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## A BRITISH DEFEAT.

Gen. Delarey Reported to Have Been Victorious

### IN A SANGUINARY ENGAGEMENT.

The Boer Forces Do Effective Work. According to a Cablegram Received From Gen. Kitchener.

London, Dec. 16.—Lord Kitchener reports that after severe fighting at Nootgedacht, on the Magaliesburg, forces were compelled to retire by Commandant Delarey with a force of 2500 men. Four British officers were killed. The other casualties were not reported.

Lord Kitchener's official dispatch to the war office is as follows:

Pretoria, Dec. 13.—Clements' force at Nootgedacht, on the Magaliesburg, was attacked at dawn to-day, reinforced by Beirne's commando from Warmbath, making a force estimated at 2500. Though the first attack was repulsed, the Boers managed to get atop of the Magaliesburg, which was held by four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers and were thus able to command Clements' camp. He retired on Hekepoort and took up a position on a hill in the center of the valley.

The casualties have not been completely reported, but the fighting was very severe, and I deeply regret that Col. Legge of the 2nd Buffs, Capt. McLean, Murdock and Atkins were killed. Reinforcements have left here.

Lord Kitchener also reports that the Boers made an attack and were repulsed at Lichtenburg and that Gen. Lettmer was killed. Attacks upon Bethlehem and Vreide were also repulsed, the Boers losing ten killed and fourteen wounded. Vryheid was attacked Dec. 11. Sniping continued when the message was dispatched.

The scenes at the war office recalled those witnessed in the early stages of the war. A constant stream of excited people filled the lobbies, all seeking details of the disaster. The absence of the names of any of the officers of the Northumberland Fusiliers in Gen. Kitchener's dispatch leads to the foreboding that the four companies of the Fusiliers mentioned are in the hands of the Boers.

### Victoria's Population.

Washington, Dec. 16.—There having been some misunderstanding as to the population of Victoria, Tex., due to errors in transmission, it is proper to say the correct enumeration by the census bureau is 4010.

The bureau gave out the population of Yoakum, Tex., as 3499. There are other Texas towns of 2000 and over not yet given out.

### Failed to Agree.

Eldorado, Kan., Dec. 16.—The jury in the Jessie Morrison murder case reported at noon Friday that they were unable to agree on a verdict and Judge Shinn discharged them from further duty. They stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction. The jury had been out since Tuesday morning. The case will now go over to the spring term of court.

### Aggressive Movement.

Manila, Dec. 16.—Gen. Kobbe with the Twenty-eighth regiment, Col. Herkimer commanding, landed at Kagaran, on the northern coast of Mindanao, Monday and reinforced the six companies of the Fourth volunteer regiment stationed in the town. An aggressive movement has been planned, it is stated.

### Meeting of Merchants.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 16.—The business men of Fort Worth held a meeting at the courthouse, which was representative and largely attended, to consider the matter of union labor troubles now existing in the city and the question of organization for mutual benefit. It was the first of the kind held since the union labor trouble has arisen in the city. Several addresses were made. Chas. E. Nash was elected chairman and Sam Beck secretary. A committee on organization and resolutions was appointed, consisting of Robt. Anderson, A. S. Dingee, E. C. Manning, J. T. Brown, Newton H. Lassiter and Ben I. Waggoman.

After the committee retired, Alderman Henderson, manager of the Telephone company, was called on to speak. He said among other things that he favored such an organization. It meant self-preservation. He said his company, notwithstanding that a few phones had been ordered out, was getting along just as well as ever. He said that a member of the grievance committee from the labor unions had ordered his phone out, but on account of his peculiar business, was given permission by the Trades Assembly to have it put back in, which had been done. He thought that the phones were just as necessary for the merchant as the backman, and declared such action to be a discrimination.

Mr. Nash was the next speaker. He favored arbitration when differences arose between the labor unions and the merchant, and thought the committee of business men should be between twelve and seventeen, and should include a representative from each line of business. He suggested that a sub-committee of three could be selected from the general committee to meet the grievance committee from the unions. He favored protecting in a substantial manner the merchant who was right and who was discriminated against by the unions.

### Gen. Bulger Dead.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Gen. Michael J. Bulger, a distinguished Confederate general and public man, died at the home of his son, Hon. Thos. L. Bulger, Dadeville, Ala.

Gen. Bulger was the oldest Confederate officer or veteran living, being 100 years of age. He was one of the few surviving members of the famous secession convention at Montgomery, and led the fight against secession.

### Narrow Escape.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 16.—While Chas. Higgins, a grocery clerk at Enid, was grinding coffee with a large mill, he stooped over and the handle of the wheel, which had a rough edge and was revolving rapidly, struck him with great force on the side of the neck, cutting his throat open and exposing the jugular vein.

### Earthquake Shock.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 16.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt at Cashion, twenty miles northwest of here, Friday morning about 7:30. The sensation was that of a huge shivering motion preceded by a low, rumbling noise, similar to the falling of a round hollow article of large dimensions. The shock was strong enough to awaken the citizens.

### Seven Perish.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 16.—From the smoldering ruins of Fredonia State Normal and Training school, which was destroyed by fire Friday morning, one charred body has been recovered, and a revision of the list shows seven persons perished in the fire, which also entailed a property loss of \$200,000. There were sixty-five young women students in the building.

## BANDITS AT WORK.

Mail Car on Cotton Belt Entered Not Far From Texarkana

### AND THE CLERK BADLY BEATEN.

An Illinois Central Train Held Up by One Individual Near New Orleans and Conductor Seriously Shot.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 15.—The mail car attached to the regular passenger train on the Cotton Belt due here from the south at 6:30 o'clock Thursday morning was partially looted by a robber or robbers near Red Water, a small station some twenty miles from here, a little before daylight that morning and the mail clerk was dangerously, though it is not thought, fatally hurt.

As the train was making a grade at that point named one of the rainmen noticed that the mail and express cars were uncoupled and moving back down the hill. The signal was given and the engineer backed down, coupled on again to the cars and came on. When the train reached here the mail clerk failed to appear, and after several knocks and calls without result the door of the car was forced, and the clerk, John N. Dennis, was found prostrate in a corner of the car unconscious and bloody and with two ugly wounds on the head, made, it is believed, by a heavy bar of iron.

The car had been only partially rifled. The register pouch from Waco to Memphis was taken, but quite a quantity of registered matter which was in the clerk's desk with the drawer unlocked was left untouched.

The wounded clerk was taken to the city hospital and soon revived under the application of restoratives. He says that when the cars became uncoupled he opened the door to see what was the matter, when someone struck him on the head with some sort of bludgeon, knocking him down. Though badly hurt he retained consciousness and, springing to his feet, struck at his assailant with his fist. The robber, who was in the dark and could not be seen at all clearly, then gave the clerk another blow on the head, which so stunned him that he knew nothing more.

### Show Was Popular.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 15.—On account of the popularity of the poultry and pet stock show it is holding on with a strong grasp to the good will of the people. Several new features were introduced among the exhibits. The fifth annual exhibit will go into history as one of the big successes of the association's life. A number of exhibits came from the middle and upper parts of the state.

By a boat overturning near Ho Ku, China, 200 lives were lost.

### Wires Paralyzed.

Navasota, Tex., Dec. 15.—Division Superintendent Scott of the Santa Fe passed through this city on his way back to the main line after a checking-out tour of this branch. The wires remain paralyzed and only schedule trains are running. It is reported that the company asked the authorities to put a guard at the company's office and that same was done.

### Soon Settled.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 15.—Terry McGovern is now the undisputed lightweight pugilistic champion of the world. He knocked out Joe Gans of Baltimore after two minutes and five seconds of fighting in the second round. Gans put up a poor exhibition and was never in it at any stage of the game. McGovern at the sound of the gong proceeded to rush his opponent.

### Death of Judge Piner.

Denton, Tex., Dec. 15.—Hon. F. E. Piner, one of the most prominent citizens of north Texas and as a lawyer and jurist known throughout the state, died at the family home Thursday shortly after 12 o'clock. Death came in the progress of an operation for cancer. It was hoped by removing a large part of the lower jawbone his life might be saved.

Judge Piner was born in Obion county, Mississippi, Dec. 4, 1837. With his family he came to Texas in 1856 and, in 1858, returning to his native state, entered the law department of the University of Mississippi, from which he was graduated with honors only a few months before the breaking out of the civil war, into which he immediately went, as color bearer of Company H, Fifteenth Mississippi regiment. He taught school at Honey Grove until 1866, when he was appointed county attorney, but he was almost immediately removed by the reconstruction laws, in the movement against which he became one of the state leaders.

E. J. Davis, the reconstruction governor, about this time advertised to speak in Denton, accompanied by a guard of soldiers, and it was given out that no one would be allowed to answer his talk. Taking the lead, Judge Piner began his preparations to answer Davis' talk and when the time came and Davis had concluded, Judge Piner mounted the rostrum and backed by a small crowd of armed friends, he gave the reconstruction governor such an exhortation that he not only made no move to prevent the talk, but abruptly left.

In 1873 he was elected district attorney, serving until his election to the state senate in 1876. In 1878 he made an energetic race for congress from this district, but after a hot campaign was defeated by a small margin by Olin Wellborn. In 1884 Judge Piner was elected judge of the Sixteenth judicial district, retiring in 1888 to again take up his private practice.

### Done by One Man.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 15.—Illinois Central passenger train No. 3, which left Chicago Wednesday evening at 5:30 o'clock, was held up by a masked robber five miles out of the city Thursday night within full view of the electric lights. The mail car was blown open with dynamite and the mails rifled, about 100 registered packages being taken by the highwayman. A bomb was thrown into the baggage and express car that completely wrecked the inside and flooded the cars with milk from a stock of cans that were taken on at Hammond, La. The conductor was seriously shot.

Wm. Wadson, colored, was executed at Richmond, Va.

Mr. Bryan says he does not wish a senatorship.

Great Britain will sign the Peking treaty.

### Train Casualties.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 15.—Coast train No. 3, west bound, on Great Northern railway, was wrecked at Brockton, 235 miles east of Helena. Three persons were killed.

Mrs. Watson was thrown through a window, the glass severing her jugular vein, and she bled to death. The accident was caused by breaking of a truck as the train passed over a switch.

### South Texas Doctors.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 15.—Thursday evening the South Texas Medical association closed its successful semi-annual meeting with a supper, at which a number of speeches, sentiments and speeches were expressed. The attendance was large. Dr. R. W. Knox was elected president and Dr. S. D. Weir secretary. Houston will entertain the next meeting.

## THEY CELEBRATED.

Members of Congress and Residents of District

### HAVE A GLORIOUS REJOICING

In Commemorating the Centennial of the Location of the National Capital at Washington City.

Washington, Dec. 14.—With imposing ceremonies the national capital Wednesday celebrated the centennial anniversary of the founding of the seat of the federal government in Washington.

The exercises combined a brilliant military parade, a review by the president from the east front of the capitol and orations in the hall of the house of representatives before a brilliant audience. By act of congress the day was made a national holiday in the District of Columbia and the whole city celebrated the capital's natal day.

President McKinley and members of the cabinet took part in all the exercises, and with them were the governors of a large number of states and territories, the senators and representatives in congress, the judiciary of the United States supreme court, the ambassadors and ministers from foreign courts, the heads of the army and navy and a great outpouring of the people.

Although Washington has seen many celebrations, there has been seldom one here of greater brilliancy in its outdoor features or of more impressiveness in its ceremonial exercises at the capitol and at the white house.

Early in the day the president received the governors of states and territories at the white house, and the model for a new and enlarged white house, to commemorate the day's exercises, was unveiled with suitable address.

At 1 o'clock the president was escorted to the capitol where he received a parade headed by Lieut. Gen. Miles and including the full military strength of the capitol regulars and militia.

The ceremonies at the capitol began at 3:30 p. m., and included addresses by Senators Daniel of Virginia and McComas of Maryland; Representatives Payne of New York and Richardson of Tennessee and a notable historic oration by Senator Hoar of Massachusetts. A reception by the president to the governors of states at the Corcoran Art gallery at night closed the festivities.

Austria adopted the American policy as to China.

### Requests Arbitration.

Denver, Col., Dec. 14.—The following telegram was sent to the Santa Fe officials by the governor of Colorado:

"In behalf of the state of Colorado after due investigation, the locked-out telegraphers of your road are absolved from any complicity in recent outrages upon certain employees who have taken the places of these men in the state.

"The interests of the state and your road would be materially improved if the differences between the management and telegraph operators were submitted to arbitration and settle as speed as possible. (Signed) "FRANCIS CARNEY. "Acting governor of Colorado."

### Head-End Collision.

DeSoto, Mo., Dec. 14.—A head-end collision occurred on the Missouri-Pacific-Iron Mountain railway at Desarc, Mo., between two freight trains, resulting in the death of Engineer J. L. Britt of Olney, Ill., and brakeman Ed Bradley of DeSoto. Fireman Barrett fell under his engine and could only be rescued from being burned alive by cutting his left arm off with an ax.

### Strikers' Statement.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 14.—The following statement in part was given out from the headquarters of the Order of Railway Telegraphers:

"Mr. Dolphin, president of the O. R. T. left Tuesday night on telegraphic invitation for Topeka, Kan., where he is to meet the general chairman of the various organizations. The telegram was received at 7 p. m., and he had to make a swift run for the depot in order to catch the 7:20 train.

One of the letters received at our headquarters tells how some of the agencies are being run, and if some men do not get their trunks for the next six months, the writer thinks he can tell them where to look for them.

"As to the Ladonia congestion, evidently Col. Polk did not consult his traveling auditor before he made the assertion that the waybills had been destroyed. When the traveling auditor came the waybills were in their proper place in the office, and the fact was so recognized. The truth is as given by us in the first instance. The congestion was caused by the inability of the company to handle the business with the kind of talent it is employing, and this statement will probably be verified when the railroad company is called upon to settle the claims for delay, which will inevitably follow. And while on this subject, why is it that the same condition exists at Wolfe City, Beeville, Merit and other points where the agents have not been member of the order?

"Mr. Polk's evasion as to the earnings of the road, being far below the amount which strikers claim, is being lost daily by the Atchison system, is very ingenious. We claim that the company is losing \$500,000 a day, that is, it is losing its earnings plus the enormous sums it is expending in fighting the strike, plus the amount of damage claims, suits and wastage, which cannot be escaped in an affair of this sort.

### Will be Remodeled.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 13.—At the annual meeting of the Galveston cotton exchange it was decided to remodel the cotton exchange building, which was damaged by the September storm, and transform it into a modern office building, with the exchange on the first floor. The cost will be \$22,000. The various committee reports showed the business of the port to be in fine condition, and members feel hopeful.

### One Arrest.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 14.—The police here say they have a clew to the burglary of J. B. Towns & Bros. store at Powell. The safe in the store was blown open, causing Towns' store and an adjoining one to burn, the total loss being \$5000. An arrest has been made. On the man arrested was found a suit of clothes Towns identified. The arrested man has been identified as one of two strangers seen around Powell the day previous to the fire.

### Obtained Interpretation.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Harry Landa of the Southwest Texas Millers' association was here from New Braunfels in consultation with the railroad commission with reference to the construction of certain milling-in-transit rules.

Mr. Landa obtained the interpretation of certain rules, especially the one governing extra charges on indirect hauls. The millers will not be charged for indirect hauls where mileage does not exceed direct route.

George Gould's yacht has been sold to Venezuela.

President Ripley of the Santa Fe says the strikers have accomplished nothing.

R. E. Kelly, a newspaper man of Beaumont, Tex., died at New York from a surgical operation.

**HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENTS.**

What the Band Boys will Have During the Holidays.

On next Saturday night the dramatic club will present at the Kidd building the beautiful drama entitled, "Our Boys of '76;" then during the following week, on Tuesday night, "Trials" will be repeated; Wednesday night, "Among the Breakers," will be presented; Thursday night "One Hundred Years Ago;" Friday night a Negro Minstrel performance and Saturday night A Box of Monkeys."

Owing to the evenings being long the management has decided to open the doors at 7 p. m. and the curtain will go up at 7:30 thus enabling those who so desire to attend the plays and in the same evening attend other social gatherings.

The price of admission will be as usual, 35, 25 and 15 cents and the money made will be used in buying uniforms for the band.

Reserved seats will be on sale at the store of L. J. Nichols.

The series of entertainments to be given by the band boys during the holidays are gotten up for the purpose of affording our people some place to while away the long winter evenings, and at the same time give them their money's worth. The money thus raised will be used in buying uniforms, something that every organization of this kind should have.

Hallen & Byrd have set a precedent that should be adopted by all our business men, that of placing a street light in front of their business house. If not more than half a dozen were placed around the square pedestrians could travel about the business part of town at night without being in danger of getting crippled or (being run over by street cars.)

J. O. Nelson the well known drummer who now makes his head quarters in San Antonio, came in Saturday to spend Christmas with his brother I. H. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson arrived some time ago and they both have a host of friends here who are always glad to have them visit this city.

Eddie Henry is embarking in a business that will pay handsomely on the investment and is a good thing for any community—that of handling fine hogs. He sold to John Hallen on last Monday a pair of fine registered pigs for \$20. He has a fine registered sow yet for sale.

As there seems to be some uneasiness about the Scarlet Fever at Rev. A. B. Roberts; upon inquiry the Health Officer informed us that Bro. Roberts is maintaining a strict quarantine and will continue to do so as long as required.

Horace Hickerson is here from Colorado and is busy sign painting. He says he now has more orders for sign work here than he has had in Colorado for the past five years. Our people are prosperous and believe in improvements.

R. B. Pyron and wife spent several days here the past week purchasing holiday goods and visiting friends. Bob had the misfortune to be sick during his stay but was improving when they left for home.

The many friends of Jeff Byrd will be pleased to know that his condition is better and that he is slowly improving.

**NOTICE.**

Hereafter the City Meat Market will be closed at 9 o'clock on Sunday mornings.  
 Oliver Johnson, Prop.

**On the War Path.**

If the pusillanimous cur who wrote the editor of this paper an anonymous communication last Friday afternoon will present himself at this office and acknowledge authorship of the same, we will give him the best thrashing he ever had in his life, poke his vile letter down his cowardly throat, and make him a present of five cents in cash, the par value of his microscopic little soul.—Burlson News.

**Come One And All.**

Wellborn has just returned from the East and has bought the largest stock of saddle and harness goods ever brought to Snyder. We ask all to come and get prices. We buy for spot cash and we will not be undersold. One price to all alike.  
 J. J. WELLBORN & SON.

**League Program.**

The League cordially invites you to be present at the exercises to be held at the Methodist church in the evening of Sunday, the 23, at 7:30 o'clock.

**PROGRAM.**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Invocation—A. J. Grantham.

Hymn—America—League.

Reading of Scripture—Dr. A. G. Person.

Prayer—Rev. A. B. Roberts.

Anthem—Hark! What means those Holy Voices—Mrs. Dr. A. G. Person.

Shepherd and Angels—Miss Bessie Buchanan.

Literature—E. B. Barnes.

Song—Holy Night—League.

The Lowly Nazarene—Miss Ruby Clark

How we should spend Christmas—Prof. Hudgins.

Song—Joy to the World—League.

Let there be Light—Edgar W. Bounds.

Angels of Buena Vista—Miss Edna Byrd.

Song—Antioch—League.

Benediction—E. B. Bough.

**T. K. N. Scholarship**

The free scholarship in the Texas Kindergarten Normal, offered one young lady in Scurry County is now all paid up except \$21. Any church, club, or individual sufficiently interested may finish paying for same and take it up at once.

For further information address: President Texas Kindergarten Normal Abilene - - - - Texas.

**To My Friends,**

Having accepted a position with Mr. F. Wilkerson, who recently purchased the R. H. Elkins livery stable and wagon yard, I wish to say to my friends of Snyder and surrounding country that I will be pleased to have their patronage and will endeavor to give one and all the most courteous treatment.

Very respectfully,  
 E. J. THOMPSON.

W. W. Nelson came home Sunday, having been absent two weeks attending the grand lodge of Masons at Houston and visiting in southern Texas. Mr. Nelson says no one can imagine the destruction caused by the Galveston storm unless they visit that country; he having visited Galveston during his absence.

**Flour!**

There's no woman who wants to make good bread, that don't want good flour. They all want to make good bread—Guess they all do. Did you ever see a woman in your life that didn't claim to make the best bread in the country? Well, we keep good flour. The very best flour which we sell at \$2.25 per hundred, but that's outside of our story. There was a lady in our store the other day buying goods. She was a good woman; she trades at a good place; she was a saving woman, because she trades where she can save money. She wanted some flour and she wanted the best she could get, because she makes good bread, (they all do). She asked us for

**Hamilton-Brown Flour!**

Of course we didn't have it. Hamilton-Brown don't make flour, they make Shoes, and they make good shoes. We sell their Shoes. This woman knew they were the best Shoes she could get and she knew that if they did make flour it would be the best she could get. We thank this woman sincerely for her left handed compliment to the shoes we sell. Won't you come over and try our Shoes and Flour?

Your Money Back if You Want It.

**Christmas!**

Every family in the United States will certainly think of some one thing that's come to them within the last 365 days to be thankful for, except, of course,

MR. TURK GOBBLER AND FAMILY, But he's really thankful more days in the year than we are. He's thankful 363 days in the year because they are not our Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. We could hardly expect him to be thankful, gay and cheerful on his family's funeral days.

But while his days are "few" they are not "full of trouble". He never voted for a defeated candidate and had some fellow with a big healthy laugh come around and hit him between the shoulders and say, "I told you so". He don't wander into the wrong store after a pair of Hamilton-Brown Shoes—allow the merchant to sell him a pair "just as good as" and then find out shortly after that there's no shoe "just as good as". He don't have those troubles.

Our Customers Don't Have Any Shoe Troubles.

Do you? We can't protect you from the "I told you so" evil—but we can wipe out your shoe troubles. We sell Hamilton-Brown's shoes. Don't get a pair "just as good as," but come here and get the best.

GET A PAIR THAT WILL WEAR,  
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THURSDAY, DEC. 20, 1900.

Now comes a Massachusetts professor with the theory that beef is calculated to produce insanity. It is—also manslaughter—the way some cooks serve it up. Ft. Worth Mail-Telegram.

The people in the South who gamble in cotton are now in the financial soup for several million dollars, unless they are able to margin up and hold futures later than January. The farmer who raised the cotton and is able to hold it will not be hurt, as he will get the high spring prices. It is easy for Eastern financial centers to shake out the weak Southern gamblers in futures. This lost money in home industry stocks and bonds would do better.—Dallas Times-Herald.

The man who sows some wheat and oats, plants some corn, grows some sorghum and millet and has hogs, horses, cows and sheep on his farm as well as cotton, is the man that will succeed every year and he is the one too that will prove a benefactor to the county by holding up its reputation for sustaining the farmer. The foolish man who plants cotton and expects to buy everything with cotton will bring himself to ruin and his county into disrepute.—Western News.

### Food Changed to Poison.

Purifying food in the intestines produces effects like these of arsenic, but Dr. King's New Life Pills expel the poisons from clogged bowels, gently, easily and surely, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Fevers, All Live, Kidney and Liver troubles. Only 25c at G. B. King & Co.

### El Paso Mid-Winter Carnival.

Those interested are not exaggerating in the least when they assert that the Mid-Winter Carnival at El Paso will be one of the grandest jollifications ever held in the Southwest.

In addition to numerous attractions which have originated in the minds of the promoters and deduced from suggestions of friends, the enthusiastic management has given a heedful ear and observant eye to the successes of Mardi Gras of New Orleans, the Kaliph's pageant at Dallas, La Fiesta de Los Angeles, and various other Carnivals, with the hope that no features productive of mirth, instruction, or interest will be omitted.

The Sons of Montezuma parade will be gorgeous, glittering and grand eclipsing all former efforts in the history of historical pageants.

The volcanic eruptions of Mt. Franklin will afford a thrilling novelty in spectacular illumination.

The Bull Fights, introducing native Spanish Toreadors, will continue each day during the Carnival.

Bands of Indians give their native dances daily.

Cattle Roping, rough riding, prize roping contests between cowboys of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico and the vaqueros of old Mexico, and various other "Wild West" features.

Reproduction of Mexican life. International tournament between golf and tennis clubs of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Mexico.

Street Fair and Midway entertainments.

Splendid Mexican Music, In fact, nothing has been neglected. Across the Rio Grande from El Paso is the City of Juarez with its Mexican costumes and customs still unchanged, and the city in itself is productive of unflagging interest.

A few days could not be spent to better advantage than in El Paso during this Carnival. It opens Jan. 17th, 1901, and continues three days. The hotel accommodations will be of the best and prices reasonable. The Texas & Pacific Ry., will sell round trip tickets at unusually low rates. This is a trip for every one. See any ticket agent, or write for particulars to H. P. Hughes, Traveling Passenger Agent, Ft. Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, General Passenger Agent, Dallas Texas.

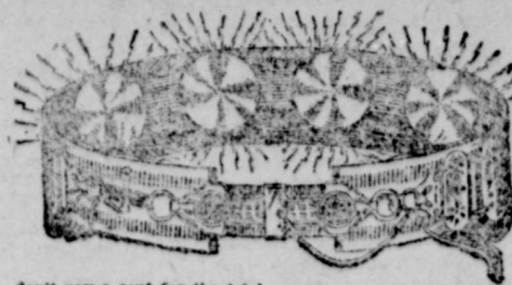
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Illustrated Announcement of the volume for 1901 will be sent free to any address, with sample copies of the paper.

The Youth's Companion, Boston, Mass.

#### Old Blue.

Each year sees old blue china becoming increasingly scarce. 25 years ago it could be picked up at farm-houses and old residences for a mere song. Now pieces in fine condition, particularly those bearing pictures of famous American buildings, have become the fad of collectors, and very large prices are being paid for them. Much of this old blue reached this country in the first quarter of the century. It was because of the prejudice against all goods made in England that the Staffordshire pottery makers put on their wares illustrations of American buildings and scenes. "A Collection of old blue" is shown and described in the January Delineator. A novelty in connection with the article is that the pottery is printed in the actual color.

#### You are Thinking,

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### THE MUSIC RECITAL

Given by Mrs. T. F. Baker's Class was a Decided Success.

Last Saturday night the music loving people of our town and community were entertained at the Kidd building by a recital given by Mrs. T. F. Baker. Her class of music pupils presented a program which reflected much credit upon the participants and their teacher. The program, while only lasting one hour, was well executed and afforded the audience much pleasure, and if space would permit we would gladly mention each participant personally, but aside from the music the recitations by little Misses Nellie and Berta Smith, and "Aux Italiens," by Miss Oma Coates, the latter being rendered with piano and mandolin accompaniment, were greatly admired and deserve special mention.

Two tableaux, "Reading the Locals" and "Music," also added very materially to the success of the entertainment and we are sure all present were well repaid for their attendance and impressed with Mrs. Barker's ability as a teacher.

#### A Woman's Awful Peril.

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#### Mexican Sweetmeats.

Together with a mass of other interesting domestic details appearing in the January Delineator, that issue contains an article on Mexican candies. This will be of interest to women who want to introduce novelties at the table during the holiday season. A practical article in the same number deals with winter vegetables, how to secure variety, and how to make the vegetables palatable.

#### Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. G. Overstreet, of Elgin Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Grayum & Co. Trial bottles free.

#### Attention Members of Eastern Star.

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It is necessary that all members be present, as business of importance to the Chapter requires immediate attention.

Mrs. S. S. Scarborough, W. M. C. C. Johnson, W. P. Miss Janie Scarborough, Sec.

W. O. McFall was here Saturday from Kent county and in speaking of range conditions said that cattle are in better shape than he has seen them, at this time of year, for some time and that while grass is not as tall as usual it is much thicker and he considers has much more nutrition than usual.



Every day adds to the list of deaths attributed to heart failure. If the truth were told the bulk of these deaths might be written down as due to stomach failure. For it is in the failure of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition, that "weak heart," "weak lungs," "weak nerves" and other forms of physical deterioration having their beginning. The man whose stomach is sound, who can digest and assimilate the food he eats, and so keep each organ of the body well nourished, is the man who is least liable to collapse under the sudden weakness of some vital organ.

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Attest, Mark Hardin Clerk, County Court Kent County. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 13th day of Nov. A. D. 1900.

Mark Hardin Clerk County Court Kent County.

#### A Railway Change.

A circular has been received at this office, dated Nov. 1, from the Pecos System as follows:

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# A Millionaire's Christmas.

The elegant apartments in the Ego club building, even to the buffet, were practically deserted because there was but one day to intervene before Christmas.

The attendant in the refreshment room yawned tediously as, perfunctorily polishing a glass tumbler, he looked aimlessly out of the little window into the area that shared the gloom of the coming evening with its friends, the alley, which went off to the right and left in search of folks.

In the card room the tables, the domino sets, chessmen and packs of cards rosted undisturbed; no noise of the clacking billiard balls from the room upstairs or of ruffling spheres in the tennis alley below floated up toward the office, the reception room and the library on the main floor. Even the chairs and settees along the hallway seemed weighted with ennui.

From one of those away-off places like the basement, the attic or the stuffy coat room came the resonant tones of a conventional cuckoo thing telling the hour of eight, when down the main stairs stopped Wilder Wilkins, a bachelor, a man of the world, a millionaire and a cynic.

"Was your dinner all right, Mr. Wilkins?" asked the office man, and the club member's answer as he passed through toward the reading room was: "Very good, indeed."

Wilkins sat at one of the tables, and picking up a paper imagined that he was reading, but his delusion was broken within a minute by his arising and looking through a window into the brilliantly lighted street. "There's life enough out there," he murmured to himself, as he turned in a tired sort of way and looked in a hopeless fashion at the various portraits on the walls. Then he returned to the reading tables and lighting a cigar affected deep interest in a book he had taken up.

"It's mighty strange," said he, after a pause, "that a mere sentiment can send dozens of ordinarily good fellows off on a certain day of the year to fret and worry and berate themselves over storekeepers and clerks, ten-pound turkeys and 20-pound babies, when there is a comfortable, rational, available resort like this one to which they may make their escape." Then he threw away his half consumed cigar and with the strength of a firm resolution made his way to the card room, where for half an hour or more he applied himself to solitaire.

"That beats the record," he said, throwing down his cards and looking at his watch. "Half-past nine o'clock and not a soul has entered the place. Presently I will say something harsh about Christmas." At this juncture his eye caught a new lot of notices on the club bulletin and stepping across the room he studied them, now and then offering comments unfavorable upon what he had read.

Strife ited by this species of recreation he visited the coatroom, and when the boy who assisted him with hat and coat asked: "Are you going home so early, Mr. Wilkins?" he responded: "You don't suppose I would stay in such a place as this when I have the alternative of going to bed, do you?" An hour later, utterly free from anything akin to appreciation of the elegance of his apartments, and totally blind to the mellowness of the light of human intercourse, Wilkins was in bed telling himself that he was an absolute idiot for having been born with the faculty of acquiring money, and scolding any man, himself in particular, who had judgment so poor as to favor his stomach in preference to his tired eyelids, his tired head and his tired heart.

He simply could not sleep, and he found himself listening to the rustle of the pillow beneath his head as he tried to formulate the intangible patterns he seemed to see even though his eyes were closed. Just when it seemed to him that he had conquered the sleep god, an L. train over the Sixth avenue caught a special stratum of clearness in the atmosphere and aroused him with its noises. At this he rolled over on his side, and pushing a clinched fist under his jaw, commanded: "Here, now, don't be a helpless imbecile, but go to sleep." And his answer was a twinge in one of his feet so that his next task was the recovery of the loosened bedclothes.

And then he went to sleep. That is to say, he thought he was asleep, and so ventured to discover himself on the outer circumference of a vast globe which was sailing swiftly through ilimitable space, while, in a frenzy of despair, he was keeping his position on the whirling thing simply by force of bleeding fingers and bruised and clinging legs set against the hard surface. His vision extended millions of miles, so that he saw clearly that gradually he was losing the hold which was to send him down, down forever into chaos.

At last his overstrained nature yielded, the fingers let go, and he awoke, with a yell, on the floor at the side of his bed. Aching all over and trembling like a pot of jelly in the hands of a boy making a surreptitious visit to his mother's pantry, Wilkins lay upon the floor and smiled grimly as he passed a somewhat harsh estimate as to his own character. "Well," he finally observed, as he arose to his feet, "I'll just go out and get good and drunk in earnest. No imitations for me," and then he walked toward the window that opened into the bustling street.

Directly opposite, and on the same level with Wilkins' apartments, were the central offices of the telephone company, and as he looked across he saw the harnessed heads of half a hundred or more of the hello girls. With his own room dark he felt justified in boldly studying the busy picture before him. As he looked, he thought of the dividends he received regularly from the telephone stock he owned and then reached the conclusion that he was entitled to know something of the details of the business. And so, forgetting his resolution to make a night of it, he wandered as to the wages paid to the girls, and then, dreamily tapping his fingers against the pane, he reached the conclusion that "the world is living altogether too fast, our impetus is too great; we have no time to be even decent toward each other; we grind ourselves and crush others and—"

The sentence was never finished, because Wilkins walked slowly back to his bed, and within ten minutes was sleeping peacefully.

Early the following morning the bachelor millionaire and cynic visited the office of the telephone company and was busy for nearly an hour with the managers and a stenographer. Then, taking a coupe, he was driven to the markets, the dry goods stores, and department stores and elsewhere, and on the morning of Christmas every one of the girls in the service of the telephone company received the "Compliments of the Telephone Co.," attached to a large turkey which rested across two large boxes, the one being filled with groceries and the other containing a fine four-button coat and various smaller articles, such as gloves, handkerchiefs and the like.

On the day following Christmas, Wilkins entered the reading room at the Ego club just in time to hear one of the members reading from the morning paper: "Among the many benefactions of a public character, which were bestowed yesterday, were liberal and useful gifts to every girl employed by the telephone company. Strange to say that while the girls believe the gifts were made by the company the manager of the company says this belief is incorrect and that the company hasn't spent a cent for such a purpose.

And among the comments made on this item of news was one by Wilkins, who said, as he lighted a cigar: "That's a pretty newspaper romance all right, but I'll bet the company bestowed the gifts. I've got no faith in these mysterious, unknown benefactors."

And the other members of the club were of the same opinion.—Detroit Free Press.

## Driving Out "Evil One."

The Japanese little folks know nothing of the mysterious joys of Christmas, but the name of Hotel, a celebrated priest who was kind to children, signifies to the Japanese boys and girls, in a measure, what Santa Claus does to young America. Hotel is represented with an immense sack, gathering good things for his young friends. He is said to have eyes in the back of his head and to be able to see around corners, thus finding out whether the little ones are good or naughty.

The Japanese New Year was formerly a movable festival like that of the Chinese, but it is now celebrated on a date corresponding to our first of January. This is a day of universal rejoicing with both old and young. The ceremony of mame-maki, bean throwing, is a leading feature in the preparation for this holiday. There is a superstition prevalent among the Japanese that there may be evil spirits in the house which must be driven out before the dawn of the new year.

Accordingly, on the last night of the old year the house is swept and cleaned and the windows and doors are hung with ferns. Then the house father, arrayed in his very best clothes, goes through all the rooms, the little ones of the family, undismayed at the thought of possible hobgoblins, skipping gayly after him. He has provided himself with a quantity of dried beans and these he throws into the corners and recesses, crying aloud: "Oni wa soto, fuku wa uchi." (Demons depart, good luck enter.) The young folks join joyfully in the cry, frolicking and laughing till the tour of the house is completed, and the horned demons and other evil spirits—who are supposed to have a great aversion to beans—have made their escape through the open door.

## Christmas Long Ago.

Along the country roads the trees wrung their hands in frightful agony, and there was no sect or nobility beyond the reach and comfort of the piebald earmuff. A veil across the nose didn't go so bad early in the morning on the way to the turkey raffle. The Christmas shooting match was reached through banks of ethereal frosts, and before 10 o'clock in the morning the snow had been swept from the mill pond. The beeches were piled like the ring of a patrolman's mace against a metal lamp post. On either side of Old Sol sat a "sun dog" and the stalactite was a fixture beneath Grandfather's mustache. No man stood in danger of losing his life by asking his neighbor if it was cold enough for him, for it was cold

In those days to be plain and perpetuate both the virtues and the established wit of the human family. By this time of the year the cattle had been comfortably weathered in, the poultry had been housed and the winter wood was beyond the reach of the trusts. The nude form of the rabbit lay frozen upon the woodshed, and the spelling bee as well as the husking fete were not to be despised. A woolen comfort around the neck was better than a rope, and fire crackers were a luxury not to be scoffed at.

In those olden golden days a red candy fish couldn't get so near the foot of the Christmas stocking as to make its digestion difficult, while the jack-in-the-box never failed to please. That was long before a toy railroad train or a moving universe in miniature were necessary to stir up the sentiments of the gilded urchin. It was not so hard then to get up and milk half a dozen cows, carry fodder to them, feed the rest of the stock, and split a cord of wood before breakfast, as it is now to get into the bath tub, notwithstanding it was bitter cold. So cold, in fact, that every potato in the hole was frozen, as well as the apples in the cellar. The weather forced the grease from the pores of the boots, and before noon many an ear came up magnified by the frost. While it takes a facile imagination to realize it those were the days before underclothes were considered indispensable. A pair of jeans trousers, properly ventilated, were good enough, and the boy that had a new pair was the possessor of a lucky number in the lottery of life.

Every bush was an etching, and every woodland scene a phantasy of beauteous shapes and colors. The deep snow defied the sun and held up a world of glittering crystals to his earliest courtesies. Jack Frost was a big boss in those days. Christmas came when the patient toilers who had tamed the forest lands sent upward their last prayer, and found a resting place on the sloping side of the little graveyard still in sight, though tears dimmed the eyes of the old, cold Christmas.

## Lighting the Tree.

We have our share of ups and downs, Our cares like other folk; The pocketbook is sometimes full, We're sometimes nigh dead broke; But once a year, at Christmastime, Our hearts is bright to see; Then baby's hand just touches heaven When daddy lights the tree.

For weeks and weeks the little ones Have lotted on this hour; And mother, she has planned for it Since summer's sun and shower. With here a nickel, there a dime, Put by where none should see, A loving hoard against the night When daddy lights the tree.

The weest kid in mother's arms Laughs out and claps her hands, The rest of us on tiptoe wait; The grown-up brother stands Where he can reach the topmost branch, Our Santa Claus to be, In that sweet hour of breathless joy, When daddy lights the tree.

Our grandpa says 'twas just as fine In days when he was young; For every Christmas ages through The happy bells have rung. And daddy's head is growing gray, But yet a boy is he, As merry as the rest of us, When daddy lights the tree.

## The Day's Height and Depth.

Christmas' realm is 8,000 feet thick. It reaches in "a girdle" round about the earth, spreading its breadth "from Greenland's icy mountains" to where "Africa's sunny fountains roll down their golden sand," and in height and depth extends from the hospice of St. Bernard to the lower levels of the great salt mines of Europe, 1,000 feet below the surface of the ground, where men and entire families have lived and worked for the last six centuries. From bleak St. Bernard to blossoming Salzburg is about 300 miles, but around one is perpetual winter, with snow seldom absent, and the fringe of its continuing mantle ever near at hand, while in the mines of the other is unending summer. At Christmastide 100 degrees of temperature separates the two, and while the boundless snow-covered hills of one glisten in the broadest diffused and brightest light known to earth, the contracted crystal walls of the other scintillate under the feeble rays from restricted lanterns.

Thirty degrees below zero is a frequent temperature at the hospital monastery of St. Bernard on Christmas day. There is seldom a traveler over the famous pass of the Pennine chain of Alps in that season, but there is never a Christmas eve or Christmas day the visitors do not join with the two score monks of the Augustinian order in the mass of their church and in the joys of the feast.

Then in the salt mines, miles away and thousands of feet below, are all of these things, for in the vaulted chambers, amid massive pillars of salt, is a population of human beings not only miners who work 1,000 feet underground, but a permanent population living in homes along streets hewn out of mountain masses of crystal that glistens under the artificial light necessary in these depths. Many of the population seldom see the light of day. On Christmas eve and on Christmas day the echoes of the rock-ribbed caverns are awakened by children's voices. The song, the merry laugh, the joyous shouts in childish games and sports, are heard. There are music and the dance, feasting and merry-making, the brilliantly lighted and decorated gift-bearing tree that illumines diamond-like crystals that gather up the light, divide it into prismatic beauty and cast it back again.

## A BANDIT HUNTER.

FRED HANS MOST DEADLY SHOT IN THE WEST.

Chief of the Northwestern Bandit Hunters Has Had a Thrilling Career—Train Robbing Growing Unpopular in the Western Country.

(Omaha Letter.)

Managers of western railroads are making extra efforts to entirely wipe out the bandit gangs that have been very active during the past few years. The Union Pacific, the Burlington, Rock Island and Northwestern, out of Omaha, are arming their messengers anew with Winchester "pump guns," having new shells with 16 buckshot each, loaded for them and in other ways are preparing to exterminate the "first road agent band" that attempts to hold up one of their trains. In addition every large railroad operating out of Omaha employs from one to a dozen men whose exclusive duty it is to protect their trains from bandit raids, trail the robbers after they hold up the train and chase them into the fastnesses of the mountains or get them killed.

Of all the famous western characters who have made bandit hunting a business none is better known than Frederick Hans, of Omaha, who is chief of the Northwestern bandit hunters. For years it has been the business of Frederick Hans to protect the treasure trains of that company operating through the Black Hills. From Deadwood to Omaha the Northwestern carries the treasures of the great Homestake mine. In some months this company ships over a hundred thousand in treasure over this line. The lines of the company are operated through a wild and desolate section for many miles after leaving Deadwood. It is a most inviting place for the work of road agents. The fact that these treasure trains escape the raids of bandits is undoubtedly due to their fear of the man who is the head of the force of bandit hunters the company employs.

Frederick Hans is a mild mannered fellow with blue eyes and of most af-



FREDERICK HANS.

fable address. As he saunters along the streets of Omaha he is about the last man in the world one would pick out for desperate work with rifle and revolver. Yet this same pleasant fellow with his careless smile has been in more desperate affairs with road agents, killed more outlaws and sent more to the penitentiaries through the west than any man in the west today. "Fred," as he is known to ninetenths of the people of Omaha, is constantly on the move. He has a wife and three babies in Omaha that he gets a chance to see once in a month or so, but most of his time is spent "up in the Hills," circulating among that element that is most likely to engage in hold-ups. It is his business to locate all these characters the moment a train is held up in his territory. Thus he can very nearly place the responsibility for a train robbery on the Northwestern the day after it occurs. Incidentally, it may be said that Hans carries a considerable number of bullet wounds on his person—slight testimonials of his many desperate fights.

One of his most daring deeds was going into the "Hole in the Wall" after "Shacknasty" Jim and his outlaw band when he killed the leader and two of his companions before he returned. Again he met five members of his famous Robbers' Roost gang one bright morning on the Running water in South Dakota. He had but shortly before that been instrumental in piloting a posse of Custer citizens to the lair of the band, where nine of them had been killed, and they thought to get even. The five road agents waited until Hans rode close to the sand hill behind which they were hiding, then rode down on him, firing their rifles as they galloped up. A fortunate shot passed through the heart of the horse that Hans was riding. Using the animal for a breastwork the railroad bandit hunter got out his heavy pistols and began business right there. He only shot four times. The first bullet he fired passed through the heart of the nearest robber, the next one struck one of the horses of the oncoming gang and killed it, the third bullet passed through the head of another bandit, killing him instantly and the fourth passed through the body of one of the gang and he died later. The two remaining members of the band surrendered and were taken into Custer by Hans. The men he killed were known as "Texas," Fleet Foot and Mountain Pete. The other two, Long Tom and Skinny, were sent to the penitentiary for life.

To fully realize the folly of superstition you have only to sleep on a piece of wedding cake and then dream of snakes.

## Brooklyn's Great New Hotel.

Brooklyn, "the bedroom of New York," is to have "the largest family hotel in the world," to be erected at the corner of Clark and Willow streets. James Breslin, who has managed the Auditorium in Chicago and other large hotel properties, is to run the Brooklyn, as the new house will be called. The building is to twenty-three stories high, will have more than 1600 rooms, and in it 250 families can be housed. Work will be begun the first of the year, and the contract calls for the completion of the hotel by October. Its site is Brooklyn heights.

Mixed in His Location.

The following is told of an American gentleman who was recently stopping with his wife at the Hotel Cecil. On their first evening there he happened to retire somewhat later than his spouse. Arriving at the door of what he imagined to be his room, and finding it locked, he tapped and called "Honey!" No answer came, and he called again and more loudly, "Honey!" Still he got no reply, and, becoming somewhat uneasy, he shouted the endearing term with his full lung power. This time a reply came. "This is a bathroom."

Appropriate.

The Atchison (Kan.) Globe notes the marriage of a man of that city recently with a Kansas City woman, saying: "The woman, who is very stout and aged about 40, came in on the Kansas City train, and it was arranged that she should wave a bunch of yellow chrysanthemums in order to attract her lover's attention, the pair never having met before." The device must surely have been successful. In fact, we can think of nothing better calculated to attract attention than a fat woman of 40 waving a bunch of yellow chrysanthemums.

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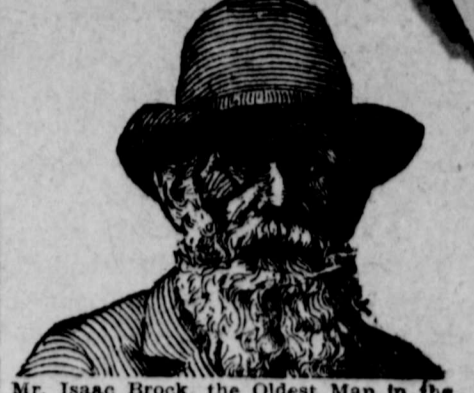
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**LOCAL NOTES.**

"Who dat sed aigs in dis town?"

Wellborn has the best line of Christmas goods in Snyder.

Wanted at this office for Xmas, a big Turkey.

A. H. Thornton returned Monday from a short trip to Colorado.

Rooted honeysuckles for sale at Mrs. L. J. Nichols.

R. L. Willoughby was in from the ranch the first of the week.

Just received a fine line of Holiday goods.

DODSON & WASSON.

Mr. Leeman, of Gonzales came in Tuesday on a visit to W. A. Johnson.

Go to Hallen & Byrd when you want fresh fish and oysters, served in any style.

Dick Smithers was here yesterday from the Spur ranch purchasing holiday supplies.

If you want cheap harness goods, go to Wellborn. We are receiving a big stock.

Pope Strayhorn contemplates leaving tomorrow to spend the holidays at Alvarado and Iredell.

I. W. Boren and family was in town Monday purchasing supplies.

Miss Lillian Walker is assisting during the holidays at the store of Grayum & Co.

Mrs. E. W. Pool leaves today to spend Christmas with friends in Big Springs.

Miss Pearl Clark is expected here from Midland Saturday to spend Christmas with home folks.

W. H. Kimzie, one of substantial citizens of the Wheat community, was on our streets Saturday.

Miss Mamie Barnett is here from El Paso and will spend the holidays with her cousin, Miss Ruby Clark.

R. B. Pyron, the well known stockman, was here Saturday transacting business and was as jolly as ever.

G. G. Williamson was in from his ranch the first of the week purchasing supplies and holiday goods.

Misses Mary and Sallie Meadors of the Conroe neighborhood were here Saturday guests of Miss Minnie Manry.

W. T. Standfield and wife left last Tuesday for the ranch to have a few days outing, but will return Saturday.

P. S. McDermott, one of the substantial citizens of the Dark community, was in town Tuesday.

A. R. Polnac, mayor of Wheat, accompanied by his wife, spent Tuesday in the capital of Scurry purchasing holiday supplies.

W. E. McLaughlin came in last week from a trip selling pianos and will spend the holidays with home folks.

Go to Wellborns for seven feet, twist link trace chains, hames, harness goods, wagon covers and horse covers, collar pads.

Mrs. S. B. Wilks was reported quite sick yesterday and her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Dolph Dodson of Garden City, a nephew to Messrs. A. D., E. C. and J. E. Dodson, is here visiting relatives.

Knives, Axes, Guns, no toys, Wagons Expressly for the boys. Chinaware free, you can pick it. Trade with me and get your tickets. C. T. GIRARD & CO.

Prof. R. R. Lively left here last week for Odessa but has since returned to Colorado and we learn is contemplating locating there.

Nelson & Nation, Dodson & Wasson and P. M. Wellborn & Son are among those having sign work done on their business houses.

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Uncle Ken Elkins was in town Friday after a load of cottonseed and reported everything flourishing in the free state of Kent.

F. J. Grayum has been quite sick the past week, having been confined to his room several days, but was able to be at his store yesterday.

Sam Elkins and wife came down from the ranch Sunday returning Tuesday after having purchased ranch supplies and holiday goods.

Joe Smith Jr., and wife came down from the ranch Sunday and will spend the Holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stanfield.

Sam Harrington, the professional tank builder of the Iatan country, was here Saturday and reports his country in fine condition.

The report comes to us that the Box Supper at the Conroe School house last Friday night was a decided success, \$28 being realized.

T. B. Harris, recently from Tennessee and cousin to G. W. Brown has located 7 miles southwest of town and will be a welcome addition to our populace.

Brother Guinn and wife of Afra, were in town Monday purchasing supplies. Bro. Guinn is one of Scurry county's most prosperous farmers.

The largest and most useful line of holiday goods ever brought here has been displayed this season and since last Saturday was a week ago the town has been full of purchasers.

G. W. Keith was a pleasant caller at this office last Saturday and for the next year will read this great moral and tolerably religious journal and the Dallas News.

Misses Janie Scarborough, Maggie Mason and Jettie Elkins came down from the Elkins community Saturday to attend the music recital given by Mrs. Baker's class Saturday night.

Bill Jones is putting up more than 100 feet of sheds in his new wagon yard and says that times will have to be much worse than now before he pulls "The Flyer" off between here and Colorado.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**

Will All be on Monday Night and will be Three in Number.

On next Monday night there will be Christmas trees at the Christian church, the Methodist church and a community tree.

The Methodist have decided to have a tree for the members of that church, the Sunday school and any others who may wish to participate. The tree will be arranged by Mesdames P. P. Martin, A. G. Person, B. W. Hudgins, Misses Nellie Buchanan, Edna Byrd, Sallie Buchanan and Messrs. Dr. Sed Harris, Willie Rascoe and E. W. Pool. A short program, appropriate and entertaining, will be rendered before the presents are distributed.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**

The tree at the Christian church will be for that congregation, the Cumberland Presbyterian Sunday school and such others as may desire to join with them. The opening address will be delivered by T. F. Baker and the following committees will serve:

Committee to secure and put up tree, I. W. Wasson, G. W. Brown and Ed Baze,

To dress tree and arrange presents, Mesdames I. W. Wasson W. B. Standfield, Misses Clara Dodson, Willie Strayhorn, Ethel Wasson and Messrs. Frank Baze, Orville Dodson and Joe Ellis.

To receive and mark presents, Mesdames A. D. Dodson, G. W. Brown and Nettie Wasson.

To clip presents from tree, Jim Baze and Willie German.

To distribute presents Misses Vita Wasson, Vita Rhienshart Dulah Henry, Zulah Henry, and Masters John Baze and Willis Looney.

G. W. Brown, Manager.

**A COMMUNITY TREE.**  
A number of our citizens are perfecting arrangements for a community tree, to which all are invited to a tend and place presents upon who so desire.

These trees will all be on Monday night and the separate arrangements were because of no building procurable being large enough to accommodate the crowd that would be sure to attend.

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WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Scurry, and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of office this nineteenth day of Sept., 1900.  
[L. S.] T. P. KANE,  
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# CLAY OF GEORGIA

Speaks Before the Senate a Couple of Hours Against

## THE SHIP SUBSIDY MEASURE.

The Clark Senatorial Case Causes a Spicy Debate for a Few Minutes Between Two of the Senators.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The first speech in opposition to the ship subsidy bill in the senate was delivered Tuesday by Mr. Clay of Georgia, one of the minority members of the committee of commerce, which reported it to the senate. He is recognized as one of the most vigorous opponents of the bill in the senate and during nearly two hours was accorded close attention by senators on both sides of the chamber.

In the early part of the session a lively colloquy was precipitated over the reference to the committee of the Grout oleomargarine bill, just passed by the house. It finally went to the committee on agriculture. This was a victory for the friends of the bill.

Mr. Carter called up his pending motion to refer the credentials of William A. Clark and Martin McGinnis, appointed senators from Montana, to the committee on privileges, and after some discussion the motion prevailed.

Mr. Chandler asked that the resolution on the calendar declaring that William A. Clark was not duly and legally elected to a seat in the senate of the United States by the legislature of Montana be recommitted to the committee.

Mr. Bacon of Georgia inquired what the object of the request was.

Mr. Chandler replied that before the senate had an opportunity to act upon the resolution the senator from Montana (Mr. Clark) had gone through the form of resigning.

That changed the entire aspect of the situation, said Mr. Chandler, and for a time forestalled and prevented discussion of the questions involved. To be entirely frank with Mr. Bacon, he said, another reason why he desired a recommission of the resolution was that the committee might desire to take some positive action upon the matter with which the resolution dealt. The whole case, he maintained, had not been disposed of by the resignation and departure of Mr. Clark.

Mr. Bacon replied in a facetious speech, after which Mr. Carter's motion to refer prevailed.

### Reciprocity Treaties.

Washington, Dec. 13.—President sent to the senate treaties with Great Britain, extending for a year the time for the ratification of the reciprocity treaties affecting the British sent to the senate last summer but failed of ratification. He has also forwarded reciprocity treaties with Nicaragua, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and the government of Denmark, the last affecting St. Croix.

### Dolphin Departs.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 13.—President M. M. Dolphin of the Railroad Telegraphers, who has been in Galveston for nearly two weeks directing the affairs of the order's strike left Galveston Tuesday night. Mr. Dolphin purchased a ticket on the Santa Fe and left at 7:20 p. m. on the main line for the north. His destination was not made known. It was stated at the depot that Mr. Dolphin had started for St. Louis, and another report had it that he had been called to Mound City on account of a message received from there to the effect that the order "was up against it" by some of the St. Louis members wanting to go to work. However, these reports were not confirmed at the headquarters of the strike committee.

G. L. von Meyer has been nominated for ambassador to Italy.

### Noted Case Ends.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 13.—The jury in the case of John Gafford, charged with the murder of Francis E. Lloyd, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

This terminated one of the most noted criminal cases tried in the state.

In August, 1897, Gafford shot and killed Lloyd, the newspaper man, better known as Rufus Sanders, alleging improper intimacy with sister.

### Much Work Outlined.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 13.—The board of directors of the Baptist general convention of Texas met in quarterly session Tuesday at the First Baptist church. Devotional exercises were engaged in until noon, led by Rev. D. I. Smyth of Grandview.

President C. C. Slaughter called the body to order at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the minutes being kept by the recording secretary, Rev. G. W. Truett.

Rev. J. B. Gambrell, the corresponding secretary, outlined the work needing attention during the coming year. His address was followed by a general survey of the field by the members and visitors, the majority expressing encouragement at the result of past efforts and hope for the future.

The present meeting is regarded as the most important of the year for the reason that it is the first session of the convention year and the work is outlined for the coming twelve months.

The question of assisting to rehabilitate the destroyed and damaged church buildings in the storm-swept section of the state was taken up. The board has sent appeals to the denominational organizations in other states as well as to those in Texas and will spare no effort to forward the undertaking.

After a review of the prosperity of the denominational work for the past twelve months it was determined to attempt greater things for the next year. The board by unanimous vote agreed to ask the churches to raise at least the following amounts: For state missions \$14,000, foreign missions \$22,000, home missions \$14,000, aged ministers' relief fund \$50,000, church building fund \$15,000.

It was further determined that every possible effort should be put forth to raise \$100,000 for the several Baptist colleges of Texas within the next three months. These combined sums are said to represent about \$1 for each member of the denomination in Texas.

### Texas State Fair.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 13.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Texas State Fair was held Tuesday.

As a compliment to the old board of directors for their management, the stockholders declared, by a unanimous vote, that they saw no reason to make any change, and on the contrary, preferred to leave the affairs of the association in the same hands. The old board, therefore, were elected in full.

The secretary's report showed that the finances of the fair were never in a more healthy condition. Enough had been made to pay all the running expenses of the fair and enable the management to very materially reduce the bonded indebtedness.

The next fair will be held Sept. 23 to Oct. 13.

The Washington Red Cross society has sent \$1000 to Galveston.

The department of agriculture denies that it has given out any cotton statement.

### Running Fight.

London, Dec. 13.—Kitchener cables the war office from Pretoria, under date of Dec. 12, that Gen. Knox reports from Helvetia that he is engaged in a running fight with Gen. DeWet, and that the enemy is moving toward Reddersburg, where there is a column to co-operate with them.

Kitchener says Boers attacked a force near Barberton. The British casualties were three killed, five wounded and thirteen taken prisoners.

### All to Remain.

City of Mexico, Dec. 13.—Immediately upon the inauguration of President Diaz for the new term as chief of the cabinet ministers, as is customary, at once tendered their resignations, but the president refused to accept them and desired the ministers to retain their portfolios.

The financial condition of the government is excellent, its cash surplus in bank being \$16,000,000.

### Beckham Inaugurated.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 13.—With perfect weather and in the presence of a vast throng of people from all over the state, another chapter was written in Kentucky's political history Tuesday, when Gov. J. C. W. Beckham was inaugurated for the remainder of the term for which Goebel and Taylor contested.

The inaugural procession was the most imposing ever seen here.

### Honor of "Rubber" Goodyear.

A hundred members of the New England rubber club—that is, persons engaged in the rubber industry—honored the memory of Charles Goodyear at dinner in Boston Monday evening. There was a grandson of the inventor present, Nelson Goodyear, of New York, and many speakers, including Congressman-elect Powers and Speaker Myers, eulogized the man who when struggling to attain his great success was called "the India rubber maniac." This is the centenary of Goodyear's birth, and the exact anniversary is December 29. For fourteen years he had a pitiful experience, with his family in want and himself frequently in prison for debt, but he was always cheerful and resolute, and on the receipt of a few dollars he would buy new materials and renew his investigations. He won in the end, but did not value money even then, and died in debt.

### Foreign Wrecks in Paris.

An American art student in Paris says: "There are more wrecks of young lives and young ambitions in Moûtmarie than in any other quarter of the globe. Fellows who fancy they are destined to become great artists have the illusion knocked out of them, but they refuse to leave. They are there from all parts of the world, stranded, hopeless beggars, living no one knows how, and shunning their fellow men. One case in particular caught my attention—that of an Englishman named Jones, let us say. His father is an evangelist, who came over to America several years ago. This fellow poses as a philanthropist of the most pronounced type. He associates with nobody, and his only companion is a little black dog. He will live for days on bread and milk in order that he may buy meat for his dog."

### Building From the Top Down.

The newest fashion in New York skyscraper construction is to begin at the top and build downward. It seems impossible, yet that is what a contractor is doing with a bank building at Wall and William streets. At present the upper five floors, with granite walls, are practically finished. The lower ten are as yet mere skeleton of girders and trusses. The larger blocks of granite for these lower floors were not ready on time, so the builder decided to go ahead on the ones above and it is perfectly safe, yet the appearance of the structure is so unusual that it is a curiosity, even for Wall street.

### Italy's Possible King.

The new heir to the Italian throne is quite as interesting as the new occupants of that throne and his chances of becoming king of Italy are good. The duke is a cousin of King Emmanuel III. He is the father of two sons, whereas the new king, who was married four years ago, has no children. While the king is frail and dislikes physical exertion, the duke is devoted to sport and is one of the best horsemen in Italy.

### Germany our Best Booze Customer.

Germany is rapidly becoming a nation of whisky drinkers, according to the report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Wilson. More distilled spirits are exported from this country to Germany than to any other foreign country. The Germans, apparently, are partial to bourbon whisky in preference to rye. For the year ending June 30, 1900, 411,489 gallons of bourbon and 137,578 gallons of rye whisky were sent.

### Red Cross Strawberries.

Miss Clara Barton, head of the Red Cross society, has placed with a firm at Kittrell, N. C., an order for 1,000,000 strawberry plants. These plants will be distributed among the fruit growers of Texas who suffered so severely from the great September storm.

### Partisan Buttons Banned.

Political buttons can not be worn in Canada during the heat of a campaign. This is due to a clause in the dominion franchise act which says that no person shall exhibit any sign of his political faith after the official nominations are made.

### Mark Twain's Obliging Creditors.

While all of Mark Twain's admirers are expressing their admiration of the manner in which he bore himself when overwhelmed with debt, the humorist himself is sufficiently thoughtful to speak a good word for his creditors. In his Lotus club speech he said: "It has pleased your president to refer to certain burdens of debts which I have been weighted with, to those debts, you all know what they were, and the poor bankrupt firm of C. L. Webster & Co. But no one has said anything for the creditors, the ninety-five creditors to whom far more credit is due than to me. There were ninety-six creditors in all, and from ninety-five of them not a word or a murmur. They gave not a sign. I never had any reason to know that I owed them anything. They did not seem to care whether they were ever paid or not. 'Don't you worry and don't you hurry,' was all I ever heard from them. Oh, how I wish I could have that sort of creditors always! Really, I recognize it as a sort of personal loss to myself to be out of debt. I wasn't personally acquainted with ten of them, you know. 'Don't you worry and don't you hurry.' The phrase is written on my heart. You are always very kind in saying things about me, but nobody ever thinks of those dear people. They were the handsomest people I ever knew. They were handsomer than I was—handsomer than Tom Reed."

### Different in Dawson.

Jeremiah Lynch, a prominent citizen of Dawson, now visiting in this country, says: "Dawson, with its three daily newspapers, electric lighting plants and a population of 25,000 people, is now hardly a week's journey from Seattle, and one can travel all the way with entire comfort. It is about three days' by steamer from Seattle up the coast, a few hours by rail over the White Pass road, and then two days by steamer to Dawson. During the last summer a steamer has been running every day each way between the terminus of the railroad and Dawson. That city, it is not generally known, is north of the mouth of the Yukon, the valley of which, I am certain, will be found capable in future years of supporting a vast population. We raised big potatoes, cabbages and other vegetables at Dawson this year, some of which were hurried to the exposition at Paris for exhibition."

### When Her Luck Changed.

An actress who is now acting in a prominent New York theater found herself so little in demand a few years ago that she was about to abandon all effort to remain in her profession, learn how to manipulate the typewriter, and seek her fortune in that line of work. Just at the time when her prospects looked darkest, she inherited a small sum of money which she had never expected to get. It proved enough to enable her to make a start in the way she wanted, and after a while she went to New York, where she met with a degree of success that no actress so little known had ever enjoyed before.

### Special Heroism Remembered.

Twenty-five Victoria crosses have been awarded so far in the South African war. Eight have been given to captains, three to lieutenants, including the one given to Lady Roberts by proxy for her dead son, four to sergeants, four to corporals, two to majors and one each to a gunner, a driver, a trooper and a private infantryman.

### Seats on 'Change Cost More.

Seats in the New York Stock exchange are affected by the prosperity boom which began last Tuesday. The other day \$45,000 was offered for one seat, which is an increase of \$3000 over former quotations. Chances are the price will go still higher. Seats on 'change have always been gilt-edged investments.

### Long Favorably Impressed.

Secretary of the Navy Long was in Denver on election day and had an opportunity to observe women voting. There was nothing to jar the most sensitive spectators, he says. On the contrary, the tendency was to elevate and broaden, rather than to degrade or impair.

### Worthy of Emulation.

Police Sergeant Sheldon made quite a pat little address to the forty picked policemen put on duty at the New York horse show. "Be polite, look neat and remember you are to treat gentlemen as gentlemen. There are no 'gents' at this show. Understand?"

### The Car Heard Them.

Two jolly New York brokers, having finished their day's work, were discussing the latest news as they rode homeward on the "L." The car, as usual, was packed. One big man in particular made his presence felt, because he occupied not only his own seat, but projected a little over the partition arms designed to separate one passenger from another. "I see the czar is having a close call," one broker remarked, reading the dispatches from Livadia. "He won't be missed," replied the other. Raising his voice, he added: "I don't go much on czars anyway. They are too dictatorial. We had ample experience of one, and were lucky to retire him to private life. He is a very decent fellow now." Glancing in the direction of the big man, who was half hidden behind his paper, a reporter detected a broad grin on the moon face of the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, former speaker and czar. The broker noticed it also, and with a wink at his companion, arose and left the car.

### Indian Pupils in New York Schools.

The first Indians ever admitted as public school pupils in New York city are two who entered last week. They are Beulah and Bessie Dark Cloud. Beulah is 16 years old, and has attended school in Montreal. Bessie, the typical Indian child of the Sierras, restless, quick and gracious, entered the kindergarten grade. Dark Cloud, the father of the children, has been a model for prominent artists, including a Remington and Deming. The mother, a woman of much beauty, is a full-blood Abeneki, and her husband is of the same tribe, and a well educated Indian, who, during the summer, "lectures" for medicine companies.

### California's Oil Bonanza.

The Californian is always seeing great things ahead, but the boom that has come to us in oil is the most substantial and promising that Southern California has ever realized," remarked an energetic boomer from that state the other day. "Fortunes have already been made. Mr. E. L. Doheny, one of the leading dealers in Los Angeles, has an income of \$35,000 a month, and he has just returned in his private car from Tampico, Mexico, where he has secured 400,000 acres of oil lands. Even the islands adjoining the California coast have of late been pre-empted, and land that would not formerly sell for \$1 an acre is now worth a fancy price."

### Villard's Benefactions.

The late Henry Villard gave away a great deal of money during his lifetime. In addition to numerous benefactions bestowed on European charitable and educational institutions, he contributed liberally to the following American objects: The Oregon and Washington state universities, Harvard, Columbia, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Natural History museum in Central park.

### A Dublin Peat Room.

A large Dublin manufacturer has a room entirely furnished with Irish peat. The carpets on the floor, the curtains at the windows and paper on the walls are made from this substance. For years he has experimented with the material, which is now very largely exported as fuel, and he has discovered that from it it is possible to procure almost any kind of fabric.

### University Chaperones for "Co-Eds."

University chaperones are the latest Viennese novelty. In consequence of the riotous and insulting behavior of the male students when the women tried to avail themselves of the newly granted permission to attend lectures, many mothers of women students have registered for the university lectures in order to accompany and protect their daughters.

### Might Have Been Pins.

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### One Invention's Growth.

A few years ago a typesetting machine was placed in the computer room on the tenth floor of the bunc building, recalls a New York writer. Deep mystery surrounded it. Employees of the Tribune were cautioned to keep their mouths shut about it. D. O. Mills, Ogden Mills and Whitelaw Reid were said to be the owners. "Big Six" threatened all sorts of punishment. Presently the Louisville Courier-Journal rented a machine, and then the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette got one. Being a great labor-saver the mechanism made headway despite all opposition and today a corporation with a capital of \$10,000,000 is making and selling it. It is in use in 1250 American offices, of which 397 have one machine each, 305 two machines each, and 170 three machines each. Scores of offices contain ten, fifteen and twenty machines each, and a number thirty. Two large daily newspapers employ twenty-five each, one has thirty-six, another fifty and two have sixty-seven each.

### The Papers in the Case.

This is a literal copy of what the plaintiff's attorney indorsed as a "petition" against the "Illinois central Raail Road Company": "I plaintiff m— T—, who sues for as next friend of W— S—, who is under 21 years of age and her Son and his father is dead and says that said defendany by its agents and servants or employees to wit, one mr Taylor did on or about January 1900 arrest or have arrested and fouceley imprrisioned for him said W— S— Several days and Knights in the Princeton Jail County of Calwell Ky. 3 says said Company by its agent or servants or employee of said Company or defendant Illinois central Raail Road Company did gave Whiskey to Said Boy W— S— and made him Drunk and unconscious and helpless and While in this condition put Said Boy in Said Jail depriving him of his free right of liberty, and thereby in the damage to the Plaintiff in the Some of Nineteen hundreded dollars."

### Wouldn't Exhibit for Pay.

An aggravated attack of the commerce instinct has raised quite a breeze in society at Jackson, Miss., besides preventing the appearance at a reception there of Lieutenant Hobson, the Merrimac hero. While Hobson was at the State capital of Mississippi the King's Daughters arranged for a reception in his honor. The affair was to be held at the residence of Mr. Millsaps, a bank president, and it was decided to charge 25 cents admission. The lieutenant and his relatives decided that it was a trifle too much to expect the young sailor to go on exhibition like a dime museum freak and so the reception fell through.

### Would Follow a Good Example.

Now that the courts have sustained the validity of the ordinance in Philadelphia prohibiting the distribution of advertising handbills and circulars in the streets and in vestibules and on porches, there is a general demand on the part of newspapers in interior Pennsylvania cities for similar ordinances. If littering the streets of Philadelphia with loose paper is a bad thing, it is argued to be quite as bad for the streets of other cities, though they may not be so large.

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