central stockholders are called to meet in Chicago tomorrow for the same purpose.

The combining of the Minneapolis and St. Louis and the lowa Central ines is a part of the plans of the Hawley interests which aim to have t through system from the Canadian sheriff's fees, etc., out of a balance border to the Gulf of Mexico to be in of \$18,000 remaining unexpended out peration by the time the Panama canal is completed. At present the by the Thirty-First Legislature to pay northern ferminus of the lowa Cen deficiencies, but the Governor de tral is Albert Lea. Minn., and the lined on constitutional grounds, and southern terminus Albia, Iowa. It is now the Comptroller says, the Govplanned to extend the Minneapolis ernor wants him to issue a warrant and St. Louis to the Canaidan line or which there is absolutely no con and to build another 115 mile road stitutional authority. from the southern terminus at Albia into St. Louis, At the last named point connection will be made with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road oath of office to relieve a situation also controlled by the Hawley-in even as grave as the present one. service to the Gulf.

and the Sun has always held that it REBELS REPULSE MEXICAN TROOPS

Government Forces Lost 14 Men Engagement With Revistas Under Deilama in Yucatan.

By United Press. Mexico City, Dec. 16.-Reports re ceived here toinght state that the Federal troops in Yucatan met with a decided repulse this afternoon when

der Deilamo. The Government forces Two hundred bandits are supposed to have attacked Miraflores. It is feared that they will have but little difficulty in taking the town as the garrison has been weakened by sending troops to quell the revolt in the south. Congress, after appropriating

Avail announce has invitigated about the

SHOW GIRLS WILL SUE FOR DAMAGES

By United Press. New York, Dec. 16 .- That the acquittal of Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad for the shooting of W. E. D. Stokes will not end the celebrated case was the positive asseration to night of Attorney Robert M. Moore, counsel for Miss Conrad, who de V E clares that both girls will sue the HIS OWN multi-millionaire for immense sums.

Miss Conrad, it is declared, will de mand \$250,000 for alleged maliciousprosecution and false arrest. Miss Graham has not decided what

sum she will demand. "I contend that those young women have splendid claims against Stokes, declared Moore. "Stokes made a sen sational charge against them to pro tect himself from scandal, and he must pay for it. He charged that they attempted to black-mail him of \$25,000. That was proven untrue to the jury's satisfaction. I have told

with this conspiracy against them." Assistant District Attorney Burkner, who prosecuted the girls, said today he was greatly disappointed with

both the young woman they would be

foolish to let the old villian get away

Lyman Abbott Seventy-Six. New York, Dec. 18 .- Dr. Lyman Ab bott, the noted clergyman, author and editor, received many contgratulations today on his seventy-sixth birthday. Dr. Abbott was born in Roxbury, Mass., December 18, 1835.

SAUCE FOR GOOSE: SAUCE FOR GANDER

SOVERNOR REFUSED TO APPROVE DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION THEN. COMPTROLLER RE-FUSES WARRANT NOW.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

ane Intimates He Will Hold Up Deficiency for A. and M. College Approved by Governor.

3y United Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 16-"If this course can be pursued in this instance, then the Governor, Comptroller, and State Treasurer could, without the consent or authority of system when it was turned over to objection. The resolution is it the legislature withdraw a million the present administration. dollars from the treasury, if it were t is passed by the Senate. He be sall at the college and which appliation has the approval of the Gov-

> The Comptroller maintains that this is not merely a request for ar nediate payment of \$100,000 out of the public treasury for which there by the last legislature. He points out that the deficiency has never been approved by the Governor or allow ed by the Comptroller which was not based upon a specific appropriation further than that he requested the Covernor last February to approve a leficiency of \$1000 for the payment of of an appropriation of \$100,000 made

The Comtroller says he recognize the emergency for the appropriation out he does not intend to violate his

J. C. GHOLDSON DIED SATURDAY NIGHT

J. C. Choldson, aged 43, died at 11:15 o'clock Saturday night at his home over Bean's krocery store, 608 to 112 Ohio avenue, from heart trouble, and was bufied Sunday afternon at ive o'clock in the Riverside cemetery. he funeral services being conducted y Rev. J. P. Boone, of the First Bapist church. Gholdson leaves a wife and two children aged three and welve respectively, to mourn his

leath. The deceased came here about two ears ago, and with his family, has ived in the same place on Ohio ave. me ever since. Hewas well liked by ill who knew him both here and else where, and many out of town friends ame here yesterday to attend the ful-

The creamery at Platonia turned out 15,000 pounds of butter in Nov. creamery in the state,

IMPROVEMENTS AT PENITENTIARY

GOV. COLQUITT ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR PRISONS AFTER CONFERENCE WITH PRIS-ON BOARD

Governor Tells of Wonderful Changes In Prison Management Since He Became Executive.

By United Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 16 .-- In an authorized statement this afternoon the Governor offifficially announced that as a result of his recent conference with the prison commission, it was decided to hehabitate the blacksmith shop and repair shop, cabinet shop and furniture shop and machine shop and also install new machinery and operate the machine shop at the Rusk prison, which will give employment to as many men as were employed in these industries before the Hunts ville fire.

"We estimate that the machinery to start these industries in motion, says the Governor, "can be purchased at a cost of about \$36,000, that the lumber and other materials necessary to equip the buildings at Huntsville, recently destroyed by fire, by tearing them down to the first roof and rehabitating them, will cost \$7, 000. We can purchase the machinery and the materials with which to accomplish this on the credit of the penitentiary system, and this we have determined to do, and pay for the same out of the crops produced next year on the convict farms, and out of the earnings which we hope to make from the penitentiary system generally."

Continuing the Governor says that the records of the past disclose that these industries at Huntsville and Rusk have hever paid the cost of maintenance until recently, but that since the present administration took charge, modern machinery was purchased and also a stock of supplies and now these industries at the time of the fire were being operated at a profit to the State.

"Notwithstanding the misfortune re sulting from the fire, and the heavy loss due to the freeze of cane on the convict farms, I have no doubt what ever but that we will enter upon the new year in as good financial condition as we found the penitentiary

"With the beginning of 1912 tencedents heretfore adopted by Con available, and this presents such a share farm contracts and one congress. Only it is not so drastic as serious question that I am inclined to tract for convict labor at a stipulated some which have been passed by hink that such a proceedure is not price per month, will terminate and Congress. It says nothing we do not contemplated by law," declares none of them have been or will be re-Comptroller Lane in an authorized in newed. These contracts were in terview this afternoon concerning the force at the time the present adminant for \$100,000 to rebuild the mess There will remain on the first of the of 1832 with Russia. Only one set year 1912, one small force under contract for stipulated wages, and there will remain three share farm conracts in force, all of which were in effect under a two-year contract at ordinary deficiency warrant, but is in the time this administration took act a request for a deficiency war | harge of the penitentiary system. These contracts involve only about 385-men. After the first day of January all of the 3500 prison population will be worked on state acount, excepting the 385 men referred

o above." In conclusion, the Governor says: 'It may be added in this connection. hat we have spent about \$200,000 in improvements made necessary by the equirements of the new prison laws n addition to this we have had to ourchase a large number of mules and farm machinery with which to lations Committee. The President work the state farms. The convicts is believed to have dwelt on the long ere better housed, better fed, better controlled and better treated than ver before in the history of the sys-

PAYMENT OF POLL TAX IS SLOW

Despite the fact that pext year is presidential year and the state, district and county officers will be elected and a probability of elections of a local nature, only 186 poll tax receipts have been issued to date in Wichita

The receipts Issued are divided among the various precincts as follows: Box No. 1 City Hall Box No. 2 Court House Box No. 3 Allendale

Box No. 4 Cashion Box No. 5 Burkburnett Box No. 6 Iowa Park Box No. 7 Denny Box No. 8 Beaver Creek Box No. 9 Clara Box No. 10 Electra Box No. 11 Bridge Box No. 12 Court House 23

Fatal Stabbing at Waco. av Associated Press.

vegetable dealers with families.

DEFENSE MAKING FIGHT TO PROVE FLETCHER IS INSANE

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 16 .- Four of the nine expert allentists summoned by the defense in the trial of Jesse Fletcher for the murder of Jesse Barkloe, his niece's husband on July 10th near Randlett, Okla., occupied the stand all of Saturday and at the night session of the court held to-

A strenuous effort is being made by the defenes to prove that Fletcher was mentally unbalanced at the time of the homicide.

The state also has expert testimony in rebuttal. The case has resolved tself into the biggest legal battle ever known in Comanche county and he court room has been packed throughout the trial. It is now believed that the case will occupy all of next week.

Taft to Speak in Brooklyn. New York, Dec. 18 .- The Young Republican Club of New York City, which was organized recently to gather into its membership as many of the younger Republicans of the city as possible for active work for he party along non-factional lines, has completed arrangements for its nitial dinner, which will be given n Brooklyn tomorrow night w'h President Taft as the guest of honor and principal speaker.

TREATY MATTER IS POSTPONED

UPON OBJECTION OF SENATOR HEYBUURN ACTION UPON ABROGATION WAS BLOCK-ED TODAY.

PRESIDENT TAFT HAS ACTED

Unofficially Announced He 'Has Already Taken Steps to Set Aside Treaty.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—It was mofficially announced this morning that President Taft yesterday served notice on Russia that the treaty of 1832 was abrogated. It was said that the President in a special message to the Senate today would ask a con firmation of his action. This, however, was blocked by Senator Heyburn this afternoon, who by objection put the matter over until to-

morrow Long before the Senate doors open speech was scheduled, that of Senator Rayner, of Maryland, but many other senators were expected to participate in the discussion. The gravity of the situation was emphasized last night by holding of special cabi net meeting lasting until midnight.

Chairman Sulzer of the House Committee on Foreign Acairs, author of the original resolution, the word ing of which offended Russia, declared today he would not oppose any modification of the House resolution which the Senate might desire to

Although the White House declined o confirm it, a letter from Taft explaining his views on Russian situa ion, is said to have gone to Chairman Cullom of the Senate on Foreign Re triendship between Russia and the United States. He is also believed to not even allowed on the same side of have detailed the view that he could the street. not without waiting for congressional initiative. The President also has power to abrogate them, asking in each event for the approval of the Senate.

CHAMP CLARK PREDICTS **GREAT GROWTH** IN THE SOUTH

By United Press. New York, Dec. 16.-Champ Clark, speaker of the house, before the Southern Society of New York to night predicted that the greatest future growth of the country will be in the South. "No region was ever so lavishly dowered by nature," said the speaker. "The physical resources 22 scarcely touched as yet, are practi-2 cally inexhaustible and the South is so rich that it needs only to be 3 tickled with a hoe to smile with a 39 bonteous harvest."

> John R. Walsh Will Probated. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18 .- The will of

John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker who died early in November following his release from the Waco, Texas, Dec. 18.—Fighting Leavenworth penitentiary, was ad-Walsh, as the sole heir,

the state of the s

12 KILLED IN MINN. WRECK

SECOND SECTION OF C. M. AND ST. PAAUL PASSENGER CRASHES INTO FIRST.

CARELESSNESS THE CAUSE

Accident Believed Due to Failure of Operator to Set Signals Against Second Section.

Odessa, Minn., Dec. 18.—Twelve persons were killed and a dozen seriously injured in a wreck on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad here today when the second section of passenger train, the Columbian, from Seattle crashed into the first section which had stopped on a signal. The wreck occurred near a signal

tower. First section had been stopped by the towerman because of a freight train which was in the block ahead. The second section following closely, was what is known as a "Silk Train," carrying merchandise. Railway officials attribute the accident to the failure of the operator to set the signals against the second section. They also believe the brakeman of the first section failed to run back to flag the second section. The rear car of the first section was telescoped and the car next to it badly shattered. The dead were occupants of the rear car as were most of the injured. The wreck tore down several telegraph poles. Other passengers on the train did good work caring for the injured.

Reyes at Augas Leuas.

By Associated Press San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 18,—It has been definitely learned that Reyes is now at Aguas Leguas in Nuevo Leon. He crossed the Rio Grande at Las Velas near Camargo, December 15th on a raft in the darkness with four companions.

\$10,000 IN CURRENCY FOUND IN A BUSTLE

Woman Who Recently Died in Maine Did Not Trust Modern Bank Methods.

Hogdon Mills, Maine, Dec. 18 .- Ten thousand dollars in currency, so faded and worn that it will be sent to Washington for redemption, has been found in a bustle that was work for many years by Mrs. Mary Bassett, who died suddenly at her home in

this town a few days ago. None of the bills is of a more recent issue than 1886. Mrs. Fassett distrusted modern banking methods

from home: In a search of her house after her death, relatives had found about \$7,000 hidden in a hundred places. One of the searchers picked up the bustle and was about to throw it away when his attention was attract

ed by a rustling of paper. Her three heirs are here and have engaged separate counsel.

THE CHINESE PEACE CONFERENCE IN SESSION

Shanghal Dec. 18 .- All except delegates were excluded from the peace conference which was held in the town hall which is guarded by armed British police. The public is

One of the notable facts about the conference is that the principal personages are natives of Canton and old friends. On their first entrance into the room, the greeting of the dele gates was not friendly. Tang Shao Yi said this morning

he does not represent the throne but is a personal representative of Premier Yuan Shu Kai. This declaration is ergarded as significant. Strict percautions are taken to safe guard Tang Shao Yi as the police have heard that some one headed students planned to assassinate him.

Centenary of Noted Merchant. New York, Dec. 18 .- The dry

goods trade in the metropolis joined today in a suitable observance of the centenary of the birth of Horace B. Claflin, one of the greatest merchants America ever produced. Mr. Claffin was born in Milford, Mass., December 18, 1811, and engaged when a boy in the dry goods business. From a humble beginning his business, grew to the largest in the country. The organization which he perfected is still one of the largest in the world and its sales in a single year have. aggregated more than \$75,000,000. Mr. Clafiln's claim to fame rests largely upon his shrewd financiering during the panics that disturbed the business world during the greater over a pair of gloves, John Smith mited to, probate today. Mr. Walsh weathered ever panic, but his finanportion of his life. He not only this morning was probably fatally left an estate of \$808,000. The will cial stability supported many of the stabled by Jim Everett. Both are named his widow, Mrs. Mary La largest mercantile enterprises in the

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Snow a foot deep covers the upper Panhandle this afternoon and snow is falling along the Fort Worth and Den ver from Vernon to Texline, according to reports received at the railroad offices here. The snow from Amarillo to Texline ranges in depth from six inches to a foot and is six inches deep from Amarillo to Childress. At two o'clock it had begun to snow at Vernon and it was believed then that snow would be falling in Wichita Falls tonight.

So far there has been no great dron in temperature accompanying the snow and there is no wind so that the snow is not drifting badly. Rain started folling here daring the

night and has construed all day. to two o'clock this afternoon the precipitation had been 1.41 inches.

While the precipitation for the year up to December 1st had been only 11 inches since that date more than five and a half inches has been added. A rise of about two feet was report-

ed on the Red River this morning a result of the heavy rains last night Passenger train number one on the Wichita Falls and Northwestern

and has been railing ever since

Oklahoma Chy, Bec. covers the western half of Oklahom: three inches deep on the level. Trains are interfered with. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 10. The third

show in two weeks covered El Pase today. It has snowed in the Gila Val ley for the first time in years.

arge area in Perps.

INTERESTING NOTES

steached the comery. Under the Spell" last Sheurday night for the benefit of the Woman's Home Missie: Society, a Though the night was no favorable something over twenty-five dollars was taken in.

Mes. Mollie Benham who had been very low for some time with tuberculosis died at her home in the Parl on Wednesday of last week. Fun eral services were conducted by Rev H. B. Johnson at the Methodist hur h. The remains were taken to Farmer's Branch ne r Dallas, for insterment and were accompanied by her won, desse, by her sister, Mrs. Foster and husband, and by Mr. Bru baker administrator or the estate Three of her sons were taken to the J. O. O. Fr orphan's home at Corsicans on the Sunday before her death

Miss Missouri McCurdy, who had been nursing Mrs. Benham returne to her home at Allendale Sunday. Mis Laura McDantel left, Sunda morning for Bowie, where she went to join her parents in their new

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Fowler are making preparations to move this week to Fowlkes.

Miss Ida Denny is expected hom the last of this week from the C. I. A., at Denton to spend the holidays.

To Protect Patent Records.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20 .- Arous ed over the danger in intrusting the vast number of patent records in the old building which now houses the United States Patent Office, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers purposes to take the initiative in a movement to impress upon Congress the necessity for a new structure. Plans for the campaign will be formulated at the semi-annual meeting of the institute which began here today and which will also adopt resolutions in favor of the creation of a patent court or board of appeals and various other improve ments in the patent system. The meeting, which will last three days, is attended by several score of the foremost chemical engineers of the United States.

A party of 300 Nebraskan home seekers arrived in the Brownsville country last week and will take up their residence in different parts of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Governor Shallenberger was in the

A Sherman county farmer raised 200 bushels of sweet potatoes on one acre of land that were readily market-

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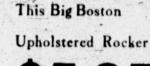
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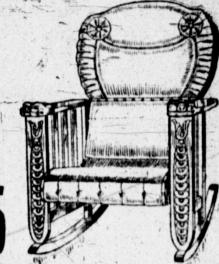
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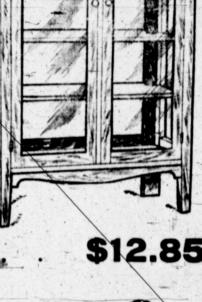
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The progressive Republicans of New Jersey figure that the party vote will be so split next year that they will be able to elect a progressive to succeed Frank O. Briggs in the

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Farmers Supply

The Orange county commissioners The Commercial Club of Bryan is Arrangements have been made in United States senate. Former State are making arrangements to apply circulating a petition asking to the good roads department at \$200,000 bond issue for the improve of 10,000 bales of cotton direct to Senator Everett Colby is said to be Washington for a good road expert. ment of Brazos county roads. are making arrangements to apply circulating a petition asking for a Galveston for the shipment of a cargo

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Just after the Times had incidentally said that the reason for so many "freak" laws enacted down at Austin several of our editor friends have takas a candidate for the legislature. Christmas morn to find that every de the day can be found in the paper. Vernon Guard, J. A. Wray of the Millame, the halt, the blind. Let there er you read the paper or not. ford Courier, and T. W. Parker of the be no home in Wichita Falls, however Iowa Park Herald. The many nice things said in that connection are duly mas is not evident. You who have appreciated; centleemen and if the district can't do any better, yours should bear in mind that while we are deeds, isn't of the right brand, and he truly might be induced to accept the

The Times, during its long life, has

had many owners and editors, and while none of them ever succeeded in getting rich while on the job, nearly present time there are now in New York City two men who were once the mains that there are many families owners and editors of the Times. A few months ago one of them compli-sible to provde for more than a mere mented the present editor by sending him a bound volume of "The Courts of New York," of which he is the author. His name and title is Hon. Hen. ky W. Scott who in his letter to us says that he has the honor and distinction of being the first owner and edi for of the Times. This morning's mail Prought to us a neatly engraved invitation to be present as the guest of the New York Citizens Peace Banquet, which is to entertain President Taft and cabinet at a banquet to be given Saturday evening, December 30th at the Waldorf Astoria. In the place of disappointments and griefs. letter accompanying the invitation is postscript which reads: "Having at one time been the owner and editor of the Times, I take great pleasure in extending the present editor an invitation to this banquet. President Taft and Cabinet will be present. Yours truly, Sam Bell Thomas chairman committee on arrangements." There are many citizens here now who will remember Mr. Thomas. Some of whom have called at his law office while in New York. At the last election he was a candidate for congress on an independent ticket, but was defeated by a small majority by the regular Demo cratte nominee. The Times extends its thanks for the invitation, and now If some Wichita Lalls friends will provide the railroad ticket it will place the editor in a position to accept the

For the first time in many months there is a tolerably fair demand for overshoes and rain coats, but most fellows don't seem to mind slashing around in the rain and mud one bit court. More recently the Supseme without providing themselves with the rainy weather goods. The change from sand storms to rains and snow is so very welcome that all want to see more of it.

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Taft and other notables.

banquet table with those of President

The Wichita Falls Times asks of us what we have to say in regard-State Representative from the new district of Wilbarger and Wichita counties, claiming that Wichta should have the representative as the congressman is from Vernon. Where legislator or congressman represents two or more counties he can do more for other counties than his home county, as he will no thave to answer counties that he has worked only for his home county when he seeks re-election. However, at this time it appears the candidate whether in Wilbarger or Wichita, will b. forced to the saue on State vide, local option or against both.-

the sentiment of the people as ex- body of the instrument." pressed at the ballot box on any moral that try to co-operate with the other's others that are written in such a way as to puzzle the best legal talent in determining what they mean.

Dr. Charles Elhott has said many things that will perhaps never be forgotten, but nothing more impressive than this; "Selfishness, ignorance, stupidity and the lack of consideration advice and suggestions, therefore do for the claims of and desires of others your Christmas shopping early. The is the bottom of all bad manners." reason we do not expect to accept the He also says that it is the women who advice ourselves is that most of the are largely responsible for the bad shop-keepers have intiated they were manners, but in this there is a chance for argument.

No one should object to the express every other first-class nation on the

FILL THE EMPTY STOCKINNG.

humble, in which the spirit of Christmore than you know what to do with of circumstances, will be greatly dismake it possible for Old Santa Claus more fortunate children, have been to find who th live. However much they may have struggled to prevent it, the fact re residing in this city who find it impos existence for their loved ones. Let this be a Christmas of cheerfulness n Wichita Falls, and a thousand dolars spent in providing cheer for those hat cannot provide it for themselves vill do more to convince the world hat your heart is in the right place when you determine that before sending your money away to foreign fields son have first made it possible for those closer to you -- your next door neighbor, possibly, to properly enjoy this Christmas. In this way you can make "sunshine and smiles" take the It will be by far a better advertise ment for Wichita Falls to send out to the world that no child has been neglected, than it will be to send out statement that some industrial enterprise has closed a most successful year by declaring an unusual dividend, while those who perhaps made it pos sible for this dividend to be declared. are now out of work and have no mon ey with which to buy Christmas pres ents for their children.

COURTS AND PROGRESSIVE LEG ISLATION.

Chicago News. Some time ago the New York Court of Appeals declared unconstitutional a state-law making provision for a Weem of compensation for injuries to workingmen while in pursuit of their occupations. That decision has been pade the subject of much criticism. Not long afterward the supreme court of Washington, in upholding the workmen's compensation law of that state. deliberately declared that it did not accept the reasoning of the New York Court of Wisconsin has sustained the validity of that state's workmen's

ompensation act. In the opinion of the Wisconsin ourt appears this bit of judicial phil-

"When an eighteenth century Constiution forms the charter of liberty of twentieth century government, must yielders; the less price it brings, and ts general provisions be construed and the rule of supply and demand is yet interpreted by an eighteenth century the greatest factor in setting the price mind, surrounded by eightenth century conditions and ideals? Clearly not. Thise were to command the race to halt in its progress, to stretch the state to this year was the record crop, upon a veritable bed of Procrustes.

"Where there is no express command or prohibition, but only general language or policy to be considered, the conditions prevailing at the time f its adoption must have due weight de, local option or against both.—
but the changed social, economic and than a 15,000,000 can be sold for governmental conditions and ideals of Nelther does it make any difference as While it must be conceded that the time, changes have produced, must to what per cent of the people are go-

mine the way a majority think and versy, but because they are believed to might be, will forget for a short time framed to meet new economic condiquestion. Send some man, whether he tational guarantees or prohibitions and sell it for more actual money than enough to realize that he can voice general policies drawn from the whole uct from 15 acres of cotton, it would

It is gratifying that a high court or political question, and after doing thus specifically recognizes that pres- had best raise less cotton and more of ent conditions must be taken into conin making some good laws and killing sideration to modify the social and ed. economic views of the men who lived a century or more ago and whose judgments are now reflected in our written Constitutions:

> drove to town the other day, riding a twelve men. From the evidence it apspplit log drag, has set an example pears that while the two girls were which if followed, will result in a re- not so bad, or perhaps the better term that the people of Tarrant county are markable change in the character of the roads in this section. Get a split from slow and picked for their victim Worth is entitled to at least half the log drag and help make better roads.

The heart action to the numan soul is about the same thing as a well written and neatly printed and cirwide-awake, energetic, enterprising and pushing business man. The only advertising that does not bring the desired results are those that are the express-purpose of deception. The

This issue of the Times will be disributed over a territory several hundred miles north in Oklahoma, a greatright into Dallas and Fort Worth be-_lt is the duty of every one, male fore or soon after breakfast this morn was because we are sending so many, and female, puritan and pharisee, to ing. We have tried to make the paper freaks down there to make them for us, see to it that no little child in this bright and interesting—although we city shall wake on Christmas morn to know there is much room for improve en advantage of that remark, made in find an empty stocking. While seated ment-and there is just about enough an unguarded moment, and are now around the fire-side contemplating the of it to be read before the Sunday suggesting that the editor of the Times joys and satisfaction your own chil-school hour and right here we will should immediately announce himself dren will have when they wake up on say that the Sunday school lesson for Among those who so far have taken a sire of their little hearts has been Read the paper and then go to Sunday shot at us are Editors A. J. Ray of the more than gratified, don't forget the school, but go to Sunday school wheth-

teach him to embrace opportunities, within his reach to perform good perhaps no worse off in this section needs a working over. While there of country than in many others, there will be thousands of children made are hundreds of children who by force happy on Christmas morn, there will be handreds who will be made unhapappointed on Christmas morning nu- py because of their discomfiture and less some one who has the means will disappointment at seeing that the and are playing with their toys, while they can do nothing but stand around and look miserable. The Times would like to see a movement that would result in raising sufficient funds to place in the tabernacle the biggest Christthas tree that can be obtained, and have it lighted with candles and loaded with-presents for those whom Santa Claus is not likely to find this Christ-

> Precinct No 1 in Gravson county, in which Sherman is located, has just voted a \$400,000 good roads bond issue. By far-the greater portion of the taxes that will be levied to pay principal and interest on these bonds will be from property in the city of Sherman, and at least 75 per cent of the road improvement will be made in that part of the precinct outside he city dimits. Looking at it this way it would seem that the property holders outside the city limits would have favored the Issuance of good road bonds considering the fact that 75 per cent of the improvements were to be made by the expenditure of mon ey collected as a tax from city proper ty, but they did not view it in that ight, and as strange as it may seem, najority of the property holders out ide the city voted against the propo sition, while a majority of them in the ity favored it, and by their votes made it possible to issue the bonds. Good roads pay for themselves in several different ways. This fact has been most thoroughly demonstrated. They enhance property values; the bring churches and schools nearer to the home, and they bring the farm closer to the market by reason that one can travel with much more com fort, make better time and pull heavier load over a good road than s possible over a bad one. On this point it occurs to the Times that the owner of farm property who votes against a proposition to build and maintain in a first-class condition the public high-ways is standing in his

It has been demonstrated clearly enough that the larger the cotton crop of the product. The census Bureau places the 1911 cotton crop at 14,770, 000 bales. The crop of 1904, which up amounted to 13,438,012 bales. It makes not a particle of difference it seems how much or now little is rais ed, except that there is just as much money to be realized from a 10,000,000 bale crop and perhaps a little more

man who is sent to Austin should be also logically enter into the considering scantily end. They wear no more of creating all the noise and confusa man who will represent the views of a majority of the people on the in the settlement of problems of conin t prihibition, and a glance at the re- "These general propositions are here one is forced to the conclusion that men, and Chief Gwinn says that there turns from the last election held laid down not because they are considered overproduction has bad much more to is a law in Wichita Falls torbidding should be sufficient evidence to deter- ered either new or in serious contro- do with the lowering of the price of the explesion of fireworks within the cotton than we have been willing here fire limits and that it is his intention. vote on that very important matter, it be peculiarly applicable to a case like tofere to admit of the to enforce this law. Several of the On Saturday When the Schools are Closed Attendance Runs is to be hoped that he, whoever he the present where a law which is question is a reduction in cotton acre. larger boys who engaged in exploding age and diversified farming. When it torpedoes yesterday afternon have had at least that there are other and just tions and difficulties resulting there- clearly to be seen that a farmer can complaints filed against them, and in as important matters to be attended to from is attacked principally because cultivate and sell 4 across of cotton all probability will be required to pay as that of the prohibition and Bailey it is believed to oftend against consti- for much less than he can 15 acres, fines for engaging in that kind of be anti or pro, who is broad-guaged conched in general terms, or supposed he could possibly dispose of the prod. Times believes that if the Chief and seem that no further argument would be necessary to convince him that he other things to which the soft is adapt-

> The two show girls, Ethel Conrad and illian Graham, who, on June 8th of this year attempted to kill W. E. D. Stokes in a New York apartment house, were acquitted yesterday by a jury of a sporty old millionaire, who charges they attempted to extort money from property is taxed to pay interest an him. Their defense was that Stokes had made improper proposals, and bonded debt. they summoned him to their room with the intention of forcing him to sign certain papers, and on his refusal to do this, the shooting took year 1912 is going to be a most pros place, one of the five or six bullets fired by the girls finding lodgment in one of Stokes' legs. The trial of the girls has attracted Nation-wide interest, and has resulted as most every one had expected. They are now in better position than before to demand and get a raise in their salaries as vaudeville girls, and their reputation or character has not suffered to any great extent. There will be others who will follow their example, and they will experience little or no tronble in finding men who have more money than brains on whom to work their game. If, as Stokes charged they attempted to extort money from him and failed in that, they were smart enough to see that the next best thing o money to them was notoriety, and this they got, and it will answer the

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

New York Sun.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sin:

"Dear Editor -I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Vir-

he skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great miverse of ours man is a mere insect. an ant in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know they alsound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy: Alas How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus? It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith-then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in

ense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to kire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas ever to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are hose that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairles fancing on the lawn? Of course not but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen

and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise in side, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which not the stronges man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond s it real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and He lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia-nay ten times ten thousand years from nov -He will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

The bombarding that livened things p late yesterday (Sunday) atternoon on Indiana avenue was nothing more serious than a few large torpedoes

sport, but this is Christmas, and the Mayor will let them off for this time they will be good from now on.

On Tuesday of last week Tarrant to the amount of \$1,000,000 for the building of good roads and bridges. and over half of the money to be realized from the sale of these bonds will be used to pay for the building and, of bridges crossing the Trinity river within the corporate limits of Fort might be to say fast, they were far liberal-minded and level-headed. Fort principal on at least one half of the

> fine rains certainly indicate that the perous one for Wichita Falls and Wich ita connty.

"The little boy, or little girl, of tender years who is by reason of parental neglect or parental impoverishment, never seen in the flesh, as the feacheated out of the joy of Christmas tures of the greatest matinee Idol. has a right to feel that society has Claus a bewildering assortment of "regular" drama, Hundreds gifts precious to childhood and another little child receive nothing," is the sizes up this Christmas business, and he is right. All the joys that Christmas bring each year can never atone for the many disappointments, heartand the disposition to see that every

in Sunday's paper in regard to having knowledge that they are only out a public Christmas tree at the Tab- dime. Claus is not likely to find this Christenough to buy and dress a most beau- as will have a wholesome influence ginia O'Hanlon, 115 West Ninety-fifth Hful Christmas tree can be subscribed The time has come for moving Virginia, your little friends are long way towards furnishing and from the human race," he says. or twenty-five cent toy will go further towards gladdening and making joy ous the heart of any ordinary child than all the clothes-whether they be fine or not, that he or she could wear with comfort. The Times realizes this of anger, fear, jealously, pain, sor is a very delicate proposition to handle but if the properparties take hold of it. it can be made a success.

About eighty bodies have so far been recovered from the Briceville Tenna coal mines. These lost their lives by a mine explosion one day last week. Only five of the eighty-five men who entered the mine on the morning of the explosion were res cued. In this, as in a humber of other such instances, there is evidence in abundance that the cause for this ac cident can be traced to the mine own ers, who were more anxious to declare large dividends on their investment than they were of the lives of the men who worked the mines, in that the neglected to properly ventilate the mines. If it can be proven that their negligence in this respect is responsi ble for the death of those eighty men they, (the mine owners) should not be allowed to escape, punishment And if it requires every dollar of their capital, the widows and orphans caus ed by that explosion should be wel provided for during the rest of their lives. If an example is made of the owners of the Briceville mine in this instance, it will teach other mine own ers that they must protect the lives f their employes so far as is possible If this is done, there will be fewer of such horrors to record in th efuture and those that happen will be more to accidents that could not be avoid-

WILBARGER OFFICIALS INSPECT NEW JAIL

An official delegation from Vernon consisting of Judge J. A. Neighbors County Commissioners Will Bourland S. Archer, J. A. Parsley, Sheriff J. D. Key and Ex-Sheriff J. T. Williams, arrived late last evening to inspect Wichita county's new jail. In view of the prospects of Wilbarger county building a fail, these gentlemen are visiting nearby counties.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Taff's

PICTURE SHOWS EVERY DAY

About 3000 ... Some of the Problems That Must be Solved in the Production of Pictures ... What Science is Doing

elsewhere in connection with the pic- great Civil War is closed. ture shows are not apparent and ev. Pariotic pictures tell of the sufery effort is exerted to keep these fering and hardships that it takes places clean and moral. The propriet to bring about a Republican governtors, themselves are clean and de-ment, that might enjoy freedom. cent fellows in the first place and in These pictures tell them a story that the second place the people of they could not have read; they im-Wichita Falls wouldn't tolerate any press upon their minds things that other kind of shows. The house that would run objectionable pictures rould quickly lose its patronage.

Actors in the film dramas have won national regutations that threaten to eclipse the fame of the followthese picture players are as familiar to the public though they were

It is a wonderful business that outraged him. * * * It is not right has grown up almost over night and for one child to secure from Santa it has made heavy inroads upon the amusement lovers prefer to see fif teen picture shows of merit, rather way State Press in the Dallas News than pay \$1.50 for a single regular show. And in this rapid fire age many prefer to drop in for amuse ment at a place where they will not be detained more than an hour, for unless those who have the means rather than spend the entire evening at a theatre. In case they desire to child is properly remembered on this give the whole evening to pleasure they can patronize a number of pic ture shows and if they are bored at Referring to an editorial appearing any place they can leave with the

ernacle for those children whom Santa But the amusement side of th business is only a half glimpse. This maz, Mr. Schuerer, of the Wichita is a big business and it is a serious Hardware Company, says he wishes business. Psychologists are giving to give his endorsement to the prope much study to the influence the mo sition, together with toys to the tion pictures have upon the people amount of \$19 with which to dress the land it is recognized that their power tree. The Times believes that if some for good or evil is unlimited. - A person interested in work of this kind writer in a London trade paper has will take up the proposition, money made an appeal for only such films

> could be numbered in the audiences of all nations where moving picture theatres are established.

"Shall scenes be released which inspire depressing emotions-those

row, horror? "The pictures are very real; have seen studies which make mer shudder and children put their heads in the lap of mothers from sheer

fear. "Shall women pregnant with "fu ture hopes" of nations for universal peace be impressed for war? "Shall unborn boys thirst for

blood of human brothers through the mental picture of the mother? "Shall the popular hims excite fear that unborn daughters lead the life of the merry wakers of the Bow

The average citizen does not rea ze the wonderful progress the m tion pleture has made of the widely different uses to which it is being plet. He has but a faint idea of the educational features, the industrial and commercial hossibilities of the film shows.

The moving picture has already een used in moulding political seniment; what the result will be i the future with sixteen for twenty thousand moving picture theatres time only can tell.

History that it takes volumes tell, and months to read, can fully comprehended in only a few hours and longer retained in the mind by watching and studying the moving picture. The primitive ways of living of the most ignorant and superstitions will be shown to the highest civilization. The highest civilization with all of its inventive genius and the wonderful progress of the world will be shown to every nation and people. The moving picture is really

great civilizer of the age. The pic tures and names of every importan ruler and person will be made familiar to the whole world and by the moving pieture the Czar of Russia in dropped in for the conference and a short time will be known in the most remote part of every country, and the president of the United States will be known everywhere learned today to indicate that State His picture is now as well known by and county organizations of prog many in India, China and Africa as it is in the United States.

Thirty-two picture shows in China have done more to bring about the State, as predicted in Chairman higher stand of civilization and message on Schedule K of the the Chinese than all the lecturers La Follette forces would be massed Woolens Bill was finally revised by and books that have been shipped behind Roosevelt for the Republican being exploded by small boys, and perhaps would not live attracted so much attention but 170m the fact that reported he will indicate that the this country that heretofore knew it was Bunday,—a day that is usually present rates of duty be materially nothing of the struggle for independent of these of the struggle for independent and interest of these of the struggle for independent and interest of these of the struggle for independent of these of the struggle for independent of these of these of the struggle for independent of the struggle for indepe

Over two thousand people watch Uinted States, quickly absorbs it. the moving pictures in Wichita Falls They sit quietly in a moving picture every day, according to the estimates theatre and look upon patriotic County by a vete of nearly two to of the proprietors of the three picture pictures and see Paul Revere as he one, voted in favor of issuing bonds show houses in the city. On Satur- makes his famous rice, notifying the day when the country people come to settlers of their danger, Washington town and fifteen hundred and more and his soldiers crossing the Delaschool children have a holiday, the ware at night, the rain pouring attendance runs up above three thous-down on them; the surrender of the British, General Grant and General The evils that are complained of Lee, as they clasp hands and the

otherwise would never have been known! they inspire a greater love in their heart for their adopted country, and they become better citizens than they otherwise -would be Things that books could never tell ers of the "legit" and the faces of they have learned in a few nights at the picture theatre.

> It will not be long until the pictures will bring to the churches history and tidings that will arouse and fiff the churches and many that are now condemning the pictures will be lecturing with them, it Is predicted.

The future possibilities of the moion pictures are apparently unlimted. "To prophesy the future judging from the past may not be a very hard task," says a writer in the Moving Picture News.

"In our opinion, we think we are only just on the fringe of what the industry will ultimately develop to. Current events of the day are, and will be regularly filmed. Family gatherings instead of being photographed in still pictures for the future generations, will be filmed, and in years hence will be shown how they acted today. The Boer War was filmed and was of great interest as showing the progress made, so will the wars of the future be vestied by a special war cinematographer. We have tried to learn if one was at hand at the bombardment of Tripoli.

"In future, when the heads of nations meet in conclave, to smoke the pipe of peace, and prevent all war by peaceable arbitration methods, in a day or two. Old clothes go a picture men to help eliminate fear cinematography will play a very important part. Educational subjects of every description suitable for pub lic and high schools, colleges, and universities will become a 'sine qua non' in every branch tending to instruct students in the various scienes and departments of learning hey take up. The Modern Historic Records Association will have placed in their archives public events of today, which fifty years hence will become unique by example of the progress made in that period. Travel scenes of every description will become very popular. The poets, the great dramatists, and popular auhors will film their stories in a far greater measure than is being done today. Speeches of great politicians will be recorded by phonographic, or other method, and action in the camera. We are in touch today with a very important phase of this industry where the voice is being phonographed; and the action of the speaker is being cinematographed, and to ret a beautiful photographic synchronization they are projected on the screen, and the ear, far beyond the dreams and far beyond any mechantcal device that has up to the present been devised. This will be known to the public within the next three or four weeks, and they will be able to both see and hear this wonderful advance of cinematography. The one great advance movement of all will be the photographing of the same in the colors of nature, and it may be that great-psychologists will be able to cinematograph the forms that appear to us on the phychic plane bringing us nearer by the science to the great world beyond. ___

> Plans for Anti-Taft Delegation. Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 19.-John D. Fackler of Cleveland, leader of the Progressive Republican League of Ohio, and Walter F. Brown, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, held a secret conference here Sunday at which it is learned, plans were formed for the fight to secure an anti-Taft delegation from Ohjo. Several other State leaders also

> reported the conditions in their respective districts. While the conference was kept quiet, enough was ressive would work together and that in case the Roosevelt sentiment was found to be overwhelming in the Brown's letter to Fackler Dec. 3, the nomination at the National conven-

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REVIEW OF **ACTIVITIES**

(Oil and Gas Journal)

Allen lease, purchased from the Elec. however, there are so many fantastic will start drilling in a few days. tra Oil and Gas Company some few reports about these outside tests that Drilling is in progress in the the construction of its line from months ago. This well was completed it is hard to get accurate information Board of Trade well west of Vernon, Electra to Dallas but it has not yet at 1.020 feet, having 34 feet of sand concerning them. and pumped for some months at the Forty-two wells are drilling and of lowa Park are behind the move will go via Fort Worth or not. With based upon entirely new reasons - the rear door before the flames bar- trainmen told Mr. Kahn of seeing a rate of 50 bbls. per day. The well 26 rigs are up, of which three are ment. The deep test drilled by the a line from Electra to Dallas via Fort the practical experiences of the cuswas deepened early this month, and shut down. The Producers Oil Com- Altus Water Company at Altus, Worth the Texas Company can suppl a new sand found at a depth of 1,060 pany is drilling No. 4 Stringer, near-Okla., has been abandoned. No oil its customers at Fort Worth with in the annual report of Secretary of ment twisted off the key in atempt. store Mr. Kahn upon the arrival of feet. The sand was penetrated 20 ing the deep pay, and Nos. 11 and or gas was found. The test at Fields, fuel through the same line from its the Treasury MacVeagh, submitted ing to open it. The flames in the his train in Fort Worth called un over feet and the well started to flow at 12 which have not yet reached the Texas, is down 1,100 feet; a sand was refinery at Dallas. The Texas Com the rate of 275 bbls. per day, which shallow pay; No. 1 Rogers, 2 1.2 found at 640 feet in this test. The pany is building a station in the Elecit is making at this time,

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Of the new wells, No. 4 Allen drilled by the Corsicana Petroleum Company, furnished the principal topic of interest.- It was completed in the shallow sand last Friday and last Friday a but on Monday afternoon, it was mak ing 800 bbls, and holding steadily at that figure. The Corsicana company also completed No. 2 on the same Tease, a shallow well making 275 bbis. Other completions of that No. 7, shallow, 100 bbls.; No. 12 on is a rigcompany were: Woodruff-Putnam the same lease, 150 bbls., and No. 13 on the same lease, which is standing full of oil and will make a 250 bbl pumper. The Producers Oil Company completed Nos. 6 and 7. Stringer, both shallow wells, making 70 and 375 bbls respectively. The Red River Oil Company's No. 8 fee, is in with an initial production of 720 bbls.

The total production of the Electra field is a little better than 10,000 bbls daily, from 46 wells, an average production of 220 bbls. Of this amount the Corsicana Petroleum Company has 5,200 bbls. from 17 wells, the Producers Oil Company has 2,200 bbis. from 17 wells, the Red River Ot Company has 10 wells producing 2,40 bbls. Clint Wood has one well making 275 bbls, and the Benson Oil Company has a 25 bbl. pumper.

Six of the Producers Oil Company's wells are on the Waggoner lease, Nos. 5, 6 and 7 making 52 bbls. total, No. 8 making 100 bbls., No. 9 is a 250 bbl. well and No. 11 is a 75 bbl. well in the shallow sand. This i the first lease, drilled in the field of 500 feet an oil sand was passed through and although the old test is the Corsicana Petroleum Company the old Clayco Company, the producing end of the Magnolia Petroleum Company, drilled in its first test on the Woodruff-Putnam lease, the well starting off at better than 1,000 bbls. from a sand found between 1,600 and the Corsicana Petroleum Company by A. H. Woodruff, of Moriah Center, N Y., and C. M. Putnam, of Moriah, N Y., who several years ago, at the in stance of Fay D. Woodruff, presen mayor of Electra, came to Electra now the most prolific lease in the field. A. H. Woodruff is the father of Fay D. Woodruff and Mr. Putnam is his brother-in-law. On this elasc are 12 producing wells with a total daily production of 3,300 bbls. On the Cross & Brown lease the Corsican company has two wells making 27 and 240 bbls., respectively, on the Allen lease, three wells making 1,300 bbls., and a small well on the Sheldon lease making 75 bbls.

Besides the well on the Waggoner land, the Producers Oil Company has two small wells on the Bywaters nine wells on the Stringer lease which is directly alongside of the Woodruff-Putnam making 1,700 bbls The Red Rilver Oil Company has nine wells on an So-acre tease due north of the Corsicana Petroleum Company's land, making 2,400 bbls. the Benson Oil Company's test south east of the pool and near the town of Electra is making 25 bbls., and

making 275 bbls. As an example of the staying qualities of these wells, it is only the lease is a rig. necessary to use No. 1 of the Corlarger wells on the same lease are and a likely looking location is not ducers Oil Company. This company as five barrels a day and the oil was

ATELECTRA ment would be intense, as many opportant tests as the talent has it to the field, the freight will not be a
factor so it cannot influence the plans for the future.

2,300 feet, with no shawoing; this is feet with no showing. the deepest test ever made in the field; No. 10 Waggoner is at the building a California rig on lot 15, and that is always a serious problem shallow pay and Nos. 12 and 13 have M. A. Willis survey, Waggoner Bros. in this country. The work of stringabove, is drilling at 1,900 feet; Tate to the southeast, which is the faving been laid between Electra and No. 1, which was drilled 30 feet and orite direction at present. The Worth Wichita Falls. It will be remember shut down on account of a law suit, Oil Company is down 900 feet with od that the Texas Company planned pluding the estimated canal disburse is again drilling; Marriott No. 1 is 10-inch pipe and will carry it as to lay between these points only and still shut down by an injunction; Mc much lower as can well be done, ship by cars from Wichita Falls to face a deficit of approximately \$18. Birney No. 1 is about 700 feet deep This well has an electric light plant Dallas, the Katy road having made a in the second hole, having lost the in the derrick, operated by a steam special rate of five cents per hundred

s drilling eight wells and has nine No. 6 is 1,000 feet deep and near feet after rebuilding the bull wheels. Commission nor only forbid the rate making a grand total of estimated ex ing the deep pay found in No. 3; No. The derrick is up and material is on but abolished all the special oil rates 15 is at the shallow sand and Nos. the way for a test at Ahpeatone, effective in the state on December 14 and 16 on the same lease are rigs; Okla., 25 miles southwest of Lawton, 8. As the regular rate is prohibitive Brewer No. 1 is drilling and No. 2 is the preject being backed by Benedum it means the construction of pipe a rig; Allen No. 3 is drilling and No. & Trees of Pittsburg. The rig is an lines wherever possible and the railis a rig; Honaker No. 1 is 1,400 feet 84 foot standard, with calf wheels, in roads to whom oil transportation wa deep; Cross & Brown Nos. 5, 6 and fact, a complete California derrick, all velvet, will lose no inconsiderable 7 are rigs, the timber having been The well will start with 16-inch cas part of their revenue as well as an moved from the location made for ing. The Comanche Oil and Gas expensive equipment out of service. No. 3 on this lease, on account of the Company is getting ready to make a As soon as the Commission's decision poor showing of the 99 Pumping test near Lawton, Okla., and it is was made, the Texas Company chang Company's No. 1 Sheldon, which missed the shallow pay and is shut Frederick, Okla. lown waiting on a rotary; Dennison No. 1 is drilling at 1,000 feet, and F. D. Woodruff Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are at are rigging up for a test nine miles tion has not announced its intention the shallow pay, No. 2 evidently miss-

up to drill deeper. The Red River Oil Company is No. 2 is a rig. Clint Wood told Elec-'ra Oil and Gas Company) set 8-inch Electra getting its start from a well in Allen No. 2 and is drilling in: No. are drilling and No. 6 is a rig The Honaker Oil and Gas Company ten years old, oil may still be baled above; the Wichita Oil and Gas from it. The field laid dormant until Company No. 1 Bierbaum, is fishing several years ago when one of the at 1,450 feet; Deering and Son No. 1 Waggoner Bros, drilled several small ee is drilling; the Electra Oi land wells which are now owned by the Sas Company No. 1 Allingham, sevral miles south of the pool, is rigting up to drill. This test was partly rigged up some months ago but drillig up on the Fisher land; Hub Reed tra, Texas. A drilling machine will and associates are rigging up on the be used for the first thousand. lennings tract, east of Electra; Ed The Bellevue Oil and Gas Com-Wilson has a rig up on Woodruff pany's test near Bellevue is rigging Heights; Clark & Harbin No. 1 Pow. up to drill. . Timber and rig irons ers is down 1,050 feet; the Culber have been shipped to Fort Worth for son Oil Company No. 1 Woodruff is a deep water well test for the Pierce-Ashing at 1,910 feet; Wier & Co., are Fordyce Oil Association's new re drilling a test on Woodruff Heights; finery under construction at that and purchased the 160 acres which is Bierbaum No. 1 Douglass is below place.

naving missed the shallow sand; W. will be used.

3. McBride No. 1 Woodruff & Krohn The test at Sugden, Okla., is shut lease making 48 bbls., together and at 1,300 feet; Matthews and associanted at this place, it should not be long 1,065 feet and the Community Oil to be 1,600 feet deep. Company (Sol Williams) No. 1 fee, is The storage of the field on Decemiown f,648 feet. W. Mowris No. 1 ber 1, amounted to 219,000 bbls., of rields, is 1,200 feet and No. 1 Show- which the Magnolia Petroleum Comers is 1,800 Teet, both wells having pany owns 190,000 bbls., and the the procession. Newcastle Register been shut down for lack of water, Texas Company 29,000 bbls. On this. but the heavy rain of last week un date, the Red River Oil Company re loubtedly supplied the deficiency and ports no storage and the Pierce of half a dozen deep well rigs boring he work will start again. Overman Fordyce Oil Association had just be for eil began work in the Brady field Clint Wood's lease on the Allen & Neff No. 1 Flusche set casing at sun to take a portion of the Productoday. It has been known for a long which was deepened last week, is 1,350 feet, J. A. Hull No. 1 Webb is ers Oil Company's production. a rig, the Sheldon Oil Company No. 1 Palmer is shut down and No. 2 on

With the possible exception of figures unless a big well is brought was allowed to drop and the leases sicana Petroleum Company on the California, the Texas Panhandle in outside of the pool. The Pierce expired by limitation. Woodruff-Putnam lease, which was stands alone in the number of wild- Fordyce Oil Association, without any In one neighborhood particularly completed on April 1, with an initial cat rigs running or getting ready to production of its own, is bidding for nearly every well of any depth drilloutput of better than 1,000 bbls, and start, when the excessive cost of some of the oil, offering six months ed for water was ruined for houseon this date is making 900 bbls drilling is considered. Everyone contracts at 55 cents, but so far has hold purposes by the oil it contained who has the capital to drill a well found no takers outside of the Promaking more oil than No. 1, although waiting for any part of the country expected Waggoner Nos. 8 and 9 to marketed locally by the farmers as a some 600 feet shallower, and No. 3 to be proved before starting a well be big wells in the deep sand and lubricant and as a medicine. The about 250 feet deeper than No. 1 is and all over the country for a radius probably contracted with the Pierce local demand being supplied, the wells making more than 700 bbls., the at of 50 miles southwest of Lawton, Pordyce company at 55 cents to keep were allowed to fall into disuse. It is about 250 feet deeper than 700 bbls., the making more than 700 bbls., the making more than 700 bbls., the making more than 700 bbls., the at Sandringham, where all are look tractiveness of the Electra field is Okla, to Young county, Texas, the look of the Electra field is Okla, the look of drill is busy. Particularly is Young contract calls for the production of deep well rig is now drilling. It is valorem duties lead directly to the ing forward to a joyous Christmas.

found at 1,520 feet and a penetrated California Oil Company, headed by those wells only. 12 feet and that the well would be Dr. Miller, is drilling near Westfork. Fifty-five cents, is a good price

they could know how to arrange their Three tests are drilling near lowa market downward. production of his No. 1 on the be 1,900 feet deep and full of water, tract one mile south of Iowa Park and finery.

> Texas. C. H. Clark and associates been definitely decided whether it miles southwest of the field is down test at Harrold, Texas, is down 1,800 tra field but sites for other stations

> first at 860 feet; and Skinner No. 1 turbine. The derrick has 6-meh frons with calf wheels and was built and Denver railroad made such a The Corsicana Petroleum Company for a deep test, if necessary.

igs up as follows: Woodruff-Putnam ing, is again drilling and is down 400 hurt the Denver's business, that the during the next year are \$45,263,700 reported that a project is on foot at ed its plans and will now transport

> At Davidson, Tillman county, Okla., Campbell and associates, on fee land The Pierce-Fordyce Oil Associa-The Tennessee Oil and Gas Company contract to drill the well.

drilled by Waggoner Bros. for a deep 3 on the lease is fishing, Nos. 4 and getting ready to drill on the Jim Worth. ta Falls, Texas. The company, composed of Jim Avis, president; F has the 6th ring up on No. 8, the bot Wicks, secretary and treasurer, and tom for Nos. 9 and 10 and is grading L. Solinsky, of Beaumont, general for No. 11. Seventeen tanks in al

in a few days. The recent rain re two 55,000 bbl. tanks are under conlieved an embarrassing situation on struction at this place. The Red Rive

The Fowlkes Townsite Oil Com-Woodruff pasture, J. A. Bickley has pany is preparing to let a contract for 1 rig; Hivick and associates have a a test well at Day Spur, east of Elec-

1,500 feet; the 99 Pumping Company The Texas and Pacific Coal Com-No. 1 Dale, is drilling below 1,200 pany is preparing to drill a deep test feet and the same company's No. 1 at Thurber, Erath county. A diasheldon, is waiting on a rotary to mond core will be used and the test teepen; Dale and Company No. 1 put down to 3,000 feet. A record of interested in the oil fields in this sec Woodruff Heights is drilling and this well will be kept for the benefit tion is in the city. Whitehill & Burns No. 1 Woodruff of the Geological Survey Department & Krohn, is below 1,200 feet, this of the State University at Austin. test having been started in Septem Patterson & McAlester of Petrolia er, the hole caves badly and delays have become interested in the Fashe work. Clint Wood No. 1 Sheldon sett-ranch well and will push the well s shut down waiting on a rotary, to completion. A drilling machine

posted price, and it is certain that parties from a distance took a num the market will not go below these ber of leases here. But the matter

night a report in Wichita Falls was is drilling on the Judge Arnold farm from shutting these wells in as the to the effect that a sand had been near Newcastle and the Southern contract calls for the production of

bailed. With even a small well this Archer county, on a direct line from when it is considered that 30 cents distance from the pool, the excite the Petrolia field. These are two im- must be added on for freight but with ment would be intense, as many op- portant tests as the talent has it the building of the several pipe lines

Park, where some shallow wells were The Magnolia Petroleum Company The test of Culberson Bros. on drilled nearly ten years ago. The will start its line from Electra to Electra, Texas, Dec. 13.—Since the Woodruff Heights, a short distance Dismuke & O'Neil test on the Over- Corsicana just as soon as the men last report, 3,215 bbis. has been added southeast of the main pool and close by land, a mile and a half east of and materials can be secured. With to the field's production. Of this to the town, is nearing the depth at lows Park, is down 450 feet with a the construction of this line, together amount, the Corsicana Petroleum which the sand should be found, reported trace of oil at 300 feet; the with the one from Corsicana to Beau-Company has 1,825 bbls., from six The well was reported to be 1,900 Bierbaum test, 7 miles northwest of mont now building, the Magnolia wells, the Producers Oil Company 445 feet deep and was to have been drill- lowa Park is moving over, having company will be in splendid shape to bbis., from two wells, the Red River ed in but a fishing job Monday will froze the drill stem at 950 feet in care for its fuel as well as its re-Oil Company 720 bbis., from one well delay the work. The Producers Oil the first hole. Staples & Company fined business and can load its own and Clint Wood added 225 bbls. to Company's Beat No. 1, is reported to are rigging up on the J. B. Overby boats at Sabine from either re-

> The Texas Company is hustling have not been decided on as location for this service, but the Fort Worth strong kick to the Railway Commis-

its oil to its refinery through its own line as soon as completed

east of that town. The hole will be of building a line from the Electra ing same, as a rotary is being rigged drilled to 2,500 feet if necessary, field to its proposed refinery at Fort Worth but if successful in producing composed of Oklahoma City and or purchasing much oil in this field drilling Nos. 9 and 10 on its 80 acre Memphis people, is hauling out ma will no doubt lay a line between fee, Nos. 11 and 12 are rigs and Allen terial to drill a well 11 miles north those points. Until that time, at the of Electra. Max E. Moore has the present market and freight rate. It will cost that company a little over The Avis Oil and Gas Company is 30 cents to put a barrel of oil in Fort

eight miles east of Wichi- The Magnolia Petroleum Company The Benson & Little location is farm but another farm has ben start-Oil Company has a 37,000 bbl tank on its lease and the Texas Company has two 37,000 bbl. tanks completed and is building Nos. 3 and 4 on the Waggoner farm near its loading rack west of the town. The Pierce-Fordyce Oil Association is building one 55. 000 bbl. tank east of the town close to the railroad.

With the preparations to store and big production to cause the opera

Mr. and Mrs. George Harrington of Corsicana, will locate here. Mr. Har

W. H. Knapp of Chicago, who is

Drilling Starts on Producers Well. Actual drilling was started this week by the Producers Oil Co., on the Arnold ranch, south of Newcastle It is thought that this well will be completed within ninety days, pro vided they have no bad luck. With s a vrg and No. 1 Sheldon is drilling down while the interested parties are a string of tools at Megargel and one ates No. 1 Williams is drilling at to carry on the work. It is reported until we will be able to tell what the

> Drilling For Oil Near Brady. Brady, Texas, Dec. 18 .- The first time that oil was to be had in the Oil is still bringing 55 cents, the Brady field and several years ago

REPORT URGES BANKING REFORM

URGENT SUGGESTIONS FOR COR-RECTIVE FINANCIAL LAWS SUBMITTED BY SECRE. TARY MCVEAGH.

OF \$18,000,000

Exclusive of Canal Expenditures the U. S. Treasury, However, Will Ha.e Surplus of \$29,000,000. y Associated Pressan

country's banking and currency sys store was a mass of flames. One of ed in Mr. Kahn's store. em and scientific tariff legislation, the brothers succeeded in getting out On their way to Fort Worth the coms service-stand out prominently for the front door but in his excite that place. Fearing that it was his the nation's finances bristles with urgent suggestions for corrective but flinging an overcoat over his mancial laws, enacted in the light of head he made a run for the rear door the "lamp of experience."

The Secretary of the Treasury fore sees, according to the estimate of experts, a surplus in the treasury at the end of the fiscal year 1913 cf about \$29,000,000, exclusive of expenditures on the Panama Canal. Inments, however, the treasury will 000 000. The total estimates of ex penditures for next year, exclusive of the Panama Canal and the postal service, payable from postal revenue are \$637,920,803. The estimates for the The Culberson test, at Bacon Sid sion of Texas claiming that the rate construction of the Panama Canal penditures of \$685,184,563.

With all the preliminaries for re vising the financial system accomlished, Mr. MacVergh declares there no reason to postpone action.

The tenative plan of the National donetary Commission, outlined by it hairman, former Senate /Aldrich, he tays satisfies in its essentials the arger part of the expert opinion of the nation and is supported by the business men. The Secretary pledg the administration to do its part in keeping this financial issue wholh non-partisan, believing that the result should be the product of both parties.

In the contemplated re-organiza tion of the financial structure, Mr MacVeagh emphasizes the absolute need of prohibiting all banks, pationa and state from holding stock in other panks, as a safeguard against any possible formation of a much feared urges equality of national and state sentiment of the country has been tion, was set for trial by jury at 1:30 noney "trust" in the future. He

"We must provide, and without manager, has 4,200 acres under lease. will be built by this company on this fect equality of privilege and op rigged up and ready to start drilling ed three miles west of Electra and banks. State banks must have every national banks must have every ad vantage state banks have. And this equality can not be attained unless national and state banks are on the same footing as to trust company banking and as to savings bank func-

> "And it is indispensable that the new law shall deny with great preits provisions, whether national or such ownership. There is no immediate danger to be apprehended rom such holdings; but now is the time to protect for the future the inpanks; and to forestall in their case explicit that its spirit as well as its prevent perpetually the concentration of the banking power in the hands of he few-a concentration which under our present system is inevitable by the mere operation of financial evolu-

retary of the Treasury avers, must provide with distinctness and comple duty granted returning residents to without warning a sa a result leness ample banking facilities for include articles for household use, thereof he was hurled and thrown encouragement he believes will be forld wide and world varied.

we shall ever have a developed foreign commerce without a developed oreign banking system. Our present

To a Congress which is expected to margarine statute. remodel some of the tariff schedules, Mr. MacVeagh urges from the standpoint of experience the establishment of specific duties, instead of ad valorem, wherever the nature of the article involved makes that possible. Queen entered upon his tenth year court

apparent.

A great deal of interest is being county in the eyes of the operators at the present time and practically manifested in the test of the Honaker manifested in the test of the Honaker of the wells only. The wells however, in charge of an expert from Pennsyl great majority of all the frands upon to Miss Lillian were small, only making about 400 the revenues with which the Treasury of the wells only. The wells however, wanter the wells only. The wells however, in charge of an expert from Pennsyl great majority of all the frands upon to Miss Lillian were small, only making about 400 the revenues with which the Treasury of the wells only. The wells however, wanter the present time and practically and the present time and practically the revenues with which the Treasury of the wells only. The wells however, wanter the wells only. The wells however, wanter the present time and practically the revenues with which the Treasury of the revenues with which the Treasury of the wells only. The wells however, wanter the present time and practically the revenues with which the Treasury of the revenues with which the Treasury of the wells only. The wells however, wanter the present time and practically and the present time and practically the revenues with which the Treasury of the wells only. The wells however, wanter the present time and practically and the present time and practically a

Kahn's Store at Electra Burned Satur day at Midnigh

The explosion of a kerosene lamp to Fort Worth on the early tr started a fire that burned Alex Kahn's Sunday morning, did not learn of the surance of \$5,000.

At about midnight the two Woods she had forgotten in the house brothers who worked in the store they turned back to get it exit. His situation was dangerous, fear was confirmed.

and passed through the flames without being seriously burned.

Mr. Kahn, who with Mrs. Kahn went venture.

new men's furnishings store at Elec- fire until his arrival there. In this tra Saturday at midnight. The stock connection Mr. Kahn relates a pecul was a complete loss and the brick lar incident. After he and Mis building owned by Mrs. Brown was Kahn had started for the station Satgutted but the walls still stand. Mr. urday night to get aboard the sleeper Kahn's loss is about \$7,500 with in- which was parked near the station, Mrs. Kahn remembered some h were awakened by someone knocking they had started again Mrs. Kahar r at the back door and they got up to marked that they would certain'y ex investigate. One of them went to the perience bad luck before the door with a kersene lamp in his back home on account of he ing to Washington, D. C., Dec. 18 .- Ap hand and while opening it, the lamp come back to the house. This was a eals for the immediate reform of the exploded and instantly the rear of the few minutes before the lamp explod-

The Electra store had been in operation only a little more than a month and was proving a profitable

porters out of business. They add porters out of business. They add J.DGE DECIDES sponsibility of administration and are esponsible in largest measure for whatever demorilization exists in the mporting and customs business. The pretically the ad valorem duties may lave an appeal, but in practice they ere a delusion and a snare."

The principle of "scientific revis on" of the tariff Mr. MacVeach coninues, should be applied not only to the question of duties, but also to lassification of articles and the language of the Taw so that there may be no doubt as to the intent of Con- Wyatt's addition to the city. grees. When the scientific method Wichita Falls was involved in and spirit of legislating on this subject is reduced to practice, covering il features of the tariff law, affecting its ready interpretation, the Secretary Before making the final payments D administration and a large amount of P. E. Burrus and Burrus sold it one E. G. Adams, Instead of a chafninated. Also, he adds, many vexa of title from Wyati to Brittinger and ions of honest importers and a vast Britinger to Bury mass of under valuations and frauds or dishonest importers will disappear Mrs. Brillinger asserted he adds:

of rendering the administration of the erty. R. E. Huff appeared for Mrs. ple, prompt and certain, with a ra- Wiley Wyatt and Blankenship and tional saving of useless expenditure Hughes for E. G. Adams. is an additional reason of great weight for the enlightened method of dian, vs. W. W. Jackson et al, a suit tariff legislation to which the best for debt and application for fairnelooking forward for more than a quar. p. m., today. A. A. Hughes and A. ter of a century.

appointment of a commission, con- for defendants. issting of representatives of Congress | The case of Lukas Zihlman rs. the and the executive departments, to M. K. & T. Ry. Co., a suit for damevolve a budget system for the gov- ages to be tried by jury, was set for ernment. Tihs is necessitated be says today. Montgomery and Britain repart advantage national banks have; and by the widely scattered and disinte resent Lukas Zilman and Garnett of grated responsibilities governing es- Garnett of Gainesville, represent the timates, appropriations and revenue railorad. The abolition of all the assay offices, except the one at New York is urged by the Secretary. They cost the government \$185,000 yearly, and "the whole amount is thrown away,"

Declaring that the work of rehabili- that on or about the 16th day of June. cision to any bank included within tating the customs service has been 1911 he was in the town of Henriet vigorously prosecuted, the Secretary other independent bank. The law valuations and frauds continue to be

tion of undue combinations and ber of useless and expensive custrusts. The prohibition should be so toms offices. Other recommendations of Mr. letter could be enforced. We must MacVeagh include: A contributory his hand astchel and coat walked to system of civil service retirement; the platform of the coach believing transfer to the classified civil service he had reached his destination and inof a number of customs officials from tending to alight therefrom. When nominal fee of \$1.00 for protests to had come to a stop, thereupoir he the Board of General Appraisers to attempted to alight and when he was customs assessments; extending the in the act of alighting the trass gave one hundred dollars exemption from a sudden violent start and leck and the foerign commerce of the United souvenirs, curios or gifts; provision with great force and violence from States which with proper government for at least two vessels a year for the platform to the ground and group the revenue cutter service; authority ly wounded, injured and damaged to for the use of certified checks in the which he claims damages in the same "It is idle to expect," he adds, "that payment of all dues to the govern of \$20,000. The selection of the jary ment; revision of the sinking fund in this case will probably occupy the law so as to make it something more greater part of the evening than practically a dead letter; laws Judge Martin discharged the resystem grew up in a period of isola- adequately prohibiting the importation maining summoned juriors for the of opium; and a revision of the ele-week.

Prince George's Birthday.

the fourth son of the King and that will not interfer with the faial of today and was the recipient of many "The practice of adopting ad val. presents from his royal relative. Torkeep the unit mount desired orem duties adds to the ease and During the absence of their parents equally balanced, Judge Marile as

quickness with which legislation may in India Prince George and his led a divorce to Rufus Meets against be prepared; but that is its only brothers and sister are staying with Eula Meeks, just before adjourning

FOR PLAINTIFFS

From Monday's Datte

Judge Martet in the district court a deed, confirming the ownership the real estate in question in the plaintiff and removing the cloud from the title. The title to a lot in Wiley

sult. D. A. Brittinger and his will purchased this lot on the installmen plan and claimed it as a homeston declares, an expensive element of its A. Hrittinger sold the property to one

lot, under "There can be no question," he con- claiming that she never signed a ludes on this subject, "that the need deed conveying her title to the propcustoms business of the country sim- Brittinger; J. T. Montgomery for

The case of P. P. Langiord guar-H. Carrigan are attorneys for plain Mr. MagVeagh recommends the tiff and L. H. Mathis and R. E. Huff

The case of Lucas Zilman vs. the M. K. & T. Ry Co., was called for trial at 1:30 p. nt. The work of empaneling the jury was taken up. The plaintiff, Zilman claims in his petition.

ta, Texas, and being desirous of be olpe the field's output it will take state, the right to own stock in any says that developments as to under ing transported to Wichita Falls boarded a passenger train of defendshould not fail to conclusively forbid most impressive and to make it evi- ant's at said town of Henrietta for dent that the end of the reform is the purpose * * * and paid the usual not yet in sight. He hopes to com- and customary fare. The train left plete the reformation within a year. Henrietta at 9:30 and arrived at The customs districts are being re- Wichita Falls at 10:45 on the night of dependence and individuality of the organized and the Secretary and the 16th. That when at a point near nounces that he will ask Congress the city of Wichita Falls the emthe general tendency to the forma- later to abolish a considerable num- ployes of the company passed through the coaches and announced Wichits Falls and plaintiff relying on the statement arose from his seat taking collector down; the imposition of the he reached the platform said train

of Texas vs. Alex Sanders will have precedence over all other cases for London, Dec. 20,-Prince George, the week, and only minor matters

uniting to marriage J. G. Jones of



STREEF costumes more or less! presentable in character, are the common let of all, but only into the occasional existence does fall the housand gotlar far evening coat. And yet standing as an observer, in the fover of the Opera House as the mobile dressed folk came through the swing its doors which open from the the boxes, one is impressed with the number of superb fur wraps, worn by the women. Ermine, moleskin, sealskin white coney with fox trimmings, chinchilia, mink--all are present, not in moderately large necketeces and muffs, but in wonderful full length wraps which often trail on the floor over the satin and lace skirts of their wearers. And these gorgeous for wraps, mind you, are by the nature of their designatended only for evening use and would be entirely out of place in the assemblage where daylight costumes such a ween has in all probability. another contrat sealskin Persian lamb for mink for limousing wear over afternoon fracks and very likely a mo-

evening wrap for mater familias; or, consider merely the decoration of mi- belonging to humble little B'rer Freat Opera House in New York on a hant coloring of the fur.
White Cut Velvet or Raime Used

inchionable night. the Opera House and on Wednesdays turbers have produced evening and Fridays one may be certain of celpg the elect of the smart set in horsesboe, and the grand tier of boxes has been used in conjunction with above filled with folk freeked coiffured and jeweled with equal britthe house on these evenings. From the tim Opera House during the premier uits sprinkled among ordinary street

en to entrancing strains and million at its edge was a thick fringe of black follar voices, in a shirtwaist or mack fermine tails. intosh if due so desires, but even the . Another white cut relvet wrap by

eal to one's eyes a glimpse of the lainonds, the laces, the satins and rocades and furs, far below.

From Paris.

Each French couturier puts out his cal model in a luxurious fur even wrap and many of these wrans bon custom duties have been includin this country. One of the most bensive and most beautiful coats orn at the opening performance of Aida on Nevember 13th was a white raffless ermine made with a huge cape the fur which fell to the waistline. is cape and the bottom of the cor bordered with a fringe of sable tails: and as the tranning of sables as been archibited in Russia for three ears, the cost of this fringe of talls no may well be imaxined Above the sable talls on the bottom of yout was a twelvelich band of the ruing brinned with the small black ermine talls which are always so of ective on the snowy fur White cones something like the tailless ermine, or coat of muskrat, otter or leopard, though of course the nelt is not as pure white or as rich and thick in texture Such wraps are of course only for with the wonderful suppleness of er-

multi-millionaire's womenfolk | mine The coney is less expensive and When the choice lies between a motor many women have coats of coney with car for pater familias and an ermine trimmings of ermine tails or white fox, Paul Poiret is very partial to the between a snug little bouse and lot striking combination of brilliant red able opera coat for the mother, of since his taking up of the red fox fur. the family, the choice is not apt to which is really quite an ordinary pelt An ermine evening wrap rep. of the woods and fields, many furriers refents money and dots of money. It have brought out ermine coats tripe winter are Oriental in their richness wide cuffs of lecland fox—a soft, is one of the most luxurious garments med with red tox. A beautiful coat of color, and when the wrap is of fur flutty for tur not as rare as the Sitka woman can own and testifies to the efficiency of the fluing in apt to have the rich flutty for tur not as rare as the Sitka the fluing in apt to have the rich fox, but really very effective for even-prosperous condition of her lord's Freres, is illustrated. This coat is color that the outer tabric facks. financial affairs even more decidedly built of the tailless ermine and has a The worth wrap of scalekin and French conturiers in combination than would diamonds, which of course deep border of ermine talks in striped broadtail which is pictured today, has with fir in these gorgeous evening ast for years after an ermine coat offect at the foot. The huge collat a lining of rose and manye brocade wraps; but the lace is usually of has been butworn and cast aside. The and cuffs of red fox are strikingly with bits of gold lace trimming and the substantial sort like Russian filet, or evening wraps, therefore, always conspleyous on the snowy fur but the cem to be the most impressive and coat is very splended and becoming uxurious part of the sartorial die to its nearer, whose dark eyes and hair play in the forer and corrdors of the are enhanced by contrast with the bril

Place of Ermine. Some of the important French con their boxes in the famous diamond ermine though in place of the costs fur white ratine or white cut velvel trimming furs of some contrasting col-Full dress is worn all through Bernard, was worn at the Metropoliweek, and attracted some attention, even in the balcous above one en This coat was fande of pure white car equaters decollete frocks, handsome volvet burdered at neck, sheeves and of the shoulders, as an Austrian officer attire. Up above, where the real wears his white and gold coat, departies enthusiasts sit, and the folk ed a graceful cape which fell on wears his white and gold coat, dependwho even if they had the several dol-ing for a sear do not possess hip length on the other side. This cape the raiment to grace it; one may lis- was made of the cut white velvet and Chinchilla a Favorite Fur For Even- Darker Wraps for Afternoon Opera

A Beautiful Ermine and Jost of the Fur Evening Coats Come Bernard has draped sleeves and at

are lined with a splendid shade of emerald gren satin and gold chords and tassels hanging from the sleeves add richness to the white and gren combi-The Evening Wrap As An Effectiv

Background.

At the Horse Show, handsome even ing wraps thrown over the chair backs made wonderfully effective hackgrounds for lovely evening freck those effect would have been much lessened if their wearers had so without the wraps in the plain wood

en chairs which furnish the boxes When an artist paints a portrait he is very likely to fling a scarf, a wra -or lacking one of these-a bit of rich colored drapery, across the back of the sitter's chair, to throw her figure into artistic relief and form a opera cloak of brocaded blue velvet soft harmonious background for its color tints and delicate texture. The across all the way down the back and woman who appreciates the artistic an enormous shawl collar of chin-value of such drapery never leaves chilla, has ten-times the color value her sich wrap in a closkroom, but has of an efinine or schinchilla coat that with pure white ermine, and it with her over her chairback, to might cost three times as a taking up of the red fox fur, add to the luxuurious effect of her though some women prefer the really quite an ordinary pelt foilette and enhance tenfold the love the property of the all-fur ways. An For lieness of her frock. The bilk, velvet Drecoll evening coat is of ciel blue and brocade evening wraps of the panhe velves with a huge collar and winter are Oriental in their richness wide caffs of tecland for a soft

tiny festoons of ribbon flowers here and there to add dainty elegance. The liner side of such a weap is quite us dark for coat must answer for even with purific velvet and trimmed with following resolutions which were back to rexas and make adjutant ing wrap as well as afternoon limbul bands of wide Venice face—the white adopted at a special meeting held yes, general of the state by Gov. Culberdark fur coat must answer for evensine wrap over bridge costumes of volver being out hway under the face dark satin, chiffon or sigilliener fab to show the purple liging. A collar cles a very dainty lining in light of same with sable bands on the edge coloring will and much to its ef of the sloove form a costly and effectiveness as an evening wrap; for fective trimming. the dark fur will be hidden when the wrap is flung over a chair in such the first perfermance of Alda 1386

cannot imagine this artist making a black chantly over white satin. Embining magenta with Erin green in the beautiful white bais more beautiusiasts sit, and the folk ed a graceful case which fell on one the daring and conspicuous manner ful still and gave the finishing touch if they had the several dol-side to the waistline, sloping down to of contacters who strive after sensa- of smartness- to the chantilly gown and wrap of green, gold and black.

expensive as the total estime for this on a Saturday afternoon after a mai-

graceful searf which may be twisted Bechoff David brought out a superb chinchilla evening coat this autumn regrets in various parts of Texas is the head and allowed to fall over the which was purchased by a young shown by the messages of condolence wrap. Coat, draped sleeves and sear I American woman whose marriage that have come to the family from was the talk of two continents last various parts of the state. Funeral has a cape collar which reaches to the hip in front in pointed revers soldier were held this afternoon at and fails below the waistline at the 2.30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian ack. Collar, sleeves and lower edge the cost are trimmed with black yax. The brounde fining is in the Oakland cometery. The active pail-

Red Fox Combination

alest shade of apricot pick Rich Furs Combined With Wandraus

Fabrics.

Many of the krench wrap-makers Pell of Fort Worth, Ed Scurry, Fin refer to use selvet or brocade in mett Godbold, C. F. Clint, H. C. furombination with fur, considering the color value or such a wrap more imand Judge Yancey Lewis. portant than the rich though neutral Many Attend Services. with a panel of gold lace ten inches might cost three times as much time and the floral offerings were wrap Another paid a tribute to Gen Scurry's worth young man he moved to Houston and ing use. Lace is much used by the funeral were many voterans of the commander when the company won from out-of-town points. Arabian, Ventse Milan or the heavy crime. A ver attractive as the outer, and when appoint is of white chiffen velvet fined death of Gen. Scurry is shown by the ment. Early in 1899 he was called

A gorgoous Francis wrap, worn manner that the lining forms a back month, was of green faille silk with ground for the airy chillon of lace a tining of black satin and trimmings of gold braid, gold fringe and skunk citizen, the Texas National Guard an fur. This wrap was wore by a middle full of the quiet distinction which aged woman with white hair ex sedent supporter, this association and characterizes all worth costumes. One quisitely arranged, and 4 gown of intimate friend and assistant, and his

Genuine chinchilla is now quite as If you stend in the curriage fover further

full of Worth Distinction and velvet, or other fabrics approparound the lower edge and on the cape collar of the sealskin



see as wonderful furs and fur wraps to carry about but as their wearers frock of taupe chiffon over white as an evening performance brings out travel to and from the opera in lux- satin, with touches of flame color

though the furs will be darker in urious limousines, it does not much and gold on the bodice. The sealhue. Chinchilla and mink coats are matter. The Marchai Armand mink skin wrap by Callot Soeurs is an worn over dainty frocks of chiffon coat pictured has a trimming of tails especially handsome model, the deep priate for afternoon theatre wear, sleeves. This coat was worn at the the coat extra heavy and luxurious.

FUNERAL OF GEN. . THOMAS SCURRY

Judge Edgar Scurry of this city, re urned home last night from Dailas where he had gone to attend the furand of als cousin, Gen. Thos. Scurry who died rather suddenly at his house n that city on last Saturday night

The following is an account of the inneral which took place yesterday afternoon, as taken from the Dallas Times-Herald:

That the death of General Thom as Scurry has caused a great deal of that have come to the family from Church, conducted by Dr. W. M. Anderson and interment followed in carers were Sidney D. Butler, O. P. Storm, W. J. Condon, John White and E. R. Malin.

Monotary pallbearers were: Wil Childress, Will Harris, Judge C. K. lew, Nathan Adams, Oscar Reyna

Many Dallas friends of the family and deceased were in attendance at the last sad rites and there were a number present from jou of town points. The funeral cortege was one of the longest seen in Dallas in some many and beautiful. Dr. Auderson

Veterans Adopt Resolutions. following resolutions which were back to Texas and made adjutant terday.

Whereas, it has pleased an all wise Providence to reprove from our 1963. During that time he was in midst our beloved friend and comat rade, Brig. Gen, Thos. Scurr; there

Resolved, that in the death of Gen. Scurry the state has lost a valuable arden'l supporter, this association an family a devoted Husband and father. Be it further--Resolved, 'that we learn of his

death with the deepest regret and tender to the family of our deceased comrade our heartfelt sympathy in dorses the Gregon primary system; of Wielfita county, gathered at the this their irreparable loss. Be it stands forth generally as a progres. Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday

lution be spread on the minutes of this association, a copy furnished the press for publication and a copy fur nished the bereaved family.

MAJOR JOHN SPARGER, MAJOR E. H. ROACH, MAJOR A. C. WILSON, MAJOR C. C. MARSHALL CAPT. H. W. KINNARD. CAPT. T. C. HARRY, LIEUT. S. A. STEWART, LIEUT. B. F. COLLINS.

Galveston Regrets His Death. september, 1900, at which time Galeston was almost wiped from the nap, Gen. Scurry, then adjutant general of the state, had charge of the nilitary government of that city. Under his able dierction order was soon brought out of choas and the residents of that city have never forgot ten the service Gen. Scurry rendered them. A telegram was received yesterday from Mayor Fisher of Galveston in which he referred to the services rendered Galveston. His telegram was as follows:

"As mayor of Galveston, I desire o express my personal sympathy to ou and to offer the sincere condoence of the citizens of Galveston. immediately following the storm, Gen. Scurry assumed charge of the miliary government of Galveston and Sciently restored order out of choas o man deserves more the gratitude Galveston. May God comfort you in your great loss."

Father Kerwin wired his condo lence as follows:

"Accept my sympathy in your great affliction. Texas and Galveston par ficularly owe him a debt of grattude God comfort you."

Was Native of Texas.

Gen. Scurry was a native of Texas, having been born in Waller county, March 15, 1859. When a very as a citizen and referred to the abic as soon as he was old enough he be service he had rendered his state-came a member of the Houston Light and country as a citizen-coldier. Guards. He steadily rose in the Among those in attendance at the ranks of the company and was its Spanish American war and several of many prizes in inter-state drills. In Covernor Colquitt to take steps to seficers of the National Guard were here 1886 he reached the rank of lieutenant core the co-operation of the farmers colonel of the Texas Volunteer Guard At the outbreak of the Spanish war That the veterans of the Spanish he was appointed a major in one of American war sincerely regret the the battalions of the First Texas regi-

son. He served in the same capacity under Gov. Sayers and resigned in this office he did much towards the imporvement of the guard.

He had resided in Dallas for almost 25 Years and married a daughter of Gen. R. M. Gano, His widow and six

land is the only candidate autounced so far, for the seat of United States | *Plant one acre of feedstaff for ev-Sepater Bourne, who will be a candi- ery head of livestock on the farm. date for re-election. Judge Lowell in was the slogan adopted by the farmers

ALL THE TIME

Shellhorn Lady Suffered a Great Deal, But Is All Right New.

Shellhorn, Ala.—In a letter from this place, Mrs. Carrie May says: "A short time ago, I commenced to have we the time, and soon grew so had I couldn't stay up. I thought I would die. At last my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, and it helped me; so he got. some more. After I had taken the

second bottle, I was entirely well. I wish every lady, suffering from womanly trouble, would try Cardul. It is the best medicine I know of. It did me more good than anything I ever

Cardul is a woman's tonic-a strengthening medicine for women, made from ingredients that act specifically on the womanly organs, and thus help to build up the womanly constitution to glowing good health.

As a remedy for woman's file, it has a successful record of over 50 years. Your druggist sells it. Please try it. N. B.— Write to: Ladles' Advisory Dept., Chatta-nooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper, on request.

AN ACRE TO EACH HEAD OF LIVE. STOCK IS SLOGAN OF WICH-ITA COUNTY FARMERS.

Eleven o'clock in the morning the bour-set for the meeting called by W. C. Myers, the chairman appointed by duce the cotton acreage as a means of obtaining a better price for cotton. proved too early and the meeting was postponed until this afternoon, when a small number of farmers gathered.

It seemed the concensus of opinion that if the farmers could plant a larger sereage in oats, corn and other feed crops, the cotton acreage would take care of itself. A resolution was adopted arging the farmers of the county to plant more feed crops. In this connection the chalman was authorized to appoint a committee to confer with the directors of the Chamber of Commerce . with a view of taking steps to provide Judge Stephen A Lowell of Port good seed oats for the farmers who would plant the same next spring.

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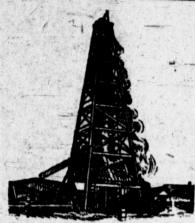
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The most important development of the week in the oil fields around pany in the United States and have Wichita Falls has been the striking opened up some of this country's of oil and gas in the Ninety Nine largest fields, among them the Illi-Pumping Company's well northwest nois field and the Caddo fields, in of Petrolia. While it cannot be learn- Louisiana. ed just how much oil the well will flow comes on stronger.

At Electra several wells have been completed during the week but no Anson H. Russell, an oil operator of new territory has been developed. A Cleveland, Ohio, joined the colony of new location has been made near Day oil men at the Westland yesterday Station and a showing of oil was and is seeking some oil properties to made in the Honaker well. Drilling a party of Rastern capitalists. He in nearly all the wild cat wells scat- will go over the field the first of next tered over this section has progressed week. very favorably considering the heavy rains. These rains will furnish water for drilling operations at many points where the lack of water was causing a serious handicap.

Notes From Electra. (Electra News)

The big oil companies report they will have six hundred tank men in the Electra field next week. Teams are now busy hauling steel.

Another big oil land deal is being marketed two miles east of town. The big noises are now being made east which will undertake the sale of the confidence.

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The Corsicana Petroleum Company brought in a good well on the Allen ease, just east of the Red River Company's eighty acre tract.

Bob Sanders had the misfortune to wist of about one thousand feet of drill pine in the Culberson we'l on Wester Debebta Inst Saturday aight but was fortunate enough to pick it un Monday and expects to reach the 1900 foot sand in the next This was probably the bigges: busi few days.

Red River No. 11 caught fire Wedensday night about 10 o'clock from drilling into the gas. They immed exas oil man who has been tely laid asteam line from their bellers to the fire and extinguished left a few days ago to spe d to ho the flame in about three hours. The loss was not very heavy.

brough; in Sunday and regardless of River. he number it came in a good one. The location is not out of the proven territory, but is a location on the east pany recently organized, is still ta side of the lease and means an ex- ing leases about Grandfield. "Officia" tension to the lease proper.

found a nice sand last week about necessary leases have been secured. 1500 feet in their well about four miles west of the proven territory, a six-inch backer was set and bailing deep well at Altus after having beer commenced Saturday night, but the abandoned at a depth of fifteen hun packer failed to hold and a new one dred feet. Mr. Nichols, the driller is was ordered and at this writing we hopeful of finding oil. have no information as to what the well is showing. The News man was on the derrick Monday morning while WILL CONSIDER A.&M. the haller was running and a very nice showing of oil and gas was seen. considering the fact that the hole was nearly full of mud and water. We were very much impressed with the showing and look for a well to be Governor May Institute Mandamus developed.

Benedum and Trees Plans. (Lawton Star-News)

Company of Pittsburg, Pa. It is Attorney General. generally known that this is a com- The form of the application and the to remain in the bouse and walked before entering it for development following an old form, Mr. Paul Trees and Mr. M. L. Clovis The point has been made that there have been in this vicinity practically was no pre-existing law upon which

and securing the leases. first step taken by these gentlemen before a deficiency can be created. was to visit the banks of the city In this instance there was no exand give the most satisfactory refer- hausted appropriation. If the Attorleases required by the company be that the Governor's order would man fore if will enter a field. As is known damus proceedings against the Conthe farmers of late have been reluct- troller to compel the issuance of ant to part with leases on account of emergency deficiency warrants. That previous experiences with specula- would test the question. tors. However the Steel City people

amount of 14,000 acres. As stated above the tools are all for the fiteenth time.

on the ground, as is the engine. The derrick is enroute and will arrive within the next few days, as will the casing. The contractor is here with his men and no time will be lost after the arrival of the balance

started. Two shifts will operate, working twelve hours each. When it is known that the principal stockholders in the Steel City company are Benedum and Trees, the multi-millionaire oil men, the public will take due notice of the fact that real oil men are in the territory, the Benedum and Trees Oil Company have the largest holdings of any independent oil com-

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produce, it is known that there is Advices were received at Devol. considerable oil and the gas itself is Okla., this week that E. A. Hill, the of great importance as the well ex- Davis, Okla., oil man, had closed a tends the proven gas territory over contract with an experienced driller two miles to the westward. The well to drill a test on the 6000-acre lease is now capped and it is believed that around Devol. It is expected the rig it will be drilled deeper unless the oil will arrive at Devol within the next ten days.

Promote Company to Drill Near Quanah.

Last night a number of Quanal people had a meeting and bought from J. C. Marshall 136 3-10 acres o. land situated just beyond the feed lots north of the city, and decided to plat same into lots 50x140 feet with streets and alleys.

The meeting resolved itself into the Hardeman County Deep Well Company, an unincorporated organ ization, which will soon be succeeded of all the wells east warrant much lots, the proceeds from which will be used for drilling deep wells with the purpose of finding petroleum, gas water, either of which, if in con mercial quantities, will precipitat new life into this community.

It has been predicted by profession al oil men that the section where th Toberty is located is oil bearing. that a prospect well will develop the fact.-Quanah Observer.

The Fort Worth and Denver's re ceipts at Electra during Nove are reported to have been \$114,000 ness done by any station on the Fort Worth and Denver.

W. M. Stephenson, the Bitson. avs at home. He state dthat h would return early in January with a "filling outfit. His first operation Woodruff and Putnam No. 13 was will be between Randlett and Red

The Grandfield Oil and Gas Coof the company say it has money it the bank to pay for drilling a well an The Honaker Oil and Gas Company that work will start as soon as the

Drilling has been resumed on the

DEFICIENCY MATTER

Proceedings if Deficiency is Not Created by Department.

until late today that Controller Lane day George met Howard downtown That responsible firms think well sent the questions formally to the again and induced him to go home of the oil and gas prospects of this Attorney General relative to the with him. On their arrival at George's esction is again confirmed by the emergency deficiency application for home the latter pulled dowr a shotarrival at Abpeatone of the tools and the A. & M. College mess hall, It un and demanded an explanation of engine of the Steel City Oil and Gas will be considered tomorrow by the a complaint made against him by

pany of magnitude largely interested Governor's certificate raise two quesin other fields of the country and tions. One is whether the money is Mrs. Howard came in and at that when its representatives enter a field immediately available but the Gov. moment the gun was discharged, the that field is not abandoned until it ernor disclaims any intention of at- load taking effect in the calf of her is thoroughly demonstrated that oil tempting to provide the funds with leg, several shot entering her foot and gas does not exist in quantities out legislative appropriation. How The wound was not serious. George that warrant further development ever, his certificate specially calls for told Sheriff Randolph that the gun The company's representatives thor the immediate availability of the mon oughly investigate a field, however, ey. His explanation was that he was and was also placed in jail pending and

all summer invetsigating the field to base the deficiency, hence them could be no deficiency; that there Not withstanding the fact that the must be an exhausted appropriation ence considerable difficulty was ex ney General advised that no defi- teacher, were each fined \$200 and pected to be on hand. perienced in securing the number of ciency can be created it is understood

are now in possession of leases to the Charles S. Ashley has just been Charles S. Ashley has just been toward releasing Banker Charles W. struction of the new federal building I am in the 4th grade. I want a move the United States Agricultural Deelected mayor of New Bedford, Mass., Mores, his condition is declared critito be erected at Mineral Wells at a ing picture machine, a box of checks. I want a big doll with black hair, partment to take charge of the state

News From the Oil Fields WILL ASK SURVEY PROSPECTS FOR OF OIL FIELD

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL UNITED STATES HAS BROUGHT CO-OPERATE TO SECURE TOP. OGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF THIS SECTION.

Southwest Commercial Organizations Will Be Asked to Join in Movement.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The co-operation of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce and other comnercial organizations in Southwe Okłahoma will be asked by the Wich ita Falls Chamber of Commerce in a movement to secure a topographical urvey by the U. S. Bureau of Economic Gelogy of the oil field lying on both sides of Red river The first el orts of the local organization will be directed toward securing such a sur vey of about 500 square miles on the Texas side. The Oklahoma organizations will be asked to attempt to sesure the survey of a similar area on he Oklahoma side of the river. In the campaign to secure this sur

n congress will be asked. Attention to the need of such a sur ey was called to the directors of th hamber of Commerce Tuesday morn ng by Dr. William B Phillips, dire or of the bureau of economic gelog f the State University at Austin. D. Phillips reviewed the work being done the bureau in its investigations ! be oil fields in this section. He sa at the bureau had the records

ey the efforts of our representatives

nety producing wells in the Electra nd Petrolia fields and had gathere nuch interesting and valuable dahich would shortly be available. I aid that one of the great needs we accurate and un-to-fate man no ving been made sire t'o

1879. The U . S. Geological Surve he said would make surveys of a ral portions of Texas soon, but the urveys would not be made within illes of Wichits Edile Intere the eau in charge of the work-was in 1 to chance. He said with the on of proper influence that

ange would probably be made M thing himself will go to Washin a immediately after the bolldare on the nanegalty and peofulance nch a survey in the tarde

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m Tuesday's Daily. Mrs. W. E. George, 1107 Indiana venue was the innocent victim of a uarrel between her husband and lenry Howard, who claims Electra s his home, this afternoon, receiv

a load of shot from a s .t . he calf of her leg through the dis harge of the gun in the hands of er husband, he claims, by arricde Following the shooting George gav imself up to the city officers and ater was transferred to the county

It appears that George and Howard met yesterday and were together most of the afternoon during which time they took -various and divers drinks together. Later Howard went home with George and while George came back downtown last night How. Austin, Texas, Dec. 19 .- It was not ard remained at George's home. To Mrs. George. Howard concluded not out. Just as he walked out the door was accidently discharged. Howinvestigation. George is a fruit vender by occupation.

More Tar Party News.

By Associated Press Lincoln Center, Neb., Dec. 19 .-Sherill Clark and John Schmidt, convicted of complicity in tarring Mary rosts today.

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meeting that further action be taken | Contract has been let for the con- I go to school. I'm nine years old.

ABOUUT A CONCERT OF AC. TION OF POWERS IN CHINA.

MAPS WILL BE VALUABLE CONFERENCE IS NOW ON

Whether Government Shall Be Imperial or Republican le Disputed Question.

Credit Belongs to Uncle Sam.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 19. To the United -States belongs the credit of bringing about a concert of action in China by the six great powers. Other powers have agreed to the American plan to try to induce am armistice during which both sides shall confer for permanent peace.

Yuan Shi-Kai Dominant Figure. Shanghal, Dec. 19.—Prospects of

eace in China became more definint eday with the announcement that al x of the great powers-Japan, Great Britain, United States, Russia, France. and Germany, are united in a co-opere ive effort to assist Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yin in their present regotiations.

The personality of Yuan Shi Kai tominates the convention though he! ot present.

The great fight among the delegate the conference will be as to wheth r the form of Government shall be mperial or republican. If an empire fuan will be regent, if a republic uan will be its first president. the revolutionary delegates believ

es for a republic LEven th chest Importel de gates adm the Manchy rule is doomed. The me as brought a large body of buaffe Chinese down f. om 1 who after twenty-four hours

ora south of the Vane Tee B'y en are amazed at the political hange in the country in the last sixt fars Tank Shao Yl's delegates ev 'entir are deanly immassed with " demand for a republic.

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a miter Press Washington, Dec. 19 .- The galleries vere crowded when the Senate met at noon to act on the Russian treaty. It s planned that the House approve the lenate resemtion as soon as received Senato Rayper made a notabl inute immediately; that it was not religous question but an America stion "The night of barbarism ust close so far as we are concern

peech declaring the treaty must ter d," he exclaimed, "we deserve the ontempt of mankind if we submit this degrading indignity. I care not what man's religious belief may be if he is an American citizen, he is entitled under an American passport to the privileges of the world."

Later-Other senators spoke on the treaty and it is probable the vote to ratify President Taft's action may be

lelayed until tonight P. esident Taft turned over to the Sepate Monday the task of completing the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia, because of alleged dis criminations against American cit zens of Jewish faith. Ignoring the couse of representatives, the President Dear Santa Claus: tent a message to the Senate, announc ing that on Friday last he had caused actice to be forwarded to St. Peters burg that the United States desired be treaty to end Jan. 1, 1913; Thi potification was officially banded to be representative of the Russian govarnment Sunday.

Automobile Club to Dine Taft. New York, Dec. 19 .- Hundreds of ap plications have been received for places at the twelfth annual banque the Automobile Club of America. which is to be field tome row night in the grand balt room of the Waldorf Manley, Astoria Hotel. President Taft will be the guest of honor, while nearly all Dear Santa Claus: Chamberlain, the Shady Bend school the members of his cabinet are ex. I am a little girl five years old and chairs, and oh. Santa, bring my lit-

Corpus Christi to develop an unusual- will bring me these, I will try to be years old. Barton is five. - Jaunieta held in Springfield, Mo., beginning Washington; D. C. Dec. 19. Tatt the Texas-Mexican Railway between Gwinn, 1202 Scott avenue.

P. S.—

cost of \$60,000.

PEACE BRIGHT Letters to Santa Claus

FROM SANTA CLAUS.

My dear, dear Children, one and all, got your letters, great and small; T've read each one with 'special care. And thank you for the love they bear I have an airship, fine and new. . And it is filled with things for you I ve eleventy-million dolls. Fixed up fine in their folderols; And buggies you should see the pile All of them in the latest style. There has been ten thousand wishes For "a little set of dishes;" And I have them--ev-er-y one; Don't that mean just lots of fun? filan I have stacks, and stacks, and stacks Of 'toot-toot' rtains that run on tracks. There's autos, airships, guns and balls, Everything for which a boy calls. In addition to all of this I'vealso something I hope you'll miss, I have to take along with me Something you always dread to see; Tis a bundle of thorny sticks For smart children who play tricks. And for those who will not believe bring the things which they receive; For those who slip around and peep On Christmas eve when they should sleep. hope there won't be any calls For these sticks in Wichita Falls. But if there are—I'll leave some sure, No foolishness will I endure. l love you every one' tis true, And that is why I'm warning you. want to fill your stockings up From my great, golden loving cup. Its full of candy nuts and fruit. With chewing-sum thrown in to boot. I'll tie your socks with strings of corn, That's popped right fresh for Christmas morn So be good girls, and be good boys, For I am coming with your toys.

Hoorny! Hurrah! Hoorny! Hurrah!

I am yours faithfully-because

Put out your lights-turn off the gas,

And wonderful things shall come to pass

am your own, old-SANTA CLAUS.

For every child in Wichita.

ear Santa Claus.

Dear Santa Calus:

'odney Lee.

ear Santa Claus:

an. 1100 Austin.

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:

Dear Santa Claus:

Burnett. . .

Dear Santa Claus:

Joe Kell.

cll dressed in white, with blue

am so glad it is time for you to

ile, a scout suit, and any little toy

ou think a little boy would like.

the poor children. Good bye

and girls of Wichita Falls are writing

randma. I will now write to you

end tell you what I want, a doll bug-

our little girl.-Cecil McCurdy.

I am a little girl six years old.

Please bring me a baby buggy, a set

I will get some candy at the Christ-

randy and nuts. Yours truly .- Tessie

bring me .- Paul C. Bundy, 1200 8th lease bring me a large jointed street.

stockings and slippers, and curly Dear Santa Claus:

hair also, a sewing machine, a stove I am a little boy four years old, so and some little cooking vessels, a tea my brother has to write for me. set, a big doll dresser, a doll bed, want a drum, a horn, and a pop-gun some nuts, candy, fruit and a doll, anything else you want to bring me these for Christmas.—Ruby Doke.

Santa Claus. With lots of love.—Mary —Frank N. Bundy, 1200 8th street. Santa Claus. With lots of love.-Mary -Frank N. Bundy, 1200 5th street,

lows Park, Texas

Dear Santa Claus: Sister and myself want a ring and a doll, and doll bed, some oranger ears old, and I try to be a good buts, and candy, and a little bank to ome again. I am a little bo five re old, and I try to be a good put money in. That is all we wan to you will be glad to come and the great old Santy-Myrtle and Mable e pe I know. want an aut , a fid- Williamson.

ow Santy dear, I wish you a merry Dear Santa Claus:

Christmas. Will you bring me a and a pair of gauntlet gloves, and a a cat, a dog, a goat, a tiger in fact I am a little girl four years old, and all the pretty things you can spare Dear Santa Claus: ve been trying to be real good, so I aid mamma in dish washing dry I can hardly wait for you to come ou will be sure to bring me ing. etc. Don't you think I an ome toys. I would like to have a smart. Your friend-Gladys Lee Nel w stone cooking vessels, a doll and son, 808 Bluff street. 'oll buggy, a bed large enough for

the doll, a doll plano, a dresser with Dear Santa Claus:

born, a top, a rocking horse, some friend-Bessie Oliver, Worden, Ill. ear, Santa Calus.-Elizabeth Carrinuts, candy and a Christmas tree like you brought me last year. Please papa gets your paper. don't forget my little cousins in Oregon for they live so far away. Yours I see where all the little boys respectfully-John R. Matney

o you. I am a Houston girl, visiting Dear Santa Claus: tove, and some tin things. Please like to get a doll buggy, Santa, please Walsh. on't forget my little brother. Hop do not forget to bring these things, ing to see you-Christmas. From for I am a good little girl and love Dear Santa Claus: you very much .- Marie Chandler.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a blue serge suit and a I want a baby doll, a doll trunk. story book, and a horn, too. I want and if you want to bring anything my stockings with candy and nuts, a block game too, and I want five else, bring it along. lam a little and be sure to put in a nigger toe, boxes of licorice too. Your truly. girl seven years old. I am in the first grade, but my brother is writing for me .- Mabel Dorris Bundy, 1200 8th street

P. S.-Bring me a doll house, too

of dishes, a muff, and furs, and some Dear Santa Claus;

fireworks, candy, nuts and fruits. I will write and tell you what I Your little friend,-Lucile Benson, 511 would like for Christmas. I want a baby buggy, one doll that I can dress and one dressed, a bracelet, and necklace, and a Christmas tree, and some Please bring me an engine that candy, and nuts and oragnes.—Dottie of fire crackers. I live at 1407 %h will wind up, and a cocanut. I guess May Willard.

mas tree, but bring me an organe and | Dear Santa Claus:

a born. Gerald wants a horn too. Kindly make a record of my wants Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring Gracle a little doll bed. for Christmas. I want you to be as I want you to be I am trying to be a good boy. Well liberal with me as possible. Bring good-bye Santa.—Horace Eugene me a horse and wagon an auto, a nuts and oranges, and my little brothkit of tools, a rubber ball, a jumping er, Marvel, wants a horse bitched to jack, a born, six bunches of fire a wagon, and his stocking filled with crackers, six roman candles, some I will tell you what I want. I want fruit some nuts; etc. I shall expect a doll buggy and a story book, and you. Yours truly. W. D. Nelson, two dolls and a trunk, and some aged seven years. 808 Bluff.

I want you to bring me a tricycle, and I want a little table and two want you to bring me a big doll, a the brother, Barton, a tryclete and a doll bath tub, little piano, and some box of colors and some fruit, candy A company has been formed in candy, nuts and fruits. Santa if you and nuts. I am a little girl seven of the state for the land show to be

> P. S.-Santy don't forget all of the little boys and girls all over the land.

ors, and anything elso you want to and I want it dressed in white with tobacco experimental farm,

a white sash, and a white ribbon on her hair. I want white shoes and stockings on her. I want a doll china closet to put my dishes in. I want a table and some chairs. I want a big red purse. My little sister, there years old, wants a plano and a doll dressed in white .- Josephine Bullock

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy ten years old. I want an air gun, some candles, apples, nuts and fire crackers. With love .-Small Grun.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy six years old, and there are lots of things I want you to bring me. I have tried to be a good boy. First I want at airship like Mr. Rodgers, an iron train with a track, a football, some marbles, and a drum. Be sure and remember my paps and riama. We will be in Fort Worth Christmas, so please send all of the things there at 1000 8th avenue. Now, I hope that I have not asked for too many things. Very truly.-Wanna Faunt Le Roy.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old. I have tried to be a very good boy this year, and I want you to please bring me a big wagon, a drum, a horn, and a football, and a new gun, and some nuts, candy and oranges. Hoping that you will be well and will come I am your good little boy.-Ralph Lindsey.

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been very sick, but am betber now, and I want a big dell, and a doll buggy and a doll trunk, ant a set of dishes and a whole lot of fire works.-Irene Catrer, 1208 Indiana avenue.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish that you would bring me a

horse.-Ralph Stomer Doke. Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and a doll 'usgy and a table. I wish that you would bring

top, an engine, and a big rocking

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope that you won't forget me. I want you to bring me a ring, and ome hair ribbon, and the little do!I that you had for me, you may g've to some little girl that never had we Your loving friend .- Georgia Roatsch. 1 am 10 years old and I want ome fruit and candy.

Christmas and a happy and prosper. I am a little girl of four years I am Dear Santa Claus:

us New Year. Your little boy.— looking for you to come to see inc. I want a knife and an Indian suit.

again. I want you to please bring m a doll buggy. One that folds up and its back turns down. It has a top on it, and I want a Christmas tree, some candy, nuts, and oranges, and a mirrow, a piano stool and a teddy I am too little to write so will get some doll dresses, and I believe that ear. I hope that you will have a nice mamma to write for me, and I will this is all for this time, so good-bye. e Christmas, and be sure to go tell her what I want. I want a big dear Santa Claus. From your little P. S. Dear editor, please print as

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl eight years old. I want a doll and doll buggy, and a set of dishes. Some candy and nuts and Will you please bring me a doll, some fruit. I know that you won't doll bed, and doll mattress, a piano, forget me. I live on Seventh street, gy, plano, sideboard, knife and forks, stove, and doll trunk. I would also 1402. That is all, good-bye.-Kathleen

I am a little girl six years old. I wish that you would bring me a doll, a go-cart with a top on it, a set of big dishes, and a doll bed, and fill Please remember my little uncle, Hugh, in Atlanta, Ga., for his mama ts dead. Santa Claus, I love you a whole lot. I am your little friend.— Sylvia Harrison, 1920 8th street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little cripple boy, and I am sure that you won't forget me. Listen, and I'll tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a vice brown suit, an automobile, and nine bunches street. Please bring little Billie and Marion something too. Your little

I want you to bring me a tricycle, and fill my stockings with candy, goodles. We try to be good beys. Good-bye.-Hewell Holbert.

An active campaign will be inaugurated at once in behalf of the issuance of \$200,000 bonds for the building and maintenance of good roads throughout Orange county.

Beaumont is preparing an exhibit of the land products of that section December 18th

The state experimental station has employed a former tobacco expert of

friend .- Jack Walsh.

Santa Claus MAIL

The Headquerters of the Santa Claus Mail

plar hoodoo to Uncle Sam. Impos- ered driver of the redineer team gets impossible to ascertain the name or sible, unthinkable, unbelievable and a tremendous volume of mail during address of the senders of mail adhigh treason, you declare hotly in the fortnight before Christmas. In dressed to fictitious persons the posdefense of the kindly old fellow, but deed there are posted to him every tal waifs must be destroyed, and this it is a fact, nevertheless. And the day during that interim a dozen times has been the unhappy fate of bushels worst of it is that the patron saint as many letters as are addressed to upon bushels of Santa Claus' letters of our merriest holiday bids fair to the President of the United States, during the past decade or two. prove more of a bug-bear to our Fed- who, under ordinary circumstances, This year, however, is to see a eral guardian at this Christmas sea- is supposed to receive the heaviest change in the disposition of the Santa . This order reads: "Postmasters are Claus letters from John Jones, who son of 1911 than he has ever done in personal mail of any individual in the Claus mail. All the people who have authorized to deliver all letters arrivthe past-with one possible excep- world. And Santa displays a lament- ever had an opportunity to peep into tion. Even as this meets the eyes able inability to handle his corres- any of the Santa Claus letters at the ing at their respective postoffices beof readers there are sorely-tired offi- pondence. Perhaps it is not to be Dead Letter Office have been brought tween December 16, 1911 and Janucials in Washington who are cudge wondered at, considering what del- to realize that many of these letters ary 1, 1912, inclusive which are adling their brains and figuratively, it uge of missives are dispatched to are from children whose only chance dressed plainly and unmistakably to not literally tearing their hair be him and how busy he must be with of a merry Christmas lies in an ap Santa Claus' without any other terms cause of the way in which Santa his other duties at this time of year, peal to Santy. Most children, seem or expressions identifying the person Claus upsets routine in certain gov. but be that as it may the old fellow ingly write a Christmas letter to the for whom such letters are 'atended, to

ticularly so this year.

army, from the Postmaster General age." This puts his mail in the "un- self. to the mail carrier on the most iso- claimed class." The regulations of The present Postmaster-General of givings regarding the outcome, for lated rural route, the Christmas the Post Office Department which the United States for all that he is no sooner had the new order reached bolidays bring extra work added re- are based upon laws passed by Con- a bachelor and presumably not very the ears of the postmasters out sponsibilities that may even some gress provide that all mail which susceptible to cuildish influence, has through the country than the Departwhat mar the personal enjoyment of cannot be delivered because of un- taken this same they of it were of ment began to be delivered with quesyou to learn that it is not this rush or for any other reason must be sent an obstacle that they couldn't get a column of this paper to enumerate work that is putting dear old Santy to the Dead Letter Office at Washing around, but Mr. Hitchcock has seem all the queries that were propunded

SANTA CLAUS is becoming a reg. lay awake nights. Now the bewhisk- is further provided that when it is

demain, however, he does play hob Uncle Sam long ago sgave up the viously come from poor children and H. Hitchcock, Postmaster-General." and that one is the Post Office De colort to locate Santa Claus' perma- have been written without the knowl- | Seemingly the new scheme was a partment, which is far and away the nent address and forward thither his edge of their parents. These are the grand good thing and there was much biggest business enterprise under unclaimed mail. Ineed, some of the letters which many kind-hearted folk rejoicing over the order on the part the government, having on its pay prosaic officials at the Post Office De feel should be taken in hand by per of tender-hearted people everywhere rolls upward of one-third of a mil- partment being unable to get any clue sons who would see to it that the con- who had been pained by the thought lion people or several times as many to Santa Claus' whereabouts decreed, tents were brought to the attention that any childish appeal to Santa as are enlisted in our army or navy, these many years back, that he must of Santa Claus-presuming that he Claus should go unanswered. But the Now, for everybody in the postal be regarded as a "fictitious person. is too busy to read the letters him- subordinate officials at the Postoffice

Opening Letters Addressed to Santa Claus at the US Dead Letter Office

Handling Santa Claus Ma

has never been known to formally ac- fur-clad gift-giver. Many of the ap- responsible institutions or individuals Of course all our readers appre- knowlege the receipts of a letter, peals show by the paper and en- in the town or city of ...dress who ciate that the great governmental in- much less to answer it in the ordinary velopes used that they have been pre- may desire to use them exclusively scheme for handling this Christmas Postmaster-General under President some kind made and send or give stitution which we are all wont to way. Worse yet, he will not even pared in comfortable or even luxuri- for philanthrophic purposes. In the familiarly dub Uncle Sam is a very call for the accumulation of mail that ous homes and we may suspect that a event that these letters are requested complex organizism and by this same is waiting for him at every post- fond father or mother was looking by more than one such institution or token it follows that in most spheres office up and down the land, and thus over the shoulder of the young appli- individual the postmaster shall disonly a minor and indirect influence he forces Uncle Sam to dispose of cant for Xmas boons. But there are tribute them in such proportion as he is exerted by Santa Claus. In one the Santa Claus mail as best he can, others which, as has been said, ob- may deem proper. (Signed) Frank

Department soon began to have misspied a loophole for along about as to this seemingly simple order, but which is just now causing some of on the right road to their destination orders which has ever been promul- perplexities somewhat in this wise: Santa Claus letters as a means of do- up in the office there and asking what

says that he is a philanthropist, but I don't know whether he is or not. What shall I do?

the unusual conditions governing the Santa Claus mail had not been taken flood of letters is the "postage due"

the captains of the postal cohorts to or else return them to the writers. It gated with reference to Santa Claus "I have an application for the Santa ing good. These childish appeals to should be done. Looking back upon

WHAT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM THAN A BOX OF



Distributing them to Philanthropists

until 1903 that a formal application ous folk to impersonate Santy. was made to the Post Office Depart- And just here attention may be ment to divert these unclaimed letters called to the fact that under the orto such an end. Then the matter was der of the Postmaster-General only referred to the legal experts of the letters addressed to Santa Claus government who declared that in their can be given to applicants. Thouopinion no such action could be taken sands upon thousands of what are, without imperiling that sancity of in effect Santa Claus letters are adthe mails of which Uncle Sam is so dressed to Kris Kringle or St. Nichoproud-that respect for the seal of las but these will have to be sent to the Post Office Department which pre. the Dead Letter Office in the regular scribes that not even a postmaster course for these are the names of nor yet the Postmaster-General him- persons, and the Department is not Moreover, no sooner was the ink self may open a sealed envelope after going to run any risks of giving out a dry on Mr. Hitchcock's new order it has been deposited in the mails, ex. citizen whose name bore a resemthat it became apparent that some of cept with the consent of the intended blance to that of the popular idol

recipient. This veto of the project stood uninto account. One factor that has questioned until Mr. Meyer, now added to the perplexities of the new Secretary of the Navy, was acting as son's photo car and have a photo of Roosevelt. Organizations and indi- one to your friends for Xmas. It will comparatively small portion of viduals in Mr. Meyer's home State, please them, and besides your bank Santy's correspondents place two cent Massachusetts, and elsewhere appealstamps on their letters. Many deem ed to him to allow them to use the made at Denson's photo car. He has a one cent stamp sufficient and a yet Santa Claus letters as a medium of a new line that are fine, but still adlarger proportion affix no stamp doing good and after obtained from heres to his motto; best photos, least whatever. Now under the postal reg- the Attorney-General of the United money. ulations no person can have posses- | States an opinion that allowed him sion of a letter on which full postage some latitude in the matter he finally has not been paid without making up issued in December, 1907, an order suit ready for Christmas. We can the shortage to the government. In very similar, but perhaps a trifle less show you a very choice line of patthe case of a person making applica- explicit than the one which has just terns. Collier the Tailor, 722 Ohio tion for only a few Santa Claus' let- been promulgated by Postmaster-Gen- avenue. ters this postage due would be a eral Hitchcock. The confusion and tur trival matter, but it might mean a moil that resulted at the postal headtidy sum to a charitable or benevo- quarters are almost indescriable To the stockholders of the First Nalent organization planning to handle The officials of the Dead Letter Office to whom it fell to reply to the tete-With the postal authorities wrest- grams and letters that poured in probably forgotten it | ceived from the Postmaster at Chica-

be remembered at the season of uni- this initial experiment Mr. Meyer versal good will have been crowding | said feelingly "Never again" and he the mail bags for Decembers farther issued the next year another order back than the oldest citizens can re- revoking his former order and dicall, and from time out of mind there recting that Santa Claus mail be dishave been suggestions that something posed of through the regular chanshould be done to answer to the pray. nels as formerly. This order has been ers of the poor tots who manifested in force until Mr. Hitchcock concludsuch sublime faith. It was not however ed to make a try at allowing gener-

Rockefeller's to have good photos

If you order now we can have your

tional Bank of Wichita Falls, Tex-

ling with the new scheme of finding from postmasters who wanted instruc- holders will be held at the banking the yulctide. Yet it may surprise decipherable or insufficient address his processors saw in the law only ions regarding it. It would require acceptable proxies for Santa Claus tions and advice, were almost disthere was naturally recalled to some tracted. The climax came on Christ- Wichita Falls, Texas, on Tuesday, of the officials a former experience, mas Eve, when a telegram was re- January 9, 1912, for the purpose of sovernment's greatest experts to the first week in November of this just as a sample it may be cited that but the Post Office Department made go, advised that 13,000 letters ad year, and such other business as may lt is Santa Claus' personal mail either set these derelicts of the mails year he issued one of the few official innumerable postmasters told of their one previous attempt to utilize the dressed to Santa Claus were stacked be presented to the stockholders.

\$10,000 IN GOLD

For the largest combined tields of

To E. S. Kovar, Favetteville, Faybushels of corn and 2.06 bales of cotton per acre, the first prize of \$1000 To Horace Dennis, Athens, Henderson county, who produced 35.52 bushels of corn and 2,326 bales of cotton per acre, the second prize of

To Roy Scott, Mt. Pleasant, Titus county, who produced 58.29 bushels of copy and 2.005 bales of cotton per acre, the third prize of \$500.

To Swann Haney, Tyler Smith county, who produced 58.5 bushels of corn and 1.955 bales of cotton per acre, the fourth prize of \$250.

To Olen W. Hunley, Buffalo, Freestone county, who produced 86,916 bushels of corn and 1.579 bales of cotton per acre; to Joe Vaidak. Merle, Burleson county who produced 101.055 bushels of corn and 1.29 bales of cotton per acre; to Emmett Allen, Lindale, Smith county, who produced 43.81 bushels of corn and 1.78 bales of cotton per acre; to Arthur Kloppenburg, Subline, Lavaca county, who produced 93.33 bushels of corn and 1.23 bales of cotton per acre; to Clifton Woodward, Tyler, Smith county who produced 53 bushels of corn and 1.475 bales of cotton per acre; to Gregg Easley, Pit Bridge, Burleson county, who produced 40.52 bushels of corn and 1.55 bases of cotton per acre; to Isador Kreneck, Lovelady, Houston county, who produced 34,868 bushels of corn and 1.602 bales of cotton per acre; to M. E. Eaten, Overton, Rusk county, who produced 50.15 bushels of corn and 1.328 bales of cotton per acre; to Joseph B.

ty, who produced 32.5 bushels of corn and 1,409 bales of cotton per acre and to Ezra Short, Grand Saline, Van Zandt county, who produced 36 bush-

gress and has submitted statements

ette county, who produced 115.625 as stated and to the acreage of the rect. crops and the conditions under which We further state that the names Signed:

berchantable corn and midaling cut- president of the congress, and W. C.

Stringer, Murchison, Henderson counof corn and 1.26 bales of cotton

sworn to before a notrary public, by yields and statements have been per- eral places of residence are unknown - Supt. Agricultural Extension Dept. himself and two disinterested wit sonally investigated by an inspector to us, each contestant's statement to State A. & M. College. nesses, making affidavit to the welds for the congress and found to be cor us by number only. Respectfully sub-

same were grown, and that these of the prize winners and their sev-

C. M. EVANS,

H. H. WILLIAMSON,

J. H. McLEOD, A. J. SMITH.

ed 12 sections of land near this city and especial attention will be given

to the raising of alfalfa.

THE QUALITY HAVANA CIGAR

W. T. Waggoner, a prominent citifor a consideration of \$90,000. Irri- zen of Fort Worth, and an old time gating wells will be put in at once resident of this section, passed through here this afternoon enroute back to Fort Worth, after attending to business in Electra.

"Who Can Beat It?"

This is the name we have selected for the coffee. It was submitted by Mrs. H. C. Luecke of 900 Brooke Street. We think it especially appropriate for "who can beat it?" We are sure we know of no one that can. We will keep the quality of this blend so high that the name will always be appropriate, and when you drink a cup of this blend you will say

"Who Can Beat It?"

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