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LATEXO HAPPENINGS.

UNION MEETS. WILL PLANT PEANUTS AND TRUCK. ALL THE LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK.

LaTexo, Jan. 6.—The new year opened very quietly. Everybody seems to be waiting to hear that the panic is over. Since the banks under orders from head quarters closed down Oct. 29, business has been at a standstill. Some cotton, called distance cotton, has been turned loose, but a large majority of it is still in the warehouse and seems to be resting contentedly. There is one thing the union has accomplished and that is they have succeeded in marketing their cotton very slowly. They would be selling for 7.28 cents now more than likely but for this fact. If all the cotton had been dumped on the market this fall there would have been a panic in prices sure enough. So I say to the farmers hold your grip; don't give up; victory is just ahead.

The district union met here last Saturday and we had a very good turn out considering the bad weather. W. R. Campbell presided and Chas. Haltom acted as secretary. The peanut question was discussed and the opinion of all was that they would plant a good crop this year. The design of a cheap thrasher was on exhibit which can be run by horse power and hauled from one field to another, which solves the thrashing problem. Now all we

have to do is to raise the stuff and we are in it.

Mr. Brailsford of Pittsburg has bought 65 acres of the Orchard Co., including the former Jesse Jones residence, and will be here in a few days to take possession.

Dr. Meriwether's family have all been down with the lagrippe this week and are still sick but better.

Billy Wall planted one acre in the old fashioned goober and has already fattened and sold \$20.00 worth of hogs from it and has three more which will bring him \$15.00 or \$20.00. Can you do this with one acre of cotton? He worked it only three days.

The farmers are breaking their potato land and getting ready to plant. A good many are sowing oats which is a wise move. What's the matter with a patch of early speckle peas? If you raise more than you can use the goober thrasher will thrash them for you and you save the expense of picking, also don't forget that patch of sorghum for the hogs and those early cabbage that can be raised with very little trouble and you can feed your mules on cabbage and besides they are good hog feed, and in fact good for anything. Now don't forget this. When you see your neighborhood with plenty of fat hogs and cows and the few dollars he gets from the local market you will wish you hadn't.

The farmer boys from around Grapeland who attended the

union seemed to be prosperous as they all have their smoke house full of home raised meat and are independent of the panic. They raise peanuts up there, see?

Rex.

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Trinity Threatens to Overflow.

Crockett, Texas, January 5.—A report reached here last night from a party of duck hunters just returned from Trinity river that the river east of here is very full and an overflow is threatened. At this time they report the river as being on a standstill, but the weather is very threatening and slow rains have been falling at intervals. Property owners along the river, both in this and in Leon county have their pastures full of cattle and hogs, and an overflow would occasion the loss of a great deal of money.

A Letter from Bullard.

Bullard, Texas, Jan 5.—Mrs. Mary Beauchamp is on the sick list this week. Mr. Beauchamp's health is just about the same as it has been for sometime. Building fences and getting ready to start a crop is the order of the day. Some of the farmers have got their cabbage up and large enough to set in the cold fame. There will be a great deal of truck planted here. This is a good fruit and truck country.

Christmas passed off without any bad accidents.

Since I have been here I have met some of the Houston county boys that live here and that makes a fellow feel more like he is at home.

We are almost as glad to see Saturday come around so we can get the Messenger as I used to be to see Sunday come so I would not have to work.

David Caskey.

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J. S. Cook, the telephone man, has built a line from here to La Texo, connecting with the line from La Texo to Crockett, which gives us connection with the Crockett exchange.

Money in Eggs.

A progressive farmer was in town today and accommodated us by letting us have a couple of dozen eggs at twenty five cents a dozen. It is no joke about it being an accommodation on his part, for eggs are hard to get now at any price. He informed us that he never got less than six dozen eggs a week, and counting the chickens he sells, it is safe to state that the revenue from his poultry amounts to at least \$3.00 a week the year 'round. This is no big amount, but has it ever occurred to you that a few small amounts like this will supply the requirements of the average family?—Menardville Messenger.

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OTHER TESTIMONY

For Cottonseed Meal as a Food for Live Stock.

At a meeting of the South Carolina Live Stock Association held at Columbia, S. C., on February 8th and 9th an address full of practical advice, backed by scientific knowledge, was delivered by the eminent Dr. Tait Butler, of Raleigh N. C., on "Practical Stock Feeding in the South." Dr. Butler is a recognized authority on feeds and feeding and what he says should have a special weight and influence throughout the entire South, and that part of his discussion touching the feeding of horses, mules and colts is of special importance to the Southern breeder.

In the official report of the general discussion which followed Dr. Butler's address this occurs. Dr. Butler was asked:

"You speak of feeding horses cotton seed meal. What about the muscular forming properties of cotton seed meal, on the animal, compared to corn and oats?"

Dr. Butler: "There is enough known about feeding horses cotton seed meal for me to state that if you had a horse that you were feeding 14 pounds of corn daily, that you could take out four pounds of that corn and put in two pounds of cotton seed meal and get better results. Not because corn is not the best feed we have for supplying heat and energy, but there is another thing needed. When that horse supplies you muscular energy he is burning up his muscles just as you burn coal in a furnace to supply energy to run the machinery in your factories, and he has got to have something to build up those wasted muscles, and corn does not contain it in sufficient quantity. A little cotton seed meal is better than an additional amount of corn. When you are already feeding your horse clover and ten pounds of corn, I would rather have two pounds of cotton seed meal added than four pounds of corn. I would rather have two pounds of cotton seed meal added than four pounds of oats. Corn is a splendid horse feed, but we are wasting two million dollars a year in South Carolina feeding an all-corn ration."

"In what proportion would you feed corn and cotton seed meal?"

Dr. Butler: "That will depend upon your hay."

"Plenty of hay?"

Dr. Butler: "An average ration for a thousand-pound horse doing real hard work, is about 15 pounds of grain and 12 to 15 pounds of hay. Instead of 15 lbs of fodder and 15 pounds of corn, I would take 5 pounds of peavine hay and 7 to 8 pounds of clover, and then add 10 pounds of corn and 2 pounds of cotton seed meal, and get better results. If I had oats to feed and had some peavine hay or clover hay, I do not think I would feed any cotton seed meal at all, because it is bad to feed unless you can mix it with something else. If I did not have any peavine or clover hay, I would certainly put some cotton seed meal in the ration of a hard working horse, unless I had plenty of oats and they were cheap."

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Strawberry Culture.

(By Prof. E. C. Green.)

It may be safely said that the strawberry is the most nearly standard of all the small fruit crops, and, taken one year with another, it is the most profitable in a commercial way. Although a delicate and juicy fruit, still it endures long shipment remarkably well, being nearly equal in this respect to the tomato and the peach.

The strawberry plant is not so particular as to soil as many suppose, for while it reaches perfection on well drained, rich, sandy loam, still it does very well on heavier soils, and with good care will make profitable returns on almost any land that is suitable for corn. However, it is well to avoid land that is especially subject to drouth or that is exceptionally wet or stiff; light, shifting sand, or cold quicksand is unsuitable. The ideal location is on rolling land, as this naturally provides good drainage, and is less likely to be affected by late frosts, such as occasionally destroy the early blossoms. Low places entirely surrounded by higher land should be avoided because of their danger from untimely frosts.

Strawberry soil should be fertile and well prepared before the plants are set if the maximum quantity and quality of fruit is aimed at. Perhaps the best preparation is to turn under deeply in fall a heavy crop of cow peas. Barn-lot manure and wood ashes put on broadcast and harrowed in during the winter is desirable, as this adds the right kind of food elements to the soil. Early in the spring, or rather late in winter, about February, the land should be again broken and worked into a mellow condition in preparation for setting the plants.

The success attendant upon obtaining a full stand depends much on the character of the plants used, and in the manner of setting them. None but young plants that have never fruited should be used for sets, and in planting great care should be taken to spread out the roots in a fan shape before pressing the earth firmly about them. They must be set so that the crown bud is not above nor below the surface after the ground settles, as in the first case the root dries out, and in the latter the top smothered.

By paying strict attention to the above points a good stand can be had unless exceptionally bad weather prevails immediately after setting.

In the Gulf Coast region and East Texas, February and March are usually the most favorable months for planting, though as one gets into South Texas the truckers are frequently in favor of fall planting, as they experience difficulty in carrying the young plantation through the heat of summer successfully.

If the soil is reasonably rich and has been prepared in the manner suggested, no further fertilization is necessary, but failing this, it is desirable to work in 500 pounds of acid sulphate per acre, and on sandy land 50 bushels of wood ashes in addition to the sulphate. Probably the best results from fertilizer are obtained when it is applied about the same time the plants are beginning to show blossoms. Cotton seed meal is good for enriching the land preparatory to setting the plants.

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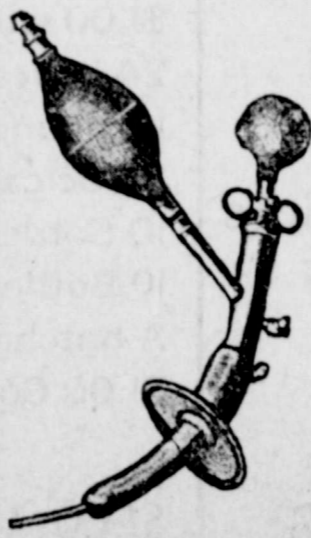
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Grape Growing

(H. E. Stockbridge.)

It is strange that the popular misconception as to grape growing in the South should be so general. Even among intelligent Southerners the belief is all prevailing that our claims to successful grape production must be confined to the muscadine type of bunchless grapes. The very people most willing to insist on our pre-eminence in peach growing, who laud the Florida orange and make great claims for our plums, figs, strawberries and apples still draw the line of success at grapes.

The greatest of all mistakes relative to southern grape growing is this doubt of our adaptation to the production of grapes. Like most general beliefs this misconception concerning the grape had its origin in some degree of reason. In the days before the cause of fungus disease was known and before moderate spraying was heard of many of the thin-skinned bunch grapes were found to be particularly susceptible to disease in the South. General disbelief in Southern adaptation to this whole class of fruits followed.

With modern knowledge and present methods of combating fungus pests the old misconception still lingers, though now entirely without rational cause.

In view of these facts it may be appropriate to preface our consideration of prevalent mistakes in grape growing by calling attention to a few of the facts showing the success of the industry in the South.

It should be understood at the start that by grape growing we mean the successful production of bunch grapes. The scuppernon and others of that family can never be considered commercial, and even their recognized value for wine making is lost in the tidal wave of alleged temperance reform sweeping over the home of the scuppernon.

There are no better vineyards anywhere than some of those in the hills of Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, the least dreamed of as a grape section, had the remarkable fortune to defeat the whole world in wine making by winning the grand gold medal prize at the Paris exposition. The champion vintage was a sour sauterne as unlike the scuppernon beverage (usually supposed to be typical Southern wine) as champagne is unlike a sweetened water.

The location of the vineyard is one of the most common mistakes of the grape grower. The wild muscadine grows naturally about bay heads and moist bottoms. So cultivated bunch grapes are often set in places carefully selected because of being moist. No greater mistake could be made. Excess of moisture is fatal to success in grape growing. Dry slopes and gravelly hill-sides are ideal vineyard sites. It must not be supposed that grapes do not require much moisture; they do, but excess, wet feet, must be carefully guarded against.

The rows of vines should be always run as nearly east and west as the contour of the land will allow in order that the fruit may be exposed as much as possible to direct sunshine.

VARIETIES.

It is here that the Southern grower has most lamentably failed. Knowing that the Concord is the standard table grape of the world, he has set out hundreds of thousands of these vines, only to find that the fruit was not salable and hardly edible. It ripens extremely unevenly and is very subject to rot. Avoid the Concord should be the first rule in the catechism of the Southern grape grower. Consult your local nurseryman for the kinds to plant on your soil and for your conspicuous purpose.

FERTILIZER.

Here is a serious and common seat of error. Stable manure, which is very commonly used for fertilizing the vines, should be

but seldom or never used on grapes. The soil on which the vines are planted should be made fertile with manure or leguminous crops, but after the vines are once set mineral fertilizers should be depended upon for supplying the indispensable plant food.

The objections to manure are its liability to result in excess of foliage to detriment of fruit yield and its tendency to increase the prevalence of fungus diseases. The object of the grower should be to make wood the first two years and fruit thereafter. For this reason the fertilizer should contain more nitrogen the first two years than thereafter.

A fair average application for these first years would be 800 pounds per acre, analyzing about 6 per cent phosphoric acid, 4 per cent nitrogen, 10 per cent potash. Thereafter the annual application should be made 1200 pounds of a 6-3-10 mixture. The first year the potash may be most economically supplied in the form of muriate; afterwards only the sulphate should be used.

It is important to note that the comparatively high proportion of potash is not based solely on the known importance of this material in influencing quantity and quality of fruit. It has been frequently demonstrated that the dropping of the fruit, so disastrous a trouble in many sections, is prevented by the liberal use of potash fertilizers.

CARE.

Details for the setting and caring for the vines is not possible here. Mistakes only can be pointed out and remedies suggested. One of the very common mistakes is in the neglect of proper pruning of the vines. The actual method to be followed must depend on the form of trellising used. The principle is the same with all. This year's fruit is borne by last year's wood. This means that all excess of wood, the old wood, must be cut away. The number of laterals, two, three or more on each side must depend on the number of wires used for support, but the growth should be cut back to this one year old wood and the main vine or trunk. All else is worse than superfluous; it is an actual detriment to fruit production.

This should, of course, be done before sap begins to flow in early spring. Then with fertilizing at the first plowing, shallow cultivation and spraying with Bordeaux mixture after the fruit has set, one has a right to expect grapes, good grapes and plenty of grapes.—Farm and Ranch.

HOW TO SELECT AND PLANT A TREE.

By John P. Brown.

Do not choose too large a tree; one of medium size will be preferable. There is nothing gained by planting an over sized tree, the working roots of which were sacrificed in digging. Usually two inches diameter is better than larger.

The tree should not be cut back when transplanted, as this causes a diseased top. Let the terminal bud continue in its upward growth, heading in such side branches as may be necessary to maintain the balance between top and roots.

See that the tree has all the make growth of top until roots are established in the soil.

The roots which feed and support the tree are the minute fibrous rootlets at the extremities and along the course of the large roots, and these must be formed anew before the tree can receive nourishment.

For this reason a small tree having all its roots preserved has a great advantage over a larger tree whose roots have been sacrificed in digging.

The feeding roots of a tree are far removed from the trunk, at times as far as the height of the tree, and in transplanting a very large tree it is impossible to save any of these, only a small portion of the larger roots being secured.

All feeding roots must be re-

newed from these stubs before any nourishment can be conveyed to the tree.

Meantime numerous buds expand, leaves are unrolled and evaporate moisture, all of which must be supplied from the body of the tree itself. How easy it is for borer and both insects and disease to prey upon a tree trunk so weakened, and how many such trees die or merely hold life for several years.

Elms, Willows, Cottonwoods, Soft Maple and a few other trees emit new roots so rapidly that they may live, while Oaks, Hard Maples, etc., cannot renew their roots quickly.

Uniformity.

One expects, in a park to see great variety, also on a private lawn, we enjoy the intricate variety in shapes of leaves, character of foliage, outline of trees or shrub, combination of harmonious colors in a forest, but an avenue of street trees should be uniform in species of trees, distance apart and method of pruning to have a harmonious appearance.

Preparation for Reception of Tree.

Digging the Hole—If the soil cannot be dug deeply and thoroughly as for a crop of grain, it should be excavated not less than four square and eighteen inches deep, and larger than this for a larger tree.

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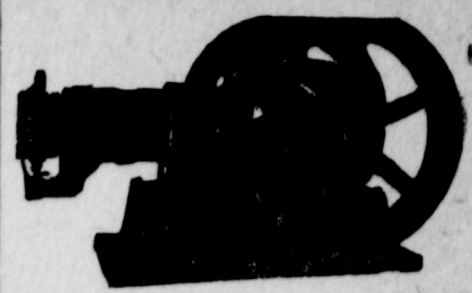
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THE MESSENGER.

Judge Gardner has announced that he will be a candidate for re election to the district judgeship.

The political pot is not boiling in Houston County. Fact is we have heard no politics talked at all. Get busy boys and let's have some fun.

We are very anxious to know who wants to be a law maker to go to Austin from this county. We understand that Mr. Daniels will not seek re election.

Success does not lie in doing those things which suits our pleasure and convenience. No one ever reached it by chance, but it requires work and study—ever pressing onward and upward.

W. R. Beaumier, editor of the Hallettsville Herald, was shot and killed in front of his office one day last week by his wife. She gave as her reason that he had ceased to love her.

We have received a copy of the Coperas Grove Herald, edited by Webster F. Hays, who was formerly connected with the Messenger. The Herald is a newsy little paper, and we extend to Web our best wishes for a successful journalistic career.

"Heavenly Houston" and her dimpled read-headed widows may be all right for the pungent paragrapher of the Post, but we are inclined to believe that "Glorious Grapeland" and her "Graceful Girls" cannot be out matched.

It would be a miracle for a southern man to be elected president. What's the use of taking out Charlie Culberson from the senate and put him at the head of the national ticket? He has a greater work to perform in the senate, where his influence and usefulness is recognized, than he could ever perform as president, and in the senate the people of Texas will keep him.

Nothing is much nobler than the desire for knowledge, nothing much shabbier than low curiosity. What does it signify to us what others do or do not have and why cannot we let them and their affairs alone? No one in the world likes to be watched and pried after, and it does not seem very difficult to do unto our neighbors in this matter as we would they should unto us. This curiosity is the great sin of small societies. For want of a more healthy outlet of the dramatic instinct which we are all born, the dwellers in con-

lined localities turn upon each other like so many spiders in a tumble and try to make real starvation of this instinct by the false nourishment of gossip.—Ex.

We hardly know what we can do in the way of farming in East Texas, and for that matter right here at Grapeland. The country around us possesses unboundless wealth if we would loose our hold upon cotton for a short time, and investigate the merits of diversification. In the last issue of the I. & G. N. Red Book there are pictures of Mr. Dave Walling's fall potato crop, which was followed by a crop of cow peas, and the land is now growing a crop of winter rye. Mr. Walling is a very progressive farmer and has demonstrated time and again what can be done in the way of truck farming.

If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fibre of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially affects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

There was a little excitement in town Saturday afternoon for a few minutes. Wade Spruill and Odell Faris became involved in a difficulty at the postoffice and exchanged a few licks, resulting in a bruised eye for Odell and a scratched lip for Wade. The trouble arose over a business transaction, but we hope the boys have settled the matter ere this and will be good in the future.

Stomach Trouble Cared.

If you have any trouble with your stomach you should take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. P. Klote of Edina, Mo., says; "I have used a great many different medicines for stomach trouble, but find Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets more beneficial than any other remedy I ever used." For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Herod Parker came rolling in from Tyler Sunday night singing "There's no place like home." Herod decided he didn't want any shorthand or bookkeeping in his just at the present.

Do you have backache occasionally, or "stitches" in the side and sometimes do you feel all tired out, without ambition and without energy? If so, your kidneys are out of order. Take DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills They promptly relieve backache, weak back, inflammation of the bladder and weak kidneys. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

W. B. Faris, who was in the brokerage business at Crockett last year, has moved to Livingston where he has a railroad position.

Fry It Once.

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

Fire At Coal Mines.

Crockett, Texas, January 3.—The tippie engine and boiler room belonging to the Houston County Coal and Manufacturing company at their coal mine at Wooters, ten miles south of this place, were completely destroyed by fire last night about 10 o'clock. The cause of the fire can not be definitely ascertained at the time. The loss to the company will be about \$1500 and the loss of business, which is heavy at this season of the year. There was no insurance on the building or machinery.

All The World.

is a stage, and Ballard's Snow Liniment plays a most prominent part. It has no superior for Rheumatism, stiff joints, cuts sprains, and all pains. Buy it, try it and you will always use it. Anybody who has used Ballard's Snow Liniment is a living proof of what it does. Buy a trial bottle. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by Carleton & Porter.

He Didn't Have a Dollar.

He didn't have a dollar, he didn't have a dime; his clothes and shoes looked as though they had served their time. He didn't try to kill himself to dodge misfortune's whacks. Instead he got some ashes and filled five dozen sacks. Then next he begged a dollar. In the paper in the morn he advertised ten pol ish that would put the sun to scorn. He kept on advertising and just now, suffice to say he's out in California at his cottage on the bay.—Mecca Heard.

Catarrh and Headache.

Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly Street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't do without it." She is right.

Rev. J. B. Luker, pastor of the Center Circuit, has returned home after being away about a month during which time he was confined at the home of his daughter at Lufkin with a stubborn illness. He was stricken down on his return from conference and much concern was felt about his condition by his friends throughout this section who will be glad to know that he has almost entirely recovered, and will now enter upon his ministerial duties for the new year. Bro. Luker is especially well-liked by his charge—the people who he so faithfully served this year, and they are rejoicing over his return to them for another year's work.—Center Champion.

To borrow money at three per cent and loan it to favored banks for nothing, that these banks may save the country by loaning the money out at a big rate—this may be high finance, but it will strike the average man as rather an expensive way of meeting an emergency. But it is Wall Street's way.—Commoner.

The money in hoarding and hiding has been estimated at over one billion dollars. This not only reflects upon our bank management but enables us to estimate the enormous increases in the loanable capital that would come from a guaranteeing of banks which would draw this money into banks and put it into the channels of trade.—Commoner.

To Our Friends and Customers:

We desire to thank you each and every one for the patronage with which you have favored us in the past. Our business has been steadily increasing ever since we came among you and we shall put forth every effort to continue the increase in the future. As we have told you before, our business is established on a basis of

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Our prices are always fair, we always give you full value for your money, and our price to you is the same as to your neighbor. Your child receives the same consideration from us that you do. If you are not now trading with us, we want you to try us. We know that we can please you and that you will be our regular customer when you have given us a trial.

Again thanking you for past favors and soliciting your future business and wishing you one and all a happy and prosperous new year, we are

Respectfully,

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Prerogative of Wealth.

In a shrub less than 20 miles from New York lives a rich woman who, although generous and charitable, has always been extremely dictatorial. All who have been employed by her, in whatever capacity, have felt the caprices of her temper, and while her patronage is valuable, it is nevertheless accepted with considerable dread. An elderly German landscape gardener, who has a gift of shrewd comment of an epigrammatic sort, has done a great deal of work for the lady in question, and the other day an acquaintance asked him how he managed to get along.

"What do you think of Mrs. —, anyway?" pursued the friend, anxious to get an expression of opinion.

"Well," replied the gardener, in his customary slow and precise way, "Mrs. — is a very rich woman, so we will say she is eccentric; if she were poor, she would be the devil!"—Ex.

It depends upon the pill you take. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known for constipation and sick headaches. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Ready for All Corners.

The passengers were suddenly startled by a shower of rice that fell from the bride's parasol when she took it from the rack. The bridegroom, a dark, stalwart chap observing the smiles, placed his arm about his blushing bride, and then faced the passengers with the following remarks:

"I recon there ain't no need for me to say we ain't ben married long; but I can tell you one thing. You don't want to smile any more than's perlitte; for she's my violet and I'm her sheltering oak, and I weighs two hundred and eight pounds.

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Mrs. Lizzie Rippetoe and Mrs. Viola Nelson of Oklahoma are here on a visit to their father, Rev. W. N. Warlick.

Dr. P. H. Stafford is having lumber placed on the ground for the erection of a modern residence, just opposite the residence of F. A. Faris.

Set your pegs high and if you never reach them you may accomplish something. If you don't expect to do anything you surely will not be disappointed.—Athens Banner.

Two marriages occurred at Elkhart last week among prominent society folk. Mr. Eugene Kennedy to Miss Nora Driskill, and Mr. Dave Driskill to Mrs. Jack Stubblefield.

Women who grow old gracefully are more attractive in their old age than they were in their youth, and to do so they must cultivate virtues which are reflected in their faces and in their characters.—Mildred Stuart.

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LOCAL NEWS.

John Guice went up to Elkhart Sunday to see friends.

See if Howard has what you want and lowest prices.

Have your clothes pressed, the cost is very small. Odell Faris.

Jim Langston of Crockett was in town Tuesday.

We want your eggs, chickens at Howard's.

J. L. Chiles of Reynard spent Sunday here and attended services at the Methodist church.

Buy your seed potatoes from Geo. E. Darsey. A car just received. Prices right.

Mr. Johnny Markham and Miss Nannie Smith, two very prominent young people of Crockett, were married last Friday night.

Mrs. Claud Saddler and children returned to their home in Kirbyville Saturday. They were accompanied by Miss Corine Anthony.

Dr. H. S. Robertson came in from Palmetto Sunday to spend a few days. Doctor is in the very pink of health and says he is doing fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Clewis announce the arrival of twins—a boy and girl. No doubt Lee thinks the stork has overdone the thing in these panicky times.

FOR SALE—A scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College at a big discount; be quick; it will be sold in the next thirty days. Address The Messenger, Grapeland, Texas.

Cash Proposition

We will sell for strictly cash during the year 1908. All those who are indebted to us will please call and settle up.

J. J. Guice & Son.

Hosea Anthony arrived in the city Friday from Pecos City and will spend a week or ten days visiting friends and relatives. Hosea says he is delighted with the western country.

Eight pounds of roasted coffee for \$1.00 at Wherry's

Buy your onion sets from F. A. Faris'.

H. S. Murdock is on the sick list this week.

The best horse collar's in town F. A. Faris'.

Let me clean your old suit and make it look new. Odell Faris.

Dr. McCarty had business at the hub Friday.

Shoes for the whole family at Faris'.

Five gallons of Eupeon oil for 85c at W. R. Wherry's.

Let Odell Faris fix up your old clothes.

Garden seed and onion sets at Howard's.

Big lot of shoes just received at Faris'.

Go to W. R. Wherry's the grocery man, for fresh groceries.

Josiah Caskey and family have moved to Palestine.

All kinds of breakfast food at W. R. Wherry's.

Buy your dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes and plow tools from Faris.

For the best cutlery one can buy, in razors, pocket knives, scissors ect, go to Howard's.

Plenty of Kelly plows, handles, beams, points, etc., at F. A. Faris'.

Mrs. John McIntosh of Palestine is visiting Mrs. Jake Lively this week.

Howard Anthony has quit the hotel business and Mr. Caldwell will have charge until February, when Mrs. Mina Prestridge of Mansfield, La., will take possession.

The meeting closed at the Methodist church Tuesday night. Rev. Jno. E. Green, of Houston, who was doing the preaching, was taken ill Sunday night after services and has been confined to his bed since. Rev. Willis, presiding elder, came in from Huntsville Tuesday and preached two appreciated sermons. The business session of the first quarterly conference was held Wednesday morning.

Later.—Since writing the above Bro. Green has greatly improved and the meeting will be continued.

Now Roosevelt has coerced the governor of Nevada into calling a special session of the legislature. No other president ever displayed such sublime egotism as Theodore Roosevelt. He tried to dictate Oklahoma's constitution and presumes to know more of the needs of Nevada than Governor Sparks himself. Whatever else history may say of him, it will declare Roosevelt the champion egotist and "butter-in" of all time.—Corpus Crony.

Kenard Mill Starts Up,

Crockett, Texas, January 2.—The lumber mills of the Texas & Louisiana Lumber company, located at Kennard, twenty-one miles east of Crockett, started up yesterday, after a shutdown of about six weeks. These mills have a capacity of 300,000 feet of lumber per day, and employ 2000 men when running at their full capacity. This will give employment to many of the idle laborers of this county, and together with the fact that many of the smaller mills of the county have started up, or will in the next ten days, will tend much to the betterment of the financial condition in this county.

It will Stay There.

In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it is proved beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles, such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, ect., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly." R. M. Swann, Franklin, La.

For Rent

A good five room house with good barn, lot, garden and well, with 20 to 40 acres good land; in sight of school building. J. E. Hollingsworth.

Fever Sores.

Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's Salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son

Lumber Lumber

In connection with my large stock of lumber at my mill four miles south of Grapeland, I have quite a lot of oak fence posts, the veay thing for fencing your yards and gardens. T. H. Leaverton.

Lame Shoulder Cured.

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Mrs. F. H. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a pain in my left shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." For sale by Guice & Son.

Because a man happens to possess a little more of this world's goods than other men it is no sign he is better than other men. Riches are not necessarily accompanied by honesty and morality.—Athens Banner.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated; it is doing too much work and it is demanding help from you. Take something once in awhile; especially after meals; something like Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

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Don't be too late, but buy your seed potatoes before they are all gone. Darsey is bringing a car this week.

Don't allow your trousers to become baggy at the knees and look bum, but let me press them and make them look new. Odell Faris.

Alfred Caskey and Miss Gertrude Lively were married last Friday night at the residence of W. N. Warlick, that gentleman performing the ceremony. A few friends were with them to witness the happy occasion. The Messenger extends congratulations.

The tax collector will be here Friday. This will be the last chance to pay your poll tax conveniently. Avail yourself of the opportunity.

There was a change made in the passenger train schedule Sunday. Following is the time card: South bound, No. 3, 11:10 a. m.; No. 5 10:15 p. m. North bound, No. 2, 11:48 a. m.; No. 4, 9:44 p. m.

Quite a crowd of the boys of Kennard went deer driving Christmas day and I. A. Daniel killed a fine five point buck. He was indeed elated over his good luck and was forcibly reminded of his boyhood days on Hickory creek.—Houston Co. Herald.

FEDERAL IMPROVEMENT OF TEXAS WATERWAYS

Special Correspondence by Milton Everett.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 30, 1907.

With nine large rivers capable of being made navigable waterways; with four splendid natural harbors, which may with proper effort and money be made deep enough to float the sea-going ships of modern times to carry our products to all parts of the world, it lies within the power of our people to make the empire state of the west the most prosperous in the world's history. Agriculture and manufacture, for rapid and vigorous growth, depend upon ready, cheap and direct channels of transportation to foreign markets. Without such transportation from the factory and the farm to consumers of all lands, fertile soil, salubrious climate, auspicious seasons, lavish donations of minerals, building stones and timber are worthless to create for man appeasements for his necessities or satisfy his craving for the luxuries of civilization. But with us all things are at hand that nature could reward to bear to give mankind a just reward for his labor. The utilization of our natural gifts is all that is necessary to make us a rich and great people.

In the matter of the improvement of our rivers and harbors the Federal government is giving substantial aid, yet not sufficient to push the work of improvement as fast as they should be pushed to secure the best results. However, it may be said that in recent years we have been much more liberally treated than heretofore, the appropriations and authorizations from 1904 to 1907 being nearly \$6,000,000.

From the year 1851, when the first appropriation was made for Texas' waterways, to June 30, 1907, the government appropriated in round numbers \$13,000,000 for improvements and maintenance of improvements of our rivers and harbors. Besides this amount, congress authorized continuing contracts on various projects amounting to \$1,940,000, expended \$209,000 on dredge boats to be used in Texas waters, and appropriated for a seawall at Galveston \$750,000.

Work is now progressing on the following projects, viz: Galveston harbor, Galveston city channel, Galveston-Houston ship canal, Galveston-Velasco waterway, Galveston-Texas city channel, Aransas Pass harbor, Brazos Santiago harbor, Brazos river, Trinity river, Jefferson-Shreveport waterway, Sulphur river, the Coastal canal and several minor propositions.

A complete account of the work under the different heads is given as follows:

Galveston Harbor.
The first appropriation for the improvement of Galveston harbor was made by the Federal congress on July 11, 1870. From that time until 1886, \$1,478,000 had been spent by the government and \$100,000 by the citizens of Galveston on this harbor.

In 1886 a comprehensive plan was adopted by the congress for securing a twenty-five-foot channel over the bars at the mouth of the harbor and increasing the depth of the roadstead. At the beginning of the work it was estimated to cost \$7,090,000, and the actual cost at the time of its completion was \$7,041,648.42.

The hurricane of Sept. 8, 1896, caused considerable destruction of the improvements, estimated at \$1,500,000, of which \$1,450,000 had been appropriated to June 30, 1907.

Total appropriations, including subscription of citizens \$10,091,748.69. Balance unexpended, \$322,404.69.

The amounts include cost of maintaining the harbor work. The chief engineer, in his annual report for 1907, states that an additional appropriation of \$700,000 will complete the work, and this amount was authorized by the last session of congress, although not yet appropriated.

The present depth of water at mean low tide on the outer bar is 23 1/2 feet, while the inner bar has totally disappeared, the depth of water there being thirty-one feet. Including the Galveston city channel, Galveston harbor now contains 2420 acres of a depth of twenty-four feet and over, and 929 acres of a depth of thirty feet and over, and takes its place as one of the first class harbors of the world. A committee of United States engineers estimated that the work done at Galveston is worth \$10,000,000 a year in direct saving to the people.

Galveston City Channel.
What is known as the Galveston channel is the deep water channel from the wharf front of the city of Galveston to the jetty channel at the entrance to the harbor. The channel is 30 feet in depth, from 550 to 650 feet in width and 15,000 feet in length. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,714,310. Total appropriations amount to \$745,196.89 and the unexpended balance to \$139,307.81.

It is estimated that an additional appropriation of \$1,017,935.75 will complete the work.

Galveston-Houston Ship Channel.
This ship channel projected from the Galveston city channel to a point on Buffalo bayou near the city of Houston will pass through Galveston bay, San Jacinto bay, Morgan's canal and Buffalo bayou. This route for traffic has been for a long time a most important one, and small appropriations have been made by the government since 1872. Commodore Charles Morgan, who operated a line of tug boats on this waterway, dug a canal known as Morgan's canal at his own expense at the mouth of Buffalo bayou many years ago, which was purchased by the government in 1892.

Prior to 1899, \$1,010,465.80 had been expended by the government, including the \$92,316.85 paid for Morgan's canal. In 1899 the present project was adopted for securing a channel not less than eighteen feet in depth, at an estimated cost of \$5,700,000.

Total appropriations, \$5,977,516.39. Balance unexpended \$255,494.59.

The estimated appropriation necessary to complete the work is \$8,000,000. In addition to amounts named, the government has expended from 1860 to June 30, 1907, \$6,940 in the care and operation of Morgan's canal.

Galveston-Velasco Waterway.
The Galveston-Velasco waterway consists of a channel through West Galveston bay to Oyster bay, Galveston and Brazos canal from the west end of Oyster bay to the mouth of the Brazos river and the Brazos to Velasco. The plan of making a channel through West Galveston bay was only adopted in 1892, but the canal from the west end of Oyster bay to the mouth of the Brazos was originally dug by the Galveston and Brazos Navigation company in 1851, and was purchased by the government in 1902. In 1880 the government commenced work on the harbor at the mouth of the Brazos, which was afterward suspended and the work undertaken by the Brazos River Channel and Dock company, a Texas corporation,

under an act of congress approved Aug. 9, 1888. In 1899 the Brazos River Channel and Dock company transferred its interests to the government, which began in 1902 on a project to further improve the harbor. Total appropriations as follows: West Galveston bay channel, \$80,059.69. Balance unexpended, \$44,156.55. Galveston and Brazos canal, \$67,308.86, all of which has been expended. Mouth of Brazos, \$466,253.66. Balance unexpended, \$60,187.95.

Galveston-Texas City Channel.
This channel, between deep water in Galveston harbor and the wharves of Texas City is 34,000 feet long, 100 feet wide and 23 to 25 feet deep. Total appropriations, \$310,000. Unexpended, \$59,795.44.

Aransas Pass Harbor.
The first appropriation for this harbor was made by the government in 1879, and work was continued in a desultory manner until 1888. In 1889 the Aransas Pass Harbor company, a Texas corporation, commenced the work which was turned over to the government in 1899.

Total appropriations, \$1,301,199.63. Balance unexpended, \$203,075.22.

Brazos Santiago Harbor.
This harbor is situated at the mouth of the Rio Grande river, the wharves being at Point Isabel, twenty miles south of Brownsville. The total amount appropriated by the government from 1880 to 1888 was \$247,500, of which \$241,913.81 was expended to June 30, 1907, leaving \$5,586.19 available for future work. No work has been done on this harbor for the past two years. It is estimated that appropriations to the amount of \$1,318,596.23 will complete the work.

Brazos River, Velasco to Waco.

The first appropriation for the improvement of the Brazos river was for \$5,000 in 1896, to clean out the channel from Velasco to Richmond. In 1892 provision was made for the improvement of the river from Velasco to Old Washington. In 1905 it was further provided for improvement from Old Washington to Waco.

Total Appropriations, \$405,069.34. Balance unexpended, \$122,771.85. Trinity River, Dallas to Galveston.

The work on the Trinity river is divided into two engineering districts, that at its mouth being in charge of Captain J. C. Oakes, stationed at Galveston, and the work on the river proper being in charge of Captain W. P. Wooten, stationed at Dallas. The necessity for a channel at the mouth of the river has long been recognized, and the government made its first appropriation in 1852. The only work heretofore done has been to clear the channel for light draft boats, but when the work on the river is nearing completion a deep water channel from its mouth to Galveston will be a necessity.

Total appropriations, \$34,878.15. Balance unexpended, \$1,197.05.

In 1902 congress authorized the commencement of the work on the river, beginning at the city of Dallas, an appropriation having been made in March, 1899, for a survey and examination into the feasibility of making the river a navigable waterway.

Total appropriations, including \$66,000 contributed by citizens of Dallas, \$709,318.27. Balance unexpended, \$484,325.74.

The estimate of the cost of the improvement was \$5,118,000. Three hundred thousand dollars in addition to above appropriations have been authorized by congress for locks and dams.

The distance from Dallas to the mouth of the Trinity is 511 miles, and the plan of the government provides for a six-foot navigation the entire distance. General Mackenzie, chief engineer of the United States army, in his report for the year 1907, says: "The Trinity's banks are high and quite stable, making it particularly susceptible to improvement by canalization." He also says: "When the river is made navigable to this point (Dallas) it will result in considerable reduction and immense saving, not only in local, but also interstate freight rates."

Jefferson To Shreveport, La., Waterway.

This waterway is composed of Cypress bayou, near Shreveport, a series of shallow lakes and a part of the Red river. For many years up to 1872 this waterway was the principal outlet for commerce from north and east Texas to New Orleans, the only seaport that could be reached by transportation other than overland travel. From 1872 until 1897 the usefulness of the waterway gradually declined to nothingness, owing to the construction of levees on the right bank of the Red river, which cut off the water supply from the lakes forming part of the waterway.

Total appropriations, \$155,761.33. Balance unexpended, \$8,225.27.

Sulphur River From Lamar County, Texas, to Its Mouth.

The Sulphur river is the southern boundary of Lamar, Red River and Bowie counties in Texas, and empties into the Red river in Arkansas. The chief engineer, in his report for 1907, says that this river for 150 miles from its mouth is 150 to 200 feet wide, with navigable water, except for a few shoals and other obstructions. No work has been done except some dredging in 1896 and 1897 at a cost of \$2,458.99.

Total appropriations, \$35,488.99. Balance unexpended, \$25,000.

Red River From Denison, Tex., to Fulton, Ark.

The first appropriation of \$7,000 for this work was made in 1886, and little work was done from that year to 1906, when \$100,000 was appropriated. Total appropriated, \$283,800. Balance unexpended, \$180,888.04.

the novelty of excitement. After arranging his room he began setting type, and smiled to himself as he thought of the change from the New York Banner to the Prospector. Yes, he had made many sacrifices, and would he not willingly make many more for the sake of being near the one woman he loved, "with a love that surpasseth understanding."

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San Antonio, Jan. (Special).—Resolution passed unanimously by the Bexar County Farmers in session in this city yesterday, demanding that bank depositors shall be guaranteed against loss by the Government, a special tax for that purpose being levied on the bankers, and a similar expression of opinion by the bankers of Houston in published interviews a day or so prior, indicate the growing sentiment in this state for the adoption of what is becoming known as the "Oklahoma Idea." The action of Oklahoma in passing such a law, and the ideas on the subject advanced by William Jennings Bryan were specifically endorsed, Cashier Johnson of the Texas Saving Bank even goes so far as to urge a special session of the Texas Legislature to enact such a law. It is urged that such a law would at once restore public confidence and make recovery from the late panic instantaneous. Opposition to the plan is developing in this city by prominent business men who declare that recovery of confidence is already practically complete, and there is no need for such a law.

F. G. Andrews of this city was fined a day or so ago, \$1000 for deserting his wife. This is the first application of the law passed by the last legislature of this state to force shiftless or dishonorable men to provide for their families, and prevent them from becoming public charges. Andrews fine may be stayed by giving bond for double the amount and paying his wife \$2.50 a week for support. Since conditions in Texas are such that any industrious man can earn a good living, public sentiment is aroused against wife deserters, and a campaign of punishment for such recalcitrants is entered upon in this state.

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Corpus Christi—The truck growers have the brightest outlook for many years for a good winter crop.

Houston—The Santa Fe terminals are merged with the Yoakum lines.

Houston—An immense crowd listened to Mr. Bryan's address on popular Government.

Dallas—Miss Tula May Ferguson, formerly of San Antonio, was fatally burned while drying a garment that had been cleansed in gasoline.

Houston—Prof. Lovett of Princeton has been chosen president of the Rice Institute.

San Antonio—A German expert has pronounced the kaolin beds of Edwards County to be the finest in the world.

Houston—The State Teachers' Association held its session in Houston last week, Corsicana was chosen as Laredo.

Laredo—An engineer was killed and a number of people hurt in a wreck on the I. & G. N.

Palestine—An open switch caused a smashup in which the engineer was killed and others seriously hurt.

Aransas Pass—Members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee are inspecting the channel and jetty.

Llano—Geological surveys will be made of Llano and Burnet counties, and their mineral deposits.

Rhomb—A mother administered carbolic acid to her infant, and then took her own life.

Houston—Two deaths and a dozen persons injured is Houston's score for the holidays.

Laredo—A hackman was arrested for assisting a Jap to smuggle himself over the Rio Grande. The Jap is detained by the inspectors.

Dripping Springs—The postoffice safe was blown open by burglars and \$600 taken.

Santa Anna—A boy was fatally hurt by a ditched freight train.

Houston—The Missionary Conference of the Episcopal church is to hold its annual meeting this week.

Austin—Senator Culberson's boom as running mate for Bryan is assuming definite shape.

Kyle—Very interesting races afforded interest to several thousand visitors.

San Angelo—Work on the construction of the railroad toward Sweetwater has been temporarily suspended.

Dallas—The full rendition law has increased the taxable property list by 100 per cent.

Houston—W. H. Gill succeeds Judge Ramsey on the Penitentiary Board.

Austin—A number of tax assessors are refusing to collect certain agricultural statistics without pay, as the new law requires.

Austin—The statement of Banking Commissioner Love, giving condition of State banks Dec. 31, 1907, has been issued.

Austin—The next place of meeting, J. B. Cantrell was chosen president for the ensuing year.

Fort Worth—The Farmers' Union has arranged to purchase permanent quarters. It will also begin the campaign for construction of cotton mills.

Brownsville—The residence of an Italian was dynamited by members of the Black Hand.

Galveston—During November 1137 immigrants landed at Galveston, while 579 entered through Mexican ports.

Brownsville—Representative J. A. Gagner secured permission from the War Department for the botanical gardens established on the military reservation to use all the buildings of the old fort needed.

Tyler—The Harris Exchange Bank, a private institution, closed its doors Monday.

DOMESTIC.

Goldfield, Nev.—Governor Sparks has issued a call for a special session of the Legislature to consider the mining difficulty fully.

Boston—The trustees of Mrs. Mary Eddy Baker have been formally restrained from turning over the million dollars Mrs. Baker was to give to found a Christian Science College.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—A synopsis of railroad construction in the South for the year just ended shows more than \$75,000,000 were spent in building new lines and improving old ones.

Washington—Senator Bailey has made public the letter which asserts that the brother of Attorney General Davidson is a stockholder in the Texas Company.

Gulfport, Miss.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt along the coast, due, it is thought to shifting in the bed of the Gulf, where the Mississippi River deposits silt.

New York—A number of wealthy men are backing the discharged Negro soldier, Reid, in his suit against the Government for pay since his discharge for the Brownsville raid.

Washington—The discovery of antimony in the bullets taken from the walls of houses in Brownsville, is conclusive proof that they were from the ammunition of the soldiers.

Goldfield, Nev.—Great effort is being made to retain the Federal soldiers as the general feeling is one of danger should they be withdrawn.

Camden, N. J.—A collision caused the death of three persons on an express train, which ran into a local.

Portland, Ore.—Japanese spies have made complete maps of the city and forwarded them to the war office in Tokio.

Henrietta, Okla.—Miners' troubles are likely to lead to the call of the State militia to keep order.

Detroit, Mich.—An improperly closed switch caused the collision of two trains, killing five persons.

Boston, Mass.—Mrs. Eddy has given \$1,000,000 to found a school to teach Christian Science.

Chicago—Clearing house certificates are rapidly being redeemed, and the financial situation is getting easy.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Republican leaders of the State have unanimously endorsed Vice President Fairbanks for the Presidency.

Boston—The New England cotton manufacturers have agreed to curtail the output of the mills 25 per cent.

Portland, Ore.—Three white men at Vancouver, B. C., were attacked by a large number of Japs, and one of them fatally cut. The accidental breaking of a window in a Jap store led to the attack on the men, who were city firemen.

Urimiah, Persia—Kurdish raiders have surrounded the town and captured many valuable caravans. Several fights have ensued with great loss to the raiders.

Durango, Mex.—Will have a big exposition in May, to which San Antonio will be asked to contribute a display.

Mexico City—A heavy tax has been put on the broad brimmed sombrero, to prevent its being worn.

Mexico City—The Government is sending out experts to gather information on irrigation subjects.

Faris—The death of Syot Desaligne, the popular Minister of Justice, cast a gloom over official Parisian gayeties.

Monterey, Mex.—Bernard Klodt, a San Antonio civil engineer, made valuable discoveries of ore veins, while hunting in the mountains.

Tokio, Japan—The Foreign office is making every effort to satisfy the United States, in its control of immigration.

Raleigh, N. C.—At an election for determining whether the dispensary should be continued, almost the entire vote was for straight prohibition.

Boston—Secretary Taft began his speechmaking with three speeches at Boston.

New York—All indications point to a better opening of business for the year than 1907 showed.

Washington—At a dinner given by the Central American Peace Conference, Honduras was the first to formally agree to the terms of the conference.

Goldfield, Nev.—Governor Sparks named the 14th of January as the date for the extra session of the Legislature to meet.

Lowell, Mass.—A large number of mills have begun operations, after several weeks suspension.

Washington—The New Year's reception at the White House was gorgeous in the splendor of all Nations. Three hours were required for the 5000 visitors to pass the President.

Washington—Reports come that the American Consul at Ocos, Guatemala, has been attacked by the Mexican Consul.

Birmingham, Ala.—The report on the mine disaster, which cost 56 men's lives, has been sent to the Governor, but no public report is yet made as to who is responsible for the explosion.

Pasadena, Cal.—It is estimated 50,000 visitors are gathered to witness the famous Flower Parade.

Atlanta, Ga.—Though the Federal Court was asked for injunction proceedings, it refused, and the Prohibition law went into effect the first of January.

New York—Anthony Comstock will be one of the leading witnesses in the Thaw trial. His testimony will

go to show Thaw's unbalanced mental condition.

Muncie, Ind.—An attempt to move street cars caused a general fight among strikers and new employes.

New York—In the Zoo is a toad that had been buried in limestone rock for centuries. It is still living and eating.

Newark, N. J.—A city building inspector was killed by a burglar he found trying to break into a store.

Denver—The last gambling resort has been closed in Denver and vicinity.

Chicago—T. L. Lewis, former vice president, has been elected president of the United Mine Workers of America, to succeed Mitchell.

Cincinnati—The Republican Mayor, Colonel Markbreit, was given a cordial ovation by the retiring Democratic officials.

Cleveland, O.—With the remark, "I'll play if I die for it," a man seated himself at a poker table, and drew four aces, but the excitement stopped his weak heart.

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Hughes recommended the suppression of race track gambling, also the banking status is treated at length.

Springfield, Ill.—The United Mine Workers of the State are bitterly opposed to Cannon's Presidential aspirations.

Washington—Representative Sims of Tennessee has introduced an omnibus war claim bill indemnifying churches and schools that were damaged by Union soldiers during the Civil War.

Kansas City, Mo.—In its fight for strict closing laws Kansas City is waging, places of amusement as well as saloons are closed.

Washington—Agreement has about been made with Japan for free trade with the Philippines as compensation for exclusion from the United States.

Memphis, Tenn.—Fraud has been charged in connection with the failure of the Memphis Savings Bank.

Seattle, Wash.—The Children's Home was destroyed by fire, burning two children to death and probably the matron.

Pekin, China—The Anti-Foreign sentiment is growing strong all over China, so much so that the Dowager Empress has forbidden public gatherings where demonstrations might occur.

Portland, Oregon—News comes that the reported murder of a prominent man in a Chinese restaurant in Alberta, caused the wrecking of practically every Chinese establishment in the town of Ethbridge.

Port of Spain—The American fleet has left for Rio Janeiro, where it will meet with a grand welcome.

St. Petersburg—The Douma appropriated \$7,000,000 for relief of the famine provinces of Russia.

Calcutta, India—The National Congress broke up in a free for all fight while considering the question of home rule.

Mecca, Turkey—Cholera has broken out among the pilgrims, causing much alarm and many deaths.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Two patrolmen were shot and killed while trying to make an arrest.

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