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STATE NEWS.

In a difficulty at Brownwood Thursday evening, Cumby Carnes was shot in the abdomen by Milt Dupree. The latter was jailed.

Constable John McBride was shot and killed at Duval by a Mexican, who in turn, was killed by Constable Lum King while resisting arrest.

Miss Lenora Turner, daughter of E. P. Turner, recently of Dimmit, Texas, was instantly killed at their ranch a few days ago near Odessa by an accidental discharge from a shotgun. Her mother, in handling the gun preparatory to shooting some quails, emptied the entire contents of the gun into the chest of the young lady. She was about 20 years of age and an only child.

The constitutionality of the stock law of 1905, which prohibits stock from running at large was upheld by the supreme court in the case of the Texas and Pacific Railway company vs. P. W. Webb, from Eastland county, which case is affirmed. Webb recovered damages from the road for injuries to a horse, and the railroad attacked the validity of the law on the grounds that its caption contained two subjects. The court held that what is apparently two subjects is merely limitation upon the pre-existing provisions to which it is added.

A Christmas blaze at Wylie started in Dr. Butler's drugstore and resulted in losses as follows: J. F. Butler's drug store and contents, a vacant building belonging to Mrs. Church, the photograph gallery owned by C. M. Wilson, building owned by Mrs. Church; H. A. Watson, tailoring and cleaning room; Corzine & Hefner, restaurant, building owned by Mrs. Williams; the A. G. McAdams Lumber Company office, containing their stock; the Knights of Pythias owned the upper story of this building and it with all its contents was a total loss, as were all the belongings of the I. O. O. F., W. O. W., Modern Woodmen, F. U. of A. The building across the street was filled with baled shucks. The next was filled with hay and caught, but was extinguished before much damage was done. There was little insurance.

The town of Stamford seems to be "going some." They say that \$100,000 has been spent within the past four months in improving the sidewalks, sewerage and waterworks of the city of Stamford. Of this amount \$40,000 has been spent in building concrete sidewalks and curbing, \$30,000 has been spent in paving with vitrified brick, \$5,000 has been spent in rock street crossings and graveling streets, \$5,000 has been spent in grading the streets, \$10,000 has been spent in completing the sewerage system and street improvement has been a decided feature in the city for the past four months, in that length of time about six miles of concrete sidewalks having been built. In addition to this five blocks have been paved with vitrified brick and two more have been contracted for.

The day of the one-gallus farmer has almost passed. The one-gallus farmer cultivated a one-mule farm and usually lived in a one-roomed house located on a thin-soiled farm. The one-gallus farmer cultivated one crop of cotton and had one hog, also one cow and possibly one billy goat. New ideas require, like wine, new receptacles, and the one-gallus farmer was hardly able to follow more than one idea at a time. Farmers do things better today.—Farm and Ranch.

Deep Winter Plowing Pays.

A bulletin of the Oklahoma agricultural college says: Our methods of handling the soil are, in the main, all wrong. Soil properly handled should produce good crops and increase in productivity each year. Instead of this being the case, we find that already farmers are resorting to the use of commercial fertilizers and other expensive means of supplying plant food that was found in abundance in the virgin soil but has since been lost. Shallow plowing and poorly prepared seed beds are the chief causes of this soil deterioration and consequent poor crops. In cases where crop failures are due to the above causes, crop rotation, the use of legums, manure, deep plowing, and proper cultivation are the things that are needed.

Cotton and corn both need a seed bed eight to ten inches deep and the only way to plow that deep and get the ground in proper shape for seeding is to plow it during the winter months when other work is not pressing and when the subsoil is thrown up will have plenty of time to weather. The depth suggested above should be reached gradually by deepening the soil a little each year, but it should be reached as soon as possible, especially on the hard land.

It is a well known fact that the plant roots penetrate deeper and feed deeper in deeply plowed land than in that which has been shallow plowed. Deep soils hold much more moisture than shallow ones and often this extra supply of moisture will carry a crop through a drouth and enable it to mature where a shallow soil would have failed at the critical time.

Winter plowing has several advantages over spring plowing. It enables the farmer to prepare his land for seeding at a time when he and his horses might otherwise be idle and on expense. Thus the heaviest and slowest work of the farm may be gotten out of the way before spring work begins. Cotton and corn stalks, weeds, manure, stubble, etc., may be plowed under early and allowed to rot during the winter. Nothing should be burned that can possibly be turned under in time to permit its decay and incorporation into the soil. The action of frost on plowed land is seldom appreciated by the farmer. The most tenacious clay soil may be made friable and easily worked by allowing even the light frosts of this section to act on it after it is plowed. No amount of cultivation will give the same results and yet but few farmers take advantage of the benefits to be derived from nature in that way. A test of winter plowing on a piece of hard, unproductive clay will convince any man of its value. Our mild, open winters with an abundance of rainfall make winter work easy and pleasant and it is to be hoped that the time will soon come when there will be more of it done.

A good soil has depth, proper texture and a good supply of available plant food, together with sufficient humus to make it capable of holding enough moisture to keep the crops in a thriving condition. Cultivation, if it be properly done, will supply the drainage, air, light and warmth at least to as great an extent as these things may be influenced by man. The water-holding capacity of a soil often governs its productive possibilities and where this is the case, the first consideration should be the means of increasing the water-holding power of the land.

Blessed are those who receive no Christmas presents, for they do not have to give any in return.—New York Press.

Christmas Tragedies.

At Sherman the barn and sheds at Tune's wagon yard on West Houston street, burned, six horses, forty tons of hay and a quantity of corn and oats was consumed. Loss \$3,000, with \$1,000 insurance. The fire is said to have originated from firecrackers. Fire also destroyed two buildings at the end of South Travis street. One of the buildings was occupied by the grocery firm of Walthrop & Roberts. The loss of the stock of groceries is about \$1,500, with \$1,000 insurance. The building belonged to W. P. Gunn. This was a new frame structure and cost \$1,200, which is partially covered by insurance. The building just south of this structure also belonged to Mr. Gunn and was occupied by W. W. Lowe as a residence, with a meat market in the rear. Mr. Lowe had no insurance on his household goods. The fire is said to have originated from the firing of fireworks.

At Ennis Lehman's bakery was nearly burned out. At Denison Walter Hickey, aged 14 years, had a finger on the left hand blown off by the explosion of a cannon cracker.

At Palestine William Bradley, a car inspector for the International & Great Northern, had both legs severed by a switch engine. He was discovered by the engineer lying on the track between the tender and engine and hurried to the hospital where he died shortly afterward.

At Whiteright Cecil Spindle, son of Dr. J. F. Spindle, received a painful injury as the result of a giant firecracker exploding in his right hand.

Osea Martin Adleta, a clerk in the Dallas postoffice, was accidentally shot and badly injured. He was riding in an electric car from Oak Cliff suburb to the postoffice. Someone in the Trinity river bottoms fired a target rifle, the 22 caliber bullet entering the car window.

At Mineola Assistant postmaster John Breen may lose a hand from the explosion of a giant cracker.

At Ft. Worth Will Canack lost his right hand by the explosion of a giant firecracker. He held the cracker in his hand and thought the fuse was extinguished. Will Tramble suffered a similar injury, a giant cracker exploding and mangleing his hand. Christmas robberies and hold-ups continued on a wholesale scale. Over a dozen houses were burglarized while many visitors in the city report pockets picked or robbed at the point of a revolver. John Woods of Mansfield was held up by a thief impersonating a policeman who secured \$85 from him and \$50 from John Baker. The daring make-believe officer held up a large number at the point of a revolver. He was finally arrested but escaped. The police estimate the amount of robberies in two days at \$15,000.

At San Antonio Lemon Puffman, aged 38 years, was wounded in the back. He was shot by an unknown person while with several friends who thought the report of the gun to be the explosion of a firecracker. Joseph Madison, a Dallas man, is suffering of severe burns on the face, neck and hands. His clothing caught while acting as Santa Claus at the home of his brother, Richard. A candle ignited his furry sleeve and beard.

At McKinney the residence of M. L. Phillips was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$2,000. Several had narrow escapes as the flames spread so rapidly.

The postoffice at Brandon, Tex., was robbed Christmas Eve, a mail pouch was stolen at Litcher, La., the Knickerbocker, Tex., office was

robbed, and the office at Lusa, La., burned and probably was pilfered.

At Waco Katherine, aged 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hickerson, was burned, probably fatally. The little girl was playing on the lawn and dry grass blazed up, setting fire to her clothing.

At Mt. Pleasant fire damaged about seventy-five bales of cotton. The loss is about \$1,500, fully insured. The blaze is believed to have been started by Roman candles.

At Purden fire started in a general merchandise store belonging to Mitchell & Co., and is supposed to have been started by a spark from fireworks. The fire then spread to the grocery store of Neely & Bills. Both stores with their contents were consumed and the store of J. H. Farrell was damaged to the extent of about \$500. Mitchell & Co's loss is estimated at \$5,000 and Neely & Bills' at \$4,000.

Governor Threatened. Austin, Dec. 26.—Unsigned and threatening letters have reached the governor during the past several days, some of them coming from San Antonio. When questioned concerning these anonymous missives the governor merely smiled and declared that he had no time to bother with such communications.

It is said that these letters had something to do with the action of the governor in the enforcement of the Sunday law. The governor did not care to give out any of these communications but he is paying no attention to them.

That Sheep Contest. G. Howard Davison of Millbrook New York and Henry L. Wardwell of Springfield Center, New York, both wealthy business men of New York city and both breeders of Shropshire sheep, have arranged to settle their pure blood feud at the National Stock Show in Denver, January 18th. Mr. Davison has been breeding Shropshire sheep for a number of years and is generally conceded to be the best Shropshire breeder in America. Indeed it is generally agreed that by constructive breeding he has established the American Type of Shropshire, which is thought by many to be superior in type to the English breed from which it originated.

Mr. Davison is a wealthy business man and sheep breeding is a fad with him. So enthusiastic was he that several years ago he succeeded in arousing some enthusiasm in his friend Henry L. Wardwell, the prominent Wall street broker. Mr. Wardwell purchased a small flock from Mr. Davison and then started in to beat Mr. Davison at his own game. Whether or not he has succeeded, will be determined by competent judges at the Denver show January 18th-23rd. Shepherds all over the country are intensely interested and while Davison and Wardwell are both personal friends, both are anxious to win. Mr. George Allen, the veteran breeder of Nebraska has been selected to judge the two flocks.

Only a few years ago white paper was perhaps the cheapest article manufactured. Not so now, for paper has doubled in cost in the last half decade. Still the publishers, many of them, are supplying good weeklies at one dollar per year. The wise newspaper man advances his subscription price in keeping with the increase in cost of paper.—Western Publisher.

Suspicion, Not Surprise. Mrs. Gramercy—She must have been surprised when her husband gave such an expensive present for Christmas.

Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

Dallasites Not Pleased With a Christmas Pardon.

A full pardon for a life convict who four times escaped death by a margin of minutes, once at the hands of a mob, is the Christmas present given by Gov. Campbell to F. P. Miller after serving 16 years in the penitentiary. In Dallas, where Miller's crime was committed, and where he so narrowly escaped mob violence, the governor's act has aroused great indignation. Miller killed Policeman W. H. Riddle, while resisting arrest. A mob organized, seized Miller and was dragging him, with a rope about his neck to a lamp post, when officers rescued him. Later the mob tried to storm the jail, but was driven off. A jury gave Miller the death penalty, but three times he was granted reprieves on the day set for execution. In 1896 Gov. Culberson commuted his sentence to life imprisonment.

Pat Puffworth of Ft. Worth who made a trip up this way last week says: "All kinds of live stock are doing fine and at very satisfactory prices. A lot of steers from the Canadian River country, north of Amarillo, were lately sold and weighed at 4c a pound at Amarillo, weighing about 1,050 pounds. A great many coming 4-year-old steers have been sold for spring delivery at from \$38 to \$40 per head. A. P. Mitchell sold his coming 4 year-old steers, for spring delivery, from the Canadian river country, at \$40 per head. All kinds of cattle are being sold for present and spring delivery at what is considered very satisfactory prices to the seller, and there seems to be an unprecedented demand for all kinds of cattle at what are considered high prices. In several instances people have refused to contract to sell their steers for spring delivery at 5c a pound."

Will Maupin, editor of the Wage Worker, of Lincoln, Neb., and an editorial writer on the Commoner, has been appointed deputy labor commissioner by Gov. elect Shallenberger. Mr. Maupin has been a newspaper man for more than 25 years and stands well with the press fraternity, as he does with the organized labor that pushed him to the front in this political pickup.

England is face to face with the most serious condition of unemployment in its history and, unless relief is provided on an unprecedented scale during the coming winter, bread riots may be expected in many of the largest and most populous cities.

Thomas Sullivan, at one time editor and part owner of the Ram's Horn, who for the last few years has been janitor of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Tacoma, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Willamette River near Salem, Ore.

The Supreme court yesterday ousted the Standard Oil company from the state, and imposed fines amounting to \$150,000. It will be recalled that during the campaign the democratic orators taunted Mr. Hadley with his inability to force the oil cases to a final and successful conclusion.—Kansas City Star.

Railway rates affect all people of all occupations, but the man who raises his own living on his own farm is in the best position to disregard high traffic agreements.—Farm and Ranch.

Often hens get to egg eating, and if they do, you might about as well send them to the block, for the habit is hard to break. You can cut the ends of their bills off, and while they are sore, and until they get well again, try feeding the hens

Traffic of the Denver

Levels of the range in ownership. Denver statement that last November was the biggest month in the history of movement in the history of the time and further than this October was the second biggest in the history of the range. The results cannot be attributed to abnormal conditions, to chance or accident. They follow the natural order of things. See for this business can be traced to the solid trainloads of immigrant outfits that for the last two years have been moving in almost solid phalanx over the line of least resistance to the Rockies.

Exploit State's Resources.

North, Texas December 22.—The Bourne Board of Trade at meeting passed a resolution requesting the 31st legislature to appropriate \$100,000 to exploit the resources of the state. This resolution was referred to the state association and has met with the approval of the state organization.

It is the custom of most states to make such appropriations but the constitution has been construed as preventing such action on the part of the legislature although appropriations have been made for different other purposes. It is possible the agricultural department can be strengthened to a point where it can be assisted in gathering data and collecting exhibits for fairs and will be along this line that the effort will be made.

Million in Live Stock.

Estimated that the live stock exhibited at the Denver show, December 23rd, will represent a value of over a million dollars. There will be many single animals worth from \$5,000 to \$8,000 each, if indeed they could be purchased, while there will be hundreds worth of \$1,000 each. These cattle, sheep and horses will represent the different breeds and the best of the big show will be an education to the farmer or stockman who desires to know what is the highest type produced in the various classes of animals. As a business proposition, no farmer or stockman can afford to stay away.

Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, suicided by inhaling illuminating gas at his home in New York Thursday. Burnham was under indictment in connection with the life insurance scandal. A month ago the receivers for the Mutual Reserve filed suit to recover \$250,000 alleged to have been misappropriated from the company. It is believed this caused the suicide. Five indictments were pending, three for forgery and two for grand larceny.

Claus Spreckels, multi-millionaire sugar magnate, died of pneumonia in San Francisco Saturday, only being ill since Tuesday. Spreckels was born in Landstadt, Hanover, in 1828 and came to this country in 1846. He was first employed in South Carolina and later in New York. He moved here in 1863 and started the Bay sugar refinery. Through his invention of new refining processes he built up his fortune.

A North Missouri editor courted emuses with the following result: The wind bloweth, the water floweth, the farmer sooth, the subscriber the Lord knoweth that the emuses will be here in a few days. So

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Good bye, 1908, step out and for a better and more prosperous new year.

The Manitoba government has cut telephone rates fifty per cent. The government owns the system.

The railroad commission has changed the date on which the baggage rules of the commission become effective from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1.

The chain of evidence is rapidly being twined about a coterie of bribe givers and bribe takers in the Pittsburg, Pa., council graft scandal. With the co-operation of the federal government in the investigation, sensations are expected.

The high price of eggs causes an Oklahoma editor to get off the following: "The writer noticed several men lately with egg on their faces shortly after the morning meal. Since eggs are forty cents a dozen, it probably is considered good form to wear egg on the face."

A potato peeler has been installed in the kitchen of the Maryland School for the deaf at Fredrick which is operated by steam and peels a peck of potatoes in a minute, says the Middletown Register. This is quite a change since "The boy stood on the burning deck peeling potatoes by the peck."

It is announced that J. Pierpont Morgan has just "made" \$300,000 in a very simple way, the same being brought out on the witness stand. He bought New York City bonds for \$30,000,000, and then induced the city to reposit the money in his own bank. Before the money was used by the city he made 300,000 in interest on it.

In nearly all of the Protestant churches of Dallas Sunday sermons were preached against race track gambling and petitions circulated for signatures, asking the governor and the state legislature to provide for suppression of betting of any character on horse races in Texas. Several thousand names were placed on the petitions; the congregation at the First Baptist church alone, it was stated furnished 500 names.

We were standing on a corner a few days ago in conversation with a bill collector when a fellow passed, and as he did the collector remarked: "There goes a fellow who owes so many bills that he is compelled to leave town on the first of each month to avoid the collectors." Speaking further, he said: "That man is honest, but he has a large family and his salary here is not sufficient to feed and clothe them, and consequently he owes everybody." Upon inquiry we found that he had several children almost grown, growing up in idleness, and we thought what a pity that man could not give up the thought of town and settle on a farm, where he could find contentment.—West Times.

He probably would be no better off on a farm. A man that allows his children to idle around in town would probably do so on the farm. It is too often the case that one or the other of the parents thinks the children to good to work, or have the mistaken idea that it is a great hardship for them to labor, and in later years they see these same children failures in everything they undertake and with less regard for their parents than have those who have been kept hard at work all their lives.

Since the agitation of the pure food question, storage eggs are coming under a ban and in many of the states it will soon be that storage eggs must be so labeled. The storing of eggs in summer is a good thing for summer prices, because it serves to equalize them and eggs will always be stored in summer for the winter supply, but they will have to be sold as such.—Ex.

No trouble to show goods and help you make selections at Stocking's store.

Liberty Cremated in Effigy by Beer-Guzzlers.

New Braunfels, Texas, Dec. 27.—Liberty and freedom were cremated in effigy when the lid went down in New Braunfels today. The closing up of the town for the first time in 63 years was made the occasion of a novel but spectacular demonstration on the part of the populace. A funeral procession of over 1,000 persons formed on West San Antonio street at 4 o'clock and preceded by a band of 25 pieces and a coffin containing figures of "liberty and freedom," proceeded through the principal streets of the city and came to an end at the music pavilion, where with much pomp and ceremony the effigies were cremated. The funeral march was a new musical composition entitled "The Baskin-McGregor Waltz," and is pronounced by musical critics to be a gem in its way. In the parade were carried the two democratic banners presented to Comal county in 1858 and 1887 as the banner democratic county of the state. On either side of the coffin was carried a banner, flaunting the inscription: "We close of our own accord and not by force."

The funeral oration was delivered by L. H. Blevens, an attorney.

Lid On at Santone.

San Antonio, Dec. 27.—One lone violation of the Baskin-McGregor law was found in an inspection of the entire city by Sheriff B. D. Lindsey and his force of deputies today. Even this was not a case of open defiance of the law, such as has heretofore prevailed, but consisted of what is termed back door evasion, that is, patrons who could be trusted were admitted through the rear entrance to the saloon.

Sheriff Lindsey says he secured evidence which may lead to a conviction, and he will file a complaint against the proprietor of the place tomorrow, charging him with violating the liquor law. Sheriff Lindsey and his deputies were out throughout the day and visited every saloon in the city. It is the belief of Sheriff Lindsey that San Antonio is free of gambling. He announces his intention to strictly enforce the law with regard to both these evils in the future.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 27.—The second dry Sunday was in evidence in Laredo today, which found every saloon in the city closed up tight and fast.

Galveston Police Vigilant.

Galveston, Dec. 22.—The Sunday lid in Galveston was pried open for just a few minutes Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock by six of the moving picture shows and none of the poolrooms that by concerted action opened for business, but the lid came down quick and hard, and when the citizens again looked they observed Chief of Police Perret sitting on it with all his weight.

The proprietors of the amusement resorts, with the operators who turned the moving picture machines, were taken to police headquarters, and there made bond to appear in the corporation court.

The Sunday closing law was observed all day until 5 o'clock, and those who wanted a drink, a cigar, a bag of apples or a shine did without.

Blazing Auto Turns Three Somersaults.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—One of the most spectacular accidents ever occurring in an American automobile race happened at Ascot park yesterday when the tire of a racer broke on a curve while Gus Seyfried of San Francisco was driving it at more than a mile a minute. The car, a blazing mass of flames, turned three complete somersaults in the air and landed a broken wreck in the center of the track. Seyfried was thrown out with terrific force, but clear of his machine, suffering only minor cuts and bruises.

The principal racing feature of the day was the winning of a twenty-five-mile event by G. Soules in the world's record for stock cars in the fast time of 25 minutes 36 2-5 seconds.

Tragedies Out of Texas.

Elsewhere we give a long list of Christmas tragedies in Texas, but not all, by any means. But the proportion was as great in other states.

In Philadelphia a 10-months old baby was killed during a fight between the parents.

At Fry, Ga., Mrs. Scott Pardon was shot and killed while trying to separate her son and her husband, stepfather of the son, who were in a fight.

At Louisville, Mo., George Rider was stabbed by Edgar Parrish in a fight in the Christian church. He staggered to the Christmas tree and fell at the foot of "Santa Claus," dead.

At Detroit, Mich., Leo Wagner died in a hospital of burns received while playing Santa Claus at a family reunion. Clad in gay Santa Claus costume which was set off by a great bunch of cotton whiskers, Wagner was leading the merriment when suddenly the cotton whiskers caught fire. The flames spread with lightning-like rapidity and he was fatally burned before they could be extinguished.

At Quitman, Ga., because he did not have money enough to provide the usual Christmas for his children, C. H. Easters, a farmer, committed suicide by shooting.

In Chicago, opposing factions in the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox church became so belligerent before services that it required the presence of a squad of police to clear the building. Revolvers and knives were carried by members of the congregation who styled themselves "rebels" and after they had gained possession of the church they denied admission to the "regulars" who arrived under the leadership of Rev. A. Mandelares, the pastor. Seven arrests were made after the "rebel" forces had resisted the police.

At Eldorado, Ark., C. W. Mas-singale, aged 50 years, of Valentine, Neb., who had been there for about two months, was robbed of about \$200 and killed. His body was found near the school building, Lee I. Combs, a farmer was arrested in connection with the killing.

The Son of Quannah Parker the Husband of a White Girl.

Lawton, Ok., Dec. 25.—Chief Quannah Parker's son, Quannah Parker, jr., a Comanche Carlisle graduate of high education, was married to Miss Laura Clarke, a graduate of the Lawton high school last year and the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Clarke, an Indian missionary. This is the first time in this section that an Indian man has been married to a white girl. The bride and groom have their temporary home with the old chief at his mountain mansion near Cache, in the foothills of the Wich- itas.

With the Panhandle settled in a manner proportionate with the possibilities of that section there is every reason to believe that the Denver will prove to be the heaviest revenue producer of all Texas lines. It is just as natural for the products raised in the Panhandle to gravitate gulfward as it is for water to run down hill. The development of the Panhandle is in its veriest infancy. The Trumbull regime has been too engrossed in building up its physical property to pay the attention deserved to developing the tonnage possibilities of the Panhandle. Under the guidance of J. J. Hill, and especially since the physical properties of the Denver have been placed in a high state of excellence, it is more than probable that the energies of his immense organization of experienced workers will be directed toward settling the Panhandle in a manner that is absolutely without precedent in the south or southwest.—Ft. Worth Record.

B. F. Armstrong, an aged citizen of the Groom community, taken to Amarillo a few days ago for treatment, died there Sunday morning. The remains were shipped to Jolly, Texas, for burial.

School shoes that wear at Rath-jen's Shoe Store.

STATE NEWS.

At Gainesville Sunday night the residence and contents, of Charles Paul were burned. The family was away from home.

A man who gave his name as O. S. Forsythe ended his life in Ft. Worth Monday by beating his head with a large stone. He inflicted several serious wounds before passersby were able to interfere.

C. E. Wilburn, aged 42, formerly a deputy sheriff accidentally killed himself Monday in Paris while cleaning a revolver. He had removed four shells, one was left when the trigger was jerked in some unaccountable way and the bullet pierced his heart.

It is reported now that James J. Hill and B. F. Yoakum have a gigantic colonization scheme on foot in South Texas. Seven million acres of land along the gulf coast are to be apportioned into farms for settlers, who are to come from the east and north. The land is valued at \$75,000,000.

Curt Wilburn, deputy sheriff, shot himself through the heart with a revolver at Paris Monday, dying instantly. He had been a deputy sheriff for the past four years and had resigned, his resignation to take effect Jan. 1. It is claimed that the shooting was accidental. There were no witnesses.

At Roby Christmas night the two-story frame building occupied by Walker Bros. with a stock of drugs burned. The fire soon spread to the livery stable adjacent, occupied by J. F. Ragland. Both buildings burned. Walker Bros. lost their entire stock, including their books and contents of their safe, valued at \$5,000, with \$3,000 insurance. The building belonged to C. A. Conaster, valued at about \$1,500, with \$800 insurance. The horses and vehicles belonging to the livery stable were saved, but all the feed and most of the harness were burned, amounting to \$300, with no insurance. The building belonged to J. F. Davis, valued at \$2,000, no insurance.

The jury in the case of Beach Hargis in Kentucky, charged with the murder of his father, Judge James Hargis, reported its inability Saturday to agree and was discharged. The jury stood nine for acquittal and three for conviction.

THE STARD

A star arose o'er Bethlehem, and many caused to weep
 The wondrous light flood hid his face to men of mystery
 The shepherds loved their heads in prayer the wicked stooped to pray
 For, grace and pity on their souls, the angels came Christmas Day.

A star arose o'er Bethlehem, each rock and hill and tree
 Sworn those in walled Jerusalem, and he of ease
 could see
 The purple shroud upon the hills, the blood of love and stern
 All this they saw with wondering eyes, nor knew it was for doom.

A star arose o'er Bethlehem, O East and Frank and bound!
 There is a promise in the words, the words of sound
 O turn thy face towards Bethlehem, with its lovely manger, see,
 And know the star o'er Bethlehem, is now the star for thee!

—RUTH STERRY

Christmas Giving.
 The one feature of Christmastide that cannot be overdone is the giving of comfort to the needy. Sometimes it appears that the custom of exchanging gifts has its questionable side, in the increasing demands upon slender purses and the cultivation of a spirit of mendacity in servants. These matters, however, regulate themselves, and probably little harm is done by the swelling of the spirit of generosity at this holy time. But the relief of the poor and unfortunate is a blessed work that can never work injury to him who gives.

A Question in Finance.
 "Are you good at arithmetic, my dear?" asked Mr. Perkaskie of his wife. "I was accounted the very best arithmetician at school," replied Mrs. Perkaskie, with a touch of pride in her voice. "I have a problem for you." "State it." "How can I buy \$50 worth of Christmas presents with \$10 in cash and no credit?"

Reduction SALE!

Owing to having to move, we are making
A 10 Per Cent
 on Shoes, Hats, Hosiery, Etc. Can and see the Good Quality and Low price of these goods.

We still carry in stock the Celebrated
White Falcon Flour
 The BEST FLOUR on the MARKET.
 GIVE IT A TRIAL.
 Grocery stock is Fresh and Complete
BRYAN & LAND CO.

Millinery and Dry Goods

I have put on a CLOSING OUT Sale on Dry Goods, Ladies Furnishings, Notions, etc.; also making very Low prices on some millinery. Come see what you can do before buying. Leave your orders for the New Boston Hygienic Corset, which will please you.
 Miss Porter has some furnished rooms to let.

MISS SARAH PORTER hon 15

Dorothy Dodd

Smart Boots
 \$4 - \$3.50 - \$3

EVERYWHERE "Dorothy Dodd" Boots are noted for their smart style. But that is not all. The new "Dorothy Dodd" styles are the best money's worth of shoes we have ever seen at their prices. We only ask you to see them. For to see them is to want a pair. Many smart new styles now on sale.

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FIRE WORKS PROHIBITED

The City Council desires that all shall know that it is unlawful and punishable by a Fine of **One Hundred Dollars** to explode any fire works within the City limits of Clarendon. We have had enough fires in this City, having had seven in as many months. Therefore all citizens are requested to report any violations of the fire works Ordinance so the guilty parties may be punished. This law will be Rigidly enforced.