

DOOMED MEN FOUGHT TROOPS IN DEATH YARD

CORRESPONDENTS ARRIVE AT
MANAGUA WITH FIRST DE-
TAILED REPORT.

CANNON LIVED FEW MINUTES AFTER SHOT

"Brace Up, Old Man," Said Cannon to
Groce Before Soldiers Fired Vol-
ley of Shot Into Their
Bodies.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—
"Brace up, old man; we have no
chance here under Zelaya, anyhow,"
were the words of Cannon to Groce
just before Zelaya's troops fired the
volley that sent them into eternity,
according to American correspondents
who brought here today the first de-
tailed report of the execution of the
Americans.

The correspondents, who were de-
layed for some time in the central
part of Nicaragua, tell a sensational
story of what took place when the
two insurrectionists were shot to
death. They say that both Groce and
Cannon fought desperately with the
soldiers to keep from being blindfolded
after they had been led into the
death square. Cannon made deter-
mined resistance, as did also Groce,
when the troops came to their prison
cells after them at the hour appointed
for their execution.

Cannon Lived Few Minutes.
Cannon continued his desperate en-
counter with the soldiers until ex-
hausted, he was overpowered in the
square. Both men were manacled and
blindfolded and at the signal twelve
troopers rode up to within six feet
of the condemned men and fired.

Just before the volley of shot, Can-
non shouted to Groce: "Brace up, old
man; we have no chance against Ze-
laya, anyhow."

Groce was killed instantly, but the
bullets tore away Cannon's breast and
abdomen and he lived a few minutes
after he was shot.

One hundred troops surrounded the
death square where the execution took
place and it was kept secret for a
month.

Zelaya in Mexico.

Publishers' Press.
Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Zelaya ar-
rived here today, but he was not met
by any Mexican officials. Two hundred
Central Americans and Mexicans
greeted him at the depot with cries
of "Long live Zelaya," and "Down with
the Yankees." Zelaya is in good health
and enjoyed the demonstration, waving
his hand to the crowds. He was
driven to the Palace hotel, where he
will remain for the present. He has
two trunks filled with gold and a
third trunk full of currency.

EXPLOSION OF BOILER KILLS FIVE PERSONS

Publishers' Press.
Reading, Pa., Dec. 29.—Five men
lost their lives in an accident at the
Metropolitan Electric Railway com-
pany this afternoon. The boiler in
the engine room exploded and all of
the workmen employed in the room
suffered horrible deaths by scalding.

FORMER LAW OFFICE OF LINCOLN BURNED

Was Prominent Landmark in Con-
nection With War President's Life
at Danville, Ill.

Publishers' Press.
Danville, Ill., Dec. 29.—One of the
most prominent landmarks in con-
nection with the life of Abraham Lincoln
here was destroyed by fire today. It
was the building where Lincoln had
his law office, and which had lately
been used as a museum.

Women After Votes.

Publishers' Press.
Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 29.—The
women suffragettes of the state
are circulating petitions over
Oklahoma for signatures, and
will present them to the next
legislature. The petition asks
for a constitutional amendment
at the next session giving the
women the right to vote. Re-
publican State Chairman Har-
ris signed the petition today.
Already 57,000 have signed.

Bitter Cold Wave Stretches Over States of South

GREAT STORM IS SWEEPING UP
ATLANTIC COAST.

Affects All of Seaboard From Jackson-
ville—Alabama and Georgia
Frost Bitten.

Publishers' Press.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 29.—A bitter
cold wave stretches over the southern
states. Alabama and Georgia are frost
bitten. Oklahoma, however, did not
share in the storm. No great damage
has been reported.

Storm on Atlantic Coast.

Publishers' Press.
Washington, Dec. 29.—A great coast
storm is sweeping the Atlantic coast
from Jacksonville, Fla., up the sea-
board. Considerable damage is being
done, but there has been no loss of
life, according to late reports tonight.

Temperature Below Zero.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—The weather
went below zero tonight for the first
time this winter. The weather bu-
reau reports that another blizzard is
headed this way from Pennsylvania.

TROUBLE THREATENS RUSSIA AND PERSIA

RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUN-
TRIES SOMEWHAT STRAINED.

Prompt and Complete Satisfaction is
Demanded of Persia by Czar's
Government.

Publishers' Press.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Somewhat
strained relations have existed for
some time past between St. Peters-
burg and Hehran. The Persian min-
istry continues to protest against the
sending of Russian troops to Kazurin,
Tabriz and Ardebil, in spite of the
clear evidence that these troops have
no intention of interfering in the in-
ternal affairs of the country, but are
occupied exclusively in protecting
Russian commerce and Russian travel-
ers against the brigands who infest
the main roads.

The attack on M. Passek, Russian
consul-general of Thiras, in the
course of which several of the Cos-
sacks of his escort were killed and
wounded and the caravan plundered
has caused irritation in official cir-
cles here. Izvolsky has just tele-
graphed to M. Poklevsky-Kozell, Rus-
sian minister in Teheran, ordering
him to demand prompt and complete
satisfaction from the Persian govern-
ment, the punishment of the guilty
persons, and an indemnity for the
victims.

If a clear and categorical reply is
not at once received, the Russian
government will take such measures
as it considers necessary and will
herself do justice. Sir Arthur Nich-
olson, ambassador of Great Britain in
St. Petersburg, has completely ap-
proved the decision of M. Izvolsky.

MEANS TROUBLE.

Balkan Situation Still Gives Grounds
for Uneasiness.

Publishers' Press.
Vienna, Dec. 29.—The Balkan situ-
ation still gives grounds for uneasiness
and speculation is rife as to the
recent interview between the king
of Serbia and Bulgaria. That it
means trouble is the very general
belief. Count Aehrenthal, Austro-
Hungarian, Minister of Foreign Af-
fairs, will shortly proceed to Berlin
to return the visit of Dr. von Beth-
mann-Hollweg, and confer with the
Imperial Chancellor on the political
situation.

That the candidates in the Balkans
will be very thoroughly discussed is
believed to be certain.

Claim Broker on Drunk Caused Corner on Stock

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—Among the
stories that are going the rounds of
Wall street explanatory of the extra-
ordinary transaction in the stock ex-
change Monday involving Rock Island
stocks, is one to the effect that the
panic all had its origin in the case of
a plunger who got on a Christmas
drunk. This plunger, whose name is
being withheld, got on a spree at the
Waldorf Christmas eve and gave or-
ders to everyone he met that evening
to buy him 2,000 shares of Rock
Island, at the opening of the market
Monday, at any price. This, it is ex-
plained, caused Rock Island to soar
and nearly cause a panic. The broker
did not remember giving the orders
until told about it later. This party
has not been seen at his office since.

CHILD BORN WHILE FIRE RAGES IN AN APARTMENT HOUSE

MRS. PASQUALE ARTELLI, MOTH-
ER, NARROWLY ESCAPES.

Firemen Ascend to Top Story for
Woman and Have Great Diffi-
culty in Saving Her.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—While fire
raged in a four-story apartment house
at 215 Douglas street today, Mrs. Pas-
quale Artelli gave birth to a child.
The mother resided on the top floor
and tremendous excitement prevailed
as the firemen made a heroic rescue.
Mother and child were removed from
the burning building just before it
collapsed.

Resignation of Cabinet Accepted.
Publishers' Press.
Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The sultan
has accepted the resignation of the
Turkish cabinet.

TAKES LESSONS.

Paris Goes to New York to Learn How
to Handle Crowds.

Publishers' Press.
Paris, Dec. 29.—Paris has gone to
New York for a lesson in the handling
of traffic on the Rue de la Paix and
is charmed with the result. The
Parisians did not know what was
going to happen the other morning when
they saw mounted municipal guards
stationed at regular intervals between
the Place de l'Opera and the Place
Vendome. They were more delighted
at the regular, uninterrupted flow of
traffic, the absence of the usual in-
extricable jumble of locked carriage
wheels and of the shouting of im-
patient drivers.

Under the direction of the mounted
guards and the numerous policemen
on duty who had been thoroughly
drilled on the American method, the
new regulations were found to work
with astonishing smoothness and suc-
cess.
Drivers of horse-drawn carriages
and automobiles alike were prompt to
grasp and understand the utility of
the new regulations, the observance
of which proved a relief both to them
and to pedestrians.
It is understood that the experi-
ment having proved such a success,
the authorities intend to adopt the new
traffic regulations in other congested
streets and boulevards of the city,
and to employ municipal guards to
enforce their observance.

HOSPITAL DOCTORS MAY GO ON STRIKE

Want Leaves of Absence and Also an
Increase of Salary—Give a
Month's Notice.

Publishers' Press.
Vienna, Dec. 29.—At a meeting at-
tended by almost all the assistant doc-
tors of the Vienna hospitals, resolu-
tions were adopted which may lead to
a strike after the first of the year.
They demand the regulation of their
position with reference to the direc-
tors of the hospitals, the chief doc-
tors and the personnel of the hospitals,
also with regard to accident insurance,
liability to the state in cases of com-
plaint on account of professional mis-
takes, leave of absence and the rais-
ing of their salaries from 133 to 200
kronen per month.
In consequence of the municipality
having refused to consider their claims
the doctors decided to give a month's
notice.

L. O. Nimitz—New Year's day will
usher in a period of prosperity long
to be remembered, according to the
present outlook.

Receives Threats By Mail.

Publishers' Press.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—
Otto Senneck, chief of the divi-
sion of music of the Congres-
sional library, who compiled statis-
tics to show that "Dixie" is the
most popular song in America,
is receiving many threatening
letters in the mail. He says that
these letters come from the
north.

Court Sustains Morse Sentence; Banker to Cell

UNITED STATES JUDGE HOUGH
RENDERS DECISION.

Once King in Financial World Must
Serve Time at Atlanta for
Wrecking Bank.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—United States
Judge Hough today affirmed the sen-
tence of Charles W. Morse, the con-
victed banker and former ice king, and
he must serve a fifteen-year term in
the Federal prison at Atlanta. Judge
Hough's decision adverse to Morse was
expected after he called the wife and
son in his chambers last night. At
that time he informed them that he
had decided there was no ground for
a reversal of the decision of the lower
court and that Morse must serve his
sentence.

DEPOSITS INCREASE.

Oklahoma National Banks Show Gain
of \$3,790,962.

Publishers' Press.
Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 29.—National
Bank Examiner Frank Bryant says de-
posits in the national banks of Okla-
homa increased \$3,790,962 from Sep-
tember 1 to November 18.

SCENES IN DUMA ARE DISGRACEFUL

DEPUTY MARKOFF CALLED TO
ORDER SIX TIMES.

Over One Hundred Members Quitted
the House in Disgrace—President
Was Insulted.

Publishers' Press.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Most dis-
graceful scenes occurred in the duma
during the debate on the bill dealing
with inviolability of the person. The
effect was to precipitate a vote by an
overwhelming majority, sending the
project before a special commission
of twenty members. The greatest
tumult centered round a most un-
usual speech by Deputy Markoff, who
was called to order and reprimanded
by the president no fewer than six
times, but all in vain, for insulting the
Armenians, Poles and Jews in the
persons of the representatives of
their races in the duma.

Over 100 members quitted the house
in disgust, one shouting that he was
not accustomed to sit in a pot-house.
The president was also insulted
with impunity.

DEFENDS HUSBAND.

Wife of Officer Comes to His Rescue
and Declares Him Innocent.

Publishers' Press.
Vienna, Dec. 29.—The young wife
of Lieutenant Hofrichter, who is ac-
cused of sending poisoned pills by
post to other officers, one of whom
died, has come forward in her hus-
band's defense and brought important
facts to the knowledge of the news-
paper, Arbeiter Zeitung.
Just before his arrest at Linz, she
relates, the lieutenant said to her:
"Coincidences have made them sus-
pect me. There is nothing to be done.
If only you are true! You are my
only support. If you will but believe
in me!"

"While he was speaking," she says,
"a loaded revolver lay on the table,
and if he were guilty he would cer-
tainly have used it. I would gladly
have died with him, and he, as every one
knows, has no fear of death."
Her husband, she says, was neither
covetous nor ambitious, and the ac-
cusation that he sought to poison brother
officers to clear the path for his own
promotion is absurd.
Lieutenant General Weigel declared
to an interviewer: "I think Lieut.
Hofrichter is innocent. In view of
the evidence, it was my official duty
to approve the arrest, but in the last
few days my conviction of his inno-
cence has increased."

BIG TRADE IN CATTLE MADE IN SAN ANGELO

COL. LEE RUSSELL OF FORT
WORTH MAKES PURCHASES
AGGREGATING \$160,000.

STOCK TO BE SHIPPED THE COMING SPRING

First of the Big Trades Has Been
Closed and Others Are Expected
to Follow—Steers to Be
Sent to Oklahoma.

From Jenks Blocker, of the old
Bob Wylie ranch—1482 head of
cows at \$25 a head.
From the Pullmans—900 head
of 2's and 3's at \$25 a head.
From John Hicham of Menard
county—750 head of 3's and 4's at
\$27.50 a head.
From Godfrey & Hancock, of
Menard county—1000 head of 2's
and 3's at \$21 and \$27.50 a head.

The foregoing represent the purch-
ases made by Col. Lee Russell, of
Fort Worth, during the last three
days.

He will ship these cattle during the
coming spring to his Osage county
pasture in Oklahoma and—well, here's
hoping he'll make a barrel of money
out of his trades.

"It's all in getting started," said
Col. Russell Wednesday. "Now that
the first of the big trades have been
closed, watch for others to fall in
line. And just take for granted that
there will be no cheap steers bought
this spring. At least I think there
will be no trades on a low level of
values."

Lee Russell is one of the big trad-
ers in the cattle business. He is not
a plunger, but he is a far-sighted fel-
low and the prices that he paid for
the steers here named would indicate
that even better times are ahead for
the cattlemen of this state.

RECEIVES THEM IN BUNCHES.

Experiment of Receiving One Caller at
a Time Did Not Work.

Publishers' Press.
Washington, Dec. 29.—After the ex-
periment of receiving one caller at a
time, President Taft today went back
to the Roosevelt system of admitting
all callers, except very important ones,
at once.

BROKAW SUIT ADJOURNED.

Mrs. Brokaw Denies All Charges Made
By Her Husband.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—The W. Gould
Brokaw divorce suit was adjourned
today until Saturday, after Mrs. Bro-
kaw had taken the stand and denied
all charges made by her husband.

ARISTOCRATS SHOCKED AGAIN; GOULD IS SUED

Gets Stage Contract.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 29.—As a result of
letters published today, showing the
love of Frank Gould for Bessie DeVoe,
the actress, the latter was today of-
fered a contract to go on the vaude-
ville stage at \$2,000 per week. Miss
DeVoe accepted the offer.

THE WEATHER.

Publishers' Press.
Washington, Dec. 29.—Weath-
er forecast for Texas: Contin-
ued cool in west and north, and
winds and unsettled weather in
east and south; snow flurries.

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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 30, '09.

HERE'S AN IDEA.

What's the matter with having a fat stock and breeders' show here in the early spring, just before the National Feeders' and Breeders' show in Fort Worth?

Such a plan is at least practical and the Press-News believes that the results would prove profitable, viewed from any standpoint that the onlooker may select. We have the fair grounds here available for such a show, and the cost of such an exhibition would be nominal indeed when compared with the good that would follow.

The Press-News has neither wish nor aim to disparage the great National Feeders' and Breeders' show held every spring in the great city of Fort Worth, but the Press-News knows, and every one else who has observed the passing throng knows that not one person in ten who would like to attend this great gathering finds both the time and the means to do so. If the mountain will not come to Mohamet, Mohamet should come to the mountain. There are in the Concho country hundreds and thousands of people who would attend a sale of high-class cattle in San Angelo and purchase animals to improve their herds, who under the very nature of things would not be able to attend the great Fort Worth exposition.

The Press-News wants to see such a sale and exhibition held here. The Press-News believes that the man who points the way to produce two pounds of flesh at the same cost that it has heretofore required to produce one pound of flesh is just as much a benefactor of the human family as the man who causes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before.

There is but one way of improving live stock conditions in this section, and that is through improving the breeds of the cattle, the sheep, the goats and the hogs. The best way to stimulate activity in improving herds is through holding such exhibitions as is here suggested. By seeing the improved breeds each breeder can figure for himself just how much he can improve his own herd by using better stock.

At any rate, the suggestion here given is made in good faith. The Press-News believes that it would take but little effort to raise the amount of money needed to hold such an exposition. The Press-News further believes that such an exposition and sale would prove profitable to this city and to the people of the surrounding country.

Shucks, why haven't we a live-wire, well-paid secretary for our Business club, one who could take such suggestions as this one and work 'em out in a manner that would demonstrate whether or not they are feasible?

TROUBLES OF BROKAW.

Out of the airing of the domestic troubles of W. Gould Brokaw, a New York millionaire, comes a ray of pathos that is calculated to arouse a feeling of sympathy throughout the Christian nations of the earth. It would appear, from the evidence of the divorce trial, that Mr. Brokaw wrote to the mother of his wife about a year after his marriage that his distress was keen because Mrs. Brokaw had renounced the faith of her fathers and had embraced the hopeless belief of an infidel.

And this brings to mind the fact that no matter to what depths a man may descend he always wants the wife of his bosom to cling to her ideals, to remain true to her faith. There is surely no man alive who would advise his wife to renounce the tender for the cruel, nor to embrace darkness when light is before her.

Brokaw no doubt saw in this action on the part of his wife the first indication of the divergence of their lives. To him the fact that his wife was willing to forego the hope of eternity for the things that are ashes was unquestionably wormwood and gall. The tender emotions, the sublime passions, the kindred hopes that he possessed with this action became

things that seared him to the bone. And another lesson this fact teaches us is that forsooth because prosperity smiles upon a man is no sign that the light of greater things becomes doused. Indeed where there is one man who takes unto himself all the credit for success, there are a hundred who admit and who gladly admit that the prayers of the loved ones and the assistance from Providence played the major parts in his work.

The Press-News can imagine no sadder fate than for a man to realize that the flower of womanhood that he made his wife has withered before the time set for it, and has become obsessed with strange beliefs and the worship of false gods. Mrs. Brokaw is suing her husband for a divorce. If, as indicated by the evidence already adduced, she gave up the faith of the hereafter, she at the same time forswore just claims upon the tender affection of her husband. This being the case, it would appear that a cross bill should be the one the court should take cognizance of in this case.

IS IT POSSIBLE?

Reports from Austin would indicate that the political center of the state is about to engage in a brand-new occupation—that of city building. It is hard for the average man in Texas to credit such a rumor, and only the remarkable persistency in which these rumors come fast upon us causes the Press-News to use its editorial space to give them high standing.

One of these rumors has it that in a few days George W. Littlefield, who is so rich that the title of "major" he is addressed by seems wholly inadequate to fit the occasion or the person, will shortly after the first of the coming year begin the construction of an eight-story building on Congress and Sixth. Another rumor has it that the big dry goods man, Hicks, of the same place, will in a short time start building a ten-story building cornered from this new Littlefield building.

The Press-News notes these things for the reason the average person who visits Austin the very first thing usually runs across some man who has been fired from a department job and whose wife is maintaining him through operating a "bo'ing house," who shouts with great glee that Austin is dead, and dead for keeps.

Without doubt Austin has been infected with more energetic knockers than any city in Texas. It is the only city in the state that has never experienced what is generally called a second growth. It is the place to which politicians gravitate naturally, and this carries with it the inference that business men are repelled by that city. This new awakening of Austin would indicate a good future for the city, and it may be taken as a sign of the times that the people who live in the capital city have faith in the future of that place.

Now, if Austin can only rebuild that dam we may expect to hear of the lime-lighted place—this isn't a joke—forging ahead of even San Antonio. Wouldn't that be downright funny?

Unless the line up changes, the man who has as his highest ambition the development of Texas will have to play Hobson's choice next year. The Press-News is frank enough to admit that the candidates it would like to see elected have small chance and the difference between the undesirable is almost the difference between tother and which.

We have never yet gotten the light we wanted on the financial side of the state penitentiaries. The explanation of the withdrawal of the \$45,000 during the days of the panic from the state treasury and then the passing of a pay day, will require a powerful amount of explanation.

Now, if President Taft, Speaker Cannon, Vice President Sherman and all the other members of the G. O. P. should fall out, wouldn't honest men have a right to expect to get their dues?

What's a little thing like a deficit of \$17,000,000 in the postoffice department to a Republican administration? Take away the postoffice department and there would be pie enough to appease the appetite of the faithful.

Brownwood is getting her new depot built into shape. It's a fine structure. One cannot go to that depot without seeing the greatest attraction to be found in Brownwood—trains running to San Angelo.

Figure it over, Mr. Merchant: How much more would your sales have footed up if Chadbourne street had been paved before Christmas? That's the tangible side of the paving problem.

Just remember that big oaks from little acorns grow. The man who doesn't plant trees waits the longest for shade in the days of summer. Take the hint. Plant a few trees.

Try Us Next Year

If for any reason you contemplate making a change in your druggist for next year, see how well we can serve you.

We endeavor to give our patrons the kind of service and the kind of goods they desire. We seek too, to conserve their interests in every way.

If you appreciate prompt, courteous attention, high quality and reasonable prices we are quite sure to hold your trade for many years. Give us a trial, anyway.

Concho Drug Store

Phone 8

Several San Angelo citizens have gone fishing this week. The Press-News is seeking in vain for a reason. No election is at hand and the other reasons cannot be found here.

King Albert of Belgium believes in tainted money. He wouldn't accept a donation for a worthy cause from the prime favorite of the late king. Oh piffle!

The Press-News would warn the humanitarians to have a care in working their reforms. The Red Heifer is preferable to a term in the dungeon.

Cold weather has its uses. Were it not for a low temperature we could never appreciate the virtues of the ice man of the good old summer time days.

Make a New Year's resolution that you will see that at least four farmers are induced during the coming year to settle in the Concho country.

It's a far theory that can't incubate a conspiracy in Russia. Conspiracies and thistles in facts appear to be the largest crops of the empire.

It is beginning to look as if Judge Brooks had the cards stacked when he handed in his "I'm out" card to the gov.

A railroad man in Philadelphia went crazy in his office. We ought to conscript that man and put him on the railroad commission.

It's a cold day indeed when announcement is not made that "another two-story business house is to be built on Chadbourne street."

Even with the present high level of values for cattle, there's twice as much money to be made in raising hogs.

Dr. Wiley of benzoate of soda fame, is again threatening to resign. Do something, good doctor, do something!

How would you like to be an ice king? Ice King Morse is facing a 15-year penitentiary sentence.

Six Alaskans are calculating to climb Mount McKinley. Keep up the cry: 'Fake!'

Balmy weather, the kind we are now having in San Angelo.

Pave Chadbourne street.

Pay your poll tax.

Plant trees.

AUTOS FOR MOOSE JAW.

Farmer Places \$100,000 Worth of Orders for Himself and Neighbors.

Detroit, Dec. 28.—Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, is the postoffice address of J. C. Coe, a farmer who spent the day in Detroit on his way to New York.

Farmer Coe's main reason for visiting Detroit was to buy an automobile. He advertised this fact among his farmer neighbors before leaving home and he soon had orders and bank note drafts for twenty-nine more whiz wagons in his pocket, all from the "poor farmers." Coe is not an automobile agent.

The deals were mostly cash and aggregated nearly \$100,000. Coe's auto cost \$4,500 and the rest of the cars were all high graders, several in the \$5,000 class. The cause of all this prosperity in the Northwest is the wheat crop.

The machines will not be delivered until spring, as there is very little chance for automobiling around Moose Jaw in the winter months.

"Give us some speed regulations and a garage," said Coe, "and we will be up with you Easterners."

Now Is the Time.

Mamma—Tommy, you've been fighting again. Your clothes are torn and your face is scratched. Why can't you do like your little sister? She never fights.

Small Tommy—Well, mamma, it's better to have a good square fight and get all the mad out of you than to carry it in you for months like girls do.—Omaha Bee.

TEACHERS DISCUSS MANY PROBLEMS

WORK OF COUNTY INSTITUTE STILL HOLDS INTEREST.

Methods of securing Co-Operation Between Home and School Among Important Things.

Wednesday was another busy day with those attending the Tom Green County Teachers' Institute. The very interesting problem of how to secure better co-operation between home and school, which was among those coming up for discussion, proved a most fruitful theme, and the discussion indicated very clearly that this problem is one of the most important with which the teachers have to deal. A paper dealing with this subject was read by J. C. A. Stone of Christoval, and the discussion was led by Miss Lucy White. Prof. O. P. Griffin of Mereta had as his subject "Is the Rural School Efficient? If Not, Why Not?" Prof. Griffin outlined some of the problems with which the rural school has to contend, suggesting here and there where improvements might be made. Miss Sara Earls led the discussion of this subject, with an interesting and instructive paper.

Discussions of the two subjects mentioned consumed the greater part of the session. The institute will continue its sessions until Friday afternoon.

BECOMING LOST ART.

Few Good Spellers Are Growing Up These Days.

"Do you know, it seems to me that the ability to spell is becoming a lost art," remarked a gentleman who gained his knowledge of etymology from Webster's old blue-back speller, supplemented by a course in the common school dictionary having the same gentleman for its author.

"Maybe it's because I'm becoming an old fogy and more or less inclined to live in the past, but I can't get away from the idea that few good spellers are growing up these days. In my school days spelling was considered one of the principal features of an education, and, though times have changed, I am still of the opinion that the boy or girl who is able to spell well is the possessor of quite an art.

"By way of illuminating my remarks, I may say that I was present at a gathering a few nights ago in which about a dozen young people were indulging in a sort of merry-making. Some one suggested a spelling match, and it was proposed that I 'give out' the words. No spelling book was at hand, and I banteringly remarked that none was needed; that I could think of a dozen words that would send the whole bunch to their seats. The remark was made only in jest, but do you know that the entire party was retired by less than ten words—words in general use and that may be seen in print every day?

"We tried it again, and the ranks thinned out so fast that the entire party was seated in two or three minutes. The surprising part of it was that several of the party were in advanced grades at school.

"Do not construe my remarks as a criticism of present methods of teaching, for some old fellow who used to walk three miles over dark roads to take part in a spelling match may be a bit over-zealous on this subject. However, in support of my belief that few good spellers are growing up now, I may say that I witnessed a spelling match at a big Chautauqua in the east last summer. In which about one hundred school teachers took part. Few of them appeared to be more than 25 or 30 years old. There was an old lady among the spellers, however, apparently 65. I had not heard her spell a half-dozen words before I picked her for a winner. She remained on the floor after the last of her young competitors had been seated—and won the prize of \$100. I knew the minute I heard her spell the first word that she had made the close acquaintance of old Noah Webster's famous text-book in her early youth.

"I do not contend that the old days were the best days, but I do believe that the old spellers are the best."

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"We will have the grade completed to the river in a few days and we will have the grade completed all the way to Merton by the first part of February," said E. T. Richards of the Stensall Construction company, who has charge of the Orient grading work. "Unless we get some bad weather the Orient can have rails into Merton not later than March. The work is making bully fine progress, and we are ahead of our schedule right now."

The Scientist Lost That Time.

An editor was talking about the famous English astronomer, Sir Robert Ball, who has recently declared that radium proves the earth to be 800,000,000 years old. "Sir Robert Ball is as full of fun as of learning," said the editor. "Once I dined with him and a half dozen other scientists at Stratford. At the end of the dinner Sir Robert's eyes twinkled and he said to the landlady of the quaint Stratford inn:

"Madam, I am going to give you a lesson in astronomy. Have you ever heard of the great platonian year, when everything must return to its first condition? Listen, madam, in 26,000 years we shall all be here again, on the same

day and at the same hour, eating a dinner precisely like this one. Will you give us credit till then?"

"Gladly," the landlady replied. "It is just 26,000 years since you were here before, though, and you left without paying then. Settle the old bill and I'll trust you with the new."—London News.

Car Kills Aged Woman.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Stephen Jefferson, aged 65, was run over by a trolley car on Sacramento street near First street and died before she could be treated at the Children's Hospital, the nearest institution. It is supposed she did not hear the trolley bell, as she was slightly deaf. George Corrigan, the motorman, aged 21, was held on a charge of manslaughter.

Mammoth Ear of Corn Home Made.

A big ear of corn which has been exhibited in Des Moines recently—the one which is nineteen inches long and eleven inches around the middle—is a fake; that is, it never grew on a corn-stalk, but was manufactured by A. L. Plummer of Camp Township, from a basswood manufactured cob and a pot of glue, with grains of corn selected from many different ears. Now the cat is out of the bag, folks have traced the history of the big ear. It looks like the real thing. Mr. Plummer, who is a "hummer" when it comes to growing corn, says it took him almost a month to make that ear, that he exhibited it around at fairs for awhile, then sold it for \$5 to Galloway Bros., of Marshalltown, who still own it.—Des Moines Tribune.

Shot By Ambushed Foe.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 29.—Shot and fatally wounded as they were returning home early in the morning, Tim Murphy and Danny Lynch are now at the hospital. Murphy is dying. The shooting is mysterious. Both police and sheriff's office admit that they are baffled.

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Still in Jail Here.

John King, convicted for murder, will probably remain in confinement in the county jail for more than a month before being taken to one of the state penitentiaries to begin a life sentence. Representatives of the penitentiaries will not begin their tour of the jails of West Texas for recently-convicted convicts until all the district courts have adjourned their sessions, and the district court is now in progress in several other counties in West Texas. John Brown is also waiting in the county jail to be taken to one of the penitentiaries on a two-year sentence.

Arrested for Theft.

Louise Booker, a negro, has been arrested by the county officers for the alleged theft of \$3 from a Mexican, and is awaiting trial in the county court, which meets with Judge Mayer Monday morning.

Befriended Tramp: Rewarded.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—Seven years ago James L. Harvey, now a Rio Grande switchman here, was brake-man on a freight in Oklahoma and befriended a tramp. Today Harvey received a letter from the tramp, Charles McNamara, now a rich miner of Murray, Idaho, enclosing a check for \$500 as a Christmas gift. Harvey allowed McNamara to ride over his division, gave him clothes, a meal, and a \$2-bill. McNamara says in his letter that he had resolved to kill himself when he met Harvey. But the help he got gave him courage to renew his battle with the world, and he is now prosperous. He tells Harvey to give the high sign whenever he wants anything.

HOW CAN CITY PAVE WITHOUT A CHARTER?

ASKS ALDERMAN HASSELL, RELATIVE TO CHADBOURNE.

Present Financial Condition Makes It Impossible Unless an Amendment Is Secured, He Says.

"Figure it out for yourself," said Alderman Hassell. "The highest possible tax levy we can make under our present charter is \$1.15 on the \$100 valuation. Of this amount we are spending 50 cents for the support of the schools, and also an additional amount of 17 cents to provide for the interest and sinking funds of the school bonds. This leaves but 48 cents to pay for the lights and water, the street work and the salaries. "With this condition staring us in the face, how in thunder can the city pave Chadbourne street until we get a special charter?"

In answer to this question The Press-News would state that Stamford paved fourteen blocks with vitrified brick, and Stamford has no special charter.

Returns to Big Springs.

Col. Robert C. Sanderson, the sage of Big Springs, who pseudonymously is generally referred to as "Bob," left Wednesday afternoon for his home after spending the holidays here with his relatives. Col. Sanderson has been coming to San Angelo for over thirty years, and during all this time he has been a commercial and social favorite. Of late years he has thrown a lot of fetal worry, and now, even before his shadows are falling to the westward, he is enjoying life on the retired plan.

"San Angelo has always been a delightful place," he dilated prior to his departure, "and the delightfulness of the old times abides here still, to a truly remarkable degree."

Chased by the Genealogy Sharps.

Before the man with the aristocratic name had been registered at the uptown hotel an hour three impudent callers had tried to arrange for an interview. "I don't know these men," said the guest to the clerk. "Who are they? Promoters?" "Worse than that," said the clerk. "They are representatives of the genealogical societies. Those people watch hotel registers like hawks and as soon as they come across a man with a name that indicates ancestors they nab him. What they want is the job of growing the family tree. It is a kind of attention that tickles most folks. A fair proportion of the people tackled fall into the game, provided they have the ancestors and the money to pay for tracing the connection."—New York Sun.

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Who wouldn't sell a \$20 gold piece at a 10-cent premium? James Shields Wednesday afternoon, just as a feature of his lot sale, auctioned off the gold piece merely as an attraction, but he never dreamed of receiving its full value, and now he is chuckling over his success.

The coin was placed on sale before a big crowd on Chadbourne street, and bids were asked for it. One man examined the money real closely, and then volunteered an offer of \$10, but another raised the bid to \$15, and the auctioneer was preparing to sell the coin for \$19 when a mild voice from away back in the crowd called out \$20.10. This man was the lucky bidder, and the transaction of the gold for green currency took place. The man explained that he just wanted the gold coin as a trophy.

Where the Pin Went.

Charles H. Browne of the Horton Headlight, tells of a peculiar accident in his county. "A Brown county school teacher," said he, "three years ago made the mistake of pinning her belt with a needle instead of a pin, and the needle couldn't be found. Just the other day it was discovered coming out of the arm of one of the local school officers, who had been keeping company with her at the time of the accident. We don't know how the needle was recognized as the same one, unless by the expression of the eye. How it got from the young woman's waist into the young man's arm is a secret that baffles science."—Kansas City Star.

Three Burn to Death.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 29.—Three miners were burned to death near Harrison, Va. Two other men, who boarded at the same house, are missing. The police theory is that the fire was started after a Christmas celebration by a man who had been ejected.

Just His Chance.

Prudent Swain—If I were to steal a kiss would it scare you so that you would scream? Timid Maid—I couldn't; fright always makes me dumb.—Toledo Blade.

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RESOLUTIONS.

Be it resolved by San Angelo No. 998, B. P. O. Elks in regular meeting assembled: That the thanks of the lodge be returned to those who assisted so ably in making a success of the program as rendered on Elks Memorial Day at the First Presbyterian church in this city, and to the officers and members of the First Presbyterian church for the use of their elegant house of worship on that occasion.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each person who contributed toward the successful rendition of the program, to the officers and members of the First Presbyterian church, and to each of the San Angelo daily papers for publication.

Respectfully submitted, W. E. HEALD, W. J. WAYLAND, L. O. DAILEY, Committee on Arrangements for Elks Memorial Service.

Source of Resentment. "What makes that man dislike you so much?"

"I haven't the faintest idea," answered the student of human nature. "Probably he has played me some underhand trick that I don't know anything about."—Washington Star.

Rube Has Kick. Rube Waddell says that the official averages charging him with eleven errors in eighty chances are wrong. Mr. Waddell states that he had only seventy-nine chances.—Ex.

Probandt & Raphael "The Quality Store"

SHIPMENTS HEAVY OVER FRISCO.

Live Stock Agent Tillman Says Freight Business is Good.

E. F. Tillman, live stock agent of the Frisco, came to San Angelo Wednesday from Senora, with his son-in-law, Sheriff Allison. Mr. Tillman not only owns a ranch in Sutton county, but his only grandchild lives there, and of course he had a fine Christmas.

"Cattle shipments for the last few months have been heavy over our line," says Mr. Tillman, "and there is no indication of a material letup in the number at this time. Just where all the cattle are coming from is more or less of a mystery."

Mr. Tillman has his headquarters in Fort Worth. He also has headquarters in the saddle several months in the year.

After the baseball war scare has been thrown in the discard, Mike Donlin's press agent can have a little space on the sporting page once more. —Exchange.

To Stop Scandal.

Paris, Dec. 29.—A special from Brussels says that in order to avoid future scandals, Prince Albert will settle with the creditors of his cousin, Louise, and also take steps to prevent the proposed litigation of the other princesses over the estate of the late King Leopold.

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WOODMEN PREPARING FOR A BIG SPREAD

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More Than Five Thousand Oysters to Be Sent Out—A Splendid Time is Anticipated.

The Woodmen of Eldorado are preparing to start the new year with plenty of sustenance for the inner man. Next Saturday night the Eldorado lodge of that order will set out a spread to its members and friends that, judging from its magnitude, is likely to make business for the doctors. The menu includes a feast of good things, among which the oyster will figure extensively. In fact, more than five thousand oysters will go out of San Angelo Friday morning to find their way into the various dishes that will be prepared for the Eldorado Woodmen. It is understood that an interesting program has been prepared and the Eldorado Woodmen are determined to make the first day of the new year one of the best.

May Move to San Angelo. Judge W. H. Blanks of Sherwood, is in the city on business, and it is likely that he will become a resident of San Angelo in the near future. Judge Blanks is one of the pioneer citizens of Sherwood. In fact, it is said he helped to dig Spring creek.

Return From Outing. Mr. and Mrs. M. Scott of Paris, Tex., have returned from a month's outing near Christoval, and will visit here for a few weeks before proceeding to their home. Mr. Scott, who is interested largely in the Paris National Bank, is exceedingly well pleased with San Angelo, and declares that there is nothing to prevent it from enjoying a marvelous growth.

OBJECT TO TESTIMONY.

Attorneys in Knowles Case Argue on Technicalities. Arguments seeking to exclude certain testimony in the trial of D. B. Knowles, charged with perjury, took up the whole day in the district court Wednesday, and they will be resumed Thursday. That which the defense objects to being admitted includes certain documentary evidence.

One count in the indictment against Knowles has been quashed by Judge Timmins. The jury in the case spent both Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the court room in charge of the sheriff.

Attorney S. E. Dubois has returned from a business trip to New York. He says that while in Gotham he saw 26 Broadway from the outside.

Holiday Fares via



are very low this year. Tickets on sale to all points in Texas December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 1909, and January 1, 1910, limited to January 5, 1910, for final return. Ask Santa Fe Agent about low fares to points in the Old Southeastern States. W. S. KEENAN G. P. A., G. C. & S. F. Ry Galveston

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STRENGTH GAINED BY STOCK MARKET

ALL STOCKS ADVANCED, SOME 1 TO 3 POINTS.

Southern Pacific Shows Increase in Earnings—Cotton Shows Gains of 5 to 13 Points.

Publishers Press.

New York, Dec. 29.—The stock market gained strength today, and practically all stocks advanced, some one to three points. A big feature of the market was the publication of the earnings of the Southern Pacific and the Union Pacific, showing increases. London bought about 20,000 shares. In the afternoon Wash and Union Pacific rose a point each. Steel was strong and Anaamalgated copper advanced nearly three points. Erie stocks were inactive all day. In the last hour of the trading Steel and Union Pacific were the features of the market. All bonds closed unchanged. Call money 5 3-4 per cent.

Cotton.

New York, Dec. 29.—Business on the cotton exchange immediately after the opening was less active than usual. The January option broke at New Orleans, which sent May cotton here to 16.06. Advances from the South reported firm markets. Liverpool was a heavy buyer, but the buying on this side was light. The market closed at a net advance of 5 to 13 points. Exports for the day amounted to 13,075 bales, while receipts at the various ports were 32,000. Spots closed at 15.95; Liverpool spots 8.40 d.

STRANGE PLASTER CAST.

Shows the Actual Death Struggles of the Martyr, Geronimo.

In the Museum of Algiers there is one object which is unique in the world's list of curiosities. It is a plaster cast of the martyr, Geronimo, in the agony of death. The Algerians put Geronimo alive into a soft mass of concrete, which presently hardened into a block and was built into a fort.

This was in 1869, and about forty years later a Spanish writer described the event and told exactly how that particular block could be located. The fort stood for nearly 300 years. Then in 1863 it was torn down, the block was identified and broken open and an almost perfect mold of the dead martyr was found within.

They filled the mold with plaster, and the result, a wonderful cast lies there in the museum today, face down as he died, hands and feet bound and straining, head twisted to one side in the supreme torture of the terrible martyrdom.

"It is a gruesome, fascinating thing, and you go back to look at it more than once and you slip out between times for a breath of fresh air. If I lived in Algiers and at any time should sprout a little bud of discontent with the present state of affairs—a little sympathy with the subjugated population—I would go and take a look at Geronimo, and forthwith all the discontent and the sympathy would pass away and I would come out gloating in the fact that France can crack the whip and that we of the West can ride them down."—Outing.

Opera Stocking.

The editor of the Houston Chronicle says: "For Christmas hang up an opera stocking." Ye common country editor wants a little information right now. He may know about lisle thread, or even butterfly hose, but asks for an explanation of an "opera stocking?" Will Mr. Foster see that the question gets immediate answer, for Christmas is coming close to you and me.—Cleveland Daily Enterprise.

An opera stocking, dear friend, is one that should be perfectly filled out. It is of such note that all should recognize it. The opera stocking is woven of distiches. Old Santa, however, would have trouble putting anything more charming in one than does its opera singer owner. The opera stocking is of sufficient size to contain half of a chorus girl's fortune. The other half is in the other stocking. The use of opera stockings is sanctioned by good form, but many people are such brutes that they would like to see the last of them.—Houston Chronicle.

Bold Theft of a Clerk.

When Tim Campbell was in the Fifty-ninth congress he stole a clerk from Congressman Scott. Scott was a new member, and was made a chairman of a committee, which gave him a clerkship. He knew nothing about the clerk. Campbell did. Through some means or another he had the clerkship transferred to his own committee. Six months later Scott learned of the trick. Meeting Campbell, he said:

"That was a nice piece of petty larceny."
"Tut, tut, Mr. Scott," said Campbell. "My committee needed the clerk worse than yours." Then, with twinkling eyes, he continued: "You are a millionaire and can afford to hire half a dozen clerks, while I must go to the government for clerical assistance."

The ready reply amused Scott. The two men were always the best of friends thereafter.—Utica Observer.

Orlent Is Delayed.

A freight wreck in Oklahoma caused a twelve-hour delay to the Wednesday morning incoming Orient passenger. The train arrived Wednesday night at 11 o'clock.

Classified ads are result getters.

NOBEL PRIZES ARE FAIRLY AWARDED

Given for Most Noteworthy Achievements in Literature, Medicine, Chemistry and Physics.

Publishers Press.

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.—The recent award of the Nobel prizes for the most noteworthy achievements in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and on behalf of peace, emphasizes the fairness with which the Norwegians make their awards.

The first Nobel prizes were awarded in 1901. Since that time they have been announced annually. It is interesting to note the countries to which the prizes have gone. In physics, three Germans, three Frenchmen, two Dutchmen, two Englishmen, one American, one Pole and one Italian have been named.

In chemistry, four Germans, two Englishmen, one Dutchman, one Frenchman and one Swede have been given the palm.

In medicine, three Germans, two Russians, one Frenchman, one Englishman, one Italian, one Dane, one Spaniard and one Swiss were chosen.

In literature, the winners have been two Frenchmen, two Germans, one Norwegian, one Spaniard, one Pole, one Italian, one Englishman and one Swede.

In peace prizes have been awarded to three Frenchmen, three Swiss and one each Italian, English, Swede, Austrian, American and Belgian. In work in behalf of peace Germany has not a single prize winner.

COST OF WAR.

Daily Expense of Maintaining Large Army is Enormous.

Vienna, Dec. 29.—Much has been written as to the enormous cost of war in the twentieth century and the question of cash has doubtless restrained more than one angry government from taking the step which means the inevitable beginning of hostilities.

A writer in a recent number of the Arnee-Zeitung gives some figures which are interesting and instructive. He estimates the daily expense of keeping an army of 2,000,000 men in the field at \$5,208,300, and he calculates that during the first six weeks after the declaration of war a sum of \$385,416,685 will be required for mobilization purposes. The present gold reserve in the Austro-Hungarian State Bank is barely sufficient to allow of a note issue being made to meet this initial expenditure and if M. de Justin and his friends succeed in getting a separate Hungarian bank there will be a large diminution of the available reserve. How many nations expect perhaps the United States are any better off?

PERJURY PREVAILING CRIME.

Hill County Grand Jury Thus Reports to Court.

The following report was handed in to the court recently by a Hill county grand jury:

"Perjury is the prevailing crime, we regret to say, and we are forced to a conclusion that a great majority of those who participate in gambling and drinking whiskey are guilty of false swearing, and it is alarming how young boys, both of the town and country, will come before us with a trained mind and fail to remember, and thereby shield the violators. This question has become a serious problem to us during our deliberations. While we have not found any indictments for perjury, it is due to the peculiar wording of the statutes and the construction of them by our higher courts."

Dressed as Woman.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 29.—The police are investigating a new variety of terrorism in the residence district. A short time ago a heavily veiled woman rang the doorbell of a house up town and asked to be allowed to use the toilet. The stranger remained so long as to rouse suspicion. A policeman was called and he found a man, but a heap of female clothing lay on the floor.

She Put On the Brake.

Saying her prayers is considered by little Katherine a night propitiation to the Almighty to be accomplished with all possible speed. Night after night she rattled off the Lord's prayer, a string of unintelligible gibberish, until a Nemesis overwhelmed her in the form of maternal chastisement.

"I'm sorry to be obliged to punish you," said her mother, "but you are a naughty little girl. It's very, very irreverent in you to rattle off the Lord's prayer like that."

"I don't rattle it off," sobbed Katherine. "Really and truly, mother, I don't. I always slow up toward the end because I'm afraid if I don't I'll say it all through twice before I think."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Exhibition for Inventor.

The Royal Wurttemberg Chamber of Commerce is organizing a state exhibition of inventors' models, to be held next year at Stuttgart. Its chief purpose, says the Scientific American, is to help poor inventors who have little opportunity of bringing their inventions under the notice of likely purchasers. The directors of the affair promise that strict impartiality will be shown in the selection of exhibits, and that none will be accepted which is not worthy of serious consideration. There will be no expenses of any kind for the very poor inventor, and low fees for the others. It is not said whether the exhibition is expected to be self-supporting, but perhaps not, as the enterprise is being backed by the state.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Bill Sunday's Elevating Talk.

Here are some samples of the good tidings with which Billy Sunday is elevating the moral tone of Joplin:

"The man who says every woman has her price is a dirty, stinking, contemptible, black-hearted liar, and the fellow who makes such an assertion to me will get licked so bad they can't get him together on a dust pan. * * * I have heard so many dirty, stinking, rotten things about you old geezers here in Joplin that I can hardly wait until I get my hands on you to skin you alive."—Kansas City Star.

New Year's Dance.

The annual New Year's dance will be given at the San Angelo Club tonight, and elaborate arrangements have been made for the event.

An Unexpected Quarter.

"Hear about Jimmy?" asked the lanky youth with the hat and balls. "No," responded his chum. "What's happened to him?" "Lots. He found a quarter in de street, went to de ball game, got hit wid a ball an' den got

with J. W. Olinger, a saloon keeper at Newton. Keaton had just completed a sentence in jail for conducting the dance house, and held Olinger, who is a well-known Black Hills and Nebraska character, responsible for his arrest. He vilified Olinger's place and in the quarrel which followed Keaton received wound which proved fatal.

Found Dead at Wheel.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 29.—Capt. Theophilus Green was found dead at the wheel of the Sound steamer Yashon while she was making a landing at Chataqua, Yashon Island. Heart disease was the cause. Capt. Green was 58 years of age, and had been twenty-five years a mariner on the Sound, for ten years master of the steamer Fair Haven. He leaves a widow and several children, one son being master of a government craft at San Diego.

Eager for Knowledge.

A prominent clergyman who spent the summer in travel returned home recently with a story of a western

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French Peasants Who Are Experts in Walking on Stilts.

There is a vast district in France where the entire community goes about and transacts its business on stilts. This district is called "Les Landes."

The inhabitants, who are among the poorest peasants in France, gain their subsistence by fishing, by such little agriculture as is possible and by keeping cows and sheep. The shepherds make use of their stilts for two purposes—first, because walking is quite impossible on account of the sage and undergrowth of brush, and, second, because the height of their stilts gives them a greater range of vision.

The stilts generally are about six or seven feet high. Near the top there is a support for the foot, which has a strong stirrup and strap, and still nearer the top a band of leather fastens the stilt firmly to the leg just below the knee. Some stilts, especially those made for fancy walking and for tricks, are even higher than seven feet, and the man who uses these—and he must be an expert—can travel as fast as ten miles an hour. The lower end of this kind of stilt is capped with a sheep bone to prevent its splitting.

Some of these Landes shepherds are wonderfully clever in the management of their stilts. They run races, step or jump over brooks, clear fences and walls and are able to keep their balance and equilibrium while stooping to the ground to pick up pebbles or to gather wild flowers. They fall prone upon their faces and assume their perpendicular without an effort and in a single moment after they have thus prostrated themselves.—Technical World Magazine.

A VICTIM OF WORRY.

The Man Who is Always Expecting Some Kind of Trouble.

There is always a cloud on his face because he is constantly expecting something unfavorable is going to happen. There is going to be a slump in business, or he is going to have a loss, or somebody is trying to undermine him, or he is worried about his health, or fears his children will be sick or go wrong or be killed.

In other words, although he has achieved quite a remarkable success, yet he has never really had a happy day in his life. All his life this man has been chasing rainbows, thinking if he could only get a little farther on, a little higher up, he would be happy, but he is just as far from it as when a boy.

I believe this condition has all come from the habit of unhappiness which he formed during his hard boyhood and which he has never been able to overcome. He has learned to look for trouble, to expect it, and he gets it.

I have been his guest many a time. He has a beautiful home, a very charming wife, a most delightful family, but there is always the same cloud on his face, the same expression of anxiety, of unhappiness, of foreboding.

A little properly directed training in his boyhood would have changed his whole career, and he would have been a happy, joyous, harmonious man instead of being discordant and unhappy. There is everything in starting right. What is put into the first life is put into the whole of life.—Success Magazine.

Self Control.

The self control of the Japanese, even in times of the utmost stress, and their courtesy, which begets quietness and discretion, are both brought out by a writer in St. Paul's Magazine.

"Cry. It will do you good," I said once to a poor Japanese woman who, crouching beside her dying husband, was controlling herself with an effort that would, I feared, make her ill.

She laid her little slim brown finger upon her trembling red lip and shook her head, then whispered, "It might disturb him."

"Cry. It will do you good," I said the next day, when the man was dead and she seemed almost prostrate with grief and overworked self control.

"It would be 'most rude to make a hideous noise before the sacred dead," came the soft reply.

Bread and Pipe Baker.

The lecturer at the cooking school sometimes enlivened her remarks with an anecdote.

"The eighteenth century baker," she said, "was a pipe cleaner as well, just as the barber a little earlier was a surgeon. Everybody in those days smoked clay pipes, provided the same as cups or spoons by the coffee houses. Well, each morning a waiter carried his master's stock of pipes, some hundred perhaps, to the nearest bakery. The baker would boil them, then dip them in liquid lime, then bake them dry. They came out of the oven as sweet and white as new."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Successful.

"I started out on the theory that the world had an opening for me, and I went to find it."
"Did you find it?"
"Oh, yes; I'm in a hole."—Baltimore American.

A Double Held.

Miss Moonlite—Er—let me hold the reins, please. Mr. Bashpbui—What will I do then? Miss Moonlite—You might hold the holder of the reins.—Boston Herald.

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licked when he got home." "Gee whizz! I guess dat's what you'd call trouble coming from an unexpected quarter."—Portland Spectator.

Farewell to Bat and Bullwhip.
Glory hallelujah, "the d-d yaller journalists" go marching along. It is announced, semi-officially, that the bat and the bullwhip have been abolished at Rusk and dark cells have been substituted for corporal punishment. Senator Hudspeth makes the announcement and Senator Hudspeth is a law-maker who is worth the while and deserves well at the hands of the people of Texas. Now abolish the bat and the bullwhip at all the prisons and prison camps and farms. Wipe out forever the dark spot on the escutcheon of Texas.—Waco Times-Herald.

Does Not Get Even.
Helena, Mont., Dec. 29.—While complete details are lacking, it appears that Dan Keaton, formerly proprietor of a hurdy-gurdy house at Newton, paid his life in an effort to get even

Sunday school class which had received a visit from the bishop. Boys and girls were much impressed by the dignitary and there was a conscious effort to answer all questions correctly and promptly. Things moved along very nicely until the lesson was concluded, when one little boy raised his hand politely.

In a manner somewhat shy the lad said: "Please, Mr. Bishop, may I ask you a question?"

"Certainly, certainly, sir," replied the bishop, good naturedly, as he tumbled the folds of his official robes.

"It's about them," said the boy, eyeing the bishop's robes. "Is they all you have on, or has you pants under 'em?"—Philadelphia Times.

Aged Couple Elopes.
Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 29.—A marriage of more than usual interest was solemnized here this week when, as stated by friends of the contracting parties, Fred Leonard and Mrs. Mary Horn eloped from Hill Point, Va., and were married here by a Bristol minister at Hotel Hamilton.

Quaker Meditations.
All that glitters isn't brass, either. A woman has no use for a man who is too stupid to admire her.

It takes constant exercise to keep one's virtues in good condition.

The man who lives on his past reputation can't hope to be long lived.

Only a glutton would marry for money and expect to have love thrown in.

Even with the underground telephone wires the conversation can still be kept up.

Many a good chance has been neglected while we were waiting for a better one that never materialized.

We don't know who sets the fashion, but it must be some fellow who has a grudge against the human race.—Philadelphia Record.

Safe.
A kind old gentleman, seeing a very small boy carrying a lot of newspapers under his arm, was moved to pity. "Don't all those papers make you tired, my boy?" "Nope," the mite cheerfully replied. "I can't read."—Youth's Companion.

Buggies! Hacks!

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Statement Issued at San Antonio Says Construction Work Will Be Started at Once.

Publishers Press. San Antonio, Dec. 29.—The officials of the Orient today issued an announcement to the effect that the construction of the Del Rio-San Angelo extension of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient will be started as soon as the rights of way are secured and the bonds subscribed by the citizens of Val Verde county are taken over.

Quaker Meditations.

Any bald man can get a head of hair over night by wearing a wig. A discord demonstrates that even in music lots of notes go to protest. It's hard to make trouble for others without keeping a share of it for yourself.

Killed in Blinding Snowstorm.

Shelburn, Ind., Dec. 29.—In a blinding snowstorm two Hungarian miners were struck and killed by a passenger train on the Evansville and Terre Haute railroad near here. A third man who was in the party can not be found.

TOMBSTONE FOR DOG.

Dublin, Dec. 29.—An Irish terrier was sent all the way from Rome by its owner, a great lady of the Italian capital, to be buried in Ireland. The lady was passionately fond of the dog, and when it died recently she had it embalmed and encased in an elaborate and expensive coffin.

Menelik the Doctor.

Menelik, the emperor of Abyssinia, who is reported to be seriously ill, stands a poor chance of recovery if he tries on himself the remedies which he prescribes for others. Some years ago Mme. Stevenin, the wife of a prominent member of the French colony at Addis Ababa, was laid up with fever.

the bereaved owner of the Irish terrier paid Mr. Lowry a check for a substantial sum for the burial ground—probably two square feet—and also left the wherewithal to purchase a tombstone.

A Rare Amber Collection.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts has been the recipient of a number of amber pieces, the collection of William Arnold Buffum, admittedly one of the finest collections in the world. The finest specimen in this collection is the finely carved figure of Christ, of opaque German amber, which resembles rich, old ivory on an elaborate cross of clear, red Sicilian amber.

He scoured Europe for the objects, which are mostly fifteenth and sixteenth century pieces, and bought wherever possible uncut specimens which promised unusual colors of clearness.—Boston Post.

A Tree-Covered Land.

Guatemala is a corruption of an Indian word meaning "a land covered with trees." Like so many of those Spanish-American states, nature seems to have been lavish in her provision, while the inhabitants have failed to profit by her generosity. While Boston was in its infancy Guatemala, the capital city, had 100,000 inhabitants and was the home of learned men, with schools of theology and science. Yet today there are only 400 miles of railway in the country, and it takes as long to go from Guatemala City to Totonicapan, the next largest town, only a hundred miles away, as it does to travel from New York to San Francisco on an express train.

Headed Off the Invitation.

An East End small boy had something to say to his father at the dinner table the other night. "Papa," he said, "Johnnie Burton is going to have a party next week an' he said he'd invite me. An' I got to take a present."

Senator Blackburn's Tribute.

The story is told of Senator Proctor of Vermont in reminiscences by Vice President Stevenson, says the Washington Herald, that when invited to go out of the senate chamber just before the day's session began, he replied: "Excuse me, I am paired with Blackburn on papers." When the Rev. Dr. Butler retired from the chaplaincy of the Senate Blackburn's speech surpassed all others for ardor and felicity of expression.

with a pot of very rancid butter, accompanied by a letter from one of the emperor's secretaries, stating that his royal master hoped that madame would take three glasses daily of the butter sent, and would be found an infallible remedy. The present was gratefully acknowledged and promptly buried, and when madame recovered Menelik took to himself the credit of her cure.—Kansas City Star.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Movement to Secure Record of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

All modern civilized governments consider the collection and publication of accurate birth and death reports of great importance. In the international tables given each year in the report of the registrar general of birth, deaths and marriages in England and Wales, vital statistics are given for many successive years for the following countries:

England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Sweden, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Western Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Ceylon, Jamaica, Denmark, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Japan and Chili.

To this list may probably be added Mexico, which has recently issued demographic reports covering the entire country, and perhaps the Argentine Republic and other countries of South America. The United States, as a whole, is not represented in international vital statistics. From a limited part of the area of continental United States—the "registration area"—returns of deaths have been received since 1900 and published in the annual mortality reports of the bureau of census. Not a single southern state is included in this area.

Cannot Keep Things Equalized.

The best answer to those who would put all men and all fortunes on the same plane is made by the venerable Goldwin Smith, who says: "The inequalities of lot we all must see and feel are great and often cruel, but the responsibility for them rests on the Maker of man, as they are consequences of the inequality of natural gifts. If we could abolish them by law today, they would be reproduced by nature tomorrow."

Oil Bathing.

Oil bathing is a regular institution among the Hindoos. An experienced masseur rubs the oil on his patrons, friends or relatives generally once a week. And it is a fact that moles, warts and such faults of the surface of the skin are very rare among them. The newborn infant gets the oil bath daily for forty days. The intervals are then gradually lengthened, but he will be considered a very naughty boy who during his school days tries to shirk the oil bath at least once a week.

How to Carry Books.

The Philadelphia free library permits patrons to take out six books at a time during certain months. "If you are not going to wrap those books up let me show you how to carry them," said one of the assistants at the library recently.

Too Much Like Work.

The happy mother of a seven-months-old baby, whose chief business seems to be making a noise in the world, was paying her sister a visit, and the other evening young Master Harry, aged seven years, was delegated to care for the baby while his elders were at dinner.

An Expensive Production.

"You were very lavish with the snowstorm in the third act." "Yes," explained the manager. "I bought that snow when white paper was not so high as it is now."—Kansas City Journal.

Domestic Note.

"Give the devil his due," he said. "I'm willing to," she snapped, "but you're in pretty good health, and he'll have to wait."—Atlanta Constitution.

A MERCHANT OF FEZ.

Description of His Rise and His Ignominious Fall.

The merchants of Fez are to be found all over Morocco. In due course All Mahmoud launches out into business on a large scale. He prospers exceedingly and presently purchases a black female slave to assist his wife in her duties. All Mahmoud takes a house in the Medina quarter of Fez, overlooking the pleasant olive groves. In course of time he buys two more slaves and is fairly set up as a householder.

When his first daughter is born there is great rejoicing. The baby is immediately stained all over its little body with henna and then smeared liberally with butter and wrapped in woolen cloths. On the seventh day these are removed, and the child is washed for the first time. When the girl has reached her first year her head is shaved, leaving a little tuft by which Mohammed could catch her up to heaven if he were so disposed. In her seventh year her hair has grown long again. She is then veiled, and her proud father sets about looking for a husband for her. It is still the custom to betroth children from infancy.

All Mahmoud prospers, and, save for a few domestic troubles, his life runs smoothly. In the evenings All will sit and smoke in the bosom of his family. On Thursdays and Saturdays he visits his friends. They pass the time in simple games of cards or in listening to the weird efforts of itinerant musicians. Our merchant gets stout as he approaches middle age. One day his world tumbles about him. Such is the uncertainty of fate in Morocco.

He was serving in his shop when the customer suddenly raised his voice and cried out that he was getting false weight. The accusation was terrible, and All vehemently protested his innocence. It was an arranged charge by an enemy of the merchant, who philosophically bowed his head with the saying: "Kismet! Mine enemy has found me, and the serpent requires milk." The arbitrators are called, and, having been bribed previously, they find Mahmoud guilty and sentence him to the usual punishment meted out to givers of false weights. He is dragged to the southern wall of the city, to a place where a tall gibbet is erected. By the irony of fate it is within sight of his own house. A rope is made fast to his right wrist and hoisted up until his toes can just touch the ground. Here he is left till sunset. The idlers jeer at him, and the gamins of the quarter pelt him with stones and refuse. At sundown his friends carry him home, a poor, bruised and senseless body. Broken and disgraced, this ended his career as a respectable merchant.—Morocco Cor. London Graphic.

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Instructed the Queen. Queen Victoria of England was once pulled up short by an old Scotchwoman. Her majesty had started out one afternoon to sit on a hillside and watch some of her relatives fishing in the river below her, when she found that she had no thimble in her pocket, so could not work, as she had intended, at the sewing she was carrying. Turning out of her way to Mrs. Symond's shop, she bought the smallest thimble there, which was, however, many sizes too big for her. There was an old Scotch dame at the counter impatiently waiting to make her own purchases. Not recognizing the queen, she broke into the conversation with a "Hoots, but it's a rare fuss an' fiddle you're makin'. Blow intae it weel an' it'll stick." That phrase, the latter part of the sentence, amused her majesty immensely and became quite a proverb in the royal family.

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Why He Didn't Stand Up.

It was married men's night at the revival meeting.

"Let all you husbands who have troubles on your mind stand up," shouted the emotional preacher at the height of his spasms.

Instantly every man in the church rose to his feet except one.

"Ah!" exclaimed the preacher, peering out at this lone sitter, who occupied a chair near the door and apart from the others. "You are one in a million."

"It ain't that," piped back this one, helplessly, as the rest of the congregation turned to gaze suspiciously at him. "I can't get up; I'm paralyzed!"

—Th. Bits.

Smith Will See Bout.

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Pitcher Frank Smith, better known as "Faderovskil, the Plano Shover," has warned Charles Comiskey and all major league managers that he intends to lay off two weeks next July in order to witness the Jeffries-Johnson fight. He says he'll lay off all season if necessary. As the strong boy once challenged Jeffries in combat, it is natural that he should be interested.

He was formerly with the Birmingham Southern League.

Would Be Suspected.

The effect upon other Central and South American countries of the effort to extend the power of the United States in Nicaragua would be most unfortunate, too. Our motives would be suspected, and the cry would go up that the Yankees were about to subjugate the entire hemisphere. We are slowly making headway in the esteem of our neighbors to the south now, but

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the effect of a suspicion of this nature would be disastrous.—Detroit Free Press.

Most Becoming Act.

"Zelaya's resignation is probably the most becoming act of his turbulent career. Now that their fear of him is gone, the Nicaraguans will probably concur in that opinion. He was distinctly of the bad type of dictator, 'working for his own pocket all the time,' leading a life of iniquity in private, and publicly behaving like a tyrant whom no law restrained. We need not concern ourselves particularly as to his future."—New York Times.

DESTROY SUFFRAGETTE'S WHIP.

Miss Garnett Wanted the Weapon She Used on Winston Churchill.

Bristol, England, Dec. 29.—Theresa Garnett, the suffragette who assaulted Winston Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, with a dog whip at the railway station here some weeks ago, and who served a prison sentence for her action, applied to a magistrate here for the return of the whip with which she lashed the cabinet minister.

The magistrate refused the application and ordered that the whip, which is now in Mr. Churchill's possession, to be destroyed.

New Trading Stunt.

A new trading stunt in baseball was put over when the Cleveland club swapped scouts with the Athletics. Scout Sam Kennedy goes to Cleveland and Scout Tom O'Brien moves to Philadelphia.—Ex.

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CHADBOURNE STREET PROPERTY IS SOLD

VALUE OF INVESTMENT HERE DISCUSSED BY JAMES SHIELDS.

Auction Held Wednesday Afternoon and Interesting Talk on San Angelo's Future Is Heard.

O. B. Sampson purchased a lot 25x115 feet on Chadbourne street Wednesday afternoon at an auction sale conducted by James Shields. His bid was \$3300. These lots are located in the block between Fourth street and College avenue, and south of the wagon yard. A lot, 39x115, was awarded to Roy Scott of Knoxville, whose bid was received by telegram. His bid was for \$130 per front foot, which aggregates \$5070.

A good crowd of real estate men and others attended the auction. Mr. Shields, who acted as auctioneer, made some interesting remarks about San Angelo and its future growth, and some of them met with loud cheering from the crowd.

Property Is Valuable.

"I have invested thousands upon thousands of dollars in San Angelo, and it will double in value within two years," he declared, adding: "Lots and other property which I bought from two to five years ago has doubled and some of it has even tripled in value; and even now the price of property in San Angelo is too cheap. The real estate men of this city are making a big mistake in selling lots and property at the price they are. San Angelo property today is worth much more than is asked for it, and in a short time the people will discover it."

North Watching San Angelo.

"In any northern city with a population the size of San Angelo lots which sell here for \$150 and less can not be bought for less than \$350 or \$500."

"A few years ago \$3300 seemed an enormous sum to pay for the lot Mr. Sampson has just purchased, yet right now there is not another piece of property on Chadbourne street which will sell for so small an amount. Northern people have in their eyes on San Angelo, and in a few days I am going north to return with thousands of dollars of northern capital to invest here."

Lots Sell for \$160.

Two residence lots located at Seventh avenue and Eighth street were auctioned off for \$160 each, and five lots adjoining were also awarded on Sampson's bid for \$150 each.

These lots and several others which had already been sold were sold to Mr. Shields two years ago by Mr. Sampson for \$75 each.

Unappreciative.

A Washington woman has in her employ as butler a dandy of a pompous and satisfied man, says Harper's Magazine, who not long ago permitted a chocolate-colored, dandy, long his agent, admiring, to become his spouse.

On one occasion, when the mistress of the house had occasion temporarily to avail herself of the service of the butler's wife, it was observed that whenever the duties of the two brought them in conjunction the bride's eyes would shine with extraordinary devotion.

"Your wife seems wonderfully attached to you, Thomas," casually observed the mistress of the house.

"Yes, ma'am," answered Thomas, complacently. "Ain't it just sickenin'?"

No Major Castoffs.

Jack Dunn declares emphatically that he will have no major league castoffs on his Baltimore team next year. Last season's Oriole bunch came near giving Jack the horrors.—Ex.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE GROWING RAPIDLY

AUXILIARIES WILL BE ADMITTED AT JANUARY MEETING.

Farmers Will Soon Begin to Reap Benefits From Organization, Says Secretary Owen.

A number of county auxiliaries will be admitted to the Tom Green County Farmers' Institute at the coming January session, and it is expected that before that time membership ranks will be increased generally. An effort is now being made to organize auxiliaries at Christoval, Knickerbocker, Wall, Sherwood, Carlsbad, Mereta and Water Valley.

"The institute will begin the new year with a firm resolution to promote higher principles of farming in Tom Green county to as great an extent as possible," said Secretary T. F. Owen, who has been engaged during the past few days in arranging for the organization of the farmers at all the smaller postoffices in the county.

"The farmers will begin to reap benefits of the institute within the next few months, when their crops are in their infancy. The farmers seem mightily interested in the literature which is being sent out from the state agricultural headquarters at Austin. I firmly believe that the 1910 crops in Tom Green county will plainly show the effects of the institute and the literature on farming being distributed among the members."

Some big events are being planned for the next few meetings of the institute, and an effort is being made to have several hundred farmers from various parts of the county in attendance. Crop planting times will soon be here, and the officers of the organization figure that there is no time to be lost in introducing more practical agricultural methods to the farmers.

LUCKY! CLOCK LATE.

Ringed Bell Behind Time Saves Two From Asphyxiation.

Hutchinson, Kan., Dec. 29.—An alarm clock that had failed to go off at 6 o'clock in the morning, but went off at 6 in the evening instead, saved the lives of J. W. Bowers and his wife, who barely escaped death by asphyxiation. Mrs. W. H. Mitchell of Toledo, who was visiting the Bowers, was overcome by the gas that threatened the lives of her hosts and is not expected to live.

Bowers went to bed at 10 a. m. His wife had complained that the alarm clock had not gone off at the time it was set for—6 o'clock. At 6 o'clock that evening the alarm sounded and Bowers jumped out of bed. He felt dizzy and went to the telephone to call a doctor.

Just as he took down the receiver he felt unconscious from the effects of gas fumes that permeated the house. Central surmised that something was wrong and sent a doctor just in time to rescue the Bowers and to find Mrs. Mitchell in a dying condition.

Excellent Reason.

"I'll work no more for that man Dolan."

"And why?"

"Shure, 'is on account av a remark he made."

"An' phwat was that?"

"Saye he, Casey, says he, 'ye're discharged.'—Sketch.

An Example.

"Some adjectives," said the teacher, "are made from nouns, such as dangerous, meaning full of danger; and hazardous, full of hazard. Can any boy give me another example?" "Yes, sir," replied the fat boy at the end of the form, "pious, full of pie."

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MARX'S GREAT SCHEME.

How He Was Going to Get Rich With the \$12,000 He Got on His Nerve.

New York, Dec. 29.—Fritz F. Marx, the financial genius who got \$42,250 from John Steeneck & Sons, Hoboken bankers and steamship agents, on his nerve, obtained an audience with County Judge Robert Carey in Jersey City for the purpose of explaining to the court why he thought he ought not to have been sentenced to seven years imprisonment in the state prison and to pay a fine of \$2,000 for grand larceny.

The young man said he had no difficulty in getting the money in two instances on fake representations that the sum of \$60,000 was on deposit to his credit in a Copenhagen bank. He said that he had intended to go to Germany with his cleanup and buy barley by the wholesale from the farmers, agreeing to pay for it in 30 days. Then he proposed to place the barley in storage and borrow a sufficient amount on it from prominent bankers to pay the farmers what he owed them. By this time he expected to corner the barley market and have the German brewers in a position where they would be obliged to take the stock off his hands at his own price.

Marx also confided to the judge that he foolishly speculated in Wall street and lost his capital before he could put his scheme into operation. One tip which didn't pan out, he said, came from one of the Steenecks after he had got away with some of the firm's cash.

It is not believed that Marx's plea for clemency made much of an impression on the court.

Here's One on "Bugs."

"Yarns about the erratic twirler of the Giants, 'Bugs' Raymond, come across with readiness and rapidity, but one that Bobby Byrne is telling on Arthur is the latest and also the best of all. It will be recalled that when the McGraw bunch struck Smoketown on their last trip last season, Bugs was in wrong with his manager," says a dispatch.

"The scrappy guardian of the team kept Bugs right under his eye all through the ride from Cincinnati, and when the Giants hit Pittsburgh, John would not give Bugs a nickel. Bugs had a thirt like a camel in the Sahara and not a cent in his clothes. I hung around the hotel, disconsolably the thirt growing greater and more unmanageable every minute.

"It came the hour for supper, and Bugs slid into the dining room, just as Red Ames, a brother boxman, was leaving the table. The latter had left a tip for the waiter that was about the price of one highball. Bugs spit the coin at the same time that the waiter got his eye on it. Bugs and the waiter sprinted for the table, the pitcher beat the waiter to it. Bugs went down for three hods of mussy in a nearby barroom, while the waiter gnashed his teeth in rage."

"Reform" Under Murphy.

The very respectable gentlemen who met at Saratoga, bent the tom-tom and resolved to reorganize and reform the Democratic party have surrendered to Conners; he will be re-elected chairman without their opposition—perhaps, indeed, without a murmur by way of protest. Why has the movement to secure a respectable leadership failed? Simply because the reformers sought an alliance with Murphy, who is just as unworthy as Conners. They should have gone forth to battle under a leader of their own, be prepared for defeat in the first encounter, if necessary, but determined to keep up the contest till victory was won. To fight Conners under the banner of Murphy was absurd; did the reformers really think the upstate Democrats would help them put Tammany in the saddle?—Rochester Post-Express.

Practical Use for Autos.

One conspicuous professional bruiser is said to be anxious to challenge another conspicuous professional bruiser to an automobile race, as appropriate preliminary to their encounter in a "squared circle." In case the race is arranged, thousands of disgusted Americans will expect both automobiles to do their duty.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Our New York Letter

BY ROBERT LEE CARTER.
(Publishers Press Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 29.—I met John M. Jewell, a prominent manufacturer of Atlanta, Ga., a day or two ago. He is here with his daughter, Miss Mannetta. Mr. Jewell is enthusiastic over the wonderful improvement of conditions in all lines of trade in the South. He spoke of the cotton crop, the people and the good impression President Taft's visit made on the Southern people.

"I see many new and interesting things every time I come to New York," went on Mr. Jewell, "but give me the South every time when it comes to living and enjoying yourself, raising a family with wholesome environment and realizing that life holds much in store for those who are willing to try.

"Yes, business is good, and things are booming in the South. President Taft made a great hit with us this summer when he visited our city. He seemed to be in dead earnest when he said he wanted to see that the South got a fair show. I think we gave him the best reception he received anywhere on his tour. At any rate, I do know no people showed more sincerity in all they did than the good people of Atlanta.

"The South never had as much money as at present. When the negroes are flush, it is a sure sign of prosperity lying around loose, because the negro down my way does not work hard for anything. His money must come easy. Well, you ought to see the cash he is spending on himself now. He has all he wants.

"Booker T. Washington's school is doing a good work. I have had one of his graduates in my employ for some years, and he is a careful, conscientious, reliable man.

"I think very well of the Tuskegee school, although it is by no means popular with Southern white people. The cotton crop was very fine this year and the price is 100 per cent above that the growers received some eight or ten years ago. Cotton is being grown in larger quantities than ever and farmers find they can raise other products at a splendid profit.

This has been a wonderful inspiration for my country and with the return of good times in the North, we are with you on the road to wealth. Senator Clay and Representative Lou Livingston have done much for the state of Georgia. It took the South many years to recover from the effects of the war, but not longer than it would have taken any other section to recoup herself. Representative Livingston is a veteran at Washington, and as he said some time ago, all the South needs is a little bit of the help and encouragement the North has received in such large and unstinted measure. We are all right now and you'll hear much from us from now on, more than ever before.

Miss Nannetta Jewell is quite a musician and every afternoon while in the city she has attended recitals, musicales and other entertainments, while the evenings have been spent at the opera. Mr. Jewell and daughter spent a week in New York and left for home this week.

Dr. A. E. Winship, editor of the Journal of Education, is one of the best known educators in the country. He says the heroic work the South is doing in the way of maintaining her public schools is not given proper credit. "Today," says Dr. Winship, "the ten Southern states have nearly one-fifth of the population and but one-twelfth of the wealth.

"Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania have a population equal to the Southern states, and they have four times their wealth.

"The average per capita wealth of the entire country is two and one-half times that of the ten Southern states, or \$1,318 to \$527.

"The United States raises twenty-six cents on a hundred dollars for school purposes, and the South raises seventy-five cents.

"The South has a biracial population, which complicates matters immeasurably.

"The South is essentially a rural population, which necessitates a large number of small schools. All this places an educational burden that no words can express.

"The South is the only part of the Union in which progress has been harmonious. Maine has advanced regardless of what was being done in Hampshire, Vermont or Connecticut. There is not a trace of similarity of progress in Ohio and Indiana, Michigan and Illinois, and so throughout the North, only incidentally and accidentally has any Northern state learned to legislate from any other state, but in the South it is different. There they learn together, they study the problem side by side, they discuss them together, they stimulate one another and pull together."

New York Southerners will as usual celebrate the anniversary of General Robert E. Lee's birthday on January 19. The principal function will be the banquet of the Confederate Veterans' camp at the Waldorf.

The officers of the camp are: Commander, R. W. Gwathmey; adjutant, Clarence R. Hatton; paymaster, William S. Kelley; chaplain, Rev. George S. Baker; surgeon, Dr. J. Harvie Dew; counsel, B. A. Judd; executive committee (veterans), Fred C. Rogers, E. Selvage, Powhatan W. Weisiger; associates, Thomas B. Gael, Carroll Sprigg.

Mr. John Abercrombie of Waco, Tex., was in New York this week. "We are too busy in Texas to take much interest in politics," he remarked to a group of friends who were figuring on the possible Democratic nominee for president in 1912. "I don't mind saying, though, that among other things Texas is producing a right good article in the way of presidential hunter and the next conven-

tion might do lots worse than nominate Senator Culberson."

George Nicholls of New Orleans, looks for a good deal higher price for cotton than now prevails before the next crop comes in. "Why, man alive!" he said to me the other day. "It's going to be a scramble among the manufacturers to get the cotton. There's not enough to go around by a million or two bales. The mills will lose more by shutting down than they will even if they lose a little on the goods they make. I wouldn't venture a prediction as to how high cotton will go, but it's as certain as two and two make four that the price is going to be high."

Pointed Paragraphs.

It's human nature to want to roose a little higher than your neighbor. Men are natura'-born listeners; if they can't buy parrots, they get married.

The power of an argument may depend on the compressed air back of it. Many a woman ceases to believe in love at first sight after marrying that way.

A girl never has very much respect for a man's judgment if his neckties don't match his complexion.—Chicago News.

A Sympathetic Listener.

Adelaide's sister was playing a sad, plaintive air on the piano. Adelaide had been listening, and she said to her mother: "Mamma, don't you feel sorry for that piece?"—The Delinquent.

Just a Few Left.

"I am undone!" shrieked the tragedy queen as she threw her arms upward with a wild gesture. "Yes," agreed the villain, as he stole a surreptitious glance behind her back; "two buttons at the top and three at the bottom."—Smart Set.

Not an Ornament.

The Missus—Norah, how many families have you ever worked for? The Maid—Wurrucked, is it ma'am? I'll have you know, Mrs. Pa-arker, I've wurrucked for every family I ever lived with!—Chicago Tribune.

Hot Finish.

The wise and industrious father was chiding his son about his procrastination. "You are always late," scolded the senior. "Why don't you be like the early bird? You know these days the first come are the first served."

"That may be, pop," laughed the frivolous youngster, "but I don't want to be like the early bird. He is generally served up on toast."—Chicago News.

All Against Pitcher.

George Tebeau thinks that one sure way to increase batting would be to decrease the size of the home plate. Every hand is against the pitcher, the poor Zeb.—Ex.

Lake Looks Good.

In Pitcher Lake, Jack O'Connor has grabbed a nice performer for his St. Louis Browns. Lake looked mighty good when a Highlander.—Ex.

Wary.

Thompson—Suppose a man should call you a liar, what would you do? Jones (hesitatingly)—What size man?—Pewish Ledger.

Woman's Instinct.

"He has succeeded ever since he took his wife into the business." "Yes; the first thing she did was to make the waste as small as possible."—Puck.

What Next?

Now that Zelaya is out, what next? Will the administration undertake to decide who shall succeed him? There are indications that it will propose Senator Madrid, one of Zelaya's associates, and that various revolutionist leaders are bidding for its favor. If it backs one of them for the presidency of Nicaragua, what will it do when the next revolution occurs? Use the influence and armed forces of the United States to oppose it as it has done to encourage the present one?—New York World.

Turn About.

"Christmas presents," said Mrs. Clarence Mackay in a recent address, are often very selfish. A young wife said to her husband the other day: "Dear, I've decided to give you a gold manicule set, a pair of lovely Cloisonne enamel rose bowl, and a Daghistan hearth rug."

Battles In Santo Domingo.

San Juan, P. I., Dec. 29.—Passengers arriving here from Santo Domingo report that political conditions are critical there. President Caceres is being attacked by many factions. The revolutionists say they expect to capture Puerto Plata shortly. Several engagements have been fought in which many on both sides were killed or wounded. It is stated that Caceres' downfall is assured. Ex-President Jimenez and Morales are reported to be the heads of the revolution.

Majestic Delayed; Passenger Dies.

London, Dec. 29.—The White Star line steamer Majestic has arrived at Plymouth from New York, thirty-six hours late, owing to a succession of gales. Mrs. Margaret Hughes died of syncope on the passage.

Salvadorian Revolutionists Arrested.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 29.—Gen. Alfaro and other leading Salvadorians have been arrested for conspiring to overthrow President Tigueroa.

Gale Destroys an Art Collection.

London, Dec. 29.—A gale wrecked the Italian legation at Lisbon, destroying the minister's valuable collection of works of art.

For real news read The Press-News.

DEATH GRAPPLE WITH CANNON POSTPONED

SPEAKER WAITING FOR INSURGENTS TO START.

Ralph M. Whiteside Says Main Show, However, Will Not Take Place at This Session.

BY RALPH M. WHITESIDE.
(Publishers Press Special Service.)

Washington, Dec. 29.—The expectant public is at least entitled to get rain checks if not their money back.

The long expected death grapple between the insurgents and Uncle Joe Cannon has been indefinitely postponed. Not that there will not be more or less interesting skirmishes from time to time, but the main show in the big tent will not take place at this session. Here is how Mr. Gardner of Massachusetts, next to Vic Mirdock of Kansas, the great pandjaram of the insurgents, puts it: "In my opinion it would be unwise for us to fritter away our strength in premature skirmishes, which might look to the public like exhibitions of resentment. When this congress was organized in March last we were outvoted. That is all there is to it. The fact that my paws are sore is not sufficient reason for licking them in public."

In the meanwhile Uncle Joe, with a sardonic smile and a chip on his shoulder, is waiting for the insurgents to start something. As the old-time almanac put it, "about this time expect reports of the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson." Well, they are here on time. It was regularly reported and denied that Mr. Wilson was to retire early in the year and would be succeeded by President W. O. Thompson of the Ohio State University.

Secretary Wilson's ambition to round out a cabinet term longer than that of any other American was achieved on November 30 last, when he passed the record of Albert Gallatin, secretary of the Treasury in two Jefferson and two Madison administrations. Gallatin's term ran from ay 14, 1801, to February 9, 1814, making twelve years, eight months and 26 days. Secretary Wilson was appointed by President McKinley March 4, 1897, and on January 1 he will have served twelve years, nine months and 27 days.

President Roosevelt told some of his friends, just before March 4 last, that he had made only one request of President-elect Taft. That was that he should appoint Secretary Wilson and retain him until he could round out the longest cabinet term in American history.

Thousands of visitors to the capitol have stopped to gaze at the oil portraits of Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. Today the discovery was made that Jefferson's portrait bore the label, "Patrick Henry," and that the portrait of Henry was labelled "Thomas Jefferson."

The discovery was made by Eugene F. Chafin, prohibition candidate for the presidency in the last campaign. It is believed the mistake in labeling the portraits was made the last time the frames were re-gilded.

"Tay Pay" O'Connor, M. P., had the time of his life in Washington. He was a guest of Hon. Thomas F. Walsh of Colorado. That alone would bear out the above statement, but the noted Irish leader met many kindred spirits here, to their mutual delectation.

Mr. Walsh took Tay Pay up to the capitol and introduced him to pretty much everybody who is anybody. The meeting with the speaker was typical. "So this is Tay Pay?" remarked Mr. Cannon. "And you're Uncle Joe," answered the Irishman. Then they had a long talk.

Representative Hobson of Alabama, is still working hard for a big navy. The man of the Merrimac is certain that war is inevitable, and that as things are going, the United States will probably be in for defeat in the first stages of the conflict.

"Then," he said, "it will have to prolong the war for years at fearful cost of lives and treasure to achieve final victory."

Hobson's plan to avert this calamity is to build six battleships a year. He says: "It will make war less likely and, if it does come, will insure speedy victory for Uncle Sam."

Congress at this session should authorize not less than four first-class battleships," Hobson said. "England is building 248,000 tons of warship displacement, Germany 211,000 tons, France 164,000, Russia 153,000 and the United States only 103,000 tons, with Japan close behind with 93,000 tons."

In common with other Southern statesmen, Senator Culberson of Texas, affects the wide brimmed soft black Stetson, which to some of the old timers recalls the senator's father, who in his time was a big man in Washington.

Judge Culberson had a peculiar gait which he acquired, he said, from driving steers when he was a boy. "And that's one fault my boys, Bob and Charlie, won't have," the judge used to say, "because I have given them two precepts that I hope they will follow. One was to learn how to walk and the other was to remember where they put their hats. By George, I've spent one-third of my life looking for my hat, and I want the boys to save the time."

I had the rare good fortune to meet up with Private John Allen of Tupelo, Miss., the other day. He is the

same old John, full of wit and humor. The "private" said it was very hard for him to decide between love and duty when the time came for him to leave congress.

"You see," said he, "I knew it was my duty to remain in congress for the uplift of my fellow men, and yet the love for farm life was intense within me, and then the farm needed my attention.

"Many a time while I have walked through the furrow following the mule my thoughts have wandered back to Washington and the legislative halls of congress, and I have wondered whether the dear people were being taken care of since I left. I have to come up once in a while to look them over and to straighten them out. I have always to neglect something on the farm, however. For instance, here I am now, when it is hog-killing time down here, and cotton is still soaring."

There was a great gathering of Southerners at Confederate Hall Tuesday evening when Washington Camp Veterans gave an entertainment under the direction of Miss Ruth Worthington Bowie, sponsor, and Miss Ellen Lane Williams, maid of honor, assisted by a young ladies' committee, comprising Misses Edna Saunders, Sue Riley, Elizabeth Gould, Ethel Saffold, Catherine Bowie, Mary Lynch, Rita Wrenn, Lucie Compton, Margaret Young and Mabel Berry, and by the dance committee of the Sons, of which Mr. F. R. Pravel is chairman. The patronesses were Mrs. C. Merwin, Mrs. Samuel Sprigg Belt, Mrs. George S. Covington, Mrs. Magnus S. Thompson, Mrs. Wallace Streater, Mrs. Goodwin Hulings Williams, Mrs. William H. Saunders and Mrs. W. Worthington Bowie. The floor committee comprised Mr. Abner H. Ferguson, chairman; Mr. J. Monroe Britt, vice chairman, and Messrs. F. R. Pravel, Ernest H. Daniel, Taylor O. Timberlake, Edwin C. Dutton, Thomas M. Neale, William J. Neale, Robert R. Thompkins, J. Edward Pennybacker, J. Edwin Nell and Robert Hite Turner.

Samuel W. Archer of Atlanta, in speaking of Georgia's swamps, claimed that they are not as black nor as noxious as they are painted. "There will be a time," said Mr. Archer, "when swamps will be made into parks for the preservation of their scenic beauty, which is not yet appreciated by nature lovers. There is an additional reason for the preservation of the swamps in the great need of forestation for the protection of the sources of streams, although most of the great swamps may not be found at the sources of streams, but near the mouths of rivers.

"From time immemorial swamps have been identified with malaria. I think this respect, as there can be no objection to swamps on hygienic

grounds since the discovery that malaria is spread only by the agency of mosquitoes. I understand and appreciate thoroughly that it will be a very difficult argument to convince the people that the swamps are not half as bad as they are painted, but they certainly have their useful purposes, which should be taken into consideration before they are abolished."

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore H. Tiller have Mrs. Tiller's sister, Mrs. Etha Patterson Griffin, of Bainbridge, Ga., with them for the winter. Mrs. Griffin held a position in the Brenau College in Eufaula, Ala., last year on the music faculty.

Mrs. Dent and little son, wife and son of Representative Stanley Dent, of Montgomery, Ala., have taken an apartment at Congress Hall for the season.

Cattle Stood Cold Well.

"Cattle in Irion county stood the recent cold snap well and came out of it looking all right," said H. McManus, who has a small ranch in that county. "There are excellent prospects for early grass out my way, and the weed crop, before the grass comes, should be good."

Best Business Ever.

"We had the best business during the holidays that I have ever seen since I have been in Irion county," said M. J. Norrell, a merchant of Sherwood and Merton. Mr. Norrell thinks, too, that prospects for the fu-

ture prosperity of his section are very bright.

Not a Suffragist, Yet.

During the presidential campaign the question of woman suffrage was much discussed among women, pro and con, and at an afternoon tea the conversation turned that way between the women guests.

"Are you a woman suffragist?" asked the one who was most interested. "Indeed, I am not," replied the other, most emphatically. "Oh, that's too bad; but, just supposing you were, whom would you support in the present campaign?" "The same man I've always supported, of course," was the apt reply, "my husband."—Judge.

Proper Style.

Homer—Say, is it true that they eat horse meat in Paris? Trotter—Yes. Homer—And how is it served? Trotter—A la cart, of course.

How It Began.

Man was experiencing his first ache. "It warns me," he reasoned, "that I have violated a law of nature and puts me on guard against doing so again."

But just here he happened to discover some anodyne herb which put an end to the ache. "Ha! I needn't trouble, after all—I can go on and do as I please!" he exclaimed, highly thanking his lucky stars. And from such beginnings rose the great art of healing.—Puck.

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PAINT ROCK TRAIN LEAVES THURSDAY

Service Inaugurated on Funflower By Santa Fe—Time of Departure From San Angelo 11:45 A. M.

Train service between San Angelo and Paint Rock has been inaugurated on the Concho, San Saba and Llano Valley railway, and the initial trip will be made Thursday, the train leaving San Angelo at 11:45 in the morning. The service was started through instructions from the general offices at Galveston, received Wednesday by Agent Everhart.

The return schedule of the new train has not been received here, and it will probably not be worked out until after a few trips have been made. The train will continue to leave San Angelo at 11:45 daily, and the time table will probably be so arranged that it will return late in the night.

Connection with No. 77, the incoming Santa Fe passenger, will be made at Miles, and a lay over of probably 30 minutes in that place will thus be made.

This is the first train service to be started over the new road. Although trains have made occasional trips between Miles and other points, no definite time table had ever been made.

All Paint Rock will turn out Thursday evening to greet the arrival of the first train. The new road was completed to Paint Rock Monday afternoon. The passenger station there has been finished for several weeks.

New Automobiles Here.
Several new 1910 model automobiles have made their appearance upon the streets of San Angelo only recently. Among them a new Reo, the latest make, has been received by the local agents, Hay & Hogg. The San Angelo station has also received a new Chalmers-Detroit car.

Back From Fishing Trip.
Jim Landon and Tom Anderson returned Wednesday evening from a two days' fishing excursion on the South Concho at Christoval, bringing back as trophies nearly every variety of the finny tribe to be found in this stream. They met with all sorts of success, and contemplate an early return to the place.

ELKS GIVE DANCE.
Affair at Lodge Hall One of Brilliant Events of Social Season.

One of the most delightful dances of the year was given at the Elks' hall Wednesday evening in honor of the visiting young men and ladies in San Angelo, and more than sixty couples were present.

It was a Christmas dance, and a compliment especially to the San Angelo young men and ladies who are at home from school for the holidays, who will return shortly. They numbered twenty-four.

OPEN MEETINGS BY MEDICAL SOCIETY

PHYSICIANS WILL INVITE THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND.

Great Benefit is Expected to Result. Officers Elected at Tuesday Night's Meeting.

Members of the Tom Green County Medical Society have concluded that it will be for the good of the people to have as many of them as possible attend the meetings of the society. Consequently, hereafter the society will hold open meetings, to which the public will be invited. Many things are brought out at these meetings that will be of general interest, and members of the society hope to better conserve the public health by informing the people, as far as possible, how to remain well.

The new officers of the society to serve during 1910 are: Dr. Bascom Lynn, president; Dr. Estes Payne, first vice president; Dr. R. B. Leavell, second vice president; Dr. J. S. Hixson, second vice president. There officers were elected at a meeting held Tuesday night. The election was followed by a supper at the Angelo restaurant.

Real Estate Transfers.
Paul Abstract and Title Company's report; recorded Dec. 29, 1909:

R. A. Stillwell to Geo. Hagelstein, \$4692.40. Conveys 163.3 acres out of survey 875, E. Denker, 26.5 acres, survey 876, A. Burkhardt.

R. A. Stillwell to Geo. Hagelstein. Conveys lots 3, 4 and 5, in block B; lots 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, in block C, and block D and E, town of Bohemia.

R. W. Shockley et ux. to I. G. Yates. Conveys lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 80, Miles addition.

Park Heights Realty company to E. E. Bailey, \$1 and other valuable consideration. Conveys lots 15 and 16, in block 17, Lake View addition.

In Rannels.
The cotton crop is about gathered in Rannels county. It was a very good crop and the feed crop was especially good as compared to the crops of other Texas counties. This emphasizes the logic of the importation of about 400 cows into the county to be fed on milo maize that the Ballinger creamery now in process of erection may be supplied with cream and the farmers supplied with cash during those months of the year when neither cotton, oats, wheat or other crops are ready for the market. Get some Jersey cows!—Ballinger Ledger.

Called to San Antonio.
Rev. Robert A. McCurdy, son of Rev. A. H. P. McCurdy of Brownwood, who is now at home spending his vacation, has been called to the pastorate of a church in San Antonio. Mr. McCurdy is an able young minister, and is much loved by all the people here who know him.

"To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing."
—ELBERT HUBBARD.

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By some of our friends for holding this sale at this time of year.

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They are honest in their criticism but they do not understand the modern method of merchandising---the Henderson way.

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The Pre-Inventory Sale continues all week and Saturday night. There will be a splendid array of bargains on display up to the very last moment.

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BASEBALL MAGNATES PREPARING FOR 1910

NATIONAL PASTIME NEXT SEASON TO BE BETTER THAN EVER.

More Money and Bigger Crowds, Says Murphy of Cubs—Major League Teams to Train in Texas.

BY MANHATTAN (Publishers Press Special Service.)

New York, Dec. 29.—Now that the smoke has about blown away from the baseball battlefield and the most of the magnates have sheathed their tomahawks and scalping knives, we shall turn an eye to the season of 1910 which will be, say the big guns, the biggest, brightest, busiest and bountiful season baseball has ever known. Here are some expressions which I have gathered:

C. Webb Murphy, of Chicago—"The season of 1910 will skin 'em all. More money, bigger crowds and better baseball than ever before."

Barney Dreyfus, of Pittsburgh—"The Pirates will win the National League pennant again in 1910 and we will give the circuit the fastest game ever played."

Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati—"We have made arrangements for the best season in the history of the National game."

John Dovey, of Boston—"With better times, better crowds and better baseball, what more can we ask? That's what we will have next summer."

Sam Johnson, speaking for the American league, epitomized the expression of every league leader when he said: "The season of 1910 will be the most prosperous in the annals of the game."

Fred Clarke, captain and manager of the world's champion Pirates, has been in New York on his mid-winter vacation, spending some time here before Christmas before returning to his Kansas ranch. Fred attended the big league meeting and lingered to see the sights. I met him on Broadway and he unfolded this: "Why can't one of the big leagues be induced either to include the West or else why can't the Westerners have a big league of their own? Since I

have been in the West I have marveled more and more that this has not come to pass. Include such cities as Denver, Salt Lake City, Seattle, Spokane, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Butte or some other Montana town. It would pay and the class of baseball being furnished out our way is not up to the standard which the people ought to have."

Fred wore a big sombrero and I wouldn't be surprised if he carried a gun, although he denied the soft impeachment.

Here are the training camps of the big league baseball teams as they were announced following the National and American meetings:

National League.
Chicago—New Orleans, La.
Pittsburg—Hot Springs, Ark.
Philadelphia—Southern Pines, N. C.
New York, Marlin, Tex.
Cincinnati—Hot Springs, Ark.
St. Louis—Little Rock, Ark.
Boston—(Not selected definitely.)
Brooklyn—Columbia, S. C.

American League.
Cleveland—Alexandria, La.
Detroit—San Antonio, Tex.
Washington—Norfolk, Va.
St. Louis—Houston, Texas.
Boston—Hot Springs, Ark.
Philadelphia—Atlanta, Ga.
New York—Athens, Ga.
Chicago—Los Angeles and Frisco, Calif.

Notice the popularity of Hot Springs since the Pittsburgh Pirates have won the world's championship. Barney Dreyfus first found the place with its excellent vim-giving baths and now all the big teams are scrambling for a chance to get in there.

Elevator Is Installed.
Finishing touches are being made on the upper stories of the new Mayes building on Chadbourne street, and pretty soon San Angelo will see her first electric passenger elevator in motion. The car has already been installed, and pretty soon the office rooms in the structure will be ready for occupancy.

Will Skin Them All.
"You may talk about the greatness of Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and other Texas cities, but, believe me, San Angelo is sure to some day pass them, and thereby become the greatest city in the southwest," is a statement from James Shields, the real estate man, who leaves soon for an extended stay in Knoxville, Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and Big Rapids, but to return with a bunch of investors and besides several thousand in money to invest in San Angelo property and industries.

S. F. Bethel Says:

I am glad I bought a lot in LAKE VIEW. I get great satisfaction in going out about once a week and noting how my property increases in value with the wonderful improvements they are making with that \$55,000.00. I bought this property on the installment plan and will soon own several lots and will never have missed the money.

THE PARK HEIGHTS REALTY CO.

sold me a good lot at a reasonable price on very reasonable terms.

PROPOSE PEACE CONFERENCE TO END REBELLION

PRESIDENT MADRIZ OF NICARAGUA IN OPEN LETTER OFFERS GEN. ESTRADA CONCESSIONS.

JOINT COMMISSION TO DISCUSS TERMS

Insurrection in Central America is Believed to Be at an End—Zelaya Is Repudiated by the New Ruler.

Bluefields, Dec. 28.—A joint conference of two commissions representative of President Madriz and of General Estrada, and the provisional government, has been fixed for Saturday. Peace terms will be discussed. It is believed now that peace in Nicaragua is a matter of but few weeks.

Madriz Wants Peace. Washington, Dec. 28.—Strife efforts are being made by President Madriz of Nicaragua, to make peace with General Estrada and bring about the establishment of a new government in Nicaragua, according to dispatches received by the state department today.

To Attend Wedding. Washington, Dec. 28.—President Taft tonight left for New York to attend the wedding of his niece, Miss Louise Taft, to George N. Snowden of Seattle. The wedding takes place tomorrow.

W. GOULD WROTE LETTER.

Asked Wife's Mother What Course He Should Pursue. New York, Dec. 28.—A letter written by W. Gould Brokaw to Mrs. Brokaw's mother a year after their marriage was read in the separation suit today. Brokaw asked Mrs. Blair, his wife's mother, what should be done, as his wife had given up her belief in God and became an infidel.

HOMER DAVENPORT IS ILL.

Famous Cartoonist Reported in Critical Condition. San Diego, Cal., Dec. 28.—Homer Davenport, the famous cartoonist of New York, is ill here. His condition is reported critical.

JOHN L'S BACKER DEAD.

Matthew Clune, New York Hotel Keeper, Passes Away. New York, Dec. 28.—Matthew Clune, hotel keeper of New York, died tonight. He was the first man to back John L. Sullivan financially.

SILLIMAN IS PRESIDENT.

Elected Head of First National Bank of Eldorado. Eldorado, Dec. 28.—W. B. Silliman has been elected president of the First National Bank of this city. Mr. Silliman is connected with the two companies recently organized to further develop the town, the Eldorado Water Power Company, and he is prominently identified with other interests.

RAILROAD MAN GOES INSANE; POLICE CALLED

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—Bernard H. Ball, second vice president and general manager of the Reading Railroad, went insane in his office today. It became necessary to call three policemen to keep him from inflicting injuries on officials in other offices.

THE WEATHER.

Publishers Press. Washington, Dec. 29.—Weather forecast for Texas: Continued cool in west and north, and winds and unsettled weather in east and south; snow flurries.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY TO CONNECT LARGE CITIES OF TEXAS

EASTERN CAPITALISTS IN STATE PUSHING PROJECT.

Syndicate Worth \$26,000,000 Proposes to Construct 1000 Miles Within Next Three Years.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 28.—C. L. Huges of Chicago and L. L. Sweeney of New York are here in charge of the preliminary work of a projected railroad system to connect the larger cities of Texas with a new electric line. A syndicate worth \$26,000,000 is behind an electric railroad company that will construct 1000 miles of track in Texas within the next three years.

Chair of Aviation Urged. Budapest, Dec. 28.—The members of the Budapest Academic Athletic and Football Clubs are endeavoring to establish a chair of aviation at the Academy of Art. The professors of the Academy of Art are strongly in favor of the proposal.

WILL RESIDE IN TEXAS.

Niece of Former President Roosevelt Married. New York, Dec. 28.—Miss Christine Roosevelt, niece of former President Roosevelt, was married today to Lieutenant James Shelton, of the Eleventh Cavalry. The couple will make their home in Texas, where the groom's regiment is stationed.

PRINCE LEOPOLD IS STRANGER.

Member of Royal Family of Battenburg is Interesting Character. London, Dec. 28.—Prince Leopold of Battenburg, who has been more seriously ill than is generally understood, is almost unknown to the outside world. From a child he has been most delicate, and has occasioned much anxiety to his family. He is a great favorite with the king, and is devoted to his sister, the queen of Spain, who hurried to this country as soon as she heard of his grave illness. Prince Leopold is now in a nursing home in the West End, and is progressing favorably, though it is evident that he will have to spend some time abroad before he is anything like strong again.

He has been studying hard at Cambridge, where he is very popular. He is quite unable to enter into any of the more violent sports at the Varsity, but he is a very keen debater, and takes part in the debates to a very considerable extent. Some time ago he provoked considerable amusement when he rose to move a motion that "England might be better under a Republic." Cries of "Treason, treason," met him on all sides, while a humorist in the back seats cried, "Oh, shame! What will Uncle Teddy say?"

Gates to Buy Land.

Galveston, Dec. 28.—John W. Gates is negotiating for the purchase of big tracts of ore land in the Colima district of Mexico. Gates is spending thousands on a home near here, which is now the finest in Texas.

Relief Given 124,811.

London, Dec. 28.—The number of persons in receipt of poor-law relief in London is 124,811, and of these 80,089 are in the workhouses and 44,722 outside. The total is lower by 4474 than that for the corresponding time in 1908, and represents a rate of 25.8 per 1000 of the population.

DR. COOK IN SANITARIUM.

Rumored That He is a Patient at Mount Clemens, Mich. Dec. 28.—There is ground for the belief that Dr. Frederick A. Cook is in a Mount Clemens sanitarium, but investigation has confirmed the rumor. Dr. R. H. Martin has a mysterious patient under his care. When questioned he refused to either affirm or deny the report that his patient was Dr. Cook, leaving the impression that he is guarding a secret he had been especially commissioned to keep.

Committee to Find Out Cause of Stock Flurry

Publishers Press.

New York, Dec. 28.—The special committee of the board of governors of the stock exchange today commenced an investigation into the sudden flurry of Rock Island common stock yesterday with a view of summary punishment of the offenders, provided sales circulated in financial circles are found to be true. The special committee is composed of Francis L. Eames, former president of the stock exchange; J. L. Atterbury and Ernest Groesbeck, and the 'severe' members of the exchange who figured in the buying and selling were today called before the inquisitorial body. The same mystery which surrounded the transaction yesterday featured the investigation today, and the officials still maintain that they cannot throw any light on the sudden jump.

Stock Falls 2 Points.

The market today was nervous as the result of the excitement yesterday and the course of Rock Island stock was downward, falling 2 points. Early trading, however, showed good strength in Union Pacific and Southern Pacific stocks. American Smelting and Anaconda stocks moved up 2 points after receding slightly. There was a good demand for Southern Pacific, which advanced three-eighths of a point to the 134 mark. In the last hour Rock Island receded, although London bought this stock heavily. The market closed fairly active and strong. All bonds unchanged and firm. Call money was at 5 1/4 per cent.

BALLINGER-PINCHOT SQUABBLE INQUIRY STARTS IN EARNEST

JOINT COMMITTEE OF HOUSE AND SENATE HAS CHARGE.

Administration Decides Upon Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, as Chairman.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Ballinger-Pinchot controversy investigation, ordered recently by the president, has commenced in earnest. A searching inquiry that promises numerous interesting developments is promised and none will be spared in the effort to get at the bottom of the squabble. The administration today decided that a joint committee of the house and senate will have charge and Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, has been selected to head the committee.

Whitehead Treasurer.

New York, Dec. 28.—C. N. Whitehead has been elected treasurer of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, succeeding C. C. Hodge, who retires January 1.

MADE COOK INTO PEARY.

San Francisco Carnival Float Remodeled to Suit Copenhagen Decision. San Francisco, Dec. 28.—One of the electric floats which have been made for the big New Year's eve celebration here represents the discovery of the North Pole. Dr. Cook was represented, attended by two Eskimos and dogs.

Now that the University of Copenhagen has seen fit to withdraw its support from Dr. Cook's claim the wax figure that depicts him on the carnival float will be taken down from the pole and remodelled into an effigy of Peary. Only a change of mustache and a little remodelling of the wax features and Peary will stand by the pole where wax Dr. Cook stood before.

SUES M'ILWAIN AGAIN.

Girl With Whom He Eloped Now Seeks a Divorce. Canton, Dec. 28.—Helen Lucille McIlwain, daughter of the Rev. J. R. Jacob of Massillon, filed suit in the common pleas court for a divorce from Herbert E. McIlwain of New York and Detroit, with whom she eloped and whom she married at Pittsburg on October 17.

She says that since the marriage she has learned that McIlwain had another wife, from whom he had never been divorced. She says that he gave their names at the local probate court as Stuart Allen Evans and Ellen Grace Morrison. This is the third case now pending against McIlwain, as he will be tried for bigamy in Pittsburg and for perjury and divorce here.

Cobless Corn.

And now it's an Illinois farmer presents the country with an almost cobless corn. Perhaps the time is coming when the diner munching corn will not have to wrestle with the cob, and rising generations will bless the man who eliminated it. The new corn is described as having each kernel growing on the parent stem instead of adhering to a cob. The Illinois grower says that he eliminated the cob by taking the tip of each ear, and setting only the very top kernels, and shortly expects to evolve a perfectly cobless corn. The agricultural college of that state is looking after the experiment. Of course, like all improvements, there are some disprovers who remark: "Where would be the delight of munching corn if there were no cob on which to sharpen the teeth?"—National Magazine.

JUDGE HOUGH WILL SUSTAIN SENTENCE GIVEN C. W. MORSE

WIFE AND SON OF CONVICTED MAN LEAVE CHAMBER CRYING.

Indicate Court Has Decided that 15-Year Sentence in Prison Must Be Served at Atlanta.

New York, Dec. 28.—The final decision in the appealed case of Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, is to be handed down by United States Judge Hough tomorrow. Judge Hough called the wife and son of Morse into his chambers tonight and they left weeping, which made it evident that Judge Hough has sustained the 15-year sentence given Morse. Morse, then, Hough indicated, must serve the term in the federal prison at Atlanta in preparation for wrecking the National Bank of North America.

SWINDLERS CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Police of Rome Save an American From Loss—Bogus Bills. Rome, Dec. 28.—The police arrested two confidence men, who said they were Peter Webb of London and John Jones of Winnipeg, Manitoba. They were trying to rob an American visitor. When the men were searched the police found forged English and French bank notes of the face value of \$10,000 and a quantity of bogus jewelry in their possession.

Count Tolstol III.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Count Tolstol, the noted author and philosopher, is ill of fever. Three physicians have been called from Moscow in consultation.

BONDS AUTHORIZED.

St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Road May Issue \$6,534,000.

Austin, Dec. 28.—The Texas Railroad commission has issued an order fixing the total value of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico railroad at \$10,756,385, covering 411 miles of trackage. The commission has issued an order providing for the registration of \$6,534,000 worth of the company's first mortgage 5 per cent gold bonds. This amount represents the difference between the newly fixed valuation and the outstanding stock and bonds of the company.

Plague of Locusts in Tabasco.

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—The governor of the state of Tabasco has made an official report to the federal government that portions of that state are being ravaged by a plague of locusts. The pests are spreading rapidly he says.

MURDERED IN YEMEN.

Count Benzone and German Companion Victims of Arabian Rebels. Rome, Dec. 28.—The foreign office has received information to the effect that natives of Yemen, Arabia, have murdered the Count Benzone and his companion, a wealthy German merchant named Murckhardt. Count Benzone was lately consular agent at Mocha. He resigned his post to make an expedition into Yemen in the company with Burckhardt. The route they took is notoriously unsafe, but their caravan had a military escort furnished by the Turkish government. They were probably attacked by robbers. It is understood that Italy and Germany will jointly demand reparation from Constantinople.

Harriman's Auditor Resigns. Publishers Press. New York, Dec. 28.—An announcement from Judge Love, issued from his office today, was to the effect that Erastus Young, general auditor of the Harriman lines, has tendered his resignation. His successor has not been named.

ALLEGED NEW YORK MAN JUMPED BAIL IN TEXAS IN 1900

CHARGES SAID TO BE PENDING AGAINST C. D. ADAMS.

Police Investigate Record and Alleged He Swindled People in Certain Investments.

New York, Dec. 28.—The investigation of the criminal record of C. D. Adams in this city has developed that swindling charges are alleged to be pending against him in Texas. The police say that he jumped bail to the extent of \$10,000 in 1900. Adams, it is charged, induced Europeans to invest in mining companies in Texas that did not exist.

WEATHER IN COTTON BELT.

Frost Indicated in Many Sections Outside of Texas.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The weather forecast for the cotton belt, outside of Texas, shows frost in many places tonight through Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and the Carolinas. It is not believed, however, that frost in those states, coming so late, will have any appreciable effect on the crop.

GIN USED AS CURRENCY.

Southern Nigeria Pay Fines With Bot-The Butler's Idea.

London, Dec. 28.—In the economic life of Southern Nigeria, gin seems to be a factor of considerable importance, for, according to the report of the committee of inquiry into the liquor trade of the district, it is even used as currency. "In the more backward part of the country," says the report, "British coin is regarded with suspicion. The people are still in the barter stage, and for various reasons gin furnishes the most convenient standard of value. "In five native courts in the Brass district where pecuniary fines had been imposed payment was made in gin, contrary to the instructions of the government. A church missionary witness named Onyeabo informed us that fines were taken in gin at Onitsha by the government, and that a native crier summoned the waterside people in the name of the district government to elect a chief, proclaiming at the same time that every person who did not attend would be fined twelve bottles of gin. In one school Bishop Johnson found that sixty of the seventy-five children between the ages of 8 and 16 years were regular gin drinkers. Nevertheless, the standard of sobriety in Southern Nigeria is stated to be much higher than in the United Kingdom."

TO CLIMB MT. M'KINLEY.

Six Alaskans Set Out to Determine Whether Cook Reached Summit. Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 28.—An expedition organized several months ago to attempt an ascent of Mount McKinley and disprove or verify Dr. Frederick A. Cook's story that he reached the summit set out from Fairbanks with dog teams and supplies. It will establish a base at the foot of the mountain and make a dash for the summit in March. The party is composed of Thomas Lloyd, William Taylor, Charles McGonigle, Peter Anderson, Robert Horn and Charles Davidson, all hardy Alaskan pioneers, familiar with the mountain. The climbers will forfeit \$5,000 if none of them reaches the summit.

DONATION NOT ACCEPTED.

New King of Belgium Returned Subscription of Baroness.

Brussels, Dec. 28.—A great sensation has been caused by the new king of Belgium. Recently he opened a public subscription to provide a training ship for young sailors. The donations simply rolled in, and among the subscribers was the Baroness Vaughan, the inkeeper's daughter, who was the dead ruler's favorite. Her donation was a large one, but, directly he saw her name on the list, King Albert ordered the treasurer to return the Baroness her money, and had a new list printed, minus the lady's name. Of course, the Baroness was furious, but the people are heartily with the king.

CONSPIRACIES ALARM RUSSIA; ARRESTS MADE

NETWORK OF PLOTS IS DISCOVERED IN CZAR NICHOLAS' EMPIRE.

SITUATION Baffles THE SECRET POLICE

Suspects to the Number of 438 Are Said to Have Been Arrested in Town of Kieff—Outlook is Threatening at Viborg.

Publishers Press.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The internal situation in Russia is giving the authorities very grave concern. A whole network of conspiracies and preparations for a revolutionary rising has, it is stated, been discovered, and wholesale arrests are being made in several places. It is reported that at Kieff a police force of 500 men is searching everywhere in the city; 438 suspects are said to have been arrested in the town itself, and 82 in its neighborhood. In Viborg the outlook is very threatening. This in fact is true in all the Finnish provinces. It is practically conceded that the Russian government intends to materially curtail the power of the Finnish diet, and if the Finns attempt resistance by force, which is regarded as more than likely, Finland will be placed on the same footing as Poland. The government is prepared to deal with the utmost severity with any revolutionary attempt.

MUST BE RICH.

Bride of Portugal's King Will Have to Have the Coin.

London, Dec. 28.—Now that the King of Portugal has left England it may be stated that very great annoyance has been caused at court by circumstances and persistent reports that the real object of his visit was his betrothal to one of the daughters of the Princess Royal and the Duke of Fife. There never has been even the shadow of an idea in any responsible quarter either in England or in Portugal, Truth says, of King Manuel seeking a bride in this country. He is to visit Vienna next year, and then he will probably be betrothed to an Austrian archduchess, who will bring him a very large fortune. It is indispensible that the future queen of Portugal should be a Roman Catholic and rich endowed, and the archduchess who is mentioned at court and in diplomatic circles as likely to marry King Manuel, fulfills both these conditions.

Oppose Increased Duty.

Paris, Dec. 28.—In anticipation of the discussion in the French Chamber of the proposed changes in French import duties on steel, the British Chamber of Commerce has renewed its representations both against the proposed increases of duty on high speed steel and the classification of steel according to the percentages of tungsten or other alloy contained.

FORMER SENATOR DEAD.

Roberts of Wyoming Passes Away at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Former United States Senator Roberts of Wyoming, who was here for his health, died today.

Bonds Redeemed.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Houston and Texas Central railroad has drawn for redemption at 110 and accrued interest its outstanding consolidated mortgage bonds.

DR. WILEY TO RESIGN, RUMOR IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 28.—It is rumored here that Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, at the head of the bureau of chemistry of the department of agriculture, will tender his resignation Feb. 1. Dr. Wiley, it is remembered, vigorously defended the pure food law.

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IT'S UP TO YOU.

The wet spell that still lingers with us means more than the mud that is to be seen upon Chadbourne street. It means that Mother Earth now has sufficient moisture stored to insure splendid small grain crops next year, and the present thorough seasoning is a good augury that the coming year will be a year of plenty.

The Press-News believes now, and has long believed, there is ample precipitation in this part of Texas each year to insure successful harvests, when any section secures a season insuring favorable harvests.

It is not a consummation of wishes for more rains that West Texas needs; it is a conservation of the rainfall that may reasonably be expected in this section.

Until experiments demonstrate the best methods of conserving the moisture in the soil, stability will never be a fixture in West Texas, viewed agriculturally. Until stability comes to agriculture, the prosperity of West Texas is bound to always be more of a matter of chance good seasons, than otherwise.

This question brings us face to face with two of the crying needs of San Angelo. One is more farmers, more producers of wealth, to sustain a continued growth of this city; and the other is, how to obtain these actual settlers.

The Press-News believes that the proposition that would pay this city even greater returns than securing another railroad, aye, even one to San Antonio, would be the establishing and operating of an experimental farm, conducted along scientific lines and in a manner entirely practical.

In the matter of an experimental farm, it is a hard question to say who ought not to be called upon to contribute to the maintenance of such a farm. But it is not a hard matter to state who ought to take the initiative in the premises. The Press-News holds that it is the duty of the state, not as a gift of the citizens, but as the means of increasing the wealth of Texas—and an increase in the wealth of Texas means an increase in the volume of taxes paid—to blaze this trail. The Press-News further believes that such an experimental farm should be founded by the state and sustained by the state, without the great commonwealth of Texas putting up the prize at auction to be sold to the highest bidder in the same manner that stale fish are disposed of at fishing centers.

The state makes no progress not propelled by the people; not in a country of the form of ours, anyway. To secure this experimental farm it behooves the people of this section to begin laying plans for a long campaign. Every detail should be carefully investigated—not after the balloons have been cast—but now, right now.

The Press-News is frank enough to admit that San Angelo today is a city of greater size and greater importance than the present undeveloped sustaining powers of the country tributary to this place warrant. But a continuation of this same line of candor compels us to admit that our powers of imagination are not strong enough to depict the kind of city San Angelo would be with the tributary country under intensified agriculture.

We ought, in justice to ourselves, see to it that those who are willing to forsake the wilderness of prairie now surrounding this place into fertile fields have charted courses to follow that will insure success as a reward to their efforts. There is but one means by which these charts can be made, and that is through actual experimentation. Theories, while intense in their logic, must make pause when confronted by Mother Earth, at least until they have been given a trial and have been found not wanting.

It is up to us, squarely up to us, to sit idle and see the great advantages of the hour slip by us, nor can we afford to stand mute and deaf while opportunity is knocking at our very doors. Let the Press-News, in all earnestness, ask: "What are you going to do about it?"

DO IT NOW.

A great statesman once declared, "We are confronted by a condition, not a theory."

Have you observed Chadbourne street lately?

The squelching slush is a music sweet to the ears of the tillers of the soil; but it is a deadening damper on those who take a pardonable pride in the greatness of San Angelo.

We know that when suggestions are made relative to paving Chadbourne street they but elicit the hundred and one reasons every one clothed with authority can cite, why it cannot now be done.

The Press-News wants to hear none of these reasons. The Press-News wants to see Chadbourne street paved.

It has been said that where there's a will, a way can always be found. The Press-News believes there's a powerful amount of willingness in San Angelo right now to pave Chadbourne street. The Press-News calls upon the fortunate and unfortunate ones who have been given the reins of government to square their actions to the voice of the people.

It is said that a special charter must first be secured before this leading thoroughfare can be paved. That's a lawyer's reason. In answer to this proposition, the Press-News cites the fact that Stamford, a place less than ten years old, and having less than 7000 people, has 14 blocks of paved streets, 25 miles of concrete sidewalks and no special charter.

What Stamford has done, San Angelo ought to be able to do.

The trouble is there are too many people hunting for a reason why Chadbourne street cannot be paved; too few people seeking to find a way to pave that street.

Plant trees.

Pave Chadbourne street.

Don't be a back number, Pay your poll tax.

Dr. Cook got the hook. The Press-News had it first.

A tidal wave hit Boston. Betcher it got a wordy reception.

Only a little longer and the off year in politics will be a thing of the past. McDuff will do a lot of laying on during 1910.

The Houston Post says that Peary should invite scrutiny. If Peary is wise he will invite solitude. The world is tired right now of too much polarity.

Admiral Dewey has celebrated his 72d birthday. Admiral Dewey knows where the house of too much trouble is located.

The Fort Worth Record of Monday didn't carry enough advertising to wad a 16-gauge shotgun. If the Record carried the amount of advertising it ought to have it would never have less than 32 pages.

It's a precious good thing that Christmas comes but once a year, for if we had two Christmases in this week in San Angelo, Santa Claus wouldn't be able to replenish his pack here. A better Christmas trade than the one enjoyed this year has never been the portion of the merchants of this city.

Frederick Remington, the great depicter of Western scenes, is dead. Remington was a master mind with a marvelous capacity to cling close to the greatest truths of nature. Whether in marble, or on canvas, his Western expressions of genius had a Western flavor and were reflections of Western thoughts. The world can ill afford to lose such a man.

And in passing, let us not forget to return thanks at the proper moment for the splendid decision made by the Kansas judge who held the bank deposit guarantee law of that state unconstitutional. The courts, after all, save us most frequently from committing hari-kari. The Press-News holds that this vicious measure is one that weakens strong banks without in like proportion strengthening weak banks. Let us trim our sails to catch every favoring breeze that blows us to the port of saner and better things.

Reese Fowler, the daring revolutionist fighting in Nicaragua, is a typical product of Texas, and he knows not the nature of fear. Those who heard him on that notable occasion will recall the words he used in introducing Senator Bailey to an audience in Palestine: "My fellow citizens," said Capt. Fowler, "the class of anti-Bailey leaders we have in Palestine is a fair sample of the anti-Bailey pack leaders in the state. Need I pay a higher tribute to any man than to say that he has excited the hate of such men as these?" Then Capt. Fowler proceeded to fire seven broadsides a second for about five minutes and every shot hit.

PITHY EDITORIAL POINTS

Can't Name Him.

Col. Henry Watterson admits that he is unable at present to name the next Democratic candidate for president. Why should Col. Watterson, or anybody else, bother about the matter? That is Bryan's job.—Abilene Morning News.

Disgrace to State.

Senator Hudspeth, who is a member of the penitentiary investigating board, says the whole system is corrupt and brands it as a disgrace to the state. The Democratic party cannot afford to permit such a condition of affairs to continue. It has gone on too long now, and the sooner the dominant party rights the wrongs, the sooner will public confidence in its purpose to afford honest government be established.—Mertzon Star.

That North Pole.

The North Pole must have become interested in the Peary-Cook controversy and moved itself down into this section, in order to be closer to headquarters. At least, the cold weather that has been so fierce and prolonged indicates that the Pole is not so far away as our usual sunny Italian skies would suggest.—Miles Messenger.

If Zelaya could get to his savings in Brussels he would not hesitate a moment about paying his nephew's breach of promise suit.—Austin Statesman.

Wasn't Declared Innocent.

The Belton Journal-Reporter says that it cannot understand how Pierce can be guilty of violating the anti-trust laws of the state which subjected him to a fine of nearly two million dollars, and still be innocent of the charge of false swearing. The Journal-Reporter falls into the error of assuming Pierce's innocence. The courts did not declare him innocent, but he was declared loose on the ground that his own testimony could not be used to convict him of crime, although it could be used to subject his company to a fine.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Not Particular Who.

Not having any choice in the race for governor, this paper is going to be perfectly free to criticize any candidate in the race and publish criticisms pro and con from other papers. And we'll be perfectly unbiased in doing so, too.—Abilene Morning News.

Let's again say that Gov. Campbell is doing better. We take great pleasure in commending the manner in which he is dealing with the penitentiary matters, and are wondering who is his new advisor.

Carbolic Acid in Capsules.

New Albany, Ind., Dec. 27.—Mrs. Pearl Armstrong, whose husband died recently, was placed in jail. Armstrong had been ill for some time and circumstances attending his death caused an investigation by the coroner, which resulted in the wife's arrest. A servant girl testified that Mrs. Armstrong gave her husband six capsules containing carbolic acid and that she put on a pair of gloves when she filled the capsules. The poison, she said, was administered in doses one hour apart.

Diamond From a Rooster's Gizzard. Caldwell, N. J., Dec. 27.—John Carroll, a farmer, near Montville, killed a nine pound rooster on Sunday morning for the family dinner. In the gizzard of the bird he found a white stone, which a jeweler told him was worth \$75.

The Tripping Tongue.

"Henry Peck, you're a fool!" "You didn't seem to think so when I was single." "No, you never showed what a big fool you were until you married me."—Exchange.

GAVE BLOOD FOR BROTHER.

Transfusion May Save the Life of Dr. James Stauffer. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 24.—Miss Felisa Stauffer and S. Theodore Stauffer, shortly to be married, are to give their blood in an effort to save the physician, who is now at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Stauffer is a young physician of high standing and has been ill for ten weeks with leucemia, an impoverishment of the blood. His brother and sister came to Baltimore yesterday from Frick, and some of their blood was drawn at the hospital last night for the purpose of seeing how well it would mingle with that of the patient. Blood was also drawn from two other persons.

It was explained that the reason for getting blood from several persons is in order to ascertain which blood will infuse best in the veins of the patient. Drawing it in advance, as was done, is merely experimental, as when the blood is transfused from one person into another it is done by a system of tubes and must not be exposed to the air.

Although on the point of submitting the operation, Dr. Stauffer was bright and cheerful today, and was capable of discussing his case.

TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.

On Texas Central Extension to Deleen In Ninety Days. Publishers Press.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 24.—Positive announcement was made by General Manager Charles Hamilton of the Texas Central Railroad today that actual construction on the extension to Deleen will be commenced within 90 days. "The road will be built to Rising Star or Crossplains as fast as money can do it," he said, "and the road will ultimately be extended to Rotan."

CONSUMPTION OF CORN HAS BEEN EXAGGERATED

PRESIDENT DORSEY OF TEXAS GRAIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES SITUATION.

OFFERS HAVE BEEN ASKED FROM NORTH

Kansas City Dispatch Says That Sections in Texas Do Not Have Sufficient Supply to Meet Demand.

Publishers Press. Chicago, Dec. 24.—President Dorsey, of the Texas Grain Dealers Association, who has been here, discussing the corn situation in Texas, said: "The consumption of corn in Texas has been greatly exaggerated. The rains have made feed very good for some time past and the mild weather has forced the growth of the wheat crop so fast that it has been necessary to pasture it to keep it down. This has greatly cut the consumption of corn. The country elevators in Kansas are full of corn and when they offer us corn they want to make the shipments immediately."

Ask for Offers. Publishers Press. Kansas City, Dec. 24.—Local elevators have been asked by dealers in different parts of Texas for offers of corn. This is not taken by grain men heretofore mean that there is a corn famine in Texas, as it is a big state and there are many sections this year without a supply sufficient to meet the demand.

Aged Woman Burned to Death. Dunkirk, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Margaret Hungerford, 80 years old, a prominent woman of Westfield, N. Y., was burned to death at her home in that village today. The fire was discovered by a woman living next door, who rushed into the building and smothered the flames with a blanket. She found the charred remains of the unfortunate woman in the room. It is thought Mrs. Hungerford's dress caught fire by a spark from the fireplace. She is survived by two sons, W. J. Hungerford, a well-known business man of Westfield, and George Hungerford, with whom she lived, and who was out of town at the time of the fatality.

ENGLAND WILL HAVE THIRTY-FOUR SHIPS

THREE BRITISH FLEETS TO BE UP TO MAXIMUM STRENGTH.

Claimed That Kingdom Will Then Be Superior to High Sea Squadron of Germany.

Publishers Press. London, Dec. 24.—Before the beginning of next spring, the Atlantic, Home and Mediterranean fleets will be brought up to their maximum strength. The power efficiency of the British navy has never been so complete and overwhelming as it will be on that occasion.

The Vanguard and the Collingwood, shortly to be commissioned, will be drafted into the first division of the Home fleet, which will then be composed of eight battleships—six dreadnoughts and the Agamemnon and Lord Nelson. The eight battleships of the King Edward class, vessels of 16,400 tons, will comprise the second division, and the six vessels of the Canopus class, 14,150 tons, will form the fourth division. Each division will be accompanied by attendant cruisers, destroyers, etc. The Atlantic fleet will consist of six battleships of the Formidable class, 15,000 tons, and the 600 battleships of 14,000 tons will constitute the Mediterranean fleet.

We shall have, therefore, in addition to the powerful squadrons of cruisers, destroyer flotillas, etc., no less than 34 battleships in commission, a state of affairs which should effectually dispose of the assertion that the main fleet of Great Britain is "hopelessly inferior in fighting efficiency to the German high sea fleet."

Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor. besides this: "I want to go on record as saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to woman," writes Mrs. O. Rhinevalet, of Vestal Center, N. Y., "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman buoyant spirits, vigor of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them. 50c at all druggists.

Absolutely Pure... Royal Baking Powder Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food. ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. Image of a tin of Royal Baking Powder.

DUST FAKIR COOK FROM MEMBERSHIP IN EXPLORERS CLUB

DECISION OF DANISH COMMITTEE LEADS TO ACTION.

Mysterious Disappearance and Long Absence of Brooklyn Man Taken as Confession.

Publishers Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Following the exposures and the decision of the examining committee of the University of Copenhagen, the Explorers' Club of New York has expelled Dr. Frederick A. Cook from membership. The club was influenced in its action by the continued absence of the explorer and his failure to issue a statement after the report of the Danish scientists was made public. This is taken by local scientists as a confession by Dr. Cook and as conclusive proof that he had imposed upon the world and had faked his data. No doubt lingers in the minds of a majority of local scientists concerning the true status of the polar controversy now and the decision of Copenhagen is taken as final.

WOMAN OFFERS TO SELL BODY.

Willing to Be Dissected After Death to Make Children's Merry Christmas.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Desperate at the thought that her children would be deprived of Christmas joys to which they had been accustomed, a mother advertised that for \$10 she would sell her body to be delivered after her death to the purchaser.

Christmas always has been a time of joy for this woman, who is the mother of four children. She begged that her name be not mentioned. This year owing to an accident which has incapacitated the husband, the little family has been eking out an existence on the \$3 a week earned by the oldest girl, who is 14.

"It's a simple business proposition," said the woman. "I need the money to make the little ones happy and I don't know of any other way to get it. I can't beg. I don't want to borrow without knowing how or when I can return the loan. I've nothing else to sell, so I am willing to give a lien on my body, which will be turned over to the buyers—when—when—"

She stopped and passed her hand across her forehead. "Oh, well," she resumed, "it does seem strange to talk about such a thing, but I am in earnest about it. I am ready."

"I got the idea of selling my body from the experience of an old gentleman we used to know who sold his body to a medical college, and I thought I could do the same thing. I am strong and have always enjoyed good health, and I suppose that the bodies of such persons are preferable for the purposes of the doctors."

"Of course I would agree not to sell my body to any one else," said the mother in answer to a question. "That would be wrong and I don't want to do anybody wrong."

"I don't regard this thing in a spirit of lightness or carelessness. The idea is not attractive to me, and I am willing to undertake it only for the sake of my children." Asked what she would buy with the money, she answered promptly: "First of all, shoes. Three of the children need them badly. Then all of them need stockings and the little ones mits. Candles there are none. The older ones expect nothing, but for the little ones who still believe in Santa Claus there is to be a doll for each."

Looking One's Best.

It's a woman's delight to look her best, but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Listen! Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures pimples, sore eyes, cold sores, cracked lips, chapped hands. Try it. Infallible for piles. 25c at all druggists.

HUSBAND SAYS SHE SHOCKED SHIP CREW; WENT IN SWIMMING

NEW YORK "400" ASTOUNDED AT ALLEGATIONS IN DIVORCE SUIT.

Jack Gallatin in Petition Relates Experiences on Yachting Cruise, With Other Domestic Troubles.

Publishers Press.

New York, Dec. 27.—Aristocratic society was shocked at the allegations made in a suit for separation filed by "Jack" Gallatin, a rich member of the "four hundred," who alleges that his wife is a drunkard and says that during a cruise on their private yacht she took off all her clothing in front of the crew and leaped overboard for a swim in the ocean.

Gallatin says his wife drank so heavily that she broke her health down and he sat up every night at her bedside.

PASTORS NOT TO SHOVEL SNOW.

Bishop Lawrence Doesn't Want Them to Mow Church Lawns, Either.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Bishop Lawrence of the Massachusetts diocese of the Episcopal church has set his seal of disapproval on church fairs and entertainments. He wants the affairs of the parishes conducted on a more dignified and business-like basis. He also makes a strong plea that the rectors' salaries be one of the first items in parish expenditures.

These are some of the things the bishop touches upon in a pastoral letter just issued by him. "I occasionally come across a clergyman who, unpractical or careless in finances, does not pay his debts. I have no excuse to offer for him. Above all other institutions the church should bear a high name for financial honor. "There is as a rule money enough in the people's income to support the church. One discovers this when some object of special interest arrives. I have known a parish to raise enough money in a few weeks to purchase a fine organ, while their rector, an efficient man, silently endured the shame of unpaid bills because his salary was in arrears. I know of few more cruel situations than that of a faithful clergyman who, keenly sensitive, has not been paid his salary, and therefore cannot pay his bills because of the listlessness of the vestry and people."

"The grass on the church lawn should not be left to the minister to cut, neither should the snow on the sidewalks before the churches be cleaned by him; neither should the sidewalks be the last on the street to be cleaned. "The wardens of the churches should hire some one to do these things and not depend on the willingness of the clergy to fill in the gaps."

CORSET STEEL BALKS ATTEMPT

Bullet Fired at Her Through Window is Deflected.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A corset steel probably saved the life of Miss Ethel Eitelhuber when a shot was fired through her bedroom window in her home in an attempt to kill her.

The shades were drawn, but Miss Eitelhuber was standing near the window, her shadow on the curtain gave the would-be murderer his mark. When the bullet struck her she ran into the kitchen, where the other members of the family were seated, crying, "I am shot! I am shot!" The bullet went through her dress, but when it struck the corset it glanced off.

Wants Elephants Too.

New York, Dec. 27.—The scarcity of elephants in Cuba has caused a Cuban planter to refuse to accept the shipment of machinery delivered to his order by a New York manufacturer. The contract called for 100 machinery that could be packed on land on mules, but the plaintiffs' complaint recites that when the elephants arrived they could only be carried by elephants.

Read our classified columns.

Holiday Fares



are very low this year.

Tickets on sale to all points in Texas December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 31, 1909, and January 1, 1910, limited to January 5, 1910, for final return.

Ask Santa Fe Agent about low fares to points in the Old Southeastern States.

W. S. KEENAN
G. P. A., G. C. & S. F. Ry
Galveston

MATTER OF SALARIES WILL BE CONSIDERED

ADJOURNED SESSION OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD THURSDAY.

Councilmen Will Probably Fix Amount of Pay for Services of Recorder and Attorney.

The San Angelo city council will convene in an adjourned session Thursday or Friday of this week to consider, and probably decide, the question of salaries for the various municipal officers.

At the last meeting of the council a motion was made to fix the city attorney's salary at \$300 per year, and this motion was pending when adjournment was taken. The matter of the city recorder's pay had not been discussed, and the salaries of these officers will be up for definite action at the meeting this week.

BURROWS TAKES CHARGE.

Possession of Holmes Stationery Co. Is Given the New Owner.

H. B. Burrows, who purchased the business of the Holmes Stationery company on Chadbourne street, took charge of the stock Monday.

COWMEN IN 18-CARAT LUCK.

Declares Col. Lee Russell, Menard County Stockman.

"Well, to be modest and mild, I should say that the cowmen right now are in 18-carat luck," declares Col. Lee Russell, who gained his title by being able to live seven days on a diet of beans. Col. Russell makes his money in Menard county and spends it in Fort Worth. He has been in the cow business for a long time and has played the red when the blue turned up and had played the blue when the red turned on many a deal. But of recent years he has been calling the turn every time and the result is that he wears a diamond as big as a ball when he wants to.

"This is a great old place," continued Col. Russell. "I have seen lots of fights here and have had a lot of fine times here. I am now sedate and sedate people are always solemn, but you bet I have a good recollection."

Col. Russell is not in San Angelo on purely a pleasure trip. He is after some steers, a whole string of them, and the chances are that when the leaves the local banks will announce a heavy increase in the deposits.

CHANGES BUSINESS.

Veteran Irion County Sheepman Is Now Raising Mules.

L. P. Hinde, a veteran sheepman of Irion county, is a visitor in San Angelo. While Mr. Hinde followed his flocks for many years, he has recently taken up the business of raising fine mules for the market.

"There is money in the mule business," said Mr. Hinde, "if a man raises good stock, and that is the kind I am raising. I have but recently engaged in this business, but I am well pleased with it so far."

"However, the sheepmen are prospering, too, and present conditions are calculated to make an old sheepman want to get back in the business. The good prices for wool and the splendid prospects for winter and spring pasturage look good to the sheepman."

Mr. Hinde has been a resident of Irion county for many years.

A. N. Standard, formerly on a Santa Fe run between Temple and Galveston, has been transferred to a passenger run on the Temple-San Angelo branch, and entered upon his new duties Monday. His headquarters are in San Angelo.

W. C. Penn of Ballinger is here for a few days. Mr. Penn is the representative of a Liverpool cotton concern, and bought a large part of the cotton marketed in San Angelo this year.

Auto Party Fired on.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 28.—Men armed with shotguns attempted to hold up an automobile filled with Atlantic City folks near New Gretna, and fired a charge of small shot, wounding Mrs. William E. Mathis, wife of a builder in this city. A score of the lead pellets entered Mrs. Mathis' face, but she is not dangerously wounded.

REPORTED RIOT IS ONLY HAIR PULLING

WOMEN AT HARRIET SETTLED ARGUMENT IN OLD WAY.

Officers Made a Run in Fast Time, But Found the People All Asleep.

It was truly a "hoss on them," and since the only loss was a gallon or more of gasoline consumed in the automobile in making the trip, the officers just smiled Tuesday morning when an attempt was made to "hooray" them.

A hurry up call for officers reached Sheriff McConnell Monday night from Harriet. Something was wrong at that little town, and although the details were very meagre, the officers figured it out that nothing smaller than a terrible race riot or a pitched battle among the entire citizenship was in progress.

Four strong, they boarded the car, "armed to the teeth," in preparation to quell the "rebellion." The distance was eight miles, and they made it in something less than an hour.

En route they had made all sorts of preparations to handle the affair, plans which were too far ahead of Sherlock Holmes to be guessed. So sure were they that they detected gun explosions when a mile away from town, they stopped the car for five minutes or more to listen.

The town was dark when they entered it, and not a single light was to be seen. A dog howled at the first house they came to, and that was the only greeting they received.

After varied attempts one of the families was aroused. "Where's the dead?" one of the officers inquired of the sleepy inhabitant, as he appeared at the door, lamp in hand.

He received no answer, while the man stood mute in bewilderment, thinking perhaps he was facing a lunatic. "We're officers," continued the deputy sheriff. "Some one phoned that there was trouble here. Show us to it."

"Oh, yes," replied the Harriet citizen, and he directed them to the scene of the trouble just across the street.

There had been trouble, but it was so small an affair that the people had forgotten all about it. However, there was the "dead," the same consisting of a few "rats," not of the animal variety, but ones which originally belonged on the heads of two of the female residents of Harriet. The women had quarreled and there had been a threat to kill, but it finally wound up in a "hair pulling match" between the two women, nothing more or less.

No arrest was made and the officers made preparations to leave.

"Sorry we had you officers come down here tonight," said one of the inhabitants, "but things did look mighty dangerous for a few minutes."

"It's all right," one of the officers admitted for lack of another expression, "but the ride wasn't very healthy."

Between Doctors.

"Doctor, I want to engage you to look after my practice while I'm on vacation."

"But I'm just out of college, doctor, and have had little experience."

"That's all right, my boy. My practice, while large, includes very few people who are actually ill."—Houston Post.

Building Taking Shape.

The new building of the W. E. Newton Furniture company on East Two-Two avenue, just off Chadbourne street, is rapidly taking shape. The walls are about completed and work on the interior is progressing.

The kidneys ache when they are overworked and the trouble gets serious unless promptly removed. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable kidney tonic and bowell regulator. Central Drug Store, special agent.

A Holiday.

Some day, old pal, we'll drop the work and care
And grind that comes with years of toil,
And seek the sylvan shades and babbling brooks
Away from bustle and turmoil
And for a brief time we will live again
The simple life and taste the simple joys
And, dream once more of possibilities
That thrilled with hope when you and I were boys.
We'll climb the hills and seek the woodland path
Where berries ripened on the summer day;
Or linger near the peaceful, glassy lake.

Will while the fleeting hours away
One day of rest and retrospect like this,
One brief return to scenes of childhood, bright,
Will bless, invigorate and cheer
And make life's weary burden all seem bright.

Willing to Bet On It.

"All gambling must be stopped within the jurisdiction of this court," thundered the judge.

"Bet you a fiver it can't be done," said the district attorney.

"Put up your money," said the judge, reaching for his roll.—Public Ledger.

A Strategist.

Capt. J. F. Chase of Warren City, Fla., was in Washington last month to register his forty-seventh airship patent. Captain Chase is best known as the inventor of the hoopskirt. Discussing the hoopskirt's remarkable success, Captain Chase said to a reporter:

POPULATION GROWS AT A RAPID RATE

INTERESTING FIGURES CONCERNING COMING OF PEOPLE.

Estimated That Santa Fe Alone Brings In Average of Forty New Residents Daily.

During the past month San Angelo's population has increased at the startling rate of fifty people daily, more or less. In confirmation of that statement some interesting figures have been compiled, unofficially, however, by local employes of the Santa Fe.

At the lowest figures forty people are coming to San Angelo daily over the Santa Fe to reside permanently, and the immigration over this route alone will continue at this rate during the next four or five months, if not longer. These are estimates of the Santa Fe, and no one doubts their correctness.

For instance, it is cited that every incoming Santa Fe train conveys into San Angelo just double the number of passengers that the outgoing trains carry.

Extra passenger coaches are used between San Angelo and Temple, and while these cars are invariably filled with passengers when the train reaches San Angelo, they are not needed on the return trip. This fact furnishes the Santa Fe's basis for the report that forty people are being added to the population of San Angelo daily via that road.

Dwelling houses are renting at a premium just now in San Angelo, and although dozens are in course of erection, the real estate men are unable to supply the demand. The year 1909 has also witnessed an increase in the rents of both dwelling and business houses in San Angelo, according to the statements of all real estate men.

The increase in house rents during the past six months has ranged between 15 and 30 per cent.

PREDICTS ENGLAND'S FALL.

Friend of Emperor William Points Out Lonely Position of Great Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Prof. Theodore Schlemmann, a recognized exponent of German imperialism and a friend of the Kaiser, has again taken the opportunity to predict the decline and fall of the British empire. He has written an article in which he declares that he perceives many signs of disunion within the British empire. He says:

"In the British colonies very little attention is paid to the antagonism between Great Britain and Germany. The same may be said of the United States. Never has the fact been more clearly demonstrated that Great Britain is a country standing by herself and that her colonies have grown into separate nations with their own separate interests."

In support of this statement Prof. Schlemmann refers to the growing wish of Canadians that they be represented throughout the world by a separate diplomatic corps.

O'Donnell Returns.

J. P. O'Donnell, commercial agent of the Orient, returned Monday evening from Galveston, accompanied by Mrs. O'Donnell and their children, whose future home will be in San Angelo. They are for the present at the Landon.

T. M. Collins returned Monday from Comanche, where he spent Christmas with relatives.

"The success was due to the skirt's strangeness. Women like strange things. By catering to women, by studying their taste, a man can twist them around his finger."

"The veteran officer smiled.
"Ballantine," he said, "came in late to a song recital in Palm Beach, and there wasn't a vacant seat in the house."
"Ballantine noticed Mrs. Jerome Blank. Mrs. Jerome Blank, he knew, had a very handsome husband that she kept a strict watch over—she didn't like him to associate with any of the fair sex."
"Ballantine, edging near to Mrs. Blank, who had an excellent seat, said in a loud voice to a friend:
"Who was that enormously pretty girl I saw Jerome Blank talking to on the pier?"
"In about four seconds Mrs. Blank was gone, and Ballantine was seated comfortably in her chair."—Philadelphia Record.

CHRISTMAS IN JUNGLE.

Roosevelt Celebrated the Day in the Wilds of Africa.

Kampala, British East Africa, Dec. 27.—Theodore Roosevelt and his party celebrated Christmas day in the jungle, abandoning the chase for the day.

Quiet Christmas.

Christmas day was quietly celebrated in San Angelo. Business everywhere was suspended until Monday morning, and hundreds attended church. Drug stores remained open only for short hours, and the streets were almost entirely deserted.

CUPID TAKES REST DURING HOLIDAYS

TERRIFIC SLUMP IN NUMBER OF LICENSES ISSUED.

Clerk Has Few Opportunities to Punch Up Marriage License Fee on Cash Register.

Although he is still imbued with the sentiment that marriages are "grill in fashion" in Tom Green county, County Clerk Keating has been set to wondering what elements in the weather caused the terrific slump the marriage record took this Christmas. The issuance of marriage licenses in his office since December 1 missed by far the mark he expected it would reach.

Although the month started off with a rush, and everybody until a few days before Christmas thought this would be the banner month of the century in this particular department at the court house, the record falls to account for but twenty-four marriages since December 1. One license during the month was issued to a negro couple and about five to Mexican couples. During December of 1908 marriage licenses were issued in Tom Green county to the even number of thirty.

Reception Deferred.

In respect to the memory of Mrs. A. J. Baker, who was an honored member of the Woman's Club, that organization will not have its annual reception on January 1, as has been its custom. Mrs. Baker had long been a member of this club and was one of its leading spirits, and the members have concluded it a fitting tribute to her memory to abandon the reception for the new year.

Conductor J. W. Hall of the Orient is back on his run after an absence of several days, during which time he visited his home in Wichita, Kan. Mr. Hall is an official of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, lately organized among Orient employes.

Six-Year-Old Shoots Baby Sister.

Babylon, L. I., Dec. 28.—Albert McNish, Jr., aged 6 years, shot and probably fatally wounded his sister Marie, aged 13 months. A neighbor named Erwood returned a gun owned by Charles McNish, uncle of the injured child. One barrel was loaded. The boy picked up the gun, and pointing it at his sister, who sat playing on the floor, pulled the trigger. The charge entered the child's thigh near the groin. She was taken to St. Mary's hospital.

NEW DIRECTORY.

Data Is Now Being Gathered by the Worley Directory Company.

The new directory and guide to the city of San Angelo will make its appearance during the latter part of February. The book will be published by the Worley Directory company of Dallas. A force of employes of that concern, in charge of F. M. Godfrey, arrived in the city Tuesday from El Paso, where they have just completed issuing a city directory, and beginning Tuesday a thorough canvass of San Angelo will be made.

The party now here consists of, besides Mr. Godfrey, T. H. Hudspeth and J. F. Thompason. A representative of the company, who has spent the past three weeks here interviewing the merchants, has gone to Dallas.

The new 1910 book will be more complete than the one published in 1909 in several respects. Mr. Godfrey compiled the 1909 directory of San Angelo.

Prisoners Feasted.

The cup of good cheer was not withheld from the lips of John King, the convicted murderer, and other prisoners confined within the walls of the county prison on Christmas day. In addition to the sumptuous spread prepared for the prisoners by the county, King, who is soon to leave for one of the Texas state penitentiaries, received a well-filled basket of good things to eat and other attributes of the great holiday from relatives.

In Good Condition.

Roy Hudspeth, a prominent rancher of Sutton county, and a brother of C. B. Hudspeth, the state senator and member of the penitentiary investigating committee, is here for a few days' stay. He says cattle and stock of his section were not injured in the least by the recent snow and cold wave, while both farming and ranch conditions were considerably better.

Steel Set in Place.

Work on the new six-story San Angelo Bank and Trust company's building began on an enlarged scale Monday morning, when the first steel was set in place. Other lots of steel arrived over the Santa Fe Monday for use in this structure.

Don't forget the matinee at the Yale this afternoon.

MUCH INTEREST IN WORK OF INSTITUTE

MODEL RECITATION CONDUCTED BY MISS SUE SCHOOLER.

Many Subjects Are Discussed—Prof. Carr Tells of Cure for Tardiness Among Pupils.

Tuesday's session of the Tom Green County Teachers' Institute, which is meeting in the Central school building, showed conclusively that the teachers of this county are a zealous and faithful lot of laborers for the common good, and that they are leaving nothing undone that will tend to better fit them for their arduous and exacting duties.

It is the sentiment of all the teachers attending the institute that these gatherings are very beneficial, and each is striving to make the most of the opportunities presented.

Tuesday morning's session opened with Prof. E. M. Davis in the chair. The initial paper was by Miss Clara Zentmire, having for its subject "Standards the Teacher May Set for the Community." Miss Zentmire's paper advanced several interesting points, and was especially instructive.

Model Recitation.

Miss Sue Schooler conducted a model recitation, in which these subjects were discussed: "The School for the Children," "The Rights and Duties of the Parents," "Recognition of Higher Authority," "The Classification of the Schools," "Rules and Regulations," "Opening Exercises." The various subjects were discussed interestingly by the teachers. The discussion was led by Prof. W. L. Carr.

Miss Eloise Gillespie read a well-prepared paper on "Literature for Primary Grades," followed by some helpful remarks by Miss Nettie Baze on the teaching of the adopted arithmetic.

At the opening of the afternoon session Chairman E. M. Davis conducted a recitation in which the institute discussed the following topics: "Practical Teaching," "Assigning Lessons," "Use of Lesson Period," "Explaining and Impressions," "Questioning," "Reviewing."

After a brief recess the institute discussed the following topics prepared by Prof. R. H. Forrester: "Those Who Do Not Attend School Regularly," "Tardiness," "The School House and Its Surroundings," "Good Will among Pupils," "Care of the Children," "Health."

Tardiness.

The subject of tardiness among pupils brought out an interesting discussion and elicited from Prof. J. L. Carr a rather amusing, as well as interesting, plan he worked to impress upon the parents the necessity of starting their youthful progeny from home in time to reach the school house at the appointed hour. Prof. Carr said that he announced to the pupils about the middle of the week that some recitations, speeches and other exercises would be had the following Friday afternoon, and that the parents of every child in school would be expected to be present. The parents were on hand and the teacher proceeded to impress his object lesson. He had previously instructed certain pupils to remain outside the building, and when the exercises were well under way they should straggle in, two or three at a time, remove their wraps, hang up their lunch baskets and take their seats. The pupils carried out the plan admirably, and the parents were given an object lesson in the effects of tardiness that had the desired effect, stated Prof. Carr.

The institute will resume its work Wednesday morning.

Following are the officers and committees of the institute:

E. M. Davis, chairman; C. F. Johnson, secretary.

Resolutions committee—L. F. St. John, C. A. Stowe and Miss Willie Johnson.

Committee on resolutions of respect—W. L. Hughes, Miss Gertie Walsh and Miss Ferol Connell.

Asks Release.

Application for a writ of habeas corpus has been filed before Judge Timmins in the district court to secure the release of C. F. Hackleman, charged with forgery. The application will be heard January 8.

ROMANCE IN BUSINESS LIFE.

R. E. Cumble Marries Miss Emma Rogers McCruston at Bronte.

R. E. Cumble, a prominent young business man of Bronte, got a wife by miss—not exactly that, either—but he may or may not have the one he has now. If it hadn't been for Uncle Sam's postoffice at that thriving little town. This means of course that when he called for the mail he pressed his suit at the same time, and that the young lady he took as his bride last Sunday afternoon was none other than Miss Emma Rogers McCruston, the popular and attractive postmistress at Bronte. The ceremony was performed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon by the Rev. L. S. Smith of Ballinger at the home of C. B. Hinds. Mr. Cumble is a prominent and successful business man of Bronte, and his bride is surrounded by a wide circle of friends now extending congratulations.

Cowboys Here.

Particular guests of San Angelo since Friday have been the cowboys from nearby ranches, who have flocked here in numbers to spend the holidays. They represent all sections within a radius of 100 miles or more, and have been enjoying themselves immensely. Bands of them took in the races Saturday and Monday.

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COAL FAMINE FELT BUT SLIGHTLY HERE

Most of the Local Dealers Are Supplied, and They Anticipate No General Shortage.

The coal famine which has been making Chicago and other cities of the North and East shiver for several days in anticipation of an empty coal bin, is felt but slightly in San Angelo. Several of the local dealers are fairly well supplied, but a few are unable to fill orders on account of the non-arrival of shipments.

This condition is attributed, however, to the rush of holiday business and the congestion incident thereto, rather than to any shortage at the source from which this city draws its coal supply, which is principally in Oklahoma.

There is no immediate prospect of a coal famine in San Angelo, according to the statements of dealers, who think they will be amply able to care for the local demand.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hall of Brownwood are here visiting. Mr. Hall is a brother to the more or less famous "Skeet" Hall, winner of the recent Fort Worth Star-Telegram endurance run, and who has also been awarded several other automobile trophies in Texas.

G. H. Rogers of the Western Union has returned from Llano, where he visited during Christmas.

J. H. Clark, of the concrete walk contracting firm of Clark & Mabray, has returned to Anson, where he is in charge of a force of workmen on the construction of more than a mile of concrete sidewalks.

Financial Santa Claus.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Central Trust company set aside \$50,000 as a Christmas bonus to its employees on a basis of 50 per cent of their year's salary. The Central Trust company for many years has been credited with being generous in its provisions for its force.

Ambitious.

Freddy—Papa, may I study elocution? Proud Father—Indeed, you may, my son. You desire to become a great orator, do you? Freddy—Yes, that's it. Proud Father—And some day make the whole world ring with your eloquence? Freddy—I shouldn't care for that. I want to be an after dinner speaker. Proud Father—Ah, you are ambitious for social distinction, are you? Freddy—No; I want the dinner.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Summer Weather in Europe.

London, Dec. 28.—A meteorological phenomenon which, it is said, has not been known in 150 years, is being experienced in parts of western and southern Europe. The temperature has risen with astonishing suddenness under the influence of a southerly wind to a summer level. The contrast has been most marked in Spain, France and Switzerland, but has been very great further north.

C. C. Caldwell, a prominent Miles merchant, spent Tuesday in San Angelo on business.

The real estate firm of T. N. Vaughan & Co. has recently installed an office in the Landon hotel building, removing from the Yale theater building.

Paul J. Drake and family will leave the latter part of this week for Spokane, where they will reside. Mr. Drake for the past several months has represented the firm of Peet Brothers of Kansas City, with headquarters in San Angelo, but he has been transferred to the Spokane territory.

Rev. S. C. Dunn, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Ozona, who are attending the university at Georgetown, is spending the holidays in San Angelo.

Chas. Schauer, a prominent rancher of Ozona, and the Misses Schauer, are here for a few days' visit.

Tom Cunningham, the district court stenographer, has returned from a brief stay at Waco.

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JUMP IN STOCK OF ROCK ISLAND IS A SENSATION

RUMORED AT NEW YORK EXCHANGE THAT 30-POINT RAISE WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

CLOSED AT 39 1-2; SOON SELLS AT 80

Claimed There Is Corner In Market. Officials Disclaim Knowledge of Cause—Explained Clerk Made Error.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 27.—That the big jump in Rock Island stock in today's market will be investigated by the Governor's Stock Exchange is the rumor going the rounds in financial circles. The report that the clerk who handled the order erred in receiving is not accepted. Rock Island officials are non-committal on the cause for the advance. The belief here is strong that there is a corner in the stock and sensational developments are looked for.

Publishers' Press.

New York, Dec. 27.—Fluctuations in the Rock Island common stock caused a big scandal on the stock market today. The stock rose over 30 points in a half hour, being bid up from 55 5-8 to 81 1-2.

This is the first time since 1901 that the stock has been cornered. Heavy buying from London started the Rock Island stock upward at the opening of the market. The price started to decline immediately after the high water mark was reached. A sudden reaction from the highest point carried down others among the railroad stocks, and Southern Pacific dropped 5 points. Nearly all others slumped from 1 to 3 points.

Rock Island declined more rapidly than it rose, making it evident that the stock was manipulated to the disadvantage of small investors. Amalgamated copper dropped 2 points and Anaconda 2 points. Harriman stocks rallied, but Reading dropped 2 points. All bonds unchanged. Call money, 5 1-4 per cent. The market closed weak and panicky.

CHRISTMAS PIE FOR TAFT.

Union Bakers of New York Sent Pastry Guarded by Four Men.

Publishers' Press.
Washington, Dec. 27.—Union pie of New York were determined that a household should be supplied for Christmas. Members of the union baked a pie and sent it to guard against the piece of passion union were and see it. One sent was and

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TAFT TO CALL BURLERSON FOR A CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT WANTS TO STOP TRADING IN FUTURES—WILL CONSULT TEXAN.

WILL INTRODUCE BILL IN CONGRESS

Intended to Prohibit Gambling On Grain and All Agricultural Products—Wickersham Notified.

Washington, Dec. 27.—As soon as Attorney General Wickersham comes back from New York in January President Taft will call him and Representative Burleson, of Texas, and others, into consultation with a view to getting through congress a bill to prohibit gambling in grain and agricultural products. President Taft wants to stop trading in grain futures. Representative Burleson has been leading a crusade in the house against it.

JEFFRIES AS A TEXT.

Preacher Thinks He Can't "Come Back" and Points a Moral.

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 27.—"Can Jeffries Come Back?" was the title of a sermon preached last night by the Rev. John Hamilton Timbrell in the Cedar Hill Methodist Episcopal church. The preacher took his text from the Book of Judges, and after describing as pathetic and humiliating the downfall of Samson, he said it pointed a moral to the case of Jeffries. "Can the old-time champion come back?" the preacher asked, and then he said:

"This question so far as its sporting phase is concerned may have little or no interest to us save as it touches a great fundamental principle that is of interest to all thinking men, and one which may lead many of them to read what they otherwise would not. The sporting pages of the sporting papers, to see if Jeffries can come back."

"What is the point in this case? Jeffries won the belt and much more and then stepped out of the ring to have a good time and enjoy himself, and for five years, like Samson, with his head in the lap of Delilah, Jeffries has slept with his head in the lap of a luxurious and bibulous life. While he has slept a big black gorilla has come into the ring and has put the world of sport into about the same condition that ancient Israel was in when Goliath of Gath was swaggering about and bragging of what he could do in the presence of the crowd that was sore afraid to tackle him. And the pugilistic crowd is looking the world over to find some champion who can stand up to the gorilla and down him and take the belt, which means about the same thing to these modern heathen as the wreath of laurel meant to the ancient heathen in the Corinthian games. And with desperation in their glance they turn to Jeffries with this question, which means far more than a laurel wreath to them: Can Jeffries come back?"

"A noted athletic trainer has given them his unbiased opinion. He is one of the best authorities on athletic training. And it is not reassuring to the crowd who are so eager to bet their shekels on Jeff. He says: 'It makes no difference whether a man is a runner, jumper, fighter, ball player or participant in any other branch of sport, if he stops training for three or four years he can never regain his lost form.' He furthermore says: 'I have never seen an exception to the

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Real Estate Transfers.
Paul Abstract and Title Company's report, recorded December 27, 1909:
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TAKE MURDERER FROM JAIL AND SHOOT HIM DEAD

CANYON CITY, ORE., THROWN INTO FUROR OF EXCITEMENT BY EXECUTION.

INDIAN COUPLE FOUND MURDERED

Awful Crime Discovered in Washington With Minister and Wife the Victims of a Fiend.

Publishers' Press.
Canyon City, Ore., Dec. 27.—This town was thrown into a furor of excitement when five masked men entered the city jail and took Orville Snyder from his cell and shot him to death today. Snyder, who is white, shot and killed Arthur Green Christmas eve. The executioners did their work systematically and no attempt was made by the authorities to hold them in check.

GOODFELLOWS MADE SIXTY-FIVE HAPPY

With Toys and Candy, Little Fellows Are Singing Praises of Those Who Brought Them Cheer.

Since Christmas day, sixty-five San Angelo boys and girls have been singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," because had it not been for him they would not have had a full stocking, and the happy thought of a visit from Santa Claus. And the Good Fellow is doubtless glad that by his deeds of goodness he thus inspired them, because he knows just how much good came from his visit.

Friday morning it was announced that 50 boys and girls would be taken Christmas cheer by the Secret Order of Good Fellows—that order of San Angelo men who banded together for the purpose of preventing the disappointment of an empty stocking without any reward other than the joy of giving, and, moreover, without anyone knowing it other than the little fellows themselves—but more names were submitted to The Press-News and more Good Fellows announced their willingness to aid the cause, hence more visits were made and more children taken care of.

Toys, dolls, candies and what not—things that were as pure as gold to the receivers—were distributed among the little fellows, and only the giver that saw the big eyes and in them a heart overflowing with gratitude can know the amount of cheer these Good Fellows carried to homes of the poor children.

There is yet some good clothes donated for those of the city in need, and application at The Press-News office may secure these clothes, if the applicant's case is found to be a worthy one.

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HOSTILITY TOWARD JEWS PRONOUNCED

IMPROVEMENT IN POLITICAL CONDITIONS UNLIKELY IN RUSSIA.

M. Stolypin Assumes Anti-Semitic Attitude, But is Opposed in Senate By Minister of Commerce.

BY GEORGE FRASER.

(Publishers' Press Special Service.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The hopes of the Russian Jews that there would be a speedy improvement in their political condition seems doomed to disappointment. For a time M. Stolypin gave indications that he intended to pursue a more liberal policy towards the Hebrews, but recently the premier has taken up a pronounced anti-Semitic attitude and is supported in his views by a majority of the senate. As instances of his hostility to the cause of Jewish emancipation are cited his recent demand that a stronger police supervision shall be exercised over the right of residence of the Jews, and his declaration that Jews ought not to be allowed to visit summer resorts. The latter point, by the way, was opposed in the senate by the Minister of Commerce, who drew attention to the financial loss that would result from the stringent application of such a policy.

In conversation with one of the leaders of Jewish thought in Russia recently he said with much feeling: "The anti-Jewish movement seems to be in full swing. Wholesale exiles are jaking place. The doorway through which my co-religionists have hitherto managed to squeeze into the educational institutions is being still further narrowed. And the Duma is considering the question of prohibiting Jews from acting as medical officers in the army in peace time. The preservation 'in peace time' is characteristic, for without heroic Jewish doctors the sick and wounded troops would have died like flies on the plains of Manchuria during the Japanese war."

Contradictory reports reach me as to the condition of Her Imperial Highness, the Czarina. One report and the one which seems most generally credited in well informed circles is that she is failing so rapidly both physically and mentally as to cause very serious concern. It is said she is subject to fits of profound melancholy and that her nervous system is hopelessly shattered. Her majesty keeps in

the closest seclusion. The stories of her serious illness is semi-officially denied, but the denials carry little weight.

A ruling of the senate has reversed the recent decision of the Cuit Court in the case of permitting the first lady barrister to practice in the law courts, on the ground that the absence of the specific mention of women in the code does not imply their right to defend prisoners, except when the latter are their own fathers or husbands. The question must in any case be decided by legislation.

So the elation of the Russian suffragettes, of whom there are few, has been changed to grief.

MONDAY WAS BIG DAY.

After smashing into smithereens all previous records for the large volume of Christmas business, the merchants of San Angelo on Monday enjoyed a "lap over" trade that made their hearts go pty-pat with large joy and caused the everlasting smiles to do business with their faces.

The volume of business done in all lines Monday was mar-vel-ous. It was immense, and then some. Instead of having a day of recreation, it was a day of intensified activity. Christmas didn't satisfy every want, and the fine soaking seasoning the just and the unjust of the Concho country have had put the trading fever in the bones of the people.

"If I could have a whole year's business of the same volume of the business done today, I could be figuring on a 19-story building," said one merchant, and he was the general rule, not the exception.

While some of the stocks are bare, at the same time there can still be found in San Angelo sufficient quantities of everything needed for the comfort of man or the vanity of woman to satisfy even the most hungry.

Our want column will supply your wants.

FUNERAL OF REMINGTON.

Body of Famous Painter is Taken to Canton, N. C.

Publishers' Press.
New York, Dec. 27.—The body of Frederick Remington, the painter and author, who died Sunday, was taken to Canton, N. C., today for burial. Remington's pictures made cowboys famous the world over.

Baker Resigns.

Publishers' Press.
Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—R. H. Baker today tendered his resignation as president and general manager of the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railroad, to take effect February 1.

NEGRO PREFERRED JAIL TO LIBERTY

EIGHT HOURS OF FREEDOM WAS ENOUGH FOR JIM BROWN.

Unable to Find Shelter, He Finally Returns to County Jail and Applies For Admission.

Jim Brown, a negro, walked up to the front door of the county jail Friday morning at 8 o'clock and rang the bell. The keeper, Pat Conway, answered it.

"Lemme in, boss, it's cold out here," greeted the negro, as the huge iron door was swung open. Pat admitted him, and furthermore, he securely fastened him in a big iron cage.

The negro escaped from the jail at midnight Thursday in company with four white men, Moline, Bunch, Honeycut and Hayes, and two negroes, Wilson and Davis, all with his exception on charges of misdemeanors.

Although officers hunted the whole night long for the prisoners, they were not found, and so far Brown is the only one who has been replaced in jail.

The facts in the matter are, according to the negro himself, Brown would have never accompanied the other men in their daring slide from the roof of the jail down a rope constructed of spliced bedding, had he known the nature of the weather conditions prevailing.

Eight hours of liberty in the freezing morning air was sufficient for the dusky Brown. After his escape from the jail the negro wandered around the city, unable to find a place of shelter. He visited both the Santa Fe and Orient freight yards in the hopes of finding an empty box car, but without avail. The ground and everything else was thoroughly soaked with the rain, and the negro finally decided that he preferred to be in jail.

The kidneys ache when they are overworked, and the trouble gets serious unless promptly removed. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable kidney tonic and bowel regulator. Central Drug Store, special agent.

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See Kilgore-Haydon-Hotfield Co. at San Angelo, About Your Next Vehicle.

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SEASON IN GROUND BEST IN MANY YEARS

STOCKMEN ARE ELATED OVER SNOW AND RAIN.

J. W. Thornhill Tells of Splendid Conditions Now Prevailing in Reagan County.

"Whenever the Concho country gets a fair season of moisture in the winter, farmers and stockmen are practically assured of good times for the coming year."

This is an expression that has been heard from dozens of old-timers recently, and if they are correct in this theory, as they doubtless are, a bountiful share of prosperity is in store for the farmers and stockmen of this section during the year now about to make its advent.

Not in several years, so the old-timers say, has the earth been so well saturated with moisture at this time of the year as it is now. Several good rains have fallen recently, followed by the snow of a few days ago, which was soaked with a good rain before it melted. The rain and snow came in such a way that it all went into the ground, and every drop of moisture was conserved.

"I believe the ground is wet to a depth of five feet out in Reagan county," says J. W. Thornhill, who has just returned from a visit to that county. "I made my home in Reagan county for several years," said Mr. Thornhill, "and I have never seen the ground in better condition at this time of year. It makes a splendid foundation for grass and field crops for next year. People out that way already feel pretty well assured of making good crops next year and having fine grass for their cattle."

Others tell a similar story to that of Mr. Thornhill. Cattlemen and sheepmen are delighted with the prospects for a bountiful crop of weeds, which will help out the pasture wonderfully until grass comes again in the spring.

MISCREANT SHOTS BILLY ANSON'S MARE

Mystery in Bullet Wound in Hind Leg of Animal on Ranch Near Christoval.

Billy Anson, who has the Head-of-the-River ranch, near Christoval, had his Christmas season rudely interrupted with a bit of bad news and the bad news was real bad at that. Billy was enjoying the cheer and the splendor of the season at Loomis' ranch, where the guests were receiving entertainment with the precedents of this household, which means that enjoyment was the rule of the hour, when he received word that some one, either miscreant or wayfarer, had sent a rifle ball crashing through the hind leg of one of his imported Suffolk-Punch mares.

"I can't understand it," said Mr. Anson, "for this mare was pastured in a lot containing only about 300 acres and there's not a deer in 50 miles of my place. I don't know whether or not we will be able to save the mare, but of course I have hopes of success. You see, she is a heavy animal and the matter of swinging her while the leg mends is a problem that will require considerable thought to be solved."

Money Orders By Cable. London, Dec. 27.—The Postmaster General has entered into an agreement with the Western Union Telegraph company for an exchange through that company of telegraph money orders between the United Kingdom on one hand and Canada and the United States on the other after January 1, 1910. The maximum amount for which a single money order may be issued here will be 40 pounds sterling, but for orders issued in the United States and Canada for payment in the United Kingdom the maximum amount will be 41 pounds, 1s. 4d., which is the equivalent of \$200.

Preacher Burns Liquors. Carson City, Nev., Dec. 27.—D. F. E. Yeakum, founder of the Pisgah movement in Los Angeles, who professed to heal cripples and all diseases in the name of Christ, is here. He has started the greatest revival in the history of Nevada. Among the first things he did when he came here was to burn hundreds of gallons of liquors and many pounds of tobacco given him by mercantile establishments that have seen the error of their ways.

PUPILS TO GIVE PROGRAM. Misses Fuller and Kellogg Postponed Recital at Yale Tuesday. The education and music recital to be given by the pupils of Misses Fuller and Kellogg, which was postponed from Thursday, takes place at the Yale theater this afternoon at 3 o'clock. A well-selected program is to be rendered, and an opportunity is offered San Angelo to see some of the city's best talent appear in public. The recital is complimentary for the friends of Misses Fuller and Kellogg and the public generally.

Reunion of Sherman Publishers' Press. Another Blizzard. Scheduled for the eastern bureau.

TEACHERS GATHER FOR INSTITUTE WORK

OPENING SESSION MONDAY MORNING AT CENTRAL SCHOOL.

W. L. Hughes, In Opening Address, Pays Respects to the Superintendents of Texas—The Work.

Practically every school district in Tom Green county is represented in the gathering at the Central school building, where the Tom Green County Teachers' Institute is holding its regular mid-winter session. About seventy-five teachers are in attendance, and the meeting is one of great interest.

The institute convened Monday morning and will continue in session until Friday afternoon. W. L. Hughes, county superintendent of public instruction, who delivered the opening address, made some remarks of rather pointed nature, among which was the statement that he took most of the county superintendents to be petty politicians or worn-out pedagogues.

"The county superintendents of this state are not very brainy or scholarly looking," said Mr. Hughes. "I had an opportunity last summer at their annual convention to get a look at some of them. Most of them I took to be petty politicians or worn-out pedagogues who were on the mercy of the people and were given these places to keep them from starving. I think it a grand thing to pension worn-out teachers but do not believe it should be done at the expense of the school children of the state. Yet if a county is blessed with a good superintendent, what can he do toward benefiting and raising the standards of the schools except in an indirect way? He is not allowed to equip his school houses, and my experience has been that a kick is raised if he even enforces the law. Until the state of Texas takes school affairs out of politics we are going to drift. I believe the county superintendents of this or any other state should receive their office by appointment and that after a competitive examination as to their scholarship and qualifications to hold the office. This would insure the country children as good supervision as the city children, and the country children are as justly entitled to good supervision as the city children."

Mr. Hughes' address was replete with interesting observations, and was listened to with much interest by the teachers.

Conference of Education. "The Texas Conference of Education" was the subject of an address by Prof. Carpenter, superintendent of the Brownwood schools. The speaker outlined the objects of this organization, stating that some of the best men in the state were assisting in the work it has undertaken, which is the aiding and upbuilding of the cause of education in Texas in every way possible. Prof. Cooper made a strong plea for aid for the organization, which, he contended, is doing a noble work for the children of the state in the promotion of education.

An interesting and instructive address was that of H. J. Wilson, of Carlsbad, who had for his subject "The Missionary Work of the Teacher." Some time was devoted to the discussion of the ideas advanced by Mr. Wilson.

A feature of the Monday afternoon session of the institute was a paper on drawing by Miss Willie Johnson, which drew forth an interesting discussion. The institute will resume its work Tuesday morning.

BUGOLOGISTS' CHOICE TROPHIES. Two Thousand Rare Spiders, Insects and Snakes Sent Museum. New York, Dec. 23.—Two thousand spiders, 500 bottles of insects and a numerous assortment of scorpions, snakes and amphibians from out-of-the-way corners of Mexico have just reached New York. They are the result of a ten months' expedition under Dr. Alexander Petrunkevitch of the American Museum of Natural History. His choicest trophy is a very rare trap-door spider. It was found in the state of Tabasco.

NEW FIRM ENTERS ABSTRACT BUSINESS. J. R. Wright and H. A. Bullock Buy the Books of Jos. Spence, Jr. An Old Business.

J. R. Wright and H. A. Bullock have purchased the Joseph Spence, Jr. abstract books and business. The abstract business acquired in this purchase is among the oldest business institutions in the city, having been run continuously since 1886. Mr. Wright of the new firm has had 27 years experience in the abstract business. Mr. Bullock has been in the real estate business in this city for the past five years, and for some time has been a member of the firm of Hassell, Bullock & Co. Messrs. Wright and Bullock will conduct an abstract and real estate business at the office heretofore occupied by the Joseph Spence, Jr. abstract company, 115 Chadbourne

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FOUR DIVORCES ARE GRANTED IN COURT

OTHER SEPARATION SUITS TO BE TRIED NUMBER FIFTEEN.

District Court Adjourned Friday at Noon for Christmas, to Meet Again Monday.

Judge Timmins, the prosecuting attorney, and the rest of the court officials are observing Christmas today, having adjourned district court Friday at noon for that purpose.

Four divorces were granted by Judge Timmins Wednesday morning. They were in the cases of Casnovia Santos vs. Perrinano Santos; Ysabel Wurtenburg vs. Lee Wurtenburg; Ysabel Reyes vs. Breda Reyes, and Fred Pahl vs. Ella Pahl.

Fifteen other divorce suits are docketed for trial at this session of district court. They are: Josefa Villareal vs. Fil Villareal; Mrs. Rosa Pavi vs. R. W. Pavi; Phil J. Wurtenburg vs. Lulu M. Wurtenburg; G. W. Leyle vs. Mabel Leyle; Feena Spitzgerber vs. Sam Fitzgerber; Fanny Ogle vs. Paul B. Ogle; Fanny Cole vs. Boyd Cole; Mrs. Lome Vincent vs. J. P. Vincent; Katie Frane vs. Anastasio Frane; Lizzie Hill vs. E. Hill; W. R. Thornton vs. Lethan Thornton, and J. C. Reeves vs. Carrie Reeves.

AGAINST INCREASE. Western States Do Not Want Homeseekers' Rate Raised.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—Western business organizations in Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Texas and other immigration states will petition the railroads now to put into effect the \$5 raise in the homeseekers' rate which is scheduled to become effective on January 1.

SHERIFF M'CONNELL GOES TO HARRIETT

Sheriff McConnell and Deputy Walter Spears, in response to a call for officers from Harriett, a small station eight miles east of San Angelo, on the Santa Fe, left for that place late Monday night. The little town was the scene of great disorder over an alleged attempt to kill and it was reported that a mob had formed in search for one of the principals. The report could not be confirmed, however.

P. O. Department Robbed. Somebody Has Got Away With a Valuable Hand-Painted Screen.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Despite the countless number of outer, inner, upper and lower guards surrounding the personal and official presence of Postmaster General Hitchcock, some enterprising individual with a taste for art has extracted a valuable screen from the room adjoining the postmaster general's. This screen, the upper part of which was hand-painted, was worth a good deal of money.

Ordinarily the bright-eyed young men who surround Mr. Hitchcock would detect anybody who attempted to walk off with a roll-top desk or some other piece of furniture, but on this occasion they all appear to have been asleep. The other day the screen was missed. It is about six feet high and six feet long, the lower portion being of Japanese work, and three upper panels having three scenes painted by an American artist.

SANTA FE TO BUILD A NEW TEXAS ROUTE

CUTOFF BETWEEN SWEETWATER AND HENRIETTA PROPOSED.

First Step Is Taken to Fulfill Charter to Construct 450 Miles of West Texas Railway.

A route between Sweetwater and Henrietta, a distance of nearly 200 miles, will be the next project undertaken by the Santa Fe, according to a rumor which has gained considerable circulation here. This is the first step taken to construct the 450 miles of railway in West Texas by the Santa Fe, a charter for which has already been secured. At the time the charter was granted it was announced that this was in addition to the Coleman-Texico branch and other lines now being built and already proposed in West Texas.

These extensions are being made by an auxiliary company of the Santa Fe, which organized only a few weeks ago. They have announced that they want to develop West Texas to the fullest extent.

Stamford will be included on the route of the proposed Sweetwater-Henrietta cutoff. Henrietta is a point on the Fort Worth & Denver, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas, and the county seat of Clay county. The road will be constructed through Fisher, Jones, Throckmorton, Young, Archer and Clay counties.

LOCAL PARTY OFF FOR HUNTING TRIP

Poor deer, poor little deer, especially those in the Crockett county section, for four able bodied, lynx-eyed and stout-legged individuals of this place on Monday left for Ozona, where they will rendezvous, for the purpose of seeing the deer killing season out.

These four were Dr. Cooper, Edgar S. Hamilton, Jeff More and W. E. Nelson, and they each carried ammunition enough to run Mr. Roosevelt through a whole African season of a \$1 a word campaign.

It is said that several deer have been fattened on cleaned rice and bran mash especially for these hunters and that the outlook for greater success than their imaginations has conjured could not be possible.

This party will return Thursday Friday and if they bring back hunks of venison to all those who have been promised fruits of his chase, they will not leave a single deer alive this side of the Pecos.

No Pardon for Warren.

Hartford, Dec. 27.—John Warren, who has been in prison longer than any other man in this country, spent Christmas in his cell in the state prison at Weathersfield, as he has done for the last fifty years. The board of pardons has refused his petition for release, and as long as the board is constituted as it is it will continue to be understood in Connecticut that a life sentence means a life sentence.

I'LL METER TAKES THE HONORS AT RACE TRACK

ALBERT S., BILLY JOHNSON AND MISS MAY ALSO WIN.

Some Good Races Are Scheduled for the Last Day, and Large Attendance Is Expected.

The biggest honors in Monday's racing events at the Fair grounds were carried off by I'll Meter, the horse owned by Ed Russell, who was awarded the purse over Captain Stevenson and Bonart, the other participants in the three-quarter mile running race. Bonart, the racer which has been matched on several tracks in Texas, most recently at the San Antonio fair, finished ahead of the others in the race by two or more lengths, but the judges sustained the complaint of I'll Meter's rider, who declared that he was fouled by Bonart on the turn entering the home stretch. Captain Stevenson, also owned by local men, was therefore placed second in the result. The purse in this run was \$100.

The other winners Monday, were Albert S., Billy Johnson and Miss May. Interest and enthusiasm in the races ran high Monday evening, and the ponies were loudly cheered. The contests attracted quite a delegation of race horse lovers from San Angelo.

The program opened at 2 o'clock with a half-mile pace or trot, three heats, and Albert S., a Tom Green county product, driven by Gibson, finished twice in the lead out of three. Joe Berry came home second and Hal Geers trailed in each heat. Albert S. made the half mile run in 1 minute and 17 seconds. The purse was \$100.

I'll Meter, whose record was 1 minute and 20 seconds, won the second race, and the next event was a broncho busting contest, in which Jack Lewis, a cowboy well known all over West Texas, featured.

In the third race Billy Johnson won. It was a quarter of a mile dash, and the other participants were Coke County Joe, Angelo Buck and Booger Red, who finished in the order given. Billy Johnson won only by half a length. The purse was \$50.

The last race, a quarter of a mile dash, proved the most interesting of all, when Miss May came under the wire less than half a length ahead of Starlight, who finished last. Harry Tracey won second place in the results of this race, and Del Bare third. All these horses are owned by Tom Green county men.

Today will witness the close of this series of races, which began Saturday afternoon. Several new horses will appear on the track today, it is said, and the attendance is expected to eclipse the past two days. Another feature of the program today will be the race between I'll Meter and Bonart, the two horses who were matched in the three-quarters mile dash Monday. The former was given the decision, but a controversy arose over it.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINMAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Rufus Rogers Dead. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—Rufus Rogers, a brother of the late H. H. Rogers, Rockefeller's partner, died today of heart disease.

JAMES SHIELD TO GO AFTER HOME SEEKERS

Will Journey Northward on January 1 to Bring New Citizens for Concho Country.

James Shields, real estate dealer, has great faith in the Concho country, and he is going to make an effort to induce some good people of the North and East with this same faith. Mr. Shields will go north on January 1 and expects to bring back with him a number of well-to-do people who will seek real estate investments here. The live, wide-awake real estate man is a valuable asset when it comes to peopling a new country, and Mr. Shields is doing his part in this direction. No better work can be done for this region.

Boys Had Their Fun.

Contrary to instructions of City Marshal Carroll Bates, the small boy of San Angelo had his fun on Christmas day with the firecracker, and quite a few explosions were heard. Notwithstanding, no material damage resulted, and the city officials will not record a single violation from this cause this year. On the whole, the business with the city officials was quiet, much more so than they expected.

CASES OF INFECTION SHOULD BE REPORTED

TWO MILD CASES OF DIPHTHERIA SAID TO EXIST IN SAN ANGELO.

City Health Officer Makes Appeal for Information of Any Contagious Disease Prevailing.

"Please announce that as city health officer I would greatly appreciate it if everyone having knowledge would report cases of infectious and contagious diseases in this city to me," said Dr. A. C. DeLong, city health officer, to a Press-News man Monday. "I am offering no criticism, but I am appealing to the people here for co-operation."

It may be stated that the reason for this appeal being made is that one or two mild cases of diphtheria have been reported to prevail here. Dr. DeLong has heard of these cases only in a roundabout manner. He ought to have direct and immediate knowledge of such cases, if, of course, they exist, as soon as such cases are discovered.

The Press-News believes that publicity is an agency for good and not for evil, hence the Press-News secondly Dr. DeLong's appeal for information along the lines he has asked for aid.

The Press-News does not know whether or not any infectious or contagious disease exists here. The Press-News does know, however, that no city enjoys continued immunity from calamitous visitations and San Angelo has no monopoly on good health.

If there are any infectious or contagious diseases prevailing here, then in the name of high heaven, the city health officer ought to be notified of such cases. If there are not, then the rumors that are abroad ought to be stamped with official denial. But by all means the city health officer ought to have abundant light. The penalty for failure to furnish light ought to be in keeping with the character of the dereliction.

CONSTRUCTION WORK TO START AT ONCE

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW FEDERAL BUILDING.

Representative of Contractors Has Office On Ground—Superintendent Coming.

San Angelo's federal building, which has been in prospect so long, is about to become a reality. That is, the actual work of construction is to start within a few days, and before many weeks the walls of the structure will be taking shape.

Ground has already been broken for the excavation; W. H. Futt, representing the King Lumber company, the contractors, has a small building erected on the grounds to be used as his headquarters while the construction work is in progress, and N. V. Perry superintendent of construction for the government, is expected to arrive next week. In fact, Postmaster Blanchard has a large lot of mail for Mr. Perry now, and is expecting that gentleman to arrive any day.

It is believed that the work of excavation will start in earnest immediately upon the arrival of Mr. Perry. Construction work for the government is never done hurriedly, and several months will be required for the completion of the building, but the patrons of the local postoffice and the public generally will be pleased to know that the construction work, so long delayed, is to be started at once.

CELEBRATE QUIETLY. No Stockings Hung Up in Taft Home and No Christmas Tree.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Taft family celebrated Christmas quietly. The president distributed the presents. There were no stockings hung and no Christmas tree. There were many callers at the white house this afternoon.

Minister and Wife Killed.

Washington, Ind., Dec. 27.—Rev. William Ritter and wife were found murdered in their home near Elmore today. Mr. Ritter had been thrown down the cellar and his wife was choked to death. The murder evidently took place on Christmas day. No motive for the crime is known.

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Woman's Age

often does not agree with her appearance. Pain and suffering add to the years till many women look much older than they really are.

Many women, avoiding pain by the regular use of that effective remedy, for women, **Wine of Cardui**, keep their youth and beauty.

Take CARDUI

Mrs. Annie Vaughan, Raleigh, N. C., tried Cardui and writes:

"I was sick and worn out almost unto death. My sister finally persuaded me to take Cardui. Before I had taken five bottles I was well and strong."

Try Cardui. It is for women. Its tonic, building qualities should restore you gently to health. Thousands of women have found it to give them lasting benefit.

Try Cardui.
For sale everywhere.

SENTIMENT STRONG FOR THE PAVEMENT

MAYOR PAUL OUTLINES PLANS FOR CHADBOURNE ST.

Says Present Condition of Thoroughfare Has Caused Movement to Take on New Life.

Sentiment favorable to the Chadbourne street pavement seems to have taken a firmer hold on the public generally and the agitation looking to this much-needed improvement appears to have taken on new life since the elements transformed this busy thoroughfare into a river of mud and forced the shoppers and busy business men to wade in order to dispose of their errands.

Mayor Paul hopes to see the improvement realized, charter or no charter, within the next year. The mayor said that the street car company was ready to do its share; that the property owners along the street, or at least those he had seen, favored it and would support it, and that the city would certainly contribute its part. Nothing remains, said Mayor Paul, but some one to start it and boost it along.

Plan Is Proposed.
Mr. Paul suggested a plan other than one necessitating an amendment to the charter which he believes will be practical, and one which the people will accept.

"I have never seen the Chadbourne street paving proposition agitated so strongly as in the last few days," said Mayor Paul to The Press-News. "I have the assurance from the street car company that it is ready to do its share and the business men that I have seen, without exception, are heartily in favor of going ahead with the work. And when the time comes they say they are ready to give financial assistance."

"I would suggest this plan so that the pavement need not wait on a special charter. Let the owners of property abutting on this street pay for one-third of the work; that is to say, the owners of property on the east side pay for the east third, and the property owners on the west side pay for the west third. The city and the street car company pay for the remaining third."

Some of Advantages.
Owners of property on this street can well afford to make this expenditure, the mayor pointed out, because it will be an investment that will pay big returns; and these are some of the advantages that he showed will come from the improvement:

- It will increase the value of property 25 per cent at least.
- It will increase the value of the leases, therefore more rent, fully justifying the renter in paying it.
- It will bring more business to the merchant.
- Visitors will have a better impression of San Angelo upon their first visit.
- It will start an improvement in the business houses because the business section of San Angelo will grow.
- It will begin a general improvement that will extend over the entire city.

great deal toward improving the condition of the street, but it is still muddy, and the business men report that with the holiday trade this year was larger than ever before, it would certainly have been much better had the street been in a passable condition.

Mr. Paul indicated yesterday that he was determined to keep plugging away until San Angelo's principal thoroughfare is in a condition that will not disappoint those who come to the city for the first time.

SAN ANGELO LOOKS GOOD. D. M. Baker of Ballinger, Says Country Should Be Developed.

"The city is looking good to me," said D. M. Baker, who is a kind of J. Pierpont Morgan in Ballinger. Mr. Baker came to San Angelo Tuesday over the Orient from Bronte, where he inspected some of his holdings. "This place is growing a little too fast if anything," he continued, "and the people here do not appear to be paying enough attention to the surrounding country. Now if the country around San Angelo could be settled as thickly as is the case around Ballinger, for instance, there is no telling how much business would be done here."

Mr. Baker is a banker. He has been a banker in and around Ballinger since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. He knows the banking business from Coon Hollow to the Forks of the Creek, and well, perhaps that is why today he is able to clip coupons every once in a while and have everybody in Ballinger always call him "mister."

The Same Dimensions.
The bride-to-be had the air of one who is unreconciled to the existing state of affairs. "Can't we take a wedding trip, as we planned?" she asked plaintively.

"Not just now," said the young man, "on account of my partner's illness."

"I thought it would be such fun, taking that six days' journey in the cars!" she sighed.

"Well, now, see here," said the young man. "If we take the flat I looked at yesterday it'll be just the same as living in the parlor car stateroom, except the scenery won't change."—Youth's Companion.

Miss Migles Was Willing.
Mr. Breezy of Boston (tendery)—Miss Migles, will you—er—meet me in the gloaming?
Miss Migles of Milwaukee (eagerly)—Any old place you say, Mr. Breezy. Where is it and how do you get there?
—Chicago News.

Gymnastics in Switzerland.
Once in every three years the gymnasts of Switzerland and the members of the affiliated clubs in other countries, for the most part composed of Swiss residents abroad, meet to compete in the great contest known as the federal gymnastic festival. A carefully prepared series of exercises is gone through on gymnastic apparatus. There is Swiss wrestling, and there are competitions in the national games of Switzerland, including throwing the stone (a forty-pound square block of granite). The festival closes with a display of combined extending exercises in which all the competitors—10,000 at times—take part. Gymnastics are the national pastimes of the Swiss boys and young men, and the clubs they form are recognized and encouraged by the federal government.—Illustrated London News.

SERVICE WILL BE BETTER.
Change In Santa Fe Schedule Becomes Effective January 1.

"As has been published, we expect to change our schedules so that instead of leaving at 2:15 in the afternoon, our last eastbound train will leave San Angelo at about 3 o'clock in the morning, and our inbound train, that now arrives at 2:05, will arrive about 11:40 o'clock in the morning," said J. S. Kendig, who is also called "Sam," while he was here Tuesday. "We have been working on these changes for some time, and I have received no additional advices from the changes that were published about ten days ago. I expect these changes to go into effect not later than January 9, and later there may be other improvements in our service."

Gentle Dismissal.
Judge Walter Evans of the United States district court ought to be in the diplomatic service, his friends say. He is known as a man of rare tact. The other afternoon Judge Evans had a gathering of Masonic brethren in his chambers at the custom house. Before the meeting opened an outsider strayed into the room. The outsider showed no signs of going, and as the meeting was a private one, the Masons began to wonder how the outsider was to be got rid of. Judge Evans was equal to the occasion.

Approaching the intruder, he shook him warmly by the hand. "Are you a Mason?" he asked.
"Sorry, I'm not," replied the outsider.
"Well," said the judge, "I was going to say if you were we would be glad to have you remain."—Louisville Times.

M. J. Mendenhall Dead.
M. J. Mendenhall, aged about 35 years, died Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock after a long illness, at the corner of Main and East Tenth streets.

STEEL FOR ORIENT SAID TO BE ON WAY

RAILS FOR EXTENSION REACH ALTUS, OKLAHOMA.

Believed That the Work of Grading Will Be Completed Within the Next Ten Weeks.

A considerable portion of the interest in the construction of the Orient Railroad ceased locally when San Angelo was connected with the outer world by the completion of that line, but the construction work has not ceased by any means. It is being moved in a hurry out on the Merizon extension, and only Tuesday information was received here that a shipment of steel, enroute to San Angelo, had reached Altus, Okla.

This is taken to mean by local employees of the Orient that this steel will be used in laying the track to Merizon.

It is now believed, and so stated by local officials of the road, that the work of grading the line to Merizon will be completed within ten weeks, provided the weather is good. Those in charge of the work say that the most difficult part of the grade has been completed; that a month will suffice to finish that portion of the grade between the county line and Merizon, and that there is about two weeks' work on this end.

Only one bridge and a few culverts are needed on the Merizon extension, the bridge being over the middle Concho river.

With the exception of about ten days preceding the present week, the graders have had ideal weather for their work, and they have made the best of their opportunities.

ANNUAL MEETINGS JAN. 11.

San Angelo National Banks Will Elect Officers Next Month.

The annual stockholders' meetings of the First National Bank, the Western National Bank and the San Angelo National Bank will be held January 11. At that time the semi-annual dividend will be declared and the officers elected for the coming year. The annual meeting of the San Angelo Bank and Trust Company was held last November.

All of the San Angelo banks enjoyed prosperity this year. Business has increased and with it, of course, deposits. No changes are looked for in the offices of the three institutions the coming year.

POPULAR COUPLE MARRY.

C. C. McBurnett Takes Miss Mary Henderson as Bride.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Henderson of Angelo Heights, was married to C. C. McBurnett, a prominent local business man, yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Callin W. Yates at 1:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding was attended only by immediate friends and relatives of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. McBurnett left for San Antonio for their honeymoon.

HAVE RAISED \$1,500.

San Angelo Citizens Subscribe for Concho Bridge.

Citizens of San Angelo have subscribed about \$1,500 so far toward the construction of the new bridge across the North Concho river. Three petitions are in circulation and subscriptions are being taken by T. Slaughter, W. W. Short, Frank Armstrong, W. L. Hollman and S. H. Turrentine. From \$2,500 to \$3,000 is to be raised.

The Usual Custom.

Contributor—I should like to leave these poems with your editor. What is the usual procedure? I haven't done any magazine work before.

Office Boy—Well, the usual custom is to leave 'em 'nd call back in a day or so—and git 'em.—Human Life.

TEXANS IN NEW YORK.

Publishers Press.
New York, N. Y., December 28.—The following people from Texas were registered at the New York hotels during the week:

Dallas—J. G. White, Broadway Central; T. H. White, Broadway Central; W. M. Alexander, Hoffman; E. M. Hopkins, Cadillac.
Amarillo—J. C. Storm, Cadillac.
El Paso—B. Brooks, Algonquin.
Austin—S. E. Moyles, Park Avenue; Mrs. Moyles, Park Avenue; A. W. Terrell, Holland.
Corpus Christi—V. G. Thomas, St. Denis.

San Antonio—G. Brackenridge, Park Avenue; Mrs. H. P. Sweet, Victoria; J. B. Reilly, Albany; R. W. Tynes, Navarre.

Houston—L. Anderson, St. Denis; Mrs. S. Stewart, Hoffman; Miss F. Kane, Marlborough; L. M. Kentor, Marlborough; J. E. Greene, Park Avenue; Mrs. J. E. Green, Park Avenue; Miss L. Ward, Navarro; W. C. Connor, Jr., Netherlands; W. A. Thomas, Prestige; M. C. Cornell, Marlborough.

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RACE MEET CLOSING WITH GOOD EVENTS

LAST DAY'S ENTRIES PROVE TO BE GOOD ONES.

F'll Meier Is Again a Star Performer. Others Who Came Under the Wire First.

The contests Tuesday afternoon at the Fair grounds closed the series of races which has extended over the past three days, and the track will perhaps be idle for a period of several months, until the county fair is held next year.

F'll Meier, for the third consecutive day, featured again Tuesday, and besides established a new time record for the series. The horse, in winning out over Del Barre and Captain Stevenson in the first race, finished the half-mile run at a fifty-one second clip. This is an improvement over the Tuesday record by 30 points. In this dash Del Barre came in for second place. The purse was \$75.

Joe Berry, a Monday winner, also won the second contest Tuesday. It was a half-mile buggy race, three heats. In the first heat Century finished in second place, but in the second heat Fred Flores was awarded second in the results. The purse in this race was \$35, \$20 going to the owner of Joe Berry, \$10 to Century and \$5 to Fred Flores. Joe Berry is owned by Tom Green county men, and the horse has featured several times on the San Angelo track.

The third race, a three-eighths mile dash, was won by Miss May, winner of a one-fourth mile run Monday afternoon. She finished the distance in thirty-eight seconds, winning over George Stubbs, the only other participant. The purse was \$25.

One-year-old colts were run in the fourth race, a one-eighth mile dash, in which Judge Cutbirth won. In this contest Mucho Caliente came in second and Mucho Frio third. The record was 25 seconds; the purse \$30. Judge Cutbirth was ridden by Dutch McKnight. Mucho Caliente by Al Russell and Mucho Frio by Cleve Cutbirth, and it proved the feature race of the evening program.

The relay race of one and one-half miles was also interesting, between Booger Red and Jack Lewis. The former won the purse of \$30.

Fests at broncho busting were demonstrated by Jack Lewis and John Henry. The judges split the purse of \$20.

In the fifth race Angelo Duck came under the wire but a head in front of Coke County Joe, and won. Captain Stevenson finished last, but less than a length behind the winner. The purse was \$50.

A thirty days' suspension was assessed against Dutch McKnight, the jockey who rode Judge Cutbirth in the fourth race. He is said to have violated the racing rules.

The races were successful throughout the series, and the promoters of the events are pleased.

COOK'S PICTURE FOR 2 CENTS.

Autographed Photograph Brings the Price of a Postage Stamp.

Minneapolis, Dec. 28.—After delivering an address to a capacity house at the Unique theater, the Rev. C. L. Morrill, pastor of the People's church, said that to raise money for a Christmas poor fund he would publicly auction an autograph of Dr. Cook which the explorer presented to him when he was last in Minneapolis.

Mr. Morrill removed the picture from his pocket, and, assuming the attitude of an auctioneer, said that he would be pleased to turn it over to the highest bidder.

"Fifty dollars, do I hear?" cried the amateur auctioneer, which brought forth jeers and laughter.

Determined to dispose of the picture, Mr. Morrill cried for an offer from some one in the crowd, and one weak voice cried out "Two cents."

"Going at two cents; two cents only bid for an autograph picture of Dr. Cook; here you are, my friend; you are the highest bidder," and with the exchange of two coppers Dr. Cook's autograph picture, which was prized so highly by the minister when presented to him, passed away for the value of a postage stamp.

MARKETS

Cotton.

Publishers Press.
New York, Dec. 28.—Influenced by strong cables, the cotton market opened firm today, with December up 28 points and the remainder of the list 5 to 20 points higher.

The feature of the trading was heavy buying by spot interests, suggesting the idea that these interests are again calling for cotton.

Later the market eased off 6 to 7 points. Interests in New Orleans were heavy buyers, and the south generally sent more buying orders than for a long time.

On a bulge in the afternoon bulls unloaded upward of 100,000 bales. This afternoon the market was unsettled, and developed indications of weakness.

Spots closed at 15.85. Liverpool spots advanced 16 points to 8.42d. Exports for the day were 9453 bales.

Keep the bowels active if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickley Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection. Central Drug Store, special agent.

Mrs. R. H. Foster and youngest daughter, Kathrine, of Fort Worth, spending the holidays in San Angelo. Mrs. Foster's parents are Mrs. J. L. Ladd, of the city three or four days, his home Tuesday.

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For Everyone**

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Capital	\$250,000.00
Surplus and Profits	175,000.00
	\$425,000.00
Shareholders' Additional Liability	250,000.00
Total Security to Depositors	\$675,000.00

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JURY IS SELECTED IN KNOWLES CASE

Defendant Is on Trial Charged With Perjury in Connection With a Suit.

A plea of not guilty was entered in the case against H. B. Knowles late Tuesday afternoon in district court, and the hearing of testimony will begin Wednesday morning. Knowles is charged with perjury in connection with his testimony in a suit against the Santa Fe several years ago, which he won.

The empanelling of the jury was completed late Tuesday afternoon, after it had consumed the entire day. Many were declared disqualified to serve in the case, and the jury selected is composed of J. H. Key, W. L. Humphreys, J. T. Garrett, W. H. Hardin, W. E. Stovall, C. K. Cotton, S. J. Blocker, J. A. Swope, J. P. Dugan, A. T. Biedsoe and V. M. Bowen.

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