

WESTERN COAST OF NICARAGUA AWAITS ARMIES

GENERAL ESTRADA WILL MEET DETERMINED RESISTANCE FROM THE PACIFIC SIDE.

ZELAYA IN CONTROL OF GOVERNMENT ARMY

Fighting Near Rama Affords Amusement for Americans—Generals Tell Soldiers to Aim High.

Soldiers Are Starving. Publishers Press. Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—Pestilence and starvation lies in the wake of the Nicaraguan army and the soldiers under the command of Estrada.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The probability is that General Estrada's army, flushed with success in Eastern Nicaragua, will be met with determined resistance on the Pacific side.

Only a Dog Killed. Publishers Press. Managua, Dec. 23.—General Gonzalez, who succeeded General Vasquez as commander of the government forces at Rama, reports he has defeated the revolutionists there.

Roosevelt Receives Present. Hunting Party Left Kampalz Today. Publishers Press. Kampalz, Uganda, Dec. 23.—Col. Roosevelt's hunting party left here today for Lake Albert Neanza.

HARRIMAN'S WEALTH \$50,000,000 MORE THAN WAS REPORTED

RAILROAD FINANCIER'S FORTUNE IS \$200,000,000.

Transferred Some of It to His Wife and Eldest Son Shortly Before His Death.

Publishers Press. New York, Dec. 23.—It was learned today that Edward H. Harriman transferred \$50,000,000 to his wife and eldest son shortly before his death.

GREEK CABINET. Resignation Will Be Tendered Soon. According to Report.

The Weather. Publishers Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—Weather forecast for Texas: Warm; clear; cloudy and unsettled.

HUNG JURY IN JACKSON CASE

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN DELIBERATION WITHOUT DECISION.

MAKES FOURTH TRIAL

Attorney Tayloe, Counsel for Mrs. Aldwell, Says Suit Will Be Contested to a Finish.

A hung jury is the result of the trial of the suit of Mrs. Winnie Aldwell against her brother, R. E. Jackson, just finished before Judge Timmins in the district court.

The jury had been out on the case exactly 24 hours when Judge Timmins called at the room and asked if a decision had been reached.

The suit will be contested at the May term of district court, said Hon. S. G. Tayloe of San Antonio, counsel for Mrs. Aldwell.

It is said that an effort has been made by the Jackson attorney to compromise the case for a consideration of \$1500 to Mrs. Aldwell.

BROKAW ON STAND.

Admits He Called His Wife a Damned Liar.

New York, Dec. 23.—W. Gould Brokaw was on the stand today in the separation suit and admitted that after his wife "he called her a damned liar" he had called her the same.

UTAH LAUNCHED.

Miss Spry, Daughter of Governor, Breaks Champagne Bottle.

Camden, Dec. 23.—The battleship Utah, biggest in the United States navy, was launched here today.

DEPOSITORS PAID.

Statement Given Out by Bank Commissioner. Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 23.—The state bank commissioner has given out a statement saying that all depositors of the First State Bank of Kiefer, which failed, have been paid.

At the opera house Thursday night the Sunday school classes of the Emmanuel church had their Christmas entertainment, which was given to a large audience.

Wives Sat Side by Side.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Wife No. 1 and wife No. 2 of Frank Wilson sat side by side in Justice Frederickson's court during his examination on a charge of bigamy.

FIFTY CHILDREN WILL BE MADE HAPPY BY GOOD FELLOWS OF SAN ANGELO.

The Secret Order of Good Fellows of San Angelo will make more than 50 little boys and girls happy on Christmas day. A nice crowd of charitable, good natured and big-hearted fellows—real genuine good fellows—have gotten together in response to the appeal made by A Good Fellow, in The Press-News.

NEW TERRITORY MADE PART OF CITY; SPECIAL CHARTER URGED

EXPENSES OF CITY ARE GROWING AND THE GENERAL FUND IS INADEQUATE.

MAYOR PAUL WILL SUPPORT MEASURE

Movement to Provide Salaries for Some of the City Officials, Beginning in January, 1910, Favored by Councilmen.

It is for the purpose of placing the city government on a better financial basis that the influence of the city council invariably, as a whole, will be used next year before the Texas legislature to have a special charter drafted for San Angelo.

The councilmen discussed the matter informally Thursday afternoon, and decided that the city needed considerably more money next year in their general fund.

Officers Want Salaries. San Angelo is growing, and the city officials can not well perform their duty without having some pay.

Proposes \$500 Per Year. A motion was made to fix a yearly salary for City Attorney Montgomery.

For Chadbourne Paving. Outside of the general fund, the city is well fixed financially, but if the special city charter is secured it will be so enlarged as to provide for the paving of Chadbourne street.

Vote on Annexation. Those who voted for the annexation of the district by the petition are: D. Augustine, H. Z. Kendall, W. L. Hook, C. S. Mills, John Lacy, D. H. Moore, Fred Rich, Wm. Martin, Z. I. Williams, Emmett R. Rowsey, R. A. Yaws, W. T. Spring, C. H. Strail, J. E. Matlock, W.

TEXAS BOY IS WITH ESTRADA MEMBER OF MILITIA

JUDGE REAGAN'S GRANDSON IS WITH INSURGENTS.

MEMBER OF MILITIA

Godfrey Fowler's Connection in Trouble Will Lead Adjutant General to An Investigation.

Publishers Press. Austin, Tex., Dec. 23.—Dispatches reporting that Captain Godfrey Fowler is with Estrada's insurgent army in Nicaragua have been received here and are a great surprise to the adjutant general's department.

EXPOSITION.

Celebrate Opening of Panama Canal and City's Anniversary. Publishers Press. New Orleans, Dec. 23.—An exposition will be held here to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal and two hundredth anniversary of the city.

JEFF WAS HISSED.

In Galveston He Says the Negro Was a Dead One.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 23.—Jim Jeffries, who is making a theatrical tour of Texas, is roasting Jack Johnson in his speeches before the curtain every night.

NEW PRESIDENT.

T. W. Garrett Heads Commercial National Bank. Publishers Press. Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 23.—T. W. Garrett has been elected president of the Commercial National Bank.

HAVE A HIGH OLD TIME.

Members of Stock Exchange Celebrate Raise of Cotton. Publishers Press. New York, Dec. 23.—After sending the price of cotton to the highest level for four years today, 16 cents, traders on the cotton exchange suspended business and indulged in a Christmas frolic.

BOY DIES SUDDENLY.

Body of Young Kenneth Hall Will Be Brought Home. Publishers Press. News of the sudden death of Kenneth Hall at Santa Anna, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall, of this city, has been received.

The little fellow was visiting with his mother in Santa Anna, where they went less than a week ago.

SELL \$875,000 IN BONDS.

Dallas County to Make Big Improvements. Publishers Press. Dallas, Dec. 23.—Dallas county has sold the City National Bank of Dallas \$875,000 worth of 4 per cent road, bridge and viaduct bonds at par.

B. Henton, Henry Greene, C. L. Laswell, A. L. Sawyer, Edgar Hart, G. Enfleman, J. W. Wurm, T. W. Thompson, Charles Sharpshire and Hugh Rutledge.

Rock Island to Build?

New York, Dec. 23.—Wall street learned today that the Reid-Moore interests, which virtually own the Rock Island, had got control of the Lehigh Valley, and that they will establish a continual line to Frisco.

HAS COOK BEEN KILLED OR DID HE KILL SELF?

QUESTION WHICH WORRIES HIS BROTHER, WILLIAM COOK, OF BROOKLYN.

SAYS HE FEARS HE HAS BEEN MURDERED

Declares He Knows Not Where Commanded Explorer is at the Present Time—Reported at Paris.

Publishers Press. New York, Dec. 23.—After weeks of silence, William Cook, brother to the explorer who was condemned as a fakir by the University of Copenhagen, came out in a statement today and declared that he feared Dr. Cook had been killed.

The explorer's brother said that he positively did not know his whereabouts at the present time and that the members of the family in Brooklyn are much alarmed at his continued absence without sending word of some kind to his home.

Cook in Paris? Publishers Press. Paris, Dec. 23.—It is reported here today that Dr. Frederick A. Cook was seen on the streets of Paris.

Will Not Submit Data.

Washington, Dec. 23.—It was announced here today that Commander Feary will not submit his polar data to the University of Copenhagen for examination.

ADJOURNS FRIDAY.

Chicago Board of Trade Has Done Much Business. Publishers Press. Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Chicago Board of Trade will adjourn Friday at noon.

HONEYMOON ON HORSEBACK.

Into the Wilds of Mexico for the Newly-Weds. Publishers Press. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sheppard, who were married yesterday, started on horses for their honeymoon into Northern Mexico today.

GIVEN DIVORCE; MET AFFINITY; MARRIED; ALL IN TWO HOURS

MRS. MARY FROST OF NEW YORK MAKES A NEW RECORD.

Wife of New York Millionaire Loses No Time in Getting Separation and Then Remarrying. Publishers Press. Reno, Nev., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary Frost, wife of a New York millionaire, who came here and secured a divorce, left on Saturday. At the next station Hamilton Cary of New York boarded the train and they were married two hours after the decree was granted.

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STOP THE STEALS.

In the Outlook for December 11 there is a full account of how great frauds have been practiced upon the United States. From this account of the matter we find that there has existed for some time an organized body of "Thieves." Their headquarters was at Calamata and Patras, in Greece. There exporters would state the correct weight on the export declarations before the authorities of their own government. They would then go before the American consul and swear to a weight from one-third to one-half less. These weights would then be incorporated in the consular invoice and a copy sent to the United States port for which the goods were bound. The American consuls have no means of verifying these statements, and were therefore ignorant of the fraud. On the same or the next day the exporters would go before the agent of the steamship companies and state still a third weight for the same goods. After it had become a matter of record that these goods had been weighed at three different places, with widely varying amounts, they were loaded upon the steamers and brought to this country to be again weighed.

The port of New York was divided into five weighing districts with a United States weigher in charge of each, and each weigher responsible to the port surveyor, who is the outside executive for the collector of the port. Each weigher had an office in his district, which was in charge of a freeman; and the actual weighing was done by assistant United States weighers. The treasury regulations require that these actual weighers be changed and shifted, but this was evaded by the "system," and matters were so arranged that the same weigher remained at the same post. First, upon the arrival of the goods, the weigher weighed the goods and made a true record of the weight on a memorandum. He then met the importer at some place agreed upon, and learned from him the invoiced or fraudulent weight, and made his report accordingly. The amount saved was generally divided between the importer and the government officer. The duties he collected according to the fraudulent weight, instead of the true one.

This practice has gone on for nobody knows how long, and the amount of money lost by the government can not be estimated. It is not an easy task to catch the guilty parties or even the guilty party and prove "beyond a reasonable doubt" that he is guilty of theft from the United States, when such circumstances exist as are here explained. There has been considerable comment upon the fact that the government has paid a large fee to the fellows who risked their lives in order to secure information that would convict, and there has been an equal amount of rebuke offered for the retention in office of the "crew" who have actually participated in these great steals; but when the difficulty of solving the proposition which confronts the government is taken into consideration a conservative man will agree that the government could well afford to pay several large fees, retaining in office a large number of men and allow them to do nothing but collect their wages and then resort to methods which have never as yet been employed that would be too expensive; in fact, do most anything, in order to abate such an outrageous thing. In the event there was nothing lost by the government, the protection of her merchants who do not resort to such methods demands of her that she resort to such methods as common sense will suggest in order that such practices may not continue. Praise the man who is making the fight, rather than condemn a petty action that ever in the light falls to show the least bit of taint.

NOV. ABOUT THAT PAVEMENT.

If there has been any doubt in the minds of San Angelo citizens concerning the wisdom of expending money, or the need of a pavement for Chadbourne street, the present condition of this busy thoroughfare ought to

remove that doubt for all time. Those who yesterday and the day before were forced to wade the mud to dispose of their shopping errands, or those who had to put up with the splash of mud from the horses' hoofs while driving, can best appreciate the necessity of this improvement. And there are very few who have not gone through this unpleasant experience. How much better it would have been to have paved long ago. But it was not done, and Chadbourne street is the same with every rain—a veritable river, and a sloppy river at that. The money spent in this improvement will be a good investment, and the coming year should not be allowed to get a month old before the proposition assumes some definite shape.

Rain, Rain, Rain. What a great, great rain we have had.

Today is the last day you will have to shop. 'Lest you forget, shop early.

It is to be hoped that next Christmas will not find Chadbourne street unpaved.

With cotton futures going at 16 cents and the good season in the ground that we now have, the future of the farmer is bright.

Now there has been a serious difficulty in a little East Texas town all about the practice of giving Christmas presents. Be a Good Fellow and avoid all such unpleasantness.

All those opposed to paving Chadbourne street, please say "I." There being no "I's," the chair hereby declares sentiment unanimously favorable to the proposition.

We have not heard a thing from the lieutenant governor in some time. Anyhow, The Press-News will venture the opinion that when he speaks there will be truth and logic in what he has to say.

Be a Good Fellow. Let us have your name and the number of poor children you wish to make happy. There are just lots of them in our town, and they will appreciate a remembrance; besides, it will be a source of a great deal of satisfaction to you.

When the governor first arrived at the Mansion he proceeded to fire John L. Luther from the office of state penitentiary agent. After all these years of consideration he has decided to place Mr. Luther in office again. If Mr. Campbell has about forty years in which to practice, he might during the last year of his reign be a good governor.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Bridgrooms are so as to go with the trousseau.

It's hard to get the best of some men because they haven't any.

If you want to present a bride with a striking gift send her a clock.

It is better to be on pleasure bent than to be broke.

Many a woman has lost a good friend by marrying him.

There's no use trying to interest a man in a moral question when he wants a square meal.

It's queer how many married couples seem to think they can wrangle peace into the family.

A man always has a strong belief that some day he will startle the world with an act of heroism.

You are seldom ever sure how much you like people; you are never in doubt how you hate them.—New York Press.

"And now," said the temperance lecturer, in conclusion, "I shall be glad to answer any questions concerning the baleful results of the use of intoxicants."

A man with a red nose arose in the audience and said:

"You have studied intoxication for many years?"

"For thirty-two years, sir, and I—"

"Well, I want to ask, in justice to the rinking classes, if you ever in all that time saw a drunken man holding up a lamp post, as he is usually pictured in the funny papers?"—Exchange.

Uncle Si—I see that th' latest British battleships will be built without funnels.

Uncle Joe—That's a good thing. When them sailors gets to drinkin' so hard they hev to use funnels it's high time they quit.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A gentleman wished to make his wife a present of a lace scarf, but had no desire to pay an extravagant price.

"I want you to buy a new lace scarf for Cousin Amelia," he said to his spouse. "Choose something nice—something you would get for yourself."

The wife, however, had her own ideas as to generosity in buying presents, and the purchase, when she made it, consisted of a very simple article.

"H'm," said the husband. "Is that what you would have chosen for yourself?"

"Exactly," she replied.

"Well, my dear, keep it. I meant it for you," he explained, with an amiable smile.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Cannon Hensley Henson, during his lectures at Yale, said at a dinner in New Haven:

"In my condemnation of this American custom I was mistaken. Yes, I was as ludicrously mistaken as the woman in the third class smoker."

"At Banbury a half dozen young Methodist ministers once boarded a third class smoker wherein sat a frow-

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As the train approached the long tunnel, the woman roused herself. She pinned back lazily a tail of hair that had fallen on her shoulder and fixed her glassy eyes on the six pale, black clad divines. Then she took from her basket a huge bread knife.

"Making a few unsteady flourishes and lunges in the air with the knife, she said fiercely:

"Don't none o' you boys try none o' yer tricks on me in the tunnel, mind, or I'll open ye."—Washington Post.

It is an elementary although a genuine kind of humor that prompts a man to make a ridiculous remark in a serious manner. The fun increases if the remark is taken at its face value. A case in point is that of a gentleman who, according to a writer in the Twigg County Citizen, was talking to a crowd on the streets about shingling a house.

"The old rule," he said, "was to allow six inches of the shingle to show to the weather, but that is too much. You really oughtn't to let more than four inches show."

"How would it do not to let any show?"

Some wag asked in a matter-of-fact voice:

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Immediately following the end of the Christmas holidays, the San Angelo Junior College is to have a fine arts exhibition. This exhibition was postponed on account of the many different entertainments that are to be given during the holidays.

The fine arts exhibit is something that will be of interest to every one. The pictures are those by the great masters of ancient, mediaeval and modern painting. Photogravures of sculpture by Michael Angelo and many other painters and sculptors of his time will be on exhibition.

These pictures will be shown at the college and the price of admission will be very reasonable. The proceeds of this exhibit will go to the benefit of some organization or institution in the college which the students have charge of.

LOCAL MAN TO ATTEND.

Fort Worth Polytechnic College Celebration, April 21.

Polytechnic College of Fort Worth will have a home-coming April 21, and at that home-coming, which takes place on the greatest day in Texas history, San Jacinto day, Wallace M. Crutchfield, president of the San Angelo Junior College, will be the most honored. Mr. Crutchfield was the first student enrolled at this institution.

An effort is being made to have the San Angelo High School represented at the track meet, which will be the most important event of the home-coming, and probably it will be the biggest track meeting ever held in the state. Among the other cities which will doubtless send strong delegations to the meet will be Fort Worth, Dallas, Cleburne, Ennis, Bonham, Sherman, Denison, Wichita Falls, Brownwood, Abilene and Amarillo.

Promising track material is to be found in the ranks of the San Angelo High School athletes, and should they decide to participate in the various events that day they will begin practice within a few weeks.

Civil Service Examination.

On January 5 there will be a civil service examination for mail clerks and carriers in San Angelo.

The age limit for the examination is 18 to 45 years. The applications for taking the examinations must be turned in to the local secretary, C. A. Shuford, prior to December 29, or they will not be accepted.

Work Is Progressing.

Dr. W. H. Newman and Rube Thornton went out for a hunt Wednesday morning and spent the day at the Stansell camp, on the Orient right of way, between San Angelo and Maritzon.

Mr. Thornton says the work on building the dump is progressing very nicely.

"They are simply making the dirt fly," he asserted. "That is one of the finest looking railroad dumps I ever saw. The way in which they are rushing to get it finished is marvelous, and I believe that within a few months longer it will be ready for the steel."

"Our hunt was of little success. In fact, after we got out to that camp



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where so many good things were had to eat hunting was not thought of very much. We took a few rounds, however, and brought down several birds."

Grubbs Makes Resolution.

V. W. Grubbs, who was in attendance at the West Texas Development Congress in San Angelo, made a forceful speech at the Hunt County Teachers' Institute Monday and introduced a resolution concerning the practice of endorsing candidates and prospective candidates for the positions in the educational or other departments of state government.

The Literal Levinsky.

An alien wanted to be naturalized and was required to fill out a blank. The first three lines of the blank had the following questions: "Name?" "Born?" and "Business?" He answered: "Name—Michael Levinsky." "Born—Yes." "Business—Rotten." — Saturday Evening Post.

QUAKER MEDITATIONS.

The fellow who buries the hatchet may still have a knife up his sleeve. The minute a man tries to save money his friends call him a tight wad.

There is no fool like a peacemaker who interferes between husband and wife.

If there is plenty of room at the top, why do people who get there continue to fall off?

Frankness may be an admirable trait, but it gives no man a licence to insult his friends.

Would you say that the legislation against betting on the ponies was due to race prejudice?

No, Maude, dear; an alienist is not a doctor who alienates the affections of another man's wife.—Philadelphia Record.

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MARKETS.

Stocks.
 Publishers' Press.
 New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton market opened strong at from 5 to 8 points higher. The tone continued strong and amid much excitement the price was finally raised to 16 cents per pound for cotton. After the call was over May sold at 15.99. At 10:30 May touched 16 cents and stayed there. Business was less active in the early afternoon, but a firm tone prevailed. The new crop shows considerable firmness. Strong and active spot markets in the South reported by private advices. There will be no market tomorrow and the strength on the eve of the four-day adjournment was astonishing. The market closed at a net advance of from 4 to 24 points. The exports for the day were 25,771 bales and the receipts 25,000 bales. Spots 15.75; Liverpool spot 8.25 d, and active.

Stocks.
 Publishers' Press.
 New York, Dec. 23.—The price movements on the stock exchange today were irregular. Reading stock in the morning advanced 14 points to the 118 mark, but most of this gain was wiped out in the afternoon. Stock in the Rock Island advanced 3 points on heavy buying and Pennsylvania stock advanced a point. The majority

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of other issues suffered fractional declines. Blocks of 10,000 shares of Rock Island stock were bought by many brokers. There was good buying of Central leather stock on the strength of the report that a dividend will be issued in January. The heaviest buyers of Rock Island stock were sellers of steel. Harriman stocks were strong all day and London bought 25,000 shares. Union Pacific stock sales was heavy. Government bonds remained unchanged; others were dull and firm. Call money was at 5 1-2.

The Misses Dorothy Probandt and Mamie Doepferer, who have been attending the Texas Presbyterian college for girls at Milford, arrived in San Angelo Thursday morning to spend the holidays with their parents.

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FOR SALE.

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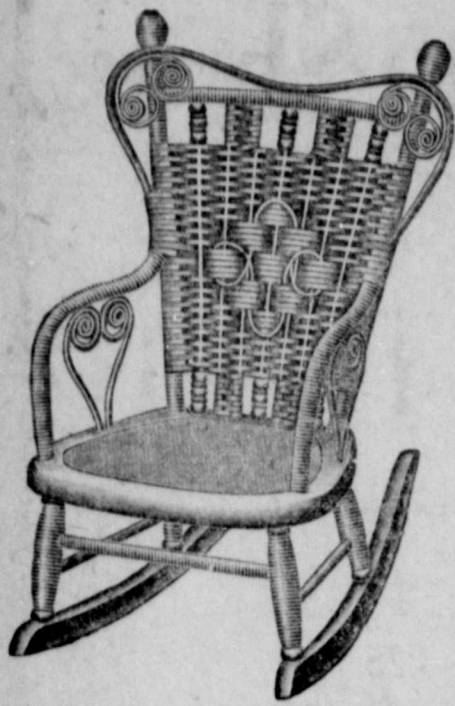
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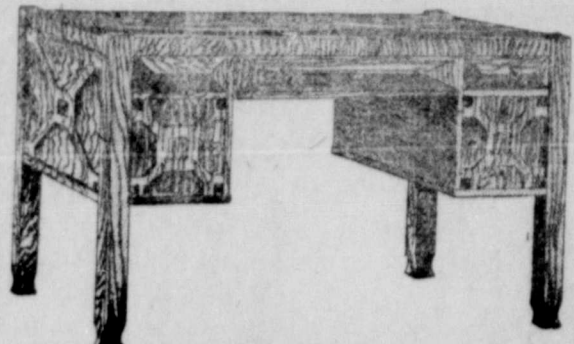
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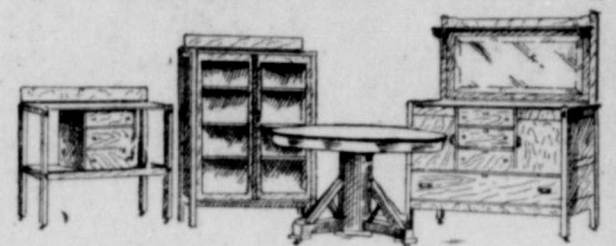
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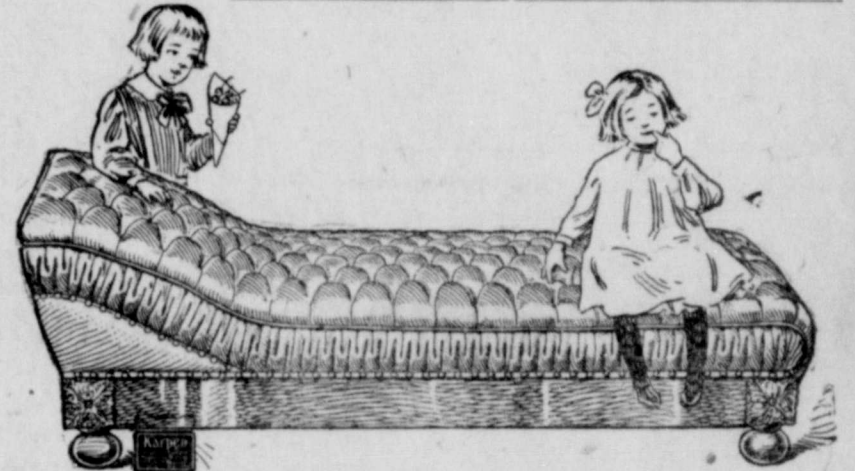
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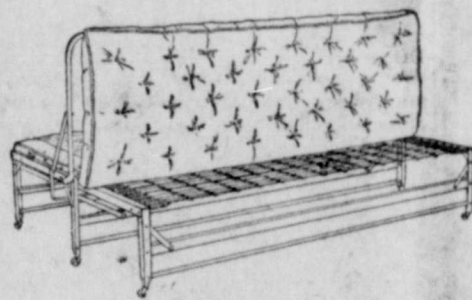
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Rain Comes Plentiful and Helps Vegetation.

Following the recent severe blizzard that has grasped all of Texas, one of the finest rains of the year began

falling Thursday morning and continued throughout the day, covering practically all of West Texas. According to Forecaster Sam Crowther, the amount of rainfall at 6 o'clock Thursday evening was six-tenths of an inch, and the total amount of moisture, in-

cluding the snow and sleet, is one and one-tenth inches.

Mr. Crowther says the indications are that there will be clear weather soon, probably Friday. Provided the weather clears off and the cold spell breaks, the probability is that West

Texas will have some very pleasant weather for the next few weeks, which will indeed help the stock conditions.

The following have reported on the rain: Sterling City, good; Water Valley, light; Carlsbad, good; Paint Rock, good; Sherwood, light; Knickerbocker

and Miles, good; Ballinger and Brant, good; Menardville and Eden, good; Robert Lee, good; Meretta, good; Ozona, Eldorado and Christoval, good.

Miss Lola Waller, the popular milli-

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**TAKING INTEREST IN
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SENATOR MCCREARY ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PROSPECTS.

Organization in America Declared by Roosevelt New Departure in Peace Movement.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 23.—Former Senator James B. McCreary of Kentucky, president of the American Peace and Arbitration League, is in the city, after coming on to bid good-bye to Ernest Beckman, the noted English liberal, who recently sailed for home. Senator McCreary is enthusiastic as to the prospects of the Peace and Arbitration movement.

He said to the Publishers' Press: "I was much pleased to find that Mr. Beckman as well as other prominent statesmen of other countries take a deep interest in the work of our league, the programme of which has been approved by former President Roosevelt, by President Taft, Admiral Dewey, Secretary Knox, former Secretary of Interior Cornelius N. Bliss, General Horace Porter, ex-Ambassador to France, American Delegate to the second Hague Conference, United States Senators Clark, Daniels, William Alden Smith, Robert L. Taylor and a number of other eminent men who have associated themselves with the work of the League, among who may be mentioned Hon. Champ Clark, Henry Claws, Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, Brig. Gen. E. Davis, delegates to the second Hague Conference, and others. "President Roosevelt declared that the formulation of this program was a new departure in the general peace movement which entitled its authors and advocates to the gratitude and support of the whole American people. This programme is 'Adequate Armament and Effective Arbitration, Correlative Agencies for National Security and Justice and for International Peace.' "Wherein does this programme differ from the programmes of other Peace Societies? Some other Societies favor national 'disarmament' or decreasing of armament, while many prominent people declare that immense armaments are the best or even the only way to secure international peace. "The programme of the League recognizes the value of both national armaments and international arbitration as agents for peace and justice. It calls for 'adequate armament.' By this is meant such armament as will enable the nation to protect its rights and the rights of its citizens from forcible attack by any government that will not recognize its rights in theory and respect them in practice. The United States came into existence through making war in order to secure certain rights for its people and when the existence of the Union was threatened by the Civil war the nation made every sacrifice of men or money that was found necessary to preserve the Union by force of arms. In the light of this fact can this government for the mere sake of preserving peace be expected to allow any foreign nation to trample upon American rights that were secured and then protected by great sacrifices on the field of battle? "But the League is not willing to look only to armament plan for the preservation of National rights and of International Peace, any more than for the preservation of individual and state rights. The principals of law are due to the declaration or the constitution and adjudication and enforcement of these principals are required by the League as the chief means of preserving peace and the administration of justice, between the individual citizen and between the states of the American Union. "The League requires that similar agencies of an international character must be the main hope of preserving peace and the administering of justice among nations. "Certainly our men (both policemen and soldiers) are part of these agencies of domestic law, order and peace, but congress and courts are also, and it may be truly said the more customary means of securing justice and keeping the peace. "The United States government proposed at the second Hague Conference that a properly constituted international Congress and Court of Justice be created as a means of securing International peace and justice. The other nations are unwilling to make, at this time, the arrangement proposed by the United States. This fact has led the American Peace and Arbitration League to advocate, for the present, such an arbitration programme as will be most likely to win the approval of this and other governments pending the time when the nations will all consent to the creation of the most approved and modern machinery for peace and justice, on an international scale and for international uses. "When proper arbitration treaties have been concluded between all nations and when arbitration in this form has been sufficiently tried and has been found adequate for the protection of national rights the people of all nations will see the wisdom and safety of national courts and congresses, with ample power and jurisdiction. "The American Peace and Arbitration League invites all good citizens to assist in taking as long and rapid steps as possible on this safe way to peace and justice and in the meantime to keep the United States adequately armed so as to protect America and American rights against any aggression that may manifest itself in any part of the world. "This programme seems to be a practical one. Its promulgation was a great step forward and its approval by the former and present presidents

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of the United States is of the utmost importance. Proper support of financiers, business men and the people generally will be another long step on the way of permanent international peace and security.
Preparing proper international organizations for securing national rights and for administering international justice is absolutely necessary before it will be possible to relieve the people of the burden of arma-

ments, made necessary by the business of such agencies for international peace and justice.
The American Peace and Arbitration League expects to do its part in this good work. Its officers and directors hope this part will be a large one and that it will be worthily done considering the vast and vital interests involved.
A man sets a pace in his love letters that he is never able to follow.

Balfanz Barber Shop
ED RUSSELL, Manager
Pawns Baby for a Half.
San Jose, Dec. 22.—It was reported that an unknown Portuguese had deposited a baby in a pawnshop as security for a loan of 50 cents.

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Only four days to Christmas and four short days at that, in which to choose your Christmas gifts, but we are splendidly ready to serve you in short order with the choicest stock of holiday goods ever assembled here.
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BAN ON FIREWORKS**

**OFFICER BATES ISSUES WARNING
TO MISCHIEVOUS BOYS.**

Says the Usual Pranks on New Year's Eve Will Not Be Tolerated in San Angelo.

To shoot fireworks of any description on the public streets or alleys during Christmas, according to City Marshal Carroll Bates, is a violation of the law and the ones who are caught doing so will be punished.

He also stated that there must be no signs torn down, sheds overturned or placed in the streets or any plunder on the streets that will blockade traffic. All these methods of having fun is prohibited. He warns the parents of the city to keep a strict lookout for their children and not let any of the laws be violated or the offenders will be arrested and placed in the city jail.

"During the holidays," he said, "there will be an ample force of men who will serve as officers to look after the interests of the law. I do not mean to be unreasonable with the people, and all these restrictions are for the safety of the general public therefore it has been considered a wise plan to devise such methods."

"I've seen roofs made that way," replied the other, not thinking, "but it takes a great many shingles."—Exchange.

WON'T SING OLD COON SONGS.

Negro Students of Howard University Revolt Against President's Orders.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A threatened revolt among the colored students at Howard University against the president of the institution, Dr. Thirkield, because he persisted in requiring them to sing old-time plantation coon songs and "religious rags" has stirred up the negroes of Washington.

President Thirkield delivered a lecture four minutes long urging the students to enter into the spirit of the exercises he had prescribed. He justified his action on the ground that it was well for negro students to keep alive the traditions of their ancestors and emulate the spirit of contentment and happiness expressed in the folk lore and plantation melodies of before the war.

Some of the students resent the revival of the antebellum spirit and have agreed to stand mute when the "prexy" calls for the rendition of plantation melodies. The critics of Dr. Thirkield say that he calls for the ragtime music to entertain visitors. On the occasion of a visit recently by a government officer the president's effort to start an old-time coon song failed because nearly all the students would not sing. Dr. Thirkield was embarrassed and later lectured the students.

MONORAIL RIGHTS SOLD.

German Newspaper and British Government Buy From Inventor.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Mail announces that Mr. Brennan has sold his rights for Germany in the gyro-scope monorail to Herr Seherl of the Vossische Zeitung and will also permit the sale of manufactured engines in the United States.

He has also assigned the British rights to the army and navy for a small royalty in consideration of the financial assistance he received from the government during his experiments.

WILLARD MAKES CONDITIONS.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Daniel Willard, second vice president and general manager of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, has conditionally accepted the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, to succeed Oscar G. Murray.

Negro Electrocutted for Rape. Richmond, Va., Dec. 23.—Clifton Breckenridge, a negro, was electrocuted here for a criminal attack on a six-year-old girl. He confessed.

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Gifts for Women

This stock of Ready-to-Wear contains a most comprehensive line of useful Christmas Presents for women. And one of the greatest of all the features is the fact that you can buy a Suit, a Dress or a Coat at just half what it was priced formerly.

A few of the cheapest grades of Capes left. Buy one of them with which to delight the heart of some woman. One particularly attractive one in black with a lining of old rose, all silk messaline, is here. You will be pleased with the looks of it.

And do not forget the little fellows. We have Dolls and Teddy Bears by the score for their playthings. A few Doll Trunks are left, and there is a good stock of Rag Dolls and Dressed Teddies. Don't wait until the last moment. We will keep your packages for you until you get ready for them.

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LITTLE MISS TEAGUE IS WINNER OF PRIZE

BUCK JUNIOR RANGE CONTEST BY CROWTHER HARDWARE COMPANY ENDS.

With Esther Teague, aged 11, winner of the prize, the contest that the Crowther Hardware company has had on for the last few weeks ended Thursday night. The prize is a Buck Junior Range.

The Buck range and stove people have been holding these contests over the country for some time. Along with the contest is a puzzle that consists of a lot of pieces of paper that

are to be put together, making a complete map of the United States.

Much interest was taken in the contest, and there were many contestants. The method of competing for the prize was a unique one. Each person submitted five reasons why people should patronize the Crowther Hardware store. The five reasons that Esther Teague submitted follow:

"Because they have the most complete line of hardware in the city."

"Because they will save money by dealing at their store."

"Because they are always ready to wait on you in a polite and courteous manner."

"Because you can get a better class of goods for less money than at any store in the city."

"Because every day is a bargain day with them."

The judges were C. W. Hobbs, W. F. Bartholemew and E. S. Hamilton.

San Angelo Races Postponed

TO
Saturday, Monday, Tuesday
DECEMBER 25, 27, 28

RAIN OR SHINE

Owing to the wet and muddy condition of the track, the race horse men have requested the management to postpone the races to above dates :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

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Saturday, Monday and
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DECEMBER 25, 27 and 28

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It was a case of misunderstanding, pure and simple, and since the mistake contributes towards a worthy cause, the operator at the Western Union just smiled and laughed. He had a bulky package to mail, and he was instructed to buy 16 cents worth of postage stamps. He sent the messenger boy out with instructions to buy some stamps.

"What kind," the boy inquired.

"You can buy the special stamps if you wish," instructed the operator, meaning, of course, the special registered letter stamps.

In a few moments the boy returned with sixteen Red Cross Christmas stamps. He just spelled it to him, "U. S. Postal Stamps."

Miss May Ladd, who is teaching mathematics and German in the McKinney high school, arrived in the city yesterday evening to spend the holidays with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. J. L. Ladd.

IT IS JUST A QUESTION OF HOW

many lots to buy in Lake View. The more lots you buy the greater will be your profit, and the greater your profit the more money you will have to spend next Christmas. We are selling lots every day. Houses are being built every day. Improvements are going on every day out of that \$55,000 we appropriated for :: :: :: :: :: :: :: ::

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