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Knox, Texas.—Dr. E. W. Hall: Dear Sir—Six years ago the 20th of June I was stricken down with diabetic kidney trouble, then after a while it ran into gravel trouble, and then back to diabetic and bladder affection. I began your great remedy in April, this year, and had I used it regular I think I could have passed a critical examination for any life insurance company. I consider your remedy the safest, quickest and cheapest remedy of all done on the market.  
Respectfully,  
CYRUS Y. HOGAN.

## Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 8th, 1901, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., at the office of said bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting.  
J. L. JONES, Cashier.  
Haskell, Texas, Dec. 8, 1900.

—First quarterly conference for Haskell station, will be held on tonight after a short sermon by Bro. Wiseman. Preaching also on Sunday morning and at night by the Elder. First quarterly conference for Haskell circuit will be held on next Monday, the 17th, at Tanner's school house, after preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. J. T. BLOODWORTH.

## Pneumonia Prevented.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and la grippe during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia." For sale by J. B. Baker druggist.

## A BIG SCHEME FOR HASKELL.

### Belgian Hares to the Rescue.

There has been a good deal said and printed for some time past about the increase of cattle not being sufficient to keep up with the rapidly increasing demand for beef, thus forecasting a shortage that will be seriously felt throughout the world. There has also been a good deal said and published of late about that wonderfully fecund little animal, the Belgian hare, as an article of food far surpassing the ordinary rabbit in juiciness and delicacy of flavor. Now our fellow townsman, Mr. T. G. Carney, has been keeping up with both of these discussions and, with his usual alertness in catching a point and putting it to use, he has procured a stock of these Belgians and established a rabbit ranch and it is really refreshing and inspiring to hear him figure out the outcome. He has no doubt that in a few months he will be able to supply Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago with choice meat, shipping dressed here by the train load in refrigerator cars and, that probably within a year, he can put on a line of fast steamers from Galveston to Liverpool and supply the English market. This being accomplished and the rabbit supply still increasing at a ratio that would startle a mathematician used to figuring on big schemes, he contemplates establishing an immense cannery and taking a government contract to supply the army in the Philippines with canned hare. And he even views with satisfaction the prospect of a great war on China by the combined powers as affording an additional market for him to conquer with canned hare. Verily, there are no flies on Tom!

### Says He Was Tortured.

"I suffered such a pain from corns I could hardly walk," writes H. Robinson, Hillsborough, Ill., "but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured them." Acts like magic on sprains, bruises, cuts, sores, scalds, burns, boils, ulcers. Perfect healer of skin diseases and piles. Cure guaranteed by J. B. Baker. Price 25 cents.

## HASKELL SOCIETY SURPRISED

### Cupid Cuts a Cute Caper

It is often said that a woman can't keep a secret, but the people of Haskell are now ready to testify that there is at least one woman who can. This fact was very forcibly impressed upon them when Mr. D. C. Cariker of Terrell, arrived here Tuesday night and claimed Miss Lena Wilson, who has been in charge of Messrs F. G. Alexander & Co's. millinery department for several years, and who was also from Terrell, as his own.

When explanations were made it appeared that an attachment of long standing had existed between the two, but an estrangement had taken place a couple of years ago which was made up on the occasion of Miss Wilson's visit to her old home during her summer vacation last August and, to provide against another possible separation, Mr. Cariker insisted upon marriage at once. To this Miss Wilson demurred, as she was under contract to remain with Messrs F. G. Alexander & Co., of

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this place, until the first of next January. They finally came to an understanding that they would be secretly married and that Miss Wilson should immediately return to Haskell and fill out her contract, and this was done, not even the families or friends of the parties in Terrell being apprised of the matter. Mr. Cariker, it seems, however, could not wait the time out, but when the case was stated to the head of the firm, Mr. F. G. Alexander, he gracefully yielded to the inevitable. The couple left Saturday morning for their future home in Ft. Worth, where, we understand, Mr. Cariker is a prosperous lawyer.

Miss Wilson was well liked and had made many friends in Haskell who will wish her a happy future, although there are a few of our young men who have been paying her pretty close attention that are just a little bit grumpy and would rather you didn't mention it.

### A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation" were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50cts Guaranteed. For sale by J. B. Baker.

## TO THE NEW GRANDMOTHER.

(MRS. JESSIE BELL.)

By Elsie Malone McCollum.

O dainty bundle  
Of softest flannel,  
O, bundle let down from the skies,  
In your folds I'll peep  
And rouse from sleep  
A pair of blinking eyes.

You tiny mite!  
You have the right  
According to no other,  
But I'll be proud  
In any crowd,  
To hear you say "Grandmother!"

I did not know  
I could love you so!  
What is there of you to love?  
A small pug nose,  
Ten wee, pink toes,  
And a mouth long powers to prove.

For this small hand,  
There is demand  
In fields of honest labor,  
But at no time  
Sleep is mine,  
Or lift against your neighbor.

These tender feet,  
See long must meet  
With the thorns upon life's road;  
This little back,  
O'er life's rough track,  
May bend beneath its load.

But your feet won't slip,  
If you keep your grip  
On the promise of God's Son;  
And your back won't break,  
If for his sake,  
You bear your burden on.

Thou miniature King!  
Thy cry would bring  
The world to its tiny will.  
But as you get older,  
The world grows colder,  
And narrows the place you fill.

O baby boy!  
You revive the joy  
That I know long ago,  
When your father's rosy  
Was on my breast,  
And life wore a rosy glow.

Little grandson, I pray  
That sometime you may  
Fulfill God's holy plan—  
Just do your best,  
Leave to Him the rest,  
And make an upright man.

## OUR New Line of Seasonable Fall and Winter Goods

embraces everything from the finest dress fabrics down through the whole line of staples, in fact we believe it covers Everything Anybody Wants. IN NOTIONS AND TRIMMINGS and all the little odds and ends of the toilet and ladies' wear our stock is equally full, equally well selected and prices equally well proportioned to value. The ladies will find here everything required to trim the most fashionable modern costume.

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In these our stock is unsurpassed in style, quality and value. We bought our clothing under peculiar circumstances—a closing sale—and know we got it under regular prices. We intend to sell it that way.

## BOOTS AND SHOES

Besides our regular line of footwear we bought a large special lot for men's and women's wear at special low prices—and they'll go that way.

## MILLINERY

We believe that we have become pretty well posted in what our lady friends want in this line and believe that we have the stock to meet their wants. To be sure that we got the latest styles and best quality of trimmings, etc. we secured the services of an expert milliner in making our selections.

Come and see 'em! The latest thing is out, you will be very welcome, and we will take pleasure in showing you through our stock and quoting prices.

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## Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given to whom it may concern, that the partnership heretofore existing between R. H. McKee and W. W. Hentz, doing a general merchandise business in Haskell, Texas, was by mutual consent dissolved on the 5th day of Dec. 1900. R. H. McKee purchasing the entire interest of W. W. Hentz in their business, including the stock of goods, wares and merchandise as well as all notes, accounts, etc., owing to said firm and, said R. H. McKee becoming responsible for all the debts owing by said firm.

Witness our signatures this Dec. 6th, 1900.  
R. H. McKee  
W. W. HENTZ

All parties indebted to the old firm will please call and settle promptly, as it is necessary to close the books up. I will continue business at the old stand and will be pleased to have your patronage. Respectfully,  
R. H. McKee.

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As soon as the republicans were safely re-elected and were not afraid to perpetrate a nuisance upon the country the administration reinstated Canned Beef Quartermaster General Eagan to his former rank and then retired him with a clean (ed) record and on the usual pay allowance.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Bulgaria cabinet has resigned. Marion, Ind., is to have a \$70,000 hotel.

Hundreds of Mormons are reported going into Mexico. The battleship Massachusetts is reported leaking badly.

Bubonic plague is said to exist in San Francisco again. Holland says she cannot arbitrate the Transvaal affair.

Thirty coal boats sunk in the Ohio river near Huntington, W. Va. A real estate firm has arranged for a colony of Boers on Long Island.

At Shreveport, La., J. T. Alexander shot himself in the head with fatal results. A feared epidemic of small pox at Greencastle, Ind., proved to be only chicken pox.

Indianapolis parties expect to erect a globe and lamp chimney factory at Muncie, Ind. Mayor Trowbridge was re-elected chief executive of Vicksburg, Miss., after the liveliest campaign ever known there.

One thousand more bohemians have surrendered to Capt. Green of the Thirty-third infantry at Vigan, island of Luzon.

Schnabele, whose imprisonment by the Germans at Metz in 1887 nearly led to war between France and Germany, died at Nancy, France.

James G. Stowe, United States consulate at Cape Town, while in London gave it his opinion that the war in South Africa would end in four months.

It is by the imperative order of the czar that the Russians are handing over the Shan Hai Kuan railway to the Germans. The necessary documents were signed.

Rev. Mr. Wohl, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Huntington, W. Va., was shot and instantly killed by T. F. Stokes. Both men are well known throughout the state. Stokes was also shot, but not fatally injured.

The secretary of the treasury sent to congress the annual estimates of the expenses of the government for the coming year. They aggregate \$227,741,702, a slight decrease from the total estimate of last year. The appropriations for the present year are \$286,925,362.

Bishop Charles B. Calloway reports that the state of Arkansas had led all other states in the south in the twentieth century fund movement, endorsed by the Methodist Episcopal church, south having raised the sum of \$125,000 for the great educational work.

In less than two hours from the opening of his trial William H. Danton, formerly auditing clerk of the Union National bank of Chicago, was found guilty of embezzlement of \$10,500. Sentence was not pronounced. The defense offered no evidence in the case.

A pardon from President McKinley for Marion Walcher, a government prisoner at the penitentiary at Nashville, Tenn., arrived too late. Walcher died Nov. 15, and upon receipt of a telegram ordering his release the news was wired to Attorney General Griggs.

Missouri Pacific railway telegraph operators unanimously endorsed the proposed federation with the conductors and engineers, firemen and other trainmen's organizations. It was stated that the federation was likely to be consummated on that road within a short period of time.

At Arthur, Tenn., Joe Hanson, aged 9 years, killed Harry Hatfield, aged 31. Johnson claims that it was accidental. He later acknowledged his deed. Johnson shot Hatfield near the heart with a small rifle.

Ex-President Harrison seems to be as fond of hunting as his predecessor and successor, Grover Cleveland, is of engaging in piscatorial pursuits. The Indian has returned from a successful expedition, a la Nimrod, in the fields and forests of the Hoosier state.

Frank Luzano was murdered at Hackensack, N. J., and the man who slew him was then in turn stabbed repeatedly by the friends of the victim. It was practically a lynching of the part of Luzano's friends. The man, stabbed is John Cambola.

Fulton, Ky., was visited by a fire that destroyed twenty houses and caused a loss of \$150,000. The blaze originated in the Kirk dry goods store and is supposed to have been started by burglars. The fire destroyed the Kirk, largest city block.

Senator Fairbanks of Indiana introduced a bill in the senate to admit Oklahoma as a state with two representatives. The usual provisions for a constitutional convention and the grants of lands for state institutions are made.

The steamer St. Marie, trading between Naples and Marseilles, which was reported wrecked Dec. 1, arrived at Marseilles, France, with forty-one passengers. She had taken refuge from the bad weather in the bay of Gaeta, northwest of Naples.

An alleged crook was arrested near Juarez, Mex., charged with burglarizing a jeweler store in the City of Mexico, and for whom a reward of \$5000 was offered. On being searched \$5000 and other valuables to the amount of \$25,000 were found on him.

OPPOSES SUBSIDY

Senator Clay of Georgia Speaks for Two Hours

AGAINST MEASURE OF HANNA.

The Case of Senator Clark of Montana Was the Theme for a Brief but Breezy Upper House Debate.

Washington, Dec. 12.—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 Grouse and game bill, just passed by the house. It finally went to the committee on agriculture. This was a victory for the friends of the bill.

An order presented by Mr. Cockrell of Missouri was ratified by the senate directing that vacancies on the committee of the District of Columbia, the geological survey, Indian affairs, mines and mining, Pacific islands and territories and railways, to be filled by the appointment of Senator Towne of Minnesota.

The resolution offered by Mr. Hanna of the appointment by the president pro tem of a committee of three senators to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the president of the United States on March 4, was adopted without debate.

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 recommitment 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.

In the course of a long reply Mr. Bacon held that he could conceive of no legitimate purpose in the desire for a recommitment of a resolution which dealt with a question which practically was dead. He intimated that the chairman of the committee on privileges and elections might have some ulterior purpose in view which he could not at this time divulge.

After Mr. Chandler had retorted facetiously that the Georgia senator was "too suspicious, especially of the chairman of the committee," the matter of the recommitment by consent went over until Thursday.

The senate then, in thirty minutes, passed forty-five of the unobjectionable bills on the calendar.

Sent Them Cigarettes.

Constantinople, Dec. 12.—The sultan sent a quantity of cigarettes to the crew of the United States battleship Kentucky, now at Smyrna.

The Kentucky was electrically dressed.

Collided in Kansas.

Olathe, Kan., Dec. 12.—A north-bound passenger train on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe crashed into the rear end of a north-bound freight train at Clara, thirty-five miles north of here. Noble Thomas, aged 16, of Emporia, Kan., was burned to death in the caboose. Thomas' father was fatally injured. The engineer and fireman of the passenger train were seriously injured, and half a dozen passengers in the caboose were hurt.

Being Supplied.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—In regard to the strike situation on the Santa Fe, it is reported at General Manager Newin's office that the system from Albuquerque to San Francisco is being supplied with operators.

"We are experiencing no difficulty," said Chief Clerk Henderson, "in moving our trains. Our operators at Danby and Blake were assaulted by a former agent at Danby, and both injured."

Fight With Insurgents.

Manila, Dec. 12.—A detachment of the Fifth cavalry have had a fight with a hundred insurgents south of Santa Cruz. The insurgents were chased for four miles. Fourteen of them were found dead. There were no American casualties.

In addition to this engagement there have been several minor encounters between the troops and insurgents.

Dodd City, Tex., is to have a \$5000 school building.

CANAL BILL.

Question of Fortifications is Discussed in Executive Session.

Washington, Dec. 12.—In the executive session of the senate Tuesday Senator Beveridge asked for information as to the effect of the ratification of the Pauncefote treaty on three points. The first of these related to the provisions of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty relating to the acquisition of territory. He wanted to know with reference as to whether it should be in effect so far as it prohibits the United States from acquiring territory in the Central American. Secondly, as to whether in case the Hay-Pauncefote treaty should be ratified and then accepted by say twenty other nations, it could be modified without the consent of all the signatory powers. His third query related to the rights of hostile nations to station ships in the vicinity of the canal in case of its construction under the Hay-Pauncefote agreement.

Replying to the first of these inquiries, Senator Lodge said that in his opinion the United States would be stopped from extending its domain into Central American territory. Senator Foraker expressed the opposite view. He replied affirmatively to a question from Senator Mason as to whether the United States could acquire and annex a South American country as we have annexed Hawaii, with the complete assent of the country coming under our protection, but on this point Senator Lodge differed from him.

Mr. Lodge said that under the new treaty we, as a nation, of course would be allowed to secure and hold property in connection with the canal, but not to extend our territory in the region of the proposed waterway. In reply to other questions, he said he did not believe that under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, even as it was proposed to amend it, there would be any authority to fortify the canal permanently. He did believe, however, that under that instrument, as it was desired by the foreign committee to amend it, there would be ample provision for the defense of the canal by the American people.

Senator Lodge also argued that if other powers should assent formally to the agreement between the United States and Great Britain, the consent of all for the modification or abrogation of the treaty would be necessary.

Senator Teller announced his intention to informally offer his amendment striking out the provision of the treaty prohibiting the fortification of the canal. Senator Penrose announced his opposition to the new treaty without the Teller amendment.

Investigation Desired.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Col. Mills, superintendent of the military academy, has sent out the broadest denial based upon the full investigation made by himself of the report that late Cadet Oscar L. Booz was hazed and otherwise mistreated at the academy. The secretary of war has transmitted Col. Mills' report to the house committee on military affairs in answer to the house resolution on the subject, and has accompanied it with the statement that Col. Mills had appointed a board consisting of Major Brooke, Col. Gillespie and Col. Gillis to meet at West Point on the 15th instant or as soon as possible thereafter, to investigate, not only the Booz case, but also the methods employed at the academy to prevent hazing.

The house is much aroused over the matter.

Berkham Inaugurated.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 12.—With perfect weather and in the presence of a vast throng of people from over the state, another chapter was written in Kentucky's political history Tuesday, when Gov. J. C. W. Berkham was inaugurated for the remainder of the term for which Wm. Gossel and Wm. S. Taylor contested last year.

The inaugural procession was the most imposing ever seen on a similar occasion in this city.

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

Ex-General Found Dead.

New York, Dec. 12.—Once a Confederate brigadier general with Lee in Virginia, Gen. Herman Bins, who lost all, even wife and children, during the war, and who has for thirty-five years lived as a hermit on Wanong mountain in New Jersey, was found dead in Black swamp, four miles from Morristown. The body was identified by those who knew the hermit of Wanong mountain, as he was called. His cabin was found in ashes.

Acquitted of "Rufus Sanders" Murder.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of John Gafford, charged with the murder of Francis F. Lloyd, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The shooting happened three years ago.

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

In August, 1897, Gafford shot and killed Lloyd, the newspaper man known as Rufus Sanders.

Gafford claimed Lloyd had improper relations with his sister.

Reciprocity Treaties.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The president has sent to the senate treaties with Great Britain, extending for a year the time for the ratification of the reciprocity treaties affecting the British empire 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'S DECREE

The Telegraphers' President Calls for a Walkout

ON ENTIRE SANTA FE SYSTEM

And the Strikers' Officials Assert that at Least Twenty-One Hundred Operators Have Responded.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 10.—The expected happened Saturday morning, when President Dolphin resumed communication with the members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers on other lines of the Santa Fe system than the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, which resulted in the declaration of a general strike on all the lines of the Santa Fe system, extending from Chicago to San Francisco, Purcell to Galveston and to Denver, El Paso and all tributary lines. At 11 o'clock President Dolphin wired his order, declaring a strike of all operators on the Atchison and Santa Fe system, which embraces about 7000 miles of railroad and involves about 2100 operators and agents.

At headquarters President Dolphin stated that he called out all the operators on the Santa Fe system at the request of the members who had been asking him to be called out since the institution of the strike on the Gulf lines. He stated that his action was prompted in view of the fact that the officials on the other lines of the Santa Fe system were sending operators from Chicago and other places on special trains to Texas to take the place of the men who were striking.

The general order calling out all the other lines of the telegraph directed that the operators on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe quit work at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and that the operators on the lines west of Albuquerque, N. M., quit work at 2 p. m.

It was announced at the headquarters of the president and strike committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers that reports from about 75 per cent of the stations along the lines indicated in the general order were to the effect that all the operators had responded promptly to the call from President Dolphin, and had quit their posts at the hours named in the strike order. The strike committee professed to have positive information from their representatives, both in Texas and all points outside of Texas, as to the conditions existing along the Santa Fe lines. They reiterated their statements that freight trains are tied up, and that traffic has been greatly interfered with on account of the walk-out of the operators and station agents.

Each side claims to be certain of winning out.

In this connection it may be noted that this is the first time in the history of strikes in Texas where the affected company has promptly paid off its aggrieved employees and discharged them formally from the service. This plan has been adopted by the Santa Fe, and its operation would suggest that preparations have been making for just such an emergency for some time. It is apparent from every move of the company that the Santa Fe people were not taken unawares in this matter, and before the strike order on the Gulf lines was two hours old, traveling auditors were on the road checking out operators and agents who refused to work.

Is Alarmed.

London, Dec. 10.—Dr. Morrison, in a dispatch dated Pekin, Dec. 6, says: "A prominent Chinese official tells me he believes the edict degrading Yu Hsien is the outcome of the emperor dowager's alarm at the report received by her from the southern viceroys of the intention of the Germans to send an expedition to cut off the court's supplies. He further declares that the court is prepared to make a scapegoat of Yu Hsien."

What Ireland Says.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Archbishop Ireland, in a sermon preached at St. Patrick's church, in this city, Sunday, reviewed the question of the importance of the pope and the prophecy that at no distant date Christendom would give back to the papacy its dignity and liberty. Discussion of what is known as the Rome question was especially significant, as the archbishop, in his recent visit to Rome, held long conferences with the pope.

Evidently Pressed.

London, Dec. 10.—The war office has just received the following dispatch from Gen. Kitchener from Bloemfontein, dated the 8th:

"Have just received news from Nox at Rouxville that DeWet's force, having failed to reach Comassi bridge, which we held, trekked north, abandoning 500 horses and many carts. His attempt on Cape Colony, therefore, has failed. He is being pressed on all sides."

Gridiron Club.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Gridiron club gave its December dinner at the Arlington hotel and a large number of distinguished guests were present. The campaign that closed a month ago was recalled in a number of skits, in which the members of the club burlesqued the incidents of that canvass. Each guest found a "full dinner pail" at his plate, containing the menu. There was a gold tournament between McKinley and Bryan, former winning.

NEARLY FINISHED.

All Envoys, Save the British, Have Received Their Instructions.

Pekin, Dec. 10.—All the foreign envoys except Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister, have received instructions from their governments agreeing to the joint note proposed at the last meeting. Should the British minister receive instruction to sign the joint note, communication will immediately be opened with Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang, who are in daily touch with the court by the Chinese telegraph.

Prince Ching says Emperor Kwang Su is ready to return as soon as assured that negotiations will allow him to come in accordance with his dignity and safety.

The removal of Gen. Tung Fu Hsiang from the command of the Chinese forces surrounding the court is considered by the foreign envoys to be a very important step as showing the real desire of the government to come to terms. His banishment indicates that the court recognizes the expediency of obeying the demands of the powers.

The International club was opened Sunday, its object being to bring together in a spirit of social harmony the officers and diplomats of the various nations. There was a large company present, and music was discoursed by military bands. It is expected that the club will continue a great success.

The building was formerly a Chinese temple. At present none of the governments own their legations. It is proposed that all the legation buildings should be concentrated within a square mile west of the Tartar city, that each building should be owned by the government using it, and that the whole should be surrounded by a moat and draw bridges, having an international guard sufficient to protect the legations against any repetition of the recent attack. The only other buildings which it is proposed to allow within the enclosure with the legation houses and the necessary offices would be the foreign clubs.

Feels Hopeful.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 10.—The officials of the Santa Fe take a decidedly hopeful view of the telegraphers' strike situation. They all say the backbone of the strike is practically broken already, and that the affairs of the road will be in normal condition inside of two weeks. The officers feel justified, in view of the alleged improvement of conditions in respect to the closing of the shops. General Manager Mudge sent out an order Sunday afternoon to the operators who had not gone out, offering to promote them if they would continue in their present places. He told them that they would be faithful to the interests of the company thus far, and they could fill out their application blanks for better positions at once.

"I feel much more sanguine about the result of the strike than I did Saturday night," said Mr. Mudge. "I thought we would have a serious time. In this belief the order was issued for the closing of the shops. To-day the conditions seem to be so much improved that the order closing the shops will be rescinded. I think we can use all our men in the old way. This much is certain, however, not one of the men who have gone out on the strike will be taken back into the employ of the company."

Li Hung Chang says eighty rebel leaders have been put to death.

Acquitted and Pleased.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 10.—Rev. William E. Johnston was Sunday acquitted of the murder of William T. Billinger, court stenographer at Bamberg, last April. The jury retired Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock and did not come to a verdict until 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. Johnson received the verdict calmly and filled his pulpit at 11 o'clock. He and Billinger had had a dispute over a fence separating their homes, and the latter's death resulted.

Eight Drowned.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 10.—A special to the Plaindealer from Erie, Pa., says: In the midst of one of the most bitter gales that ever swept Lake Erie, the iron ore barge Charles Foster, in the tow of the Iron Duke, went to the bottom at 4 o'clock Sunday morning ten miles off Erie, and eight persons were drowned.

There are 80 to 100 feet of water where she went down. The Foster was valued at \$19,000 and carried 1500 tons of iron ore.

Twenty Injured.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 10.—Twenty persons were injured in the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad at Gray's Ferry Station, in West Philadelphia. An empty boxcar jumped the track and damaged several of the passenger coaches on the express train which leaves Washington at 11 a. m. for New York. Miss Emma Dougherty of Chester had both legs broken and is in a critical condition, and Miss Ella Little was injured.

Big Cypress Deal.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 10.—The papers were signed here incorporating the Bowie Lumber company, limited at \$1,000,000 paid up capital, which is the largest deal in cypress lumber interests ever negotiated in the state of Louisiana. R. H. Downman of Waco, Tex., was elected president of the new company and T. Gordon Reddy Jr., of Bowie, La., was made vice president and general manager. Operations began Jan. 1.

BAPTIST BOARD.

It Meets at Dallas and Transacts Some Important Business.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12.—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. L. 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.

Dolphin Departs.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 12.—President M. M. Dolphin of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, who has been in Galveston for nearly two weeks directing the affairs of the order's strike Tuesday, 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, the headquarters of the order, and another report had it that he had been called to the 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. It was denied that he went to St. Louis, Kansas City, Topeka, New Orleans or Chicago. The information was obtained from his colleagues that he had gone up the state to meet some parties and attend some meetings in connection with the strike but further information was not to be had at headquarters. It was stated at headquarters on Monday that Mr. Dolphin would remain in Galveston to direct the affairs of the order and strike.

The San Antonio city council has taken steps to settle the telephone strike.

Texas State Fair.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12.—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, was elected in full, as follows: J. T. Trezevant, J. E. Schneider, J. B. Wilson, W. H. Gaston, W. C. Padgett, C. F. Carter, B. E. Cabell, J. B. Adoue, Alex. Sanger. The old officers were also re-elected.

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. 28 to Oct. 13.

Tyler Bank Cases.

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 12.—The first witness Tuesday in the Tyler bank cases was H. G. Askew, expert accountant of the railroad commission and a former employee of the First National bank. He was placed on the stand by the government for the purpose of proving the identity of the bank books. Other former employees of the concern were also placed on the stand to prove the same. Paying Teller Loftin also testified.

Will Seek Relief.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Mary Fitzhugh, relict of Col. William Fitzhugh, will apply to the Twenty-seventh legislature at its regular session for the enactment of a law for the relief of the heirs of Col. William Fitzhugh. The application will seek a reimbursement of the funds paid out by Col. Fitzhugh while in command of a company of state rangers in 1860, the funds being money paid for horses, mules and other supplies.

IN GOLD BLOOD.

Coroner's Decision Was that Walker Was Willfully Murdered.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 10.—H. B. Walker, well-known man of this city, was shot down and instantly killed in a saloon about 1 o'clock Saturday by a negro, who afterward escaped. He has not yet been found, though large crowds of both mounted and unmounted men, have scoured the town and surrounding country. The negro's name is said to be Bossie Taylor. He is a mulatto, about 6 feet tall and spare built. There were several eye-witnesses to the killing and the following story is taken from the sworn statements before the justice of the peace who held the inquest:

Walker was in the saloon for a few moments, having left his companion at a nearby resort. The saloon only had beer for sale and Walker pulled a bottle of whisky from his pocket and passed it to several of the bystanders, who partook of it. About this time the negro, Taylor, came in and asked Walker for a drink of the whisky. Walker said that he did not know Taylor, when the latter said he would show him who he was, and at the same time pulled a 44-caliber pistol from his pocket and placed the muzzle almost against Walker's face and pulled the trigger. Walker dropped to the floor dead, and the negro turned and fled before the crowd had recovered from their consternation.

Friends say that Walker never saw the negro before and it seems incredible that such a cold-blooded murder could have been committed without a motive, but witnesses insist that the above is an accurate account of the killing.

Walker has been in Beaumont for several years. He came here from Tyler, where he has relatives living. An uncle living in Tyler was notified of the killing and wired to prepare the body for burial here.

The coroner's inquest was to the effect that Walker was willfully murdered by the negro, Bossie Taylor.

Three Lines.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 10.—The city of Fort Worth is attracting a great deal of attention in railroad circles just now, due to the fact that it is almost certain that before next year expires there will be three new railroads running out of there. It is said that the St. Louis and San Francisco will build into Fort Worth next year, and the International and Great Northern branch, the Calvert Waco and Brazos Valley railroad, is building north as fast as possible, with Fort Worth as the destination. The third road is the electric line connecting Fort Worth with Dallas, which it seems is a certainty.

The general railroad building in Texas is flattering, and 1901 promises to be a record-breaker in the construction of new mileage.

Fight at a Dance.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 10.—A dance given by colored people near Goldberg's gin, ending in an affray in which three persons were shot.

A woman complained that some one stepped on her foot. This brought on a pistol fight in which William Turner was shot in the head and Beal Woods in the bowels, fatally. It is likely that Turner will recover. Hester Williams, a colored woman, was hit by a stray shot in the chin.

Gov. Thomas of Colorado declines to honor a requisition from Gov. Mount of Indiana.

Nearing Completion.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 10.—The cotton mill is so far completed that it is thought the main building will be ready to receive the machinery by the first of next month. The boilers have been put up, and in the engine-room the machinery is being put in shape. The pressed brick smokstack has been completed, and is a handsome structure. It is 120 feet high. The cotton mills will be in operation and arrangements are being made for a jubilee.

No Inauguration Here.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 10.—Gov. Sayers will not be given an inaugural ball upon his inauguration in January. While it has never been the custom to tender a ball to the governor upon his second inauguration, a number of Gov. Sayers' friends insisted on having this great social affair in honor of the executive, but on account of the two great calamities, the breaking of the Austin dam and the Galveston catastrophe, it has been decided not to have a ball.

Train Casualty.

Terrell, Tex., Dec. 10.—Tom Brothers was instantly killed by a fall from a train. He boarded the east-bound Texas and Pacific at Forney. When the train had almost reached Lawrence he dropped to the ground. The train was going at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour

# SINGLE STATEHOOD

### Delegates With that End in View Hold a Meeting

### TO TAKE MOST ACTIVE STEPS

#### Toward the Formation of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory into One Mighty Commonwealth.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 11.—The single statehood convention of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory was called to order Monday afternoon by Judge D. C. Lewis of Oklahoma City. Rev. J. R. Riley of South McAlester invoked divine blessing. At the conclusion of prayer Judge Lewis said: "This meeting must have a head, a beginning. I nominate Gen. S. B. Bradford of Ardmore for temporary chairman."

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Gen. Bradford was introduced and spoke at length.

M. F. Johnson of Pawnee, Ok., was elected temporary secretary. Judge T. C. Humphrey of South McAlester, in the absence of the mayor of South McAlester, welcomed the delegates to the city. He stated that some of the South McAlester people are in favor of single statehood, some in favor of double statehood and others in favor of no statehood. Closing his address Judge Humphrey said: "I hope some day that South McAlester may drop the south part of its name and be the city of McAlester and the capital of the new state that is to be called Jefferson."

The committee on permanent organization announced ready to report. The report was read, recommending C. E. Castle of Wagoner for permanent chairman and F. H. Greer of Guthrie for permanent secretary, and J. F. Crief of South McAlester for assistant secretary. The report was received and adopted. J. A. Baker of McLoud escorted Dr. Castle to the chair.

He thanked the convention saying that the chairmanship was given to the Indian Territory as a sort of frolic will offering from the people of Oklahoma. He said that his all was staked on single statehood for the two territories, and that the state to be thus made up would be the youngest and fairest of Columbia's daughters.

Frank H. Greer, permanent secretary, was called upon for a speech, and he stated that while there were many ideas of single statehood, and many differing opinions in the convention as to what is best for the two territories, that in his opinion the delegates all look to the same end—the good of all—and that when the opinions of the delegates were all focused it would result in harmony of all for single statehood for the two territories.

A number of resolutions favoring statehood was adopted.

W. A. Ledbetter moved that the convention elect one delegate from each territory to go to Washington and present the resolutions to congress.

J. G. Harley moved to amend, making it one from each territory and one from the territory at large.

F. H. Greer moved to amend to make the delegation three from each territory.

The amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

The following were elected delegates: From Oklahoma—Gov. C. M. Barnes, Guthrie; C. G. Jones, Oklahoma City; Freeman E. Miller, Stillwater. Alternates—D. C. Lewis, Oklahoma City; Horace Speed, Guthrie; Lewis Davis, Perry.

From the Indian Territory—S. B. Bradford, Ardmore; T. C. Humphrey, South McAlester; H. F. Jones, Wagoner. Alternates—W. M. Noble, South McAlester; Jas. Parkinson, Okmulgee.

W. A. Ledbetter of Ardmore was elected to represent the territories at large at Washington.

A permanent statehood committee was chosen.

Towne a Senator.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Hon. Charles A. Towne, the recently appointed successor to the late Senator Davis of Minnesota, attended Monday's session of the senate and took the oath of office. No business of importance was transacted in open session, the senate going into secret session on the Hay-Paucote treaty as soon as routine business had been concluded.

Mr. Towne took a seat on the Democratic side.

Mrs. Pullman Dies.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 11.—The rumor that Mrs. Geo. M. Pullman was soon to wed Mr. Barry, a New York artist, was denied by this lady when seen at her quarters at the Arlington hotel.

"Why, Mr. Barry is a mere boy," she said, "and though he was always a friend of the family, I can not see why my name should be coupled with his in this respect. I want the matter denied in toto and in as few words as possible."

Payments Soon.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 11.—A payment of outstanding court warrants of the Creek nation will be made by the Indian agent here soon after the first of next month. The amount of these warrants is now being ascertained and it is thought there are sufficient funds on hand to pay all. The oldest warrants will be paid first and should the funds become exhausted before payment is completed holders of the last warrants issued will have to wait.

## FIELD AND FLOCK.

### Discussed the Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The senate spent almost five hours Monday in executive session considering the Hay-Paucote treaty.

Senator Morgan, who returned to his former speech, elaborated somewhat his position as to the effect of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. He took issue with Senator Teller as to the purport of the first clause of that treaty, claiming that it applied only to Great Britain's right to fortify the Nicaragua canal itself.

Senator Teller said the provision was of more general import, and that England had attempted to extend her rights beyond the immediate vicinity of the canal. Mr. Teller repeated his declaration that the United States should construct the canal, if it all, regardless of the English opposition and without going through the formalities of ratifying the pending treaty.

During the day speeches were made by Senators Money, Stewart, Frye and others. Senator Stewart announced that he was for the treaty without amendment, and Senator Money that he was against the treaty in any form.

### The Federation.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.—After another day devoted to conferences and committee meetings, the American Federation of Labor began the fourth day of its convention with an onslaught upon the innumerable resolutions which have been pouring in for the past three days. The delegates were slow to arrive, but before roll call ceased the hall was well filled. Spirited debate on one or two resolutions embodying mooted questions and the rapid-fire passage of others characterized the morning session. The first business to occupy the attention of President Gompers was the appointment of special committees on the eight-hour work day, compulsory arbitration and on Porto Rico.

A call for reports of standing committees found only the resolutions committee ready.

This committee submitted its report. The first resolution recommended by the committee was one reaffirming its favorable position on the initiative and referendum, which was adopted by the convention by a vote of 82 to 56, after considerable debate.

### Deaf Report.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 11.—Grand Master Sargent of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen denied the report circulated that the firemen on the Santa Fe would strike out of sympathy for the telegraphers of that road. He stated that the brotherhood which he represented would not be drawn into the controversy in any manner.

Grand Secretary Arnold of the brotherhood left Monday for Galveston solely, according to Mr. Sargent, for the purpose of distributing funds raised by the brotherhood for the benefit of the locomotive firemen who suffered from the Galveston disaster.

### Aid Not Promised.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 11.—Concerning a report to the effect that the Railway Trainmen may join the telegraphers' strike on the Santa Fe, Grand Chief Morrissey of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen said he knew absolutely nothing of any such movement.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 11.—E. E. Clark, chief of the Conductors' Brotherhood, made emphatic denial of the report that the order had promised to aid the telegraphers in the Santa Fe strike. He added that in his opinion arbitration should settle such disputes.

### Wheat Crop.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The situation with regard to the Texas waterways is yet unchanged, except that there is no longer any doubt that the Galveston jetties will be provided for at a cost of \$1,500,000 and that the Sabine jetties will be restored at a cost of \$199,000. Other projects will be provided for, but the September storm damage will unquestionably consume the greater part of Texas' pro rata of the rivers and harbors bill prepared by committees.

Oklahoma Socialists will reorganize the party.

### Clapp's Statement.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 11.—R. C. Clapp, chairman of the grievance committee of the O. R. T., speaking of the statement of the Santa Fe railway officials that its operators had violated their contract by failing to give thirty days' notice of their grievance, said: "The company itself had already broken and violated their contract by failing to give thirty days' notice of their grievance, and it is no longer binding on the telegraphers."

### Given a Dinner.

Constantinople, Dec. 11.—A dinner was given at the Yildiz palace to the officers of the United States battleship Kentucky, previous to which the United States charge d'affaires, Lloyd C. Griscom, introduced the officers to the sultan. The grand vizier and other were present at the dinner. Subsequently Mr. Griscom and Capt. Colby M. Chester were received in private audience by the sultan, who afterward received the other officers.

### Eleven Oklahoma Cities.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The population of certain incorporated places in Oklahoma having more than 2000 but less than 25,000 inhabitants is as follows: Blackwell 2533, El Reno 2553, Euid 2444, Guthrie 9931, Kingfisher 2301, Norman 2235, Oklahoma City 9976, Perry 3551, Ponca 2538, Shawnee 3412, Stillwater 2431.

The Great oleomargarine bill has passed the house.

## LITTLE CHANGE.

### Statements Made at Galveston, However, seem to be Conflicting.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 11.—Monday night the reports from the Santa Fe officials in Galveston and from the officials of the O. R. T. regarding the strike situation were as conflicting as has been the case from the institution of the strike. President Dolphin and his associates handling the strike for the order expressed themselves as well pleased with the situation up to that time, and said that they had the most encouraging reports from reliable agents and representatives of the order along the entire Santa Fe system to the effect that the company is suffering from the congested conditions of traffic resulting from the strike. They stated that they have established a well-organized system of communication between headquarters and their representatives all along the line are participating in the walk-out of operators and agents. Every hour brings a string of messages from chairmen of the order from different parts of the affected districts, and all reports received were of a most satisfactory nature from the strikers' point of view.

On the other hand, the railroad officials produce telegrams and reports from their representatives on the road showing that all trains are moving on schedule time and that freight is being received and delivered at all points on the lines. Of course the direct reports received at Galveston refer to the lines embraced in the gulf division of the Santa Fe system, but Vice President Barr at Chicago, General Manager Mudge at Topeka and other officials on the western divisions of the system keep the gulf officials posted as to the latest developments. It is estimated that the correspondence passing between the officials of the Santa Fe system on matters relating to the strike situation aggregated about 5000 words within twenty-four hours. The company reports having obtained the services of a large number of operators and of having received applications from operators from all parts of the country wanting to go to work.

Reports received at headquarters of the Santa Fe would indicate that the people of some of the smaller towns are working against the interests of the company, or, more specifically stated, are resorting to extreme measures to assist the strikers. At two or three places it is reported that irresponsible citizens have undertaken to run the operators who were placed there by the company to replace strikers, out of town. Success has not crowned such attempts in every instance, and the company is endeavoring to protect its employees, and proposes to resist unlawful acts on the part of strikers or their friends who undertake to resort to violence to oust operators or agents who are loyal to the company.

President Dolphin of the O. R. T. gave out the following in part: "One reason why the men on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe were ready and even anxious to espouse the cause of their brethren on the gulf line was a deception practiced on the telegraphers' committee by Vice President Barr in Chicago last June. An agreement had been effected between the railway company and the committee and the latter sent home with a promise that the agreement would be sent to Topeka for printing. When published, the schedule had been changed to read so as to add one hour to the time of every night telegrapher on the railroad. Mr. Barr said to Mr. Dolphin that he made the alteration after the committee had left Chicago, stating as an excuse that he had misunderstood the article as it was originally written."

### Days City's Festival.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 11.—The opening day of the Houston Fruit, Flower and Vegetable festival found the big agricultural, mechanical and live stock show of southern Texas in very good shape. Owing to delays that have almost become recognized as a feature of first days all the exhibits were not in place, but the main features in those that were a little behind were there and spoke eloquently for the whole. The displays and decorations placed the auditorium as an attraction to Houston ahead of the achievements of last year. The general interior decorations are decidedly superior to those of last year. T. H. ladies in charge of the various departments have given several days of industrious effort to the work and their accomplishment has been gratifying.

### The Money Returned.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the city council it was decided to return to the purchasers of the city sewerage bonds \$300,000, the par value of the bonds. This amount is now in the hands of the city treasurer and will be returned as soon as arrangements can be completed. The aldermen who voted to return the money gave as their reason that the city is in no condition at present to impose an additional burden upon taxpayers.

### Continued.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 11.—In Judge Sam R. Scott's court the celebrated case styled the state of Texas vs. John M. lawyers for the defendants announced lawyers won the defendants announced ready. County Attorney Cullen F. Thomas for the state made an application for continuance on the ground of the absence of George Rice of Ohio, who, he stated, was a material witness for the state. Rice is an oil manufacturer.

## TALMAGE'S SERMON.

### TELLS OF DAVID'S PASSAGE OVER THE JORDAN.

From an Almost Forgotten Incident of Olden Times Are Drawn Lessons of Comfort and Hopefulness to All God's children.

Copyright, 1906, Louis Klopsch, N. Y. Washington, Dec. 9.—From an unnoted incident of olden times Dr. Talmage in his discourse draws some comfortable and reassuring lessons. The text is II Samuel xix, 18, "And there went over a ferryboat to carry over the king's household."

Which of the crowd is the king? That short man, sunburnt and in fatigue dress. It is David, the exiled king. He has defeated his enemies and is now going home to resume his palace. Good! I always like to see David come out ahead. But between him and his home there is the celebrated river Jordan which has to be passed. The king is accompanied to the bank of the river by an aristocratic old gentleman of 80 years, Barzillai by name, who owned a fine country seat at Rogelim. Besides that, David has his family with him. But how shall they get across the river? Why they are standing there I see a ferryboat coming from the other side, and as it cuts through the water I see the faces of David and his household brighten up at the thought of so soon getting home. No sooner has the ferryboat struck the shore than David and his family, and his old friend Barzillai from Rogelim get on board the boat. Either with splashing oars at the side or with a car sailing the stern of the boat they leave the eastern bank of the Jordan and start for the western bank.

That western bank is black with crowds of people, who are waving and shouting at the approach of the king and his family. The military are all out. Some of those who have been David's worst enemies now shout and cheer as he nears the shore. No sooner has the boat struck the shore on the western side than the earth quakes and the heavens ring with cheers of welcome and congratulation. David and his family and Barzillai from Rogelim step ashore. King David asks his old friend to go with him and live at the palace, but Barzillai apologizes and intimates that he is infirm with age and too deaf to appreciate the music, and has a delicate appetite that would soon be cloyed with luxurious living, and so he begs that David would let him go back to his country seat.

### Dilemma of Exile.

I once heard the father of a president of the United States say that he had just been to Washington to see his son in the White House, and he told me of the wonderful things that occurred there and of what Daniel Webster said to him, and he declared: "I was glad to get home. There was too much going on there for me." My father, an aged man, made his last visit at my house in Philadelphia, and after the church service was over, and we went home, some one in the house asked the aged man how he enjoyed the service. "Well," he replied, "I enjoyed the service, but there were too many people there for me. It troubled my head very much." The fact is that old people do not like excitement. If King David had asked Barzillai thirty years before to go to the palace, the probability is that Barzillai would have gone, but not now. They kiss each other good-by, a custom among men Oriental, but in vogue yet where two brothers part or an aged father and a son go away from each other never to meet again. No wonder that their lips met as King David and old Barzillai, at the prow of the ferryboat, parted forever.

### An Enticing Craft.

Every day I find people trying to extemporize a way from earth to heaven. They gather up their good works and some sentimental theories, and they make a raft, shoving it from the shore, and poor, deluded souls get on board that raft, and they go down. The fact is that skepticism and infidelity never yet helped one man to die. I invite all the ship carpenters of worldly philosophy to come and build one boat that can safely cross that river. I invite them all to unite their skill, and Bolingbroke shall lift the anchor, and Tyndal shall shape the bowsprit, and Spinoza shall make the mainmast, and Zeno, and Renan shall go to tacking and wearing and boxing the ship. All together in 10,000 years they will never be able to make a boat that can cross the Jordan. Why was it that Spinoza and Bouant and Shaftesbury lost their souls? It was because they tried to cross the stream in a boat of their own construction. What miserable work they made of dying? Diodorus died of mortification because he could not guess a conundrum which had been proposed to him at a public dinner. Zeno, the philosopher, died of mirth, laughing at a caricature of an aged woman, a caricature made by his own hand, while another of their company and of their kind died saying, "Must I leave all these beautiful pictures?" and then asked that he might be bolstered up in the bed in his last moments and be shaved and painted and rouged. Of all the unbelievers of all ages not one died we'll. Some of them sneaked out of life, some wept themselves away in darkness, some blasphemed and raved and tore their bedcovers to tatters. This is the way worldly philosophy helps a man to die.

### Words from the Other Shore.

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# Current Topics

**Chicago's Third Mayor.**  
That the third mayor of Chicago is now alive and able occasionally to make his appearance in the streets of the city over whose destinies he once presided, seems at first thought to be an astonishing fact. Everybody knows, who ever stops to think, that Chicago is a very young city, but the most do not stop to think, or, anyhow, do not on this matter of Chicago's paucity of years. Measuring time by the successive mayors and their terms, it is seen that the first mayor might well be living today, and possibly not yet a very old man. But the first mayor, W. B. Ogden, was about 40 years of age when he was elected, and though he was a remarkably robust and healthy man, he could not have been expected to live to be 103.

The third mayor, Alton S. Sherman, was about 34 years old when he was elected mayor—he was born at Barre, Vt., in 1811—and consequently he is



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now 89. He is well preserved and, always large and fine-looking, he is now truly patriarchal. He resides at Waukegan, a suburb of Chicago, and does not often visit the city, not because he is feeble for that, but he likes the spaciousness and comforts of his semi-country home.

**Growth of "Oleo" Business.**

As indicating the enormous growth of the oleomargarine business in the last few years it is stated that during the last year 104,000,000 pounds of "oleo" were sold in the United States, much of it under false pretenses as genuine butter. This was a jump of 25,000,000 pounds over the sales of the previous year. During the last year also the number of oleomargarine factories in the United States has increased from seventeen to twenty-six. In thirty-two states of the Union there are now in existence laws which absolutely prohibit the manufacture of oleomargarine colored to imitate butter. Notwithstanding these laws, however, no less than 80,000,000 pounds of the imitation butter were sold in the states referred to during the last year.

In the front bill, now before congress, it is proposed to make the tax on oleomargarine a part of the internal revenue tax of the federal government. While the state laws are not enforced it is safe to say that the federal statute would be, as the tax would be collected at the factory. Under the provisions of the Grant bill it is not proposed to hinder or interfere with the sale of "oleo" when offered on its own merits and without any attempt to deceive people into thinking they are buying butter. With this idea in view the present tax of two cents a pound which is collected on all oleomargarine is to be reduced to one-quarter of a cent a pound on oleomargarine which is put on the market in its uncolored and natural condition. On oleomargarine which is artificially colored yellow to imitate butter the tax is to be raised, on the other hand, to ten cents a pound. This provision will make it unprofitable for manufacturers and dealers to continue their present policy of selling colored



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**Gate's Away Millions.**  
The old lady who recently died and left President Loubet of France a legacy of \$1,000,000, gave away great sums in charity during her life. On one occasion a man to whom she had given a large sum for charity said to M. Loubet: "In very deed she carries her heart in her hand." The president's ready reply was: "Impossible, my friend—her heart is too large for that, and her hand is too small."

**Mob Must Pay for Burning**

The jury in the case of Robert H. McBride, a newspaper editor of Mitchell, S. D., against Abner E. Hitchcock and others, has given McBride judgment for \$750. McBride sued to recover \$26,500 for the destruction of his printing office, the Weekly Mail, by Robert H. McBride, late citizens of Mitchell on Feb. 24, 1896. Articles published in the paper did not meet the approval of the people and they sought revenge by wrecking the office. When the bombarding party completed its work the Mail office looked as though it had suffered from the combined attack of a cyclone and a conflagration.

The Portuguese government has authorized the expenditure of over 25,000 rupees for the reception of Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, who is expected to visit Goa this month.

**In the Public Eye**

**Succeeds Chairman Boas.**

Senator William Pierce Frye of Maine, temporary chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations in place of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis, is eminently qualified for this position, although he himself favors Senator Lodge. Mr. Frye is the president pro tempore of the senate. He was elected to that position in 1894. For nineteen years he has been a representative of the State of Maine in the senate, going to that body in 1881 on the resignation of the late James G. Blaine, who had been appointed secretary of state. Mr. Frye was a member of the commission which met in Paris in 1895 to adjust the terms of peace between the United States and



HON. WM. P. FRYE.

Spain. He has always taken a keen interest in the foreign relations of the United States.

**Young Men's Chances.**

A writer in the December number of the World's Work has taken up for serious investigation the cry raised in the recent campaign that on account of advances of socialism as exemplified in the trusts, young men no longer have a chance to win great business success without wealth or influence. The writer has interviewed prominent men in the various industries and professions, and the unanimous testimony is that the young men of today have a better chance, relatively and absolutely, than their fathers had. Few will dispute this conclusion, so far as opportunities for earning a comfortable living are concerned. At the same time it will be no generally admitted that the chances are much fewer for winning success by building up an independent enterprise. The young man who is unwilling to work under other men is likely to have a hard time in this era of organized industry.

**The Lash for Cruel Brutes.**

Washington Star: Of course we regard the cat-o-nine tails as being efficacious chiefly in the case of those brutal ruffians who beat their wives and other helpless dependents as a regular Saturday or Sunday night diversion and to whom a brief period of comfortable imprisonment, with warmth, medical attention and abundant food, is merely an episode of luxury. Every rational observer in this direction knows that for such monsters there is no deterrent save pain and simple physical suffering. The so-called humane and civilized methods have been tried and found wanting. The brute goes to jail, fares sumptuously every day, while his wretched family suffer cold and hunger, and in all sufficient instance returns with unabated energy to the practice of his favorite cruelty.

**New Irish Secretary.**

George Wyndham, the new chief secretary for Ireland, is one of the foremost of the younger set of British politicians. The only office he has held



GEORGE WYNDHAM.

thus far is that of parliamentary under secretary of state for war, to which he was appointed two years ago. Formerly he had acted as private secretary to Mr. Balfour, when the latter was himself chief secretary for Ireland, and afterward when he was first lord of the treasury. Mr. Wyndham entered parliament in 1889 at the age of twenty-six.

**Hobson Is Stricken.**

Lieutenant Richard Pearson Hobson was taken to the Presbyterian hospital in New York last week from the Army and Navy club with marked symptoms of typhoid fever. Lieutenant Hobson arrived in that city a few weeks ago on a six months' leave from across the Pacific. He suffered from trouble with his eyes. He had been complaining for some time.

**Brice's Son to Study Law.**

John Brice, son of the late Senator Calvin S. Brice of Ohio, has decided to study law. This is the young man who about a year ago created a sensation by marrying a chorus girl in Philadelphia. Much to everybody's surprise the match has turned out well, and now young Brice has determined to make name and fortune for himself. He is 26 years old.

**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 rested undisturbed; no noise of the clinking billiard balls from the room upstairs or of rumbling 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 study coat room came the resonant tones of a conventional cuckoo thing telling the hour of eight, when the main stairs stepped 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-in-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 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.

Surfeited 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 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 in bed, 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 chafing 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 party, Wilkins sat 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 harassed heads of half a hundred or more of the noble 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 wondered as to the wages paid to the

**BOOK AND HEART.**

For many a year he grubbed among the stalls where antique tomes lie piled. And then alone when, for a song, he bought some prize, he ever smiled; wearing at titles of his eyes. Battered about with eager looks, As if he stood in Paradise. "Neath trees of knowledge hung with books.

So long the reflex dull of calf, Morocco, vellum, if his face, That it is leathern now by hair, And thine's dees tooling we can trace. Volumes grew human in his care, While he their form and semblance took.

Till men stood on the shelving there And in the armchair lay a book.

But books and men will fray and fade, As Care's rude finger turns the page. Or, in some sunless chamber laid, They warp and mildew into age; The living leaves grow mere and wan, The back knows many an ache and croak.

Till into Limbo's fang the man, And to the grave is borne the book.

Who knows—you pile of ragged leaves May, when some critic finds it there, Be thred up like golden sheaves, And garbed in beauty past compare. E'en so, if aught of worth he find Between its margins broad and white, Some heavenly grocer yet may bind The bookman's soul in covers bright! —George Selgel, in the June Critic.

**What Broke Up De Meetin'.**

BY EVA WILLIAMS MALONE.  
(Copyrighted 1900: Daily Story Pub. Co.)  
Uncle Pete was sparring "Sist' Mournin'" after the most approved style of "society." But the stream of his amatory eloquence could not be expected to furnish a perpetual flow; so, in the intervals, they whiled away the time with choice bits of local gossip to which Sist' Mournin' was in no wise averse. Of course, Uncle Pete was not interested in the gossip—what man ever was? He merely indulged in it to please his lady love.

They had drifted into church matters—which, by the way, was not always a safe subject with the loving pair, seeing that Brother Peter was a Baptist—a deep water Baptist—and Sist' Mournin' was an equally loyal Methodist. Indeed, she was the disconsolate widow of a Presidin' Elder.

"By de way, Miss Mournin'," said Uncle Pete, "kin yo' tell de suckumstances what led t' de sudden termination o' de 'vival services at yo' meetin' house? 'Ise hyerd just one an' den erudder—but I ain't nebbor felt it." "I've reached de bottom o' de matter. Now, I know it's yesset dat it is 'pared to norate de whole bigness, seen' dat Brudder Hankins, yo' preacher, bodes wid yo'. Would yo' min' tellin' a fren'—here Uncle Pete slipped his arm insinuatingly around Sist' Mournin's ample waist—"would yo' min' tellin' a fren' de berry bottomes' facks in de case?"

"In co'se I would'n", but 'o I gins, yo' bettah git dat ahm o' yohn back in bits place 'fo yo' hatter git de doctah t' set hit," said Sist' Mournin' archly.

"Nebber min' 'bout dat ahm—hit knows hit's bizness an' doan need no' structions fum de ladies. Perceid, Miss Mournin' what'er hit dat broke up de meetin' at Zion Chapel?"

"Hit'er 'bout dis a way"—began

**rech de hin' eend lessen he most back-side.**

"Den de Baptis' preacher he ris up offen he's knees whah he was com'fortin' a moher, an' stan' up pow'ful stiff, an' say—

"Dis am de house o' Gawd, an' I'll stay at de hin' eend o' de 'fo' send o' dat moher's bench, jia' as I see fitten; an' I dare any lil' Jackleg Methodis' preacher t' hep hisself."

"Den Brudder Hankins let fy at 'im wid de Hynn book, an' one o' de stewards come at 'im wid de big Bible, an' efen some o' his own membahs hadden' come t' de ressyuce, dere would'n ben a kink o' dat nigger's wool lef'. But de Baptists dey tuk hit up, an' 'twa'n't no time till hit were Baptists an' Methodists up'n down ober an' under. An' de moher's got up fum de moher's bench, an' pitch in as big as de res', an' de like o' dat night nebbor is ben seod in Zion Chapel. De nex' dey de high sheriff he gits out a writ fur bof de preachers an' 'bout half de membahs fur 'sturbin' de peace an' stop de meetin' wid one o' dem tings whah he called a Conjunction!"

Uncle Pete's Baptist sympathies had been sorely stirred during this recital; but out of respect for his lady love he restrained himself until the end—then he ejaculated:

"Brudder Mahtin wa'n't fur tam de



"So yo' can't eat no mo' pie in dis Methodis' lady's house."

**LARGE SALARIES.**

Managers Who Initiate as Well as Execute.

Writing about the iron industry of the northwest, a correspondent makes some interesting statements concerning the salaries paid by the great mining companies. He tells of one man who began life as an office boy of the corporation that now pays him twenty thousand dollars a year; of another who receives thirty-five thousand dollars from five to fifteen thousand dollars. The company that employs the man who earns thirty-five thousand dollars produces annually six million tons of ore. An improvement that saves even a cent a ton makes a vast difference in its profits. The high-salaried man has suggested several such improvements. All these richly rewarded managers and agents are able to initiate as well as direct and execute. The present organization of industry tends toward specialization. An old-time shoemaker would be lost in one of our modern factories where a shoe passes through forty-four different hands. Perhaps a few of the employes could make a shoe unaided, as he could; but in his own line of work a laster, a stitchee, or any one of the forty-four could boast the old shoemaker "to a standstill." Yet a "specialist" in any industry is liable to grow narrow and get into a rut. It is important to note that the high-salaried ironmasters of whom we have spoken are men who stopped short of this danger-point and broadened out. The fact that a certain thing did not always be done in a certain way did not prove to them that that was the best way, and they earned their salaries by finding a better. When the young man at a machine grows dissatisfied with his wages, the thing for him to do is not to strike, but to study. If he has the capacity to understand and improve upon the processes that go to the completion of any manufactured product, it is in his own power to rise to a plane where he can call the rich mine-manager brother—Youths' Companion.

Wagon Trip Over Mountains.  
The Rev. L. W. Gowen and wife, who are Baptist home missionaries, have just returned from a journey of 1,153 miles in a colorful wagon over the mountainous roads of Eastern Oregon. They made 600 visits and distributed hundreds of copies of the scriptures.



"Would yo' min' tellin' a fren'?"

Sist' Mournin' with gusto—"atter de meetin' bin goin' on 'bout six weeks an' runnin' ez slick ez greased lightning, wid de mourners a mournin' an' de saints a 'jivin'—dat is, 'bunly-shank Baptis' preacher"—here Uncle Pete's arm visibly relaxed it's hold; "he git so jealous o' ouh folks he couldn' stan'cey hol' himself on de groun'." "Case eberbody knows he ain't nebbor had no mourners, nor no 'vivals nor no nuthin' at his o' dired up chur'ch! So he gits up in his pra' meetin' one night, he did—yo' mou't not bin dere but he done done hit—an' he 'low dat 'twa'n't no maracle 'bout de 'vival at Zion Chapel—dat he kin 'splain hit easy 'nuff."

"How am hit, Brudder?" axes o' "Ray Simpson what's a'izaz so uppity."

"Why, hit's dis way," says de Baptis' preacher—"by de time dey gits de hin' eend o' de mourners' beach 'nverted, de fore eend done back-side—an' so dey hatter 'gin an' go 'roun' an' erroun' lak de hoss in de bark mill; an' dat's what keep de 'vival runnin', dat's what dat low-life Baptis' nigger said."

Uncle Pete opened his mouth to utter a defense for his minister; but by this time Sist' Mournin's feelings were thoroughly aroused and the torrent of her eloquence could not be stemmed.

"Oh, he sho' said hit, Brudder Peter," she continued, "an' de suckumstance dat yo' nebbor hyerd 'in doan' change de facks in de case. He said hit an' he dassent d'ay hit. An' after sayin' dat, what yo' reckon dat white-eyed nigger do? Did'n he ma'ch into Zion Chapel de berry nex' night lookin' lak sugah would'n melt in he's mouf, an' did'n he 'amen' at ebbor whip stitchee? I see Brudder Hankins, ouh preacher, light he's eye on 'im, an' I whapper to Sist' Rushton what set next t' me—

"Dere's gwine be trouble in de camp sho's yo' bava. Yo' jiss' watch'!"

"Bimeby, when tings wer' gittin' putty libly an' dat Baptis' de moher's an' mo' odishus, beatin' de young sisters Brudder Hankins look lak he jis' couldn't stan' hit no longer, an' he up an' said, he did, dat de Baptis' Brudder what seem to be 'joyn' hisself so much up at dat fo' eend o' de moher's bench, bettah leab befo' he

**Lighting the Tree.**

We have our share of ups and downs, Our cares like other folk; The pocketbook is sometimes full, We're sometimes high de broke; But once a year, at Christmas-time, 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 are 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.

A Habit of His.  
Major—Going to swear off drinking this year, old man?  
Minor—I suppose so, I generally do.—Town Topics.

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## "OUT WEST."

### Agricultural Commercial Development in Haskell County.

Special Correspondence of the Dallas News.

Haskell, Texas, Nov. 30.—Haskell transfer. All aboard for Haskell!"

This is the first thing the Texas Central passenger hears as he steps from the train at Stamford at 5:15 p. m.

The sooner you engage your seat the better, for there is quite a flow of immigration pouring into this portion of Texas at present, and prospectors by the dozen are met every day. Some go to Haskell, some to Anson and others to Aspermont and points further west. So, I repeat, if you want to get over to Haskell on the hurricane deck of the mail hack, you had best engage your seat at once. This matter settled, you go to your hotel, get supper, and, if you burn the weed you can take a solacing smoke while you wait for the transfer hack. You will not have to wait long. Seated in the vehicle with from four to six cheerful fellow passengers—prospectors or stockmen mostly—you are carried rapidly over the beautifully undulating prairies of Jones and Haskell Counties through the cool, crisp and pure autumnal air for sixteen miles nearly due north. The drive is made in about two and one-half hours, and 6 o'clock or a little later finds you in one of the prettiest and most prosperous county seats "out west."

Haskell is undoubtedly one of the best located towns in Texas. Its elevation above sea level is about 1,600 feet, and the gradually sloping character of the location gives perfect natural drainage in all directions. The 800 or 900 inhabitants here enjoy the best of health, which is always the case in high, well drained and well watered localities. The water by the way, is both excellent and abundant, and obtainable at the moderate depth of twenty-five to thirty feet. Like Seymour, in Baylor County, Haskell is a town of windmills, which elevate the water into tanks placed upon high towers and thence piped into the dwellings, business houses and barns. These wells have been demonstrated to be practically inexhaustible.

While this is as yet a rather sparsely settled county, it in 1892 erected a splendid three and one-half-story limestone courthouse that is ample in all its proportions. The building cost \$65,000.

There is also a good jail, but from the small amount of crime in the

county, it is but little used for prison purposes. It is said that for eight successive years it never had an occupant—that is a prisoner. Much of the time it was used as a temporary home for newly-arrived immigrants and their families until they could build homes. Thus it happened that some of the very best families in Haskell County began life here literally "in jail" but not the least to their discredit.

Among the many good qualities of these people, straightforward candor seems to hold a strong position. This is demonstrated by a sign I saw today over a saloon, which reads: "Whisky, the Road to Ruin." Consequently when a Haskell man takes a toddy he does it in the face of this terrible warning.

As above stated, a good tide of immigration is now flowing into this northwestern portion of Texas, and Haskell is getting its snare—both the town and the county. The country is steadily coming into cultivation, and the class of farmers and stockmen who are locating here is a class that will rapidly develop its resources. They are, for the most part, men of intelligence and means.

There can be no doubt as to the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of Haskell County. Today I saw as fine corn, wheat, oats, sorghum, millo maize, kafir corn, millet, tomatoes, plums and peaches as I ever saw anywhere. Six Mamie Ross peaches filled a jar that is three and one-fourth inches in diameter and eighteen inches high. There were some fine Elbertas and other varieties also, besides pears, apricots and nectarines. The Herbaumat grape is a success here, bearing full bunches and luscious in quality. Several other varieties seem to do equally well, and blackberries are fairly successful. Japan plums are a success. Indeed, as far as has been tried, almost all the leading fruits of the South do well here.

It is said that sick hogs are unknown in this section. Sheep do well too, but, for some reason, cattle have become the almost exclusive object of the stockmen.

It is said that during the last twelve months more Haskell County land has been sold to farmers than for years previously. A great deal has also been bought by stockmen.

This is surely a fine country for the true farmer—I mean the diversifier—for here he can raise a fine variety of farm products as well as livestock.

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### Can a Farmer Make a Living Here

We guess it would be funny to watch the look of incredulity that would come over the countenance of an east or central Texas renter if he were told that a man could come to Haskell county and buy a tract of raw prairie land, fence it, build a house on it, put half of it in cultivation and make a crop on it the first year that would pay for the whole thing—land and improvements. We imagine that his look would say louder than words "Your bait is too strong, Mister, I'm not that kind of a 'sucker'."

But that very thing has been done in Haskell county this year by at least one man, Mr. Gibson. Mr. Gibson moved to this county and, last year, rented land of Mr. Garren and made a crop. In the winter he bought 246 acres of raw land ten or twelve miles north of town at \$3.50 per acre. After Christmas he began fencing and building on his land, then moved on to it and began turning the sod with his plow. He succeeded getting 120 acres planted in cotton, sorghum, etc. On Monday he was in town and told us he had gathered and sold 35 bales of cotton from this land for \$1,400 and that he would get eight bales more which would be good for about \$450, and that he had also made all the sorghum and feed stuff he would need to run him another year. Thus you see the raw land cost him \$861, his cotton brings him about \$1,850, leaving about \$1,000, which will more than cover cost of improvements, etc. to say nothing of the value of his year's supply of feed stuffs.

#### UNDELIVERED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining at the Post Office Haskell, Texas, for 30 days:

John W. Harmon.  
Mr. S. J. Barnett.

If not called for within 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office.

When calling for the above please say advertised.  
Respectfully,  
B. H. DODSON, P. M.  
Haskell, Texas, Dec. 15, 1900.

## Everybody

COME TO THE

### "Mexican Bon Marche"

FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC 21st, 1900

There the young ladies of the Methodist church will supply you with the prettiest fancy articles for the parlor or sitting room and the nicest cakes, etc., for the table.

Boys, buy your Xmas presents of the young ladies and they will appreciate your patronage.

The big slump in the price of cotton due, to the government estimate given out on the 10th, is making many a farmer look as if he had a bad taste in his mouth. But ninety-nine out of every hundred, stimulated by the good prices this year, will increase their cotton acreage all they can next year, then they will get only 5 or 6 cents—and possibly only 4 cents, and will look back to the present disappointment as only moonshine compared to the utter disappointment and disgust with which they are borne down. The hundredth man who didn't increase his cotton acreage but planted wheat and oats and various feed crops and vegetable and truck patches and grew his own meat and lard and some to sell with just a little cotton to employ his spare time, will be in position to stick his thumbs into the arm holes of his vest and whistle a tune of prosperity, for he will be getting a bale of the other fellows' cotton for a big fat porker and other bales for his wheat and oats and other stuff, with which he can go and array himself and family in fine raiment. Another beauty of it is, he will not have worked nearly as hard as the fellows that had to put in the whole year gathering and selling big cotton crops for a little money.

Some people may be inclined to sneer at all this and say the Free Press doesn't know anything about it. That's all right, but the Free Press does know. Statistics show it to be an absolute fact that the short cotton crops have always sold for more, not only per pound but in the aggregate, than the big crops, and the man who does not accept and act upon or according to established facts is too dense to learn.

### Some Xmas Fun.

A number of the young ladies and gentlemen of the town are preparing to give an entertainment or play at some time during the Christmas holidays, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Haskell cemetery association.

The play they will present is "Under the Laurels," a drama in five acts, by the celebrated playwright T. S. Denison. It abounds in fun and laughable situations and will furnish an excellent evening's entertainment.

Everybody should go to see it and besides having lots of fun help out the cemetery fund.

With the additions to be made to the pension list from the Spanish and Philippine wars, the prospect is an appalling one for the taxpayer.

# SHORT SESSION OF CONGRESS

(Washington Letter.)  
The closing session of the Fifty-sixth Congress which met in Philadelphia on May 14, 1890, to meet in this city on November 17, and immediately after the adjournment President Adams gave directions for the removal of the public offices, records, and property to Washington.

not only will it necessitate the reconstituting of congressional districts in many of the states, but it involves a possibility of cutting down the representation of the south on account of the alleged disfranchisement of illiterate negroes. For this reason the country, and the south particularly, is watching developments. It is probable, however, the nothing will be done along this line. The president and the leaders in congress are understood to be opposed to any action. The basis of representation in congress are summarized as follows:

I. The Hay-Pauncefote treaty of Feb. 5, 1900, is unratified. The original convention required that the ratifications should be exchanged within six months; that is to say, prior to Aug. 5, 1900. By a subsequent agreement between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote this period was extended, and the negotiations are accordingly alive. The ratification of the treaty as it now stands would admit Great

Norman, who is about 29 years old, and one of the best looking members of the foreign corps, has his apartments crowded with trunks, new relays of clothing arriving from London continually. His latest sensation is a yellow and black trap, in which he drives two coal black horses. The first day he drove this striking turnout he wore a suit of pale dove-color, yellow leggings, a soft hat of dove color and a lash of amber silk. Two "tigers," one in yellow and the other black, ride on the rear seat.

# NEW STYLE IN RAILROADS

The city of Elberfeld, Germany, was the scene of great excitement a few days ago, when William and Empress Augusta Victoria dedicated with great pomp and elaborate ceremony the new aerial railway which extends along the Wupper between Elberfeld and Barmen.

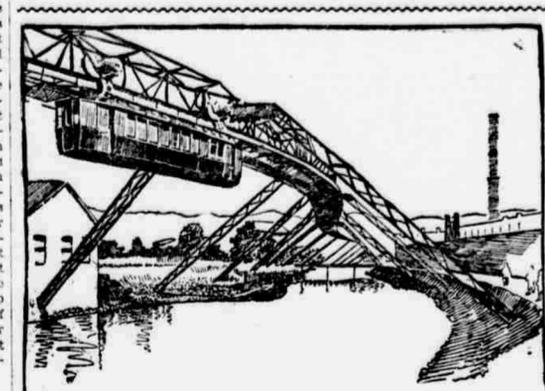
The Kaiser, in company with the empress and other members of the royal family, made the initial ride over the completed line, and at each terminus delivered a speech setting forth the beauties of the route and the advantages of the suspension railway.

made necessary by the character of the country covered. An ordinary elevated road was rendered impossible by the sharpness of the curves and the heavy cost entailed by the heavy foundation structures. The completed road represents ten years of labor and the conquering of almost insuperable difficulties, rendered the more troublesome since the road was being built on a new principle whose practicability had yet to be vindicated.

It was a regular gala day in both cities and great crowds flocked to witness the trial trip along the only suspension railway in the world.

The cars are suspended on two rotary bogies, 26.2 feet in length. Each truck or bogie has two axles, between which an electrometer of thirty-six horsepower, at 500 volts, is arranged. The frame surrounds the rail carrier in such a manner that the wheels cannot slip off in case a fitting breaks or there is some other mishap.

In general, the aerial cars run much in the same manner as electric street cars. The traveling speed is twenty-five miles per hour. It takes only from ten to fifteen seconds to start, so that, in spite of the eighteen stations of the road, an average speed of 18 1/2 miles per hour will be maintained. Each car holds fifty passengers and is divided into first and second class and smoking compartments. The number of cars in the make-up of a train is not limited; but at first each train will consist of one or two cars only, although the station platforms are so arranged that a four-car train can receive and unload passengers. The speed of the trains is not dependent on the number of cars, as each car has its own motor.



RAILROAD OVER THE WUPPER RIVER.

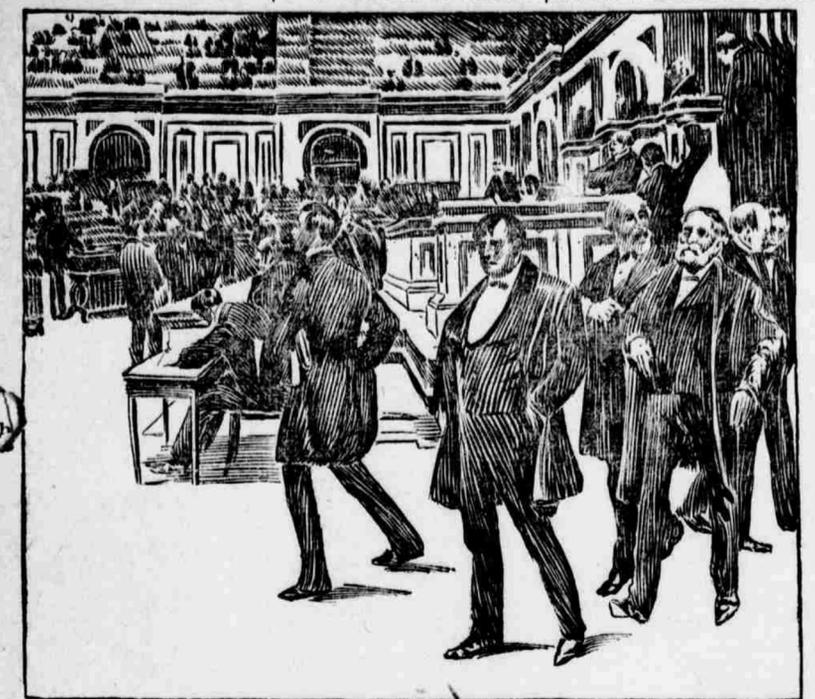
The employment of an automatic block system, by which the car itself regulates the signals, allows the trains to start in either direction at intervals of two minutes. Braking is effected by a pneumatic brake, operated by the motorman; by a hand brake working on the fittings of the brake operated by an electrical brake, and by an electrical return current brake, serving as a distress brake.

The rails are installed on iron plate sleepers with a layer of felt to the rail supporters. These are made in T sections and have a curved bottom with a slight play, which allows the cars to swing easily without running off the rails.

The road commences at Barmen-Ritterhausen and follows the river Wupper through the thickly populated cities of Barmen and Elberfeld. Beyond Elberfeld the line extends toward the west as far as Vohwinkel, leaving the river at Sonnborn and running over the public highway to Vohwinkel.

The main requisite of this novel railway is safety. Everything is so arranged that the chance of accident is reduced to a minimum.

The cost of the road and the rolling stock average \$285,000 per mile, which is a low figure as contrasted with the London underground, which cost about \$1,500,000 per mile.



AT THE TAP OF THE GAVEL.  
(Scene at the opening of the short session of Congress.)

in Philadelphia on May 14, 1890, to meet in this city on November 17, and immediately after the adjournment President Adams gave directions for the removal of the public offices, records, and property to Washington.

tion will no doubt be raised to 200,000, giving a membership of about 380, as compared with 357 at present.

Britain and other European powers to joint political control of this American waterway. They would become guarantors of the neutrality of the canal in time of war as in times of peace; and their would be the right and the duty to enforce neutrality even against ourselves in any war in which this country was engaged.

**A Short Session.**  
The closing session of the Fifty-sixth Congress will last a scant period of three months, out of which must be taken the Christmas and New Year's holidays—usually a fortnight in length. In that short time whatever is to be done by Congress before December of next year must be done, for President McKinley, it is said, has no intention of calling an extra session of the next Congress. He hopes to get (after the extra session of the Senate, which will be held in March to dispose of nominations), the vacation he has not had since the year before his first nomination. He is planning to visit the Pacific coast, with the special object of attending the launching of the battleship Ohio at San Francisco.

**Ship Subsidy Bill.**  
The ship subsidy bill, which carries an appropriation for ten years for American ships engaged in the foreign trade, will come up and will be fought fiercely. Its fate is uncertain. The house will probably pass it, but the senate may take adverse action. Enemies of the bill estimate that it will cost about \$300,000,000 in ten years for subsidies, but its friends contend that the cost will be comparatively slight, the results considered.

But, say the amusing members of the Anti-Santa Claus association, there is no such person as Kris Kringle. He never existed. Therefore, to tell a child about Santa Claus and his reindeer is to tell him a lie and is deeply reprehensible. It is to be wondered

**The Army Bill.**  
An important measure is the army reorganization bill. Senator Hawley of Connecticut, chairman of the military committee, talking about army legislation, said: "Just what the details of the bill will be when agreed upon in the committee and reported to the senate in a matter of speculation. In the near future, of course, there may be cause for reduction, but 100,000 men at least ought to be agreed upon at this time. Again, I think a measure might be passed empowering the president to use his discretion to a great extent in determining the exact strength of the army, not of course to exceed the maximum fixed by congress."

It is pretty well understood that there will be some reduction in war taxes, and the opinion prevails that this reduction will amount to about \$30,000,000.

**The Hepburn Bill.**  
II. The Hepburn canal bill passed

**The Spooner Bill.**  
The Spooner bill for the government of the Philippines will be pressed for passage. It gives congressional sanction to the government of the islands by the president, and simply repeats, in almost literal language, the authority vested by congress in President Jefferson at the time of the Louisiana purchase. It is understood that congress may also take up the congressional apportionment bill, and great interest attaches to that measure because

The other bill which ranks as paramount over every other measure before the present congress or any other congress for many a session is the Nicaragua canal bill. The main facts concerning the status of the canal question



THE CAPITOL BUILDING, WASHINGTON.

of the house of representatives on May 2, 1900. It had not passed the senate when congress adjourned. The bill is now in the senate, and is the all-absorbing topic of the week in Washington.

The canal proposed by this measure is an American canal, in fact as well as in name. Without reference to the Hay-Pauncefote negotiations, and independently of the provisions or restrictions of the proposed treaty, the Hepburn bill authorizes the president to acquire from Costa Rica and Nicaragua the necessary territory, and to pay for the same; empowers the secretary of war to proceed to construct the canal; it empowers him likewise to fortify it; and it limits the total cost to \$140,000,000, directly appropriating \$10,000,000 for beginning the work. The idea of neutrality and of supervision to be exercised by other governments over our control of the canal does not enter.

whether such painfully and pitifully literal people ever watched a couple of healthy children at their play.

**England's Tax on Millionaires.**  
Richard Croker has made the unpleasant discovery that if he wishes to live in England he must pay the English income tax. The British authorities estimate his income at \$100,000, and they have accordingly levied upon him for \$5,000 a year as the price of residence in that country. At the same time a similar case of still more importance has just been decided in the Lord Chief Justice's court, by virtue of which the estate of another American, William L. Winans, is compelled to pay death duties of \$1,000,000, or nearly 10 per cent of the entire estate. At this rate the British people can afford to give a cordial welcome to American millionaires who prefer to live on British soil, since the strangers are made to pay roundly during life by means of an income tax and are assessed still more heavily at death. A neat sum like that from the Winans estate should be especially welcome now, when the British payer must go down into his pockets to defray the \$500,000,000 which the Boer war cost.



HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

**Chicago's Unknown Philanthropist.**  
According to the announcement of Chief Kipley of the Chicago police department there is a modest philanthropist in Chicago who has authorized the members of the force to furnish at his expense immediate relief in every case of real want and distress which comes to their notice. His only condition is that his name be not made public. Already several hundred dollars have been distributed under this arrangement and it is anticipated that the expenditure will reach as many thousands before the winter is over. The man who thus offers to provide for the immediate and pressing wants of the poor of the city is certainly of kindly spirit and generous heart. At the same time the wisdom of his plan and of its announcement may be fairly questioned.

**Norman the Best Dresser.**  
"Best dressed man in Washington" is the title given by national capital society to Herman C. Norman, third secretary of the British legation. Mr.

**Dutch Farmers Still Fighting.**  
The British people are growing extremely weary of the protracted warfare in South Africa. Some are urging stern repressive measures, such as General Kitchener has begun using, while others are calling for concessions to the Boers. The Statist of London wants the government to offer Botha and De Wet seats in the Territorial Council if they will lay down their arms. In the meantime the Boer generals and burghers are fighting on with a stubborn bravery that bears witness to their Dutch blood. It is little more than a guerrilla warfare they are waging now, but the occasional appearance of 2,500 Boers, and their recent capture of 400 British soldiers, are not encouraging features for those who would like to see the war ended.

**Mystery About Wedding.**  
Interest in the approaching marriage of Miss Alta Rockefeller, second daughter of John D. Rockefeller, to E. Parmelee Prentice of Chicago has been heightened by reason of the doubt existing regarding the day of the ceremony. Miss Rockefeller's engagement

**Jeffries Shortly to Wed.**  
The engagement of James J. Jeffries, the champion pugilist, and Miss Dorothy Drew, a vaudeville actress, has been announced. Although no statement has as yet been made concerning the matter by either of the principals, it is well known to all parties. It is understood that the engagement will be of short duration, the date set for the wedding being comparatively near at hand.

**The will of the late Robert B. Grigham of Boston disposes of an estate of \$2,250,000, nearly all of which will eventually go to charity and most toward founding in Boston a hospital for incurables.**



Dorothy Drew.

was announced in April last and from time to time word has gone forth that the ceremony would be performed late

in November, but late November found her still touring England. The reason for this was the enforced delay of Miss Rockefeller in Europe, where she had been spending the summer under the chaperonage of her aunt, Mrs. Spellman.



ALTA ROCKEFELLER.

## FENELON'S INTERPRETATION.

Says Kingdom of God Consists in Performing Duty.

There is no explanation of Fenelon's character apart from his religion. True, he was native modest, amiable, refined and high-minded, but others have been similarly endowed who never achieved that special elevation of character we call saintliness, and which was Fenelon's distinguishing characteristic. It is sometimes charged against Fenelon that his idea of religion was effeminate, mystical and impracticable. But Fenelon's own character is the unanswerable illustration of its consistency with exceptional maintenance, sagacity and successful achievement. "True piety," he says to his favorite royal pupil, "has in it nothing weak, nothing sad, nothing constrained, it enlarges the heart; it is simple, free and attractive. The kingdom of God does not consist in a scrupulous observance of petty details, but in a due performance of the duties which belong to every condition of life." The avowed defender of Madame Guyon, and of the principles of Quietism, Fenelon's interpretation of that system is altogether rational, scriptural and practical. The three things for which he contends are very simple and fundamental. He contends that every human being (1) to love God with all his heart; (2) to subdue and expel every untoward and rebellious temper and affection, and (3) to accept God's direction implicitly in all the affairs of life. His exercises for the achievement of this condition are the commonplace exercises of prayer, meditation, the study of scripture, holy living and unceasing benevolence. However the metaphysics of Quietism may be expounded, and however they may be stated by himself, for diabolical purposes, this was Fenelon's practical exposition of the system, the one which he accepted as the rule of his own life.—From "The Inner Life of Fenelon," by Charles M. Stuart, in the Chautauquan for October.

## ITALY'S PROGRESS.

Those who compare Italy with the most progressive countries in Europe, establishing parallels between what of late years has been done in Germany, England and France, and the corresponding results in the peninsula, do not take note of the difference which existed at the starting point. Italy was so behind the others that, of course, even running, she cannot yet claim to have reached those who have continued their way simply walking. Forty years ago she did not exist, and out of worse than nothing, through revolutions and wars, she has with sudden ambition made herself a great power, uniting together peoples which, although belonging to the same race, had become through centuries of separation, almost heterogeneous.—International Magazine.

## LONG EXISTENCE OF HAND.

The Hawaiian band of Honolulu has just completed thirty years of continuous existence, and the present bandmaster, Captain Henri Berger, has been in charge of the organization during twenty-eight years of that period.

## PASSION PLAY ACTORS.

It is a well-known fact that the actors of the Oberammergau Passion play receive only a moderate fee for their acting, and that, whether the part played is important and fatiguing or whether it is that of a "super," the remuneration is the same. But the community of the little village has done far better than was expected during the present summer, for the fees for tickets have been this year much in excess of any former occasion. Over and above the ordinary number of performances have been given, and the amount thus realized reached the large sum of £75,000, while an enormous trade has been done in photographs, wood carvings, rosaries and "holy" images, or picture postcards alone no less than £7,500 has been taken, and it is said that the wood carvers of Oberammergau have not a single article left "on stock." Thus it is plain to see that though the season in Switzerland and the Tyrol is said to have been a bad one, the little Bavarian mountain village has a golden harvest.

## POETRY AND SCIENCE.

Wordsworth, in the preface to the second edition of his poems: "The recent discoveries of the chemist, the botanist, or the mineralogist, will be as proper objects of the poet's art as any upon which it can be employed. If the time should ever come when these things will be familiar to us, and the relations under which they are contemplated by the followers of the respective sciences shall be mani-

## CANNED CATS.

They Are Used to Illustrate the Physiological Studies.

While other women are putting up preserves the girls of one famous co-educational college are canning and preserving cats. This sounds unpleasant, but it is, nevertheless, a truth. In this university a feature is made of the physiological course for women, and cats are used almost exclusively to teach the students the branches of the study. Hundreds of cats are used here every year, and a cathouse, where they are collected and kept alive until required for dissection, is an interesting department of the college. But a still stranger room was that filled with jars of alcohol, in which cats in various stages of growth were exhibited. Here there were whole families of kittens in one jar as well as kittens put up separately in pint jars, while the parent cats were incased in larger vessels. These were the specimens, but there were also kegs of cats put away for use in the dissecting room when the supply in the cat house ran short. It was a gruesome place to any but a college girl of higher education who was able to view the matter from an entirely scientific point of view and accepted her professor's assertion that the cats suffered nothing, without herself having any knowledge on the subject. The cathouse is kept stocked through the services of the boys of the village, who prowl about for stray cats, for which at the college they receive twenty-five cents each, more being paid for exceptionally fine specimens.—New York Sun.

## A Legless Globe Trotter



Certain fads are contagious, say the Parisians. Globe trotting seems to be one of them. The latest attempt to trot around the world without any "trotters" to trot on, is an Austrian tailor, who started out from Vienna without a cent in his pockets. At last accounts he and his companion had reached Paris and were meditating crossing the channel to England and then continuing on a journey around the world. Not only was this man without a cent to bless himself with, but he was also without legs, and he

made his hands take their place. Strapped into a peculiar sort of a velocipede, with pneumatic tires, he has wheeled himself along at the rate of about twelve miles a day, and has covered the distance between Vienna and Paris—about 650 miles—in fifty-five days. This plucky tailor's name is Johann Haslinger, and his only complaint is that his hands, through constant use, have become more like feet, the skin of the palms being as thin as that on the soles of an African rhinoceros.

# SIGHTS IN MEXICO

INTERESTING DESCRIPTIONS OF IMPORTANT PLACES

(Special Correspondence.)  
I shall not soon forget my first experiences in Mexico, they were so interesting and altogether pleasant. At Laredo, Texas, I took the train over the Mexican National railway and crossed the Rio Grande river stopped at the station on the Mexican side to receive a visit from the custom officer. This official is the personification of politeness and he and his assistants perform their duty with the utmost consideration for the comfort of the traveler.

The Mexicans looked picturesque in their peculiar dress. The men for the most part wear a high cone-shaped hat gaily decorated with silver or gold lace, and the man of wealth is known by the way he has his hat trimmed. The women seen about the station were of the laboring class and selling limes, pottery and drawn lace handkerchiefs. All Mexicans are polite and of quiet manners, and in their greetings of each other there is no handshaking but a slight embrace instead.

The houses are of adobe made of sun-dried bricks, which are sufficient durable in the dry climate. Some of the houses are decorated with considerable taste, being colored with bright colors of red, blue and green calcimine. Others are less attractive,



LAKE PATZCURA NEAR MORELIA.

but the thick walls of these houses make them cool during the hot days and warm in cool weather. It is doubtful whether anywhere else in the world in so short a distance of travel one can find a display of more striking diversity of sight seeing.

In historic associations and relics of the past I found the same diversity; there are reminders of Juarez and Maximilian, of General Scott and Santa Ana, of Spanish viceroys and hidalgos, of Cortez and Montezuma, and of the unknown builders of pyramids and palaces that antedate the beginning of recorded history in America. And this diversity continues among the men of Mexico today to a very great extent. Mexico is more foreign in appearance today than nineteenth century Europe "and possesses," says a noted correspondent, "the sweet reminiscence to the Holy Land, the antiquity of Greece and Rome, the martial glory of England, Germany and Russia, and the charm of France and Spain." In all Mexico has a population of about fourteen millions made up of either pure Indians, direct descendants of the Aztecs and other Indian tribes, or of mixed Indian and



PARK SCENE MORELIA.

Spanish or of much the smaller class, pure Spanish.

It was a glorious day as I left the border town for Monterey, the most important city in Northern Mexico. With me as a traveling companion was Harry Tuttle, a son of Bishop Tuttle, of the Episcopal church at St. Louis, and who had gone to Monterey some years before. Having struck it rich in the mining business there he has settled down as one of the substantial citizens of Monterey and was enthusiastic about his new home and all the possibilities which it afforded. I said he "I am greatly pleased with Monterey, both as a residence place and a business point. It has grown rapidly since the Mexican National railway was built and now we have a population of 60,000. Our city is the capital of the state of Nuevo Leon and is such a rushing business place that it is something like the Chicago of Mexico." I could well understand how this could be so, after making a visit to Monterey where I found many Americans established in business. The city rests at the foot of the Sierra Madre mountains and at an elevation of 1,800 feet above the sea she seems a mighty sentinel to guard over ingress from the north. The climate here is superb, and to the man tired of every effort there is an exhilaration in the balmy breezes here that will tone up the nerves with new life again and Topo Chico hot springs, just north of the city are famous throughout the country. There is fine mountain scenery about the city and old Saddle mountain to the east is one of the most noted peaks.

Monterey has three enormous smelting and reducing works, one with a daily capacity of 25,000 tons. There are also cotton mills, furniture, soap, hat, watch and brick factories, and

and sunshine and revivifying air and beautiful houses and fine hotels it has been rightly named Morelia, the Magnificent. It was early on Sunday morning when I reached the City of Mexico. There was the quietude of the Sabbath everywhere, the odor of flowers filled the air, the main bells, tolled in the great cathedral and my mind was filled with a multitude of historic memories as I passed up the Paseo de la Reforma, to the hotel Turbide, once the palace of an emperor.

W. B. ROBERTS.

## SIMPLON TUNNEL.

Work Must Be Finished by May 13, 1904.

A correspondent who has recently visited the Simplon tunnel sends the following interesting particulars with regard to the works now in progress there. The number of workmen employed is 3,000 on the Swiss and 2,500 on the Italian side. Nearly all of them are Italians. Two tunnels are being bored instead of one, in order to avoid the possibility of collisions; the distance between the tunnels being seventeen metres (a metre is about thirty-eight inches). The work must be finished according to the contract, on May 13, 1904. For every day required beyond that date the contractors would have to pay £200. The Gotthard tunnel, which is fifteen kilometers long, took twelve years to bore. The Simplon, which will be twenty kilometers long (the longest in Europe), is to be completed in five years and a half. Nearly 3,000 metres have been completed on the Italian and nearly 4,000 on the Swiss side. The engineers guarantee that the junction of the two borings will be mathematically exact. The work is carried on by drilling and blasting two apertures, one at the top and the other at the bottom of the tunnel. A squadron of workmen clear the upper aperture, standing in the diaphragm, which separates them from the lower aperture, in which another squadron of workmen is similarly employed. When these two apertures have been completed for thirty or forty yards the intervening diaphragm is blown up with dynamite, and the tunnel attains its full dimensions. It is lined with masonry made of square blocks of stone cut from the rock excavated. About 1,200 pounds of dynamite is used every day. The fragments of rock which are not needed for masonry are carried away by train and used to prepare the embankment on which the trains will mount up to the mouth of the tunnel.

## Cheap Home-Bolt Ice Houses.

A good ice house may be made by using poles in connection with boards, or by themselves, as one pleases. If poles alone are used they are placed about an inch apart and form the side walls. It is generally best to use boards to go across better to hold the sawdust. In building an ice house the main essentials are ventilation, drainage and abundant use of sawdust. Where stones are plentiful the question of drainage is easily settled by putting a bottom in the house a foot thick of broken stones. In filling the house the pieces of ice as large as can be conveniently handled, and pack them closely together, filling in any spaces with sawdust and leaving a space two or three inches wide all around the edges to be filled with sawdust. The roof of the house should be spreading and project a foot or more at the gable ends. Leave out a board or even two at the gable ends for ventilation.

## The Church and the Masses.

An interesting movement to reach those who will not go to church has been started in Milwaukee. The best theater building in the town is engaged and popular services are held in it. Very many of the solid business men are supporting it by their presence and their money, and it has enjoyed the approval and consent of the leading pastors of nearly all the denominations, as it has succeeded in presenting size without incurring denunciation or suspicion or awakening theological agitation and discussion. The platform has been occupied by prominent Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Jewish, Unitarian and independent speakers. All the speakers have from choice held themselves to ethnic, civic and life-helping problems. This movement is in the hands of the Congress of Religion, Chicago, and the intention is to carry it into other cities as fast as the way shall open.

## Explaining Solomon's Wisdom.

"I wonder how Solomon became the wisest man on earth?" "That's easily explained," replied the man with the intellectual but worried face. "You see, Solomon had a large number of families, and, of course, his children asked questions, just as all children do. I have no doubt Solomon was like anybody else, and had a certain dislike to exposing his ignorance. When one of the children would ask him something he didn't know he'd make believe he wanted a drink of water and then go out and look in the back of the dictionary. I shouldn't be surprised if he were compelled to do this fifty or sixty times a day. Under such conditions a man couldn't help getting wise."—Washington Star.

## Gift to Farm School.

Max Schoenfeld, a former Philadelphian, but now a resident of Rorschach, Switzerland, has given \$10,000 to a national farm school at Doylestown, Pa. The money is to be used in the purchase of farms, which are to be rented to graduates of the school. They will thus have an opportunity of demonstrating the value of whatever instruction they have received and the capability of Jewish youth to support himself by means of agriculture.

## To Kill by Suffocation.

The Japanese government is considering the advisability of inflicting capital punishment by means of suffocation—placing the subject in an airtight chamber and then exhausting the air from the chamber by means of a pump.



## Counting in Mexico.

It is not until a Mexican girl has attracted the attention of a suitor that she realizes that she is a person of some importance. The young man is not bound by the conventionalities that surround his brother in the states. Without the formality of an introduction he dispatches letters glowing with words of admiration and devotion and nervously awaits a reply. In the meantime he visits the locality of her home, hoping to catch sight of the object of his admiration at the balcony or as she emerges from the house to attend church. He patiently but persistently promenades backward and forward in the street, for custom forbids his entrance to the house, and is happy if favored with a glance from her lustrous eyes. No ridicule is strong enough to dampen his ardor and no objections of irate parents sufficiently powerful to subdue his passion.

Mexican lovers rarely meet, for even if the young man is related to the family of the young lady and has been called at the home the mere fact of his paying attention to her puts a severe restraint on his intercourse with the family. After a time, if things have progressed favorably, he is admitted as an accepted suitor and is received by the girl, always accompanied by her mother, who usually does all the conversation. But love finds many forms of expression, and stolen glances, never suspected, speak volumes for the lovers. As the suit progresses many an evening passes with the girl at the window or balcony and her lover in the street below, wholly oblivious of the passerby or his naive or caustic remark. The duration of the courtship depends upon the formality employed, the means at command of the parties and their age. Consent for marriage is demanded from the parents of the girl by the suitor's father, who is accompanied by a priest, that the pledge may be made the more binding.

## Moral Women on Admiring Ugly Men.

One of the fads of the bright and beautiful queen of Portugal is a "confession book," in which she persuades her friends to record their answers to certain questions which she propounds therein. One of the questions is, "Do women admire ugly men?" To this the empress of Russia answers: "Yes, I believe that some women admire ugly men—when handsome ones are out of their reach." Queen Margherita of Italy says: "From 15 to 30 a woman loves a handsome man; from 30 to 50 she admires a handsome man, and after 50 she worships a man in any shape or form." Princess Henry of Battenberg writes: "Many ugly men are lovable, undoubtedly, but, then, so are many handsome men. However, 'handsome is as handsome does,' and

a good-looking man with only his good looks to fall back on would have a poor chance of winning any right-minded girl's affections."

In answer to another question in the book, "What quality does a woman most admire in a man?" the queen of Portugal writes: "Purity in a man is surely as grand and ennobling as purity in a woman. The most contemptible of all things is a man with a 'rickety' reputation sneering at the woman who is not exactly 'comme il faut.'"—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## A Real Business Woman.

Miss Balfour, the sister of Arthur J. Balfour, government leader in the house of commons, is noted for her devotion to her brother's interests, and she manages most of his affairs so as to leave him entirely free for his political work, says the Detroit Free Press. She not alone superintends the household in the conventional way, but looks after outside details which are usually left to the supervision and direction of the master of the house. Mr. Balfour is never bothered when the chimney needs attention, the roof rattling or any matter of this kind. Miss Balfour attends to defects and gives the orders herself. She also buys the horses and carriages, and is said to be well qualified for the work and a good judge of both horses and carriages. Recently she had a special brougham made for her brother's use, attending to the details herself. As an instance of her care and interest, it is said that if there is a possibility of her brother needing a conveyance, she desires to take a drive, the best carriage and the first coachman will be left for Mr. Balfour and she will take the second carriage and second coachman.

## A SCHOOL DRESS.



Of navy blue cloth, checked with golden yellow. The wide collar, belt and neckband are of plain blue, trimmed with gold braid; finished with gilt buttons.

## Creme An Citron.

Blanch and chop two dozen almonds; put them in a jug with a pint of cream; in a second jug put three ounces of sherry, the rind and juice of a lemon and pounded sugar to taste. Pour rapidly from one jug to the other till the mixture is well frothed, then pour into jelly glasses leaving out the lemon rind.

## LONG COAT OF TAN BROADCLOTH.



TRIMMED WITH STITCHING AND SABLE FUR. HAT OF TAN FELT, WITH COLORED SCARF AND BLACK POMPONS.

## REMARKABLE STEAMSHIP.

The Powerful Ice Breaker "Baikal" Carries Three Trains.

The great English firm of Sir William Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., has built upon Lake Baikal one of the most remarkable steamships in the world to ferry the Siberian trains across the lake, and in winter to break the ice at the same time. This was brought out in pieces from Newcastle-on-Tyne, and put together by English engineers, who have been living in this remote and lonely spot for over two years. The "Baikal," as the steamer is called, is a magnificent vessel of 4,000 tons, with twin engines amidships of 1,250 horse-power each, and a similar engine forward, to drive the screw in the bow; for the principle of the new type of ice-breaker is to draw out the water from under the ice ahead by the suction of a bow screw, when the ice collapses by its own weight and a passage is forced through the broken mass by the impact of the vessel. As will be seen from my illustrations, the first that have been published, the "Baikal" has extensive upper works, and these contain luxurious saloons and cabins. Upon her deck she will carry three trains—a passenger train in the middle and a freight train on each side. Her speed is thirteen knots, and on her trial trips she has shown herself capable of breaking through solid ice thirty-eight inches thick, with five inches of hard snow on the top—such snow is much more difficult to pierce than ice—and has forced her way through two thicknesses of ice frozen to sixty-five inches. In summer her bow propeller should be removed, and large propellers substituted for her smaller winter ones; but so far the railway authorities have taken no steps to build a dock upon the lake, without which neither of these important changes can be effected, nor the steamer herself repaired if any mishap should damage her hull. Lake Baikal is frozen from the middle of December to the end of April and there is also talk of laying a railway across upon the ice, as is done each year from St. Petersburg to Kronstadt; but probably all depends upon the success of the ice breaker next winter.—"From Russia of Today," by Henry Norman.

## WRITING A TRADE.

Reflections for the Benefit of Would-Be Authors.

All the men and women that have risen to distinction in the field of letters have served apprenticeship in the techniques of the art before they reached the ear of the public. The poets alone seem to have a gift of speech at the outset, even they learn much in the course of years and practice. But the young aspirant should not model his line of procedure on that followed by the acknowledged geniuses. Only genius can hope to imitate genius. For ordinary talent there is no royal road to literary mastery. The art of writing must be studied diligently, painfully, humbly. The use and abuse of words and phrases must be considered, not for a day, but for many years. The formation of sentences must be the thought of one's waking hours. The manufacture of a style is the labor of years. The old saying that "style is the man" is perfectly true, but it has deluded many a youngster into the belief that all he had to do was to express himself according to the impulse of the moment, just as he would in talking, and that thus he would be a writer. "Style is the man." It is not the boy. It is the reflex of the mature mind, the embodiment of thought, which no longer stumbles, but walks with sure feet, and makes for itself a broad and beautiful path of words. Let those that are wondering why their effusions do not burst into print at once stop and consider whether they really have anything particular to say, and then say it. There are more persons with something to say (perhaps not something immortal, but still worth saying) than there are with a genuine master of literary expression. The latter does not come by nature; nor does it come with experience. It comes only by practice, and not an easy practice at that. It was that most literary of all recent writers, Robert Louis Stevenson, who said that the man not willing to spend a whole afternoon in search of the right word to express an idea is unfit for the business of literature.—New York Times.

## IN MAURITIUS.

English Possession Whose Inhabitants Are Anti-British.

The British possession of Mauritius is at present the ground of a campaign against everything British. The French child's copybook which gives a picture of the alleged British atrocities at Lady Smith is being widely used, and this is not the only monstrous publication that is being issued with the view of fomenting hatred of things British. The newspapers, of which there are nine or ten published here, are with two exceptions violently anti-British, says the London Mail. They constantly speak of the "undying hatred" of the natives for the English, and stigmatize the British residents as pigs, thieves, drunkards and almost every other objectionable thing they can imagine. Although Mauritius has been a British possession since 1810, it is as anti-British as ever. Out of a population of 370,000, 270,000 are Indian natives engaged in the sugar industry. About 90,000 of the rest are white and colored creoles. Not only the creoles, but an enormous number of the Indians as well as the Chinese shopkeepers, use the French language, and all the newspapers, except one, are published in French. In all law cases in which an Englishman is involved the newspapers invariably side against him, and heap abuse on his head so long as the matter remains before the public. Sir Charles Bruce is constantly derided and ridiculed in these disgraceful journals, which, indeed, vie with the gutter press of Paris in vituperation and calumny.

At the beginning of the present century there were only seven Protestant missionary societies in the world. Today there are more than 200, with more than 12,000 missionaries.

## Japan Use Arabic Figures.

There is one thing which strikes a foreigner as being particularly strange in the uniform of the Japanese soldier, says a writer in the American Notes and Queries. This is that the numerals which he wears upon his shoulder straps, to denote the number of his regiment, are European numbers, not Chinese or Japanese ideographs. For instance, the soldiers of the Third regiment, just woot a 4 on their shoulder straps. I found upon inquiry that this was because the European numbers were so much more quickly distinguished.

## Artillery Element Dominates Russia.

The czar depends upon the support of the dominant class, the military aristocracy, and it is to the will of the czar, modified by the will of this class, that we must look for an explanation of Russian policy. The pride of this class is intense and demands the upbuilding of Russia, and this need of peace for Russia ceases, the powerful military machine that is being organized along with railroads, canals and ports, would be set in motion and the czar's benevolent dream would lose its charm.—Chautauquan.

## London's "Tuppenny" Tubes.

"The tuppenny tubes" are a great institution in London, especially for Americans, remarks a New Yorker, who has just returned from the other side, the other day. "They are among the chief attractions, and it is a favorable diversion to purchase a ticket for a short through trip. The tickets are almost counterparts of our elevated railway tickets in New York. The 'tuppenny tubes,' as he explained, 'is the name of the underground railway. They are doing a great business in London, and there will be more of them soon.'"

Life is not always a dream, but usually a drama.

If care is kept away wrinkles will be absent also.

## Christmas Extensions.

December 21st, 22nd and 23rd, the Great Rock Island will sell Holiday tickets to Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Colorado at rate of one and one-fifth fare for round trip, good until January 20th for return.

For further details address CHAS. B. SLOAT, G. P. A., Fort Worth, Texas.

## Holiday Rates and Through Cars via Texas Midland Railroad.

To all points in the Southeast, fare and a fifth for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 20th, 21st and 22nd, good to return in 30 days.

Through coaches on Dec. 20th to Atlanta, Ga., via Memphis and Birmingham, via Memphis and Chattanooga, via Memphis and Nashville and via New Orleans and Montgomery to Louisville, Ky., via Memphis and Bowling Green. To points on Mobile and Ohio R. R., via Memphis and Corinth.

To all points in Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri, fare and a fifth for the round trip, tickets on sale Dec. 21st, 22nd and 23rd, good until Jan. 21st, 1901, to return.

Through coaches to St. Louis and intermediate points on Frisco Line on Dec. 21st. This is the best route to points in Kansas and Missouri.

To all points in Texas, fare and a fourth for the round trip, tickets on sale Dec. 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th and Jan. 1st, good until Jan. 3d, 1901, to return.

If you are going to make a Holiday trip, see that your ticket reads via Texas Midland.

## Cheap Round Trip Rate to Havana.

The Sunset Central Lines have established a low round trip rate from all points on the H. & T. C. via Houston and New Orleans, to Havana, Cuba. A rate of \$7.00 has been placed in effect with a thirty-day limit, which includes steamer transportation from New Orleans to Havana and return, with berth and meals en route. This rate applies on the Sunset Route as far west as San Antonio.

The opportunity afforded to visit one of the most interesting cities in the New World should not be disregarded by the readers of this paper in considering a possible outing this winter. The Morgan Line Steamers are first-class in every respect, and sail from New Orleans every five (5) days. For additional information consult local ticket agent, or address

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Colorado has been added to the territory for the sale of Holiday Reduced Rate Tickets. "The Denver Road" will sell at one and one-fifth fare for the round trip to Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs, on Dec. 21st, 22nd and 23rd to January 20th, 1901.

This is an unusual opportunity, and "You Don't Have to Apologize for Riding on the Denver Road!"

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W. S. KEENAN, General Passenger Agent, Galveston.

## You are Thinking.

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H. P. HUGHES, Traveling Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. TURNER, Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

The flea as a messenger. A West county farmer, says a writer in the Westminster (Eng.) Review is training bees as letter carriers. A bee is taken away from home and a letter printed in microphotography is gummed into its little back and as it is thrown into the air. Here he goes like a carrier pigeon, and the advantage he would have over his big brother in time of war is obvious. It is very unlikely that he would be seen; and, if seen, it would tax the skill even of the finest Boer marksman to bring him down. This is an idea worthy of the attention of the war office.

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The divine write of kings—"The sign manual."  
A motor explosion—"A bubble" burst.  
His last legs—"A cobbler's feet."  
A cross-examination—"A wig-ging."

**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 be twenty-three stories high, will have more than 1500 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 bedroom."

**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 have 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 yellow woman of 40 waving a bunch of yellow chrysanthemums.

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**A BANDIT HUNTER.**  
**FRED HANS MOST DEADLY SHOT IN THE WEST.**  
Chief of the Northwestern Bandit Hunters Has Had a Thrilling Career—Treats Hobnobbing Groggier to 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 six 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 Home-stake 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 attractive appearance.



**FREDERICK HANS.**  
As he saunters along the streets of Omaha he is about the last man in the world who would pick out for desperate work with rifle and revolver. Yet this same pleasant fellow with his careless smile has been in two 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 nine-tenths 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 properly take 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 breast-work 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 man he killed was known as "Texas," Fleet Foot and Mountain Pete. The other two, Long Tom and Skinny, were sent to the penitentiary for life.

Sara Bernhardt's Criticism.  
"It is said that the woman of brains is usually proud of her beauty, and that the pretty woman is vain of her intellect. But listen to this: Sara Bernhardt went to see Mrs. Carter play Zaza. The great Sara watched the actress with keen and critical eyes. Then she turned to a friend who was sitting beside her. "That woman," said Sara, "has greater talent than I have; but," she added with emphasis, "she is not my equal in looks, and mine is the better figure of the two."

Lawyers in the Rebel Army.  
One hundred and thirty-three southern lawyers became generals in the confederate army during the war of the rebellion.

**Pocket of Murderer's Skin.**  
A pocket-book found from the skin of a murderer is in possession of the New Jersey Historical society. A man named Antonio Le Blanc in 1833 killed a man, his wife and a servant, and tried to kill a daughter of the same man in order to get a gold watch which belonged to the daughter. Le Blanc wished to present the watch to his sweetheart. Le Blanc was hanged in Morristown, where a public park is now located. His body was turned over to a physician for dissection. The pocket-book was for years the property of Sheriff Ludow, who hanged him.

If we would tell all we knew we would still lack considerable of knowing it all.  
Prosperity for 1901.  
Indications point to great prosperity for the coming year. This is a sign of a healthy nature. The success of a country, as well as of an individual, depends upon health. If you have any stomach trouble try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters which cures dyspepsia, indigestion and biliousness.

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The boy who is polite to everybody will win out much quicker than the pert one.  
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To a hungry man all kinds of edibles look alike.  
If you wish to have beautiful, clear white clothes, use Russ' Bleaching Blue, the famous big blue.  
The love of a good woman is something not definable.  
**BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED.**  
I suffered from kidney trouble, which finally became so aggravating that I was obliged to give up my position which was paying me \$100 per month, and I came to the city for treatment, but after several months I was worse instead of better. I was advised of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure and I bought a bottle, and I am now so well that I shall return to take a better position. My cure is almost suffering, and I have been taking your medicine for a short time, and is so much improved that she already regards a cure for her as certain. J. H. WRIGHT, Clarksville, Miss. Price 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

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C. H. Crutcher, Des Moines, Iowa, will on request explain all about the Gladiolus Gold-Mining company; extremely interesting; write me.

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**Scotch Tenacious and Thrift.**  
In a dull Scottish village on a dull morning one neighbor called upon another. He was met at the door by his friend's wife, thusly:  
"Glad to see you." "Ay."  
"Is John in?" "Oh, ay, he's in."  
"Can I see him?" "No."  
"But I wanted to see him." "Ay, but you canna see him. John's dead."  
"Dead?" "Ay."  
"Sudden?" "Ay."  
"Very sudden?" "Very sudden."  
"Did he say anything about a pot of green paint before he died?"

**Conjugal Judgment.**  
Not many weeks ago two Australian judges—one of supreme, the other of minor bench—settled a little difference of opinion on a question of law in the good old-fashioned way—bare fists. Preliminaries were first, up in a few minutes at a fashionable club, and the legal luminaries retired with their seconds to a well-known private boxing hall, where they vigorously pounded one another for fifteen minutes. The minor judge eventually established his claim to precedence—probably for the first time in Australian history—by a knock-out blow.

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—Boys, get your fireworks at Williams & Martin's.  
—For a good, honest hand made saddle see Riddel.  
—Miss Bettie Herring is spending a few days in town with Mrs. B. L. Frost.  
—Fresh Oranges, Apples and confectioneries at Williamson & Martin's place.  
—Fresh Groceries—almost every thing you can think of at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Fresh oysters at the "Bon Ton."  
—Miss Maud Lanier was over this week visiting relatives and friends in Haskell.  
New crop Louisiana Molasses at W. W. Fields & Bros. Try it if you want something good.  
—Xmas candies and fruits at the "Bon Ton"—Williams & Martin.  
—Cheese, Kraut, Apples, Cabbage, fine, large Greely Potatoes, red and yellow Onions at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Mr. J. F. Jones returned on last Saturday from their Tom Green county ranch.  
—Ladies you should see the handsomely decorated tea and dinner sets at Fields & Bro's.  
—Fresh fruits and choice confectioneries for Xmas at Williams & Martin's.  
—C. C. Riddel has more and better buggy whips—a new lot, 10 cents and up. Go and get yourself one.  
—Trad's has been splendid and we had to stock up again—come and see.  
—Poland China hogs—a choice lot of pureblooded ones for sale by J. F. Pinkerston.  
—Our job department has turned out wedding invitations this week for two couples.  
—Nice mince meat at Fields & Bro's.  
—New lot of ladies dress and skirt patterns just received at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Haskell is to have two Christmas trees this time.  
—Mr. N. C. Smith is making a substantial addition and other improvements on his residence.  
—It's Chille now instead of ice cream at Williamson & Martin's. Boys, take your girls around and warm up.  
—Miss Ninette Haile of Farmersville arrived Saturday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. G. Neathery.  
—All sorts of nuts and fruits at Fields & Bro's.  
—A nice new line of ladies' misses' and children's shoes at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Found—A chain bracelet was picked up on our streets by a gentleman a few days ago. Owner can recover it by applying at this office.  
—Galvanized iron Wash Tubs, Washboards, Buckets, Wash Pans, Dish Pans, Dippers, Oil Cans, Lamp Chimneys, Etc., at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Some fine preserves and jellies at W. W. Fields & Bro's.  
For broken limbs, chilblains, burns, scalds, bruised shins, sore throat, and sores of every kind, apply BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It will give immediate relief and heal any wound. Price 25 and 50 cts at J. B. Baker's.  
Hello Jones!  
Hello Lawly!  
Hello Johnson!—How are you fellows feeling? Better luck to yez next time, boys!  
—My stock of groceries has just been filled up with a complete line of choice, fresh family groceries. As to prices—well, they are below the other fellow's—Come and see!  
Respectfully,  
T. G. CARNEY

The Invitation Extended

We were much gratified at the hearty response to our opening invitation and were pleased to be able to greet so many of our friends and customers on that occasion. That invitation was to come and see, we now extend an equally cordial invitation to one and all to come and make your selections and purchases.

We Offer You The Leading Stock of Holiday Presents

Our aim has been to have little of the trashy stuff usually found in holiday stocks but rather to present a line of goods combining

BEAUTY, UTILITY AND VALUE,

such things in fact as will be a lasting memento of affection and regard to the friends and loved ones upon whom you bestow them. Such articles will be found in our

- Beautiful Toilet Cases, Handkerchief and Glove Boxes,
- Cuff, Collar and Tie Boxes, Albums and Photograph Holders,
- Pictures, Medallions and Books, Easle and Hand Mirrors,
- Shaving Sets, Game Boards, Foot Stools, Etc.

and many other nice things too numerous to mention here.

The Little Folks Not Forgotten!

For the children we have heaps and heaps of Dolls, Doll Beds, Doll Chairs, swings, dishes, tables, washing sets, stoves, picture books, wagons, horns, pistols, air guns, games and toys of all sorts.

Just come and see us and we are sure you will find something to please you. The prices are all moderate.

JOHN B. BAKER.

Fresh and Complete.

At this season of the year you often find that stocks of dry goods have been picked over and run down to such an extent that it is difficult to find in them just what you want. While we opened up our fall trade with a much larger stock than we had ever before carried in West Texas, our constantly increasing trade made such inroads upon it that we saw it failing in some lines and, being determined to meet all demands and supply the wants of our customers, we met the difficulty promptly by again going to market and refilling our shelves. We therefore have to offer to

OUR LADY CUSTOMERS  
a complete stock,  
Handsome, Fresh and Up-to-date  
Dress Goods

From which may be constructed as pretty and stylish costumes as the City stores can furnish.



SOME OF THE KINDS AND STYLES ARE HERE ENUMERATED

A choice line of Storm Serges, Ladies Cloths and Winter woolen fabrics, in a large variety of colors and weaves, very desirable for suits and separate skirts.  
The newest designs in Llama Cloth, Pebble Jacquards, Covert Cloth, English Worsteds, Soutache Novelty and Brocaded patterns.  
Henriettes in the new shades now in demand.



Skirt Patterns—New lot in handsome figured and brocaded Crepons—very pretty and stylish.  
Fancy Dress Plaids—A fine line of these fashionable goods in the leading colors of the day.  
Trimmings—All the newest things in this line, such as gilt cords and braids, applique, etc.  
Neve Linings—These are the standard and most approved dress linings. They are "On top."

French Flannels for Waistings—These goods are something new—the very latest for Ladies' winter waists. We have them in large and small polka dots, stripes and squares; colors pink, cream, light blue, marine and navy blue, garnet, etc.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S CAPES AND JACKETS.



Jackets for Ladies and Misses in English Kersey gray, black, brown and tan excellent quality, new style collar, bell and plain sleeves, new style back, two pockets, lined throughout. There is excellent value in this stylish jacket at our very low price.  
Misses Box Jacket, in fine Kerseys and cloaking cloth, deep flaring storm collar and revers, lined throughout, a first class winter garment.  
Besides the above we have a large line of Ladies', Misses' and childrens Jackets and Capes of various materials and suited to general demand in price and quality.



HOSIERY.



We carry the "CLIPPER" and "LONE STAR" brands of ladies and childrens hosiery. Fast black, seamless, double heel and toes, 80 to 140 gauge.  
You will get your money's worth in buying these goods.

GLOVES.



We carry an excellent line of Ladies' and Misses kid gloves in white and all the fashionable colors, with either buttons or patent fasteners. Also a nice line of riding and driving gauntlet gloves.

CORSETS.



We handle the celebrated "M K" and "DAISY" corsets, in various sizes and styles for ladies and misses. These corsets are of first quality, perfect in fit and comfortable to wear.

BLANKETS, COVERLETS AND STAPLE GOODS.

We have a good line of All Wool and Mixed Blankets, medium and heavy weights, full size, excellent value at our low prices.  
Also a large line of cotton Blankets, Coverlets, Suggans, etc.  
Our stock of the standard brands of Domestic, Sheetings, Shirtings, Apron Checks, etc. is very complete.  
See our Handsome Buggy Robes



Our flannel department is very complete, embracing a full line of reds, grays and blues and white in light, medium and heavy weights.  
Our Staple Dry Goods department covers the full line of Jeans, Domestic, Drillings, Cheviots, Checks, Linseys and waterproofs in all leading colors.

You will understand that merely a few leading articles in our large and varied stock of goods are mentioned in this advertisement.

We cordially invite you to call and look through our stock when you go shopping, for we believe we can suit almost any one in any line of goods, and, we assure you the prices will be right.

Yours truly,  
S. L. ROBERTSON.

THE GOSSETT HOTEL,

(The old Court House and Mendors Hotel.)  
Haskell, Texas.

Having taken charge of this Hotel and refitted and refurnished it, it now offers to the

Local and Traveling Public the best and most comfortable accommodations to be had in Haskell, but without a corresponding advance in prices.

Your Patronage Respectfully Solicited.  
M. H. GOSSETT, Proprietor.

J. W. BELL,

Manufacturer & Dealer In  
SADDLES and HARNESS



Full Stock, Work Promptly to Order.

Repairing done neatly and substantially. Prices reasonable and satisfaction with goods and work guaranteed.

Your Trade is Solicited.

M. S. PIERSON, President. A. C. FOSTER, Vice-President. J. L. JONES, Cash. LEE PIERSON, Asst. Cash.

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A General Banking Business Transacted. Collections made and Promptly Remitted. Exchange Drawn on all principal Cities of the United States.

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A BOON TO MANKIND!

D-TABLER'S BUCKEY PILE



CURE

A New Discovery for the Certain Cure of INTERNAL and EXTERNAL PILES, WITHOUT PAIN.

CURES WHERE ALL OTHERS HAVE FAILED. TUBES, BY MAIL, 75 CENTS; BOTTLES, 50 CENTS.

JAMES F. BALLARD, Sole Proprietor, 310 North Main Street, ST. LOUIS, MO. For sale by J. B. Baker, Haskell, Texas.

—We now have in stock the nicest line of queensware, both decorated and plain, that we have ever handled, also a nice line of glassware, lamps and lamp chimneys. Call and see these goods if you want anything in that line. The prices are right.  
Yours &c  
W. W. FIELDS & BRO.

The disposition of children largely depends upon health. If they are troubled with worms, they will be irritable, cross, feverish, and perhaps seriously sick. WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE is a worm expeller and tonic to make them healthy and cheerful. Price 25 cts at J. B. Baker's.  
—Our deputy sheriff Bert Brockman received a painful and rather serious kick from his horse Wednesday evening. The hoof struck him full in the face, bruising it considerably and breaking his nose. His physician succeeded in straightening that member up, however, and though somewhat disfigured temporarily, he is still in the ring ready for any bad man from Bitter Creek.

How to Cure Croup.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by J. B. Baker druggist.

—Mr. Sam Pierson and Miss Bertie Berry were married on Wednesday, 12th, at the home of the bride in Benjamin.

Mr. Lee Pierson and Miss Una Foster, Mr. Emmett Robertson and Miss Belle Rupp and Mr. Marshall Pierson and wife went from here to attend the wedding. Sam is a son of Mr. M. S. Pierson of this place and a young man of promise and his bride is a young lady of culture and refinement, quite well known in Haskell, having taught an art class here last summer.

They make a propitions start on their united journey of life and the Free Press joins heartily with their many friends in hoping that it may be pleasant and prosperous to the end.

Notice  
Fruit tree patrons, owing to railroad, it has been impossible to get trees, so will let you all know when to look for trees.  
B T LANIER

That Flouring Mill

We learn from the soliciting committee appointed by the Commercial Club to get up the \$1,000 bonus to secure the flouring mill that they have about \$700 subscribed by the business men of the town and think they will get probably \$100 more in town and will have to look to the country for the rest.  
They think there will be no difficulty in raising the \$200 among the farmers, as they think the farmers all appreciate the advantage of having a mill to give them a home market for their wheat and do custom or exchange grinding.  
The party proposing to build the mill will enter into contract to make it first-class in every respect and of a capacity of fifty barrels a day.

Fresh and Good.

Ralston Health Food  
Ralston Pancake Flour  
Pearl Cracked Hominy  
Postum Cereal Coffee  
Rolled Oats  
Flake Hominy  
Pearl Grits  
For sale by S. L. Robertson.

Stamford Passengers.

Whenever there are as many as two passengers either from or to Stamford I will take them at same price charged by the mail hack and I guarantee to furnish better rigs and make better time.

J. L. BALDWIN.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. 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 J. B. Baker's. Trial bottles free.