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Looks More Wartlike.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 6.—There are signs here of growing impatience at the attitude of Japan. A report was current today that the Japanese had made all preparations for occupying the port of Masampho and that we might hear of their having done so at any moment. Should such action take place on the part of the Japanese it would have as a result the bringing of matters to a climax, Admiral Alexieff having full powers to act decisively in case of any such provocation.

At no price would Japan be allowed to occupy Masampho, which is a strategical point between Russian fortified towns.

In the face of the present crisis it is well worth noting that the Minister of War, Gen. Kourapatkine, is still here, whereas from what I am told he would proceed forthwith to the Far East in case of war. If hostilities break out he would doubtless be found exercising supreme command of the forces in the field, Admiral Alexieff having his hands full with other things.

Another interesting point is the announcement that the Under Secretary of State, M. Hezobrazoff, who is leader of the war party here and a bugbear of the friends of peace, such as Count Lamsdorf and M. Witte, is leaving Russia for Cannes. I am told by one of his confidants that he is really ill, but his departure at this moment is pitched upon by the friend of peace as a point in their favor.

ANOTHER VIEW.

PARIS, Jan 5.—It developed today that the greatest difference between Russia and Japan arises from the proposal made by Russia that a neutral zone should be established extending from Ping Yang in Korea on the south to the Russian frontier on the north.

The Russian Government has expressed a willingness to recognize preponderating influence of Japan in the remainder of Korea and the two powers are agreed respecting the principle of the integrity of China and Korea.

Japan, however, saw no reason why the proposed neutral zone should be established, holding that the entire peninsula should be subject to her preponderating influence. The attitude of Russia is believed to be due to the fact that if Japan controls Korea she will more easily menace Port Arthur as well as Viabivostock.

The diplomat who gave to the Associated Press the foregoing information expressed himself as confident that Russia in her reply to Japan will give way on this vital point.

Laid Off 18,000 Railroaders in Three Months.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5.—Fifteen railroads in General Managers' Association of this city report the laying off of nearly 18,000 employes during the last three months.

Twenty-two roads in all sections of the country report that while their gross earnings for November last were \$1,233,469, over those of November, 1902, their expenses showed an increase of \$2,312,901, making a decrease of \$1,079,432 in net earnings.

Wednesday the gin of Tom Alexander at Lampasas was burned. Loss \$6,500; insurance \$4,000.

Still Guessing the Outcome.

The Russian attitude is that there still remains a possibility of reconciling Russia's interests with those of Japan without interfering with the rights of the country itself. But what success may be expected from the negotiations may be judged from the number of warships at Port Arthur and the troops in Manchuria. There is no doubt the Russian reply intimates in quite a friendly way that the country can not possibly accept Japanese pretensions or interference.

At the council concerning Manchuria attention was drawn to the menacing attitude of Japan, which it was stated, was placing immense difficulties in the way of a peaceful solution, so that it was impossible for Russia to recede from her position in the Far East, nor can Russia allow Japan to acquire territory in Southern Korea which would thus form a sort of second Dardanelles for Russia, cutting communication between Vladivostock and Port Arthur. If Japan can not see the impossibility of such desires on her part being satisfied, the responsibility must rest with her.

On her part Russia does not make any demand suggesting a moderation of Japan's attitude, but informs Japan courteously how impossible her suggestions are and the extreme desirability of their not being pushed.

A special from Tokio Thursday says that the government is silent concerning the terms of the Russian rejoinder. A high authority there, however, says that the reply is unsatisfactory to Japan, especially in its feature bearing upon the question of Korea. He says that the Russian government in its communication expresses a desire for a peaceful settlement of the matters in dispute. Japan has taken the reply under consideration and if convinced that Russia's protestations are honest and that there is a chance for peace, she will continue the negotiations. At the same time the ministry is unjustly opposed to a long delay. It is becoming apparent that Japan would resent any intervention upon the part of any of the outside powers in the extremity of the crisis. It is thought possible there that the United States might intervene. Such intervention, the Japanese say, would be unjust and only create delay, which would be advantageous to Russia.

Ruth Cleveland Dead.

Ruth Cleveland, eldest child of former President Grover Cleveland, died at Princeton, N. J., Thursday. Her death was unexpected, the immediate cause being weakening of the heart action during a mild attack of diphtheria. She was 15 years old.

Since Mr. Cleveland's retirement from public life, Ruth with the other Cleveland children, has attended the public schools of Princeton, N. J., where she was a universal favorite.

Seventeen were killed and 30 wounded in a Rock Island wreck at Willard, Kas., Wednesday. The passenger engineer was ordered to sidetrack for a special stock train, but seeing a freight train on the siding, he mistook it for the stock train and went on, full speed, resulting in a head-end collision.

JANUARY

Clearing Sale!

To clear up all winter goods Bargains will be offered during the month of January. Outing Flannel, Flannelettes, Wool Flannels, All-Wool Knit Goods, such as Fascinators, Head Shawls, and Ladies' and Gents' Underwear must go. Prepare for the cold weather sure to come in January and February. Your cash will buy our goods at prices that will surprise you. **TRY US.**

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Texas Stock Industry.

The receipts of live stock at the Chicago market for the year 1903 broke many records. The combined receipts of all classes during the year aggregated over 16,220,000 head, with a valuation of something like \$302,000,000. The year's receipts of native cattle were 3,090,300; of calves 272,300; of sheep 4,584,700. The shipments from Chicago during the year were 1,269,300; of sheep 1,000,000, with the valuation of the sheep at \$3,199,500.

The number of Texas cattle received, while 40,000 in excess of the year 1902, was the second smallest total in over twenty years, or about 150,000 as against 717,153 in 1892, which was the banner year.

The combined receipts of Texans and Westerners for the year were 360,100 head, as against 499,569 in the year 1902, 301,897 in 1901, the smallest combined total in over a quarter of a century.

Statistician Horine of the Chicago stock yards, in commenting on the falling off of receipts from Texas, says:

The result was not much of a surprise to those familiar with conditions affecting this branch of the cattle industry. Texas reached the zenith in cattle shipments in 1892, and since then offerings have decreased gradually, but rapidly, until the lowest point was scored in 1898. Last year the supply came up to the 190,000 mark, but this was due to some extent to the inducement caused by the record-breaking prices, which stimulated stockmen to send in everything suitable and available it was due partly to this free marketing in 1902 that modified the shipments this year and brought the number down to the figures quoted above. It is not to infer from this that Texas is not raising as many cattle as usual, which would be far from the fact, for the latest estimate places the number in the big State at 7,000,000 head. This includes all kinds of cattle, and not exclusively those which are available for the market. The fact is through the processes of evolution in the cattle business Texas is not shipping as many cattle direct to the market as she once did, but is providing vastly more for the Northern farmer and feeder, who puts a good finish on them before they are sent to slaughter. The volume of cattle that passes through the Northern feed lots from Texas pastures is increasing

more and more as the quality of cattle improves and there has been no place in the whole country where more attention has been paid to breeding up than in Texas. The same agencies are at work in Texas as in the Northwest to force the big cattle man out of business and supplant him with the smaller stockman. The search for land is doing it, and when the pressure gets too strong the big man has to yield to the inevitable.

The splitting up of the Capitol Syndicate ranch is an example of the process of disintegration that is going on all over Western Texas. Stockmen from the corn belt, especially in Kansas and Nebraska, however have purchased freely from the Panhandle district, and the general opinion is that more than the usual number of Texas cattle is being fed in these States this winter.

In comparison with last year prices of Texas cattle look low, but they are not much below many previous years. Values of 1902 were the highest on record and far above the general average. Prices during the year ranged from \$2.40 to \$5.10, such a broad range being in the month of July, which showed the distance between the poorest grassers and the best fed cattle.—Dallas News.

Texas Produces More Than 17,000,000 Barrels of Oil in 1903.

The official figures of crude oil production in Texas for the year 1903 show an approximate production of 17,000,000 barrels. During the month of December shipments from the Beaumont and Sour Lake fields exceeded 1,100,000. The Standard Oil Company received more than half of this oil, the total amount consigned to that company in December being upwards of 600,000 barrels loaded at Port Arthur and Sabine Pass.

The J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company loaded 129,227 barrels for the Standard at Port Arthur, the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company 25,782 barrels at the same port and the Texas Company 34,617 barrels.

Oil producers predict that during 1904 the output of oil from Texas will reach at least 25,000,000 barrels. The fields now open are: Beaumont, Sour Lake, Big Hill, Batson Prairie, Henrietta, Palestine and Corsicana.

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W. F. BLAKE, Editor and Proprietor.
CLARENDON, TEX., JAN. 9, 1904.

ALEXANDER DOWIE and his party have started around the world and of course the trip wouldn't be complete without passing through the greatest state in the world.

ARMOUR may be selling Russia meat and Japan may be buying a few war ships, but that alone is no positive assurance of war. Neither of them are buying up Texas' surplus horses yet, as was England two years ago. But they may aim to settle it all on the "briny deep."

PHILADELPHIANS have always born the name of being slow, but the Kansas Citians can now take the palm for their drowsiness. Right on the heels of the Chicago theater panic, during a performance in the Wood theater the lights went out and left the audience in inky darkness, and notwithstanding the performers were singing the stirring "Hike" song, not a sleepy one of the audience hiked.

THE New York Herald says the reason Cleveland did not attend the big banquet was because he would not sit at the table with those who vilified him. A New York official was sent to Princeton to urge Mr. Cleveland to attend, but was told that Mr. Cleveland had no wish to sit at the same table with men who, in 1892, in the Democratic national convention held in Chicago, had belabored him as an enemy of his party. It will be remembered that Bourke Cockran, who was banquet toastmaster was the orator of the Tammany delegation which opposed Mr. Cleveland's nomination in 1892, which signed a protest declaring that he could not carry New York if nominated.

That Tom Watson is a man who loves the memory of Thomas Jefferson, and a man who can find language to express his love, the following tribute well illustrates in his "Life and Times of Thomas Jefferson." "Mr. Jefferson was just the kind of a man the stranger would apply to, a beggar hunt up, a cynic shun, a bigot hate, a sharper pursue, a scholar delight in, a patriot trust, a neighbor love and impose on, a shyster outwit, fellow statesmen respect, and enemies ridicule as often as they hate."

More Money For Baylor.

Rev. J. M. Carroll, the financial agent of Baylor university, reports he has received within the past year \$70,000 in cash toward the endowment of Baylor university. John D. Rockefeller agreed some months ago that if \$125,000 were secured for endowment purposes, he would supplement that fund with \$35,000, agreeing to pay his pledge in the same proportion as the other amount was paid in. This will cause the oil magnate to pay \$20,000 now, as all of the \$125,000 has been subscribed, and the rest will be forthcoming. The university starts the year with an endowment fund of \$100,000.

The Texas Christian university at Waco has undertaken to raise \$20,000 in a short time for the purpose of erecting a boys' dormitory. Already about half of that amount has been raised, and the president states that the rest will be raised in time to erect the building for the opening of the next term. Both Baylor and Texas Christian universities are in the best financial condition since their foundation, and both have a large number of students.

Should Treat the Indians Only As Wards.

Commissioner Jones of Indian affairs appeared before the house committee on Indian affairs Thursday, favoring the allotment of all Indian lands without the consent of the red men. He says the government should treat them as wards, and should manage the Indian business affairs with their best interest at heart. He argued that the large funds in their hands was a curse to them and was used for dissipation. If this policy will be adopted, he argues, it would mean the dissolution of all tribal relations. It has been advocated by Commissioner Jones in his report for the last two years, and many of the members of the committee have announced themselves in favor of the policy for the first time.

Riggins Defeated Again.

The court of civil appeals of Texas, after getting the answer of the supreme court of the state on vital certified questions in the case Thursday, gave a decision adverse to J. W. Riggins, who was contesting for the office of mayor of Waco. Riggins was impeached by the council on seven counts and ousted from office several months ago. Riggins appealed the case on the grounds that the council acted irregularly in impeaching him and exceeded its power.

Though worsted in the decision rendered, the Riggins forces say they will push the matter further. It is generally thought, however, that the vital phases of the case have been passed upon in the decision.

Reforming the Cubans By Law.

HAVANA, Jan. 6.—President Palma today promulgated his veto of the lottery bill, which was announced in these dispatches he had prepared last month in expectation of the passage of the bill.

The President in stating the reasons for his veto holds that lottery is a lowering and corrupting device and that the Government would be culpable in taking money of the people obtained through this scheme.

President Palma has been assured that the bill can not be re-passed over his veto. At all events there will be little time for any discussion over the bill, as Congress proposes to adjourn this week until March next.

The House of Representatives today passed the Senate amendments to the loan law.

General Reyers, Colombian special envoy, has received the answer of the Washington government to the note charging the United States with open violation of the treaty of 1846. The answer which was prepared by Secretary Hay, though couched in most diplomatic terms and expressing the wish that this government deal justly with Colombia, is an emphatic refusal to reopen the Panama question.

Circular letters are beginning to pour into this office from various portions of the state from candidates for this and that state office, with the statement that they are being urgently solicited by their many friends to submit their names for positions named. Of course this is all done that the local papers might repeat the self-made taffy and thus give a lot of free advertising. We have been in the newspaper business a little too long to fill our columns with this stuff. It neither pays for paper, printers, postage, fuel or rent, and for the benefit of such candidates and their anxious friends we will merely say our announcement column is long enough to accommodate all at the usual rate of ten dollars each.

STATE NEWS.

Gov. Lanham signed patents to 15,084 acres of Texas lands Wednesday, 640 of it being in Donley county.

Monday night Agnew & Garvin's gin at Paul's Valley, together with 200 bales of cotton, were destroyed by fire. Loss about \$12,000.

A three-year-old boy of C. H. Hudson's, in the east part of Dallas county, fell into boiling water and was scalded to death Tuesday.

It is said that a good many spurious silver dollars are floating around Belton. Ever now and then they are presented at the banks and railroad offices.

Joe Melton, charged with killing Ben Ellington, in Kaufman county, July 28, was found guilty of murder in the second degree and given fifteen years' imprisonment.

The supreme court at Austin Thursday granted a writ of error in the Hayden-Cranfill case. The last trial, confirmed by the court of appeals, gave Hayden a verdict for \$15,000.

The Texas Portland Cement Company, with its principal office at Galveston, has filed in the Federal Court a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are stated as aggregating \$19,742.

George S. Graves, doing a general merchandise business at Lilac, Milam county, made an assignment Wednesday, naming Bun Norman assignee. Liabilities about \$17,000, with assets about same figure.

The Christian church and a house belonging to Will Gough were burned Tuesday at Ladonia. The loss on the church is about \$1,200; insurance, \$1,000. The house was vacant; loss about \$1,200.

The McGregor water and light plant was destroyed by fire Tuesday. Loss on plant, \$1,000; no insurance. The city is without water until temporary arrangements can be made. Origin of the fire unknown.

At Pilot Point Wednesday the cotton seed house attached to the Planters Compress gin was totally destroyed by fire. Loss 50,000 pounds of seed cotton and building, valued at \$3,000; supposed to be covered by insurance.

Professor Vanberkles, principal of Taylor Academy, ten miles northwest of Paris, accidentally shot himself Thursday, and is thought to be dangerously wounded. He was carelessly handling a pistol, thought to be unloaded.

Will Hanna pleaded guilty in the County Court Tuesday at Clarksville to illegal sale of whiskey in a local option precinct in two cases. The sales took place at Avery, in the eastern part of the county. He was fined \$35 in each case and given 20 days in jail.

Mrs. A. L. Lambert, aged 40, was burned to death in Lamar county Tuesday. Her husband and three children were away from home and when they returned she was found lying in the fireplace dead, with much of the flesh burned from her body. It is supposed she fell in the fire while suffering from a fainting spell.

At Cisco in order to curtail expenses in the city Government, the Mayor, Alderman and City Attorney voluntarily offered to serve this year without a salary. The salary of the City Marshal, police, Assessor-Collector and Secretary-Treasurer was fixed the same as last year, but the officers above named will receive no salary.

Net deficit in Texas treasury Wednesday was \$585,465. Warrants to the number of 9,758 have been registered.

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Amusement Business Overdone.

Last Sunday, in a sermon built upon the lesson taught by the Chicago theater fire, Dr. George C. Lorimer of New York Madison Avenue Baptist church said:

"While we are investigating the cause of the Chicago disaster and are examining theaters hereabouts, it would be well to enlarge our inquiries and see that life is not in other places unnecessarily imperiled.

"This catastrophe also raises the question whether the whole business of amusement is not greatly overdone. Time was when theaters were open in the evening only; then came the week end afternoon performance, but now there are some shows that run wide open from morning until late at night, as though theater-going were the supreme end of life. Sunday also is encroached upon, principally in Chicago, and, apart from the peril to life, there is this question confronting parents, whether it is advisable to develop the taste for theater-going in such young children as perished in the Chicago fire.

"And why should afflictions be needed to convince us that evaded as well as violated lay always entails retribution? We, with the acuteness of the twentieth century man, distinguish between the two acts and if we can successfully walk around a law we congratulate ourselves and never dream of evil consequences. But when it is shown that theater managers do as the rest do and fail to comply with provisions of the security of the public, we wax with indignation. 'The sinners,' we angrily exclaim. 'They are evading the law and ought to be punished.' But if every one in America who evades the law was to be punished I fear there would not be found sufficient number of innocent persons in the land to execute the sentence."

M. J. Mockert, who was shot by Deputy Sheriff Bird during the recent street car strike at San Antonio, has sued Sheriff Tobin and his bondsmen for \$15,000 damages for the action of his deputy. The total amount of the damage suits against the sheriff and his bondsmen growing out of the strike now aggregates \$90,000.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.
Baptist, Every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—Rev. W. L. Skinner, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.
M. E. South, services every Sunday—Rev. G. S. Hardy, pastor. Sunday school 10 a. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Junior Epworth League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. every Sunday.
Catholic, St. Mary's Church—Rev. D. H. Dunne, pastor. Sunday services: Mass at 10 a. m.; Sunday School after mass. Evening services at 7:30. Services every Sunday except Sunday.
SOCIETIES.
I. O. O. F.—Clarendon Lodge No. 281, meet 1st and 3rd Thursday nights each month in 3rd story of courthouse. Visiting brothers made welcome. D. E. Fosky, N. G.
M. ROSENFIELD, Sec'y.
W. O. W., Woodbine Camp No. 476—Meets in Jdd Fellows Hall every Friday evenings. Visiting choppers invited. ED KIZER, C. C.
J. E. COOKE, clerk
A. F. & A. M.—Clarendon Lodge No. 700, meets 2nd Friday night in each month over the Bank of Clarendon. JAMES TRENT, W. M. R. A. CHAMBERLAIN, Sec.
CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 216 R. A. M.—Meets the first Friday night in each month at 8:30 o'clock. Visiting companions cordially invited. W. H. BRADON, H. P.
JAS. TRENT, Sec.
K. of P.—Panhandle Lodge, No. 90. Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in every month in their Castle Hall, in Johnson's Hall. Visiting Knights cordially invited. M. ROSENFIELD, C. C.
F. A. WHITE, K. of R. S.
CLARENDON CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 7:30 p. m. in Masonic Hall over Bank of Clarendon. Mrs. FLORENCE TRENT, W. M. Mrs. MARY ANDERSON, Sec.

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TIME TABLE.

Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.

NORTH BOUND.	
No. 1, Mail and Express.....	8:47 p. m.
No. 7, Passenger and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 2, Mail and Express.....	7:15 a. m.
No. 8, Passenger and Express.....	9:30 p. m.
J. W. KENNEDY, Local gt.	

Business locals five cents per line for first insertion and 3 cents for subsequent insertions. All locals run and are charged for until ordered out. Transient notices and job work are cash, other bills on first of month.

Business Locals.

Wall paper at Stockings.
Pure ribbon cane syrup for sale by Posey & Patman.
A six room dwelling for rent. Inquire of Dr. Stocking.
Lee has a car of flour, car of cotton seed and cotton seed meal, as well as oats for sale. Give him a trial when you want feed.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Ed Johnson, brother of B. W. and P. C. Johnson spent a few days here prospecting this week.

Mrs. Westley of Armstrong county spent this week visiting her brother, J. J. Alexander, and family.

Clarendon's two barber shops are again side by side, J. E. Crisp having moved to the Schmitz restaurant building.

Donley county has received more actual farmers for settlers the past year than any other county in the Panhandle.

We invite your attention to the ad of C. E. Blair, who will make new prices on several articles. Go in and see him.

Bob Kilfoil of Fort Worth was a pleasant caller this week and run his father's figures up on THE CHRONICLE for another year.

The college entertainment, with Alton Packard the feature, Thursday night drew a large audience, all of whom were well pleased.

Sam Lanham Camp Confederate Veterans in their meeting Wednesday decided to hold their next quarterly meeting in Clarendon, April 6.

When the first election is held under the new law there is going to be trouble. The expense of getting ready for it is quite an item, also.

T. W. Scott, of Dallas, is here this week on a visit to his mother, Mrs. S. L. Scott, who is teaching the Old Town school, and also visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. A. Jackson.

Immigration to this part of the Panhandle is a big inducement to people to go into the land agency business, and the latest is G. S. Patterson, who has opened a land office at McLean.

Rev. T. T. St. Clair has moved back to Wise county. He first traded half of his quarter section bought from Mr. Lipe to S. F. Colville, then to make his remaining 80 acres more desirable to a purchaser, bought it back and sold the whole to J. A. Witherspoon.

John Stowers was badly stove up in the feet and ankles at Memphis Tuesday evening, by a scaffold giving away, throwing him to the ground at the school building he was painting, a fall of 30 feet. He came up here to his sister's, Mrs. T. H. Westbrook's, where he will remain until again able to work.

C. E. Blair has bought out J. A. Jackson's stock of merchandise and already taken charge. Mr. Jackson has not determined just what he will do in the future, but will devote a short time to settling up his business affairs. Mr. Blair is a good business man and we are pleased to again see him in business. He asks a continuance of the trade heretofore given the house.

Up to last night 160 voters had paid their poll tax in this county.

J. H. Roberts has returned from his visit to his old Tennessee home.

H. S. Anderson has sold a half interest in his wagon yard to J. H. Bonine.

Mrs. H. W. Kelley is ill and under the care of the doctor this week.

The grandjury adjourned yesterday afternoon after turning in eleven indictments, two for felony and nine for misdemeanor.

The wind turned to the west this morning and is coming a regular "dust mover." We have had remarkably pretty weather, though, so far.

As already announced by us, Arthur Stevens and Miss Maggie Scarbrough were married at the Christian Church Wednesday night by Rev. Dubbs, after which they left for their home at Dalhart, where Arthur is in business, and we predict he will make a successful mark, as he is industrious, moral and unassuming in his life. Both have the good wishes of THE CHRONICLE.

Rev. Skinner, pastor of the Baptist church here, has been offered the pastorate of the Baptist church at Mineral Wells, at a salary of \$1200. This church has a strong financial membership, and in a place of larger size than Clarendon, making the offer quite a tribute to Rev. Skinner's efficiency and work as a pastor. The offer came as a complete surprise to Rev. Skinner and he has not made reply, but says he hardly sees how he can make the change, as his relations with the church here has been pleasant, and the church and work connected with it has prospered. For this reason we would regret to see him leave Clarendon.

The Canyon City News editor continues to mouth about the college matter, rehashing his same groundless allegations. He will find that when the Association meets it will readily endorse what the College commission did in the matter. Every Baptist should feel gratified that their body was presented with such a gift as the Canadian college building and congratulate the commission for receiving it. And we believe every one who has the good of the church at heart will. Further, we believe, as the locating committee had full plenary powers, it should have confined the place bidding for it to some reasonable, limited time to fulfill its proposal, and if it failed, then to award it to the next bidder, without waiting for the Association to meet, thus delaying the matter a year.

College Clatter.

Newt Locke returned Wednesday from his visit to Miami.

Perry Perdue entered the business department Wednesday.

The entertainment Thursday night by Mr. Packard was very much enjoyed by all.

Messrs. W. M. Cross and S. H. Hunt were visitors at the college Wednesday morning.

The Cestalian Society held its quarterly election of officers Friday and Mary Peebles was elected president.

Build the foundation of life upon truth, and it will withstand any onslaught. Whatever there is of error or falsehood must crumble and decay.

Fort Worth Market.

Top prices Thursday were: steers \$2.00; cows \$2.50; calves \$4.00 hogs \$4.00. Receipts were: cattle 1,600, calves 48, hogs 1,400.

A young man named Bull died at Goodnight a few days ago.

Negotiations are pending looking to the erection of a joint passenger station at Amarillo to replace the Denver depot which burned some time since. Mr. Keeler spent Thursday there.

Coming Again.

Dr. David Rosche, the well known eye specialist will be in Clarendon to Examine eyes and fit glasses Jan. 11, 12 and 13th. Dr. Rosche has been here before and his work is well known. This will be his last visit before going to take charge of the optical work at the St. Louis Fair.

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The government of the United States realized \$21,000, last year, from money taken from "dead letters" for which no owner could be found, and from the sale at auction of unclaimed articles accumulated in this way. Nothing was taken or sold until extraordinary efforts had been made to find the owner. Now had you not better have you some return envelopes printed? No possible chance then for your letter to be lost.

Pay Taxes Now, Or Extra Cost.

Notice is hereby given that all taxes must be paid by Jan. 31, or the law imposes a penalty of ten per cent additional.

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It is claimed that the Santa Fe will build direct from Woodward to Oklahoma City. A survey has been ordered.

"Jerusalem," the "City of Peace," and "stronghold of Zion," is at least 3,800 years old, yet only three years ago did the natives of that part of Palestine begin to use ice. Many of them had never seen it, in fact. A diminutive French plant has been turning out about 700 pounds a day.—Dallas News.

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R. H. GOUGH.

To Pike's Peak By Electricity.

Electricity will soon supplant steam as the motive power on the famous cogroad—Manitou and Pike's Peak. General Manager C. W. Sells has employed a New York engineer, who is at work on a new storage system, which may solve every problem connected with an electric line from Manitou, 7,000 feet above the sea, to the summit of Pike's Peak, 14,143 feet altitude. The inventor has perfected a successful working model. He expects to be able to electrify the road in May or June, this year, in time for the tourist travel. The air on the peak is so charged with natural electricity as to materially interfere with the operation of the trolley cars; hence the experiment with an entirely new system.

For All the Lives.—"Say," began the determined looking man, "I want a good revolver." "Yes, sir," said the salesman, "a six-shooter?" "Why—er—you'd better make it a nine-shooter. I want to use it on a cat next door."

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Gross Negligence At the Iroquois

Investigation by the fire department of the theater fire in Chicago, shows failure to instruct employes in fighting fire, and failure even to provide suitable appliances for the use against flames. Their statements were corroborated by the testimony of twenty employes of the theater, none of whom had ever been told what to do in case of fire.

Noonan, who is the working manager of the theater admitted that eleven of the theater exits were locked and bolted.

The greatest loss of life from the fire was in the first and second balconies where hundreds of people were suffocated through their inability to get out or were trampled to death while trying to do so. Had these three exits in each balcony been available, according to Mr. Fulerson, the loss of life must have been greatly diminished.

Noonan declared that no person had been named by the theater management to superintend the operation of the ventilators in case of fire and that in consequence the flames had been permitted to sweep the place instead of seeking a natural outlet through the stage door. It was said by Noonan that George M. Dusenberry, the head usher; Archibald Bernard, chief electrician, and the theater engineer knew how to operate the ventilators.

It was proven by the evidence of these men, however, that two of them never went up in the stage and that the other had never been told to assume charge of the ventilators in case of fire.

From figures obtained by Noonan it became evident that almost one in three of the people who attended the matinee lost their lives, the percentage being a trifle over 31 per cent. The theater seated 1,606 persons, and in addition to those 236 had been admitted after all seats were sold, making a total of 1,842 people in the theater, of whom 591 were killed.

Manager Noonan declared that the two balconies, including seats and people standing, held 889 people. The total number of fatalities in the fire is to date 591, of whom three were killed on the first floor. This would make, according to Manager Noonan's statement, 588 deaths out of 889 people in the two balconies.

Manager Noonan in his evidence declared that Archibald Bernard, the electrician, was depended upon to operate the skylights and ventilators. Bernard, who followed Noonan in giving evidence, said that he had never been told to look after either the skylights or ventilators and that his post was at the switchboard, where he had several hundred lights to manage. The stage ventilator, which would probably have saved many lives had it been opened, was controlled, he declared, from the side of the stage opposite his post of duty.

Fifteen other witnesses who had worked on the stage declared that they had never received any orders from the management as to what they should do in case of fire. There was never a fire drill in the theater, and none of the stage hands was ever informed as to the location or use of fire appliances or the operation of the ventilators over the auditorium stage.

That the employes in the front of the house were thrown into a panic by the fire was shown by the testimony of all the stage hands examined. Two ushers, each 16 years old, declared that they ran on the first alarm of fire and did not return to the theater until the next day. The stage hands said they all sought safety on hearing that the place was on fire.

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Railroads Not Pushing Passes On Legislators.

According to the Austin reporter of the Fort Worth Record, the members of the legislature are without annual passes on the railroads for 1904. It is stated that the roads have stopped the practice of handing out "annuals" to the lawmakers. This is an off year, but at the same time the solons would like to have them in their inside pocket, as it is outrageous to pay railroad fare after having the use of an "annual" for a whole year.

It is said that members of the legislature can get the annual passes upon written application, but the road will file away all such applications for future reference.

Several lawmakers have already made the required application, and have received the fresh annuals. Others have not, and consequently are up a tree in the premises.

The big lines have put on the brakes and the little ones are likely to follow suit.

Mr. Carnegie gave away, so far as is known, nearly \$26,000,000 in 1903, and that was not quite all of his income, without touching the principal. John D. Rockefeller is reputed to have a larger income than Mr. Carnegie, but Mr. Rockefeller's gifts for the year aggregate \$3,044,597. Henry Phipps has given away during the year \$1,835,000, of which the greater part went to the free hospital for consumptives in Philadelphia. J. Pierpont Morgan gave \$10,000 to the American Archaeological Society in Rome, and Dr. D. K. Pearson gave \$200,000 to five small colleges and \$50,000 to charity. These five men gave about \$31,000,000. There were others who made generous gifts. But no one comes anywhere near Mr. Carnegie, who gave away ninety-six library buildings alone.—Dallas News.

The Gopher Snake.
It has long been a question in our minds as to how the gopher snake caught the gophers on which he lives, but H. C. Heltzer tells how it was done, having witnessed a catch. Mr. Snake coiled his tail over the gopher hole, setting a snare for him. When the gopher had crawled out of the hole sufficiently to permit the snake's tail to be drawn about the body of the gopher the coil was fastened about Mr. Gopher as quick as a flash.
It was gradually drawn tighter and tighter until the gopher fell over dead, the life having been completely squeezed out of him. After the gopher is dead the snake swallows him whole, and it is not an unusual thing to find one of these snakes with a number of gophers in him. The gopher is a great fighter, and if he was not caught in a snare as the one mentioned he would doubtless make a hard fight for life even with a snake.—Tulare Advance.

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