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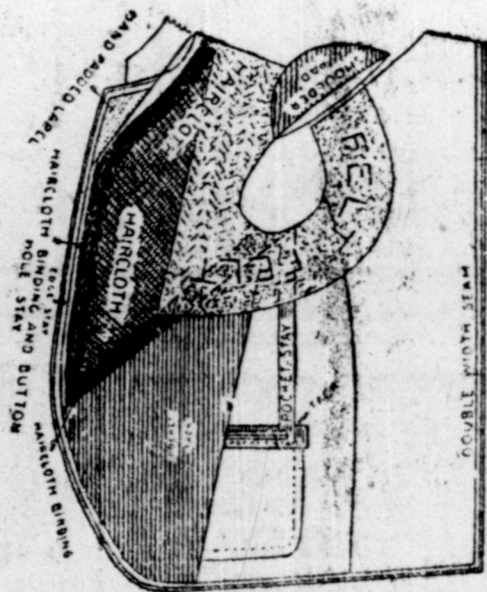
**DRY GOODS
AND GROCERIES.**

Full Line of Hardware, Glassware, Lumber.

**MEN'S AND
BOYS' CLOTHING.**

A Little of Everything

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PLAN
FOR BUILDING
"CRITERION"
COATS.

About Advertising.

There are as many ardent advertising enthusiasts as there are advertising pessimists. Certainly there are hosts of the best and most conservative business men in the country who can at least partly attribute their phenomenal success in financial circles to advertising. And there are others who have met with financial failure partly because they were not judicious in placing their advertisements. Like many good things, advertising has its advantages and a few disadvantages. Advertising is really a fine art. Those skilled at it have reaped enormous returns. A firm that has a good ad writer is usually the one that is doing the most profitable business. A firm that condemns advertising as a useless venture is oftentimes the poor, little, narrow, 2x4 merchant that is barely seeking out a scanty existence.

Advertising is necessary. The merchant who writes a good ad and places it in good medium

is the one that makes his business grow year by year. The little fellow who, because he is unable to insert big advertisements in the best mediums refuses to engage in advertising at all seldom does a good business. Of course, some business men require more advertising than others. But certainly it were foolish to argue that because this is true, your business need no advertising whatever. If a firm has anything whatever to sell it is reasonable to assume that there is a buyer somewhere. Advertising brings together the buyer and the seller. It doesn't make the goods one bit better, but it is the means of selling them. When all is said and done and the advertising is over with, then the goods must show for what they are, but advertising is usually the first requisite.

As we write this, we recall hundreds and hundreds of instances where merchants have gratefully testified to the merits of advertising. A large whole

sale house in Atlanta, Georgia, established in 1822, earned enormous profits for thirty years. New competitors entered the field and advertised. The management of the old established house refused to follow suit, although the firm was worth half a million dollars. Year by year the same salesmen travelled the same territory with reliable goods, and year by year the profit and loss account of the old house grew smaller and smaller. The new competitors were selling the same reliable goods and were advertising at the same time. New territory was reached every few months. The old established house during the late nineties was running at a big loss and closed its doors, selling out to one of new competitors who today has an enormous business and is reaping lucrative returns. The management of the old wholesale house remained idle for a year and then re-entered business, this time putting aside a fixed sum for advertising with the Atlanta Constitution, the Atlanta Journal, the Atlanta Daily News and other substantial mediums. The new house, established only a few years since, is now doing an excellent business and is earning thousands of dollars every year.

Let us cite another instance. An advertising solicitor for the Houston Chronicle approached a Houston merchant less than a year ago with a plea to advertise. The ad man was invited out by the pessimist. The ad man came back, renewed his "attacks" and finally the merchant decided to test advertising. Although the merchant has been in business for a dozen years, his profits were small. This year he reports an excellent increase in business. This

same merchant will now testify that in one single instance \$1.25 worth of advertising sold him three car loads of goods.

A Brownwood advertiser told us the other day that \$200 worth of advertising had earned him approximately \$700 the first year.

A Concho county cattleman told us a few days since that \$7.50 worth of advertising had already made him several hundred dollars.

We could cite hundreds of such instances.

In the words of John Wannamaker, the expert advertiser: Advertising doesn't jerk, but pulls. The pull is gentle at first but increases day by day and year by year until it exerts an irresistible influence.

The man who refuses to advertise is as poor a manager as the man who advertises too profusely. A small ad is oftentimes the means of bringing about a big transaction.

And if advertising were not a legitimate, substantial and necessary requisite to good business, certainly there could not be in existence so many big newspapers throughout the United States. The success of all these periodicals depend upon the patronage of their advertisers.

The local paper is the paper that local merchant should use as his advertising medium. It reaches the old customer of that merchant as well as the prospective patrons.

The advertising space of a newspaper is established at a heavy expense. It is all the publisher has to sell. When the ad man approaches you he simply soliciting an order for his employer's goods at a small margin of profit. He can no more afford to "butcher" rates

than the drummer who staple goods at business prices.

Local advertising is more than compensating. It's an opportunity for the large and small business alike. A good ad in a good medium is a golden investment—San Angelo Standard.

If you go to prayer-meeting; if you do not go regularly to preaching services, especially to "the evening service," if you do not go to Sunday-school, and yet you should say, "I like our pastor," you have a poor way of showing it. When he resigns and says "I am going away to leave you for want of support in the work," you will be to blame. We tell you this now, so that you may mend your ways, and amount to something in your place. Did you catch that?—The Baptist.

There is an immense amount of traffic on the Carrizo Spring road now, more than ever before and in a few months there will be another onion crop to be moved. Commissioner Wildenthal has been giving this road his particular attention and is getting it in good shape. On account of the heavy sand all the way to the county line it would require an immense amount of money to put this road in the condition we would like to see it, but a great improvement has been made at a reasonable expenditure, and the road is in better condition now than ever before. A great volume of business comes from Dimmit county and if we expect to handle and hold this business it is necessary to give people good roads to travel over.—Cotulla Record.

Read the News.

Del Rio National Bank

Del Rio Texas

Capital : 50,000.00

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The People of Brackett and Kinney County are especially invited to make their deposits with us and do their business through our Bank. A large quantity of out stock is held by Kinney county people, and we would appreciate the business of that territory.

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L. J. DODSON,

Cashier

C. F. ODELL,

Vice President.

W. W. FREEMAN,

Asst. Cashier.

DIRECTORS:

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J. L. Barnes.

Joseph Hymans.

James McLymont.

C. W. Odell.

J. G. Griner.

Wm. R. PARTRICK'S DRUG STORE

Holiday Goods now open for inspection. The finest lot of Imported Goods, Novelties of all kinds. Toys of every description, Chinaware, Fine Stationery, Christmas Cards and presents. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

Prices to Suit the Times



In the galaxy of grocery-store liars, "Hez" Davis easily occupied the soap-box throne. He was a sort of living refutation of the claim that truth is mighty and will prevail. In fact, Hezekiah Davis was a most marvelous and conscientious prevaricator. None believed him capable of telling the truth, hence no one expected him to speak aught but falsehood—except on one occasion, and even then repentance followed quickly.

So gracefully, tenaciously and piously did "Hez" Davis lie, that away back in the nebulous state of Time, he had been dubbed "Lying Deacon Davis." The "Deacon" portion of the appellation was applied because of his strict attendance upon church services; and the wonderful religious lies associated with his ecclesiastical wool-gatherings of a night, when Morpheus and Melphisto were playing him tricks and fashioning for his imaginings strange visions, were little short of miracles as related to a news-famished community next morning.

Then, too, "Hez" occasionally acted as grave digger for the village dead; this, and lying, being about as much as one able-bodied man in a quiet rural community could be expected to attend to well.

But, after a time, as "Hez's" lying became more chronic, and his grave digging less pronounced, the "Deacon" joint in the cognomen of his name was dropped, and he approached the sunset of life with the short and undesirable significance of "Lying Davis."

As such was he known on a blustering, winter night two days before Christmas, 1902, as he shambled into the "Corner Grocery" and took his accustomed place among the members of the town "Strategy Board."

The accustomed grin of quasi-expectancy, tinged with a curl of disdain in which pity and jealousy were strangely mingled, greeted his entry into the hars circle about the cavernous stove that glowed and flushed, as if fretting and blushing for the outrageous falsehoods that nightly held their rampant sway about its metal sides.

As he adjusted his coat tails carefully behind the soap box on which he sat, "Hez" surveyed the group critically.

"Got a spade I kin borrow to-morrow mornin', Bill," addressing Compton, the grocer. "I broke th' handle of mine yistaday pryin' up a hoss-radish root."

"Goin' inter gardenin'?" inquired Alf Flakin, slyly nudging Hank Somers alongside him on a sugar barrel.

"Cain't be ye've had no revelations o' late, Hez. Are ye goin' t' turn farmer fer a livin' and give up lyin'?" interjected Roger Craig, taking a lib-

meekly toward the soft-pine floor and sighed.

"Taint no time t' laugh an' he gay with one o' our best country residents dead o' heart disease!"

He paused in solemn mien, his head low, his hands clasped between his knees.

Wary glances were exchanged between the strategists. None cared to make the sally.

"Died an hour ago. Snuffed out like the candle in a draught. Fell dead upon the milk-house floor," resumed "Hez" sadly, softly, much affected.

"Who's dead?" blurted Andrew Shrader, aiming for a knot-hole in the floor with a kernel of corn and missing it. "Who's dead?"

"Lying Davis" took a long, deep breath, and looking up suddenly, demanded:

"What's th' matter with you fellers? Don't ye know that Hiram Squires is no more? It aint no subject fer jokin' er stringin'; ye know he's dead as well as I do—and a mighty sad Christmas it'll be fer his poor wife and children, left with a big farm on their hands and none on 'em able t' take keer of it."

"You don't mean to say that Hiram Squires is dead, 'Hez'?" interrupted Horace Grant, editor of the Weekly Clarion, who had entered at this juncture to get the copy for a Christmas advertisement of the "Corner Grocery."

"Died less'n an hour ago," replied the indomitable Davis, illy concealing the gratification he felt at being interviewed by the intellectual head of the leading village paper.

"Want feelin' well fer a day or two, although I do believe he was in town yistaday—want he Compton?" turning questioningly toward the grocer who was busily engaged in tying up a 50-cent package of light brown sugar for a customer.

"Hiram Squires? Yes, he was in early yesterday morning. Came to town with a load of hogs. Stopped here on his way back from the depot to buy a calico dress for Mandy. Must a bin mighty sudden."

"So I heard," acquiesced "Lying Davis," surreptitiously reaching for a silver from the tail of a cod-fish that protruded from a near-by box. "He want feelin' overly scrumptious though fer a week. I heard his darter say so as I cum by there jest now from 'spearin' up in Dry Run. Been complainin' of a pain in his appendix and had a cold sweat an' a bad dream t'other night that wan't particularly gratifyin' fer a man o' his calibre. T'day he was standin' by the milk-house churn, stoopin' over like, fixin' the crank er something—and all to onct he uttered a faint groan and fell right where he

lay after terrormer from the house—2 o'clock."

Armed with the spade, "Lying Davis" shuffled out of the grocery, followed by the editor bent upon learning more of the details for his paper, already being "made up" by the foreman that an early start might be secured for press day.

The Weekly Clarion was in the post-office by 10 next morning, and sincere was the mourning for Hiram Squires. The merchants, possessed of that human sympathy always uppermost in a rural community, laid aside their business prejudices and decided to attend the funeral in a body. Despite the fact that the evening of the day of the funeral was Christmas Eve and many trinkets for the Christmas trees in the churches and homes were still unpurchased, they set out dutifully toward the home of the deceased, six miles west on the Pike road. There were something more than a dozen vehicles

urged the horses on over the last mile of the wind-swept way. Slowly they turned in at the side road that led to the farm home, Editor Grant and family in the lead. One by one they reined their horses into the farmyard and stopped.

The editor was preparing to leap to the ground and Grocer Compton had thrown the robes over the dash-board to liberate his legs, when there arose from behind the barn a series of blaring yells:

"Hi there! Gol durn yer blankety blank picture, git inside that pen, will ye? Whoop! Here, you gol darn ignoramus, what th' great horn spoons be ve a doin' there? Spot! Here, Spot, sic 'em! Take 'em! Hi! Hi! Soocy!" Suddenly there burst into view from around the barn a contrary hog, dashing at full speed for the open, followed by a Scotch collie dog—and—yes it was!—it was—Hiram Squires himself!



"Gol durn yer blankety blank picture!"

in all and the procession was a solemn one.

As they rode along through the crunching snow, facing a biting December wind, they spoke softly of the virtues of Hiram Squires. Even his one gross fault, an habitual use of qualifying adjectives, frequently significant of blasphemy, was forgotten. He was a good man and God rest him! This was the sentiment of brotherly expression voiced by those who had known him best.

Nearer and nearer they drew to the snug farm residence where grief, like Niobe, all tears, was domiciled, and where the Black Camel of Death knelt at the gate in mute distress! Meanwhile Boreas and Jack Frost were ripping and biting at the noses and the toes of the mourners as they

His face was red with exertion and rage, one mitten was gone and he breathed hard as he swung into full pursuit behind the barking dog!

Then, his eye caught, the group of open-mouthed spectators, the sleighs and the steaming horses!

"Wal, by hickry," he shouted, catching at his breath, "what be all you fellers doin' here?"

There was a deep and eloquent silence for a brief interim, during which Editor Horace Grant looked sheepishly into the eyes of Grocer Compton. Grocer Compton shifted his gaze toward the pure, white snow and kept his peace.

"I reckon we'd best go back t' town and ask 'Lying Davis,'" said Henry Somers, clambering into his vehicle "Gidap!"



Christmas in Mexico.

That Mexico is strictly a festal nation is attested by the fact that she has more feast days than calendar days, says a writer in the Ledger Monthly. A celebration that consumes two weeks of these feast days is the observance of Christmastide—semi-religious celebrations that begin upon December 17th.

The bustle and confusion down in the plazas and out in the numerous booths and stalls that have sprung up, seemingly by magic, are almost deafening with the voices of persons engaged in Christmas shopping.

And not only the cities, but insignificant "pueblos" whose inhabitants are too poor to hie themselves to larger places make grand preparations for the throngs that are sure to fill their streets just before Christmastide. And what a heterogeneous humanity swarms at the various booths, like so many bees around a hive!

Spent Christmas With John Doe.

A story written by Dickens while he was editor of All the Year Round is comparatively unknown. It is called "Christmas in the Company of John Doe." He says:

"It was Christmas eve, and I—my name is Prupper—was taking my walk abroad. I walked through the crowded Strand, elate, hilarious, benignant, for the feast was prepared and the guests were bidden. Such a turkey I had ordered! Not the prize one with the ribbons—I mistrusted that—but a plump, tender, white breasted bird—a king of turkeys. It was to be broiled with oyster sauce, and the rest of the dinner was to consist of that noble sirloin of roast beef and that immortal cod's head and shoulders! I had bought the materials for the pudding, too, some half-hour pre-

viously; the plums and the currants, the citron and the malspice, the flour and the eggs. I was happy."

But just then a minion of the law laid his hand on Prupper's shoulder and hustled him off to the jail because he had, in the excitement of getting his Christmas materials together, forgotten to obey a summons to attend at court. Thus he spent his Christmas in the company of John Doe.

Santa Claus a Modern Invention.

Of all Christmas customs the best known is also the most recent. Santa Claus is a modern improvement. St. Nicholas, it is not to be denied, is a fairly hoary figure, and he has long been known as the patron saint of children. Just why is not clear. Practically nothing is known of the good saint except that he died archbishop of Myra in the fourth century. There are one or two legends connecting him with a love and compassion for young people, but there are also legends which cause him to be associated with sailors. He is also claimed as a patron by brigands on account of an adventure which he is said to have had with a band of freebooters. Lastly, he is claimed by the profession of pawnbrokers, and it is a fact that he is usually represented in a medieval art with three golden balls in one outstretched hand. A century or two ago there was a custom in Germany for all the parents in a town or village to send the presents they designed for their children to one chosen individual, who called at each house clad in a motley robe, a mask and a huge flaxen wig. Knocking on the door he called in a loud voice for all the good children to appear and receive the gifts.

Goodwill to Men



Sing a song of Christmas,
Of holly, pine, and fir,
Of gold and gems for tribute,
Of fragrant spice and myrrh.

Sing a song of Christmas,
Of angels bringing mirth,
And Heaven sending blessings
To this old weary earth.

Sing a song of Christmas,
Of love this happy morn,
For lo! in old Judea
Our blessed Lord is born.

Sing a song of Christmas,
Of Mother Mary sweet,
And shepherds bowing lowly
At the Christ-Child's little feet.



Jack Tar is notoriously a "merry soul," whether afloat or on shore; but once a year he lays himself out to eclipse even himself, and that is on Christmas day. It matters nothing where he may find himself—dodging icebergs in the northern seas, cruising among palm-fringed Pacific islands, or in port 3,000 leagues from the lass he loves—it's all the same to Jack; he means to have what he expressively calls a "high old time"—and he has it.

And he sets about it thoroughly and systematically, as becomes a sailor. Long before he flings himself into his hammock on Christmas eve to dream, it may be, of the "old folk at home," everything is practically ready for the morrow's feasting and revelry. All day long busy hands have been engaged in converting the mess deck into a veritable fairy scene of color and gaiety. Roses there are in thousands, of all colors of the rainbow, and all fashioned by clever fingers; furlongs of gay paper festoons; devices and mottoes of all kinds glitter from the walls, and all so skillfully arranged and blended that one is tempted to think that, after all, Jack has missed his vocation and should have been an artist.

Now all is ready for Father Christmas. First comes an impressive ceremony, when the men, in immaculate duck, are paraded for service; the flag is hauled down, and in its place the red cross pennon of the church unfolds in the breeze, and four or five hundred lusty voices join with the band in sending one good old Christmas hymn after another rolling up in majestic volume of sound to the blue of heaven. There is no sermon, just a few hymns and prayers; but you won't find a more impressive Christmas service the big world through.

Then come the finishing touches to the mess deck fairyland, each mess trying its hardest to eclipse all the others in wealth and skill of decoration. As the hour of noon draws near the petty officers of the watch give place to the smallest lads aboard, who strut about in their mimic dignity and send officers and crew into convulsions of laughter. And then, at the first stroke of eight bells the captain and his officers pay their state visit of inspection to the mess deck.

The plum puddings are sampled amid deafening cheers, the decorations are gaily admired and praised, and after a few seasonable remarks and good wishes the skipper withdraws himself and his suite, and the "feeding and fun" begin. Such feeding and such fun it is, too; but, in delicacy, let us leave Jack to it and join him again when the last mouthful of plum pudding has vanished and, seated and happy, he produces his pipe—the crown of the feast.

For hours now the innocent revelry lasts. Songs with rousing choruses, recitations, hornpipes, music on half a score of instruments, follow one another in endless succession; jollity rubs shoulders with sentiment, and maybe a roar of laughter gives place to a moist eye, a tribute to the loved ones far away, brought to mind by a tender song. For Jack has a very tender heart and a loyal memory.

A diversion may take the form of a raid on a popular officer and a chairing and ovation, to which he submits like a well pleased, if embarrassed, martyr. And thus the hours fly in a jollity which will brighten by its memory many a long day to come. But the longest and gladdest day has its ending. "Out pipes" is sounded, and when Jack at last tumbles into his hammock, weary and happy, we may be sure he needs no rocking.

More than half a million Christmas trees are required to supply the demand for Christmas trees in New York alone.

It is safe to affirm that no Christmas card played so important a part in a man's life as one which hangs in a frame over the writing desk of a certain well known journalist. The remarkable story connected with this card was related to the writer a short time ago.

About twelve years since, the journalist to whom the card belongs went to a large city with great literary aspirations. Against the advice of his parents, he threw up a situation which would have brought him in a steady if not large income, so long as he cared to do the work. But he considered literary work was his forte, and he came to the great metropolis to earn fame and fortune with his pen as a free lance. To be brief, the result appeared to be dismal failure; for after nearly two years' incessant struggling the journalist found himself one Christmas eve without sufficient money in his pocket to pay his railway fare to visit "the old folk at home."

Too proud to admit his failure after going against the advice of his parents, he began to think seriously of destroying all traces of his identity and committing suicide. While sitting in his lodgings with this idea running through his mind, however, the postman brought a letter which contained a small Christmas card sent by a five-year-old niece to whom he was greatly attached. The words on the front of the card were simple: "Wishing you a merry Christmas and prosperity"; but on the back was written, in the child's scrawling handwriting, "From your little sweetheart, Nell."

The thought that the little girl was looking forward to seeing him quickly dispelled all thoughts of suicide from the journalist's mind, and, putting his pride in his pocket, he borrowed sufficient money to take him home. It was the turning point in his career; for he determined to try again after the holiday, with the result that he was able to go home the following Christmas and tell those who were dear to him that his work had won for him a lucrative post.

Maybe there are some readers who still remember the pathetic story attached to a Christmas card received by the German emperor two years ago from a little girl whose father had been imprisoned for lese majeste. The girl, who was about ten years of age, had no mother, and, probably feeling very miserable at the thoughts of spending Christmas without her father, conceived the idea of sending a petition to the emperor for her parents' release in the form of a Christmas card.

The card was but a cheap one, bearing the very appropriate words, "Good will toward men"; while on the back the child had written in German, "Please, Your Majesty, let my father come out of prison for Christmas day." The appeal interested the kaiser to such an extent that he caused inquiries to be made, and, finding that the man had not committed a very serious offense, ordered his immediate release.

A gentleman living in Wales still preserves a Christmas card which cost him one penny and brought him a fortune of £40,000. He was once a doctor at Sheffield, and one Christmas bought a shilling box of a dozen Christmas cards to send to his friends. After dispatching eleven he found that his list of friends was exhausted, and at first thought of keeping the twelfth card. He suddenly remembered an old aunt, however, living in Wales, whom he had never seen, and to her he posted the remaining card.

A little later the old lady died, and the doctor found that she had left him her entire fortune. Her lawyer declared that the date of the alteration of her will was the day after that on which she received the card.



"A Mighty fine man was Hiram Squires."

eral bite off a slice of black plug and smacking his lips.

A suppressed titter rippled about the grocery stove at the prods administered in an evident effort to awaken the frequently dormant sense of lying that, half-comatose, had its home within the graying head of "Lying Davis."

But "Hez," refusing to accept the challenge, merely shook his head sadly.

"This ain't no time to be tellin' lies, boys."

Here the town liar cast his eyes

stood! Pitched foward in a heap and never knowed a thing! Gaspod once arter his wife got there and that was all! A mighty fine man was Hiram Squires. Give money and vegetables t' th' poor and always allowed that all his stock could eat wan't wasted!

"Boys," here Hez cleared his dry and rattly throat with an effort. "Boys, it'll be our turn next!"

Deep silence greeted the forecast. "What'd you say about that there spade, Horace?" resumed "Hez." "Kin I borrow it long enough t' dig a grave fer Hiram in th' mornin'? Funeral's



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Good Ideas for the House Beautiful

New Slip Covers.
The slip covers so popular in the reign of Louis XIV are being more and more used in these days of soft coal and dirt; and the beautifully upholstered furniture, covered with its tufted damasks and brocatelles, is generally covered with "house-frocks" except on special occasions. The old-fashioned idea of leaving the summer slippers of striped linen or appalling cretonnes on has passed. The cretonnes used are selected with care and suitability to the other decorations of the apartment. Some people make the great mistake of choosing large flowered designs for the furniture when the carpet and paper are also figured. One of the three at least, either the wall pa-



per, the carpet or the furniture covers, should be a plain color if the be-holder does not wish to grow dizzy from too much pattern!
If fancy covers are chosen they should correspond as exactly as possible with the figure and colors in the wall paper. This effect is very pleasing in the boudoir or bedroom, provided that the carpet is plain or has a plain ground with sparsely scattered sprays or flowered border.

But not only chintzes or cretonnes are used as slip covers, but taffetas in much in demand. Not too cheap a quality, but one that will stand the wear and tear usually given to furniture, and not fade or look shiny. Double width is the best for the purpose. Of cheaper materials, denim, gingham, linen, chintz and cretonnes are all good. A large monogram is sometimes embroidered on the back of a plain cover.—Montreal Herald.

The Mission of the Vine.
There is so much in modern life that conduces to ugliness in our surroundings! If you don't believe, think of the way in which we depend upon the telephone in every department of life. The business, the household, even the social machinery must use the telephone—and then—think of the poles! There must be stables to house the horses and the carriages of the well-to-do, yet every architect knows that it is a difficult matter to place artistic and appropriate outbuildings on the same grounds with the palatial residence, and not have them seem obtrusive, says a well-known architect. In the small city home, the back fence and the sheds of our neighbors are often a serious blot on the landscape, and the sensitive eye is offended daily by some bleak, bare, "necessary evil" in our surroundings, because of somebody's convenience being dependent thereon. I am often delighted to see how some simple quick-growing vine is used to screen off such disagreeable objects, and only wonder that more home-makers about Los Angeles and vicinity do not try to cover up more of the ugliness about them in this way.

For Prospective Builders.
The best house for the least practicable cost can only be obtained by building the same on paper first, the price paid for a full set of plans, specification and details will be money well spent, and instead of the owner finding himself with an unsatisfactory house, he will have a home with each detail worked out.
One important feature which is too often overlooked is the size of windows. Windows should be wide, not only from the advantage in the outside appearance over narrow openings, but from the point of view of the inside. A sash in a two-light window that is wider than high always renders more pleasing results than where reverse conditions obtain.

Size of Water Pipe.
J. L. S.—Would a three-quarter-inch pipe be large enough to carry water 360 feet with 10 feet of a fall?
A three-quarter-inch pipe would be large enough, provided the water is clean and pipe kept clear. If the pipe is running with a ten-foot head, it will deliver about three thousand gallons of water per day.
Done Up.
Tourist—"Anything doing round here?"
Sad-Eyed Farmer—"Nope; not at present. Everybody's been done."

Firmness Needed.
A fireman on a Jersey Central locomotive climbed down on the pilot and knocked a man off the track when the engine got close to him. Trespassing on the railroad tracks must be sternly suppressed.—Buffalo Express.

Women in Tobacco Factories.
The French government employs 17,148 people in its state tobacco factories. Fifteen thousand seven hundred of these are women. There are also 714 directors, foremen and overseers.

Decides Bridal Question.
The important question, When does a bride cease to be a bride? is decided by the London Queen, which says she becomes a "wife" at the expiration of six weeks after the wedding.

Indian Never Forgives.
The Indian never makes up after falling out with anyone. He may speak to an enemy as he passes, but dies with the hatred in his heart.

London Amusement Places.
Londoners are singularly well cared for in the matter of recreation. They have fifty-three theaters and forty-three music halls.

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The Birmingham (Eng.) school authorities not only teach the children to cook, but how to shop economically.

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An Orgy.
He went on a tear with a quart of root beer.
And he filled himself full of old pop.
He tried to get silly on new sarsaparilla.
But he found it was lacking in "drop."
So he sailed in again with some ginger champagne.
And he filled himself up with this brew.
It sparkles and blows and it tickles his nose.
But that's all that "champagne" would do.
Then he filled his pagoda with a lot of club soda.
And he took "lemon sod" on the side.
But the more that he drank and fooled his "beer" tax.
The sadder he felt and more snide.
Then he cried with vexation, "It is not that puts rosy dreams in the head; I'll try the real stinger!"—he put in five fingers.
And he wishes to-day he was dead.
—New York Herald.

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to the East and Southeast, via the H. & T. R. Rate one fare, plus \$2. tickets on sale December 20, 21, 22 and 26, 1904. Limit thirty days from date of sale. Excellent service; good connections. Visit the old folks at home. Round trip tickets at cheap rates also on sale between all Texas points, December 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1; limited January 4 for return. For information relative to rate, connections, etc., see local ticket agents, or address M. L. Robbins, G. P. A., Houston, Texas.

Photography Foreshadowed.
La Fontaine, who died long before Scheele was born, gives in one of his fables a method of picture-making which may be regarded as foreshadowing the beautiful art which is now of service to mankind in so many different ways. It occurs under the title "Voyage Suppose," and a description runs as follows: "There was no painter in that country; but if anybody wished to have the portrait of a friend, of a picture, a beautiful landscape, or of any other object, water was placed in great basins of gold, or silver, and then the object desired to be painted was placed in front of that water. After a while the water froze and became a glass mirror, on which an ineffaceable image remained."—T. L. Hopeworth in Chambers' Journal.

Strike Oil.
Much oil has been discovered in Texas within the past few years, but none to equal Hunt's Lightning Oil. Others gush for a little while and then go away. It goes on and on forever, curing aches, pains, burns, bruises, cuts and wounds. In fact, a sore spot Hunt's Lightning Oil will not make happy can't be found.

It was Emery Storrs who said that a fellow lawyer reminded him of a beautiful house with massive portals and impressive cornices which, when you opened the front door, landed you immediately in the back yard.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

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The smart young man who remarked to a bright woman, "We do not read in scripture that seven devils were cast out of any man," was met with the reply: "No, they have got them yet."

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 8-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters the figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought.

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When one woman envies another she is sure to snub her.

RAPID SPREAD OF PLANTS.

Seize Wide Stretches of Land in Grievous Profusion.
It is marvelous how rapidly some plants will spread themselves over wide stretches of land, says Longman's Magazine. The writer was struck with the way in which the yellow charlock took possession of the line when the Meon Valley railway was being made a few years ago. The very next spring after the embankments were thrown up their sides were clothed with this rampant and conspicuous crucifer. A line of yellow across the country marked in many places the course of the railway. Poppies, too, for some unknown reason, will occasionally appear in strange and wonderful profusion. The striking instance related by Lord Macaulay may be quoted by way of illustration. After the battle of Landen the ground, he tells us, "during many months was strewn with skulls and bones of men and horses, and with fragments of hats and shoes, saddles and holsters. The next summer, the soil, fertilized by twenty thousand corpses, broke forth into millions of poppies."

Games and Brains.
I have spent twelve years at the University of Cambridge and nine years of this period I have spent in teaching. I have always found that the fool at sports is the fool at books. Conversely, the good athlete is also a good student. The explanation is perfectly simple. A man or woman without brains cannot learn anything. They will be as great fools at games as they are fools at study.—Letter in London Mail.

How Not to Catch Cold.
People are more likely to catch cold in the back than they are generally aware of, and if neglected may prove a serious matter. The back, especially between the shoulders, should always be kept well covered, and never lean with your back against anything that is cold. Never sit with the back in a direct draught, and when warming it by the fire do not continue to keep the back exposed to the heat after it has become comfortably warm. To do so is debilitating.—Journal of Health.

Bluebeard had just told his wife not to go into the room. "My desk is in there," he said, "and you'll be sure to wait to straighten it out."

HOPE FOR THE SICK.



MRS. HENRIETTA MARSH. A VICTIM OF LA GRIPPE.

Mrs. Henrietta A. S. Marsh, 769 W. 16th St., Los Angeles, Cal., President Woman's Benevolent Ass'n, writes: "I suffered with la grippe for seven weeks, and nothing I could do or take helped me until I tried Peruna."
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LOCAL.

Grand Minstrel.
Grand Minstrel Dec. 27, 28.

The Mexican Pastores are practicing for Christmas night. "Babe" Thomas, of Del Rio, was a Brackett visitor Monday.

Geo. Rivers was a passenger to San Antonio Saturday.

Attorney Henry I Moore and Will Jones, of Del Rio, were Brackett visitors Wednesday.

Jas McLymont, of Del Rio, was in town several days this week renewing old acquaintances.

Misses Agnes Windus, Mammie, Annie, Flory and Sadie Dooley and Jim Clamp and Will Dooley were in San Antonio Saturday and saw Ben Hur. They returned Sunday reporting a pleasant trip.

Married in Uvalde, Dec. 16 Mr. W. E. Carver, of Uvalde, and Miss Lurling Anderson, of Brackett. Elder Sweeney, of the latter place officiating.

There will be a Christmas service at the Episcopal church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited to this service. There will be no service Sunday evening.

In an editorial of some length last week the Val Verde County Herald took us to task for intimating that Congressman Garner had to "hump" himself last election. We have no apologies to make for the assertion. Congressman Garner told friends and opponents that he had a much harder proposition to meet in Morin than in his former opponent but if hard work would give an increased majority, he (Garner) would have it. So he "humped" himself, and beat our candidate by a big majority. We fail to see wherein we have done an injustice to Mr. Garner by calling attention to his hustling abilities. As we said last week we say again "That we in common with the people of Kinney County have the highest respect and esteem for Congressman Garner."

Miss Lucy Windus who has been teaching school near Rock Spring for the past three months returned home Wednesday to spend the holidays with home folks. The school is making good progress under Miss Lucy's management which her many Brackett friends are glad to hear of her great success.

Herman Henicke came into town last Sunday to attend District Court. He says that he recently killed a hog that rendered out 150 lbs. lard, which is worth on the market about \$22.50. The value of the whole hog was then between \$35 and \$40. It was corn fed but this pays better than selling corn at 50cts. Why not raise alfalfa to fatten hogs on?

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A GENEROUS TABLE
Supplied with the Best of Everything
in Season
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Fire works at Holmes'.
Have Keys to fix you up a oyster stew.

Dr. Roberts, of Uvalde, was in town Monday on business. Fred Ray returned Monday from a business trip to San Antonio.

The best made is the Reserved D Whiskey sold by F. S. Fritter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bougard, of Del Rio, are in town to spend the holidays.

As there was no cases on docket, District Court adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. W. F. Holmes returned yesterday from a few weeks sojourn in Galveston.

County Attorney W. L. Clamp and son Leo went to San Antonio Saturday and saw Ben Hur.

Judge B. C. Thomas left Wednesday for his home in Alpine where he will spend Christmas.

W. L. Clark, after a visit of a month with Brackett friends departed Friday for San Antonio.

Rev. H. N. Dikeman and W. E. Dawson returned to Uvalde Friday after a few days visit in town.

Surveyor C. F. Hodges departed Saturday for San Antonio on business. He will visit Houston and Dallas before returning home.

The Brackett News remarks: If there is one thing of which Brackett has just reason to be proud, it is the efficiency of its public school.

Prof. Horn is a splendid school man and his Del Rio friends are always pleased to learn of his continued success. —Del Rio Record-News.

Judge Walter Gillis and Attorney Geo. M. Thurmond, of Del Rio, were in Brackett this week. They were represented by the defendant in the Hernandez murder case.

The case of the State vs Ignacio Hernandez after a couple days sparing, was, by the court transferred to Maverick county to which counsels of both sides agreed and set the case January 5th. 1905.

County Treasurer Jno. M. Gray, of Del Rio, was in town this week as witness in the Hernandez murder case. Our friend Jno. made us many pleasant calls while in town which were very highly appreciated.

Fresh Pork delivered anywhere in town. Leave orders at Keys Kool Korner.
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Bring in your job work.
Oysters at Keys Kool Korner, Gunther's delicious candies at Holmes' Drug Store.

Hear the Darktown Quartette at Ross Hall Dec. 27, 28.

R. V. Sauer was a passenger to San Antonio Saturday to see Ben Hur.

T. J. Martin, of Spofford, was in Brackett Tuesday on business.

A. Baum, of Eagle Pass, was in Brackett on business the first of the week.

Judge L. F. Garner, of Del Rio, was in Brackett this week attending court.

Try our home made Chocolate candies 10 flavors. 50c per lb. Keys Kool Korner.

Carl S. Kennedy, of Live Oak, was in town several days this week on business.

George Windus went to Rock Springs Sunday to bring his niece Miss Lucy home.

Grand Minstrel at Ross Hall Dec. 27, 28. Reserved seats 50c, General admission 35c.

R. Salamon will deliver you pork at your door. Leave orders at Keys Kool Korner.

The First Cavalry Band Orchestra will play at the Grand Minstrel at Ross Hall Dec. 27, 28.

District Attorney H. E. McMains, of Del Rio, was in Brackett to attend court this week.

Dr. H. B. Ross and Dr. T. C. Whitehead were in Brackett this week attending district court.

Mrs. Louisa Fontana, of Del Rio, is here to spend the holidays with her brother, G. B. Filippone.

Sheriff Jno. F. Robinson and Deputy Joe Heid, of Del Rio, were in town attending court this week.

Will Allen, the rustling young stockman of Standart, returned Sunday from a few days visit in San Antonio.

T. J. Martin, of Spofford, was one of the many from Kinney county who saw Ben Hur Saturday night.

Tickets are now on sale for the Grand Minstrel Dec. 27, 28, at Keys Kool Korner and Post Exchange.

Elder Sweeney, of Brackett, has been a guest at the Eureka hotel this week. —Uvalde Leader-News.

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Dr. O. G. West, of Del Rio, was a Brackett visitor this week the guest of Otto Stadler. He was witness in the Hernandez murder case.

No. 126.

Notice of Application for Probate of Nuncupative Will.

STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or constable of Kinney county, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon all persons interested in the estate of J. H. Pratt, deceased, by making publication of this citation, in a newspaper published in Kinney county, Texas, if there be one, and if there be none, then in the Newspaper which is published nearest to the Court House of said Kinney county, for four successive weeks previous to the first day of the term of court to which this citation is returnable, to be and appear before the Honorable County Court of Kinney County, Texas, sitting in probate, at a term of said court to be begun and holden at the Court House in the town of Brackett on the 13th day of March A. D. 1905, then and there to answer the petition of J. F. Ray filed in said Court November 21st. 1904 and numbered on the docket of said court as No. 126 and styled. Estate of J. H. Pratt deceased, and being for the probate of the Nuncupative Will of the said J. H. Pratt, deceased, said petition containing substantially the statement as follows, to wit: The State of Texas } In the county of Kinney } In the Estate of J. H. Pratt, Deceased. To the Hon. county court, Kinney county, Texas.

Your petitioner, J. F. Ray, shows to the court that he resides in the county of Kinney and State of Texas.

J. H. Pratt, is now dead; that at and prior of his death he resided and had his domicile in said Kinney county, Texas, and his principal estate is now in said county.

That about the 24th day of September 1904, the said J. H. Pratt, being affected with a malady in one of his feet, went, for medical treatment to, and thereafter, until his death was confined in, the Santa Rosa Infirmary, in the city of San Antonio, in Bexar county, Texas, as that about the 8th. day of October 1904, and while in said Infirmary, and said Pratt's attending physician found it necessary, and did then and there amputate one of said Pratt's legs, and thereafter, at about the hour of 2 o'clock a. m. on the morning of October 10th. 1904, and while suffering from said illness and amputation, the said Pratt died in said Infirmary in said Bexar county Texas; that the said J. H. Pratt had resided in said Infirmary in said Bexar county for ten days next preceding his said death.

That at the time of his death the said J. H. Pratt was seized and possessed of real and personal property of the probably value of \$2000.00.

That on the 9th. day of October 1904, the said J. H. Pratt at said Santa Rosa Infirmary in said Bexar county, Texas, he then being 21 years age and over, and of sound mind and disposing memory, but languishing under a dangerous illness as aforesaid, made his last Will and Testament, in the manner and form of a Nuncupative Will, and, by uttering certain testamentary words in the presence of witnesses then in attendance, did bequeath his estate as follows, to wit:

"I want to leave all of my property to J. F. Ray, of Brackettville, Texas, real and personal and my ranch. I J. H. Pratt, being in sound mind and in possession of my senses



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"O, I'LL BE WELL IN A FEW DAYS; JUST CONTRACTED A SLIGHT COUGH. I'LL LEAVE IT ALONE; IT WILL WEAR ITSELF OUT". HERE AGAIN IS EXEMPLIFIED THE FRAILTY OF THE HUMAN BEING, IN HAVING OVER-CONFIDENCE IN THEIR CONSTITUTION. THE MOMENT YOU CONTRACT THAT COUGH IS THE TIME TO ACT—WHY DELAY!

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etc. give all of my property to J. F. Ray.
That at and before the time of uttering the testamentary words, the said testator called upon A. I. Lockwood, then present to notice and bear testimony that what he was about to say was his will, and said testator did then and there, in the presence and hearing of said A. I. Lockwood, N. Underwood and Sister Mary, of the Ascension, a sister of charity and then and there an attendant in and upon said Pratt, in said Infirmary, and whose other name or names is to this applicant unknown, and who all reside in the city of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, and also to others then present, utter the very testamentary words above cited.

That on the 10th. day of October 1904 following, and within six days after making said will the said A. I. Lockwood, N. Underwood and Sister Mary reduced the said Testamentary words to writing, which said writings are filed herewith, that said Sister Mary then and there and at all times since refused to affix her signature to her said memorandum in writing of said Will, giving as her reason for her said refusal to sign her said memorandum of said will, that she could not do so without the permission and consent of the Mother Superior, who was then and there her superior authority in the order of which she was then a member, that said Mother Superior was then and has since remain absent from said Bexar county, and her permission and consent could, at no time, up to the filing hereof, be obtained, and has not yet been obtained.

That said Testator, afterwards on said 10th. day of October 1904, and during his last illness, died without revoking or altering said Nuncupative Will.

That said applicant is the sole beneficiary in said will and is not disqualified from acting as Executor thereof.

That said J. H. Pratt left surviving him no heirs, or next of kin, so far as this applicant knows or is aware of, and that if there are any such heirs, their names and residence are unknown.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that citation be issued to all persons interested in said Estate as required by law; that said Will be admitted to probate that petitioner be appointed Executor thereof and that said other and further orders be made as to the court may seem proper.

J. F. RAY,
I, J. F. Ray, do solemnly swear that the allegations in the foregoing petition are true as I verily believe.

J. F. RAY,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st. day of November 1904.

O. F. SEARGEANT,
Clerk County Court, Kinney County.

[SEAL] By M. CLAIBORNE,
Deputy.

At which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon endorsed, showing how you have executed the same.

WITNESS: O. F. SEARGEANT, Clerk county court, Kinney County.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 21st day of November 1904.

O. F. SEARGEANT,
Clerk county court, Kinney county, Texas.
By M. CLAIBORNE,
Deputy.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

The children of Room I are preparing some recitations and songs for Christmas.

Karl Kartes and Paula Terrasas are in school again after an absence of several weeks.

Hettie Eskrey has entered the seventh grade. The family have recently moved into town.

Teaching demands seriousness of purpose and a desire to bring to the work the fullest preparation possible.

Willie Sharp, Albert Racer, and Addie Gonzales remained at the head of their classes all of last week and so got a head mark.

Life is struggle, and when it is wisely used, it is the faithful struggle of an earnest human soul toward what is right and best.

There is no need for teachers to conceal honest convictions, if only the motive behind them be genuine educational service. The courage of honest conviction always wins respect.

Friday the Second Grade in Room I had a multiplication match, a great many did very well, but Willie Sharp, Tommie Therrel and Josephine Rose were the victors.

One of the little boys had among the things he wanted Santa Claus to bring him a doll and explained to his teacher and class mates that he was getting the doll for his little sister.

The children in the Second Grade and the A class, First Grade have been writing letters to Santa Claus and the most of them were very neat. The teacher knows Santa will enjoy reading such nice letters.

The San Antonio Express comments on this and says:

One cannot help wondering if the University of Chicago will not next discover that the Constitution of the United States is a moss-grown "has-been," or that the divinity is a myth.

"Modern Education" is progressing at such fearful speed at this university that it is charitable to suppose some of its followers are growing a little "dizzy."

This is a just criticism, but

however daft our great Universities may go on religious subjects, the common schools will retain their common sense and respect the Old Bible and all things religious. In the United States many of our learned men theorize so much that they lose their bearing, but the common sense of the common people will keep our ship of state on its proper course. We find this true not only educational and religious matters but also in politics. The average judgment of laboring men of our country in politics and religion is more nearly correct than that of the average college presidents.

The University of Chicago is the richest school in the United States and is supposed to rank among the front of Universities of the world. The President is Dr. Harper who has recently abolished the doxology from Chapel service and substituted College songs as the following: Oh, John D. Rockefeller, a great man is he, Who gives all his spare change to the U. of C. He keeps the boll a-rolling at our great Varsity.

He pays Dr. Harper To make us grow sharper, To the glory of the U. of C.

John D. Rockefeller is the great Standard Oil magnate lately exposed in Everybody's Magazine by T. W. Lawson.

Wool Commission Business.

At the solicitation of many interested sheep men, James McLymont of Del Rio, has concluded to open up a wool commission business in Del Rio. Ample facilities for handling the wool will be provided. Mr. McLymont will be prepared to make liberal advances on wool and Mutton.

The Public Schools closed Tuesday for the holidays.

An important feature of the Grand Minstrel at Ross Hall Dec. 27, 28, will be the fire club swinging.

Louis Keiffer was one among the many from Del Rio who were in town attending court this week.

FROM THE POST

Messers Clarence B. McKenzie Joseph Shadrach Alexander Batt leave for Massachusetts today being discharged per expiration of term of service.

The post schools closed yesterday for the holidays after a successful season. They will re-open on Jan. 4th for the last half.

Sergeant Hammond, troop G 1st, cavalry and Corpl. Bell, of troop E came to the post from their hunting camp yesterday for supplies. They report splendid results in their search for game.

There was a Regimental hop at the post hall on Wednesday evening attended largely by town people. The management in the person of Sergts. Cowles and Koon are to be congratulated on its success.

Mr. Walter F. Campbell, wagoner of troop E 1st U. S. Cavalry was discharged per expiration of term of service yesterday. His discharge papers showed character "Excellent." The gentleman departed for his home in Port Jervis, New York on the stage so as to spend the holidays there. He intends to start in the livery business unarriving there.

The regiment was photographed last week as a whole, by squadrons and by troops last week by a photographer from San Antonio. He had one of the largest sized landscape cameras and best results are expected. The boys all like to try to crack a lens and the photographer will not be out anything when his sales book is balanced, if indication around the post amounts to anything.

There will be a treat on the boards in Brackett on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week for all lovers of refined vaudeville and good variety. For a number of weeks past the best talent of the post has been at work and from this talent, the choicest

has been selected. The cast is an all star one and each star has a fine record. The musical programme is the best that has been put before the public in this vicinity in years. The latest songs, both sentimental and comic have been learned and will be rendered in true artistic style. Instrumental music too of the best will be a feature. The Darktown Quartette will charm its hears with its harmonious blending of the four ranges of the human voice. This feature alone is sufficient attraction. The inimitable "Rags" and his lovely Mademoiselle DeGraft will tickle the risibilities of the audience with their comicalities as substituted in the side splitting farce ("Soubertte and Tramp.") The fire eating club swingers will present new scenic effects with blazing fire-brands and lovers of the "manly art" will be entertained by a gentlemanly exhibition of the art of self defence. Four rounds will be sparred by Messieurs Carter and Keppe. Four rounds will be sparred for points on Tuesday evening and five rounds Wednesday evening. The sparring will be for points, Marquis of Queenbury rules. The seconds and referee have been selected

and will render their decisions on the sport, This is the first time for a number of years that an exhibition of this kind has been given and it will be well worth seeing. Regulation prices will prevail.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Young of Sanderson are in town to spend Christmas with relatives.

V. E. Seearce is again back in the goat business having bought 1900 head of goats from T. J. Lewis and leased the Zachry pasture on Lake Creek. This is an exceptionally good flock of goats and was originally owned by Ellis & Seearce and sold to J. H. Zachry who in turn sold them to Jeff Lewis. Mr. Lewis as a goat trader hard to beat. In the last four months he has handled 4500 head of goats and is now in the market for another flock. While he looks chiefly to the cow business as a means of making a living he knows a good grade of goats and knows there is good money in the same. In fact Mr. Lewis says there is more ready money and quicker returns in the goat business than in any other line of industry that could be pursued in this country.—Uvalde Leader-News.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Emperor Nicholas has conferred upon Lieut. Gen. Sakharoff and Lieut. Gen. Bilderling, gold swords of honor, set with brilliants and inscribed "for valor."

John Reed, a prominent citizen of Honey Grove, who was kicked by his horse Tuesday afternoon, died Thursday night and was buried here Friday.

John Keeling, who fell from a railroad culvert at Roxton Monday night and sustained a broken thigh, died Friday night from the effects of the injuries.

The dead body of Alfred Barry, whose home was at Hamilton, was found badly decomposed, and with his skull crushed in seed house at the Dublin oil mill.

Several Pinkerton men lately went West looking out for the man who robbed the Fargo Express and murdered the messenger at Daggett, Cal., a few days since.

Ed Odell, a prominent young farmer, died Wednesday of hydrophobia at Preston, Grayson County. Odell was bitten two weeks ago. His death was a most horrible one. He pleaded with the people to kill him.

Construction work on the Rockefeller Institute for the investigation of the causes of disease, in New York City, has begun. The buildings, with their equipment, will cost \$1,200,000.

Announcement is made that the Rock Island road will on December 25 inaugurate a service of two passenger trains each day between Fort Worth and Dallas. It is stated that several changes in time will also be effected which will enable the trains to shorten the time of the through run.

The first pile, a forty-foot one, was driven Wednesday afternoon at Orange by C. M. Hunt at the site of the ship yard selected by Contractor Walter Thompson, who is there organizing a force of men and making ready to begin active work on the big dry docks.

The Daughters of the Confederacy, in session at Waxahachie on Friday decided to establish a home at Austin for indigent widows of Confederates. The movement has been well received and a grand success is predicted.

Former Postmaster General James N. Tyner, died Monday. Mr. Tyner was Postmaster General during Grant's administration. His last official duty was that of assistant Attorney General for the Postoffice Department.

The Scottish Rite Masons of South McAlester have purchased a building site and completed the arrangements for the erection of a \$100,000 Masonic temple. Work on the new building will be commenced at once.

The Grand American Handicap, chief of the American trap shooting events, will be held in Indianapolis next year. This has been decided at a special meeting of the Interstate association at New York.

John Taylor, president of the Van Alstyne Cotton Mill and Oil Company and director of the First National bank, died Friday morning of heart failure.

God made the country, yet a lot of people sell their farms and move to town.

C. W. Forbes, who has the contract for the Carnegie Library Building, is at Corsicana to begin work. The preliminary work of clearing the lot on which the building will stand is now being done.

It's no use talking about loving God when your children are afraid of you. Henry spell was shot at Bryan Thursday night and died Friday morning. Upon his dying statement William McQuorquodale was arrested, but the latter says he can prove an alibi.

In reviewing building operations in twenty-five principal cities of the United States for the month of November, 1904, as compared with the same month in 1903, there has been a total increase of about 25 per cent.

The State Treasurer made a call for registered warrants Saturday up to 10,087, which aggregates, \$54,268, reducing the net deficit to \$643,714.

A state organization of the granite and marble dealers of Texas was formed at Waco Tuesday.

The Washington State Commission for the Lewis and Clark Exposition will ask the Washington Legislature for an appropriation of \$75,000 to carry out Washington's participation in the Portland World's Fair.

Plans for the organization of a stock raisers' combine, of stock raisers of the great Central and Western country, have been launched in Chicago. A prime aim will be to see that packers do not continue to carry off the larger profit on meats.

A TREATY ALARM

POSSIBLE COMPULSORY PAYMENT OF SOUTHERN BONDS.

SPECULATORS REPORTED BUSY.

These Bonds Were Repudiated Over Twenty-five Years Ago—Treaties May Not Be Acted Upon.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Senator Foster of Louisiana has taken alarm at the arbitration treaties which have been signed with England, Germany, Italy, France and Switzerland. He fears they may be the means by which the Southern states will be compelled to pay \$200,000,000 in repudiated bonds. In a letter written to the New Orleans Board of Trade Senator Foster says:

"I will call the attention of the Board of Trade to the well defined report that there lurks in the treaties under the fair guise of peace and arbitration a great menace to the South, more particularly our own state.

"As you probably know, a few New York speculators, under the pretense of performing a charitable act, recently donated to the state of South Dakota a few bonds of the state of North Carolina issued during the reconstruction days and subsequently repudiated by that state when the people gained control of their government."

Mr. Foster also says: "It is said that a coterie of American and European capitalists have acquired obligations which the Southern states repudiated more than twenty-five years ago, and with accumulated interest now amounts to more than \$200,000,000."

Fourteen letters have been received by the foreign affairs committee of the senate protesting against the ratification of the treaty with Great Britain. The Southern bonds question figures in some of them. If much doubt is provoked or the Southern senators seem disposed to take fright at the Southern bonds question, it is not improbable that the treaties may not be acted upon at this session.

Latest Attack on Port Arthur.



RUSSIAN BATTERIES SILENCED BY JAPS

May Bridge the Mississippi.

New Orleans, La.: A prominent official of the Southern Pacific is authority for the statement that the company is now working on a big project that includes building a line from Lafayette to Baton Rouge, spanning the Mississippi river at that point with a great bridge and then building deep water outlets to Gulfport, Miss., and Pensacola, Fla. It is stated that the plan includes traffic arrangements for the Texas & Pacific, the Frisco and the Missouri, Kansas & Texas to utilize the bridge at Baton Rouge, thereby cutting out ferry transferring lower down.

New England Blizzard.

Boston, Mass.: The storm yesterday was of blizzard severity along the Southern New England coast. All wires on Cape Cod were prostrated and there has been no communication south of Wareham by land since early yesterday morning. The wind blew a hurricane at Newport. At 7:30 last night the only vessel reported was at Fisher's island, where the crews of a tug and three barges were saved.

Jury to Have a Good Time.

Marlin, Texas: The jury for next week in the county court has been discharged on account of that being carnival week in Marlin.

Stopped the Japanese.

Huangshan: A correspondent who went over all the front positions of the Russian army from Poutloff hill to Erdagou on December 15, reports everything quiet, except that midway between Poutloff hill and Simintin the Japanese were observed trying to extend their frontal works and intrenchments on Double Hump hill. The artillery on Poutloff hill and Erdagou opened upon the Japanese and forced them to quit work and seek shelter.

LESS COTTON MUST BE RAISED.

Colonel Peters Advocates a Diversification of Crops.

Waco, Texas: Returning from Shreveport, La., to his home in Calvert, Colonel E. S. Peters changed cars here and spent an hour talking over the fact that Texas took in the recent national cotton convention.

He said: "The measures adopted by the great convention at Shreveport should find their way into the hands of every one expecting next year to follow tillage in the cotton states. It has been clearly demonstrated in the last two weeks that heavy crops of cotton are injurious instead of beneficial to growers of the staple. Reduction of production through crop diversification and by all other rational means should be the rule everywhere among cotton growers. In Mississippi and Louisiana, where climatic conditions will aggravate the boll weevil plague and alfalfa can not be cured after it is raised, the prospect is less encouraging than is the case in Texas, where alfalfa can be successfully substituted as a money crop and where the dry weather and hot sun become formidable allies in the boll weevil war being waged all along the line.

"I heard Louisiana planters talking of moving to Texas to escape the boll weevil."

Colonel Peters said in conclusion that Governor Vardaman of Mississippi and Governor Blanchard of Louisiana will be at the head of an excursion of cotton planters from the two states named which will travel all over Texas next year studying boll weevil and the methods employed in this state to grow cotton in spite of them. Colonel Peters says except in parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and in Indian Territory the cotton crop of the present year has been general and that it is largely in the hands of those who raised it, the growers having been generously assisted by the bankers and thereby enabled to wait for better prices.

Bryan Owns Jefferson Punch Bowl.

Lincoln, Neb.: Jefferson's giant punch bowl, weighing something over 100 pounds, has been purchased by William Jennings Bryan, and now rests in state upon an oak table in the reception hall at "Fairview." Bryan's home near here. The bowl was received several days ago and was purchased from Dr. J. M. Scott of Culpeper, Va., and carries with it a certificate of authenticity made out years ago by Mrs. Agnes Thompson of Albe-Marle, who states that it was purchased by her husband, W. M. Monticello, after Jefferson's death. The bowl is a monster one, holding about ten gallons of liquid.

Dodge to Tell All.

New York: It is rumored in New York that when Charles F. Dodge reaches this city he will throw himself upon the mercy of the court and tell all he knows about the Dodge-Morse divorce matter in connection with which he was indicted for perjury. Dodge has sailed from Galveston for New York.

Threaten to Cancel Risks.

San Antonio, Texas: Several insurance companies have notified local agencies here that unless much defective electric wiring is corrected in business houses here these risks will be immediately canceled. A recent inspection of electric wiring here disclosed the fact that the wiring in 90 per cent of the business houses was defective.

Merchant and Farmer Traded.

Luling, Texas: G. B. McAllister, doing a general merchandise business here, has sold his stock of goods and residence property to B. G. Milam of Rock Island, and in turn purchased from B. G. Milam 250 acres farm and fruit orchard, near Rock Island. Mr. Milam has moved to Luling and Mr. McAllister will move to his new home in Colorado county at once.

\$10,000,000 Cotton Company.

Montreal: A new cotton company, with a capital of \$10,000,000, has been formed here. The new company will take over the mills of four of the largest Canadian companies—the Dominion, the Merchants, the Montmorency and the Colonial Bleaching company.

Japs Lost Two Boats.

Tokio: The Japanese have lost two torpedo boats during all the operations against the battleship Sevastopol, which was reported yesterday, in a dispatch from Port Arthur, to be completely disabled.

Young Bryan Ousted from Academy.

Lincoln, Neb.: William J. Bryan, Jr., a son of the ex-presidential candidate, has been suspended from the chemistry department of Lincoln academy, because he refused to apologize to one of the instructors. Just what the row is about is a mystery.

Predicted His Own Death.

New Orleans, La.: After prophesying his own death one week ago, the veteran political leader, Joseph Hira, died suddenly yesterday morning at 7 o'clock from heart failure.

BELETED SUCCESS OF THE JAPS.

Delayed Destruction of Russian Fleet to Use Guns On Land Forces--Losing Courage.

Chee Foo, Dec. 17.—Passengers who arrived here yesterday from the Kwang Tung peninsula confirm the truthfulness of the official Japanese reports of the sinking of various Russian ships recently at Port Arthur. They say the Japanese would have been able to accomplish this in the past two months, but apparently preferred to use their guns against the Russian military forces. It is believed the destruction of the Russian ships indicates that the Japanese have abandoned the hope of capturing the fortress. The Japanese lost three torpedo boats within the past month by mines, the last one sinking during the night attack of December 14 on the Russian battleship Sevastopol.

The fighting during which 203-Meter Hill was captured was terrific, that achievement alone costing the Japanese 12,000 casualties. The Japanese have been unable to occupy the hill except for observation. They have taken none of the remaining forts. Three steamers laden with ammunition and provisions ran the blockade of Port Arthur in the past fortnight and there are high hopes that the fortress will hold out for many months. The Japanese are alleged to be depressed at their unsuccessful sacrifice of lives.

EXTORTIONATE CHARGES.

Havana Hotel Keeper, Physician and Undertaker Charge Over \$1,000.

New Orleans, La.: James Jacobs, president of the Interstate Supply Co., and a prominent resident of Chicago, died at a hotel in Havana, Cuba, Saturday afternoon two hours after landing there. Death was due to paralysis.

The body reached here yesterday on the Morgan line steamer Louisiana, accompanied by Mrs. Jacobs, who was with her husband at the time of his sudden death. Upon arrival here was revealed one of the most flagrant cases of extortion ever known. The hotel charged Mrs. Jacobs \$100 extra because of the death in the house, the physician who was called in for a few hours charged \$180 and the undertaker who prepared Mr. Jacobs' remains for shipment bled the widow for \$750. Had it not been for M. Shaughnessy of St. Louis, who happened to be in Havana, the extortions would not have stopped where they did.

The Jacobs had gone to Cuba on a pleasure trip. They resided at 5045 Michigan avenue, Chicago. Mr. Callaghan, J. Adams and J. Groves, of Chicago, arrived here yesterday to meet the remains.

New Bank for Dallas.

Dallas: It is rumored that Judge George W. Riddle and some of his business associates will, during the first days of January coming, open a banking house in the Junction building in Dallas. The members of the new institution live in different sections of the state, and it is said combine a financial strength of over \$500,000. Judge Riddle is connected with a number of financial institutions. He was at one time president of the Judges' Association of Texas, and is well known over the entire state.

Hanged for Murdering His Creditor.

Little Rock, Ark.: Will Jones was hanged at Helena at 11:11 o'clock yesterday morning for the murder of Alex Robertson. The neck was broken and he was pronounced dead in eleven minutes. Jones murdered his victim in cold blood on February 6. He owed Robertson a bill and tried to evade payment by shipping his cotton surreptitiously to Memphis. Robertson stopped the sale and for this Jones shot and killed him.

House Wants Cotton Report Data.

Washington: Representative Livingston of Georgia introduced a resolution requesting the secretary of agriculture to forward to the house all data bearing upon the last report of the cotton acreage. The preamble recites "That there is a great deal of dissatisfaction and want of confidence in the reports on cotton acreage and production by the department of agriculture, especially as to the last report made on December 13, 1904."

To Vote on Continuance of Strike.

Fall River, Mass.: The leaders of the Fall River Textile Unions have decided to refer the question of continuing the strike to the members of the various organizations. The union leaders say that this is not to be construed as a sign of weakness on their part, but is to test the sentiment of the operatives, in view of the claim made by the manufacturers that the employees would vote to return if given an opportunity.

Rev. Green's Revival.

Chappell Hill, Texas: Rev. J. Green of Houston is assisting Rev. J. C. Carr in protracted services at the Methodist church. Rev. Green preached his special "railroad" sermon last night at the city hall.

Next Skat Tournament.

Brenham, Texas: The next state skat tournament will be held in Brenham, and arrangements are going forward to make it the biggest in the history of the organization.

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The sail boat in which several Russians reached Chee Foo yesterday morning left Port Arthur the previous night under cover of a snowstorm and had a terrible experience in crossing. The men were nearly frozen when they made this port, and were unable to leave the boat without assistance. The Russians brought a large number of dispatches.

Arming the Chinese.

Mukden: Upon the arrival of General Kaulbars, commander of the third army here yesterday from Harbin, he was received as a guest of honor, headed by a band of music and by Generals Sakharoff and Bilderling. He made a brief speech conveying the emperor's greetings. General Kaulbars then continued his journey to Chansiamtun, where he had a conference with General Kuropatkin.

A brisk cannonading is progressing along the center. The Japanese are supplying the Chinese troops in the neighborhood of Simintin with artillery. They have already delivered 80 Krupp guns.

Bad Blood in Magee, Miss.

Jackson, Miss.: Information from Magee, Miss., is to the effect that serious trouble is feared there over the recent pistol duel between Edward Mangum and Prof. Woodward, in which the former was killed and the latter seriously and probably fatally wounded. Many friends of both men are armed and a clash is said to be momentarily expected.

Gave Historical Books.

Austin, Texas: Dr. V. O. King of Auburn, N. Y., has given the Texas state historical library 400 volumes relating to Texas history, many of which are exceedingly rare and most valuable. Dr. King formerly resided in Texas, making Austin his home, and was one of the first commissioners of agriculture, insurance, statistics and history.

"Fired" Coal Miners.

Bastrop, Texas: On account of a few days' delay in the payroll reaching the Independent coal mine, three miles north of here, the miners, all Mexicans, became too impatient, and the manager "fired" the entire crew, numbering about fifty. They were, however, paid off yesterday, and the mine is now under full operation with most all colored labor.

Seven Horses Burned.

Edna, Texas: Yesterday about daylight fire destroyed a stable, seven horses and a lot of feedstuff belonging to C. Branch, also a blacksmith shop owned by Baker & Biggs. The loss was \$2000 by Branch and \$500 by Baker & Biggs. There was no insurance. The origin of the fire was unknown.

Captain Clado Released.

St. Petersburg: Captain Clado, who was detached from Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron to appear as a witness before the international commission, and who was arrested for criticizing the admiralty and Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral, has been released by order of the Grand Duke Alexis, who considered that his punishment for infraction of the regulations is sufficient. The captain will go to Paris as a witness before the commission.

Antis Lose Navarro.

Corsicana: Returns from all but nine boxes in the county give a majority for local option of about 900 votes. Two years ago Corsicana gave an anti-majority of 800 votes while this year the majority is only 31.

Majority of Two to One.

Madisonville: Madison county went dry in the prohibition election held here Thursday by over 2 to 1. The majority is larger than two years ago.

Millionaires' Will Probated.

St. Louis, Mo.: The will of Benjamin B. Graham, a prominent St. Louis business man, who died recently, has been filed for probate. It disposes of \$1,000,000 of personal property and real estate, the bulk reverting to the widow and only child.

Peacemaker Was Stabbed.

El Paso, Texas: Cruz Sanchez, a cigarmaker, was fatally stabbed last night, while performing the part of a peacemaker in trying to separate two of his companions who were fighting.

The Daily Question

might well be—Am I fair to my face? Nature herself often leaves the answer in unmistakable signs on the countenances of people using promiscuous soaps.



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POWER OF TRUE SYMPATHY.

Giver Must Have Clear, High Standard of His Own.

From the top of a mountain you can see into the valley around about—your horizon is very broad, and you can distinguish the details that it encompasses; but, from the valley, you cannot see the top of the mountain, and your horizon is limited, says Annie Payson Call in Leslie's Monthly.

This illustrates truly the breadth and power of wholesome human sympathy. With a real love for human nature—if a man has a clear, high standard of his own—a standard which he does not attribute to his own intelligence—his understanding of the lower standards of other men will also be very clear, and he will take all sorts and conditions of men into the region within the horizon of his mind. Not only that, but he will recognize the fact when the standard of another man is higher than his own, and will be ready to ascend at once when he becomes aware of a higher point of view. On the other hand, when selfishness is sympathizing with selfishness, there is no ascent possible, but only the one little low place limited by the personal selfish interests of those concerned.

Doing Great Work.

Florisant, Mo., Dec. 19th.—(Special)—That Dodd's Kidney Pills are doing a great work in curing the more terrible forms of Kidney Disease, such as Bright's Disease, Dropsy and Diabetes, everybody knows. But it must also be noted that they are doing a still greater work in wiping out thousands of cases of the earlier stages of Kidney Disease. Take for instance, Mrs. Peter Barreau of this place. She says:—

"I have been subject to pains in my back and knees for about three years, but since I have been taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I have been entirely cured."

Others here tell similar stories. In fact, in this part of Missouri there are scores of people who have cured the early symptoms of Kidney Disease with Dodd's Kidney Pills. The use of the Great American Kidney Remedy thus saved not only the lives of Kidney Disease victims, but thousands of other Americans from years of sufferings.

Bibles and other books are difficult to distribute in Turkey, said a speaker at Exeter hall, London. A work on chemistry was rejected because H2O (water) was translated as "Hamid Second is nobody."

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Prolapsing Piles. Your druggist will refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Cats are taxed in Dresden and other German towns. When the tax was first imposed thousands of the animals were destroyed by owners desirous to avoid payment.

Rest and Sleep.

Few escape those miseries of winter—a bad cold, a distressing cough. Many remedies are recommended, but the one quickest and best of all is Simmon's Cough Syrup. Soothing and healing to the lungs and bronchial passages, it stops the cough at once and gives you welcome rest and peaceful sleep.

A match cutting machine is an automatic curiosity. It cuts 10,000,000 a day, and arranges them over a vat where the heads are put on.

In the British military prisons the prisoners practice rifle shooting, gymnastics and signaling, and those who are to be discharged from the army at the end of their terms learn a trade, if they have none.

The salary of the mayor of Boston is \$10,000, \$2,000 more than is paid the governor of Massachusetts. The mayor of San Francisco receives \$6,000, the amount paid the governor of California.

The wise man always writes his love letters on a cake of ice.

A CHRISTMAS DOLL STORY

By EUGENE O. MAYFIELD, (Rex M.)

For many cycles after old Kris Kringle began to carry gifts, at yuletide, to little boys and girls, he pondered and pondered, on Christmas morn, as to why the little girls sighed; then, laughed and said: "Perhaps it will be different next year." And when he told Dame Kringle that the little girls sighed, she smiled, in that dear motherly way of hers, and told old Kris the reason—that he had failed to gladden their wee mother-hearts.

"But, dame, how can I do it? Tell me, please."

"So like a man," said Dame Kringle,

and when I saw the little dears, I would hurry back to the old workshop and model from my choicest wares, one like they—a model for other dollies, to be carried, next year, to the little girls who sighed."

"Well said, good dame," replied old Kris, "and ere I sleep again the storks and I shall meet."

Then out among the firs, garbed in their green and snow, old Kris Kringle waited.

"Hark! What noise is that?" exclaimed the good old man. "It's like the flutter of wings." And down through the frost-laden boughs came a stork, carrying a tiny bundle. Just



Came a stork carrying a tiny bundle.

"for a man never seems to know, and I will tell you the secret. The little girls sigh for a dolly—not the kind I used to play with, away up here at the north pole; but the kind the girls resemble when the stork took them to the land of sunshine. And that recalls," continued the dame, "that only yesterday I saw an old stork out in the firs, where he had paused to rest, and with him one of the dearest little babies imaginable, such as little girls love. He told me that other storks, with other babies, would soon pass this way. Now, Kris, were I you, and sought to please the little maids who sigh, I would watch, there in the firs,

once there was a whimper, but the old stork cooed, as he loosened the cords, and the sprite went back to dreams.

All that night in the workshop old Kris Kringle moulded the clay, spun the flax, hammered and laughed, and when dawn came, the model was done.

Then summer days came, but old Kris Kringle sought no rest, and when yuletide arrived, he carried with him dollies, the most wonderful in the world, and the little girls sighed no more.

And this is how the first dollies came to be made, as told by old Kris Kringle, and the stork.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN GREECE.

Time for Gifts, Frolics and General Rejoicing.

With members of the Greek church Christmas is a holy day not a holiday, and therefore New Year's day takes its place as a time of gifts, frolics, family gatherings and general rejoicing. The women generally give presents of beautiful embroidery, often their own work, but the father of the family, however poor, must give his wife and each child a present of money. The children's money is placed in a little earthen jar and kept so when the child grows up there is a snug little sum for his start in life. The gentlemen of the wealthier classes call on their fair friends and must always take a present. The caller is offered sweets, a glass of water, a cup of Turkish coffee, but no wine or liquor. When he leaves he finds the servants drawn up in a row, and he presents them each with a piece of money. This is repeated in every house he visits, and he must visit all his friends on New Year's day or be forever deprived of their friendship.

He must also give his own servants presents of money. The children have a few cheap toys, candles and dried fruit. "Watch service is held, and on returning from church the head of the family breaks a pomegranate on the floor to insure good fortune and health. They then have a feast of all kinds of nuts, candied fruits, raisins, figs and dates. Some nutshells are thrown into the four corners of the room to blind the evil one. At night they have an immense cake in which are two coins. It is set upon the table and each person receives a piece. The ones having the coins are elected king and queen of the feast and are crowned with much ceremony. The young girls bite off a piece of their cake, wrap it in blue paper, and place it under their pillow to dream on; the man they dream of is their future husband.

Xmas Fare 500 Years Ago.

In the old days the standard Christmas dishes were the peacock and the boar's head. Each of these dishes was served up with every circumstance of pompous ceremony, preceded by trumpets and followed by a numerous train of ladies, knights and squires. The boar's head was brought into the hall by a server, sometimes mounted on a horse, who sang a carol as he placed the dish upon the table.

The peacock, "the food of lovers" and "the meat of lords," was usually served in all its natural splendor of plumage, and this was doubtless the masterpiece of the chef de cuisine. The royal bird was "eten roysch zyn-gere," and no expense was spared over him. According to Massinger in his "City Madam," they used the carcasses of three wethers, bruised for gravy, to make sauce for a single peacock. The boar's head was served by a man, but the ceremony of distributing the peacock was usually reserved for the noblest lady present at the feast.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREES.

Long a Central Figure of Festivals the World Over.

Most of us know that the Christmas tree comes to us direct from Germany; and we know of the tree worship of the Druids which obtained in England and France, and which probably had some influence on the later use of the tree in the Christmas festival.

But we do not all know that a similar festival, with the tree as a crowning feature, is observed among many heathen nations. Our tree, with its small candles, its gilded nicknacks and toys for the children, is a direct descendant of this old festival which was held in honor of the sun.

Traces of it exist in Iceland, where the "service tree" is found adorned with burning lights during Christmas night. The English yule log is a faint survival of this festival.

But it goes further back than all this—to China. It has been shown that a tree with 100 lamps and flowers was placed in the steps of the audience hall.

This appears in the records of Princess Yang, who lived 713-715 B. C., and who caused a 100-lamp tree 80 feet high to be erected on a mountain.—Stray Stories.

A Russian Christmas.

In Russia the boys are the chief celebrators of Christmas eve, and they disguise themselves in the forms of animals—wolves, bears, ostriches, tigers and cameleopards, and roam the streets until the small hours.

To enter a dwelling at their pleasure and sit at the family table is no breach of decorum at such a time, and often the children of a home are startled to see a wolf or a bear enter, take a seat at the supper table, and eat as a wolf or bear only can eat.

Sometimes long processions of these animals parade the streets with bands and a chorus of singers; but the most interesting of these Christmas performances is the religious play, in which boys take part. Upon this scene the Russian peasant looks with profound interest and veneration, and the population generally throw money to these performers with generous heart and lavish hand.

The Mexican Christmas Jar.

Novel is the method of distributing the Christmas presents at the Mexican embassy. Following the custom which prevails in the land to the south of us, there is suspended from the ceiling a huge open-mouth jar in which have been placed all the presents, each neatly tied and addressed to the intended recipient. The children and grown people of the party are armed with long, slender canes, and with these first one and then another makes a dash for the swinging jar, striking it or at it as they pass. Of course it is only a matter of time until the frail treasure house is demolished, and then ensues a grand scramble for the gifts.—Washington Times.

TORPEDOES FIRED AT RUSSIAN SHIP PORT ARTHUR HARBOR IS A WRECK

The Japs Are Trying to Sink the Sevastopol, Only Remaining Warship at Port Arthur.

Tokio, December 16.—A partly successful torpedo attack on the Sevastopol was made in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles and makes another inspiring story of the splendid bravery of a number of officers.

The entire crew of the torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats volunteered for the attack, courting death in their efforts to destroy the only floating Russian battleship at Port Arthur.

Facing a driving snowstorm and heavy seas, the flotillas separated, and, under individual commanders, the vessels attacked independently. The destroyers and torpedo boats were coated with ice and the men suffered acutely from the cold.

The Russians resorted to the most extreme precautions to protect the Sevastopol. They dropped torpedo nets which shielded the bows of the warship, and the Sevastopol was further protected by a specially constructed wooden boom, the frame work of which was composed of iron board logs and cables and heavy chains, interlaced and entangled. From the surface of this boom hung a deep curtain, made of torped nets taken from the sunken battleships, the purpose of which was to catch and destroy the torpedoes and their mechanism.

The Japanese probably refrained from attempting to cut or jump the boom, a plan demonstrated by the British, but the torpedo boats and destroyers evidently forced the openings which the Russians had left so as to allow communication with the harbor.

The same commander, telegraphing last night, says:

"At 3:30 o'clock on the morning of December 14 Commander Otaki, lead-

ing a flotilla of torpedo boats, and Lieutenant Myamoto leading another flotilla, began attacks against the Sevastopol and the transports.

"Otaki's flotilla failed to accomplish its purpose owing to the severe snow-storm.

"Myamoto's flotilla succeeded in reaching the intended spot by taking advantage of the fact that the enemy's searchlights were exposing Otaki's flotilla and were not directed toward Myamoto's.

"In the thick of the snow, while Myamoto's flotilla was searching for the enemy's ships, one torpedo boat became lost from its sister ships.

At 4 o'clock Lieutenant Nakumuda's torpedo boat independent attacked a military transport. Another torpedo boat, under Myamoto, discharged and exploded a torpedo against the Sevastopol. Both retired safely but failed to meet the missing torpedo boat and crew."

Sevastopol's Condition.

London: The commander of the Third Japanese squadron, reporting at 10:35 o'clock yesterday morning, said:

"Commencing at 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night and continuing until 3 o'clock Wednesday morning, six torpedo boats and specially fitted out torpedo craft constantly attempted attacks against the Russian battleship Sevastopol, the coast defense vessel Otvashni and the military transports.

"Details of the attacks are not yet known. However, according to reports from the watch tower, at 9 o'clock this morning, the Sevastopol commenced lowering astern and the water was said to reach the torpedo tubes astern."

WAREHOUSE COTTON.

S. F. B. Morse Advocates Business Methods for Southern Farmers.

Calvert, Texas: Colonel E. S. Peters, president of the Cotton Growers' Association of Texas, is in receipt of the following letter from Colonel S. F. B. Morse, dated New York, December 7, 1904, concerning cotton:

"Thank you very much for yours of December 3. It is a great pity under existing circumstances that a system has not been devised and inaugurated to meet the emergency of today, brought about by the bureau report, which has simply slaughtered the Southern producer. Neither through any method of reasoning nor calculation can I bring myself to believe in the figures promulgated by the bureau, but whether they be true or not, if the South were only in a position to warehouse its surplus and handle it on business methods, the entire crop could be sold at a profit. I have been told everything that happens is for the best; I am therefore hopeful that the lesson so recently administered will bring producers of the staple to their senses and spur them on to the adoption, as speedily as possible, of business methods in handling the South's great crop. I am hopeful that some time during the coming spring the Southern Cotton Corporation will take its first definite step, and if so, with the plans we have under consideration, it should not be long in placing the cotton belt in an independent position with regard to its great product."

STATEHOOD NEARER.

Committee Will, After Many Months, Make a Report.

Washington: The senate committee on territories is at last to make a report on the bill introducing New Mexico and Arizona, Oklahoma and Indian Territories to the Union as states. There has been a division in the committee of so close a character that the death of Senator Quay made a tie. It seems the chief difference was as to whether the territories should be brought in singly or in pairs. Senator Dick of Ohio was placed on the committee a few days ago in the place of Quay, with the result that the report will recommend two states, Arizona and New Mexico, as one, and Oklahoma and Indian Territories as the other. The senate committee has agreed to insert in the bill a provision that no whisky or intoxicating liquor shall be sold in the Oklahoma or Indian Territories for a period of ten years. This provision is ostensibly inserted to protect the Indians, and from the reading it looks as if the committee believes the Indian will have disappeared or become so he can stand intoxicants at the end of ten years. A lady of views appeared before the committee and asked that the word male be stricken out of the section which prescribed qualifications of voters for members of the constitutional convention, but the committee has not complied. The bill, though agreed on, is far from a law.

Jap Cruiser Ashore.

Che Foo: Captain Hennen of the German steamer Tsingtau, which arrived here yesterday, reports seeing a Japanese cruiser apparently ashore in Yung Ching bay, sixty-three miles southeast of Che Foo. A large merchantman was seemingly rendering assistance. The distance made observation uncertain.

Wei Hai Wei: No confirmation here of the report which reached Che Foo that a Japanese cruiser is ashore in Yung Ching bay. Warships sometimes coal in Yung Ching bay from colliers, which fact is generally accepted here as the explanation of what the captain of the Tsingtau saw.

Buried Alive.

Austin, Texas: James Wells, aged 23 years, met death yesterday morning by a gravel pit falling in upon him. He was digging gravel for Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds Gilbert when he met with the fatal accident. His companions dug him out as quickly as possible, but he was smothered beyond resuscitation. The gravel is being used in improving the roadways in the capitol grounds.

Strawberries for Christmas.

Alvin, Texas: Mr. S. B. Adams brought some very large, well matured strawberries to town yesterday. The present prospect bids fair for Alvin to have strawberries for Christmas dinner as well as a great variety of vegetables.

Hearst Wants McLemore.

Austin, Texas: Jeff McLemore, the well known journalist of this city, has received an offer to go to San Francisco, Cal., to do work on Hearst's Examiner. Mr. McLemore thinks too much of Texas to leave, and will remain here, declining the offer.

Ironquill Ware Relinquishes Duties.

Washington: Commissioner of Pensions General Ware yesterday relinquished his official duties here. Deputy Commissioner J. L. Davenport assumed charge of the pension bureau and will remain in that office pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Ware.

Good Roads Train for Temple.

Temple, Texas: Temple, is included in the list of Texas cities to be visited by the special train that will start from St. Louis January 9 under the auspices of the National Good Roads Association. A large meeting will be arranged for at this place.

Christmas Pardons Number 30.

Austin, Texas: The list of Christmas pardons has been about completed, and the lucky convicts will be given their freedom about the 20th inst. Not more than thirty will be pardoned, as against an average of over sixty in previous administrations and forty in the following January.

Ice at Laredo.

Laredo, Texas: Ice formed here Wednesday night, but no damage whatever was done to the big onion crop.

Flatonia, Texas: Quite a heavy frost fell here Thursday morning. Hog killing is in progress.

Shells From 203-Meter Hill Playing Havoc With the Besieged Fortress and Ships.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan, December 15.—Every part of the city and harbor of Port Arthur is visible from 203-Meter Hill. The streets of the city are deserted, and but a few soldiers are doing patrol duty.

Many buildings have been burned and others shattered. The waters of the harbor present a strange appearance, with the turrets and funnels of the warships showing just above the water. There is not a vessel afloat in the harbor. The docks and buildings on the water front are torn and burned.

The Japanese shells reach every part of the city and harbor.

Togo's Report.

Tokio: The report of Vice Admiral Togo was received Tuesday night. It states as follows:

Commander Kasama, commanding the torpedo flotilla, on Monday night at midnight attacked the Russian battleship Sevastopol, lying outside Port Arthur. The result of this attack has not been ascertained. Subsequently two torpedo boats under Commander Varado attempted several attacks, facing the enemy's vigorous fire. The shock of the explosions of the torpedoes was felt, but the next day the Sevastopol remained in the same position. None of our vessels was damaged. On Tuesday at 2:30 a. m. the torpedo flotilla, under Commander Arakawa, attacked the Sevastopol, but the result of this attack was not

Aves is a Bishop Now.

Houston, Texas: The services consecrating the Rev. Henry Damerel Aves of the Episcopal church, bishop of Mexico in pursuance of his election to that position by the American house of bishops and deputies in Boston October 21 and 22, were held in Christ Episcopal church on Texas avenue, beginning at 10:30 yesterday forenoon. The services were deeply impressive and very beautiful and the church was filled to the limit of its capacity. Preceding this ceremonial, there was an hour of prayer that led appropriately up to the consecration service.

Suicided With Carbolic Acid.

Sour Lake, Texas: Thos. M. Grant, a resident of South Dakota, killed himself here yesterday about 2 o'clock by swallowing nearly two ounces of carbolic acid. Deceased was about 55 years old, and came to Sour Lake several days ago as the legal representative of the Davis-Elton Realty Company, of St. Louis. In his pocket was found a letter addressed to his wife, which read as follows:

"Dear Wife—Sorry cannot be with you Christmas and New Year, but money matters are too tight."

At the Waves' Mercy.

Boston, Mass.: News of the loss of the bark Emitta, bound from Fernandina, Fla., to Fall River, Mass., with lumber, and of the rescue of her captain, his wife and crew of seven men, after being fifteen hours at the mercy of the sea in the vessel's deckhouse, was brought here yesterday by the Clyde line steamer New York.

The Emitta struck on the Diamond shoal, off Hatteras, last Sunday. Those on board having no time to lower boats succeeded in floating away on the deckhouse.

Woman Fatally Burned.

Beaumont, Texas: M. A. McKnight left here at 5 o'clock last night on a special train for Woodville in response to a telegram to the effect that his wife had been fatally burned at the home of relatives at that place. Her clothing caught fire while she was standing in front of an open fireplace. He was accompanied by Dr. A. P. Barclay, who is Mrs. McKnight's brother. It was thought that the injured woman would die before they could reach her.

Alvin Gets Touch of Real Winter.

Alvin, Texas: A cold northwest wind began here about 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and by 8 o'clock a. m. it was freezing above the ground. So far no damage has been done to the truck growing interests. The weather bureau predicts heavy frost and thermometer to fall to 23 degrees before morning.

Farmer in Bankruptcy.

Paris, Texas: J. W. Lawrence, a merchant and farmer at Halle, Fannin county, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday. The unsecured claims aggregate \$2905. The assets consist of a stock of drugs and general merchandise valued at \$1000.

Oil in the Gulf.

New York: The steamer San Jacinto reports the eruption of oil in the Gulf, the oil bubbling up and covering a large area.

Train Jumper's Feet Crushed.

Waco, Texas: Jesse Whitney, a negro boy, aged 16, in attempting to leap on a Texas Central passenger train last night, got under the wheels and both his feet were crushed into jelly. He will probably die from the shock.

Costly Atlanta, Ga., Blaze.

Atlanta, Ga.: Fire here last night destroyed T. R. Sawtell's large stock yards, Stevens' planing mill and three negro residences. Total loss is estimated at \$60,000.

Trades Day.
Brackett, Dec. 15, 1904.
EDITOR BRACKETT NEWS.

DEAR SIR:—Herewith I comply with your request to advocate a Trades Day for Brackett. Many Texas towns now have monthly trades day and many other are trying to establish them. Why not Brackett. The benefit of tradesday are very obvious. Buyers and sellers know when to meet each other without special appointment. Horae, small bunches of cattle, milk cows, sheep, goats, hogs, chickens, eggs, butter, cheese, honey, wax, cedarposts, charcoal and firewood, should be brought to town and if well advertised not only Brackett people would be the buyers, but buyers and traders from other towns would come here to buy and trade.

Home seekers would find here the men to who want to sell or rent land and get information about any part of this or adjoining counties. Much money would be kept here that heretofore has been sent out of the county for hay, corn, oats, fine angora bucks, fine hogs, fine chicken, fine eggs for products hatching, and many other all of which are raised here, but many people don't know it, and rather send off for it than hunting all over the county for it. Wagons, buggies, harness, saddles could be traded. Our merchants would undoubtedly give inducements to people to come especially on trades day by offering special bargain on that day. Hide and fur buyers would come here to buy, in this line personal inspection of goods is necessary to allow highest possible price. Ranchmen and other employing labor would find the men they need, for the men seeking work would make it a point to be here on trades day. It would advantageous to almost everybody in the county and nobody would be loser by it. Besides financial, a trades day would give us social advantages, relatives and friends would meet once a month that otherwise don't see each other perhaps for years. To get a good start we might have barbecued beef and mutton free for dinners to all visitors to town.

I would suggest every third Saturday of each month as trades day for Brackett.

Hoping some more competent and more influential person or persons take the matter in hand and pushing to successful issue.

I beg to remain yours sincerely.
R. V. S.

The constant advertiser has this advantage over the occasional one: He has not dropped the thread of his discourse and does not have to pick it up. The occasional advertiser must employ printer's ink lavishly just to re-establish himself on the footing that he occupied before he withdrew from the field, he must regain the ground that he has lost before he can continue. Here that trite but wonderfully expressive proverb suggests itself: "Constant dropping wears the stone." Unremitting advertising, advertising pursued methodically day by day, week by week, month by month, is in the less expensive than advertising occasionally, it fits and starts, "by seasons." Narrow-minded and unformed persons declare advertising the year round to be "money wasted," those who can judge know that it is a golden investment.

The editor who tries to please all his readers will not try it long for he will soon find out that he is on the wrong trail. There is not a paper published in Texas that suits all its subscribers. Probably the articles printed suit one man and that is the editor

Del Rio Visited By Fire, Doing \$33,000 Damages.

Del Rio, Tex., Dec. 17.—The building owned by Albert Warner, but occupied by Norvell & March Bros., the Del Rio Business college and Judge Walter Gillis' law office, was completely destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock this morning. No goods were saved from the building and the losses are as follows:

Albert Warner, building worth \$12,000, insurance \$8000.

Norvell & March Bros., stock estimated at \$20,000, insured in three different companies for \$15,500.

Del Rio Business college, damage about \$1000, no insurance.

Judge Gillis lost all his law books, the loss being unknown but is said to be fully covered by insurance.

Several near by building were slightly damaged by heat. Nothing can be learned as to how the fire originated.—San Antonio Express.

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An editor on being asked if he ever saw a bald-headed woman, replied in the following vein: "No we never saw a bald-headed woman. Nor did we ever see a woman waltzing around town in her shirt sleeves with a cigar between her teeth and into every saloon she saw. We have never seen a woman go fishing with a bottle of whiskey in her pocket, sit on damp ground all day and go home drunk at night. Nor have we seen a woman yank off her coat, spit on her hands and say she could lick any man in town. No, God bless her, she isn't built that way."

Some of the newspapers of the county, even down here in great, wide, breezy, liberal, broadgauged Texas, are not yet through with the campaign. They still take a whack at the President upon all possible occasions. Now the Times hates to see the newspaper gang thus demean itself. We roasted the President enough while the campaign rolls around. Theodore Roosevelt is our President as well as anybody else's and let us accept him and support his virtuous measures and stand by him in his efforts for the up-building and glory of our common country.—Laredo Times.

Good Ranch For Sale.

One of the best ranches in Kinney county consisting of 200 acres 125 acres under cultivation balance in pasture, with lots of timber. Has 400 barres of permanent running water, can be easily irrigated by putting in a pump. For information, call at this office.

Chas. Kartes is giving away 2 violins, 2 guitars, 2 mandolins, 2 accordions, 2 banjos, 2 Mattalochords, and 1 Victor Graphophone, besides other prizes with chewing .10c a draw

NOTICE.

Of Application The Legislature For Local Or Special Law.

Notice is hereby given, as required by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, that The Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company intends to apply to the Twenty-ninth Legislature of Texas, as its first regular session, for local or special law authorizing it to purchase, own and operate the railways of The New York, Texas & Mexican Railway Company, extending from Rosenberg, in Fort Ben County, to Victoria, to Victoria County, and the branches thereof, extending from Wharton, in Wharton County, into and through Matagorda County, with the franchises and property thereunto appertaining; the railways to The Gulf, Western Texas & Pacific Railway Company, extending from Victoria, in Victoria County, to Beeville, in Bee County, and from Cuero, in DeWitt County, to or near Port Lavaca, in Calhoun County, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining; the railroad of The Gonzales Branch Railroad Company, extending from Harwood to Gonzales, in Gonzales County, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining; the railroad of The San Antonio & Gulf Rail road, extending from San Antonio, in Bexar County, to or near Stockdale, in Wilson County, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining; the railroad of The Galveston, Houston & Northern Railway Company, extending from Houston, in Harris County, Texas, to Galveston, in Galveston County, Texas, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining; or the railroads and franchises of either of said companies; and authorizing said companies, and each of them, to sell their respective railways, with the franchises and all property thereunto appertaining, to The Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company, and authorizing The Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company, to increase the aggregate of its mortgage bonds and stock to an amount not exceeding the value of such railways, with the franchises and all property appertaining thereto, so purchased, or of such of them as shall be so purchased as such value has been, or shall be, ascertained and determined by the Railroad Commission of Texas; and regulating the reports of such properties and the operations thereof.

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