

Castro Clothes Minister Bowen With Full Power to Effect Peace

It Is Now Believed That the Critical Phase of the Venezuelan Crisis Has Fully Passed--Berlin Says Diplomatic Insults Are Serious and Must Be Apologized For.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Castro has clothed Minister Bowen with full powers to effect a settlement with Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Mr. Bowen simply awaits the con-

sent of the state department to assume this task, assuming that nations named are willing that he shall undertake this work. It is now believed that the critical phase of the Venezuelan crisis has been passed.

GERMANY SAYS CASTRO MUST MAKE APOLOGY

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Aside from the financial claims mentioned in her ultimatum, Germany expects some form of an apology from Venezuela for the diplomatic insults, which the foreign office says are more serious and more gross than those which Great Britain claims. The foreign office is again calling attention to suspicions in the United

States least Germany should effect a landing in Venezuela, and says that retaliation of such suspicions ought to be forcible. A slender force is at the disposition of Germany. Scarcely 300 men could be spared from the squadron. It seems certain that arbitration will not be accepted though a refusal may be accompanied by fresh suggestions.

LONDON HAS SENT NO ANSWER TO VENEZUELA

LONDON, Dec. 18.—No answer has yet been sent or decided upon regarding the Venezuelan arbitration proposition. The cabinet met this afternoon to discuss the matter, but possibly nothing final will be arrived at today. The question of guarantee for fulfillment of decisions arrived at remains a great difficulty in the government's view of a way to the acceptance of arbitration.

SHE DIED IN GREAT AGONY

Texarkana Woman Suffers Lockjaw From a Nail in Her Foot
TEXARKANA, Tex., Dec. 18.—Mrs. John Bitner died in great agony at her home on County avenue today. Last Saturday she stepped on a nail, which penetrated the ball of her foot to the bone. Sunday night a violent fever set in, followed by lockjaw and convulsions, which continued at intervals to the end.

Have You Attended Our Great Christmas Cut Price Sale?

Don't Delay but hurry and get your share of the bargains offered during this sale. See a few of our prices

- Ladies' fleece lined Hose, heavy weight, worth 35c pair, choice 2 pair for 25c
- Ladies' Black Hose, white feet, worth 25c, choice, pair.. 10c
- Children's Heavy Ribbed Hose, worth 35c pair, at two pairs for 25c
- Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Underwear worth \$1.75 suit, at \$1.00
- Fancy Suspenders, worth from 35c to 50c, choice, each.. 25c
- Ladies' and Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs, regular prices 35c and 50c, choice 2 for 25c
- Ladies' Embroidered and Lace Handkerchiefs, worth 35c, at 2 for 25c
- Ladies' Union Suits, heavy weight, size from 4 to 6, worth \$1.35 each, special 50c
- Ladies' Undershirts, gray and white, regular 50c value, choice, now 25c
- Pure Linen Towels, 24x52, worth \$1.25, choice, pair... 50c
- Men's Negligee Shirts, worth \$1.00, choice 50c
- Ladies' Top Skirt, worth \$4.00, choice, each 2.00
- Another lot, worth \$4.50, choice, now 2.50
- Another lot, heavy weight, worth \$6.00, choice... 3.75
- Men's heavy sole Shoes, worth \$1.75, choice now 1.00
- Men's soft wool Hats, late shapes, worth \$1.50, at 50c
- Men's Wool Gloves, worth 50c, choice, pair 20c
- Pure Linen Table Cloths, worth \$2.50, choice 1.25
- White Dresser Scarfs, worth \$1.65, choice, now 50c
- Men's Heavy Pantalons, regular price \$1.75 to \$2.25, at 1.00

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DEWEY NOT TO GATHER FLEET AT LA GUAYRA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The most important developments of the Venezuelan situation over the night is a cablegram from Admiral Dewey, announcing a proposed itinerary of the vessels of his fleet during the Christmas holidays, from which it is clearly seen that the plan provides for no undue concentration of ships along the Venezuelan coast. Secretary Moody cabled the department's approval of his orders.

KILLED HIS SISTERS SWEETHEART AT DANCE

Young Alabama Follows That Crime by Fatally Slabbing His Mother
PAINT ROCK, Ala., Dec. 18.—Alva Wright, a young man of this place, while intoxicated, became enraged because his sister was keeping company with a young man named Robinson. Wright drew a knife and fatally stabbed Robinson and then fatally stabbed his own mother. The deed was committed at a dance and for a while great excitement prevailed. Wright was arrested and is strongly guarded.

ALABAMA PREACHER KILLED IN QUARREL

Differences Over a Load of Wood Led to Murder Near the Town of Decatur
DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 18.—Rev. S. A. Arthur, a Baptist minister, was killed by Casey Holland, a young farmer, near here. The two men quarreled over a load of wood and Holland struck Arthur on the head with a stick of wood, breaking his skull and causing his death. Holland made his escape.

WILL AGREE TO RESOLUTION

De Armond and McCall Bills Reported to the House
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mr. Hill of Illinois, from the committee of foreign affairs in the house, today reported back the De Armond and McCall resolutions calling on the secretary of state for facts in relation to the claims of Great Britain and Germany against Venezuela and a general statement of the diplomatic situation with reference to the Monroe doctrine. The recommendation of the committee will be adopted and agreed to.

SENATOR BAILEY WILL SPEAK

The Orator at the Grant Birthday Anniversary Celebration
GALVESTON, Ill., Dec. 18.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas has accepted an invitation of the Grant Birthday Association of Galena to deliver the annual address at the anniversary celebration April 27. Senator Bailey will follow a notable list of orators who have addressed the association, including McKinley, Roosevelt and Judge Spear of Georgia.

RUN DOWN BY THE KATY

Negro Meets His Death in the Yards at Taylor
TAYLOR, Tex., Dec. 18.—Jim Jackson, an old negro, was run down and killed here last night in the Katy yard by a switch engine. The body was horribly mangled and it was several hours before he was identified.

ASKS AID TO FIGHT WEEVIL

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 18.—Prof. Conell today issued an address calling on county judges and commercial clubs to assist in the boll weevil fight.

VENEZUELA'S STRENGTH

Four Hundred Thousand Soldiers Could Be Put in the Field
PARIS, Dec. 18.—M. Thiessen, formerly minister of France to Venezuela, who negotiated the convention of 1885, and who lived many years in Venezuela, has been interviewed concerning the situation there. He said: "Venezuela can put 400,000 men in the field and even foreigners there are liable for military service. The regular Venezuelan army numbers only 10,000 men. A number of younger officers received their education in the military schools of France and Germany. The Venezuelans are armed with Martini rifles, and have Krupp guns. They have no cavalry. Caracas is almost impregnable, owing to the fact that it is situated on the other side of a mountain range about 6,000 feet high. These mountains are impassable, except for steep mule paths, where twenty men could stop a whole regiment."

KATY ENGINE JUMPS TRACK, CAUSES DELAY

Heaviest Passenger Traffic Ever Known by the Road Reported From Denison
DENISON, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Katy is having the heaviest passenger business known, the last three trains from the north having brought in about 2,400 people. Two of the trains were double-headed. Katy engine No. 454, old No. 13, started north yesterday with thirteen loaded and thirteen empty cars. The engine jumped the track before she got out of the yards, blocking the main line for six hours.

LAYS TROUBLE TO RAILROADS

Foreigners Have Much Money Tied Up in Venezuela
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A special to the Chronicle from Springfield, Ohio, says: "Francis B. Loomis, United States minister to Portugal, has left here for New York city to sail for his post. Mr. Loomis formerly was minister to Venezuela. "The foreign-built railroad systems in Venezuela are largely responsible for the present trouble in that country," he said just before his departure.

LORENZ STRAIGHTENS OUT A CLUB FOOT

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Dr. Lorenz has for the first time since his arrival in New York operated on a club foot. The patient was a 4-year-old girl. Dr. Lorenz knaved and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft and pliable as a piece of putty. Then he deftly moulded it into its proper form, and announced that the operation was completed, and a plaster cast was fitted on the foot. The doctor said that the child should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days and that it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven months, after which she could walk. Four operations for congenital dislocations were performed and at their close Dr. Lorenz showed that he was a tired man.

NEW RECORD IN THE NEW YORK POSTOFFICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Mail money order records have been broken in the central postoffice, Wednesday's transactions amounting to \$1,488,741. This included money orders issued, both domestic and foreign, the certificates of deposit issued to out of town postmasters, money orders paid, and money order drafts.

Indeed, they can be said to be the primary causes of the matter. An inability on the part of the Venezuelan government to meet its obligations to German and English capitalists who had invested many millions of dollars, and the work of the revolutionists, who had greatly damaged these lines and in many cases wholly prevented traffic, added crisis to crisis until the present trouble came as a natural climax, bringing war upon that government.

The conditions I have enumerated have been largely responsible for the hostile feeling between the nations of Europe and Venezuela and a person who is familiar with South American affairs can readily appreciate the different steps leading up to the present outbreak.



Special Holiday Reduction on Ladies' Imported Costumes

EXCEPTIONAL PRICE REDUCTION

Handsome Evening and Reception Gowns—exclusive styles—perfect in style, loveliness and workmanship—Crepe de Chine Costume, regular price was \$125.00—Christmas Special..... \$85.00
Beautiful Gown of Paris Veiling, reduced from \$85.00 to..... \$65.00
Embroidered Mousseline de Soie Robes — masterpieces of French modistes. Colorings, canary, light blue and white Special \$42.00

Holiday Reduction Blk. Silk Skirts

Handsome trimmed black Taffeta Silk Skirts, sold at \$22.50 and \$26.50, Special \$18.50
Black Taffeta Silk Skirts, the \$12.50 and \$16.50 values, Special \$9.95

Christmas Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, all linen, sheer medium cloth, hemstitched, open and spare worked letters, small and medium size letters, 3 in a fancy box, for..... \$1.00
Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered, best needlework that could be obtained in France, Switzerland and Ireland, done on fine linen, both scalloped and hemstitched borders, thousands of patterns, enough to satisfy the most critical buyer, at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 up to each \$10.00
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, plain and initial, at 25c, 50c and..... 75c
Ladies' Duchess Lace Handkerchiefs, dainty and sheer, each \$4.50, \$5.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.50

Holiday Sale of Furs

Good quality Black and Brown Marten Cluster Scarfs..... \$3.50
Fine quality Black and Brown Marten, Fox, etc., \$7.50 and..... \$5.00
Extra values in Cluster Scarfs—the large, full tails, fine grade of fur at \$12.50 and \$10.00
Handsome Furs at \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 and..... \$35.00

Children's Furs

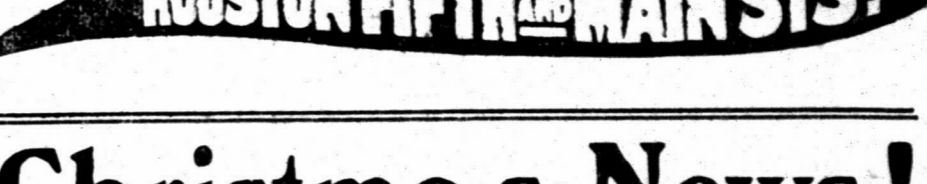
Angora Sets, \$2.25 and \$3.50
Crimmer Sets, \$3.75 and \$4.75
Ermine Sets, \$2.25 and \$3.50
Thibet Sets, for \$3.50

NO PLANS AS YET FOR BLOCKADE OF PORT

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—It is not settled whether a notification of the commencement of a blockade at Venezuela will be made public at Berlin and London simultaneously or to take the form of a communication from the two commanders of the squadron to the Venezuelan authorities. The publication will apparently be delayed a day or two.

SAY THORNTON IS INNOCENT ORDER OF FRIENDS INSOLVENT

Jury Brings in a Verdict in a Murder Case
AMARILLO, Tex., Dec. 18.—The jury in the case of the State of Texas vs. T. J. Thornton, charged with the murder of Sam Gregory in Briscoe county, returned a verdict of not guilty.



Christmas News!

Marconigram from the senior member of the firm of S. Claus & Co., this morning, advises everybody to go to "The Fair" which is headquarters of his firm in Fort Worth, where you will find "the biggest line ever" of—well, everything for everybody.

Dolls and Toys, Books and Games, Art China, Cut Glass, Silverware, Sterling Silver Novelties, Solid Gold Jewelry, Pyrographic Novelties, Beautiful Pictures, Leather Goods, Pocket Books, Toilet Sets, Handkerchiefs, Rich Furs, Beautiful Waists, Tailor Made Suits, Eiderdown, Lounging Robes, Fancy Silk Umbrellas, Kid Glove, Ribbons, Silk Shawls, Fascinators, Sofa Pillow Tops, Fancy Baskets, Wash Baskets, Jardiniere, Statuary, Fancy Vases, Gift Perfumes, many Novelties in Pen Trays, Cushions, Ink Stands, etc., Opal Glass Ware, Onyx Tables, Brunt Wood Tables, Tabourets, in fact, presents for everybody at every price.

NOTE.—We are, of course, crowded these hurried days; and advise all to shop in the forenoon if possible; a sufficient number of competent clerks to wait on you promptly and intelligently.

FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

We Shall Have on Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday About

65 Ladies' handsome stylish Jackets, in all shades, and every one this season's style; these are not Monte Carlo Jackets and we will be frank to say that Monte Carlo Jackets are what the people have been buying from us. However, as we said above, every one of these Jackets is this season's style, every one is stylish, but nevertheless we are stuck on them.

We don't wish to be stuck on them long and are willing to take a loss now. Here is what we offer:

32 VERY HANDSOME JACKETS worth \$15.00, \$17.50 and \$20.00, the price we make means quite a loss to us. But we have to take it on sale, each \$9.10

33 EXTRA FINE JACKETS every one stylish, and all \$10.00 and \$12.50 garments; we have no use for them, on sale, each..... \$6.95

Our Toy Department

We call particular attention to the very low prices we make on fine Dolls; we positively sell Dolls a great deal cheaper than they can be purchased elsewhere.

See our 25c, 39c, 48c, 98c and \$2.00 Dolls and be convinced.

Handsome display of popular Toys in our main store, 1302, 1304 and 1306 Main street, at exceedingly low prices. To buy Toys from us means to save money.

MONNIG'S

1302-1304-1306 MAIN STREET.

COURTS HAVE LITTLE BUSINESS

JURY STILL OUT IN THE LINTHICUM DAMAGE CASE

NO NEW ACTIONS FILED

Only One Suit Set for Next Week in the Forty-eighth District Tribunal.

Very little of public interest transpired at the courthouse today. Up to a late hour this afternoon the jury was still out in the case of Mrs. Mary E. Linticum against the Fort Worth and Denver Railway Company...

In the County Court Before Judge Milam in the county court an action brought by W. M. Trammell, a dairyman south of town, against the Houston and Texas Central railway is on trial.

John Phelan, an alleged thief, captured at Avalon, Ellis county, by Sheriff Cunningham of Taylor county, was brought to Fort Worth last evening and spent the night in the jail.

DEPUTY SCOTT MAKES A QUICK RECOVERY

New Assistant of Sheriff Honea Gets Valuable Overcoat After Litter Search Deputy Sheriff Scott, one of Sheriff Honea's new assistants, made a quick recovery of a valuable overcoat this morning, and incidentally got a strong clue to an overcoat and general sneak thief who has been working in the vicinity of St. Louis avenue and Tucker street.

Right before last, someone stole a silk umbrella from the front hallway of Mrs. Smithley, of 100 St. Louis avenue, and last night Assistant City Ticker Agent B. T. Scott of the Santa Fe and Houston and Texas Central, had an interesting experience. He reached his home at 106 St. Louis avenue about 6:15, hung his overcoat and hat in the hall, and went into the dining room.

PLAN TO GIVE THEM A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sons of Veterans Will Help the Aged and Infirm Confederate Soldiers of the City Commander O. W. Gillespie of camp No. 239, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, has issued the following order: "Following is the list of United Sons of Confederate Veterans appointed to assist a like committee from the United Confederate Veterans to solicit subscriptions to purchase presents for the indigent members of the R. E. Lee camp."

It is expected that the members of this committee will meet as soon as possible and take steps toward some definite plan of action in this matter. It is hoped to have the work done between now and Christmas and the first efforts will probably be made within the next few days.

Real Estate Transfers G. M. Dodge to Fort Worth and Denver Railway Company, strip of land parallel with railroad tracks through sections 47 and 74, block 18, H. & G. N. tract, Hall county; \$1 and other considerations.

G. M. Dodge to Fort Worth and Denver Railway Company, strip of land parallel with railroad through section 31, block 13, H. & T. C. lands in Wilbarger county; \$1 and other considerations.

Alliance Trust Company to D. K. Marsh, lot 2, block 1, Smith & Hirschfield's addition; \$600.

J. W. Powell to D. R. Marsh, half of lot 3, block 1, Smith & Hirschfield's addition; \$500. D. Portwood to D. R. Marsh, lot 13, block 1, Twambly's addition; \$500.

SAY LINE IS NOW ABANDONED

REPORT THAT TRACTION COMPANY HAVE GIVEN UP ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

CARS CEASE RUNNING

At Least That Is the Statement Made By Residents of the Suburbs—Verification of Company's Intentions not Obtainable Owing to Absence of Proper Officials

Residents in Arlington Heights report that the street car line leading to their suburb has not been in operation for three days past, and that there is every indication of its abandonment by the Northern Texas Traction Company.

For months past cars of a very dilapidated quality have been in operation on the road and these, it is alleged, have entirely discontinued their trips. One by one they are being taken apart and the woodwork is being burned up while the trucks are being taken to the company's depot.

At the office of the Northern Texas Traction Company, it was learned that General Manager Haines was not in the city, and the intention of the company in regard to the line could not be verified.

As there is a forfeiture of franchise connected with the failure to operate the Arlington Heights line, the report that the Northern Texas Traction Company had refused to continue running the cars at all unless a sufficient guarantee were furnished, seems to have good grounds for credence.

AT THE LOCAL STOCKYARDS

Receipts by Roads Twenty-eight steers, from E. L. Riddle of Cananah, via Fort Worth and Denver City; twenty-seven head of cattle, from J. M. C. of Itasca, via Katy; twenty-five head of cattle, from H. Riley of Beville, via Katy; twenty-nine head of cattle, from W. J. Dawson of Vernon, via Cotton Belt; three calves and thirty head of cattle, from G. W. Elbert of Dallas, via Texas and Pacific; thirty head of cattle, from W. G. Mett, of Eastland, via Texas and Pacific; twenty-six head of cattle, one calf, from J. W. Davis of Abilene, via Texas and Pacific; twenty-six head of cattle, from W. R. Moore of Frisco, via Frisco; thirty-four head of cattle, from T. M. Hood of Frisco, via Frisco; 204 head of cattle, from W. G. C. of Paul's Valley, via Santa Fe; seventy-five head of hogs, from J. King of Maples, via Cotton Belt; thirty-six head of hogs, from Waggoner & Moore of Decatur.

Representative Sales Thirty-four cows, total weight 25,160 pounds, at \$2.10; thirty-six head of cattle, 28,310 pounds, at \$2.30; two head of cattle, 1,900 pounds, at \$2.50; 1 steer, 870 pounds, at 2 cents; twenty-seven head of cattle, 25,430 pounds, at \$2.50; six head of cattle, 5,700 pounds, at \$2.50; thirty head of cattle, 24,020 pounds, at \$2.00; thirty head of cattle, 24,400 pounds, at \$2.00; eighty hogs, 18,730 pounds, at \$5.95; sixty-six hogs, 14,020 pounds, at \$5.77; thirty-four hogs, 7,000 pounds, at \$5.80; eighty-two hogs, 16,480 pounds, at \$5.80; eighty-five hogs, 14,980 pounds, at \$5.75; thirty-six hogs, 6,670 pounds, at \$5.75.

EARTHQUAKE WAS DISASTROUS

Definite Information of Catastrophe Which Befell Andijan TASHKEND, Asiatic Russia, Dec. 18.—Three officials, two soldiers and a hundred and fifty natives, mostly children, were killed by the earthquake which destroyed the town of Andijan Tuesday. In addition 500 natives and seventeen soldiers were injured, and 9,000 houses of natives and 130 Russian residences destroyed.

Daughters Will Meet

A meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy is called for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the courthouse.

SPECIAL RATES VIA M.K. & T. RY.

\$1.60 to Galveston and return account San Wall Carnival Tickets, on sale December 14 to 19, final limit for return, December 21.

To points in Texas, rate of one and one-third fare to stations within distance of 100 miles and rate of one fare plus ten per cent for points beyond. Tickets on sale December 17, 21, 22, 23 and 25, 1902, and January 1, 1903. Final limit for return, January 3, 1903.

Tickets will also be sold on same dates and same basis, as authorized to Texas points, to Indian Territory and Oklahoma points within two hundred miles from selling station.

A Timely Topic

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold.

Don't be imposed upon by taking substitutes offered for Foley's Honey and Tar.

It is proposed to carry letter boxes on the Sunderland, English, tramway cars.

JUDGE CLANCY A TRAGEDY

Of Hornellsville, N. Y., Hands Down An Important Decision.

In the case of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy against Blood and Liver trouble, Judge James H. Clancy of Hornellsville, N. Y., and one of the most prominent members of the bar in that historic town, decided recently that as against Blood and Liver troubles, Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy was worthy of the highest praise.

"I have used Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy and strongly recommend it for its good effect in my case for liver trouble and blood disorder. It built me right up and I improved greatly in health."

Geo. H. Tift, of 878 River street, Troy, N. Y., suffered from liver trouble and his blood was all out of order and after using 'Favorite Remedy,' has this to say:

"From any one suffering from that run down or tired out feeling, caused by blood or liver trouble, Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the best medicine you can buy. I have used it and I know."

The one sure cure for diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and blood, rheumatism, dyspepsia and chronic constipation, is Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. It has cured in many cases where all else has failed.

It matters not how sick you are, how long you have suffered, or how many physicians have failed to help you, Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy will cure you if a cure is possible.

All druggists sell Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy in the new 50 cent size and the regular \$1.00 size bottles.

Sample bottles—enough for trial, free by mail. Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Roundout, N. Y.

DR. RILEY RETURNS TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Baptist Evangelist Leaves for His Home After a Successful Series of Revivals in This City

Dr. R. B. Riley, of Minneapolis, Minn., who has been in charge of the series of revival meetings at the First Baptist church, left for his home last evening, accompanied by his wife, who was with him here. Dr. Riley created a very favorable impression by his eloquence and earnestness while here, and the First Baptist church has been materially aided in increase of membership by his efforts.

Dr. Riley visited and made a short but very impressive talk to the students of Draughon's Business college yesterday morning.

He spoke briefly on the following difficulties in the way of a pupil's progress: Bad association, inheritance, want of habits of study, and last but not least, the proper ambition at the proper age.

Rev. Gillon, of the Broadway Baptist church, this city, who accompanied Dr. Riley, followed the address by giving the pupils a kind and pressing invitation to attend his church on Sunday, as his sermon will be principally for young people.

CARRIED A \$350,000 POLICY

Dead Man at Louisville Had Ample Protection

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 18.—Developed today that R. C. Wayne, the Louisville business man who was found dead with a gunshot wound in his breast, carried \$350,000 life insurance.

BRAKEMAN'S LIFE CRUSHED OUT

George Schreeder Killed in Santa Fe CLEBURNE, Tex., Dec. 18.—Brakeman George Schreeder of Temple was killed in the Santa Fe yards here this morning. He fell under moving cars and his head was crushed to a jelly.

The New York Central Spirit

The spirit of accommodating the public seems to be the keynote for the New York Central railroad. A trip anywhere where our popular line will convince the most blasé traveler on that point. Every employee seems to have caught the spirit of accommodation, of being obliging and making friends for the big company he is working for, and from the highest official to the lowest employe, "New York Central" employees impress patrons as being high grade gentlemen and very desirous of making the traveler's journey such a pleasure that he will come again and again. Ticket and baggage agents, trainmen and porters can smile or ruff one's temper so easily! When you are given the impression there is nothing too good for you, whether you are traveling five or five hundred miles, that road certainly possesses the first big right to be popular.

Free smooth tracks all the way from Buffalo to New York, over which a score of fast modern equipped trains, including the Empire State Express and the Twentieth Century Limited, run every day, surely shows a popular road. So do red-capped porters in stations, excellent dining car service and all the modern equipments for enjoyable traveling.

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RAIN DELAYED IF IT WILL COME AT ALL

Storm Is Moving Eastward Very Slowly and Has to Cross Almost the Entire State.

The rain predicted for us this afternoon or evening, yesterday morning, (a rather complicated chronological situation), may not get here till tomorrow.

This delightfully vague forecast as regards time, sums up today's weather conditions in an area of low pressure like the one which caused the disagreeable weather Saturday and Sunday last, is coming eastward slowly from the Pacific slope. This morning the rain which preceded the low pressure area had only reached El Paso, so it will be delayed if it gets here at all. There is a chance it may slide off towards the northeast, but increasing cloudiness this afternoon rather favors Observer Reeder's official forecast, that of probable rain tomorrow morning. Here is the official summary:

Weather Conditions The Pacific storm which was off the lower California coast yesterday morning has moved eastward, and at 8 o'clock this morning was apparently central some distance south of El Paso, in Chihuahua, Mexico. The results so far are not noticeable, except heavy rains in lower California; the storm is moving slowly eastward, with the rain area extending to El Paso; it is moderate in extent and energy. The weather elsewhere is generally fair and cold, except that it is slowly moderating in Texas with increasing cloudiness; the temperature has risen above the freezing point at all stations in the state.

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COLQUITT AS CHAIRMAN

Executive Committee Will Transact All Necessary Work and Aid Will Be asked of Legislature and Congress

Dallas, Dec. 18.—The convention called to consider the best method of dealing with the boll weevil question was called to order in the city hall auditorium at 11 o'clock a. m. yesterday by President Steinmann of the Dallas Commercial club. There were fully 300 representative planters, business men and agricultural writers present. After a few welcoming remarks Mr. Steinmann introduced Henry D. Lindsley of this city, chairman of the arrangement committee. After a brief speech, Mr. Lindsley introduced Hon. O. B. Colquitt of Terrell, railroad commissioner-elect, as permanent chairman. J. G. Hunter of Dallas was chosen permanent secretary and Frank H. Bailey of Paris assistant secretary.

Chairman Colquitt called attention to the fact that the United States senate had voted an appropriation of \$500,000 with which to eradicate the hoof and mouth disease from New England, and thought it was time the Texas legislature and congress were doing likewise to exterminate the boll weevil from Texas. If this weevil is not stamped out, said the speaker, the pest will enter Louisiana, then cross the Mississippi river, and the entire south would suffer. On motion of Judge George N. Aldridge of Dallas the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five on resolutions and another committee on legislation, to be composed of one member from each senatorial district.

The resolutions committee is composed of A. J. Beall of Ellis, chairman; Clarence Stewart of Tarrant, H. P. Brelsford of Eastland, Jeff Austin of Burleson, M. E. Bonner of Limestone, Shell Brown of Titus. On motion a committee on permanent organization, consisting of one member from each congressional district, was appointed, as follows: First—J. H. O'Neal, Lamar. Second—E. T. Frye, Harrison. Third—J. S. Grianan, Terrell. Fourth—E. W. Kirkpatrick, Collin. Fifth—J. S. Davis, Ellis. Sixth—G. T. Jester, Navarro. Seventh—S. D. Barnes, Trinity. Eighth—H. B. Aatwater, Harris. Ninth—C. H. Allen, Fayette. Tenth—J. M. Hale, Burleson. Eleventh—A. R. McCollum, McLennan. Twelfth—L. B. Truelove, Johnson. Thirteenth—J. P. Lillard, Guadalupe. Fourteenth—J. A. Kemp, Wichita Falls.

Fifteenth—T. J. Barnett, Jones. The following composed the legislative committee, each senatorial district being entitled to a representative: First—Howard O'Neil, Cass. Second—G. Shaw, Red River. Third—W. Bramlett, Fannin. Fourth—R. A. Smith, Grayson. Fifth—J. D. Cottrell, Collin. Sixth—J. Moroney, Dallas. Seventh—Gee Taylor, Smith. Eighth—R. T. Miller, Rusk. Ninth—W. F. Colquitt, Navarro. Tenth—R. P. Edgington, Hill. Eleventh—W. S. Conolly, Falls. Twelfth—J. K. Parker, Brazos. Thirteenth—J. H. Reagan, Anderson. Fourteenth—I. T. Garrison, Nacogdoches. Fifteenth—J. G. Palmer, Walker. Sixteenth—W. D. Cleveland, Harris. Seventeenth—John Moler, Galveston. Eighteenth—J. Walters, Fayette. Nineteenth—A. G. Murray, Caldwell. Twentieth—C. Senner, Williamson. Twenty-first—J. D. Sayers, Bastrop. Twenty-second—F. B. Landers, Victoria. Twenty-third—J. B. Wells, Cameron. Twenty-fourth—W. C. Robards, Bexar. Twenty-fifth—A. J. Baker, Tom Green. Twenty-sixth—H. P. Brelsford, Eastland. Twenty-seventh—W. T. Shannon, Bell. Twenty-eighth—Twenty-ninth—Thirtieth—Thirty-first—H. S. Moran, Parker. Committee on permanent organization recommended the following executive committee: George N. Aldridge, George T. Jester, E. S. Peters, W. D. Hunter, E. W. Kirkpatrick, A. H. O'Neil, W. H. Riven, John Schumaker and J. H. Connell. The executive committee will have in charge the establishment of a state organization, local organizations under same, and a state headquarters. To it will be referred all future matters pertaining to the boll weevil situation, and from it will be distributed general information and literature on the subject. To it will also be referred all remedies or machines of any kind suggested.

The chairman announced that Professors W. D. Hunter, United States entomologist, and R. W. Malley, E. Oswalt

Sanderson, state entomologist; J. H. Connell of the state farmers' institute and W. D. Gibbs of the agricultural and mechanical college would address the meeting.

Professor Hunter spoke of the history of the boll weevil, saying it first began operations in Texas in 1894, crossing the Rio Grande river at Brownsville. In 1895 it got as far north as San Antonio and as far east as Wharton. At the present time the territory affected is bounded roughly on the north by a line drawn from Palestine to Waco, on the east by the valley of the Trinity river, and on the west by the limit of cotton culture. This includes fully one-half of the total cotton-producing area of Texas. The situation is more serious on account of the fact that the most productive counties are included in the infested territory. Of the twenty-five counties that annually produce 25,000 bales or more, seventeen are now concerned. Statistics show that in these counties the devastation of the weevil has caused the amount of land required to produce a bale to be fully doubled. Where it formerly required on an average of 2.3 acres to produce a bale of staple it now requires at least 4.5 acres.

In all the area occupied at the present time the insect displays no signs of dying out, though there are instances easily accounted for where there has been a temporary diminution of its numbers.

Professor Malley declared state and national experts agreed on the destructiveness of the boll weevil. He dwelt at length upon the necessity of legislation, both state and national.

Professor Connell in his speech summarized the control of the pest from nearly every standpoint, as follows: Poisons, which include arsenicals and fumigation. Lights. Cultural methods—early maturing varieties, feeding off, cleaning land of trash, winter plowing, picking up squares, trap cotton. Insect enemies of the boll weevil. Fungus enemies. Bird enemies.

Professor Sanderson made an appeal for organized effort to destroy the boll weevil.

Professor Aatwater protested against the slaughter of birds, and insisted they were deadly enemies of the weevil.

Professor Gibbs said the loss to agricultural products annually in this state amounted to nearly \$75,000,000. The desire of these interests to get together and to pursue a plan of action calculated to produce satisfactory results in combating the insect pests which have attacked cotton was shown in the formation of a permanent organization with an executive committee designed to pass upon methods devised for cotton culture, to give publicity to such methods as are found valuable and to urge the adoption of such methods.

The work which is set out for this committee is quite fully expressed in a series of resolutions adopted by the convention. These resolutions also call on the United States government and the state government to make liberal appropriations for the purpose of investigation and to institute measures for the vigorous prosecution of the work. The state legislature is asked to appropriate the funds asked for by the state entomologist; also to appropriate the \$10,000 additional as an emergency fund to be used in the further prosecution of the work, if it appears to be necessary, the determination of this question to be left to the board of the agricultural and mechanical college. The resolutions further call upon the legislature to divorce the agricultural department from the "insurance, statistics and history" work and to set it up as a full-fledged department with proper financial support. The legislature is also asked to enact laws for the protection of insectivorous birds.

Following the adoption of these resolutions, reported by the committee on resolutions, a resolution was offered from the floor of the convention, asking the legislature to pass a law prohibiting the killing of all birds "from the humming bird to the buzzard" for a term of ten years. The discussion upon this resolution developed the idea that no legislation upon this subject will prove effective if any exceptions whatsoever are made. It is of interest, in this connection, to state that the cattlemen of Texas have gone on record as favoring the extermination of the buzzard. This bird has been protected for many years, because of its service as a scavenger. Recently the idea has obtained that the buzzard is responsible for the spread of anthrax and other cattle diseases. Hence, the proposition that be placed upon the free list. The theory that this bird is responsible for the spread of the diseases mentioned is resisted in some quarters, as was evidenced by the action taken in the boll weevil convention.

A number of members elect of the incoming legislature will be in attendance.

COAL OPERATORS.

They Have Opened Their Side Before the Strike Commission

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 18.—The anthracite coal operators opened their side of the controversy with the mine workers Wednesday before the strike commission and the attorneys who are on record before the commission as representing the non-union men who have been admitted to the arbitration scheme. The sessions were the liveliest yet held by the commission. In the afternoon Lawyer Darrow had a spirited discussion with Chairman Gray as to whether or not the miners had a right to know who is paying the law before the commission, Mr. Darrow asserting that they were employed by the coal operators.

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FIRST SHIP SENT TO BOWEN

ADMIRAL GETS WORD FROM THE NAVY DEPARTMENT

VAN DUSEN TO CARACAS

American Minister to Have Assistance and a Dispatch Boat—Uncle Sam Will Observe the War Blockade

Washington, Dec. 18.—The following cablegram was sent by the navy department to Admiral Dewey, in command of the combined fleets, addressed to San Juan:

"Send competent officer with dispatch in torpedo boat destroyer or other vessel to Caracas as assistant to American minister."

The following cablegram also was sent to Commander Diehl of the Marietta, now lying at La Guayra:

"Send Van Dusen (executive officer of the Marietta) as assistant to the American minister temporarily."

The officer from Dewey's fleet will relieve Lieutenant Commander Van Dusen, who was only an hour distant from Caracas when he arrived on the scene. While no explanation is given for the above orders, it is believed these measures are being taken to guard against an interruption in the cable connecting Mr. Bowen with his home government.

It was stated at the navy department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has nearly all of the English residents in Caracas domiciled in the American legation and is feeding them from his own table.

As for the torpedo boat destroyer, it is pointed out that it will serve as a dispatch boat to keep Mr. Bowen in touch with the nearest cable station to La Guayra, which can be relied upon to transmit messages to Washington in case the LaGuayra cable is cut as an incident to the blockade. No further orders than that the above went forward to Admiral Dewey.

There will be no effort on the part of this government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuelan coast as against merchant ships. Custom requires that the due notice shall be given of the blockade, and that taken in connection with the declarations that have been made in the British parliament by the authorized representatives of the British government it will be understood to be sufficient to justify neutral nations in the understanding that a state of war does not actually exist. This might in the end require the issue of a proclamation of neutrality by President Roosevelt, but this, it is stated, would not be timely now.

SAME VIEW.

Premier Balfour Ridiculed the Idea of a "Peaceful Blockade."

LONDON, Dec. 18.—"If the seizure of Venezuelan gunboats does not result as we all hope, it will be necessary to proceed to a blockade."

In the speech in the house of commons Wednesday during which Premier Balfour made the above statement he conveyed the impression of possible, through as yet unnecessary further hostilities, but also that arbitration on the same basis might be accepted.

Immediately after having spoken these words the premier said that in the event of a blockade no difference would be made between the ships of neutral powers, who would not be consulted. He then ridiculed the idea of a "peaceful blockade." When he said, "I think it quite likely that the United States government would not think there is such a thing as a peaceful blockade and I personally take the same view that evidently a blockade does involve a state of war," the house expressed its approval. Throughout the discussion the tenor of questions and answers showed regard for the views of the United States.

Considered Inadequate.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadequate guaranteed as it is to pay if the arbitrators decide against him and a reply in that sense has been or will be sent through Minister Bowen. Great Britain will make a similar answer. These statements are not made officially, but are derived from an excellent source.

Indications Favor Yielding.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the allies. The leading citizens of Caracas have addressed a joint note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to United States Minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present difficulty. Over 200 signed the note.

Arbitration Decided On.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on. United States Minister Bowen undoubtedly will be one of the arbitrators. The government fears that the coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

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If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking the great kidney remedy, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, because as soon as your kidneys are well they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for many kinds of diseases, and if permitted to continue much suffering with fatal results are sure to follow. Kidney trouble irritates the nerves, makes you dizzy, restless, sleepless, and irritable. Makes you pass water often during the day and obliges you to get up many times during the night. Unhealthy kidneys cause rheumatism, gravel, catarrh of the bladder, pain or dull ache in the back, joints and muscles; makes your head ache and back ache, causes indigestion, stomach and liver trouble, you get a sallow, yellow complexion, makes you feel as though you had heart trouble; you may have plenty of ambition, but no strength; get weak and waste away.

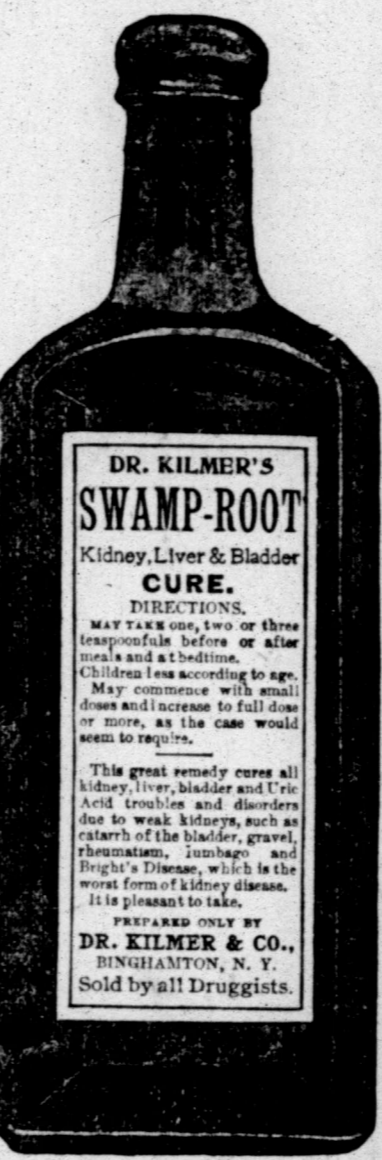
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If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand twenty-four hours. If on examination it is milky or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling, or if small particles float about in it, your kidneys are in need of immediate attention.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is used in the leading hospitals, recommended by physicians in their private practice, and is taken by doctors themselves who have kidney ailments, because they recognize in it the greatest and most successful remedy for kidney, liver and bladder troubles.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you can purchase the regular fifty-cent and one-dollar bottles at the drug stores everywhere. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

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HARD TIMES HAVE HIT ENGLAND'S CHRISTMAS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The most reliable estimates place England's Christmas spendings at considerably less than a year ago as a result of the business depression, which is becoming more pronounced each day. This decrease, however, is said to be accompanied only by a reduction in value, indications showing that there will be no diminution in volume. Merchants declare that this is conclusive evidence that the hard times have affected both the masses and the classes, all of whom, while intent on perpetuating the traditional splendor of the English holiday season, have found it necessary to indulge themselves on a considerably cheaper basis. The absence of many notable society folks, who have gone to India for the Durbar, and of a still larger number who have fled to the Riviera for the season is making itself felt in the west end shops. As usual at this time of the year the curbs throughout the city are lined with hawkers, ranging from old men to mere babies. The merchants have drawn their recruits for holiday time largely from families whose regular means of breadwinning in shop and factory have vanished.

SOUTHERNERS GUESTS AT CHICAGO DINNER

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—As another step in the active campaign that is being waged to promote pleasant trade relations between Chicago and the south a notable dinner will be given tonight by the Chicago business men who recently made a tour of Texas and other states of the south and the southwest. Gov. Sayers of Texas, Gov. Heard of Louisiana and Gov. Longino of Mississippi, together with a number of representative business men of the three states, have accepted invitations to the dinner.

ENGLAND EXPORTS 170,000 PLUM PUDDINGS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—It is estimated that during the past two or three weeks the steamships leaving England have carried upward of 500 tons of plum pudding, or, roughly speaking, about 170,000 puddings. To an Englishman a Christmas dinner without plum pudding would be like a production of Hamlet without the melancholy Dane, and the Briton's weakness in this particular is one that always sticks to him, even though he migrates to the end of the earth. As the holiday season approaches each year tons of festive pudding find their way from London all over the world. A large proportion are sent as Christmas presents to friends in the United States. Many hundreds of them go to Canada, Australia and South Africa. The puddings are packed in tins and sent by parcels post as a rule. An interview with the manager of the best known firm of plum-pudding makers develops that many more plum puddings are being sent to the United States this year than heretofore, owing to the abolition of the duty of nearly 50 per cent, which formerly prevailed. The orders come from all parts of America, several having come from as far west as San Francisco and Seattle.

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FORT WORTH, TEX., DEC. 18, 1902.

There is only one cigar worse than the one before election and that is the after-election kind.

Now that the Democratic primaries have been settled the country can again resume its preparations for Christmas.

To many a small boy the story of "the star in the East" near Christmas time suggests nothing so much as a magic lantern.

There are a good many fond husbands of Fort Worth who are willing to agree that the bazaar was an invention of the unspeakable Turk.

There are not a few small Fort Worth boys in whose minds there is a sort of hazy suspicion that after all Saint Nick and Nick Carter must be very closely related.

The Telegram keeps on booming every day. Circulation is growing and so is the paper's reputation for doing things. Keep your eye on The Telegram. Watch it grow.

With the announcement that a branch of the federal judiciary will be established in this city, several "young and promising" lawyers of the city have again taken courage and are hoping for the best.

If the Monroe doctrine really needs to go into dry dock to be overhauled and put in repair the work should be done at a time when there is no immediate possibility that it may have to be sent into action.

Total fire losses in Fort Worth during the past year were \$4,000 less than the wages paid to the members of the fire department, a showing which is equalled by no city in Texas. The firemen deserved that raise in wages.

Along about this time of the year young men are apt to be haunted by a wish that they had not been quite so friendly with quite so many nice girls during the past season. Christmas would make a monogamist of most any man.

Who can say but that a hundred years from now the name of Dr. Adolph Lorenz, who has brought health and happiness to some few score children by his marvelous skill, will not be higher in the halls of fame than that of the most profound investigator of the age? After all it is the man of science who does things which wins the world's deepest and most lasting respect.

It is not a tribute to the intelligence of the present times that the only great writers, poets, painters, preachers, musicians and actors are the ones who have succeeded in befuddling the critics and creating a diversity of opinion as regards their real worth. People may some day be forced back to the old and cruel, but nevertheless effective method of letting a man be dead a hundred years before his work be accepted as standard.

Eastern newspapers are wrought up over disclosures regarding the practice of insuring children, which have come to light with the mysterious deaths of a number of minors on whom there were insurance policies. The ancient heathen who sacrificed their infants in arms to the fiery Moloch were not half so bad as the modern brutes who would insure a child's life and then cause its death to secure the benefit.

The fact that we are not all equal sharers in health and wealth and heart's ease is what makes Christmas and the Christmas idea so precious to us. There is none of us that has not something to bestow. Money can do much; it does do a great deal, but not everything. A Christmas wish uttered from the heart conveys more cheer than the costliest thing that is given,

mayhap, to pay off an old score. Even those who are forlorn, who have no money, who cannot leave their sick rooms may add a good deal to the sunshine of the Christmas season by the spirit in which they receive the gifts and Christmas greetings of their neighbors. The main thing in the coming days is not to forget what Christmas signifies; that it is not the old pagan Saturnalia of self-indulgence, but the new Christian festival of forgetfulness of self and good will to all the world.

THEY DESERVE HELP

Never have the benevolently inclined people of Fort Worth been afforded a better opportunity to aid in a worthy cause than at the present time, when both the Christian Volunteers and the Salvation Army are appealing to them for assistance. It is not self-interest which prompts the members of these organizations to ask the public for help. Their united aim is to disseminate charity—not of the cold, perfunctory variety which has for its object the mere giving of alms to some unfortunate, but the sort which seeks to strew flowers in the pathway of those not favored by a superabundance of this world's goods. That a little Christmas cheer may help to lighten the burdens which many of the poor in this city are called upon to bear, they are providing for the holidays. As a means of entertainment for the children, the Volunteers have arranged for a Christmas festival and will have a tree, with presents for the little ones, providing that public generosity is sufficiently manifest. Clothing will also be distributed among the needy, so that they will not have to suffer from the cold. The Army has undertaken the task of feeding a hungry multitude and should be encouraged with liberal contributions for that purpose. Let those who have plenty and to spare donate so generously that the feast will never be forgotten.

While it is fit and proper that the more fortunate learn to expect presents at Yuletide, let them not forget that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

By consulting The Telegram of yesterday and the day previous all who desire to aid in the work may learn where the contributions should be sent.

Storyettes

Judge George Gray, chairman of President Roosevelt's anthracite arbitration commission, likes to tell a story, especially if it has a fact for foundation, and his favorite has to do with the rule of railroad companies that only children under 6 years of age can ride free. One day when he was going from his home to Washington, while he was still a senator, Mr. Gray overheard this conversation between the conductor and the occupant of the seat behind him: "Pretty big girl to be traveling free, madam."

"Ah, why—what—" haltingly, as if the mother objected seriously to stifling her conscience at the supreme moment.

"Pretty big to be riding for nothing, I said, madam. How old is she?" "Who—oh—how old? Why," sweetly, "why Julia is just—" and the mother's voice died away to a murmur.

"How old did you say, madam?" "Silence for a moment; then a shrill voice piped up: "I guess mama's forgot what papa said to tell you. He said 'For heaven's sake, tell the conductor the child's only four and a half and save me \$3.'"

In reciting the story the judge always adds: "And papa was saved the \$3, not by his furiously blushing wife, but by his offspring, whose naive speech made the conductor lean over my seat the next time he came through the car and remark: "Wouldn't that jar you? Never laughed so in my life—and I didn't have the heart to collect fare."

The great duke of Wellington answered a similar insult with equal, if more crushing, cleverness. When the French king introduced one of his field marshals to Wellington the field marshal turned his back on his former enemy and conqueror. Louis Philippe was naturally indignant and apologized to the duke for such rude behavior.

"Pray forgive me, sire," the Iron Duke quietly. "I am afraid it was I who taught him to do that in the peninsula."

The late John Bright was frequently very happy in repartee. Once, in the course of a speech which was punctuated by interruptions he was saying: "Personally I do not feel disposed to wage war against these Philistines," when an unruly member of his audience shouted, "He-haw!" "If, however," Mr. Bright continued without pause, "my friend at the back of the hall will lend me one of his jaws I shall be encouraged to reconsider my attitude, in view of the historic success of Samson when provided with a similar weapon."

If you feel ill and need a pill Why not purchase the best? DeWitt's Early Risers Are little surprisers, Take one—they do the rest.

W. H. Howell, Houston, Texas, writes—I have used Little Early Riser Pills in my family for constipation, sick headache, etc. To their use I am indebted for the health of my family.

WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT

The Debt Which Furnished the Excuse for Great Britain and Germany.

It is a safe assertion that a great many readers of newspapers do not clearly understand the reason for what is going on in Venezuela, and this is not the slightest imputation upon their intelligence. Much has been published about the matter, but as some of it has come from one side and some from the other there is often a failure to agree. International relations covering many years of time become so complicated that he would be a bold man who would attempt to state the whole case, even in a large volume.

The London Mail has undertaken to state the case for the plaintiff in this controversy, and we give a summary of the points. In 1896, according to the Mail, Venezuela negotiated a loan at 5 per cent of \$10,000,000. Of this about two-thirds is said to be held by Germans and the rest by the French and English. The interest on this has been in default for four years. Then the Germans built a railroad for the Venezuelans, for which they charged \$15,000,000, and upon this debt Venezuela is a guarantor. The price is said to be exorbitant, which is likely enough, for the builders doubtless charged for the risk of not getting their money as well as for the work. But it was agreed that troops and munitions of war should be carried for the Venezuelan government at half price, and on this account it is charged nothing has been paid, and that \$2,000,000 is due. These items alone make up a matter of \$27,000,000, besides four years' interest over due, which adds \$2,000,000 more. In round numbers the debt is nearly \$30,000,000.

It is understood to be the intention of Germany and Great Britain, in seizing the port of La Guayra, to collect the customs there as a means of reimbursing the creditors who have failed to get their money. It becomes, therefore, a matter of interest to inquire what they are likely to get. The money unit in Venezuela is the bolivar, equivalent to a franc, or, roughly speaking, 25 cents. The collection of customs at La Guayra for six months was in bolivars as follows: May 901,409 August 572,372 June 687,876 September 511,480 July 670,748 October 708,201 This makes something over 4,900,000 bolivars, or at the rate of 8,000,000 a year, equivalent to about \$1,600,000. The interest at 5 per cent of a debt of \$30,000,000 will amount to \$1,500,000 a year, though on the bonded debt it is only \$500,000. If we disregard the debt on the cost of the railroad and the sum due for freight, but including the deferred interest, it is obvious that this amount of income would not pay off the principal under about thirty years. This upon the assumption that customs receipts continued upon the basis of the six months mentioned.

It is needless to say that this assumption is hazardous. For the months from May to October inclusive the receipts varied greatly, as a glance at the table will show. This may be explained by the state of the country and the changing fortunes of the civil war. With the rebellion over, as has been officially proclaimed, collections might well increase if normal conditions of trade were restored. But, apart from the armed resistance which Venezuela threatens to make at the port itself, it could not be expected that trade would be normal with the port of La Guayra in the armed position of two foreign countries. If the attempt to contest that possession were abandoned, there would still be the prospect that what has occurred elsewhere in such cases would happen in Venezuela. Indeed, it has been distinctly stated that should Germany and Great Britain collect customs at the port, they would be exacted a second time when the goods went into the interior of the country. There would not be much prospect of importing goods in considerable quantities, if they were to be obliged to pay duties twice. In addition to this the disturbed state of the country would be well-calculated to paralyze trade. No doubt the patriotism of the people would be appealed to, and they would be urged not to import or use foreign goods, in order that the remedy invoked by the two countries regarded as enemies might prove ineffectual.

These facts tend to show that the remedy sought by the creditor nations, while savoring of war, may prove altogether inadequate. The hope is doubtless entertained that this pressure brought to bear may induce President Castro to adopt some means to guarantee payment. There is a suspicion that he himself has a large sum derived from the loans put away in some foreign bank to his own credit. Such provisions are common enough among the leaders in revolutionary countries, and the character of Castro makes it probable in his case, though there seems no certain proof of it. But unless some compromise be reached the prospect of collecting the money within a reasonable time at the port of La Guayra seems very poor.

RANCH AND FARM

J. A. McFadden, the Victoria cattleman, is somewhat of an enthusiast on alfalfa. He has tried it in a small way without irrigation and contemplates making an experiment next year with irrigation. If the latter proves successful as he believes it will he will then put in a large area on his ranch below Victoria. His position that the stockman of the future must adopt up-to-date methods in feeding is well taken. He will the coming season plant a thousand acres of corn and cotton.

The Iowa bankers who started in to put the commission men out of business when prices were good last spring by making loans to cattle feeders direct, are forcing borrowers to re-market their cattle by refusing to re-new their loans. They may be able to do business with feeders again next season, but it will be a new lot of feeders. Conservative loans on cattle intended for the feed pens are among the best class of securities offered by the west, and the decision of the banks to hew strictly to the line is no doubt a result of their seeking a field of which they are to a great extent ignorant.

The creamery trust has found out that more restrictions on the oleomargarine industry are needed and is preparing to weep some more bitter tears of anguish at Washington. They have not shown their hand yet, but it is probable that they will ask that the manufacturers be denied the privilege of making white oleo, and the bill may also contain a clause making it a felony to paint it red or any other color.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsum, of Deatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Water-brash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds. For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at W. J. Fisher's, 502 Main street, and 413 Houston street.

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WOMEN LAWYERS ARE BARRED

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—District Judge Wilson refused the application of Mrs. Olive S. England to practice law in the courts of Texas, basing his refusal on the ground that a woman cannot legally become a lawyer in the state of Texas. The statute relating to the granting of license to practice law states that the person must be "a man of good reputation." Mrs. England was admitted to the bar in Oregon and presented her certificate from the supreme court of that state. Her attorney states that the matter will be appealed.

THE CATTLE SITUATION

Trouble Now Is That It Suffers From Excessive Supply

The only trouble with the cattle market at present is that it is suffering from an excessive supply. The demand is fully equal to the normal for all except export sources, but buyers for the past month have been forced to take more than they needed, and, of course, have pulled prices down. Buyers are now anxious to buy their cattle as cheap as they can, and only the force of competition holds values up. Granting that the demand is normal, the strength of the competition is gauged by the supply and the line of prices by the competition. Could shipments be controlled to suit conditions, a fairly high level of prices might be maintained, but such is not possible. Cattle feeders at present seem to have become panicky and are seized with a desire to let go, regardless of prices. This disposition brings about the condition which most stockmen want to avoid, and so, by all rushing in, everybody suffers. Nearly twice as many cattle were received this week as were needed, and there was no earthly reason why there should have been so many had feeders been more conservative and had more "sense." There is a strong, healthy market for meat, and packers are finding a good outlet for the usual supply, but when they are forced to take about 40 per cent more than they want they are sure to buy worth the money. The remedy lies in shippers' hands, for if they all get panicky the other way a while and check supplies the market will soon brace up and much of the recent loss will be recovered. It is very unwise, not to say unprofitable, to ship cattle which are scarcely better than feeders. In the total supply this week a very liberal percentage has been of this kind. Give the market a rest until after the holidays.—Drovers' Journal.

WOULD ENJOIN A WEDDING

Topeka Woman Trying to Keep Divorced Husband From Marrying

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Maude Dibble filed suit to enjoin her divorced husband from getting married again. She claims that he is about to marry another woman and that if he does he will not be able to pay the alimony she was granted in the divorce case, as his salary is \$100. The husband's name is Ernest Dibble. He is engaged to marry Miss Ethel Smith. The date for the marriage is fixed for next Thursday, but it may have to be postponed on account of the injunction suit.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horchound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. T. Pangburn & Co.

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THE Mississippi Bubble

A NOVEL BY EMERSON HOUGH.

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Synopsis. John Law, an adventurer and financier of Louis XVI's reign, and his brother are attacked by English robbers and are successful on the road by Lady Catherine Knollys, a famous beauty, and Mary Conynge. Law and Lady Catherine are mutually infatuated, while Mary Conynge admires Law without response. Law takes a prominent part in English finances and again encounters Lady Kitty, to whom he discloses his love.

(Continued from yesterday.)

Now, under this same roof of Knollys, separated by but a few yards of space, there lay another woman, thinking also of this convict behind the prison bars. But this was a woman of another and a nobler mold. Into the heart of Catherine Knollys there came no mere mad selfishness of desire, yearning though she did in every fiber of her being since that first time she felt the mastering kiss of love. There was born in her soul emotion of a higher sort. The Lady Catherine Knollys prayed, and her prayer was not that her lover should die, but that he might live; that he might be free. Arthur found the answer which he had sought in the mind of the high-bred and courageous English girl. Alone, with no confidant to counsel her, with no woman friend to aid her, the Lady Catherine Knollys backed her own hopes and wishes with resource and energy. There came a time, perilous late, when a faint rose showed once more in her cheek, long so worn, a fainter, brighter light glowed in her deep eyes.

When Sir Arthur Pembroke received a message from the Lady Catherine Knollys advising him that the latter would receive him at her home, it was left for the impulses, the hopes, the imaginations of that modest young nobleman to establish a reason for the message. Puzzling all along his rapid way in answer to the summons, Sir Arthur found the answer which he had sought in the mind of the high-bred and courageous English girl. Alone, with no woman friend to aid her, the Lady Catherine Knollys backed her own hopes and wishes with resource and energy. There came a time, perilous late, when a faint rose showed once more in her cheek, long so worn, a fainter, brighter light glowed in her deep eyes.

"Now, that is very pretty said." "But I am serious." "And that is why I do not like you." "But, Lady Catherine!" "I should like it better did we but continue as in the past. We have met on the Row, at the routs and drums, in the country, and always I have felt free to ask any favor of Sir Arthur Pembroke. Why could it not be always thus?" "You might ask my very life, Lady Catherine."

"Ah, there it is! When a man offers his life 'tis time for a woman to ask nothing." She turned from the open window, her attitude showing an unworded weakness and dejection. Sir Arthur still stood near by, his own face frowning and uncertain.

"Lady Catherine," he broke out at length, "for years, as you know, I have sought your favor. I have dared think that sometime the day would come when—my faith! Lady Catherine, the day has come now when I feel it my right to demand the cause of anything which troubles you. And that you are troubled is plain enough. Ever since this man Law—"

"There," cried Lady Catherine, raising her hand. "I beg you to say no more." "But I will say more! There must be a reason for this." The face of the young woman flushed in spite of herself as Pembroke strode closer and gazed at her with sternness.

"Lady Catherine," said he, slowly, "I am a friend of your family. Perhaps now I may be of aid to you. Prove me, and at the last, ask who was indeed your friend, and you shall have had misfortunes, we of the family of Knollys," said Lady Catherine. "This is, perhaps, but the fate of the house of Knollys. It is my fate."

"Your fate!" said Sir Arthur, slowly. "Your fate! Lady Catherine, I thank you. It is at least as well to know the truth."

"Pick out the truth, then, Sir Arthur, as you like it. I am not on the witness stand before you, and you are not my judge. There has been forsworn testimony enough already in this town. Were it not for that Mr. Law would at this moment be free as you or I."

Sir Arthur struck his hands together in despair, and turning away strode down the room.

"Oh, I see it all well enough," cried he. "You are mad as any who have hitherto had dealings with this madman from the north."

The girl rose to her full height and stood before him.

"It may be I am mad," said she. "It may be the old Knollys madness. If so, why should I struggle against it? It may be that I am mad. But I venture to say to you that Mr. Law is not born to die in Newgate yards. My life! sir, if I love him, who should say I will not die with him?"

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THE CITY IN BRIEF

Nash Hardware Co. A piano recital is to be held at the Polytechnic college this evening. Roy & Leffer, practical jewelers, 602 Main street. Work called for and delivered. Phone 1536. Ladies free at Foot's Dancing Soiree every Tuesday and Friday nights. Dr. T. L. Ray, Osteopath. Phone 553. The pupils of Fort Worth university will give a recital in the chapel this evening at 8:30 o'clock. Blessing's Studio, 6th and Houston. Robert Chandler of 1008 1/2 Houston street departed last night for Cullman, Ala., to spend the holidays. G. E. Cromer, 503 Houston, jeweler. Mrs. E. C. Van Dusen, deputy clerk of the United States court, spent yesterday with friends in Dallas. Dr. Abdill, Dentist, has moved to Columbia building. He tightens loose teeth. Mrs. J. F. Zurn of South Hemphill street has gone to Warren, Pa., to spend the holidays with relatives. W. S. Matney, the tailor, Metropolitan block. B. F. Sprinkle, the real estate man, departed yesterday for Lebanon, Tenn., to visit his son, who is in college there. "Visit the Woman's Exchange" and buy your Christmas presents. Miss May Duffau, at J. M. Reagan's, corner Houston and Sixth streets. A social under the auspices of the Gleadow Methodist Episcopal church young ladies will be held this evening at the parsonage. G. W. Owens, Lumber Co. Phone 788. Charles V. Ingram, cashier of the McCord-Collins Company, left this morning for Opelika, Ala., to spend the holidays with relatives. J. W. Adams & Co., Feed, Fuel and Produce. 400 W. Weatherford. Phone 530. The Commercial Club members at their meeting held last night arranged for the annual holiday german to be held on the night of Dec. 29. Warren P. Lindsay of Dallas, traveling passenger agent of the Katy, visited this city last evening and made a round of the railway offices. In the Forty-eighth district court yesterday J. E. Mitchell entered a foreclosure suit on land in Grimes county to satisfy three notes of \$110 each. W. J. Beason, night clerk at the Delaware, left last night on the Houston and Texas central for Decatur, Ala., to remain until after New Year. Sparks from a chimney set fire to the roof of a cottage owned by E. B. Daggert at the corner of Fifteenth and Gay streets last evening. Only slight damage resulted. Dr. E. Farmer of Birdville, aged 58, died at that place last night after a lingering illness with consumption. The funeral was held there at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Lee M. Rumsey, president and treasurer of the Fort Worth Machine and Foundry Company, left last night for New York to spend the holidays. Mrs. Rumsey accompanied him. Work was begun this morning on the tearing down of the old Jarvis block, at Main and Fifth streets, preparatory to the erection of the Fort Worth National Bank building. J. T. Fite, who was at one time deputy grand chancellor of Red Cross lodge, No. 14, Knights of Pythias, was in the city last evening. He is now a foreman in the Denver shops at Childress. Arrivals at the Delaware—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pennington, Ardmore, I. T.; H. S. Cooke, St. Louis; W. J. Pollard, Cleburne; N. G. Hughes and F. C. Gerren, Denton; James Mack, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Leo A. Nies, formerly Miss Myrtle E. Rouse of this city, now of Boston, Mass., is expected to reach the city this afternoon to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rouse. Funeral services for the late Mrs. Therese Potter, widow of G. Potter, of 1603 Houston street, were held this afternoon at St. Patrick's cathedral. Interment took place at the Catholic cemetery. W. S. Adair of Dallas, who will commence the publication of the Daily Press, a new evening paper, at Dallas next Monday, was a visitor in the city yesterday. Mr. Adair's paper will be a six-column folio. Judge R. S. Lovett of Houston, general attorney for the Houston and Texas Central railway, was in the city on legal business last evening. W. D. Herring of Waco, personal claim agent of the same road, is in the city today. Miss Mollie Enoch, aged 32 years, died yesterday at 916 East First street after a short illness with heart disease. She was a native of Tennessee and had lived in this city only four months. Interment took place at the old cemetery. The last issue of pensions includes: Originals—Walter Jennings, Wax-

hachie, \$24 (war with Spain). Increase, reissue, etc.—Henry Williams, dead, Call, \$12 (Mexican war). Widows, minors and dependent relatives—Francis Williams, Call, \$8. Austin Tribune: An agreement was filed with the secretary of state for the purchase by the Fort Worth and Denver City Railroad Company from the American Car and Foundry Company of St. Louis of 200 stock cars at a purchase price of \$31,000, the cars to be delivered during next February. Arrivals at the Worth—D. B. Whittinghill, Kansas City; L. C. Mayes, San Francisco; J. B. Mitchell, Austin; E. W. Hammer, Chicago; R. M. Watson, San Francisco; George J. Woodson, St. Louis; N. J. Greening, Chicago; N. B. Higbie, Chicago; D. S. Brown, Jackson, Miss.; W. D. Herring, Waco; Milton C. Blum, Philadelphia; O. B. Sailors, Chicago; L. Deutsch, New York; A. Davis, Kansas City; J. W. O'Rourke, Galveston; B. V. H. Johnson, St. Louis; C. Joslin, Philadelphia; E. J. Powell, St. Louis. Telegrams' Society Editor Editor Du Bois' Kind Words for The Telegram Editor Du Bois of the Union Banner has this to say of The Telegram's latest addition to its staff: The Evening Telegram has made a most important addition to its editorial force in securing Mrs. L. K. Stansbery to edit its social news. Its Sunday issue has made a place here for itself and needed only the deft touches in its social department of one who has the judgment, the tact, the ability and the wide acquaintance of Mrs. Stansbery. The Social Season will be incorporated in The Telegram, its subscribers receiving the latter paper. Mrs. Stansbery, now being freed from the perplexing cares of business management, will again delight all lovers of literary finish with her wise, discriminating and kindly comments and criticisms. Culture and character are appreciated, even in the society columns. May she help the frivolous and the vain, and the foolish students of worn-out literature and ugly antique art to appreciate beauties of our twentieth century literature, art and life as seen in the progress of those who do the world's worthy work. Christmas Liquors H. Brann & Co., wholesale and retail liquor, the only house in Fort Worth licensed to sell liquor in any quantity, beg to remind you of their establishment, where all liquors known to the trade are sold at moderate prices, where ladies may purchase their goods with propriety, where everybody is treated with courtesy and strict honesty. They carry in stock pure alcohol, which is retailed at 90c a quart, or \$3.25 a gallon; the pure Green River whisky at \$3.50 a gallon, or \$1.00 per quart. They handle about twenty different grades of whisky, also various grades of rum, cognac, apple brandy, peach brandy, imported Scotch and Irish whisky, etc.; California port, sherry, Angelica, Malaga, Madeira, at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per gallon, or 50c a quart. Imported wines at \$3.50 per gallon, or \$1.00 a quart. Pure claret 75c to \$1.00 per gallon. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Cigars by the box put up for Christmas presents, at wholesale prices, with a promise to take back and exchange cigars that are not satisfactory. Call or telephone No. 342. H. BRANN & CO., 108 and 110 Main Street. Downtown branch, 1415 Main. Notice The copartnership heretofore existing between J. E. Cummings, D. Shepherd and Warren Collins, under the firm name of Cummings, Shepherd & Co., Fort Worth, Texas, has been by mutual consent of all parties thereto dissolved by the withdrawal of Warren Collins therefrom. The remaining members will continue the business under the old firm name. This November 17, 1902. J. E. CUMMINGS, D. SHEPHERD, WARREN COLLINS. A Good Cough Medicine From the Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia. — I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. Wockner. "This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited, as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by N. E. Grammer, Druggist. To the Public. Allow me to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I had a very severe cough and cold and feared I would get pneumonia, but after taking the second dose of this medicine I felt better, three bottles of it cured my cold entirely. I am most respectfully yours for health, Ralph S. Meyers, 64 Thirteenth St., Wheeling, W. Va. For sale by N. E. Grammer, druggist.

SANTA'S LETTER BOX GETS FULL

LITTLE FOLKS ARE WRITING THEIR WISHES TO ST. NICK MESSAGES ARE POURING IN

Nearly Fifty Children Have Sent Their Requests Since Yesterday and Every Mail Brings More and More—Some Pathetic Wishes and Some Very Funny Ones If Santa Claus could just see them. They keep coming in with every mail and sometimes the postman has to come back a second time with more letters. Since last night nearly fifty were received. Some of the letters are very pathetic and one or two are full of unconscious humor. If you are a little boy or girl, your mamma will tell you, that when anything is full of unconscious humor it's like a great big cream puff all filled with plum jelly, and then honey and ice cream mixed up with both, only it's even sweeter than that. Here's another message from Santa Claus: To the Little Boys and Girls Who Read The Telegram: I'm still very hoarse, but as I'm writing this, it won't hurt my throat to tell you why some people call me Saint Nick. In the good old days, when there were fairies and all that sort of things, people didn't have any calendars to tell the day of the month. Instead, they kept track of the time by cutting notches in a long stick that stood near the fireplace. Instead of looking at a calendar on the wall, the boys and girls had to count the notches in the stick to tell how far Christmas was away, and every time they made one more cut, they'd say: "One more nick nearer Christmas." Then when Christmas did come they'd take the big stick and break it all up in pieces and wouldn't keep any track of the days till after vacation, and then they'd start on a new stick for the next year. So after a while they got to calling me the Saint of the Nicks, and at last plain Saint Nick. That's all this time. SANTA CLAUS. Santa Will Surely Mind Dear Mr. Santa Claus: I see your ad in The Telegram, and as my papa will not have any money for us this Christmas, I thought I would write to you. I am a school girl, 9 years old. I need a pair of overshoes, about No. 13, and if you can spare me some other presents I will be very thankful for it. I have two little sisters, one 7 years old and one 5 years old. Also have two little brothers, one 3 years old and the other a year old. They can't write and want me to tell you to pick out something useful for them. My mamma says she needs something warm to wear around her shoulders and neck. She has to work very hard, and we are too poor to buy all we need. We live on the third floor at 113 North Houston street. Respectfully, RUBY TAYLOR, PEARL TAYLOR, LENA TAYLOR, ELMER TAYLOR, SAM E. TAYLOR. A Nice Story Book Dear Santa Claus: Marine, Tex., Dec. 17.—I am a little boy, 7 years old, and as The Telegram said you wanted letters from Fort Worth, I will write and ask you to bring me an air rifle, steam engine and a nice story book. I hope you will have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. I am, Your little friend, EDDIE GOODROW, Jones street. Wants An Air Rifle My Dear Santa Claus: Marine, Tex., Dec. 17.—I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know I am well. I have been a very good boy this year. I have cut wood for papa and run errands for mamma. I have been to school and have hardly missed a day this term. I feel perfect in my lessons. I would like for you to bring me an air rifle, drum, steam engine and some fruit, nuts and candy. From your little friend, FRED GOODROW. Wants a "Rocky" Horse Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 7 years old. I want you to please bring me a fire wagon with men in it, and a rocky horse and a story book, and a little hen and rooster, some candy, nuts and oranges, and a fire engine. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I can't write; sister had to write for me. Your little friend, EDWIN P. WHITE, 1303 East Holt street. A Merry Christmas, Santa! Dear Santa Claus: Papa was reading to us last night what you said to us in The Telegram, and I thought I would write you. What I want you to bring me is, a nice doll, with black curly hair, with brown eyes that will shut and open; a nice story book, and a trunk. I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I am a little girl, 10 years old. Also, please bring me a doll buggy. Your little friend, MARY WHITE, 1303 East Holt street. Rocking Horse and Tool Box Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a rocking horse and a box of tools, and an air gun, some candy and nuts. Please come down through the chimney, at 1013 West Belknap street. I am 7 years old. CLARENCE L. SPENSLEY. From North Fort Worth Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 9 years old. I go

to school at Marine, and learn my lessons well, and go all the time. Well, I want an air gun and a football, some oranges, apples, candy and nuts; in fact, everything that is good to eat. Yours little friend, HARRY MANSFIELD. Bring Them Down the Chimney Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a nice doll, with blue eyes and curly hair, and a little trunk and a little dog? I am 5 years old. Please bring my things down our chimney, at 1013 West Belknap street. BERNICE M. SPENSLEY. A Pretty Doll and Buggy Dear Mr. Santa Claus: I am a nice little girl, and always run to get papa's paper for him, and he was reading to me of Mr. Santa Claus. I want a pretty doll and buggy to play with, and a picture book to read. I'm going on 6 years old and attend the kindergarten. Wishing you all a merry Xmas and a most prosperous New Year. HAZEL HOLLAND, 311 Sixteenth street. Mean and Good Mixed Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and a doll buggy. I want a doll that will go to sleep, and with light hair. Bring my little sister the same things you bring me, only bring her a doll with dark hair, so we can tell them apart. If you don't she will break her doll and then claim mine. Please bring me a stove and a money safe. Bring Aurora a stove and a safe, too, but you had better bring her one of the straight safes and me another kind. Also some bananas, candy and oranges for us both, and Dear Santa, I'll try to go to sleep quick after I hang up my stockings. I have been a good girl, but Aurora is mean and good mixed. I love you Santa Claus. Your little friends, NATURE FOURNIER, For herself and little sister, Aurora Fournier. Will Make the Curls Dear Santa Claus: I want a dolly without curls, for I want to make them myself. And I wish you would bring me a pretty story book, and a ring, because I try to not bite my finger nails any more; and one more—a twin doll. I am 4. Your little girl, GERTRUDGE GULLEDGE. A Good Pocket Knife Dear Santa Claus: I want a toy watch, a good pocket knife, a pistol and some caps, a nice fairy book to read, a nice little game, some candy, nuts and fruit. That is all, I believe. Lovingly, your boy, ELVIN GULLEDGE. A Pistol and Caps Dear Santa Claus: I want a pistol and caps, a glass mug, a harp, candy, apples, bananas, oranges, nuts and a toy watch. Good bye, Santa Claus. Your loving boy, GRADY GULLEDGE. A 30-Cent Doll Dear Santa Claus: Bring me a 30-cent doll; bring me a little stove; bring me a set of dishes, and bring me a little folding bed. BERTHA FILE, 515 Peter street. An Original Wish Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 5 years old. Will you please bring me a hoodlum wagon, a doll, a round railroad and a story book? Your little friend, HOMER LADD, 700 Chestnut street. Wants An Air Gun Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 8 years old. My brother was reading the letters in The Telegram this evening. I would be pleased with an air gun. Your loving friend, EDWIN MUSICK, 110 Diamond avenue. Pleased With a Gun Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 10 years of age. I was reading a few letters in The Telegram last evening. I would be pleased with a gun. Your friend, THOMAS MUSICK, 110 Diamond avenue. Wants a Police Wagon Dear Mr. Santa Claus: As my mamma is sick in bed, I got a little friend to write for me. I want a police wagon, a negro doll and some leggings. I am a little boy, 5 years old. JACK KELLEY, 504 South Calhoun street. Wants a Suit Dear Mr. Santa Claus: Please bring me a suit of clothes. I would like to have an air gun and other things, but I would rather have a suit. I am 13. LESLIE DAVIS, 905 Julian street. Wears Number 14 Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a suit of clothes. I need them most of all. I would like to have an air gun and many other things, but will be thankful for a suit. I am 12 years old, but I wear No. 14. CHARLIE POPE, 1212 Julian street. A Trunk and a Doll Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little trunk, a doll, some candy and fruit. I am a little girl, 8 years old. ALLIE POPE, 1212 Julian street. A Modest Plea Dear Santa Claus: I read the nice little letters in The Telegram. I thought I would write to you. I need and want so many things that I can't decide. So I will leave it to Dear Santa Claus to bring me what he has to spare. I know you have so many to give to that I will appreciate anything. I will be a nice little girl and help my mamma. My papa is dead. I am 10. SADDIE MAY POPE, 1212 Julian street. "Chocolatee" the new hot chocolate, at Parker's drug store

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GREENWALL'S OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT STUART ROBSON As Dromio of Syracuse in "The Comedy of Errors" Prices—Lower floor \$1.50; balcony, \$1.00, 75c, 50c; gallery 25c. Friday, Dec. 19, Matinee and Night. Mr. Fred G. Berger Presents MR. HORACE LEWIS In Sol Smith Russell's famous play "A POOR RELATION." No advance in prices. Monday Night, December 22. THE GAY LORD QUEX. Prices, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c. Seats on Sale for Above Attractions

Fruit Cakes Ladies, if you wish a nice fruit cake made only of pure fresh fruits and nuts, fine Upper Crust Flour and fresh Jersey butter, go over to Dillin Bros. Milk Bread Bakery, and you will get the best fruit cake you ever had on your table. We use no machinery in making bread or cakes; it's all done by hand. And remember, our 75-cent cakes are equal to most 75-cent cakes that you buy, and our 25-cent cakes are delicious and will cost you 35 cents elsewhere. DILLIN BROS. Jennings and Daggert Ave

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A MERE BOY ON CALLOWS

FRANK HIGGINS SWINGS INTO ETERNITY

WAS NOT 16 YEARS OF AGE

New Brunswick Boy Shoots Comrade, Hides Body and for Long Time Kept Crime Concealed by Threatening the Life of an Eyewitness

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 18.—Frank Higgins, the most youthful murderer to receive the death sentence in Canada, explained his crime on the gallows today. Higgins, who was not quite 16 years of age, murdered a boy named Doherty, 14 years of age. The two quarreled over a petty matter, and Higgins, who had a rifle in his hand, shot Doherty dead and afterward concealed the body. The crime was witnessed by another boy, whom Higgins, by threats, cowed into silence. The knowledge of the murder became too burdensome to the witness and he confessed, his testimony finally convicting Higgins.

SOME WHITE HOUSE GOSSIP

Elaborate Dinner Tonight to Be Given by the President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The scene of the first cabinet dinner to be given by the president and Mrs. Roosevelt this evening will be vastly different from that of last year. Some doubt was felt lest the east room should not be ready in time for this most important social function of the season, but by putting on a force of additional workmen everything was put in the best of order.

More than seventy guests, an exceptionally large number, will attend the dinner. Besides the cabinet members, there will be present a number of leading senators and representatives, notable leaders of resident society and a few special out-of-town friends.

Tutt's Pills

After eating, persons of a bilious habit will derive great benefit by taking one of these pills. If you have been

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WIN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES FOR NOMINATION OF CITY OFFICES

A LIGHT VOTE IS POLLED

Real's Majority Is 938, While That of Gilvin Is 284—Candidates Express Appreciation of Work Done for Them by Their Constituents in the City

W. M. Real's majority..... 938
W. J. Gilvin's majority..... 284
Total vote cast..... 3,318
About 1,300 more Fort Worth voters

Wards—	Total
First.....	420
Second.....	482
Third.....	431
Fourth.....	431
Fifth.....	354
Sixth.....	374
Seventh.....	234
Eighth.....	230
Ninth.....	362
Grand total.....	3,318

We, therefore, recommend that the following named candidates be declared the democratic nominees for the respective offices, subject to contest within four days, as provided by our rules, and should such contest be not filed with the secretary of this committee within said time then this result shall be final:

Democratic Nominees
For assessor and collector of taxes—W. J. Gilvin.
For city marshal—W. M. Real.
Respectfully submitted,
H. G. CALHOUN,
S. T. BIBB,
W. H. FISHER,
Committee.

How Result Is Taken
The result of the election, when announced, was surprising to some on account of the victory of W. J. Gilvin over Capt. G. H. Day, the present holder of the city assessorship. Chief Real's victory was no surprise, and his majority was gratifying to those who worked for him during the campaign. His total vote was almost two-thirds of the entire vote cast.

HIS ELECTION SPREE A PLEASANT MEMORY

The smile Jim McDaniels smiled was not an ordinary foolish grin. Neither was it a cynical contortion of the features, caused by the remembrance of yesterday's happiness and today's sorrow.

Instead it was a gentle and a tender smile of infinite sweetness. Such a smile as a poet might have smiled as some ecstatic vision faded away from view and left him alone with only the memory of its presence. It was a retrospective smile, and the lingering expression of pleasure that lighted the features was the only illumination feature of a morning-after-the-election dock in corporation court.

BRIGHT BABY BOYS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A baby boy for a Christmas gift. That is the offer made today by Rev. I. Z. T. Morris of the home for unfortunate waifs which he has founded and now maintains.

Not only one baby can be furnished, but three little fellows who have recently been placed in Rev. Mr. Morris' care are waiting to gladden some of the good homes this Christmas season by their presence.

One is two months old, one is seven months and one nine months. Then, besides the three boys, there is a little girl nine months old, making four children who would like to spend their first Christmas in some good Christian home. You can find out all about them by telephoning Mr. Morris. Rev. Mr. Morris also said today

registered for the democratic primaries held yesterday than voted. Nevertheless for a primary election, a total of 3,318 is considered very good by the party leaders.

The results were announced last night about 8 o'clock in the city council chamber, by the democratic city executive committee. After the announcement, W. J. Gilvin, the successful candidate for democratic nomination for city assessor, made a short speech, thanking his constituents. And likewise Chief Real, after he was found, appeared and said most eloquently: "Gentlemen, after you get through here, you'll find something to eat over at the hotel."

Following is the report to the democratic city executive committee giving the official returns of the election: To the City Democratic Executive Committee:—
Gentlemen—We, your committee, appointed to canvass the returns of the democratic primary election held this day for the selection of democratic nominees for the offices of city marshal and assessor and collector of taxes, beg to report that we have attended to that duty, and the following vote was cast:

Assessor and Collector.	City Marshal.
Gilvin, Day, Maben, Real	Real, Day, Maben, Gilvin
199, 216, 190, 223	284, 212, 175, 294
482, 264, 212, 175, 294	431, 172, 245, 145, 274
431, 172, 244, 114, 309	354, 230, 134, 190, 258
374, 202, 168, 113, 257	234, 146, 88, 87, 145
234, 146, 88, 87, 145	230, 137, 90, 67, 161
362, 260, 101, 173, 181	
1,782, 1,498, 1,165, 2,102	

There was little demonstration at the close, and the city council chamber was only partly filled with visitors. After the announcement was made of the result and the reports of the various presiding officers of the different wards were heard, the candidates and members of the city executive committee enjoyed a supper at the Metropolitan.

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FRUIT NOW ON THE MARKET

Taken as a Whole the Yield Is Superior to That of Any Previous Year. Shipments Delayed by Rains and Other Causes—Fort Worth a Distributing Point

Lovers of luscious fruits may have their appetites gratified this season, for never before has the early southern California orange crop been as fine as it is today. Though the yield is somewhat below the average, the quality has never been equaled, according to the authority of competent judges. The heaviest has been delayed for two weeks beyond the usual time, on account of heavy rains, which prevented the fruit from coloring properly. From present indications about 18,000 car loads of oranges and lemons will be sent out, but shipments were held back by the inability of the western railway lines to move the immense volume of coast business. In all about 175 car loads of navels have been landed in Fort Worth by the Southern California Fruit Exchange, which supervises the distribution of the product for the growers. Most of the trading is done direct with the jobbers, cutting out the middlemen's profits.

They Are Mellow and Sweet
The chief characteristics of this year's oranges are their delicate and sweet flavor. In fact, there has never been a time when the entire output was so uniformly good. In regard to these points George A. Charters, the manager of the local exchange, said today:

"All the fruit which was shipped to this market arrived in refrigerator cars under ventilation and reached here in prime condition. Though they first appeared at the stores only a couple of weeks ago, the sales have been enormous. Besides the oranges which we had brought here, several car loads of lemons also arrived and these, too, came in excellent shape.

The prices quoted for fancy oranges, the only grade thus far received, range from \$3.50 to \$4 per uniform box. Of late this city, on account of its central location, has become an important distributing point and most of the fruit is now rebilled from here over the diverging lines. Cherries and apricots will not make their appearance until early in June.

FASHIONABLE WEDDING AT NATION'S CAPITOL

Congressman Blackburn and Millionaire Parker's Daughter Are Wed at High Noon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Today's wedding of Miss Louise L. Vaughan Parker, daughter of Col. Myron L. Parker, the millionaire capitalist and former commissioner of the District of Columbia, to Representative Edmond Spencer Blackburn of North Carolina was given, eclat by the presence of a large number of congressmen, diplomats, department officials and other men prominent in public life, together with their wives and daughters. The marriage ceremony was performed at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, in Vermont avenue. The only attendant of the bride was her sister Miss Ruth Parker, and the best man was Senator Pritchard of North Carolina.

The bride of today made her debut four years ago at one of the largest teas of the season. She is a tall, handsome girl of the brunette type, with regular features and graceful figure. Representative Blackburn is a native of North Carolina, where he was admitted to the bar in 1890. He is now serving his third term in congress and is one of the two republican members from his state.

Hot soda or hot lemonade will cure your cold, at Parker's drug store.

THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—**CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.**—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.

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HILLSBORO, Tex., Dec. 18.—A farmer named Jones was found nearly unconscious from the effects of whiskey by the police. Four negroes were caught with him and are in jail to answer to the charge of conspiracy to rob. The farmer had \$100 in money on his person, which he realized from the sale of cotton.

THE CLIFFORD-IRWIN BOUT

Twenty-Round Encounter Tonight at Oakland, Cal.
OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 18.—There is promise of a lively bout at the Athletic Club tonight, when Jack Clifford and Toby Irwin come together for a twenty-round encounter. The men are in first-rate shape for the contest and reports today from their respective training quarters indicate that both are confident of winning the decision and the long end of the purse.

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WANTED—Bushman that understands cleaning and pressing, to begin work between Jan. 1 and 15. A permanent position to a first-class man; others need not apply. Scorsby Tailoring Co., Oklahoma City, Okla.

EXPERIENCED, educated stenographer, spending winter in Texas, will exchange shorthand instruction for room and board in pleasant home. Miss Smith, box 242, Honey Grove, Texas.

WANTED—Two traveling salesmen in each state; permanent position; \$60 and expenses. Central Tobacco Works Co., Penicks, Va.

PERSONAL

DR. J. F. GRAMMER, Dentist, 504 Main street, over Mitchell's jewelry store.

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JOHN E. QUARLES Lumber Company on E. Fourth street, have a large stock of lumber they want to reduce by Jan. 1. See them before buying.

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FOR SALE—5-room frame cottage, only four blocks from Main street, east side, nice lot, price \$2,250; terms arranged.

6-room frame cottage and 3-room cottage, on lot 100x100 feet, corner, large barn, south front, on east side; a bargain at \$2,500.

5-room new frame cottage on south side, lot 50x100 feet; price \$1,400; \$150 cash, balance \$20 monthly.

5-room new cottage, just completed, with barn, buggy house, water, bath room, lot 50x100, south front; price \$1,750; \$100, balance \$22.50 per month.

Lot, 50x100 feet; prices \$200 to \$250; one-fourth cash, balance annual payments.

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A modern six-room cottage, bath-room, hall, two porches, picket fence and a good barn; lot 50x100 ft., east front to a 10-ft. alley. Price \$1,800; terms \$250 cash, balance in monthly payments.

A modern cottage of five rooms and bathroom, barn and water; a nice yard fence, shrubbery and trees, on Missouri-ave.; lot 50x154 feet to an alley. Price \$1,250; a bargain.

Six-room two-story house with water, bathroom, east front, s. w. part of the city; lot 50x100. A bargain at \$2,500; good terms.

A nice six-room frame residence, corner lot 100x100 ft., close in on Hemphill-st.; \$2,600.

In Goldsmith addition to the city of Fort Worth we have 100 vacant lots, situated on Jennings-ave., St. Louis-ave. and May-st., Galveston-ave. and Main-st. Prices from \$250 to \$350. These are beautiful lots and overlook the entire city, and are selling very fast. We are prepared to loan money and build houses. If you want a home now is the time to secure it.

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FOR SALE—Nine-room two-story frame cottage, close in, west side, hall, porch, bath and toilet, closets, cement walks; lot 50x100, east front; price \$3,500, one-third cash, balance easy payments.

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BUSINESS IS MODERATE

No Rush Is Yet Experienced by Any Line and Trains Yesterday Not Crowded. Various Circumstances Operate to Limit Traffic to Reasonable Amount This Fall

Yesterday was the second day of the holiday excursion business and it taken as an indication of what may be expected for the entire season would show that holiday business on the railroads this year will not be unusually good.

Yesterday's business was only moderate through this city on all trains, and reports from the railroads represented in the city are to the effect that the business outlook is only fair. Bad crops as a preventive of holiday travel are the principal excuse offered, though bad weather which has been general over the country is also said to affect the trade. The holiday rates will continue on most lines until Dec. 26, but it is believed the total business will be considerably less than that of an ordinarily good year.

MORE INDIANS GO THROUGH

Party of Sixty Here on Their Way From Mississippi to Ardmore. The morning Texas and Pacific passenger brought in sixty Indians from different points in Mississippi, who are on their way to Ardmore to take the government allotments for them there. All of the Indians were full-blooded Choctaws and were in charge of J. E. Arnold, who was through here with a similar party some time ago. They traveled in two sleeping cars, which were transferred from the Texas and Pacific to the Santa Fe here.

Railroad Notes and Personal

J. W. Everman of Dallas, assistant general manager of the Texas and Pacific, is expected to arrive in the city this evening.

The Texas and Pacific pay car is expected here tomorrow or Saturday on its regular monthly trip.

F. Reinhardt, who is in the mechanical department of the Pullman Company at Chicago, arrived this morning to look after the sleeping car Somonauk, which was slightly battered up in the yards here the other evening.

J. A. Rusk, Texas superintendent of the Pacific Express Company, was in the city today, looking after the company's interests.

J. G. Harris, joint freight agent of the Texas and Pacific, Missouri, Kansas and Texas and International and Great Northern, is reported ill.

Conductor Marshall Whitson of the Texas and Pacific is off duty on account of sickness.

Considerable improvement has been made in the offices of the Fort Worth and Denver City. A third office room has been built on the third floor by extending one of the other office rooms into the hallway. The quarters are now much more commodious and more conveniently arranged than formerly.

WHERE HOGS WILL COME FROM

Needs of Texas Packers in Near Future Will Be Great. The Texas Stockman says: "Texas packers will have in the near future the capacity for slaughtering from 15,000 to 20,000 head of hogs each working day in the year. It is frequently asked where are these hogs to come from? From Texas farms, of course. Corn, alfalfa, kafir corn and other feed products suitable for hog production can be grown in Texas cheaply and in abundance. Then, again, hog cholera is unknown in Texas, and this freedom from a dread disease gives the Texas farmer who grows hogs a great advantage over his brother farmers in the north."

TO VISIT STEPHENVILLE

Fort Worth Lodges, Knights of Pythias, Receive Invitations. The Fort Worth lodges of the Knights of Pythias are in receipt of cards inviting the members and their ladies to attend an entertainment and banquet the night of Tuesday, Dec. 29, to be given by John Tarleton Lodge, No. 227, of Stephenville. During the early hours of the evening work in the rank of esquire and knight will be exemplified by the local degree team and the secret ritual by Past Grand Chancellor John M. Adams of this city.

While the lodge is in session the visiting ladies will be entertained with a program at the opera-house.

A Startling Surprise

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy, robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from Rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the kidneys, purify the blood and cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50 cents, at W. J. Fisher's, 502 Main street, and 413 Houston street.

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AMUSEMENTS

"The Village Postmaster" was played last night before a small house at Greenwall's. It was a good play and the audience enjoyed it. The scene was laid in New Hampshire, dated 1852. The plot involves the invention of a thrashing machine, by means of which the hero makes his fortune and returns in time to prevent the villain's marrying the heroine. The play requires a large cast and the scenery and costumes were good. Tonight comes Stuart Robson.

Stuart Robson Tonight. Frances Grahame Mayo, the finished young actress who appears as Luciana in the elaborate revival of "The Comedy of Errors," in which Stuart Robson is to be seen at Greenwall's opera-house tonight, is a recent acquisition to Mr. Robson's strong support. During her stage career Miss Mayo has been in the companies of many of the leading stars of the American stage, and has won for herself substantial recognition at the hands of the theater-going public. Her work this season is very highly regarded.

"A Poor Relation" The engagement of Horace Lewis and company in that thoroughly wholesome play, "A Poor Relation," will take place at Greenwall's opera-house Friday matinee and night. When such stars come our way it is to be hoped that our playgoers will take a day off and give the attraction such a welcome as they will bring them back each recurring season. Mr. Lewis, who was selected by Mr. Russell himself to play the part of Noah Vale, is meeting with wonderful success in this play, and is said to possess the same great underlying qualities of naturalness, dryness of humor and lovable mannerisms that endeared Sol Smith Russell to the American public. Nearly all of Mr. Russell's own company, together with all the original scenery, property and stage settings, will be seen with this company.

"The Gay Lord Quex" Sylvia Lynden, the California actress, who gained no inconsiderable amount of prominence when she was chosen by Olga Nethersole from all the emotional actresses in New York to succeed Nethersole as Sapho when the English actress became too ill to play and was forced to return to England, will appear at Greenwall's opera-house Monday night, Dec. 22, as Sophy Fullgarney in "The Gay Lord Quex."

"The Man From Mexico" Those who have seen "My Friend From India" thought it was funny, but in "The Man From Mexico," which comes to Greenwall's opera-house Christmas matinee and night, is said to be one of the brightest and wittiest of the most enjoyable comedies before the public today. It is of extremely farcical style, and one of those that start the laugh at the beginning and continue it to the end.

Real Estate Transfers. T. P. Stevens and wife to R. E. Race, lot 1, Fort Worth Building association subdivision, \$1,100. Thomas M. Hupp to J. N. Brooker, part of lot 3, block D, Rosedale addition, \$500. Alliance Trust company to Josie Barnes, 3-1-2-acre tract in E. Gaughan survey, \$546. Henry Will and wife to Taylor Cupp, part of block 2, Dulany 320-acre survey, \$150. J. A. Pray and wife to W. H. Duncan, lots 27 and 28, block C, Ray's subdivision, \$150.

What's In a Name? Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For Blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases De Witt Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for De Witt's—the genuine.

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PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR FIREMEN'S BALL

Ellis' Hall Will Be the Scene of a Merry Assemblage Tonight — Several Chiefs Expected

Tonight the firemen of the city will try to forget that such a thing as a contagion ever took place and, with their wives and sweethearts, devote a few hours to the enjoyment of tinseltown. The occasion is the second annual reception and ball of the department, which is to be held in Ellis' hall, at Second and Throckmorton streets. The work of decorating the big ball room is being pushed to completion this afternoon. Between 800 and 900 tickets have been disposed of and it is expected that the sales will aggregate nearly a thousand before night. The arrangements for the event were perfected by a committee composed of Assistant Chief W. E. Bieder and Captains Hines, Bishop, Masengale, Kinkle, Howell, Ferguson and McCart. The entire membership of the department has been commissioned to serve on the reception and floor committees.

Acceptances of invitations to be present have been received from Chief H. F. Magee of the Dallas department, and Captain William Lightfoot, chief of the fire department at the Thurber coal mines. Other fire chiefs have sent conditional acceptances. George Conner's opera house orchestra will furnish music for a program of eighteen dances.

Proceeds from the ball will help to swell the firemen's benevolent fund.

NOT DUE TO CLIMATE

Catarrh Is Found Everywhere. Catarrh is at home anywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every state and territory in the Union.

The common definition of catarrh is a chronic cold in the head, which if long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing; but there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous. Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrh of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrh and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrh is undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal treatment. Sprays, washes and powders are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. Mciverney advises catarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because actual analysis has shown these tablets to contain certain antiseptic qualities of the highest value and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrh sufferer for years, says:

"Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking.

I tried troches and cheap cough cures and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter when I learned of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two 50-cent boxes which I bought at my druggist, cleared my head and throat in fine shape and to guard against a return of my old trouble I keep a box of the tablets on hand and whenever I catch a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious developments."

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BACK FROM MEXICO TRIP

COL. HARRY TAYLOR TALKS OF THINGS HE SAW

WOULD TAKE OFF TARIFF

Free Trade With Our Great Southern Neighbor Would Tend Greatly to Help Fort Worth Market—Chicagoans Building Packing House

Col. Harry M. Taylor, editor of the Strawn News and Putnam Press, favorably known to Texas cattlemen for his efficient work in breaking the two blockades of Texas cattle at Camp Supply, I. T., when he was general agent of the United States bureau of animal industry, was rounded up by a Telegram reporter at the depot this morning on his return from a month's trip to Mexico in relation to livestock matters.

Col. Taylor stated that the recent rains along the lower Rio Grande had been the best that had fallen for several years, insuring a good grass crop next spring, and stockmen were very much encouraged in consequence and were looking forward hopefully to the benefits that would arise from the establishment of the large packing plants in Fort Worth.

Wants Tariff Removed. While the tariff on cattle imported into the United States from Mexico tends to retard the development of the livestock industry in the portions of Mexico naturally tributary to the Fort Worth market, the shipments that have heretofore gone to Kansas City and St. Louis will come to Fort Worth and will in time amount to considerable proportions.

As indicating the shipments that will come to Fort Worth, Col. Taylor mentioned a recent shipment made by his friend, Capt. John T. Lytle, from his ranch in Mexico, southwest of Eagle Pass, to Kansas City and St. Louis, which he would have made to Fort Worth at a very considerable saving of freight and loss from shrinkage. If the packing plants had been in operation here at that time, Col. Taylor is an earnest advocate of the Fort Worth market and he believes that the ranges of northern Mexico will in time contribute a very considerable portion of the cattle marketed at Fort Worth.

Col. Taylor stated that in his opinion it would be the part of wisdom for our government to do away with the duty on cattle imported from Mexico, which does not add any particular revenue; but is causing capital to invest in packing plants in that country to meet the demands for finished food products which would be more largely supplied from the United States under the operation of a more liberal policy.

Chicago Capital Invests. A Chicago company with a paid up capital of \$1,000,000 is constructing a packing plant in Mexico, which will be in operation in April, with a capacity of 200 cattle and 200 hogs a day. Col. Taylor states that the cattle in the mountains are fat the year around and it is the best cattle country he has ever seen.

Col. Taylor states that in his opinion the present is an opportune time for the formation of an association of the beef producers of North America with permanent headquarters in Fort Worth. The present livestock associations, he says, are either of a local character or are composed of incongruous elements which can no more be combined in any beneficial way than oil and water.



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ACTION IS TAKEN ON MOORMAN'S DEATH

Official Expression of Sorrow on the Demise of a Gallant Confederate Officer Is Issued

The State Confederate headquarters in this city took official notice last evening of the death of Gen. George Moorman, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans association and chief of staff for Gen. Gordon. A general order which has been issued reads as follows:

Headquarters Tex. Division, U. C. V., Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—General order No. 40: With profound sorrow and grief and deep sense of loss to our association, the major general commanding announces to the division the sudden death of Major Gen. George Moorman, adjutant general and chief of staff to Gen. J. B. Gordon, commanding the association, which occurred on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1902, at New Orleans, La. Gen. Moorman was a gallant Confederate soldier and won distinction on many hard fought battlefields during the civil war. He died where he had ever stood during his eventful life, at his post of duty, for he was engaged in the actual performance of the duties of the office of adjutant general, when without warning, the order came calling him to pass over the river. Two years after the organization of the United Confederate Veterans' association, Gen. Moorman became its adjutant general and continued to occupy that position to the date of his death, and it was mainly through his able, energetic and self-sacrificing devotion to the duties of that office that our beloved association has reached its present standing. His loss to the association is almost irreparable and will be deeply felt and his death deplored by all his surviving comrades. Let all due honors be paid to his memory.

By order of K. M. VAN ZANDT, Major General Commanding. S. P. GREENE, Adjutant General. An order signed by John M. Adams, commander of the Texas division, and Walter B. McAdams, adjutant general and chief of staff, was also issued by the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, in which reference is made to the conspicuous bravery displayed by Gen. Moorman on the battlefield, his strength of conviction, undaunted resolution and chivalry. In his death the organization is held to have lost a friend and counselor, a record of whose worth should be perpetuated.

WILL ENTERTAIN THEIR FRIENDS

Students of Fort Worth Business College Prepare a Program. The students of the Fort Worth Business college will entertain their friends with a literary and musical program Friday evening, Dec. 19, at the college hall, corner Fourth and Main streets.

The program is as follows: Vocal solo.....Selected Louise McLaughlin. Reading....."A Felon's Cell" Emmett Key. Reading....."Helene Thaire" Pearlre N. Preult. Vocal solo....."Merrily I Roam" Frances E. Preult. Reading....."Lost in New York" Wright Gaines.

Vocal solo.....Selected Roscoe Garrick. "In Honor Bound," one-act play—Cast: Sir George Carlyon.....Emmett Key Philip Graham.....Wright Gaines Lady Carlyon.....Pearle Preult Rose Dalrymple.....Fanny Duckett Scene — Drawing room in Sir George's home.

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