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Improvements Going on at Oriole

Oriole, Texas, Dec. 3.—Your last paper has been received and read with interest. I was glad to notice another one of Mr. Albert Tyer's letters, and glad to learn that he is a strong prohibitionist. I hope there will be a large turnout at the mass meeting at Crockett today.

On the 23rd we had a marriage—Mr. Archie Wall was married to Mrs. Della Goodnight, near Belott, by Rev. George Blake-way, a Baptist minister.

Mr. Willie Robinson has bought the old H. W. Allen homestead. He is putting up some new buildings and has rented it to Mr. Arthur Mims.

Mr. Thad Marsh has bought what is known here as the Hacker place and has rented it to Mr. Rance Thornton.

Mr. George Burden has bought what is known as the Sugar Farm, adjoining the H. W. Allen place, and is building on it.

Messrs. Robert Marsh and Sid Rosser are building a residence in Crockett for Mr. Mangum, our school superintendent.

We had preaching last Saturday and Sunday at the school house by Rev. John Fulgham. He has a Baptist church organized there and preaches once a month. We also have preaching once a month by Bro. Shinn, and once a month by Bro. Hodges. Hope they will all be tolerant, charitable and loving to one another and remember what the Bible says, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." A. K.

Local Happenings at Reynard

Reynard, Texas, Dec. 5.—We have another nice norther this morning. We had nice weather last week to kill shoats, and a good many took advantage of it and are eating fresh pork.

Bully Taylor begun work on his residence this morning.

Our gin has gined over 800 bales of cotton this season.

Our stores are doing a fine business.

There was more made than first thought, and every one is in good spirits.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chiles are spending a few days in Crockett with Mrs. Chiles' mother.

Our school is getting along nicely. We have our new desks up now, and the window lights all put in and some new door steps, so everything is nice and comfortable.

Herman Beazley and Arthur Owens were down from Grapeland Sunday.

Alton Murchison came back last week to resume work, but was not able to work after coming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Fulgham.

Everything is quiet in the social circle, so will bid you adieu.

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Colquitt Names His Appointees

Austin, Texas, Dec. 3.—T. J. Bowman, private secretary to Governor-Elect Colquitt this afternoon announced a number of important coming appointments to state offices. They follow:

Secretary of state, Charles C. McDonald of Kaufman County.

Adjutant general, Henry Hutchings of Travis County.

Members of the governor's military staff, with the rank of lieutenant colonel: B. F. Bonner of Harris County, F. A. Chapa of Baxer County, Abe Cross of McLennan County, E. H. R. Green of Kaufman County, J. F. Wolters of Harris County, William C. Cameron of McLennan County. Three additional members of his staff will be selected from the Texas National Guard officers below the rank of colonel.

State purchasing agent, John G. MaKay of Bell County.

Members of board of pardons: Louis V. Hagen of Gillespie County, O. C. Kirven of Freestone County.

Superintendent of public buildings and grounds, A. B. Conley of Wise County.

Superintendent institute for the blind, E. H. Bramlette of Fannin County.

Superintendent of the Confederate Home, R. M. Wynne of Tarrant County.

Superintendent of the institute for the deaf and dumb, J. A. Thomas of Comanche County.

Clerk of criminal district court of Galveston and Harris Counties, B. J. Owens of Harris County.

Pension Commissioner, Robert A. Buford of Rusk County.

Quarantine officer at Galveston, I. L. McGlosson of McLennan County.

Quarantine officer at Brownsville, Dr. S. E. McCain of Refugio County.

San Jacinto Park Commissioners: Jo. S. Rice, Sr., Mrs. Resine Ryan, all of Harris County.

Mr. Colquitt has not as yet named railroad commissioner, labor commissioner, health officer and other positions.

Bootleggers and Crap Shooters.

Constable Henry Haltom has been very busy the past week and evil doers are on the jump as a result. Last week he run in five negroes for shooting craps up in the "quarter" and Sunday night Bill Rmith and Ben Gitson (colored) were arrested for bootlegging. They were carried to Crockett and placed in jail.

Just received a big lot of boys clothing and find we have too many youth's two piece suits worth \$5.00, for \$4.85, youth's two piece suits worth \$3.50, for \$2.85, youth's two piece suits worth \$2.50, for \$2.00 at F. A. Faris & Sons.

N. C. and A. P. Tims, Rev. F. M. Trimble and W. R. Earle of Augusta, J. L. Smith of Route 3 and Ney Carter of Palestine are among those recently remembered in the Messenger.

Darsey's December Announcement

To Our Friends and
Customers:

We desire to say that this year so far has been one of our largest and most successful years here at Grapeland, and now, as we are on the last month of this year we are going to make a special effort during December to make this the best December since we have been here. Now to do this we realize that is necessary for us to make some concessions and we are going to do that, not only on a few lines, but on every line where there is any possible chance to do so. It will pay you to come and get our prices and compare them with any prices you want to and then you will see for actual bargains—bargains that are substantial—bargains that will do you good and that you will appreciate—bargains in groceries; bargains in hardware; bargains in furniture; bargains in stoves, bargains in clothing; bargain in shoes; bargains in dry goods and hats; bargains in ladies' and misses' coats and jackets; bargains in every line and on everything that is used on the farm or in the home.

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Come to Grapeland and come to our store, get our prices and then compare them with any prices that you want to and then you will see that for bargains on good reliable goods—goods that will give you good service and value for your money—that our store is the place. If our prices are not right there is no harm done, as it is no trouble to show goods, give samples and compare prices.

Thanking you in advance for any help you may give to make this, our 22nd December, the best that we have ever had, I am
Yours very truly,

George E. Darsey.

Grapeland, Tex.

P.S.—We will present any competitor with a Stetson Hat that will prove that any statement we have made above is not correct.

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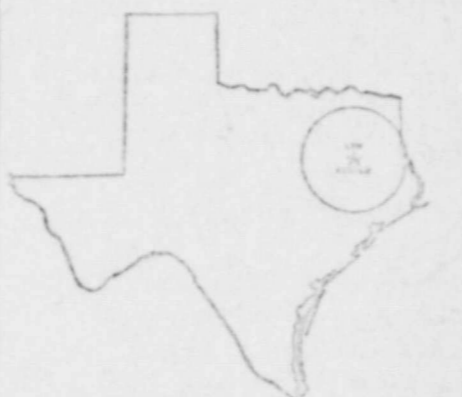
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LAW CENTER OF TEXAS FOUND

Commercial Secretaries Prepare Map and Present Statistics on Legislation.

Ft. Worth, Texas, Dec. 1.—The approach of the Thirty-Second legislature and the possibility of another deluge of laws, has prompted the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association to locate, as far as mathematical analysis will permit, the storm center of legislative disturbance. The association has prepared a map showing the "Law Center" of Texas and finds it to be about 15 miles west of Palestine. During the 30th legislature, the law center rested near Rusk, but it traveled on its westward journey along the right-of-way of the Texas State Railroad and the 31st legislature leaves the center near the county line of Anderson and Freestone counties, as shown by the star in the map below.

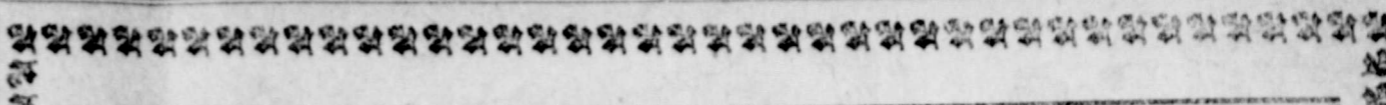


The method employed in developing the Law Center is similar to the method used by the United States Census Bureau in locating the center of the population, viz., by placing the number of bills introduced by each representative in their respective districts and developing the state center, according to latitude and longitude.

Draw a circle of 100 miles around the law center and we have located a colony of perhaps the most prolific law-givers on earth. Out of 1379 bills introduced in the Thirty-First Legislature, 1011 bear the signatures of one or more representatives within the circle. Its governors have wielded the scepter during 35 years of our statehood. The Constitutional convention was dominated by representatives from within this section. The circle contains 12 per cent of our area and has furnished 85 per cent of our laws.

The constitutional convention which adopted our present Constitution met at Austin, November 24th, 1875, and there were 79 delegates present, and 47 of them were from the territory enclosed within the circle. The convention was composed of men of heroic mold and our constitution is a model in statecraft, but unfortunately for future generations, the framers of our constitution were unable to make it "fool-proof" and most legislatures have had among them a batch of political joy-riders, who desired to plunge into the highways of greatness by revolutionizing our basic principles of government, and we have had too frequently to depend upon the Supreme Court to preserve our constitutional rights.

Since the adoption of our Constitution in 1875, we have had ten Governors and seven of them came from the district enclosed within the circle and these seven administrations have given us a total of 3,000 laws. The present administration to date has added 663 laws to our statutes. Smith County leads all counties in the



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1 lot men's wool sweaters, regular price 1.00 now.....	90c			

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state in the number of Chief Executives. This county has given us three Governors who have held the scepter 11 years. The Governor is largely responsible for quantity and quality of laws passed, at least to the extent of exercising the veto power. Since our statehood, the area under discussion has given us some of the most splendid Governors that ever presided over a free people and who have followed the tenets of Thomas Jefferson and it has also given us administrations noted for monumental vanity and pride of authorship of laws.

It must be said to the credit of the law givers of this section that they were impartial, generous and at times have even been neglectful of their own interests in framing legislation, appearing to be satisfied with the glory of passing laws, regardless of how those laws affected their own welfare. This legislation has, in some instances, been constructive; some of its laws are purposeless as a cat chasing its tail, and still others bitter and merciless and the absence of business acumen is the predominating feature of their legislative creations.

This section of the state possesses the most fertile land on the globe but it has probably never occurred to the law makers that our basic vocation should be encouraged by legislation and experimental and demonstration farms have, by common consent, gone to other sections of the state. It has most valuable mineral deposits of proven quality and quantity but little legislation has been attempted to encourage mineral development. Its surface is covered with forests and its farms yield products for the factory, but it has never asked for a law promoting manufacturing; in fact, the record

shows repeated effort on the part of its representatives to strike down its native industries and it has given capital firms that would touch the heart of a pawn-broker. But East Texas has repented and she now regards a smoke stack with as much sacredness as a church steeple. She has not only repented, but has actually promised restitution by giving us a Governor who has given the people his word for it that he will develop the state's resources and his words fit like feathers on a duck; and she has sent her very ablest men to the 32nd legislature to co-operate with the next administration in the upbuilding of the state.

In the defense of East Texas it must be said that she has merely ridden on the crest of a wave of legislative unrest which has engulfed the entire country and Texas is the first state in the Union to recover her equilibrium, and to make our position all the more impregnable, the Law Center is passing beyond the danger zone and is rapidly journeying westward and the skill of the west combined with the courage of the east will give us a legislative combination that will make Texas the best governed state in the Union. No state can offer to capital the gilt-edge security from legislative discrimination that the state of Texas can and none can compare with us in opportunities for investment.

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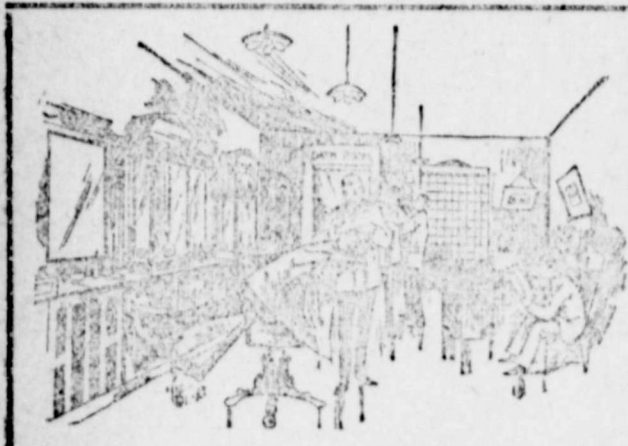
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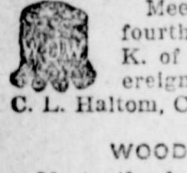
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J. R. Richards, K. of R. and S.

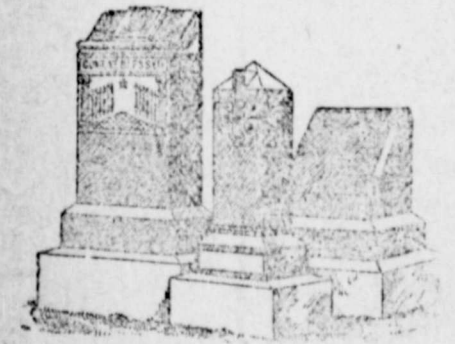
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Who are "They."

By a Staff Correspondent.

We all have a way of saying "they say" this or that of some person or some thing and accepting it ourselves as authentic when someone says "they say" to us.

But if we stopped to inquire into the exact source of the information, either we would be unable to trace it back to anyone other than the elusive individual, "They Say," or we will find back of it the unkind gossip of some enemy.

And just because "they say" fails to put the blame of a falsehood on any one person's shoulders it really is the most dangerous of statements and one of the hardest to refute.

So let us beware of believing "they say" stories. Let us treat lightly all gossip introduced by the words "they say." Or if this gossip makes us suspicious of its object—and it is natural and human that it should at times—let us suspend judgment until we KNOW. In other words let us do the object of "they say" the justice to investigate until we find someone who is in a position from actual knowledge and whom we can trust to make a positive statement over his own name as to the truth or falsity of the "they say" story.

The writer has been led to pen this little lesson in practical fairness by reading a little book issued by the Coca-Cola Company of Atlanta, Ga., entitled "The Truth About Coca-Cola." That truly delicious and wholesome beverage has for so long been the subject of "they say" stories in which all manner of untrue and detrimental things about Coca-Cola have been circulated that the manufacturers have been forced to issue their book giving authentic information about this beverage. And the information therein contained does not rest its case on any "they say" statements, but basis its arguments on analysis and statements of chemists and scientists occupying the highest positions in America.

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A Record Breaker.

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It's now time to begin to save that small change for Old Santa.

Texas stands first in development, first in progress and first in industrial opportunities of all the states in the union. Aren't you glad that you are a citizen of such a grand old state?

In summing up the benefits to be derived from the improvement of public roads, it must not be forgotten that the stork can travel faster over good roads than bad ones and the improvement of public highways will encourage an increase in the population. Think this over.

Prosperity follows good roads just as sure as night follows day, and no community can advance very far without improved public highways. The condition of the public road and the commodities hauled usually gauge the progress and development of communities. So it is up to us to build good roads and keep in line with those who are progressive.

The farm and the factory go hand in hand and the prosperity of either is dependent upon the other. By bringing the factory to the farm we adjust economic conditions and the increase in the value of live stock goes to the producer without increasing the price of meat to the consumer. By building factories in Texas we can greatly decrease the high cost of living.

Good works need encouragement and the Herald certainly lifts its hat to Albert Luker, editor of the Grapeland Messenger for his untiring efforts on good roads. He has been hammering on this subject every since he took charge of the paper and his works have gotten results. He is also a plain spoken and open and above broad condemner of evil in his town and this is commendable in any man.—Houston County Times.

Children take Ballard's Horehound Syrup willingly because it tastes nice. There isn't a better remedy anywhere for childrens coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a good medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

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All the News From Daly Town.

Daly, Texas, Dec. 5.—A bold norther was welcome this morning after a week of disagreeable east wind.

Mr. J. Laeater, wife and baby visited the home folk Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Pridgen and family visited the home of Capt Wm. Sheridan last Saturday, where they were royally entertained and made welcome.

Mrs. Annie Daly is visiting in Grapeland this week.

A Christmas tree was decided upon here yesterday. We hope every one that can will attend. We hope to have a nice time.

Rev. Cyrus Campbell will preach here next Sabbath. We are so glad to know our dear pastor is once more to be with us. I know that all who can will attend.

Z T. Rogers, missionary of the Anderson County Association, preached for us Sunday night.

Henry Daly is building a new residence for himself and family. Daly's will be a town some day.

Madam Rumor says the wedding bells will ring here Christmas, but then we know Madam Rumor always did attend to somebody else's business.

Charlotta.

NOTICE.

After January 1st, parties wanting lots had better buy now as the prices will be advanced \$10.00 per lot after that date. I have both business and residence lots which I am offering at a special price. W. G. Darsey.

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Rev. H. E. Harris of Greenville has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church here and preached Sunday and Sunday night. He has moved to his former home at Lovelady. Bro. Harris is a good preacher and we are glad to have him with us again.

If you want to make your wife, father, mother or sister a nice Xmas present, present them with a W. O. W. policy. Only a few more days till the cheap rates will be off. See Clewis at once, and give him your application.

Rev. A. L. Carnes, who has served the Methodist church as pastor for the past two years, has been sent to Garrison and will leave the latter part of this week for his new home. The Messenger regrets very much to see this good family go. Our best wishes for success in their new home go with them. Rev. W. A. Cravens of Shelbyville has been sent to Grapeland and Lovelady charge.

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LOCAL NEWS

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For fruits and candies call at Howard's.

J. W. Jones and W. T. Warner went to Crockett Saturday.

When you buy a Dittman full vamp shoe from F. A. Faris & Son you get the best.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown announce the arrival of a young man at their home.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup 50c per gallon at the old reliable W. R. Wherry's.

Mrs. Harmon Gray of Texarkana arrived last week to visit relatives.

For Xmas presents and holiday goods, see Howard's line of jewelry and watches.

Try a pair of Buck Skin breeches, a new line just in, prices right. W. H. Lively.

Miss Ruth Berry of Crockett visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Howard Saturday and Sunday.

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Dudley Eaves was home from Augusta Saturday.

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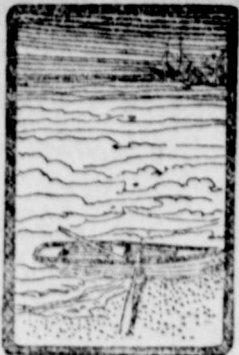
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"Winsome Croche Demands the Death of Her Father's Murderer."

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Capt. Nathaniel Plum of the sloop *Typhoon*, lands secretly on Beaver Island, Lake Michigan, stronghold of the Mormons. Obadiah Price, an eccentric old man, and a counselor of the Mormons, who has been spying on him, suddenly confronts Nat and tells him he is expected. Plum insists he has got the wrong man, but Price ignores his protestations and bargains for the ammunition on board the sloop. He binds Nat by a solemn oath to deliver a package to Franklin Pierce, president of the United States. His agents show Plum the Mormon town, St. James.

CHAPTER II.—Plum sees the frightened face of a young woman in the darkness near Price's cabin. She disappears, leaving an odor of lilacs. It develops that Plum's visit to Beaver Island is to demand settlement from the king, Strang, for the looting of his ship some time previously, by men whom he suspected of being Mormons. Casey, his mate, has been left in charge of the sloop with orders to bombard St. James if the captain does not return within a certain time. Price takes Plum secretly to the king's house, and through a window he sees Strang and his seven wives, among whom is the lady of the lilacs, who, Price says, is the seventh wife.

CHAPTER III.—Price's actions lead Plum to believe that he is jealous of Strang. Plum calls at the king's office where a young woman warns him that his life is in danger, and urges him to return to his ship. He refuses.

CHAPTER IV.—Strang receives Plum cordially, professes great indignation when he hears the captain's grievance, and promises to investigate and punish the guilty. Plum again receives warning that his life is in danger. He rescues Neil, who is being publicly whipped. The king orders Arber Croche, his sheriff, and father of Winsome, the girl who warned Plum of his danger, to pursue the two men and kill them.

CHAPTER V.—Plum and Neil plan to escape on the *Typhoon*. Plum learns that Marion, the girl of the lilacs, is Neil's sister. She is not yet married to Strang, but some mysterious influence seems to be forcing her into the union.

CHAPTER VI.—Plum suggests carrying Marion off to the ship at midnight, and sailing with her. Neil approves of the idea and they plan to include Winsome, with whom Neil is in love, in the enterprise. Plum discovers that the *Typhoon* is gone. He meets Marion and relieves her anxiety by telling her that Neil has left the island. The thunder of a gun is heard, and Plum declares Casey is bombarding St. James.

CHAPTER VII.—Marion tells him that his ship has been captured by the Mormons, and that the guns are guns of triumph. She pleads with him to leave the island and to prevent her brother from returning. She says nothing can save her from Strang. Plum finds Price raving mad. In a lucid interval he tells Nat that Strang is doomed, that armed men are descending on the island.

CHAPTER VIII.—Nat learns from Marion's parents that she has gone to Strang in obedience to a summons. He goes to the castle to look for her. One of Strang's wives tells him that she is gone, and urges him to leave the island. He is confronted by Strang.

CHAPTER IX.—They engage in a desperate fight. Strang's wife interferes and believes that she has killed the king. She binds Arber Croche barring the door and kills him. The avenging host from the mainland descends on St. James. Nat and Neil take part in the battle and the latter is wounded. Strang, whom he thought he had killed, orders Nat thrown into a dungeon.

CHAPTER X.

Winsome's Verdict of Death.

The voice—the condemning words—followed Nathaniel as he staggered on between his two guards; it haunted him still as the cold chill of the rotting dungeon walls struck in his face; it remained with him as he stood swaying in the thick gloom—the voice rumbling in his ears, the words beating against his brain until the shock of them sickened him, until he stretched out his arms and then fell from him such a cry as had never tortured his lips before.

Strang was alive! He had left the spark of life in him, and the woman who loved him had fanned it back into full flame.

Strang was alive! And Marion—Marion was his wife!

The voice of the king taunted him from the black chaos that hid the dungeon walls. The words struck at him, filling his head with shooting pain, and he tottered back and sank to the ground to get away from them. They followed, and that vengeful leer of the king was behind them, urging them on, until they beat his face into the sticky earth, and smothered him into what he thought was death.

There came rest after that, a long silent rest. When Nathaniel slowly climbed up out of the ebon shadows again the first consciousness that came to him was that the word-demons had stopped their beating against his brain and that he no longer heard the voice of the king. His relief was so great that he breathed a restful sigh. Something touched him then. Great God! were they coming back? Were they still there—waiting—waiting—

It was a wonderfully familiar voice that spoke to him.

"Hello there, Nat! Want a drink?"

He gulped eagerly at the cool liquid that touched his lips.

"Neil," he whispered.

"It's me, Nat. They chucked me in with you. Hell's hole, isn't it?"

Nathaniel sat up, Neil's strong arm at his back. There was a light in the

room now and he could see his companion's face, smiling at him encouragingly. The sight of it was like an elixir to him. He drank again and new life coursed through him.

"Yes—hell of a hole!" he repeated drowsily. "Sorry for you—Neil!" and he seemed to sleep again.

Neil laughed as he wiped his companion's face with a wet cloth.

"I'm used to it, Nat. Been here before," he said. "Can you get up? There's a bench over here—not long enough to stretch you out on or I would have made you a bed of it, but it's better than this mud to sit on."

He put his arms about Nathaniel and helped him to his feet. For a few moments the wounded man stood without moving.

"I'm not very bad, I guess," he said, taking a slow step. "Where is the seat, Neil? I'm going to walk to it. What sort of a bump have I got on the head?"

"Nothing much," assured Neil. "Suspicious, though," he grinned cheerfully. "Looks as though you were running and somebody came up and tapped you from behind!"

Nathaniel's strength returned to him quickly. The pain had gone from his head and his eyes no longer hurt him. In the dim candle-light he could distinguish the four walls of the dungeon, glistening with the water and mold that reeked from between their rotting logs. The floor was of wet, sticky earth which clung to his boots, and the air that he breathed filled his nostrils and throat with the uncomfortable thickness of a night fog at sea. Through it the candle burned in a misty halo. Near the candle, which stood on a shelf-like table against one of the walls, was a big dish which caught Nathaniel's eyes.

"What's that?" he asked, pointing toward it.

"Grab," replied Neil. "Hungry?" He went to the table and got the plate of food. There were chunks of boiled meat, un buttered bread and cold potatoes. For several minutes they ate in silence. Now that Nathaniel was himself again Neil could no longer keep up his forced spirits. Both realized that they had played their game and that it had ended in defeat. And each believed that it was his individual power to alleviate to some extent the other's misery. To Neil what was ahead of them held no mystery. A few hours more and then—death. It was only the form in which it would come that troubled him, that made him think. Usually the victims of this dungeon cell were shot. Sometimes they were hanged. But why tell Nathaniel? So he ate his meat and bread without words, waiting for the other to speak, as the other waited for him. And Nathaniel, on his part, kept to himself the secret of Marion's fate. After they had done with the meat and the bread and the cold potatoes he pulled out his beloved pipe and filled it with the last scraps of his tobacco, and as the fumes of it clouded round his head, soothing him in its old friendship, he told of his fight with Strang and his killing of Arber Croche.

"I'm glad for Winsome's sake," said Neil, after a moment. "Oh, if you'd only killed Strang!"

Nathaniel thought of what Marion had said to him in the forest.

"Neil," he said quietly, "do you know that Winsome loves you—not as the little girl whom you toted about on your shoulders—but as a woman? Do you know that?" In the other's silence he added: "When I last saw Marion she sent this message to you—'Tell Neil that he must go, for Winsome's sake. Tell him that her fate is shortly to be as cruel as mine—tell him that Winsome loves him and that she will escape and come to him on the mainland.' Like words of fire they had burned themselves in his brain and as Nathaniel repeated them he thought of that other broken heart that had sobbed out its anguish to him in the castle chamber. "Neil, a man can die easier when he knows that a woman loves him!"

He had risen to his feet and was walking back and forth through the thick gloom.

"I'm glad!" Neil's voice came to him softly, as though he scarcely dared to speak the words aloud. After a moment he added: "Have you got a pencil, Nat? I would like to leave a little note for Winsome."

Nathaniel found both pencil and paper in one of his pockets and Neil dropped upon his knees in the mud

beside the table. Ten minutes later he turned to Nathaniel and a great change had come into his face.

"She always seemed like such a little child to me that I never dared—

—tell her," he faltered. "I've de-

ing candle glow the betrayal that had come into his face, the blazing fire that seemed burning out his eyes. If what Neil had said was true—

Something choked him as he dropped alone upon the bench.

If it was true—Marion was dead!

He dropped his head in his hands and sat for a long time in silence, listening to Neil as he walked tirelessly over the muddy earth. Not until there came a rattling of the chain at the cell door and a creaking of the rusty hinges did he lift his face. It was the jailer with a huge armful of straw. He saw Neil approach him after he had thrown it down. Their low voices came to him in an indistinct murmur. After a little he caught the sound of the chinking gold pieces.

Neil came and sat down beside him as the heavy door closed upon them again.

"He took it," he whispered exultantly. "He will deliver it this morning. If possible he will bring us an answer. I kept out a hundred and told him that a reply would be worth that to him."

Nathaniel did not speak, and after a moment's silence Neil continued:

"The jury is assembling. We will know our fate very soon."

He rose to his feet, his words quivering with nervous excitement, and Nathaniel heard him kicking about in the straw. In another breath his voice hissed through the gloom in a sharp, startled command:

"Good God, Nat, come here!"

Something in the strange fierceness of Neil's words startled Nathaniel. Like the thrilling twinges of an electric shock. He darted across the cell and found Marion's brother with his shoulder against the door.

"It's open!" he whispered. "The door—is open!"

The hinges creaked under his weight. A current of air struck them in the face. Another instant and they stood in the corridor, listening, crushing back the breath in their lungs, not daring to speak. Gently Neil drew his companion back into the cell.

"There's a chance—one chance in ten thousand!" he whispered. "At the end of this corridor there is a door—the jailer's door. If that's not locked, we can make a run for it! I'd rather die fighting—than here!"

He slipped out again, pressing Nathaniel back.

"Wait for me!"

Nathaniel heard him stealing slowly through the blackness. A minute later he returned.

"Locked!" he exclaimed.

In the opposite direction a ray of light caught Nathaniel's eye.

"Where does that light come from?" he asked.

"Through a hole about as big as your two hands. It was made for a stove pipe. If we were up there we could see into the jury room."

They moved quietly down the corridor until they stood under the aperture, which was four or five feet above their heads. Through it they could hear the sounds of voices but could not distinguish the words that were being spoken.

"The jury," explained Neil. "They're in a devil of a hurry! I wonder why?"

Nathaniel could feel his companion shrug himself in the darkness.

"Lord—for my revolver!" he whispered excitedly. "One shot through that hole would be worth a thousand notes to the girls!" He caught Marion's brother by the arm as a voice louder than the others came to them.

"Strang!"

"Yes—the-king!" affirmed Neil laying an expostulating hand on him. "Hush!"

"I would like to see—"

Even in these last hours of failure and defeat the fire of adventure flamed up in Nathaniel's blood. He felt his nerves leaping again to action, his arms grew tense with new ambition—almost he forgot that death had him cornered and was already preparing to strike him down. Another thought replaced all fear of this. A few feet beyond that leg wall were gathered the men whose bloodthirsty deeds had written for them one of the reddest pages in history—men who had burned their souls out in the destruction of human lives, whose passions and loves and hatreds carried with them life and death; men who had bathed themselves in blood and lived in blood until the people of the mainland called them "the leeches."

"The Mormon jury!" Nathaniel spoke the words scarcely above his breath.

"I'd like to take a look through that hole, Neil," he added.

"Easy enough—if you keep quiet. Here!" He doubled himself against the wall. "Climb up on my shoulders."

No sooner had Nathaniel's face come to a level with the hole than a soft cry of astonishment escaped him. Neil whispered hoarsely but he did not reply. He was looking into a room twice as large as the dungeon cell and lighted by narrow windows whose lower panes were on a level with the ground outside. At the farther end of the room, in full view, was a platform raised several feet from the main floor. On this platform were seated ten men, immovable as statues, every face gazing straight ahead. Di-

rectly in front of them, on the lower floor, stood the Mormon king, and at his side, partly held in the embrace of one of his arms was Winsome!

Strang's voice came to him in a low, solemn monotone, its rumbling depth drowning the words he was speaking, and as Nathaniel saw him lift his arm from about the girl's shoulders and place his great hand upon her head he dug his own fingers fiercely into the rotting logs and an imprecation burned in his breath. He did not need to hear what the king was saying. It was a pantomime in which every gesture was understandable. But even Neil, huddled against the wall, heard the last words of the prophet as they thundered forth in sudden passion.

"Winsome Croche demands the death of her father's murderer!"

Nathaniel felt his companion's shoulders sinking under his weight and he leaped quickly to the floor.

"Winsome is there!" he panted desperately. "Do you want to see her?"

Neil hesitated.

"No. Your boots gouge my shoulder. Take them off."

The scene had changed when Nathaniel took his position again. The jury had left its platform and was filing through a small door. Winsome and the king were alone.

The girl had turned from him. She was deathly pale and yet she was wondrously beautiful, so beautiful that Nathaniel's breath came in quick dread as the king approached her. He could see the triumph in his eyes, a terrible eagerness in his face. He seized Winsome's hand and spoke to her in a soft, low voice, so low that it came to Nathaniel only in a murmur. Then, in a moment, he began stroking the shimmering glory of her hair, caressing the silken curls between his fingers until the blood seemed as if it must burst like hot sweat from Nathaniel's face. Suddenly Winsome drew back from him, the pallor gone from her face, her eyes blazing like angry stars. She had retreated but a step when the prophet sprang to her and caught her in his arms, straining her to him until the scream on her lips was choked to a gasping cry. In answer to that cry a yell of rage hurled itself from Nathaniel's throat.

"Stop, you hell-bound!" he cried threateningly. "Stop!"

He shrieked the words again and again, maddened beyond control, and the Mormon king, whose self-possession was more that of devil than man, still held the struggling girl in his arms as he turned his head toward the voice and saw Nathaniel's long arm and knotted fist threatening him through the hole in the wall. Then Neil's name in a piercing scream resounded through the dungeon corridor and in response to it the man under Nathaniel straightened himself so quickly that his companion fell back to the floor.

"Great God! what is the matter, Nat? Quick! let me up!"

Nathaniel staggered to his feet, the breath half gone out of his body, and in another instant Neil was at the opening. The great room into which he looked was empty.

"What was it?" he cried, leaping down. "What were they doing with Winsome?"

"It was the king," said Nathaniel, struggling to master himself. "The king put his arms around Winsome and—she struck him!"

"That was all?"

"He kissed her as she fought—and I yelled."

"She struck him!" Neil cried. "God bless little Winsome, Nat! and—God bless her!"

Neil's breath came fast as he caught the other's hand.

"I'd give my life if I could help you—and Marion!"

"We'll give them together," said Nathaniel coolly, turning down the corridor. "Here's our chance. They'll come through that door to reload us in our cell. Shall we die fighting?"

He was groping about in the mud of the floor for some object.

"If we had a couple of stones—"

"It would be madness—worse than madness!" interposed Neil, steadying himself. "There will be a dozen rifles at that door when they open it. We must return to the cell. It is worth dying a harder death to hear from Marion and Winsome. And we will hear from them before night."

They retreated into the dungeon. A few minutes later the door opened cautiously at the head of the corridor. A light blazed through the blackness and after an interval of silence the jailer made his appearance in front of the cell, a pistol in his hand.

"Don't be afraid, Jeekum," said Neil reassuringly. "You forgot the door and we've been having a little fun with the jury. That's all!"

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We are particularly anxious to have you see the finest line of woollens we have ever displayed, many of them direct importations, made up on special order, which we can quote you at popular prices and which we certainly want you to see.

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The Dentist

Grapeland, Texas

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The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease towards pneumonia. Sold by all druggists.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS
For Backache, Kidneys and Bladder

SHORT SHRIFT FOR BORES

Japanese Engineer's Clever Device for Getting Rid of Garrulous Speakers in Parliament.

A Japanese engineer named Yamakawa has conceived a method of silencing parliamentary bores, and from his invention he is entitled to be considered a benefactor of the human race.

Attached to each seat in the house of parliament he proposes to have a metal tube, the top being about the size of a franc piece or shilling. Each member of the house is to receive a leaden ball or bullet on entering. These balls can be easily passed into the tube, which, carried under the floor, leads to a receptacle immediately under the place where a member stands when addressing the assembly.

This spot is like the traps on the stage of a theater. The trap is so arranged that when a certain number of balls—not less than one-half the number of members of a full house—have reached their receptacle the trap is made to descend automatically, carrying with it the garrulous speaker or bore, as the case may be.

No points of order have to be raised. The displeasure of the house is manifest in silence. Away goes the bore and another speaker is called upon.—London Globe.

Take Care.

Remember that when your kidneys are affected, your life is in danger. M. Mayer, Rochester, N. Y. says: My trouble started with a sharp shooting pain over my back which grew worse daily. I felt sluggish and tired, my kidney action was irregular and infrequent. I started using Foley's Kidney Pills. Each dose seemed to put new life and strength into me, and now I am completely cured and feel better and stronger than I have for years. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

SOLDIER'S CLEVER QUIP.

Not long ago Chaplain John A. Ferry of the Tenth infantry at Fort Benjamin Harrison was entertaining a party of friends, says the Indianapolis Star. Among those present was Lieut. George B. Jones, medical reserve corps, who is one of the surgeons at the post hospital, and who is a recognized wit among the officers of the post. Chaplain Ferry owns a piano player. He had been entertaining his guests with the instrument and then he invited Lieutenant Jones to play it. Jones sat down before the instrument and handled it like an expert. "Well," said Chaplain Ferry, laughing, and turning to others of his guests, "I didn't know he was such an expert pianist. Watch him use his hands, will you?" "Oh, that's nothing," rejoined the surgeon, quickly, "I played with my toes when I was three months old."

You Must Read This if You Want the Benefit
J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago. "The pain was so intense I was forced to use hypodermic injections for relief. These attacks started with a pain in the small of my back which gradually became worse until it was almost paralyzing. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say after using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old enemy lumbago." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

QUITE SUPERFLUOUS.

A motorist's friend, returning from the western part of Massachusetts, tells of his experience in a nominally "dry town." Driving up to an inn, without leaving the car they hailed the proprietor with:

"Do you have a license in this town?"

"Nope," was the answer.

As the chauffeur "hit 'er up" toward the road again the boniface said hastily: "We don't hev to."

And the party remained with him for a spell.—Boston Record.

WISDOM FROM THE TALMUD

The Fourteen Hard Things of Life Put Together in Poetical Phrasing.

There are fourteen hard things, each one harder than the other, and each one struggles for mastery over the rest.

The deep sea is an object of dread, but the land keeps it within narrow bounds. The open land is unyielding, but the mountains rise above it. The mountains seem irresistible, but iron proudly cleaves them asunder. Iron is hard, but fire fuses it. Fire is a fierce tyrant; water subdues and extinguishes it. Water is difficult to restrain, but the clouds easily carry it aloft. Clouds are beyond control, but the storm disperses them. The storm rages mightily, yet the wall braves it. The wall forms a strong barrier, yet man can break it down. Man seems inflexible, but trouble lays him prostrate. Trouble appears insurmountable; wine dispels it and causes it to be forgotten; but the pleasures of wine fade before illness, and illness itself is ended by the angel of death, who carries the soul away. But more ungovernable than any other evil is a bad wife!—From the Talmud.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all druggists.

NO PROBLEM AT ALL.



Clarence—I don't see how all my friends manage to get married so easily.

Gladys—I suppose they find bigger fools than they are and then propose.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that Phlegm is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Grass Widows.

"In these modern times," said the professor, "grass widows are so common a product that one hears very little about them. Only a few years ago, however, the word was on every tongue and one heard idle and absurd calculations as to the origin of the term 'grass.' I've heard speculations as to 'grass widows making hay while the sun shines' when some divorcee was to be married, and others as to whether it was because the 'grass was green' on the yet undug grave of the ex-husband. 'Grass widow' is a phrase that is just a degeneracy of pronunciation.

"The word should be 'grace widow,' a term for one who becomes a widow by grace or favor, not of necessity, as by death. It originated in the earlier ages of European civilization, when divorcees were not common and could be obtained only by favor of the Catholic church. When such a decree was granted to a woman the papal rescript stated 'Vidua de gratia,' which interpreted is 'widow of grace.'"

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggest the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments.

A. S. Porter special agent.



Decidedly unusual.
Wunderhose
the improved standard.

It takes more than a guarantee to equal Wunderhose—it takes a pretty high standard of quality and a knowledge that the quality will outwear the guarantee. The obligation the manufacturer assumes when he tells you that you are entitled, and do receive without question, new Wunderhose free for any that wear into holes within four months after purchase, is ample proof of value.

No child however hard on hosiery has any terrors for Wunderhose. Men and women who are annoyed by pinching toes through the foot of a stocking need have no further annoyance from that source.

One Dollar per box of four pairs.

Mistrot Bros

Sick Headache Can be Cured when

HERBINE

Is Used.

TRY—IT—TO—DAY!

Why suffer with severe headaches, have fainting spells, or feel irritable? Your liver needs attention. Try Herbine, the great liver regulator.

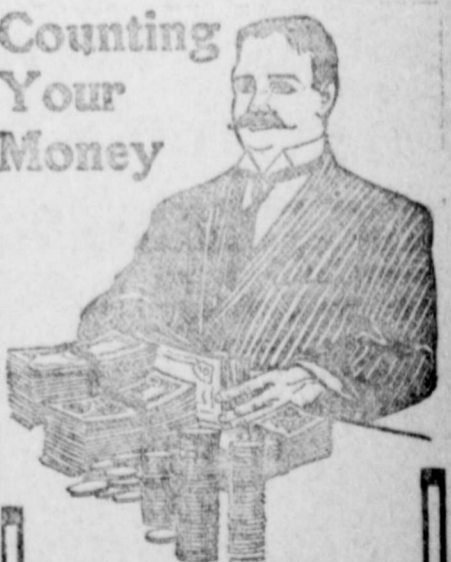
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Counting Your Money



will occupy your entire time when you become a regular advertiser in THIS PAPER. Unless you have an antipathy for labor of this kind, call us up and we'll be glad to come and talk over our proposition.

Prices Reduced

ONEVERYTHING I HAVE TO SELL FROM NOW UNTIL XMAS

We want to run our stock as low as possible by Jan. 1st and to do this we are willing to make prices that will move the goods.

Get our prices before you buy. We will save you money on your entire bill.

Visit our store and get our prices for the next twenty days.

Respectfully,

J. J. Brooks

LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

It's just business, that's all, to ADVERTISE IN THIS PAPER

TWO PLAYGROUND LESSONS

One Was Administered by a Judge and Another by the Boys Themselves.

In St. Louis three boys of well-to-do parents were brought before a magistrate, charged with maliciously damaging the public playground apparatus when it was first installed. The magistrate might have imposed a money fine, but instead, says the Twentieth Century Magazine, he sentenced the boys to work on the playground on Saturday afternoons until the work done equaled the value of the property destroyed.

The shamed trio went to work. The rest played and looked while the three worked. All learned a concrete lesson in respect for law and property. Now the boys of this playground understand that the playground belongs to them, and no "best girl" is more jealously safeguarded by more ardent admirers.

A similar instance occurred in Starr garden, in Philadelphia, under the management of the Playgrounds association of Philadelphia. Some of the baseball bats and balls were stolen. There were that many less for the rest to play with.

When this became apparent those balls and bats were ferreted out by the crowd and the offenders received a sound drubbing and forcible admonishment. The bats and balls are back in action once more and the crowd proposes to see that they stay where they belong—to the crowd.

Again We Say

THE FAT MAN MOVED OVER

How a "Street-Car Hog" Was Induced to Make Room for Another Passenger.

A timely word softly spoken is more effective than outbursts of profane anger.

A fat man absorbed a whole seat on a car the other morning. There were several passengers standing in the aisle, but the fat man continued the monopoly. Perhaps his breakfast disagreed with him. Perhaps his wife had asked him for money. Anyway, there he sat.

Right beside this selfish fellow two young men were standing.

"I saw a good thing in Life the other day," said one, and his voice was loud and clear.

"Something especially good?" inquired the other.

"Yes. Picture of a big porker with his feet in a trough and underneath it this legend: 'I was born a hog—what's your excuse?' Seems to me it would be a good thing to have the picture printed on cards to hand around."

But by that time the fat man had moved over.

Prohibitionists Organize.

On Saturday, December 3rd, the prohibitionists of Houston County met at Crockett and proceeded to organize their forces for the statewide campaign which is to be upon us the coming year. A. A. Aldrich was elected Chairman and Geo. W. Crook secretary. The meeting listened to short addresses by I. A. Daniel, Jno. R. Luce and A. A. Aldrich, and then on motion authorized the chair to appoint delegates from Houston County to the Ft. Worth mass meeting of statewide prohibitionists which meets on Dec. 8th.

I. A. Daniel was then chosen County Chairman and Geo. W. Crook, Secretary.

On motion the following central campaign committee was appointed to advise and assist the chairman, to-wit: T W Thompson, A A Aldrich, J A McConnel, C L Edmiston, J E Monk, J W Madden, Joe Adams and Frank Hill, and it was agreed and understood that this committee should be self-perpetuating and have authority to increase its numbers.

The meeting was harmonious and enthusiastic and means the beginning of an earnest effort to land old Houston county on the side of statewide prohibition by a handsome majority.

Lively has Marshmallow for cake filling.

Full line of men's sweater coats at 50c to \$2.50. Darsey.

Tax Collector Goolsby of Crockett was mingling with Grapeland friends Saturday.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a girl to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lively.

We are requested to invite all the singers in Grapeland to come to choir practice at the Christian church next Friday night.

Call on Lively for citron, lemons, orange peel, currants, raisins and nuts for your fruit cake.

Now is the time to get your shoes. We have all sizes, the best in the county. \$4.00 shoes 3.50, \$3.50 shoes for \$3.00 at F. A. Faris & Son's.

A. K. Lively of Percilla has purchased property three miles north of town and moved there with his family.

Mrs. Sanders returned to her home in Houston last week after spending several days with Mrs. W. P. Traylor.

Come in and buy you a suit of clothes, we are over stocked \$15.00 suits going at \$11.90, \$12.50 suits for \$9.95, \$10.00 suits for 7.00, \$7.50 suits for \$5.00 at F. A. Faris & Son's.

Go After Business

in a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It—It Pays

Attractive Prices

On Wanted Merchandise that you Should Investigate before you buy.

\$5. wide brim Stetson Hats..... \$4.00	A C A Feather Tick a yard.....15c
Big line of the newest shapes and colors in men's hats, \$1.50, 2.00 and..... 3.00	Good mattress tick a yard..... 8 1-3c
Fairly good men's black hat..... 1.00	Yard wide bleached domestic, 20 yards... \$1.00
Boys' hats, big range of shapes and colors... 1.00	Cotton Plaids for quilt lining, 20 yards..... \$1.00
Men's suspenders, fairly good quality..... 15c	Mixed jeans a yard..... 25c
Ladies' knit scarfs in black, white and colors at..... 50c	Blue demins, for overalls, a yard..... 10c
Ladies silk scarfs, nice range..... 50c up	10 4 Pepperell sheeting in remnants up to 5 yards, a yard..... 22 1 2c
Ladies' sweater coats 50c up	27x53 wool velvet rugs \$1.50
Ladies' and Misses' Coats.	9x12 foot granite art squares..... 4.75
Our showing is still complete and our values have all the season been the best, however we are making special prices on all goods in this line.	11 4 Woolrop blankets the best cotton blanket, a pair..... 2.00
Ladies' Coats..... \$3.25 up	10-4 cotton blankets, a pair..... 1.00
Misses' Coats..... \$1.90 up	Fine finished 67 inch wide linen table damask, a yard..... 50c
Ladies' Shoes	74x89 inch white counterpane..... 1.00
We show nothing but dependable shoes for ladies, all leather stylish, classy footwear at \$1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50 and up	Trunks and Suit Cases.
Men's Shoes.	Sheep skin leather suit cases with straps all around, 24 inches... 4.50
The strongest line of men's dress and work shoes in the county. Our \$3.50 and 4.00 dress shoes will compare favorably with shoes selling at 50c to \$1.00 more. Men's shoes at \$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 4.00 and... \$5.00	Cow hide leather suit cases with straps all around, 24 inches... 5.00
	Heavy cloth suit cases with straps all around 24 inches..... 2.50
	Cloth suit cases, good low priced goods at 90c and..... 1.00
	Round top trunks, metal covered and bottom..... 2.25
	The best line of high grade trunks you will find anywhere.

Darsey's

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by all druggist

Holiday Excursion Rates

The I. & G. N. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to points in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, December 22nd, to 26th, 31st and January 1st; Limit January 5th, at rate of one and one third fare; also to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Washington, DC, Memphis, and all points in Southeast, and to Mexico and Colorado, December 20th, 21st, and 22; limit January 18th.

For particular information address Ticket Agent.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by all druggist.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Buy the children a pair of jersey leggings for 50c at Darsey's.

Try a sack of our Daily Bread flour, none better. Lively sells it.

If there is anything in the building material you need, such as doors, windows, columns, brick lime, cement, valley tin, nails, locks, hinges and paint figure with us on your complete bill. No trouble for us to make and compare prices. Geo. E. Darsey.

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Frank Denton and George Chaffin have purchased the livery stable and Busy Bee Restaurant from Smith and Garland.