

**OFFICIAL VOTE
COUNT COMPLETE**

Regular Ballot in Last General Election Shows Loss From 1900

REPUBLICANS GAIN MUST
Socialist Increase Extraordinary—Prohibitionists Also Gain Some Strength

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The official canvass of the votes cast Nov. 8 for presidential electors has completed with the announcement of the result in Minnesota, North Dakota and Washington. The Associated Press is therefore able to present the first table giving the official vote of all the forty-five states. The total is 13,508,496, against 13,968,874 in 1900, a decrease of 460,378.

The ballots were divided as follows: Roosevelt (Republican) 7,627,632; Parker (Democrat) 5,080,054; Debs (Socialist) 391,387; Swallow (Prohibitionist) 260,302; Watson (People's) 114,637; Curran (Socialist Labor) 33,453; Holcomb (Continental Labor) 830. Roosevelt received a majority over all of 1,746,768 and a plurality over Parker of 2,547,578.

In 1900 McKinley had 467,046 more than all the other candidates and 859,894 more than Bryan. The vote for Roosevelt was 469,822 more than for McKinley, while that for Parker was 1,277,772 less than for Bryan.

McKinley polled more votes than Roosevelt in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Roosevelt got more than McKinley in the other thirty-two states.

Parker received more votes than Bryan in Delaware, Georgia, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina and West Virginia, while Bryan got more than Parker in the remaining thirty-seven states.

The republicans made gains over their vote of 1900 in thirty-two states and the official figure shows losses in thirteen. The total gains of the republicans were 732,048 and the total losses 312,249, net gain 419,799.

DEMOCRATIC LOSS 1,260,000
The democrats polled more votes in eight states than in 1900, but less in thirty-seven. Their total gains were 16,792 and the total losses 1,291,491, net loss 1,260,699.

Roosevelt carried thirty-two states against twenty-eight by McKinley, and has 325 electoral votes under the apportionment of 1880, there having been an addition of twenty-nine by the last apportionment.

Parker carried thirteen states against fifteen by Bryan, and has 140 electoral votes. Bryan had 155 under the apportionment in force in 1900.

Watson received his largest vote in Georgia, the total of that state being 23,634, with 20,508 in Nebraska, being nearly one-third of his aggregate, 114,637.

Barker polled 550,218 in 1900. The prohibition vote in 1900 was 268,791; in November 260,303, a gain of 51,412.

Four years ago the socialists had an electoral ticket in thirty-two states and over 87,785 votes. This year they had a ticket in the forty-five states and the Debs vote was 391,387. In 1900 over 4,000 votes were polled in only California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri and New York. In November Debs got over 5,000 in California, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Wyoming and Wisconsin—the largest number, 69,225, in Illinois. The vote of the socialist labor party in 1900 was 32,944. This year it was 33,453. A loss of 6,941.

The following table shows the official vote for the five principal candidates:

Table with columns for State, Roosevelt, Parker, Watson, Swallow, Debs. Lists 45 states and totals.

GAINS AND LOSSES

The following shows gain and losses compared with 1900: Alabama—Republican loss 32,161, democratic loss 15,516. Arkansas—Republican gain 2,060, democratic loss 1,708. California—Republican gain 40,471, democratic loss 25,691. Colorado—Republican gain 41,615, democratic loss 2,648. Connecticut—Republican gain 8,522, democratic loss 1,088. Delaware—Republican gain 1,185, democratic gain 502. Florida—Republican gain 895, democratic loss 1,124. Georgia—Democratic gain 1,772. Idaho—Republican gain 20,585, democratic loss 10,934. Illinois—Republican gain 34,660, democratic loss 175,455. Indiana—Republican gain 38,226, democratic loss 35,239. Iowa—Republican gain 99, democratic loss 57,024. Kansas—Republican gain 24,918, democratic loss 77,861. Kentucky—Republican loss 21,574, democratic loss 17,723. Louisiana—Republican loss 9,028, democratic loss 5,963. Maine—Republican loss 998, democratic loss 3,192. Maryland—Republican loss 26,705, democratic loss 12,825. Massachusetts—Republican gain 18,956, democratic loss 8,747. Michigan—Republican gain 45,597, democratic loss 77,356. Minnesota—Republican gain 26,190, democratic loss 57,714. Mississippi—Republican loss 2,606, democratic gain 1,574. Missouri—Republican gain 7,306, democratic loss 46,075. Montana—Republican gain 9,019, democratic loss 15,374. Nebraska—Republican gain 16,723, democratic loss 62,137. Nevada—Republican gain 2,007, democratic loss 2,394. New Hampshire—Republican loss 624, democratic loss 1,584. New Jersey—Republican gain 23,457, democratic gain 242. New York—Republican gain 37,541, democratic gain 5,595. North Carolina—Republican loss 5,629, democratic loss 31,631. North Dakota—Republican gain 16,704, democratic loss 6,266. Ohio—Republican gain 56,178, democratic loss 130,208. Oregon—Republican gain 13,929, democratic loss 15,864. Pennsylvania—Republican gain 128,284, democratic loss 86,234. Rhode Island—Republican gain 7,821, democratic gain 5,027. South Carolina—Republican loss 1,308, democratic gain 5,430. South Dakota—Republican gain 17,547, democratic loss 17,542. Tennessee—Republican loss 15,825, democratic loss 13,095. Texas—Republican loss 79,333, democratic loss 100,263. Utah—Republican gain 15,305, democratic loss 11,593. Vermont—Republican gain 4,114, democratic loss 3,072. Virginia—Republican loss 69,415, democratic loss 60,442. Washington—Republican gain 44,048, democratic loss 16,735. West Virginia—Republican gain 12,766, democratic gain 2,145. Wisconsin—Republican gain 14,298, democratic loss 35,178. Wyoming—Republican gain 5,972, democratic loss 1,368.

MAIN ST. CROWD AIDS IN CAPTURE OF FLEEING MAN

Christmas Shoppers Leave the Search for Gifts to Join in Chase—Pursuit Ends in Saloon Where Man Falls

A man running madly through the large crowds of Christmas shoppers on Main street, Thursday night, coatless and hatless, with blood streaming from his lips, and a shirt sleeve torn, pursued by a crowd of nearly two hundred men and boys, with several officers in the lead, created almost a panic on the street. The man finally ran into the Metropolitan saloon at the corner of Main and Ninth streets, where he was captured by City Detective Jim Thomason and taken to the city hall, a large and curious crowd following to the police station, all anxious to know why the chase and what the man had done.

RETURNING VOYAGERS EAGER TO GAIN SHORE

Will Scramble Among Passengers of Deutschland to Rejoin Friends in Time for Christmas Festivities

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There was a wild rush for shore among the 450 cabin passengers when the gang plank of the great liner Deutschland was lowered at her pier in Hoboken early today. Among the travelers were many from the west and South, anxious to get the earliest train today for their homes to spend Christmas. It was to permit this that the vessel was brought up the bay and passed at quarantine in the night—an extremely unusual event at this port. Men and women struggled together, and though they knew that there was at least an hour's wait on the pier for the baggage inspection, every one seemed imbued with the one idea of getting ashore first. Women's dresses were torn and many men lost their hats. Half a dozen men in the front were sent sprawling when they gained the pier by the rush of the crowd behind them.

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Views From Front—Taken By Will H. Brill, Staff Correspondent Newspaper Enterprise Association. Now With Japanese Army Corps in Manchuria



AT LIN-SHIM-PU.

The north wall of this village constitutes the extreme northern line of the Japanese position on the Sa-Ho. The Russian line is only 400 yards away. The village is a perfect maze of these deep trenches.



A SOLDIER AND HIS HOME

One of dozens of bombproofs in the village of Lin-Shim-Pu

The two were young men of one of the best families near Rome, Ga. Both engaged in farming. One day a man whom they had known for some time told them of a method to grow rich faster than farming would ever permit them to do. The plan was to manufacture whisky illicitly. The two young men were unused to the ways of the world and did not think of the seriousness of what they were about to do. They went into the business with the third party and for a time made some money.

FREEDOM COMES AS PRISONER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Georgia Man's Sentence Is Reduced and Antedated So He Will Be Enabled to Rejoin His Family This Week

To Will Gentry, a Federal prisoner, who was released from the county all at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, Christmas was an especial significance. Gentry was convicted in the United States circuit court of illicit distilling and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$100. From the time of his arrest until Thursday was just sixty days and he was ordered released by the court.

Special Announcement

THROUGH special arrangements with the New York Herald, The Telegram will be enabled to present its readers next Sunday morning, a Christmas feature story of unique and peculiar interest.

DR. LOEB TRICKS NATURE BY SKILL

California Scientist Able to Work Marvels in Hybridization of Species



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Revenue officers discovered the still and arrested Gentry's brother and other man, Young Gentry left the state and returned to Georgia. The other two men were tried and convicted and are now serving time in a Federal prison. Will Gentry went back to the country near Rome and settled down to a life of farming. In the course of time he married. However, persistent revenue officers after a search of four years found him, brought him to Fort Worth, and he was tried and convicted at the present term of the court. Shortly before leaving home under arrest his first child was born.

GOVERNOR HOGG BUYS DIAMOND

DENISON, Texas, Dec. 23.—Gov. Governor James Hogg and daughter, Irma, were here yesterday. Governor Hogg purchased a magnificent diamond for his daughter.

NEW PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY TAKES OATH OF OFFICE—URGES PEACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—President Gaona after taking the oath of office at the conclusion of the recent successful revolt, announced, cables the Herald's Asuncion (Paraguay) correspondent, that he accepted the presidency only by love of peace and concord among all citizens. The president exhorted all Paraguayans to forget party rancor and devote their energies to the reorganization of the republic. He will devote special attention to the financial question. His watchword, he said, will be order and labor.

TO DEVELOP GYPSUM FIELD

ABILENE, Texas, Dec. 23.—Leading business men here are taking considerable interest in the gypsum deposits in Fisher and Stonewall counties. Plenty of Abilene and Dallas capital has been secured to develop the field, which is said to be one of the richest ever found. It is expected the completion of the Orient near Sweetwater will see the opening of these deposits.



A WARM CORNER.

Russian railway section house battered by Japanese shells. Note thickness of walls. Officer on left is Major J. E. Kuhn, corps of engineers, United States army, military attaché with General Oku's army.

With an adequate water supply Mr. Boaz predicts that this section referred to may be made the garden spot of Texas. He says the limited irrigation now existing has shown that section of Texas to be highly susceptible to results attained by sufficient water supplies.

MAN RETURNS AS IF FROM TOMB

New York Blacksmith, Lost Fourteen Years, Suddenly Heard From

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Word has just been received by relatives in Fort Jervis, N. Y., from F. C. Holly, a blacksmith, whom they had mourned as dead for nearly 14 years. Holly went to Colombia in 1890 in the employ of an American drill manufacturing company. He became an agent for the concern and wrote that, having just completed a \$25,000 contract, he would soon start for home. When he did not arrive inquiry was instituted, but nothing concerning him could be learned. An exhaustive investigation that followed was equally futile and eventually the supposition was accepted that he met death in some remote place, where he was unknown and possibly among people of a foreign tongue. When he went to South America Holly had a wife and two sons in a cozy home in Ulster county. The wife, still mourning him, died several years ago and both sons were killed in accidents. His father, a Mexican war veteran, also passed away. In his letter Holly says that when he arrived in Colombia one of the frequent revolutions was in progress, but he took no particular interest in it and proceeded to transact his business. He had done so and was on the eve of leaving the town of Bucaramanga, when without a word of warning he was arrested as a political prisoner and, without explanation of the nature of his offense, thrown into a dungeon.

"THIRD HOUSE" TO HAVE MANY MEMBERS

Important Measures Coming Before Legislature Create Belief That Unusually Powerful Lobby Will Be Found

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 23.—Great preparations are already being made to accommodate the members of the next legislature, their friends, the officers of both branches, and last, but not least, the members of the "third house," who are expected to be on hand in large numbers. The hotels and boarding houses of Austin are getting things in shape to accommodate the lawmakers and within the next few days things will be in fine shape.

MUCH SPORT PROMISED, BUT—TAYLOR, Texas, Dec. 23.—Arrangements are being made here to have a grand free-for-all goat roping contest at the Taylor fair grounds on Monday, Dec. 27. A liberal purse has been donated by the business men of the city. Prizes will be given to the three who rope three goats and tie them in the shortest time.

"LABOR AND ORDER" TO BE WATCHWORD

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TRAP AND KILL NATIVE SCOUTS

Company of Filipinos Ambushed by Pulajanes on Island of Samar

WOULD IRRIGATE PLAINS OF TEXAS

Prominent Citizens of State Urging Congressmen to Secure Appropriation

LAND UNUSUALLY FERTILE

Experiments Show a Large Tract Suitable for Profitable Farming

"A matter of much interest to the dry sections of Texas is up for consideration among some of the leading citizens of the state," said David Boaz to a representative of this paper this morning.

Discussing the matter he said that a movement has been started in Texas to have the Federal government give to this state a part of the appropriation made to develop the water or irrigation supply in the arid sections of the United States, which is shown to cover some ten states and territories.

While Texas is not considered an arid country within the technical term, still there is a large scope of territory in the southwest part of the state that requires irrigation. This being true, a move has been inaugurated, having at its head some of the influential business men of the state, who hope to demonstrate to the government that the imperative need of irrigation—particularly in that part of Texas lying along an imaginary line drawn across the country extending from Eagle Pass to Brownsville.

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To the end that Texas may be considered in the government appropriation to provide water for irrigation, letters have been written by many prominent people over the state to the representatives from Texas in congress asking them to use their influence in securing for this state a part of the irrigation fund which has already reached \$20,000,000.

This fund is being provided by sales of the public domain in various states and territories, and as the Federal government has control over no lands in Texas, the representatives from Texas in congress will have hard work to convince the government that Texas should also be a beneficiary of the irrigation fund.

However, progress is being made. It is being brought to bear upon congress to do something for this state. Senators Culberson and Bailey have been personally written to regarding the claim to be made by Texas.

The irrigation fund of the government has been accumulating for three years and is being rapidly augmented by the sale of public lands. It is estimated that within the next few years the total fund will have reached \$50,000,000.

Congressman John Stephens of Vernon, who is always on the alert for anything that will be to the interest of Texas and Texas people, has prepared a bill which he will introduce in the present congress asking for an appropriation of this irrigation fund to be used in developing the water supply in this state. With the strong support he is receiving along this line he is likely to accomplish something tangible.

The belief is that land as far as 100 miles distant on either side, with a good supply of water, can be made exceedingly productive.

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It is predicted, even this early, that there will be in Austin during the session of the legislature one of the largest and strongest lobbies which has ever attended the legislature. There are so many corporate interests to be looked after, and other matters of importance, that it will be imperative to maintain a big membership of the "third house."

Some important railroad measures are to come up for consideration during the session. There are a number of bonds which are to be refunded and a few consolidation acts are to come up for the consideration of the lawmakers.

Everything also points to a long and laborious session, and more than likely an extra session, as it is expected that tax legislation will occupy much time and thought of the solons, as it is to be one of the important matters to come up for final disposition.

TO BUILD UNION DEPOT

Katy Lets Contract for Structure to Cost \$33,000

SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., Dec. 23.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway has let the contract for the building of a \$33,000 union depot at South McAlester, I. T. The building is to be completed inside of four months.

Effective Jan. 1, Thomas R. Beman is appointed assistant attorney for the Rock Island system in Oklahoma and Indian Territory, with headquarters at South McAlester, I. T., vice R. E. Campbell, resigned.

MANILA, Dec. 23.—The Pulajanes have ambushed and killed a Dofores, on the Island of Samar, a lieutenant and thirty-seven enlisted men of the Thirty-eighth company of native scouts. Two thousand Pulajanes, it is reported, threaten the town of Dolores and the situation is said to be critical. Lieutenant Abbott in command of the scouts has requested that aid be sent him.

MEN'S GIFT-GIVING

Helps Bargain-Priced

AT THE HOME OF THE BARGAIN—
STRIPLING'S, OF COURSE.

Just when you wish your pocketbook was a little longer and a little fuller, these special prices in this big store may be suggestive at the proper time. Read them.

500 10c HANDKERCHIEFS AT 5c

Embroidered initial Handkerchiefs that we sold at 10c, that the initials will soon be in broken lots, and we cut the price to 5c, and people are buying them in dozen lots, regardless of the initial, because of the good value.

200 JAPANESE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS 15c TO \$1.00

Big bargains these—no two alike; samples that you save 25c on the dollar; 25c on 75c values.

SUSPENDERS IN BOXES, 50c TO \$1.00

In gilt, the new anti-rust copper or silver buckles, finished in fancy kid tips; some boxes have lithographed covers, others celluloid top boxes. They are going fast, and the prices are only 50c, 75c and.....\$1.00

50c MEN'S FINE HALF HOSE, 35c

Perhaps 200 pairs of 50c Hose that we picked up at a bargain; in the new shades of brown, black, gray, striped; is one of our special useful presents, for.....35c

TIES FOR HIM

Another fresh supply came by express to add to our already large assortment. New browns, steel gray effects, blacks, rich reds, art nouveau patterns and changeable silks; your choice—your pocketbook is catered to here—in Strings, Puffs, Four-in-hands and Ascots, 20c, 25c, 50c, 75c and.....\$1.00

SLIPPERS, SHOES, AND SANTA CLAUS

Give a useful present. Think it over. Wouldn't you be glad to receive a nice pair of Slippers or Nullifiers—both suggest comfort, or perhaps a pair of Shoes, either in real fancy or the kind that are made for everyday wear.

Men's Slippers and Nullifiers, 50c to.....\$2.00

Ladies' Felt and Fur-trimmed House Slippers, all colors, 75c to.....\$1.50

MEN'S SUITS

THAT HAVE NOT
BEEN MARKED UP

This store don't mark up the price of its Men's Suits to make them appear cheaper in the advertising, but invites you to an actual saving of \$2.50 to \$5.00 on suits where you care to compare the values. Today we offer suits for—

\$7.50, \$9.50, \$13.50

For suits that sell up to \$18.50 in other stores.



W. C. Stripling
THE PRICE IS THE THING.

IN THE RAILROAD WORLD

ROCK ISLAND'S NEW TRAINS

On Sunday the additional trains of the Rock Island between Fort Worth and Dallas and between Chicago and California, will be put into commission.

The service between Fort Worth and Dallas will be doubled. The morning train will leave here at 7:40 and reach Dallas at 9:15, returning it will leave Dallas at 7:10 p. m., and arrive in Fort Worth at 8:40.

The evening train will leave Fort Worth at 7:40 and arrive in Dallas at 9:05, departing will reach this city at 8:20 a. m.

No. 12, heretofore leaving Fort Worth at 9:05 p. m., will, after Sunday, depart five minutes later, and No. 14, which left here at 8:30 a. m., will depart at 8:35 a. m.

The Golden State Limited of the Rock Island, which will run from Chicago via El Paso to California, will make its initiative trip for this winter on next Sunday.

The equipment of the train is to be of the very finest and will include buffet-library car, diner, latest pattern tourist sleeper, double and single drawing room Pullman, observation car and one mail car.

The service will be over the Mexico division of the Rock Island via Dalhart.

THE COTTON MOVEMENT

Commercial Agent Dillon of the Santa Fe has returned from a visit along the line north of Fort Worth, and reports that he found the cotton movement to Galveston for export very light, the bulk going to mill points. He says, so far as

he is able to judge, that there will be something doing in cotton shipping pretty much all the season from the fact that farmers are inclined to hold their cotton, and are only turning a small part of their holding loose. He estimates, from reports received from various agents, that not to exceed 60 per cent of the cotton has been moved thus far.

From Ardmore the report is that the movement is very light to Galveston for export.

Weatherford reports but little cotton moving, as does Gainesville and Cleburne. At the latter point farmers are removing their cotton from the yards and taking it back home.

The reports from other sections received by Mr. Dillon indicate cotton conditions are about the same.

HAS STOOD THE TEST 25 YEARS.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. The first and original tasteless chill tonic, 50 cents.

WEATHER

FORECAST
D. S. Landis issued the following statement of weather conditions this morning:
East Texas, north: Tonight and Saturday occasional showers, cold.
East Texas, south: Tonight and Sat-

urday occasional rain, colder in west portion tonight; colder Saturday.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

The forecast for Texas east of the one hundredth meridian, issued at New Orleans, is as follows:

The eastern low pressure noted on chart yesterday has passed on eastward, being central over the Carolinas this morning, but followed by foul weather conditions. Rain is falling this morning in Arkansas and portions of Texas. The middle Missouri valley is the center of a disturbance of considerable gradient energy. Snow is falling on its east side, especially in Minnesota.

The California coast is having rain, and the forecast reports snow. The country is generally cloudy with the exception of the immediate south Atlantic coast.

Texas is cloudy and rainy conditions prevail, rain falling this morning at Palestine. The temperatures are above freezing in all portions of the state.

WEATHER RECORD

Following is the weather record for the last twenty-four hours—minimum and maximum temperature, wind in miles per hour at 8 a. m. and rain in inches:

Stations—	Min.	Max.	Wind.	Rain.
Amarillo	32	64	15	.00
Asmarick	10	14	8	.02
Chicago	32	56	28	.00
Cincinnati	22	52	8	T
Denver	26	58	6	.00
El Paso	32	60	4	.00
Fort Worth	63	72	T	.00
Galveston	62	66	10	T
Kansas City	54	66	12	.00
Montgomery	34	66	6	.00
Nashville	28	60	4	.00
New Orleans	44	66	4	T
Oklahoma	46	58	18	T
Palestine	54	68	10	.12
Pittsburg	24	52	14	T
St. Lou. sl.	44	64	18	.00
St. Paul	26	42	14	.01
San Antonio	60	68	.02	

D. S. LANDIS,
Official in Charge.

TO GIVE CANTATA

Entertainment Arranged by Christian Tabernacle Sunday School

Tonight at 8 o'clock a new departure will be made by the Sunday school of the Christian tabernacle. Instead of making much of "getting" in their annual Christmas entertainment, they will make much of "giving." The members of the school pledged themselves to repeat every day this week the words of Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And tonight this will be carried out. While each pupil will receive something, yet the prevailing idea will be what each will bring to be given to others. The pastor, Rev. S. G. Iman, aided by a committee of young men, will tomorrow distribute the gifts that are brought to the needy. He has a large list of families who will have no Christmas if they are not given it by some one else. Groceries, toys, clothing, bedding, picture books, candies and anything else that will carry Christmas cheer where there is none, will be gladly accepted.

The children have prepared a cantata, "The Crowning of Santa Claus," to which the general public is invited. After the program, Santa Claus will call on every one present to march to the platform and deposit gifts they have brought to make glad the hearts of the less fortunate. Thus will be given an opportunity not only to the Sunday school, but to every one who wishes to share his Christmas with others, to give to those who are both deserving and needy.

BIRD COMMITS SUICIDE

Deliberately Hangs Itself from Nest by Waxed Thread

A deliberate case of bird suicide was witnessed in this city Thursday afternoon by the workmen in a Third street saddlery establishment.

J. S. Graves, one of those who witnessed the queer performance, described it to a Telegram reporter. The bird, an ordinary English sparrow, first attracted attention by its calls and rapid flying to and from its nest in the eaves of the building.

Interested, the workmen watched it, and found its efforts devoted to doing something with a piece of waxed thread that had been found by the bird around the establishment.

With one end of the thread in its mouth, it managed to arouse for some time, and then suddenly shot toward the ground to come to a sharp stop as the end of the thread was reached.

An investigation showed the bird had hung itself, by its maneuvers, placing the thread about its throat. The subsequent drop had broken the bird's neck.

ACTRESS' IRON NERVE AT LAST GIVES WAY

Composure Maintained Throughout Her Trial is Broken by Failure of Jury to Reach a Verdict

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Nan Patterson, who throughout the ordeal of her trial for the murder of Caesar Young has maintained a wonderful cheerfulness, has at last weakened under the strain, the locking up of the jury in whose hands lays her fate, without a verdict Thursday night causing her to give way to her feelings.

"Oh, how can those men doubt my word?" she cried, as she bade farewell to her father and was taken back to the "tomb" to await the decision. She had expected a quick acquittal and her nerves were almost shattered by the failure of the jury to return.

The court waited until 11:26 p. m. for an agreement to be reached and at that time gave the order locking them up. If uncomfortable quarters have an efficacy in promoting agreement, a verdict should be soon rendered, small strait chairs and a table being the only furniture of the room.

DR. CHADWICK ALSO CHARGED WITH FORGERY

Second Indictment by Grand Jury at Cleveland Comes as Surprise—To Be Arrested at Landing

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Dr. Leroy Chadwick was included with his wife in an indictment found Thursday afternoon by the county grand jury charging them with having forged the name of Andrew Carnegie to a \$500,000 check. The indictment of Dr. Chadwick came as a surprise, this being the first proceeding in which his name has been coupled with that of his wife. Mrs. Chadwick was previously indicted by the body for forgery of a \$250,000 and a \$500,000 check. She will be brought to the action this morning, but no comment other than to say another name had been added to the indictment.

Dr. Chadwick is now en route from Europe to this country. Sheriff Barry will meet him at the steamship landing with a warrant and extradition papers. He will be brought at once to Cleveland. Prosecutor Keeler announced that no further indictments would be made by the grand jury.

Receiver Loeser announced yesterday



There is no present that will give as much real joy as a piece of furniture, say, a nice rocker or a desk. Such are received with true appreciation and give a lasting remembrance

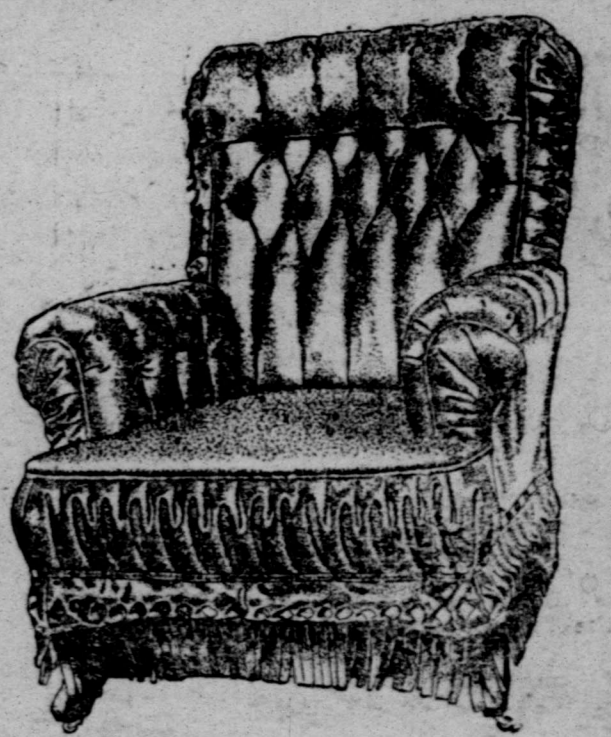


Oriental Rugs

A rare collection of rich, rare weaves, in all sizes, from the large Khiva room-size to the small Anatolian Mats. The following are in this assortment: Sarouk, Tarbriz, Kirman, Shiraz, Persian, Ghoirde, Daghestan, Shirvan, Guendje, Keizac, Carabagh, and Antique Bokarah

Easy Chairs

Large Turkish rockers, oak frame, leather upholstered; wicker frame, leather upholstered, and many other easy chairs, afford a wide range for nice gifts.



Special Prices on MANTEL FOLDING BEDS



Carpet Sweepers
\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50

Ladies' Desks

\$7.00 to \$40.00

Attractive, artistic and convenient. A large assortment in Oak, Maple and Mahogany.

Music Cabinets
Combined with Parlor Cabinets and plain; oak, maple, mahogany and vernis martin—a large variety.
Prices \$8.00 to \$40.00

Dressing Tables
Dainty, artistic designs in oak, maple and mahogany—very suitable gift to a lady.
Prices \$10.00 to \$30.00

Indian Stools
Finished in green, red, weathered and golden oak—a nice, inexpensive gift.
Prices \$1.75 to \$2.50

Furniture, Carpets, Mantels, Etc.

Fakes & Co.

1619-21-23 Main St. Open Evenings

that he had located the baggage (part of the Chadwick assets) removed from the Holland house in New York. Whether or not it contains valuables, he does not know.

A SOUVENIR EXPLODES

Cartridge Sent by Sailor to Sister Causes Her Death

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Thomas E. Barnes, aged 22 years, was killed Thursday in her home at 253 Pine street by a cartridge that had been sent to her by her brother, a sailor in the United States navy. The cartridge, said to have been about one and one-half inches long, was sent to Mrs. Barnes as a souvenir. It is supposed she was walking from the sitting room into her parlor with the cartridge in her hands and that in passing a coal stove standing in the archedway between the rooms, struck it against the stove in such manner that it exploded.

IN GRIP OF THE FOG

White Star Liners Unable to Leave Mersey River

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The fog in London has practically disappeared this afternoon before a northwest breeze. Reports from the coasts show a continuance of the dislocation of traffic, according to a telegram from Liverpool at 10 o'clock this morning. The White Star line steamers Oceanic and Cedric were still fog bound in Mersey river.

MURDER CLEW IS FOUND

Poison Bottle Discovered Near Body of Girl May Solve Mystery

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Dec. 23.—City Detective McReynolds has discovered the first real clew in the Mount Cutler murder mystery that the officers have had to work on since the discovery of the body of the unknown woman. The clew consists of a one-ounce bottle labeled poison, which was found within fifty feet of the spot where the body of the murdered girl was discovered. The label, though

CZAR IS IN BAD TEMPER

Ill Humor Said to Have Prompted Indorsement of Zemstvo Resolutions

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—Too much significance should not attach to the printed indorsement of the czar declaring the dispatched Zemstvo resolution regarding reforms. A reliable informant of the Associated Press declares the indorsement was made in a moment of ill humor caused by the sending of the dispatch direct to him rather than through the minister of the interior. The fact that the indorsement was not contained in the official part of the paper is taken to show that its publication was secured by those interested in the effect to be produced.

ADMIRAL DAVIS BUSY CALLING ON OFFICIALS

American Member of North Sea Commission Spends Day As Guest of French Cabinet Officers

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Davis, American member of the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident today, continued making calls on cabinet officers. Admiral Campion received and entertained Admiral Davis at the headquarters of the minister of marine, in the absence of Marine Minister Polletan, who was attending a meeting of the council of ministers.

NORTHERN FARMERS COMING

DENISON, Texas, Dec. 23.—A large excursion of farmers from Illinois, Iowa and other points are expected here early in January to make a tour of the state.

BOYS CHARGED WITH ROBBERING GRANDMOTHER

Alleged to Have Choked Her Into Unconsciousness and Stolen Jewelry and Money
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Wearing cartridge belts and having their pockets filled with dime novels, two boys have

been arrested in Harlem on charges of feloniously attacking their grandmother, strangling her into unconsciousness and then robbing her of jewelry and money amounting to more than \$25. The boys were Charles Upton, 15 years old, and his cousin, Frederick McDermott, who gave his home at Oyster Bay.

CAPTAIN CLADO AN IDOL OF THE RUSSIANS

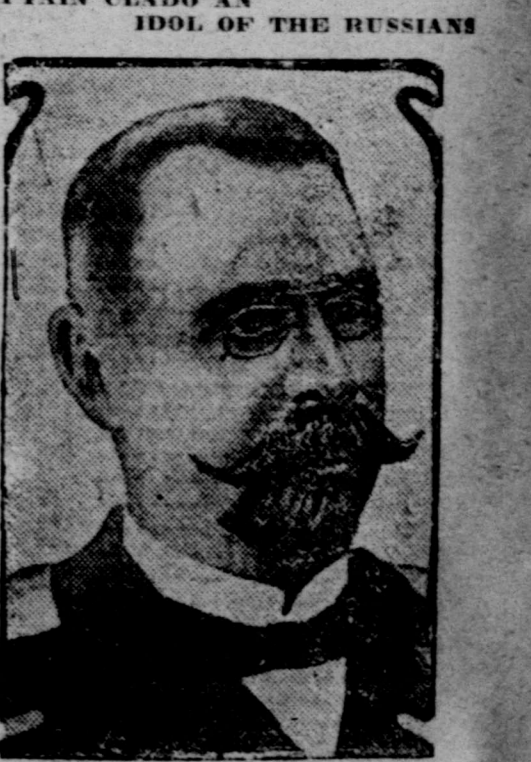
According to the police, the lads called upon their grandfather and informed him that he was wanted down town on important business and after his departure, performed their desperate deed. While the grandmother was cooking lunch for them, one is said to have taken up a position at the outer door while the other procured all the valuables and money in sight. The old lady detected him and gave chase, when she was thrown down and choked into unconsciousness.

FREEDOM OF PRESS ABOLISHED IN SERBIA

King Peter Signs New Measure Aimed at Anti-Dynastic and Opposition Papers of Turbulent Realm

BELGRADE, Dec. 23.—King Peter today signed the new press law which practically abolishes freedom of the

press in Serbia, though it is aimed principally at the anti-dynastic and opposition papers.



CAPTAIN CLADO

Clado is now a popular hero in Russia. He was recently detached from the Baltic fleet and sent to St. Petersburg. There he was arrested and sentenced to 15 days' imprisonment for criticizing the naval administration of High Admiral Grand Duke Alexis, in article contributed to the Novoe Vremya, a St. Petersburg paper. Clado wanted the Baltic fleet sent through the Dardanelles, regardless of treaty obligations. He was with the fleet when it fired on the English fishing vessels, and will be a witness before the international court of inquiry. Hundreds of admirers have sought to visit him in prison, and popular subscriptions are being raised to buy him testimonials.

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You Will Be Thinking of the Stockings to Be Filled. We Certainly Can Furnish The Filling

- Oranges, per dozen, 12 1/2c to 50c
- Bananas, per dozen, 20c and 25c
- Pecans, fresh, good size, 2 lbs. for 25c
- Filberts and Brazils, per lb. 20c
- English Walnuts, per lb. 20c
- Almonds, per lb. 20c
- Chestnuts, per lb. 20c
- Roasted Peanuts, per lb. 20c
- Mixed Nuts, 3 lbs. for 50c
- Cocoanuts, each 10c
- Popcorn, 3 lbs. for 25c

- Imported Figs, 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c
- Imported Raisins, per lb. 35c
- California Layer Raisins, per lb. 20c
- Dates, 2 lbs. for 25c
- Malaga Grapes, per lb. 25c
- Catawba Grapes, basket 25c
- Apples, peck, 40c, 50c and 60c
- Grape Fruit, each 15c
- Tangerines, dozen 20c
- Pineapples, each 35c
- Christmas Trees, each, 25c to \$1.00

- Christmas Tree Candle Holders, dozen 10c
- Fireworks—very cheap.
- Gunther's Candies at Chicago prices.
- Gordon & Dilworth's Plum Puddings, 1 lb., 35c; 2 lbs., 65c; 3 lbs., \$1.00; 4 lbs., \$1.25
- Plum Pudding Sauce, bottle 35c
- Batavia Mince-meat, bottle 75c
- G. & D. Mince-meat, \$1.00 and \$1.50
- Batavia Apple Butter, 2 lbs. for 25c

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And the Very Best

- Choice Celery, Lettuce, Cranberries, Cauliflower, Parsley and Vegetables a-plenty. Dressed Geese, Hens and Fryers.
- Fresh Country Eggs, dozen 25c
- Fresh Country Butter, lb. 20c
- Creamery Butter, lb. 25c
- Belle Springs Butter, lb. 30c

- Hagerman's Cider, gallon 50c
- Do not overlook our bakery products—
- The best Fruit Cake in America, lb. 50c
- Good Fruit Cakes at, per lb., 25c and 35c
- Lady Fingers, Macaroons, Chocolate Eclaires, Charlotte Russe, etc.

- Three-layer Cakes in variety.
- Batavia Game Jelly 35c
- Batavia Strawberry Preserves 35c
- Batavia Olives, Crystallized Fruits, Pickles of all kinds in bottles and in bulk.

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Live Stock

NORTH FORT WORTH, Dec. 23.—The near approach of holidays, coupled with the fact of no market tomorrow, brought in a very light supply of cattle, eight cars, or 423 head, against 3,694 last week, 4,768 last month and no receipts a year ago—Christmas.

Few steers were on the market mostly feeders with a few killing steers. Packers raided the market and captured everything in sight. The market ruled active and strong. Best steers sold for \$3.60, and they were partly fed killers.

The supply of cows was light, mostly canners. Very few good cows came in, and they were individuals in mixed loads. The same sort of a market as for steers developed, active, with a tendency towards strength. Tops on cows were \$3. Scarcely any thing was doing in bulls and calves. The supply was almost nothing, and sales were scattering at steady prices.

Hogs made a good show in numbers, eleven cars, or 915 head, against 1,299 last week and 1,493 last month. With the lightened supply came a bettered quality, but buyers took advantage of tomorrow's holiday and a prospective three days with no killing to smash the market. Offers to buy at 10c decline, with the privilege of holding over the hogs until Tuesday constituted the alternative. Salesmen took their medicine, and on this basis the supply dribbled to the scales. Top hogs sold at \$4.65, averaging 265 pounds, with packings bulk between \$4.52 and \$4.60; lights between \$4.25 and \$4.37 1/2, and pigs within the range of \$3.85 to 4.35.

WEEK'S REVIEW
This week has been remarkable for large receipts of all classes of live stock, except hogs. The supply of cattle has reached 14,461, hogs 9,519 and sheep 2,216. This for a five-day week. Last week the same supply reached: Cattle 12,466, hogs 6,889, sheep 1,473. For the week a month ago with a holiday in the middle of the week, the run of cattle reached 24,120, hogs 6,532 and sheep 3,507. The week end finds steer cattle 10c lower for the week, good cows a trifle better and canners demoralized, bulls holding steady and calves lower by 5c.

In hogs the market week closes 10c over on heavy and medium packers, 15c to 20c lower on lights and 10c to 15c lower on pigs. Steers maintain a steady market. Good, heavy, fat sheep continue in demand.

TODAY'S RECEIPTS

Cattle	500
Hogs	1,000
Sheep	231

TOP PRICES TODAY

Beers	\$2.50
Cows	2.90
Bulls	2.35
Hogs	2.90
Calves	3.50

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TODAY'S SHIPPERS

CATTLE	
J. W. Russell, Colorado	62
J. M. Keen, Graham	54
W. W. M. Commerce	60
Murry & Barfield, Wills Point	30
B. F. Baden, Thornton	16
HOGS	
A. M. Anderson, Hillsboro	45
B. & B. Franklin	110
Allison & C., Purcell	78
Murry & Barfield, Wills Point	75
B. F. Baden, Thornton	37
W. G. Fowler, Calvert	46
C. W. Brown, Buffalo	125
Cate & Pain, Hennessey, Okla.	91
S. King, Mexia	123
M. C. Chff, Foss, Okla.	93
J. F. Olette, Monahans	92

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

STEERS					
No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price		
9.....	773	12.....	860		
13.....	788	270	640		
1.....	850	270	1,160		
42.....	1,181	3.60			
COWS					
No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price		
22.....	606	230	620		
3.....	760	1.80	700		
50.....	734	1.65	28.....	997	1.65
41.....	815	2.15	1.....	1,000	3.00
14.....	640	1.00	11.....	730	1.50
15.....	731	2.00	25.....	812	1.90
34.....	890	2.35	34.....	890	2.35
14.....	610	2.00	15.....	714	1.10
28.....	682	1.15	28.....	682	1.15
15.....	719	1.65	14.....	767	1.50
15.....	785	2.10			
BULLS					
No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price		
1.....	1,500	2.00	18.....	660	\$1.70
4.....	1,175	1.70	2.....	1,250	1.70
2.....	1,075	1.75	2.....	960	1.70
2.....	1,020	1.50			
CALVES					
No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price		
1.....	140	\$3.25	1.....	240	\$1.25
2.....	115	3.50	30.....	340	2.10
1.....	280	1.25	1.....	140	1.50
1.....	446	2.50	1.....	110	2.50
1.....	150	1.60	11.....	343	1.90
1.....	120	3.50			
HOGS					
No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price		
1.....	310	\$4.55	75.....	292	\$4.45
18.....	216	4.50	48.....	296	4.50
44.....	186	4.37 1/2	73.....	292	4.50
74.....	205	4.55	4.....	240	4.50
1.....	213	4.50			
PIGS					
No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price		
27.....	104	\$3.85	19.....	123	\$4.00
17.....	102	3.75	9.....	37	5.00
SHEEP					
No.	Ave. Price	No.	Ave. Price		
59.....	93	\$4.00	172.....	95	\$4.00

COTTON

(By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The spot cotton market was easier in tone, with a limited demand. Spots were quoted at 4.04 for middling. Sales 5,000 bales. Receipts 25,000 bales, of which 20,000 were American.

GRAIN

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS (By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The following vision markets ranged in prices today as follows:
Wheat—Open. High. Low. Close.
December.....1.11 1.12 1.10 1.10 1/2
January.....1.11 1.12 1.10 1.10 1/2
May......98 98 1/2 98 1/2
Corn—Open. High. Low. Close.
December......45 46 45 45 1/2
January......45 46 45 45 1/2
July......45 46 45 45 1/2
Oats—Open. High. Low. Close.
December......29 29 1/2 29 1/2
January......31 31 1/2 31 1/2
July......31 31 1/2 31 1/2
Ribs—Open. High. Low. Close.
January.....12.52 12.57 12.45 12.57
May.....12.82 12.87 12.77 12.87
Lard—Open. High. Low. Close.
January.....6.82 6.85 6.82 6.85
May.....7.10 7.15 7.10 7.12
Ribs—Open. High. Low. Close.
January.....6.40 6.47 6.35 6.47
May.....6.67 6.72 6.65 6.72

ESTIMATED TOMORROW

New Orleans	11,000 to 12,500	7.047
Galveston	9,000 to 10,000	9.511
Houston	7,500 to 8,500	14.829

NEW YORK FUTURES

(By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The market in cotton was barely steady. Fol-

NEW YORK SPOTS

(By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The spot cotton market was dull today. Prices and receipts were quoted as follows:
Today. Yesterday.
Middling.....7.60 7.60
Sales.....400

LIVERPOOL GRAIN CABLE

(By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The grain and provisions were noted today in the corn and wheat markets:
Wheat opened 1/4d lower, at 1:30 p. m., 1/4d lower, closed 1/4d lower.
Corn opened 1/4d lower, at 1:30 p. m., 1/4d to 1/2d lower, closed 1/4d to 1/2d lower.

NEW ORLEANS FUTURES

(By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 23.—The market in cotton futures was steady. The following is the range in quotations:
December.....7.16 7.19-20
January.....7.20 7.18-19
March.....7.33 7.31-32
May.....7.46 7.42-43
July.....7.52 7.53-54

NEW ORLEANS SPOTS

(By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 23.—The spot cotton market was easy today. Prices and receipts were as follows:
Today. Yesterday.
Middling.....7.3-16 7.3-16
F. o. b.....650 2,500
Sales.....1,600 1,900

THE RANGE IN PRICES FOR FUTURES FOLLOWS

Open.		Close.	
December	3.94	3.91	3.91
January-Febr.	3.96-95-96	3.97	3.94
February-March	4.00-01	4.03	3.99
March-April	4.05	4.07	4.03
April-May	4.08	4.09	4.06
May-June	4.11	4.13	4.09
June-July	4.14	4.11	4.11
July-August	4.15-16	4.18	4.11
August-Sept.	4.18	4.18	4.11

PORT RECEIPTS

(By Private Wire to M. H. Thomas & Co.)
Receipts of cotton at the leading accumulative centers, compared with the receipts of the same time last year:
Today. Last yr.
Galveston.....5,913 17,182
New Orleans.....14,709 11,626
Mobile.....1,187
Savannah.....5,788
Total.....33,117
Memphis.....5,926
Houston.....9,754 12,734

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The visible supply statement tonight will compare with an increase of 155,004 bales of American cotton and a total increase of 183,004 last year and an increase of 85,516 American and a total increase of 129,518 in 1902. Spinners' takings last year were 255,000 bales; in 1902 they were 276,000.

PATTERSON JURY FAILS TO AGREE

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The jury in the Nan Patterson case filed into the court room shortly before noon and reported it was unable to agree on a verdict. The judge sent them back for further deliberation.

MAN GETS INJUNCTION AGAINST MOTHER-IN-LAW

An injunction out of the ordinary was today granted by Judge Irby Dunklin on application of John H. Plumb against Mrs. Susie Wheat, mother of the plaintiff's wife.

The injunction commands that the defendant appear in court Saturday morning at 9 o'clock to show cause, if any, why the injunction prayed for in the petition against her should not be made permanent.

The injunction petition shows the plaintiff to be a "butcher," and the defendant, the petition alleges, is accused of influencing his wife (the defendant's daughter) to become dissatisfied with her surroundings.

The defendant also charges the plaintiff with being "too stingy" and in order to refute this allegation plaintiff shows by the petition that he had authorized his wife to spend for Christmas the sum of \$50.

COUNTY COURT

The following pleas of guilty were received by County Judge Milan today:
Wynne Fay, vagrancy, fined \$1; Lynn Huffton, vagrancy, fined \$1; Will Price, aggravated assault, fined \$25.

DISTRICT COURT

Acting Judge Patterson in the Forty-eighth district court this morning granted a divorce in the case of Alice Long against George Long.

No other business was done today in the district courts.

Deaths—John W. Rolston of Johnson Station, aged 40, Dec. 11; J. M. Massey of Arlington, aged 65, Dec. 12; Lula F. Woodall of Grapevine, aged 26, Nov. 2; A. D. Cain of Grapevine, aged 40, Nov. 4.

CASES FILED

H. G. Deating vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, damages.
B. F. Brewster vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, damages.
B. F. Wallace et al vs. Miss Eva Coffee, trespass to try title.
Mrs. Laura Plumb vs. J. H. Plumb, divorce.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John F. Sifton and Miss Maggie Gilbert; Frank B. Livingston and Miss Mollie L. Dayton.
W. P. Shannon and Miss Mary Tucker. Frank Glover and Miss Dora Hall.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births—To Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hurley of Grapevine, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bartlett of Grapevine, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Corbin Jr. of Grapevine, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Mart Worthing of Grapevine, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilkinson of Grapevine, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Pearce of Grapevine, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Warren of Grapevine, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Powers of Arlington, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. V. Y. Hutton of Arlington, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Metcalf of Arlington, a boy; to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morse of Arlington, a girl; to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Weyer of Fort Worth, a girl.

NO METER HILL REPORTS

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—No additional information has been received at the war offices of the reported capture of 203 Meter Hill from the Japanese. The fact that the telegram was sent by General Kurapatkin is the only endorsement of the rumor.

NO NEWS FROM PORT ARTHUR

CHEFOO, Dec. 23.—No news has been received here today from Port Arthur.

BOLD ROBBERY IN SHERMAN

SHERMAN, Texas, Dec. 23.—An unusually bold burglary was committed here last night in the store of W. C. Jones and Brother on the principal business street. It was entered from the front and \$2,000 worth of finest silks packed into a handsome suit case and carried out. The prompt action of officers was rewarded this afternoon by a message from Hugo I. T., saying two men had been detained there with goods suiting the description. Sheriff Russell has gone after them.

RUSSIANS LOSE IN SKIRMISHES

GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS, FUSAN, Thursday, Dec. 23.—

CITY NEWS

R. E. Taylor of Henrietta is spending the day in Fort Worth.
J. McPherson and wife of Wichita Falls were visitors in Fort Worth this morning.
Dr. W. G. Jackson was in Fort Worth

THIS MORNING FROM ABILENE.

A report was received at the police station this morning that a horse had been stolen some time during Thursday night from a livery barn at Arlington. They were asked to be on the lookout for it.

The sideswiping of a passenger and freight train on the Texas and Pacific at Whitesboro caused a delay at the Whitesboro junction of all Joint Trunk trains last evening from 7 o'clock until this morning. No one was injured in the accident. The passenger engine was turned completely over.

The crowds at the Texas and Pacific passenger station Thursday night and today were largest ever seen there. Travelers sat about the station on the seats, floor and on the steps. All the travelers were going home for Christmas.

D. W. Gall of Mesquite was in the city this morning.
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hendrix of Belton are in the city.

There was another giving away of the overstrained nerves today when William Ryan, policeman on guard at the entrance of the jury room, fainted.

He was sent to the station house in a patrol wagon. He has been doing extra and this with the excitement of the trial, was too much for him. As they came through the Franklin street exit the jurors met a crowd of not less than 200 persons, including a self-appointed guard, who had remained on duty all night. If the crowd expected to learn anything from the faces of the jurors they were disappointed, for there was nothing in their expressions save weariness. It is learned that the room in which the long night was spent was entirely without furniture, with the exception of a table and a dozen small wooden chairs. Whatever rested the jurors got was therefore obtained under far from ideal conditions. They suffered somewhat from cold during the night and the engineer was aroused in the early morning hours with a request for more steam.

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The change of ownership of a large portion of the old Arlington Heights property promises to redound greatly to the advantage of this city and the residents of that desirable suburb.

The latest reports from the scene of war in the far east indicate that there is not much doing. Neither army is manifesting much desire to resume brisk operations.

In a recent interview with Thomas Nelson Page, President Roosevelt is quoted as saying: "If the south will wait two more years before passing judgment on me, I believe she will be satisfied as to my good intentions."

The Russian vessels in the harbor at Port Arthur were first reported as totally destroyed, and later reports are to the effect that they are incapacitated for service.

The president seems sincere in his determination to do something to regulate the big railway trust of the country, and judging from the manner in which the railway managers are expressing a desire for government control it looks like they have come to a realization of the fact that they are at the end of their tether.

Old Geronimo, the bloody old Apache chief who is detained as a prisoner of war by the government in Oklahoma, has done not care to go to Washington to see the president inaugurated.

There is still some discussion going on over the construction of the Panama canal, the main point seeming to

be whether or not it shall be at sea level. It is pointed out that while its operation would be cheaper after construction along such level, twenty years would be required to do the work and the cost would be \$300,000,000.

Under his new appointment as adjutant general of the Massachusetts state militia, General Miles is the highest salaried officer in the United States. His salary as a retired army officer in connection with that paid by the state of Massachusetts will exceed \$15,000 per annum, and he ought to be able to pull through on that.

Dallas is now trying to get good by hanging some of her leading citizens who have been guilty of taking human life, but there is so much work of that kind that ought to be done in that town that it seems almost a hopeless undertaking.

If the desire of Judge Parker's friends was to honor the dead in the banquet given in his honor in New York a few evenings ago, then the action was a most graceful and timely one. If it is a desire to keep him to the front as a subject for future political honors, then it was a most untimely undertaking.

Nan Patterson disclaims any connection with the murder of Caesar Young, except she was present and not voting when the incident occurred. According to her story, she could not have taken his life unless it was accomplished through the process of loving him to death.

The Hartford Courant says that even Governor Vardaman of Mississippi is entitled to his meed of praise from the fact that he is making the white capers of his state mighty hard to catch. Vardaman has his peculiarities, but he is making his state a very able executive.

When it becomes generally known that the republic of Mexico has just succeeded in negotiating another big loan no doubt there will be another big influx of American immigration into that country. The sister republic is rapidly becoming the abode of the American grafter.

Under the laws of Kentucky, the railroads operating in that state are ever ready to place one cuspidor to every seat in passenger coaches, and the Kentucky colonel with his cud of good navy, guarantees to fill each vessel at every shot.

Several railway consolidation bills are already sure to make their appearance during the coming session of the state legislature, and it is to be presumed that Governor Hogg will be on hand to see that they contain no dynamite.

"We have got the Philippines and we are going to keep them," says Speaker Joe Cannon, and that ought to settle the matter. But the question yet to be adjudicated is what are we going to do with them?

The American people drink too much water, is an assurance that comes from a New York physician, and that doctrine begets the suspicion that the doctor must have been born and bred in old Kentucky.

It is said that almost every person arrested and searched in the police courts of New York recently has been found to have a pistol concealed about his person. Is this the net result of the strenuous life?

The cotton seed oil men of Texas are holding meetings and trying to devise some method of improving market conditions, which are reported very unsatisfactory. Like the cotton growers, they are falling on to the idea of storage until demand stimulates prices.

The publishers of Everybody's Magazine have evidently been impressed with the Lawson articles on frenzied finance. They have advanced the price of the publication to fifteen cents.

Revolutionists are at work in Russia, but they are going at their work in such a manner as to indicate they have but little confidence in their ability to win out.

The literary bureau of the Orient railway has resumed operations, and it may be accepted as the glad harbinger of an early spring.

Perhaps if the citizens of the progressive little city of Corsicana would read the Bible more there would be no litigation over its use in the public schools down there.

Governor Vardaman of Mississippi has agreed to come to Texas next year when the boll weevil is actively at work, and we now begin to think we can see the boll weevil's finish.

The Christmas turkey is now viewing the general situation with very decided alarm.

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Gleanings From the Exchanges

The Memphis Commercial Appeal says the safest course for a democrat to pursue is to support a democratic platform. In other words, it is well enough for a democrat to be a democrat.—Houston Post.

The publication of State Topics has been suspended temporarily, owing to the severe illness of Hon. Jeff McLemore. State Topics was a bright, clean and honest journal—a thorn in the side of cheap political grafters, rank nepotists and men who believe public offices family and private snaps.

A recent examination by the city physicians of Fort Worth of oysters shipped to that city disclosed the fact that chemical preservatives had been used, such as are very deleterious to the human body.

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SYNOPSIS The scene of the story is in the new west and has to do with its development and its politics. David Kent, a brilliant young lawyer with a conscience, casts his lot with the new people. Hawks, a shrewd politician, works for election of Bucks for governor. Bucks is apple to Hawks' will. Loring and Ormsby, two easterners play a pretty part in the story.

"No. He came down to see us off. How is the fast mail tonight?" "She's just in—an hour and thirty-five minutes late."

The major swore pathetically. He was of the generation of railway officials, happily fast passing, which cursed and swore itself into authority.

"That's another five hundred dollars' forfeit to the postoffice department! Who's taking it west?" "Tischer."

"Give him orders to cut out all the stops. If he is more than fifty-five minutes late at Bighorn, he can come in and get his time."

Tischer had just got the word to go, and was pulling out on the yard main line.

"I'll catch him with the wire at yard limits," said M'Tosh. Then: "Would you mind hurrying your people a little, Major? The express is due to leave."

Guilford was a heavy man for his weight, and he waddled back to the others, waving his arms as a signal for them to board the car.

Kent saw the vice president of the Overland Short Line shake hands with Bucks and take his leave, and was so intent upon watching the tableau of departure that he failed to notice the small boy in Western Union blue who was trying to thrust a telegram, damp from the copying rolls, into his hand.

"It's a rush, sir," said the boy, panting from his quick dash across the track platform.

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and even the sounders on the despatcher's table were silent.

Suddenly the clicking began again. The operator at "yard limits" was sending the O. K. to the two train orders. So far, so good. Now if Callahan could get safely out on the western division.

But there was a hitch in the lower yard. Durgan had obeyed his orders promptly and precisely, and had succeeded in stopping Callahan at the street crossing where Engineer Dixon had killed the farmer. Durgan climbed to the cab of the 1010, and the changed plan was explained in a dozen words. But now came the crunch.

"If I stand here till you'd be bringin' me my orders, I'll have the whole kit aw thim buzzin' round to know fwhat's the matter," said Callahan; but there was no other thing to do, and Durgan hurried back to the telegraph office to play the messenger.

He was too long about it. Before he got back, Halkett was under the cab window of the 1010, demanding to know—with many objurgations—why Callahan had stopped in the middle of the yards.

"Get a move on you!" he shouted. "The express is right behind us, and it'll run us down, you damned bog-trotter!"

Callahan's gauntleted hand shot up to the throttle-bar.

"I'm lavin' Misher Halkett," he said mildly. "Will ye go back to the car, or ride wit' me?"

The general superintendent took no chance of catching the Naught-seven's hand-rails in the darkness, and he whipped up into the cab at the first sharp cough of the exhaust.

"I'll go back when you stop for your orders," he said; but a shadowy figure leaped upon the engine step a scant half-second behind him, and Callahan was stuffing the crumpled copy of the order into the sweat-band of his cap.

The next instant the big 1010 leaped forward like a blooded horse under an unmerited cut of the whip, slid past the yard limits telegraph office and shot out upon the main line of the western division.

"Sit down, Misher Halkett, an' make yerself aisy!" yelled Callahan across the cab. "Tis small use Jimmy Shovel'll have for his box this night."

"Shut off, you Irish madman!" was the shouted command. "Don't you see you're on the wrong division?"

Callahan gave the throttle-bar another outward lurch, tipped his seat and took a hammer from the tool-box. "More than I'm goin' an' that's more thim you know, ye blanderin' divil! Up on that box wit' you, an' kape out av Jimmy Shovel's road, or I'll be the death av ye! Climb now!"

It was at this moment that the tense strain of suspense was broken in the despatcher's room on the second floor of the union station. The telephone skirled jocosely, and the train-master snatched up the ear-piece.

"What does he say?" asked Kent. "It's all right. He say Callahan is out on the western division, with Tischer chasing him according to program. Halkett's in the cab of the 1010 with Patsy, and—hand on—by George! he says one of them jumped the car as it was passing the limits station!"

"Which one was it?" asked Kent; and he had to wait till the reply came from Durgan.

"It was Hawk, the right-way way man. He broke and ran for the nearest electric car line the minute he hit the ground, Durgan says. Does he count?"

"No," said Kent; but it is always a mistake to underrate an enemy's caliber—even that of his small arms.

XXVIII THE NIGHT OF ALARMS If Editor Hildreth had said nothing in his evening edition about the impending strike on the Trans-Western, it was not because public interest was waning. For a fortnight the newspapers in the territory tributary to the road had been full of strike talk, and Hildreth had said his say, deprecating the threatened appeal to force as fearlessly as he condemned the mismanagement which was provoking it.

But it was Kent who was responsible

for the dearth of news on the eve of the event. Early in the morning of the last day of the month he had sought out the editor and begged him to close the columns of the Evening Argus to strike news, no matter what should come in during the course of the day.

"I can't go into the reasons as deep as I hope to a little later," he had said, his secretive habit holding good to the final fathom of the slipping hawser of events. "But you must bear with me once more, and whatever you hear between now and the time you go to press, don't comment on it. I have one more chance to win out, and it hangs in a balance that a feather's weight might tip the wrong way. I'll be with you between 10 and 12 tonight, and you can safely save two columns of the morning paper for the sensation I'm going to give you."

It was in fulfillment of this promise that Kent bestirred himself after he had sent a wire to Ormsby, and M'Tosh had settled down to the task of smoothing Callahan's way westward over a division already twitching in the preliminary rigor of the strike convulsion.

"I am going to set the fuse for the newspaper explosion," he said to his ally. "Barring accidents, there is no reason why we shouldn't begin to figure definitely upon the result, is there?"

M'Tosh was leaning over Despatcher Donahue's shoulder. He had slipped Donahue's fingers aside from the key to cut in with a preemptory "G. S." order suspending, in favor of the fast mail, the rule which requires a station operator to drop his board on a following section that is less than ten minutes behind its file-leader.

"The fun is beginning," said the train-master. "Tischer has his tip from Durgan to keep Callahan's tail-lights in sight. With the mail treading on their heels the gentlemen in the Naught-seven will be chary about pulling Patsy down too suddenly in mid-career. They have just passed Morning Dew, and the operator reports Tischer for disregarding his slow signal."

"Can't you fix that?" asked Kent. "Oh, yes; that is one of the things I can fix. But there are going to be plenty of others."

"Still we must take something for granted, Mr. M'Tosh. What I have to do up-town won't wait until Callahan has finished his run. I thought the main difficulty was safely overcome."

"Umph!" said the train-master; "the troubles are barely getting themselves born. You must remember that we swapped horses at the last minute. We were ready for the race to the east. Everybody on the Prairie division had been notified that a special was to go through tonight without stop from Lesterville to A. and T. Junction."

"Well?"

"Now we have it all to straighten out by wire on another division; meeting points to make, slow trains to side-track, fool operators to hold down; all on the dizzy edge of a strike that is making every man on the line lose his balance. But you go ahead with your newspaper business. I'll do what a man can here. And if you come across that right-of-way agent, I wish you'd make it a case of assault and battery and get him locked up. I'm leery about him."

Kent kept his way dubiously reflective. In the moment of triumph, when Durgan had announced the success of the bold chance in the program, he had made light of Hawk's escape. But now he saw possibilities. True, the Junto was leaderless for the moment, and Bucks had no very able lieutenants. But Hawk would give alarm; and there was the rank and file of the machine to reckon with. And for weapons, the ring controlled the police power of the state and of the city. Let the word be passed that the employees of the Trans-Western were kidnapping their receiver and governor, and many things might happen before "Red" Callahan should finish his long race to the westward.

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NEWS OF SAN ANGELO

Active Demand for Horses, and Stock Conditions Good

SAN ANGELO, Texas, Dec. 22.—There has been a very active demand for horses at this place lately and quite a number of horse buyers from different sections of the country have been here and have scoured the country in search of desirable animals. A number of carloads have been shipped to Brenham, Greenville, Commerce and other Texas points, and a few car loads to the old southern states.

Tom Campbell, the young lumberman of Temple, who has been staying in this country lately for his health and who has been buying young males to hold until next spring in order to make his stay in this section profitable, was in the city yesterday and states that he now has over 200 young males on Metcalfe's Spring creek ranch. He paid \$25 to \$35 apiece for these mule colts and stockmen say that he will realize handsomely on his investment in the spring, as he can sell them for \$85 to \$90 each.

Conditions at this time are very good over this western section and stock of all kinds are in splendid shape. Muttons are said to be putting on fat nicely and there will undoubtedly be heavy shipments when spring opens up.

J. D. Hassell of Van Alstyne has purchased a one-third interest in the Bell & Goodfellow ranch and has removed here with his family to reside permanently.

Despite the strenuous protests of the big cattlemen against the practice of holding rope contests, these contests seem to be growing back into favor again. Last fall the cattlemen succeeded in putting a quietus in this section on the roping of steers. The people, however, clamored for this sport and the result is that a number of roping carnivals are being held all over the country. Robert Lee, Cooke county, is arranging for a grand roping contest and tournament riding Dec. 26 and 27. Stiles, Roagan county, has prepared a program for Dec. 23, 24 and 25, while the expert ropers from this section expect to take in San Antonio contests on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2, and the Llano contests Jan. 5 and 6.

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Tonight, at 8:15, Engagement of the Clever Comedian, CHARLES HAWTREY, in the Favorite Comedy-Drama, "A MESSAGE FROM MARS." As acted by Mr. Hawtrely 578 times in London and over 350 times in New York. Matinee Prices—Lower floor, \$1, 75c; balcony, 50c. Night Prices—Lower floor, \$1.50, \$1; balcony, 75c, 50c; gallery, 25c. No free list.

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YESTERDAY'S RACE RESULTS

AT OAKLAND (SAN FRANCISCO)

First race, 11-16th of a mile—Toupee 1, Flomanto 2, Box Elder 3. Time—1:08. Second race, 5-8th of a mile—David Boland 1, Princess Zula 2, M. A. Powell 3. Time—1:01 1/4. Third race, 7-8th of a mile—Borghesi 1, Dardsome 2, Sunny Shore 3. Time—1:08. Fourth race, 3-4th of a mile—Claude 1, Martinmas 2, Irides 3. Time—1:13. Fifth race, mile and 50 yards—Stulicho 1, Schorzo 2, Barrack 3. Time—1:45. Sixth race, mile and 1-8th—G. W. Trahern 1, Byroncard 2, Colonel Anderson 3. Time—1:53 1/2.

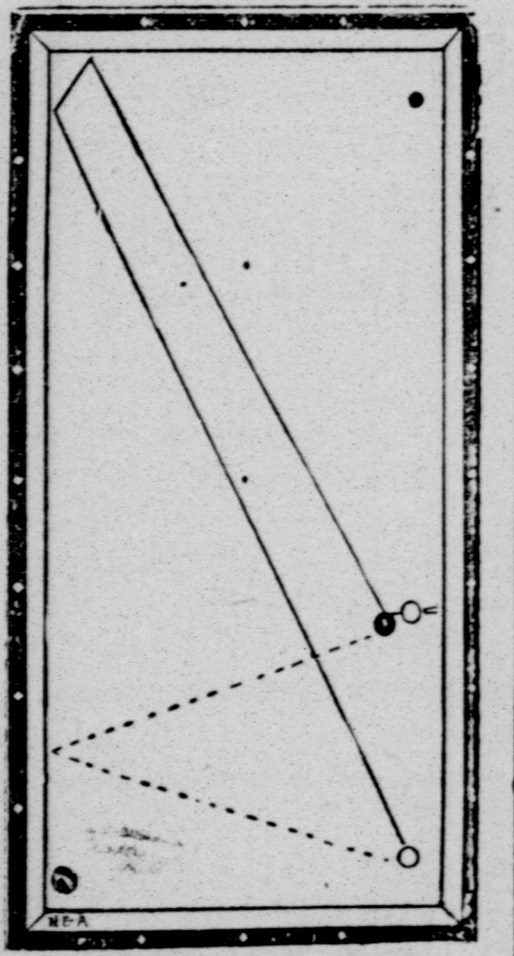
AT NEW ORLEANS

Foxmeade and Reliance were the only winning favorites. First race, 6 furlongs—St. Sever 1, Little Hornes 2, Dalesman 3. Time—1:14 1/2. Second race, 7 furlongs—Foxmeade 1, The Huguenot 2, Josette 3. Time—1:28 2-5. Third race, mile—Maie Hanlon 1, Court Maid 2, Merry Pioneer 3. Time—1:44 4-5. Fourth race, mile and 50 yards, handicap—King's Trophy 1, De Reszke 2, Matador 3. Time—1:44. Fifth race, 1 mile—Reliance 1, Montebank 2, Daisy Green 3. Time—1:44. Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Go To Win 1, Green Gow 2, Dunfall 3. Time—1:14 2-5.

AT ASCOT (LOS ANGELES)

First race, Slauton course, Dorice 1, Crigit 2, Revel 3. Time—1:12. Second race, 4 1/2 furlongs—Blue Coat 1, Belle Kinney 2, Fireball 3. Time—0:55 1/2. Third race, 6 furlongs—Cerro Santa 1, Funnyside 2, Cloverton 3. Time—1:15. Fourth race, free handicap, 1 mile—Hrag 1, Sheriff Bell 2, Tim Payne 3. Time—1:43 1/4. Fifth race, 1 mile—Cincinnati 1, The Major 2, Blissful 3. Time—1:44. Sixth race, 6 furlongs—Effervescent 1, Susie Christian 2, Nanon 3. Time—1:16.

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MURPHY DENIES THEFT

"Battling" Nelson's Manager Arrested on Santa Fe Train. STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 22.—"Ted" Murphy, who is accused by "Battling" Nelson, the pugilist, of the larceny of \$10,000, was arrested here at midnight on the Santa Fe train and taken into custody. Two hundred and fifty dollars was found on Murphy by the police. Murphy was greatly surprised at his arrest. He said that he did not have Nelson's money and that Nelson had bid him good-bye at the depot when he left San Francisco.

BRYAN'S SHARE AWARD

His Commissions as Executor of Bennett Estate Will Reach \$2,900. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Philo Bennett left an estate which is estimated at almost \$200,000. The expenses of administration here are estimated at \$7,500, and the commission that William Jennings Bryan of Lincoln,

LOCAL SEED BEST FOR THE EARLY CROP

College Station Special Reports on Results of Cotton Investigation

Deficiencies in Soil Should Be First Determination, Then Remedied

COLLEGE STATION, Texas, Dec. 22.—Experiments and observations as to early cotton and its production as carried on at the Texas agricultural experiment station have been summarized and issued by R. L. Bennett, cotton specialist at the main station, located on the grounds of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Although admitting the results to be immature, owing to the fact that they have covered but a single season's observations, several important theories have been developed. The selection of local seed adapted to rapid fruiting in preference to foreign early maturing seed and proper culture sum up the course as determined to be best.

NEW DISCOVERIES

Some of the most important discoveries are: Rapidity of fruiting or the formation of many squares in any given time was found to be directly connected with the length of joint, with the number of growing fruit limbs and with the rate of growth. The structure of the plant, combining the desired qualities, was found to be inherent in the plant, which was found, its continuation being merely a matter of seed selection. The early cottons it was found had short joints, i. e., space between successive leaves, and began the growth of fruit limbs at the first joint on the main stem near the ground. Late cottons, on the contrary, had long joints and fruit limbs were absent at the first joints.

The time from appearance of square in leaf axil to bloom and full grown boll was found practically the same in both late and early cottons and in both large and small boll varieties. The longer time required for large bolls to dry out and open was held immaterial, at the stage the weevil being harmless because of its habit of not molesting bolls of any size until the squares have been fed upon and destroyed.

The rate of growth was found to vary with individual plants and not to be dependent upon the several varieties. It was therefore decided that varieties of growth could be best secured by selecting seed from the largest stalks of the desired type.

LONG STAPLE IN SMALL BOLLS

Under the consideration of local seed, inaccuracies as to varieties, selection and breeding, the general belief that short staple is a consequence of a small boll is declared incorrect and the statement made that more varieties of long staple have small bolls than otherwise. It is declared that the old opinion is declared passed that long staple can be grown only on low moist land. On soil where the water supply is too free, it is declared there is a tendency to lengthening of joints, but that this tendency can be overcome by seed selection. The selection of seed from a cotton known for a long time to be uniformly productive and satisfactory in their locality is urged upon growers.

IMPORTED SEED

On the question of imported seed, the report says: "There is every reason why Texas growers should look at home for better cottons, and through seed selection, rather than to remote regions, since they have no cottons better adapted to the soil and selected for earliness than the native Texas big boll staple cottons," and, "Selection of seed from stalks of proper structure grown on the proper kind of soil must be the means of securing earliness and not northern latitudes." As to storm proof cotton, the experiments showed that large tough boll cotton lost less from falling out and from winds and rains than the small, thin boll cotton. Big boll native cotton was found more nearly storm proof than any imported cotton.

FERTILIZING CROP

The second part of the bulletin is devoted to the fertilizing of cotton for earliness, the experiments having been directed, first, to get information as to the effect of the three fertilizing elements on a cotton plant; second, to get some data as to the relative yield of cotton in a short fruiting season when fertilized and not fertilized, and, third, to learn the way that fertilizers cause an early maturity of the cotton crop.

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TO REPORT AMENDMENTS

Second Citizens' Meeting to Discuss Charter Will Be Held at Board of Trade Next Tuesday

Messrs. Waples, Cetti, Mountcastle, Scott, Ferris and Paddock, the committee named at a citizens' meeting held in the Board of Trade rooms last Tuesday night, to whom was delegated the power to decide on a recommendation of amendments to the city charter, has held two meetings and completed its work and is ready to make its report.

There will be another citizens' meeting held at the city hall Tuesday night next at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the committee report will be submitted for action. It is thought the amendments to be submitted to the citizens' meeting will, in substance, be about the same as those published in Wednesday's Telegram, with possibly one exception—that of a vote at large for all city officers.

It developed during a discussion of this feature at Tuesday's meeting that there was much opposition to this plan, and for this reason it is believed an adverse report on this will be made by the committee.

SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS

Exercises by Sunday School of First Baptist Church Christmas exercises will be held tonight by the Sunday school of the First Baptist church at Third and Taylor streets, at 7:30 o'clock. The following program has been prepared: Organ Voluntary. Anthem—"The Herald Angels". Emerson The Church Choir. Scripture reading and prayer. Luke 2:13-19. Pastor Luther Little. Hymn No. 108. "Joy to the World"

Recitation—"No Stockings to Wear" Miss Eleanor Baker. Recitation—"Sing a Song of Christmas" Miss Clifford Rankin. Vocal trio—"O Bethlehem" Gabriel Medgams Clark, Groom and Cummings. Recitation—"Flossie's Letter to Santa Claus" Miss Ruby Crady. Recitation—"The Angels' Message" Miss Ethel May Lindsey. Anthem—"Glory to the King" Schecker The Church Choir. Recitation—"What December Says" Miss Nina Wiess. "John Visits the Museum" Miss Gladys St. Clair and Walter St. Clair. Solo—"My Mamma's With the Angels" Miss Helen Briscoe. Collection. Solo—"The Day Is Ending" Miss Lucy Kyle. Recitation—"Fatherless Joe" Miss Pearl Crady. Recitation—"A Fruit of the Fair" Miss Leone Wall. Anthem—"The Wondrous Story" Palmer The Sunday School Choir. Assisted by Mesdames Groom, Cummings and Reeves. Prayer. Superintendent Will J. O'Connor

ADVANCE MONEY ON COTTON

DENISON, Texas, Dec. 22.—The State National bank has agreed to advance farmers 6 per cent on their cotton so they can hold it for better prices. Farmers here are well fixed and those forced to will accept the bank's proposition.

DIVIDENDS TO BE BIG

Annual Disbursements for January Show Past Year's Prosperity. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Dividend and interest disbursements to be made in January will break all records according to statistics collected by the Journal of Commerce. The compilation indicates a total of about \$134,000,000 to be paid out by leading railroad and industrial corporations, local banks, trust companies, traction companies and the national government. This is nearly \$200,000,000 larger than in January a

this is much more than offset by increased payments on the part of the railroads and local traction companies. Following is a comparative summary of the disbursements with comparisons: Dividend payments—

Table with 4 columns: Category, Jan. 1905, Jan. 1904, and another column. Rows include Industrial, Railroad, N. Y. Traction, Bank and Trust Companies, and Totals.

CONTRACTOR IS IN JAIL

Charged with Sending Threat to Fort Worth Man. TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 22.—E. N. Platt, a contractor of Fort Worth, who built a \$30,000 school house for the city, had a warrant sworn out before the Federal authorities, alleging that William E. Sheldon, a contractor and builder of the city, had sent him at Fort Worth a letter stating that he would expose the methods used by Platt in the building of the school house unless Pratt sent to Shelton \$150. Pratt had the man arrested and taken before the United States commissioner, Somerville, who put him under \$500 bonds, which he was unable to give. The charge on which Sheldon was arrested was that of using the mails for unlawful purposes.

DRIVEN TO DESPERATION

Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in Burns, Cuts, Wounds,

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ORDINANCE NO. 922 An Ordinance Establishing the Rates and Rules of the Fort Worth City Water Works

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Fort Worth:

Section 1. All water furnished by the Fort Worth City Water Works to its consumers shall be measured by meter.

Meters will be read on or about the first of every month, and the consumer notified in writing, or otherwise, of the amount due from him, stating in said notice that unless said amount due by him shall be paid by the tenth of the month succeeding the month in which the water was used, the water will be turned off and shall not be turned on again until such time as the amount due is paid including the time it was turned off and one dollar additional for turning on again.

Article 2. Should any meter fail to register correctly the amount of water used by a consumer since the previous reading, the right shall exist on the part of the City Water Works to average the month and charge for water on the basis of any previous three months within the past year.

Art. 3. The city reserves the right to own and control all meters of two inches and under.

Meters of over two inches in size shall be furnished by the consumer and by them kept in repair, but shall be under the control of the Fort Worth City Water Works.

Any meter owned by the consumer, and which does not register correctly the amount of water passing through it, shall be replaced by a new meter upon notice from the Water Works Department, and any consumer failing to replace any such meter shall be refused water by the Fort Worth City Water Works.

Art. 4. The following shall be the rates charged for water furnished by the Fort Worth City Water Works:

Consumers using 1 to 50,000 gal. per month... 20 cents per 1,000 gals.
Consumers using 50,000 to 150,000 gal. per month... 18 cents per 1,000 gal.
Consumers using 150,000 to 300,000 gal. per month... 16 cents per 1,000 gals.
Consumers using 300,000 to 600,000 gal. per month... 14 cents per 1,000 gals.
Consumers using over 600,000 gal. per month... 10 cents per 1,000 gals.

Consumers shall pay rent for water meters as follows:

1-5 inch to 1 inch... \$3.00 per year
1 1/2 inch to 2 inch... \$6.00 per year

The minimum amount of water charged for to a consumer shall be as follows:

A residence with only a water closet, \$1.55 per quarter, allowing 1,350 gallons of water per month, which includes meter.
All other services shall pay a minimum rate of \$2.55 per quarter, and shall be allowed the use of 3,000 gallons of water per month, without additional charge for meter.

City Water Works shall keep all meters owned by it in repair without expense to the consumer.

Any consumer failing to use the allotted amount of water allowed them in any month can not have credit for it on any succeeding month. Where the consumer does not pay the minimum rate a deposit may be required by the Water Works Department to insure the city against loss for water furnished.

Art. 5. A consumer changing his residence and having paid for water at the minimum rate for a quarter, can, by presenting his receipt at the office, and signing a request for a transfer, have the unexpired portion of his water rent transferred to his new residence, or place of business.

Art. 6. Water bills for those not paying minimum rates will be due and payable on the first day of each and every month. For those paying minimum rates they shall become due and payable on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year. Those paying the minimum rate shall pay by the tenth of the succeeding month, any amount due for water used in excess of the amount allowed for any month, and failing to do so shall be cut off and not turned on again until the amount due shall have been paid. One dollar extra shall be collected for turning on again.

Art. 7. No consumer shall supply water to other persons or to other families or suffer them to take it except for use on the premises, without the permission of the water works department.

Art. 8. After water is introduced into a building or upon any premises, the same shall not be extended by any plumber, or other person, to any other premises for additional fixtures.

Where an additional fixture or fixtures are desired a permit shall be secured from the water works department, and the law complied with regarding the

placing of the same, as set forth in the plumbing ordinance.

Two houses shall not be permitted to be supplied with one service pipe where there is a water main in front of the premises.

Art. 9. Every person taking water from the Fort Worth City Water Works shall at all reasonable times permit the superintendent, or any agent of the Fort Worth City Water Works, to enter his or her premises or buildings to examine the water pipes and fixtures, and the manner in which the water is used. Any consumer refusing the same shall be refused water from the Fort Worth City Water Works until such permission shall be granted.

Art. 10. It is expressly understood and agreed that the Fort Worth City Water Works reserves the right to at any time shut off the water in their mains for the purpose of making repairs on the same, making connections or extensions to the same, for the purpose of cleaning the same, and for the purpose of repairing their machinery, reservoir or any part of their works.

And it is further expressly agreed and understood that the Fort Worth City Water Works are not liable for any damages for leaks, or breakages of pipes in or on their premises, and also reserve the right to make such other rules and regulations as may be necessary for the preservation, protection and character of their works.

Art. 11. No plumber or other person, except the tapper employed by the Fort Worth City Water Works, or the City Plumber, will be allowed to tap any street main.

Art. 12. All boilers for heating water shall be provided with safety valves, a check valve shall be placed on service pipes to protect the meter from hot water when deemed necessary by the Superintendent of the Water Works. Any consumer failing to have such check valve placed on his service pipe after having been notified by the Water Works Department shall be cut off and not turned on again until such valve shall have been placed on the service pipe.

Art. 13. No plumber or other person shall turn on water from the street stop cocks without a written permit from the Fort Worth City Water Works, except for repairs.

Art. 14. Hose attachments, when located on the sidewalk, as well as stop cock boxes, must have a suitable iron cover, the tops of which must be flush with the surface of the sidewalk.

Art. 15. It shall be unlawful for any person, save a city employe, employed by the Fort Worth City Water Works, to interfere with any meter used for the measurement of water furnished by the city.

It shall be unlawful for any one to hinder or prevent a regularly authorized employe of the city from inspecting or reading a meter used for the measurement of city water.

Art. 16. The Water Works Committee, with the consent of the City Council, shall have the power to grant to contractors, engaged in street sprinkling, the right to erect at points designated by the Superintendent of Water Works, standpipes or hydrants, constructed as required by said superintendent, for the supplying of said sprinkling wagons with water, the said contractor to keep the same in repair, and the said hydrants shall be for the exclusive use of the said sprinkling wagons, and it shall be unlawful for any person to draw water therefrom without the written consent of the Superintendent of Water Works.

Art. 17. It shall be unlawful for any person engaged in street sprinkling to draw water from the water mains during the progress of a fire. It shall be unlawful for any person, except a member of the fire department, or employe of the water department, to open or use water from a fire hydrant, or to take off the caps or damage same in any manner, without permission of the Water Department. It shall be unlawful for any person to in any manner deface or injure any of the houses, walls, machinery or fixtures connected with or appertaining to the water works, or to bathe in the water accumulated behind the dams of the City Water Works, or to throw or deposit any sticks, mud, rubbish or other material therein.

Art. 18. The water department shall make all taps or connections to the street mains and extend service pipes to one foot inside curb line, and there place a stop cock and stop box, that shall be under the exclusive control of the Water Department, and the said tap and service pipe shall be paid for by the plumber ordering the work done before the work is commenced, according to the schedule of

prices adopted by the water works committee from time to time, on file in the water works office, copies of which shall be furnished all licensed plumbers whenever any changes are made by the committee. All service pipes shall be laid 18 inches under the ground and a stop and waste shall be so placed on said service pipe inside the property line, as to properly drain all pipes above the ground.

The owner of a group of houses fronting on a street where there is a water main shall be required to provide a separate connection to the main for each of said houses.

Owners of store and office buildings shall be required to provide a separate connection with the main for each 25 feet front of the ground floor where city water is used, and one or more additional connections to the main for each additional floor, according to the number and arrangement of fixtures on the said floors, the superintendent of water works to be the judge of the number of connections necessary, but in no case shall there be less than one separate service pipe for each additional floor.

In cases where there is a tank located on the roof and water from there distributed through the building one connection of sufficient size may be made to the mains and connected directly with the said tank, but no other connection shall be made on the said line to the tank, and a check valve shall be placed on the said service to the tank, as near the entrance to the building as possible.

In case an additional supply shall be desired a separate connection shall be made with the main as in the preceding regulations governing connections to store and office buildings, but in no case shall a connection larger than two inches be made with the city mains. Two or more houses fronting a street or streets where there is no water main may be supplied with one service pipe connected with the said service to be of sufficient size to insure an ample supply of water, but in such cases each of said houses shall have a separate service pipe from the sidewalk and separate stop cock and stop box one foot inside the curb.

Churches, opera houses, depots, theaters, schools and factories may be supplied through one connection with the street main.

Each single residence or store shall have a separate connection with the main, and under no conditions shall one residence have more than one connection to the main.

Buildings used as flats shall be required to provide a separate connection with the main for each apartment.

All service pipes on Throckmorton, Main, Houston, Rusk and Jennings avenues from Houston to the viaduct, and all cross streets from Bluff to Front inclusive, from Rusk to Throckmorton and Jennings avenue, and Fifteenth from Jones to Jennings avenue, shall be of extra strong lead pipe.

No water connection with the water mains shall be made to any building for fire protection except by special permission of the Water Works Department, and where there is a connection for fire protection same shall be metered and a minimum charge made for the said service, as per schedule of rates in effect, and no other connection shall be made in the building with the fire protection line.

Art. 19. Any person intending to follow the business or occupation of plumber in relation to or in any way connected with the city water mains, pipes, fixtures, etc., shall, before undertaking any work in connection therewith, first apply to the Water Works Department, in writing, for a license, which license shall not be granted by said department unless said party submits to said department the endorsement of two plumbers in good standing (license), or other evidence satisfactory to the Superintendent of Water Works that he is competent to do plumbing work.

The applicant shall, before said license is granted, present to the said water department together with his application a surety company bond in the sum of \$1,500 conditioned to save the city harmless from all danger of whatever kind resulting from negligence or unskillful work on the part of said plumber, and to abide by the rules and regulations of the water works department. The said bond shall be renewed each year and a failure to renew the same shall of itself operate as a revocation of the said license.

Art. 20. All iron service pipes shall be relaid with extra strong lead pipe prior to the paving of the street on which said pipe or pipes are located, and any owner or agent of said services failing or refusing to relaid said services when notified to do so by the water works department prior to such paving, then the water works department shall relaid said service pipe or pipes, and water shall not be used through said service pipe or pipes so relaid by the water works department until such time as the said pipe or pipes shall have been paid for according to the schedule of rates for said work, on file in the office of the water works department.

Art. 20. Any plumber or other person, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, upon conviction of the same, shall be fined in the city court, in any sum of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, and in addition any plumber so convicted may have his license forfeited for the period of thirty days at the option of the City Judge.

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WORLD'S FAIR FIGURES
SHOW COST \$44,500,000

Final Report of Management Gives Total Attendance, 16,747,357 With Receipts \$25,000,000

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition, which closed its doors Dec. 1, lasted seven months. In the final report the management shows the following facts:

Attendance each month—
April, one day 187,783
May, twenty-six days 1,901,391
June, twenty-six days 2,124,936
July, twenty-six days 2,124,836
August, twenty-six days 2,343,557
September, twenty-seven days 3,088,743
October, twenty-seven days 3,622,229
November, twenty-six days 2,528,955
Dec. 1, last day (approximately) 200,900

Total (approximately) 18,747,357

Attendance big days at fair—
St. Louis Day 404,450
Labor Day 299,622
Thanksgiving Day 181,829
Missouri Day 178,847
July 4 178,847
Opening Day 178,423
Connecticut Day 168,286
Roosevelt Day 168,758
Chicago Day 168,317
Francis Day (approximately) 200,900

Total (approximately) 2,028,790

Cost of Louisiana Purchase Exposition—
Amount expended by the Exposition Company \$22,000,000
By the states 9,000,000
By foreign countries 8,500,000
By concessions 5,000,000

Total amounts \$44,500,000

Approximate amount received by the company—
Gate receipts and concessions, \$10,000,000
From United States government, 5,000,000
From city of St. Louis, 5,000,000
Subscribed by St. Louis citizens, 5,000,000

Total amount received \$25,000,000

Cost of largest concessions—
Tyrolea Alps \$750,000
Jerusalem 500,000
Boer War 250,000
Creation 180,000
Irish village 200,000
Galveston flood 125,000
Observation wheel 125,000
Asia 100,000

The gross amount of concessions at the fair will reach over \$10,000,000.

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500 English and American Poems at 75c
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200 sets of standard works, five volumes, each \$95
15 key piano \$1.10
18 key piano \$1.65
24 key piano \$2.50

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WANTED—Boy to carry paper route in North Fort Worth. Inquire, this office.

RELIABLE PERSON each locality for business position; salary \$20 weekly and expenses; expense money advanced; position permanent; previous experience unnecessary; business established. Address, Mr. Cooper, Como block, Chicago.

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ROOMS and board for two couples, modern conveniences, in private family; references exchanged. Apply northwest corner First and Royal avenue.
WANTED—All the second-hand furniture I can get. Will pay best prices. R. E. Lewis Furniture Company, 214 Houston street. Phone 1329-1r.
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AMUSEMENTS

Two large audiences greeted "Dolly Varden" at Greenwall's opera house yesterday, the reception accorded the play and performers in each instance being flattering. "Dolly Varden" well merits the praise that has been bestowed upon it in all sections and it was presented by a capable company, containing many pleasing voices. The rhyming of all portions of the book even to the byplay and witticisms was a pleasing feature, even where it was necessarily forced to maintain the idea. Twenty separate "programmed" songs were introduced during the two acts in a natural way, all of which caught with the audience and required repeated encores. "The Lay of the Land," as sung by Maud Hollins (Dolly Varden), easily scored the hit of the evening, the gallery evidently being willing to listen to the song indefinitely.

The singing of Rena Aubrey and Tom Daniel was also far above the ordinary. Lord Gayspark, the London fop, carried the comedy honors. The efforts of army and navy officers to win the youthful affianced brides of Lord Gayspark and John Fairfax form the story of the play. Both succeeded, the gay Dolly being enabled to marry her captain and yet retain her fortune by a trap, making her guardian, whose consent must be secured, order the ceremony performed.

The costumes throughout were especially fine, the appearance of the bridal parties in the second act causing a spontaneous outburst of applause.

CHARLES HAWTREY IN "A MESSAGE FROM MARS"

What should prove to be one of the most attractive and enjoyable entertainments of the present dramatic season will be the presentation at Greenwall's opera house tonight at 8:15, by Charles Hawtrely of his wonderfully successful comedy-drama, "A Message from Mars." This piece has the premier record of any play of the last decade having been acted by Mr. Hawtrely himself over 1,200 times, while during the last five years it has been acted by other companies under his direction in England, Australia, India and in fact nearly every English-speaking country.

The Galveston Tribune said: "Well, say, that's the greatest play

seen here this season." "My, wasn't that fine," and "Gee, I'd like to see that again," were a few of the many favorable expressions heard in the lobby of the Grand opera house last night after the closing performance of Charles Hawtrely with his original London company in "A Message from Mars." To those who had read Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" the plot of the play was familiar, for it followed closely along the same line, but was brought up to the most modern setting. The scene was laid in London and the natural English accent of most of the players harmonized delightfully with the surroundings.

Many a home will be better for the performance of "A Message from Mars" in Galveston—many a life brighter because of a lesson taken to heart by some father, brother, husband or son. The lesson of altruism, or otherdom, in the language of Mars, is presented most forcibly. While the play abounds with ingenious comedy lines, the theme of the selfish nature of man is kept before the audience continually.

HELEN GRANTLY

Miss Helen Grantly in "Her Lord and Master," comes to Greenwall's opera house Monday (Christmas) matinee and night, Dec. 28.

"THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER" W. B. Patton, the peculiar comedian, who has been so popular with our local theater goers since his first appearance here in "The Minister's Son," will be seen at Greenwall's opera house Wednesday matinee and night, Dec. 28, in his newest comedy, "The Last Rose of Summer." Mr. Patton is one of the few high-class comedians capable of writing his own plays. His first real success was "The Minister's Son." He appeared in the title role of this play over one thousand times from coast to coast, and has since written "The Little Homestead," "A Sly Old Fox," "Royal Rags" and his latest effort is "The Last Rose of Summer."

A sermonized play imbued with all the thrilling elements of sensational flavor, gives to "Why Women Sin" its distinctive qualities of healthful force. Hence the engagement of the elaborate production of it at Greenwall's opera house Thursday matinee and night, Dec. 29, should prove an event of much interest.

WHY WOMEN SIN

Dr. Ray, Osteopath, telephone 553.

WOMAN SEEKS NEWS OF MISSING HUSBAND

Mrs. Minnie Williams Unable to Learn Whether He is Alive or Dead. Drove Here in Wagon

Having driven alone from Strawn in a prairie schooner, Mrs. Minnie Williams is in this city hunting for her husband, from whom she has not heard for a week. According to her story, she and her husband, H. E. Williams, had been living at Bisbee, Ariz., and finally decided to come to this city overland. They made the trip as far as Strawn without incident. There, while they were waiting their train near the city, her husband became engaged in an altercation with two men. In the melee which followed, she says, one of the men was so severely beaten that he was at first thought to be in a precarious condition.

Alarmed, Williams sought safety in flight, telling his wife to continue to this city, where he would join her. Officers, she states, upon being unable to find her husband, placed her in the lockup at Strawn, keeping her there all Thursday night without fire, or a place to sleep. Upon being released she continued her journey.

When she reached Gordon, she was told her husband had been captured and started back to Strawn. On the way, however, she learned he had escaped again, being shot in getting away. She then telephoned to Strawn, a man supposed to be a deputy there answering the phone and telling her her husband had been shot in getting away. He refused to tell her, she asserts, whether or not her husband was killed. An investigation started from Weatherford, later, she declares adduced the information that he had not been shot.

With these conflicting statements the woman is worried and worn and the continued absence of her husband has led her to tell the story in a hope of finding him. Mrs. Williams, with her wagon, is at the St. Louis wagon yard in this city.

The Acme Laundry will give Monday as a half holiday to their employees. Monday's patrons' laundry will be called for promptly Tuesday morning. Delivery same Tuesday afternoon if requested.

Southwest News

TO INVESTIGATE CLUBS

BROWNWOOD, Texas, Dec. 23.—Judge Goodwin in his charge to the grand jury has called special attention to the violations of the prohibition law and has called upon the body to look well into the workings of the various clubs.

NEGRO TO HANG

TEXARKANA, Texas, Dec. 23.—Elias Powell, colored, was sentenced Tuesday in the circuit court of Miller county, Arkansas, to be hanged on Jan. 31 next for the killing of J. W. Garner, a white man. The killing took place between seven and eight years ago on Red river, about sixteen miles southeast of here. Powell was a cropper on the plantation of Garner, and according to the evidence, became angered at Garner and finally shot him to death because he refused to advance him further supplies of his growing crop.

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LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

FILL IT FULL

Dear Santa Claus: I will write to you though it is nearly Christmas. I am a little boy, 9 years old. I wish you would be sure and come round Christmas eve night and fill my stockings just as full as you can, with apples, oranges, bananas and nice candy, if you please. I wish you would bring me a nice story book, and a large red wagon and some fire works. Good bye, dear Santa. Be sure and come. Your friend, ELLIS LEACH, 406 North Live Oak Street.

"MR." LEACH'S REQUEST

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would please come round Christmas eve night. I am a little boy 7 years old. I want a big red wagon, and a big rocky horse, with a saddle on its back, and a big automobile. Fill my stockings full of toys and nice good things to eat. And don't forget mamma and sister. My sister is 13 years and she would like something nice too. Good bye, dear Santa. Your little friend, MR. OSAR LEACH, 406 North Live Oak Street.

"KISS ME SANTA"

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 5 years old. I bring in wood, split kindling, go to the store and market for mamma. I know most of my letters and can count twenty. Please bring me a reader, a slate and pencil, a little red wagon, some roman candles and lots of good things to eat; also a little bank to put my pennies in. I have 10¢ and keep all I get. Santa, if you will bring these I will be a good little boy and help mamma all I can. I will leave the back door open. Kiss me before you go. Your little friend, VIRGIL MOORE, 932 East Terrell Avenue.

TRIPLETS' NEEDS

Dear Santa Claus: Please read this letter. It is for three little boys, triplets. We want one football and a fire engine, and a little automobile and a hilly goat on rollers, and a wagon with a horse we can unharness, and an overcoat apiece. Dear Santa, we live at 404 West First street. HARROLD MOSIER, VIRGIL MOORE, PAUL THORNE MOSIER.

WANTS DOLL SUPPLIES

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a few lines. Please bring me two small dolls and a toilet set and cradle, and a small trunk and candy and nuts and fruit. Bring Nannie a jumping jack. So good bye. MARGUERITE THAXTON.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus: I want a dog. And

HELPS LIGHTEN PACK

Dear Old Santa Claus: I read that you was at The Telegram office this week and wanted your pack to go down so it will not be so heavy, so I want to help you to unload it. I want a little stove that I can really cook on and a pair of kid gloves and doll bed. That's all. Bye-bye. CHESSIE CLEMENTS, P. S.—Santa Claus, my address is 914 North Hampton street. My mamma's name is Mrs. D. W. Gossett. Now, Santa, if you can't give me all I ask for, kindly give me what you can. CHESSIE C.

A RIVERSIDE ORDER

I am a little cripple boy. Please bring me a pencil box, some pencils, a pair of mitts and a whistle, some candy and fruits, and I will be a good little boy. I have two little sisters, Lella and Merta. Please bring them some dolls and a slate and some pencils and all you can bring that is good to eat, also a pencil box for them. Good-bye. JOHNNIE PUTNAM, Riverside R. F. D. No. 3.

some candy, dear Santa Claus. And a little doll buggy, Santa Claus. And a stocking full of candy. LITTLE BLANCH, 1011 Pennsylvania Avenue.

MARJORIE AND DAGMA

Dear Old Santa Claus—We are going to write you a letter. Marjorie wants a rocking chair and set of dishes, and Dagma wants a little table and some dishes and a little doll hammock. Please bring these things and anything else you want. Marjorie says please bring mamma something. She would like some grapes and a doll and Dagma wants a small doll. Bring Morris and papa something, too. Morris wants a mandolin. Dear Old Santa Claus we love you. MARJORIE AND DAGMA.

A TYPICAL BOY

Dear Santa Claus—I will write and tell you what I want you to bring me Xmas. I want a little steamship and a hook and ladder and a football and a horn and a ball glove and a train and a little high chair and a little rattle and whistle. Well, Santa, that will be all for us. So I will thank you for this. Be sure and bring everything. I will close, so good bye. From your little children, FRANK CARRIE AND CHARLEY BOGGERMAN.

SICK IN BED

Dear Santa Claus—I am in bed sick. I do hope that I will be up by Christmas. I am so glad that Christmas will soon be here. Please bring me a nice big doll and a doll bed and I will be happy on Christmas. Hoping that you are well and that you will be happy on Christmas. From your loving little friend, EUGENIA GRANT, 708 Annie Street.

A BUSINESS LETTER

Dear Santa Claus: I want a tricycle and a knife and some fireworks. WILLIE GOSSETT.

MISSION MAY BE MOVED

Bishop Hoss in Conference with Presiding Elder Here

Bishop E. E. Hoss of the Methodist church, eighth, of Dallas, was in Fort Worth Wednesday on matters relating to changes to be made in the location of Trinity Mission church and alterations to be made in Mulkey Memorial church. The bishop conferred with Rev. O. S. Sena-baugh, recently elected presiding elder. Trinity Mission church is now in Fourteenth street and the idea is to change its location to Seventeenth street, if such a move is deemed advisable. It is very probable that there will be some additions made to both these churches, and the matter of making Trinity Mission a regular station is also to be considered by the bishop and the membership of the church.

When the two churches and locations had been examined by the committee, a luncheon was tendered the bishop by George Mulkey at the Delaware cafe. Other guests were Rev. O. S. Sena-baugh, Dr. H. A. Boaz, president of the Polytechnic College; Rev. J. A. Whitehurst, pastor of Mulkey Memorial, and W. B. Williams.

THE FINEST ONE DAY RIDE IN AMERICA

The New York Central Railroad, traversing the Empire State from Buffalo to New York, takes the traveler through a country of not only beautiful scenery and historic associations, but of surpassing interest from an industrial and a commercial standpoint. From the trains of the New York Central may be seen many of the great factories, employing thousands of men, that go far toward giving New York state its industrial supremacy. Cities of great importance in the commercial world mark the way, while highly cultivated farms with their substantial farm buildings, give evidence of the wealth and prosperity of the section.

SAYS HE REFUSED TO JOIN IN ROBBERY

Frank McCue Takes Stand Against Burrill Oates, in Trial on Charge of Murder, Denying Dallas Merchant

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 23.—Frank McCue, under indictment for the murder of Sol Aronoff, was the principal witness Thursday in the case against Burrill Oates, the negro implicated. McCue's testimony was to the effect that he and Oates were driving with Vann when the Aronoff store was passed; that Vann suggested they drive back and rob the place, asserting that a good stake could be obtained; that McCue protested that it was too dangerous and that the others went into the place while he took the team to the stable from which it had been obtained. When he had gone a short distance, he said, he heard shots fired and later heard the details of the shooting from Oates, whom he met in a saloon.

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McCue declared Oates suggested killing Vann for self-protection, but McCue advised against it.

Three venues of seventy-five men each were exhausted before a jury was secured in the case, the hearing of the case not being taken up until late in the afternoon.

No motion for new trial or notice of appeal has yet been taken by the defense in the Holly Vann case.

SENSATIONAL PRESS CHARGES BRIBERY

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Sensational journals here are directly charging the Russian government with using underhand methods by means of bribery and intimidation in securing statements from the fishermen of the Game Cock fleet regarding the Dogger Bank affair.

The charges are the outcome of the statement of the boatswain of the trawler Avil that he was induced to make his statement as to the presence of torpedo boats among the fleet by the receipt of a certain amount of money while intoxicated. He now denies the statement.

The Russian consul at Hull indignantly denies any underhand methods and declares that when he learned of the statements of the fishermen as to the presence of torpedo boats it became his duty to his government to render every assistance.

Reputed Russian emissaries circulating among the fishermen are now said to be two French journalists.

FIGHT ON POSTMASTER

Appeal From Indorsement Will Be Taken by Disgruntled Republicans

TEXARKANA, Ark., Dec. 23.—An appeal will be taken to the republican state central committee, which meets at Little Rock Dec. 29, from the action of the Miller county central committee Thursday in indorsing Postmaster Jacob J. Bickley for a second term. The final vote favoring his retention was 8 to 6. An effort will be made to have the action of the committee declared void, but upon what grounds is not stated.

LILLIAN RUSSELL'S DAUGHTER ILL

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 23.—Dorothy Russell, daughter of Lillian Russell, is seriously ill at St. Luke's hospital in this city of bronchial pneumonia. She has been compelled to cancel her engagement at the Orpheum theater.

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5 pounds Best Lump Starch 25c
7 Bars White Star or Clairette Soap 25c
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35 pounds Meal 55c
5 gallons Eupion Oil 75c
Best apples, per pk. 35c and 10c
8 packages Scotch Oats for 55c
Tasco Cooking Oil 90c
Polk's Best Corn 10c
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**BILLY WILLIAMS, OLD TIME
MINSTREL AND PLAGUE HERO
NOW IN FORT WORTH**

Favorite With Older Generation of Stage Followers, Decorated for Bravery

Billy Williams, the hero of the Memphis yellow fever scourge and the jovial actor whose sweet voice and nimble legs once proved the joy of the theater-going public, is in the city, having been compelled by illness to stop here while en route to South Texas in an effort to regain his health.

To the old theater patron, the name of Billy Williams is enough. To others who lived in the south during the yellow fever scourge of '79 the name will also mean much. To the younger generation, however, an explanation will be necessary.

RAN AWAY FROM HOME

To begin with, Billy started his stage career after running away from his home. In speaking of this incident of his life his voice still weakens and one can readily trace a chord connecting his generous after deeds with a sense of reparation due to the sorrow he caused his mother by the act. His mother's picture is still one of his cherished possessions.

His success on the stage was immediate. He was touring the south with George S. Thompson, first exalted ruler of the Elks, as his manager, when the fever became epidemic. At Memphis, then bearing but little semblance to the city of today, the company was quarantined. The city then contained a large Irish population and the Irish heart of Billy, who was then in the heyday of his prosperity, went out to them. The case of a Sister of Mercy seized with the disease after faithful services among the starving poor appealed to him and he at once took up the work of aiding those who were left helpless.

BOUGHT FOOD FOR SUFFERERS

His stage career continued with unrepented his first expenditures, this being followed by purchases of coffins and supplies until his means were practically exhausted. A monument to the faithful nun completed his expenditures, Williams himself being attacked a short time after the epidemic had been checked. His services at once made him a prime favorite and a hero with the people of the south. Official recognition followed in his decoration by Pope Leo with a gold medal detailing the services done.

Signal service was also rendered by him in securing provisions for shipment to Johnston during the flood at that place.

QUIT STAGE NINE YEARS AGO

His stage career continued with unabated success until seven years ago, when his heart and throat both sorely overtaxed in his efforts to please the public became affected. Doctors sent him to the Rocky Mountains when he could again get up, and there he has lived since. Finally the temporary benefit derived from the change of location wore off and a change to the south was ordered. A start was made for Houston by Mr. Williams, his wife, who was a successful soubrette in the original cast of Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown," their twin boys born on Christmas day three years ago, and their baby, "Denver," named for the city in which they made their home. While on the train Mr. Williams was seized by a severe attack and forced to stop here. Physicians have advised him to remain, and it is probable the trip further south will be abandoned.

Mr. Williams when seen in his room here, would talk but little of his yellow fever experiences, but with a twinkle in his eyes as though he still enjoyed the moment, told of the contest in England in 1875, when cheered on by the Irish, he defeated and sang Horace Wheatly, the idol of the English stage for the world's championship at London. English, Lancashire, American clog and Irish jig dancing were combined in the draw which was finally declared a draw by the English judges.

Prescription No. 2551, by Elmer & Amend, will not cure all complaints, but it will cure rheumatism.

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The Acme Laundry will give Monday as a half holiday to their employees. Monday's patrons' laundry will be called for promptly Tuesday morning. Delivery same Tuesday afternoon if requested.

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Real Estate, 708 Main St. Phone 1922.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

J. E. H. Allen to D. T. Bomar, part of block 27, Moore-Thornton addition, \$150
O. E. Reed and wife to Royal Reed, part of lots 1 and 2, block 4, College Hill addition, \$1.
Watkins Land Company to R. L. Dyer, 40 acres Joseph Baker survey, \$350.
George B. Wing to E. E. Fosdick, lots 8, 9 and 10, block 2, Greenwood subdivision of block 10, Evans' south addition, \$100 and other consideration.
A. P. Johnston and wife to J. C. Wood, part of the Tapley Holland survey, \$3,200.
J. D. Cooper and wife to Mrs. D. V. Sheffield, two acres of the O. Medlin survey, \$450.
D. E. Phillips and wife to J. R. Martin, lots 6 and 7, block 9, Handley, \$320.
J. N. Shelton and wife to T. M. Thames, lot 286, block 25, Ditto & Collins' addition to Arlington, \$90.

SHERIFF'S TAX DEEDS

Unknown owner et al. to C. S. McCarter, lots 9 and 10, block 29, and lots 9 and 10, block 82, Polytechnic Heights addition.
Unknown owner et al. to M. C. Allison, lots 21 to 34 and 37 to 40, block 86, Arlington Heights addition, \$125.

WOMAN IS WED IN JAIL

Frank Livingston and Mildred Clifton were married in the county jail by Justice of the Peace John L. Terrell Thursday afternoon.

Mildred Clifton was tried some time since on the charge of killing Abe Patterson and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. The sentence was appealed to the criminal court of appeals and was affirmed a few days ago.

WORST OF ALL EXPERIENCES

Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years," she writes, "I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomachic bowels trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bitters and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and in a few days was completely recovered. For now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles, Electric Bitters is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by Matt S. Blanton & Co., Reeves Pharmacy and W. J. Fisher, Druggists.

**HOLIDAY TRADE
BEST IN YEARS**

Rush of Shoppers Declared by Merchants to Exceed All Former Records

SALE OF JEWELRY HEAVY

Book Stores Crowded With Purchasers—Many Out-of-Town Buyers

Book stores of Fort Worth are driving at full pressure and have been the past week. One of the managers of a Main street store asked as to the business, stated that the firm is booking more orders than the house would be able to deliver by Christmas day.

"We are selling at least 50 per cent more books this year than last," he said. "One woman came in Wednesday and bought three copies of a \$2.50 book and two copies of a \$3 book. Many women are buying file cabinets to present to their husbands. Sold two of them that way today. It was the first time since I have been in the business that I ever saw a sale of that kind."

Another bookman said that he is selling any number of bookcases and writing desks to be used as Christmas presents. Both agreed that a very large proportion of their trade came from outside the city and attributed this to the fact that the people in the nearby towns have learned that it pays to come to Fort Worth to trade.

Confectionery dealers are also reporting an unprecedented business, although their sales, so far, do not show up as advantageously as those of the book dealers. This is accounted for by the fact that books are always bought a little ahead of the candy. The sale of candy is more toward the last moments before Christmas. However, all the merchants in this line are so far satisfied with the business they have done. Their sales have been almost 20 per cent over those of last year. The heaviest sales have been those of favors and decorations for Christmas trees. The confectioners' trade shows a decided out-of-town increase.

LIQUOR DEALERS BUSY

At the present time the express offices are lined with jugs of liquor for the out-of-town trade. The dealers in this line report a decided increase in the business.

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and are inclined to think that it will reach an increase of 50 per cent over that of 1903.

JEWELER'S LEAD

In no line of trade, perhaps, has the uplift of holiday trade been more marked than in the jewelry trade. People who never bought jewelry before are spending their money for it.

"If the slump in the cotton market had held off until after Christmas," said a prominent jeweler to a Telegram reporter, "I believe that the holiday trade in our line this year would have doubled that of last year. I have never seen the way business in my line opened up before and the amount and quality that people have bought. Most persons are inclined this year to get only the best in the jewelry line. Watches, brooches, chains, rings, umbrellas, fancy boxes, combs and brushes, diamonds, canes, bric-a-brac, cut glass, fancy china, odds and ends, and most everything else in my stock the public is buying."

PRACTICAL GIFTS POPULAR

"Business in our line the past few days has been simply fine," remarked a merchant on Houston street Wednesday. "We have sold all kinds of dry goods, notions, clothing and almost everything we ever carried. People who go shopping for Christmas gifts have some very peculiar ideas. What one person would think undesirable is just what some one else wants. I find that dress goods and fancy trimmings are selling as much now as at any other time. Many are trying to buy articles which they know will not only be appreciated from a beauty standpoint, but from a useful one as well. I think all merchants in my line of goods will agree with me that this has so far been the most prosperous season of all."

RAILROAD NEWS

BIG JUDGMENT FOR DAMAGES

A jury at San Antonio has just returned a verdict in favor of L. H. Proves, awarding him damages for personal injuries in the sum of \$14,500, against the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad, the suit being for \$40,000.

Proves was "knocked out" and alleges that he was permanently injured by a fall caused by a "landhold" given away while he was in the act of climbing into a car. A suit for \$40,000 has also been instituted by A. Henfy of San Antonio against the same railroad company. While at Uvalde he alleges he was struck by a 100-pound chunk of ice thrown from a car.

MORTON DOES NOT CONFIRM

"It's a shame to rob you of a good news item; just like taking candy away from a baby," was the remark made by George Morton, general passenger agent of the Missouri-Kansas and Texas headquarters at St. Louis, when asked by a newspaper reporter regarding the recent rumor that he had resigned. This statement was all that Mr. Morton would make, and whether he has actually left the service of the Katy or whether he intends to do so, was not once referred to by him.

INTERURBAN LINE PLANNED

A company has been formed for the construction of an electric railway between San Marcos and Luling, and the work of securing assistance from citizens along the proposed right of way is now actively under way. The line will start at San Marcos and run through several towns en route, among them Martindale and Fentress.

TO EXTEND SIERRA MADRE

From what is learned here Colonel W. C. Greene is pushing preliminaries for an extension of his recently purchased road, the Sierra Madre, into the mountains in an effort to reach timber lands. The engineering parties are now in the field on the Tampico branch, and out of Douglas, the latter extension being planned to run across the Sierra Madre mountains. L. P. Atwood, engineer of maintenance of way, has supervision of all lines being run for Colonel Greene.

WANT TO REACH COAL FIELDS

The survey of the most difficult portion of the route for Durango extension of the El Paso and Southwestern has been completed by Engineer J. L. Campbell, and the officials of the road are now ready to push the construction work, or to enter into traffic arrangements with some other company, and not build. It is believed, however, that the extension is to be built.

The Southwestern is anxious to reach the Durango coal fields and officials of that company assert that if they can not perfect traffic arrangements with another line, they will certainly build.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CHANGES

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 23.—According to W. L. McKibben, traveling passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Railway, with headquarters at San Antonio, some important changes are to take place on that system Jan. 1.

F. E. Battus, now assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Louisiana, will be promoted to general passenger agent of the Louisiana lines. This change was brought about by the death of W. H. Masters, traffic manager. Charles L. Fay, general freight agent, has been appointed freight traffic manager over the Louisiana lines. Both of these gentlemen will have their headquarters at New Orleans. A number of minor changes are also announced.

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This has not been a question of "putting the customer up a tree." Anyone; yea, a child can see the immense saving. You can see from the style of clothing offered. Besides this store never allows an advertisement to go out but what is a positive fact and truth. We started this sale the 15th. Price for \$20 to \$30 suits was \$14. Price for \$15 to \$20 suits was \$12. Price for \$10 to \$15 suits was \$10. A fall of 50c per suit, up to tomorrow brings the price down to

Choice of first lot, was \$14.00, now.....	\$10.00
Choice of second lot, was \$12.00, now.....	\$8.00
Choice of third lot, was \$10.00, now.....	\$6.00

To make it real plain, the unvarnished fact is this—tomorrow you buy

**\$20 to \$30 Suits at \$10,
\$15 to \$20 Suits at \$8,
\$10 to \$15 Suits at \$6**

Our salesmen have been taxed to the greatest degree during this sale. Fully aware that tomorrow will see the greatest crowd ever entered this store, we have engaged more salesmen—concentrated our force to the clothing department, so that we need not detain you in these busy times, and serve all in a business-like and polite manner. We want you to come again, but be sure you come tomorrow—our entire clothing stock—none reserved. Three lots. Choice of stock, \$10.00, \$8.00 and \$6.00.

Reduction in Toys Tomorrow

Thousands of suitable gifts for men, women and children, on our two great floors. Saving on Toys tomorrow. Special on Handkerchiefs, Fine Hosiery and Bags.

A Good List to Choose From

Smoking Jackets, Men's Handkerchiefs, Men's Gloves, Men's Mufflers, Men's Neckwear, Hats, Shirts, Hosiery, Ties, Leather Goods, Ladies' Umbrellas,	Ladies' Suits, Furs, Skirts, Waists, Sweaters, Silk Petticoats, Infants' Wear, Fine Blankets, Silk Hosiery, Cotton Hosiery, Table Linens,	Kid Gloves, Belts and Bags, Soaps and Perfumery, Scarfs and Pillows, Silks and Suitings, Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Ties, Jewelry, Fans, Fancy Combs.
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Fort Worth Humane Society

The society requests that all cases of cruelty to children, dumb animals and birds be reported immediately to its secretary, J. C. Miller, Metropolitan Building. Unassigned communications will receive no attention.



August's Extra Special In Our Childrens Department For Saturday Only

75 Children's Overcoats, worth \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8.50, sizes 3 to 7 years, for \$3.23. This offering consists of all lines found to have broken sizes in the present season's selling. There are 75 to pick \$3.23 from; your choice at.....

200 Boys' Overcoats, in oxford gray chevrons, with belt back, extra long loose fitting, sizes 8 to 16 years; sold regular for \$4.50 and \$5.00; extra special \$3.48 Saturday.....

150 Boys' Suits in fancy worsted and chevrons, sizes 7 to 16 years old; double-breasted styles; suits that sold for \$4.00 \$2.98 regular; extra special Saturday.....

200 Sweaters for Children, ages 2 1/2 to 4 years; in solid red, blue and white, strictly all wool; sold regular for 75c and \$1.00. All in one lot; your choice, Saturday only for..... 48c

BOYS SMALL WARES

The \$1.00 quality Boys' Flannel Shirts, sizes 12 to 14; Saturday..... 78c

The \$1.50 quality Boys' All Wool Sweaters, ages 3 to 14 years, in solid white and blue; also in blue and red, white and gray, red and white, navy and red; sold regular for \$1.50; Saturday..... 98c

Boys' Windsor and Four-in-hand Ties, all colors, in solid and polka dots..... 25c

Boys' Leggings, in leather, jersey and astrachan, 75c, \$1.00 and..... \$1.25

Boys' Gloves, in wool, moca, buckskin and kid, with fleece lined and fur top; 25c, 50c and up to..... \$1.50

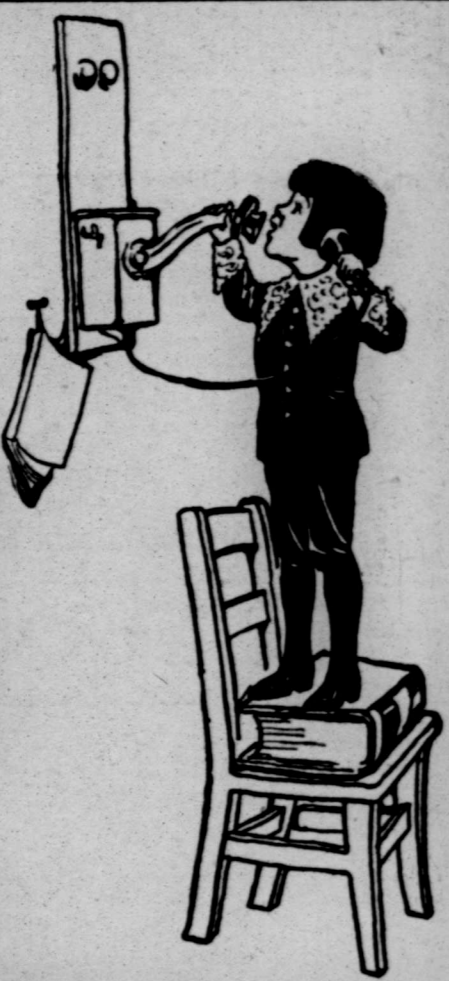
Saturday Mid-Day Edition

The Saturday Telegram for Dec. 24—tomorrow—will be issued shortly after mid-day for delivery to city subscribers early in the afternoon. In this pre-Christmas edition Fort Worth merchants can make ELEVENTH HOUR announcements to the people of the city who will hurry down-town early Christmas Eve to make final purchases. Herein will be offered splendid opportunity for presenting special offers to The Telegram's host of city readers. All copy must be in by noon Saturday.

Hello, Famous!

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A Good Christmas Present

An \$8.00 suit for... \$4.75
An \$8.00 Melton Overcoat for..... \$3.95

For Saturday Only

With every \$3.00 purchase, a silverware set free.
With every \$10.00 purchase a fine umbrella free.

ABE M. MEHL
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RAILROADS PROSPEROUS

Commission Report Shows Them to Be Doing Good Business
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 23.—The railroad commission has prepared tables giving a comparison of freight earnings, gross earnings, operating expenses and income

from operation of the principal railroads in Texas, for the four months ending Oct. 31, 1904, with the corresponding four months of the preceding year, from which the following is taken:
Freight earnings—Increase, \$682,490.80; decrease, \$986,694.57; net decrease, \$304,203.77, or 1.77 per cent.
Gross earnings—Increase, \$1,337,524.07; decrease, \$871,511.57; net increase, \$366,012.50, or 1.52 per cent.
Operating expenses—Increase, \$353,635.55; decrease, \$1,377,041.81; net decrease, \$1,023,406.26, or 6.23 per cent.
Income from operation—Increase, \$2,025,347.44; decrease, \$35,928.13; net increase, \$1,489,419.31, or 24.83 per cent.
The statement shows that Texas railroads are doing a good business and are in excellent shape.

RAILROAD EXTENSION
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 23.—It is generally understood that the Orange Construction Company, the articles of incorporation of which were filed yesterday, was organized for the purpose of building the proposed extension of the Orange and Northwestern railway to Shreveport, La., a distance of about 175 miles. The extension will probably pass through Newton and Sabine counties. L. T. Preston, a New Orleans capitalist, is one of the men behind the company.

NEW TEXAS INDUSTRY
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 23.—The Texas Embroidery Company of Temple has been chartered with a capital stock of \$30,000. The purpose announced is the transaction of a manufacturing business, the articles to be made consisting of sewing machine attachments, patterns for ladies dresses, embroideries, etc. The incorporators are F. Johnson, O. W. Jones, C. T. Mahler, J. S. Jacobies and L. P. King of Temple.

CHARTER SECURED
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 23.—The Amarillo Beer and Ice Company of Amarillo has been chartered with a capital stock of \$20,000. Purpose, purchase and sale of malt liquors and ice. The incorporators are W. L. Thompson, A. Davidson of Amarillo and Sam Davidson of Fort Worth.

CITY BRIEFS

Queen Quality Starch. All Grocers.
Crouch Hardware Co., 1007 Main St.
Cut flowers at Drumm's. Phone 101.
Boaz's Book Store, 402 Main street.
For a fine overcoat at a low price, go to Friedman, 912 Main street.
J. W. Adams & Co., feed, produce, fuel and fat kindling. Phone 530.
Brown & Vera have moved to 1103 Main, between Tenth and Eleventh.
Good kindling at the Rock Island Coal Company.
Curran's Laundry, 6th and Burnett sts. Both phones 37.
Picture frames and wall paper at Brown & Vera's, 1108 Main street.
It will always be found a little better and perhaps a little cheaper at the William Henry & R. E. Bell Hardware Co., 1615-17 Main.
Pecans, new crop. We have them at wholesale prices for Christmas and New Year. Crowds Bros.

If you are looking for anything or any place see our Ready Reference Directory on Classified page and you will find it there.

In everybody's mouth. Eagle Bread. For sale by all grocers.
List your property with us; let us collect your rents. Hubbard Bros.
Unredeemed ladies' and gents' watches for sale at half price at Friedman's, 912 Main street, the reliable pawnbroker.
Modern Steam Laundry, headquarters for high-grade Christmas work. Both phones, 787. Fort Worth.

Christmas novelties, endless assortment. Fort Worth Candy Kitchen.
Our own hand-made Christmas mixed, 15c pound. Fort Worth Candy Kitchen.
Biggest Assortment Fancy Boxes for presents. Fort Worth Candy Kitchen.

Miss Bess Bibb is here from Hollins, Virginia, for the holidays.
Our Pecans are new crop; no old ones. Crowds Bros.
Fat turkeys, positively choicest in the market, carefully dressed, at Model Market and Bakery, 609 Houston street.

Every bakery delicacy, cream puffs, charlotte russe, etc., at Model Market and Bakery, 609 Houston street.
Fruit cakes, from choicest fruits and purest ingredients, at Model Market and Bakery, 609 Houston street.

Choice fat geese from Watertown, Wis., at Model Market and Bakery, 609 Houston street.
R. C. Cowardin, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, is in the city.

V. N. Turpin, city passenger agent of the Rock Island, accompanied by Mrs. Turpin, is visiting friends in this city.
John W. Loukes of the Little Rock and Fort Worth railway mail service run has resigned as clerk.

See Mrs. C. M. Ford at Brown & Vera's for fine hand painted pictures. Menu cards, scores made to order.
C. B. Farris, chief clerk of the United States marshal's office at Dallas, was a caller in Fort Worth today.

Roast beef, pork, mutton, the best, come from the Model Market and Bakery, 609 Houston street.
Chester Hightower of 612 North Hampton street has gone to Thurber to spend Christmas with his grand parents.

An 18-inch turkey roaster given free with one can of our celebrated baking powder. The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 809 Houston street.
Christmas exercises will be held at the

Presbyterian church Saturday night. An excellent program has been arranged.

The Sunday school of St. Paul's Methodist church will have a Christmas tree at the church tonight. A program of songs, addresses and recitations will be rendered. No business was transacted in the United States district court today. Court, after convening, adjourned until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

FOR SALE—One of the best paper routes in the city; 300 subscribers. See M. L. Hargrove, this office.

Commercial Agent Dillon of the Santa Fe has received an invitation to attend the annual reception of the Elks at Gainesville, on the night of Dec. 30. He will probably attend.

If a man wants to please a girl Christmas, and still doesn't want the present to even be a basis for a suit for breach of promise, let him give her candy from the Fort Worth Candy Kitchen. It will soon disappear.

Don't fail to procure one of these handsome china jugs given free with 50c worth of Tea, Coffee, Spices, Extracts or Baking Powder. All week at The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, 809 Houston street.

Calico Ball will be given by Woman's Union Label League at Labor Temple, Dec. 23. Music by Moeller's orchestra. Admission, gentlemen 25c. Ladies free.

Store advertising that "stops" now and then is about as valuable and satisfactory as a watch with the same habit. To advertise and get results, use The Telegram regularly.

Turkeys for Christmas, alive and dressed. Large quantities to select from. Crowds Bros.

Why not have copies of next Sunday morning's Telegram left at the homes of your friends? The feature story by Roland B. Molineux is one of absorbing interest. They will enjoy reading it. Order now.

Grand Christmas Ball at Foot's Hall, Saturday night. Ladies free. Orchestra.

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Will Price, a negro, was arrested early Thursday evening near the Shamrock saloon, on Rusk street, on a charge of aggravated assault. Officers Howard and Walker made the arrest. The man is said to have attacked a colored woman with a knife.

An Old Maids' convention at the North Fort Worth Methodist church Thursday night was well attended, the papers on "Wanted" and "Dresses" were read, and other topics, as delivered by the 16-year-old spinsters, being well received.

Beginning tonight a series of revival services, to be continued through Christmas week, will be held at the Riverside Methodist church. The services will be conducted by Rev. Russell J. Birdwell of Polytechnic. Heleliah, announced, has secured 1,500 conversions during the past year.

The public charter amendment meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, at the city hall, that date having been named by the sub-committee Thursday afternoon, and the meeting was held in committee that the proposed changes in the city document would be ready for submission at that time.

William Fay, age 17, and Lynn B. Lutton, age 15 years, were arrested at the Texas and Pacific passenger station at 7 o'clock Thursday evening. Charged with stealing two overcoats which will be returned to their owners. City Officer Teams and Texas and Pacific Special Officer L. H. Dillard arrested the two youths. Both were transferred to the county today.

G. J. Gibbs, formerly president of the Texas Grain Dealers Association, is here from Clinton on business. Mr. Gibbs stated today that there is need of rain in the wheat belt of Texas, still conditions are not at all alarming as a result of short rains. He believes that the acreage of both wheat and oats the coming season will be materially increased, while the acreage of cotton is to be greatly reduced.

Patrick McDonough, a former official in charge of the weather bureau office at Palestine, Texas, was in the city Thursday evening and this morning. He visited D. S. Landis, the official in charge of the local office on business. Mr. McDonough left this morning for Denver to take charge of the weather bureau office there.

The Fort Worth Benevolent Orphan Home received a nice Christmas present yesterday consisting of twenty pairs of shoes from a local shoe dealer. The home is much in need of a wagon, the old one being out of service. Any one having an old wagon that could be used by the home or could contribute toward buying a new one would greatly oblige the board by advising E. L. Huffman of their pleasure.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
WANTED—Nurse and companion for very old lady, in country. Address, N. P. care Telegram.

FOR SALE—At a bargain, first-class stock of groceries, in the best town in Texas; good business. Address, Groceries, care Telegram.

PLUMBERS
HAROLD K. DYCUS, plumbing, gas and steam fitting, 1202 Main street.

FOR RENT—Furnished front room, bath, phone and electric light; \$10 per month. 400 Main street, top floor.

FOR RENT—Seven-room modern house, 468 South Sixth street; \$35 month. Hubbard Bros. Phone 2299.

WANTED—Three or four rooms, en suite, for office; long lease. T. H. P. Duncan, M. D., 709 East Weatherford st.

The Man About Town...

"Speaking about spelling," said John Adams, the city ticket and passenger agent at the Texas and Pacific depot this morning, during the temporary dullness between trains and the caring for getting belt-passengers during the Christmas rush, "why, the boys and girls who are in school today are simply not in it with the boys of twenty or thirty years ago and I am willing to wager that I can out-spell any ten students of the Fort Worth high school right today when I haven't been in school in almost thirty years. The way they neglect spelling nowadays and spend their time on this so-called higher education is entirely wrong. The present system is sadly neglected I contend when it comes to this branch and I have and always will be opposed to the present way of teaching it. Some time ago The Telegram published the greater portion of a speech that a prominent Fort Worth lawyer delivered before the city teachers' monthly institute. I agreed with that fellow in everything he said, I have come in contact with the brightest young people in Texas, the Fort Worth boys and girls, who are just out of the schools, and they are well up in science and almost everything else, but spelling. I think this is wrong and ought to be changed."

"The Santa Fe is getting a big amount of the holiday rush," said Thomas P. Fenlon, the city ticket and passenger agent of the road to The Telegram Thursday evening. "At this time of the year when all roads are doing a splendid business and everybody is anxious to get home to friends and family to spend Christmas day the rush is usually heavy. This year, however, the business is the heaviest so far that it has ever been and there are strong probabilities that it will continue so. The last two days before Christmas are the busiest and then we do not sell the long distance tickets as much as we do for people who wish only to travel short distances. Very few people, if the ticket sales are an indication, will eat Christmas dinner away from home this year."

27 OVERCOME BY COAL GAS FUMES

Occupants of Philadelphia Tenement Rescued in Time by Policemen

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—All of the twenty-seven persons who were overcome by coal gas in a tenement in the lower section of the city early today have been discharged from the hospital as cured. The lower part of the tenement was used as a Turkish bath establishment and the gas escaped from a furnace used in the baths. More than one hundred persons, mostly Russian Jews, were sleeping in the building when awakened by the policeman who detected the odor of gas.

One Bottle of Burnett's Vanilla Extract is better than three of the doubtful kind. Its purity and great strength make it the most economical brand. Always ask for Burnett's Vanilla.

SHIP WILL CARRY FREIGHT TO JAPS

Vessel Sailing From San Francisco Will Take Goods Classed as Contraband

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—When the steamer Magnolia sails from this port next Tuesday she will carry 18,000 tons of cargo, 15,000 of which will be assigned to Japan. Most of this freight for Japan consists of materials designated as contraband by the Russian government. The boat will carry 1,000 tons of pig iron, together with a large quantity of drugs, steel, machinery, foodstuffs, leather and cotton. The steamer Elleric will also carry 4,500 tons of overland freight for Yokohama.

Notice—J. E. Nicholson, who has purchased the Miller farm, desires the stock therein removed Jan. 1.

LAUNDRESSES ESCAPE

Sixty-five Rescued from Top Floor of Burning Building
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The four-story laundry building on Blackwell's Island was destroyed by fire early today. Sixty-five laundresses were on the top floor of the building when the flames broke out, but all escaped without injury. The laundry was situated between the city hospital, in which were seven hundred patients, and the Female Nurses Training school and for a time it was feared that the flames would spread to those buildings. The laundry was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

RANGERS SENT TO WALKER COUNTY
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 23.—The adjutant general has ordered the rangers to Walker county, near Dodge, to aid the sheriff investigate the cause of several disastrous fires of supposed incendiary origin. Sensational developments are expected.

YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

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America's most popular dessert, which received highest Award, Gold Medal, at St. Louis Exposition. An artistic table decoration that also pleases the palate. Very easy to prepare. Six choice flavors: Lemon, Orange, Raspberry, Strawberry, Cherry and Vanilla. Order a package of each today from your grocer, 10c. When you make Ice Cream use Jell-O ICE CREAM Powder. All ingredients in the package. At all grocers.

Xmas Suspenders



The Ideal Gift for Men

If in doubt, give "him" a pair of suspenders. These always make an acceptable gift, and never before has there been such a wide range of beautiful effects in which to indulge your fancy.

Splendid assortment at 50c, fancy silk faced web, put up one pair in a box.
Special lines of holiday suspenders, gold plated and solid silver mountings, in very artistic designs, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, up to the finest at \$7.50. Engraving Free.

Holiday Slippers WASHNER BROTHERS Holiday Neckwear

Headquarters Xmas Things For Men

Special Holiday Prices!

In order to make room for our new shipments of goods, we will offer our entire stock at a saving price to the buyer. Some of our best articles must go at half, and some at less than half the regular selling price. Look these prices over carefully before purchasing elsewhere.

Men's black and tan Hose, choice, 3 pairs..... 25c
Men's black and tan Hose, very fine, 2 pairs..... 25c
Men's Suspenders, extra quality, 15c and..... 25c
Men's Neckties, 10c, 12 1/2c and..... 25c
Ladies' and Gent's Gloves..... 25c
Ladies' White Under-skirts, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and..... \$2.00
Ladies' colored Under-skirts, 60c, \$2.00, \$2.50 and..... \$3.00
Men's Linen Collars, choice at..... 10c
Ladies' Brooches, choice at..... 25c
Ladies' Corsets..... 25c

Men's Top Shirts..... 35c
Men's Trousers..... \$1.00
Ladies' Hair Pins, 10c and..... 25c
Men's Hats..... \$1.00
Children's Hats..... 25c
Embroidery, yard, 5c and..... 25c
Laces, white and cream, yard..... 2 1/2c
Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs, 3 for..... 25c
Men's Silk Handkerchiefs..... 25c
Ladies' and Gent's Handkerchiefs, 6 for..... 25c
Children's Shoes..... 75c
Ladies' Silk Garters, choice..... 25c
Ladies' Flannel Under-skirts, choice..... 50c
Petronilk Soap, 3 cakes in box..... 10c

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CHRISTEN CAR RAILS

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 23.—Ground was broken Thursday morning for the construction of the street railway system, which is being financed through the efforts of John Shartel of Oklahoma City. Shartel is here in person supervising the work.

THOMAS D. ROSS, Attorney And Counsellor at Law.

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