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Can You Eat?

J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Christiansburg, Texas, says: "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and ran down in weight. All that money could do was done, but all hope of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefited me, and after taking four bottles, I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat and cures

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Christmas in Various Lands

Christmas comes but once a year, and it is observed as an occasion of general rejoicing in every civilized country. In Germany the chief celebration is held on Christmas eve. This is the time the Christmas tree is lighted and the presents distributed. Many of the superstitions of the North German peasantry at this season of the year are of a curious character. Old wives tell young maidens that if they are desirous of ascertaining the trades of their husbands they must, on Christmas night, listen near the large kettle walled in the stove. If the water in it makes a roaring noise, he will in all probability be a blacksmith. And there are various other tones of the boiling water by means of which other trades may be determined. Again, to find out what sort of weather it will be during the next year one must on Christmas eve take an onion, cut it through into twelve equal parts, put salt on each one and then place them in a row. The months corresponding to the cups in which the salt lies, the following morning, if found wet, will be rainy. In France Christmas day itself is very little observed. From the middle of December the streets of Paris are lined with booths where every sort



of toy and decoration are sold, but these are intended for the New Year's occasion, when the French exchange gifts and good wishes. On Christmas eve, there is midnight mass at the Madeleine, to which immense numbers flock. The high altar is profusely adorned with flowers, and the building decorated all over. The people enjoy the music, which is very fine, but the day possesses no deep significance for them. In some of the country districts, especially in Normandy and Brittany, more attention is paid to the celebration of Christmas. The parish churches hold special services in honor of the birth of Christ.

In Italy the churches are illumined with thousands of wax tapers. To bring the scene vividly before the mind of the reader the following description by a traveler and an eye-witness of one of the churches near Naples may not be out of place: "The high altar was blazing with light. On the right lay the presence (manger) and on the left stood erect a wax figure of the Madonna; while around that impersonation clustered the young country girls. A magnificent saxon wig covered the head of Our Lady, and her china blue eyes stared straight ahead of her into vacancy. She was clothed in a splendid white satin dress, wore a jeweled necklace around her throat and had



costly rings on her fingers. The prospect was on this occasion the great object of attention to all the worshippers. It had been expanded from the stable manger surrounded by figures—the Virgin, St. Joseph and the Shepherds—common to all Italian churches at Christmas, to a miniature Bethlehem, into which was crowded nearly every known animal. Trees and flowers bloomed all about, and even the star was not forgotten. This, painted in gorgeous colors, was attached at the end of a pole that protruded from what might have been the market-place of the city. The manger itself was empty, as the placing of the figure of the babe (holy child) within it is a solemn ceremony reserved for the early hours of Christmas morning. "The dress of the country people is less quaint in the mind-tonguing reactions. It is, I am assured, exactly the same as that of the Shepherds at the time of our Saviour's birth, and dates back upward of two thousand years. It is a sort of smock-cock or tunic, drawn tight around the waist by a leathern thong, and a cloak over it. No shoes; people in general go barefoot."

Country Named for Christmas. South Africa was discovered by the Portuguese, who were searching for a ocean road to India. Bartholomew Diaz was the commander of the two little ships that formed the expedition in 1486. Eleven years later De Gama, another Portuguese fleet commander, discovered Natal on Christmas day and thus named it in consequence.

BRIDGE ACROSS CANADIAN TO COST HALF MILLION—AMARILLO TO HAVE STOCK YARDS

Fort Worth Record.
Amarillo is to have improved stock yards. In fact, Amarillo will have as fine stock pens for their size as will be found anywhere.

This decision was reached here yesterday after a lengthy conference between Avery Turner, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Kansas and Pecos Valley lines, Frank T. Dolan, general superintendent of the Denver road and Vice President Hovey of the Rock Island.

"As matters now stand at Amarillo," said Mr. Turner last night, "there are no stockyards in Amarillo. The Denver has some buildings pens that are situated about three or four miles from town. The Rock Island and the Pecos Valley and Southern Kansas have no pens at Amarillo."

"Under an agreement reached today between Mr. Hovey, Mr. Dolan and myself, the three roads named will patronize a stockyards company that will put its stockyards at Amarillo. These yards will have a capacity of some seventy-five cars of cattle and will be built larger as the necessity arises. They will be built and operated by a separate company, the same as the yards at North Fort Worth are operated. Work on them will begin at an early date and this agreement promises a happy solution to a problem that has long been a difficult one to meet."

"I believe that the stock raisers of Texas have sold themselves into a hard place," continued Mr. Turner, changing the subject. "The shortage of breeding animals will be felt keenly in a short while from now. In fact, this shortage is already being felt. The cattlemen have rushed their steers to market in such quantities that the market has been glutted with cows and prices have been demoralized. The awakening is at hand. There is practically no steer cattle left on the plains and the

shortage of she stock means that the present diminished supply of steers will not be replenished until more breeding cattle are obtained. I can see no relief from this condition under three or four years and these will be years of famine for the railroads of that section that depend upon the cattle shipments for their revenue."

Mr. Turner further stated that his lines are now preparing to spend some \$420,000 in building a strong and substantial bridge over the Canadian river. The old bridge, it will be remembered, was washed away some few weeks ago and a temporary structure was put in its place. It is the intention of Mr. Turner to put up a bridge that will stand an kind of a rise in the Canadian and it will take nearly a half million dollars to do this.

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A New York supreme court judge refused an injunction to restrain men from striking.

A NEW DISCOVERY MAY ABOLISH SPECTACLES.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—A description of a new method of treating defective eyes is contained in a report to the state department by Consul Mahin, at Nottingham, England. He says: "It is described briefly as 'manipulation of the eye,' and was thought out and developed, it is stated, by Dr. Stephen Smith, surgeon of the eye department of Battered Park hospital. The precise method of treatment is not disclosed, remaining the inventor's secret. The treatment is described as gentle and gradual, a few minutes daily, causing no pain and having no injurious effect of any sort. Some patients are cured in a week, and in all cases improvement is rapid. Thirty patients who previously had to wear spectacles have so far been treated by Dr. Smith, and, with one exception, it is stated, all have discarded glasses, and can now read at either long or short distances, as easily as people who have never needed glasses. The cures apply to myopia (short sight), hypermetropia (long sight), and to astigmatism (irregularity of the eye), are claimed to be permanent, which, of course, remains to be demonstrated. Optimists assert the general use of this method will practically abolish eyeglasses."

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Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin, as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and cures cuts, bruises and lacerations to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. Sold by the Central Drug Store.

TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF JOHN STUMP, County Treasurer of Roberts County, Texas, of Receipts and Expenditures from July 30th, 1904, to October 31st, 1904, inclusive:

JURY FUND, 1st Class.	Dr.	Cr.
Balance last quarter, \$171.77	44.99	
To Amount received during quarter, "Exhibit A".....		374.59
By Amount paid out during quarter, "Exhibit B".....	1.12	
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount received.....		9.26
To amount to balance.....	164.21	
\$164.21—Balance	\$380.88	\$380.88

ROAD and BRIDGE FUND, 2nd Class.	Dr.	Cr.
Balance last quarter, 307.92	604.03	
By amount paid out during quarter, Exhibit "B".....		15.10
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out.....		\$2478.79
By amount to balance.....		
\$2478.79—Balance	\$3007.92	\$3007.92

GENERAL COUNTY FUND, 3rd Class.	Dr.	Cr.
Balance last quarter, 2753.04	2.45	
To Amount received during quarter, "Exhibit C".....		1231.99
By Amount paid out during quarter, "Exhibit C".....	34.30	
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out.....		1492.64
To amount to balance.....	2755.49	
\$1492.64—Balance	\$2755.49	\$2755.49

COURT HOUSE and JAIL FUND, 4th Class.	Dr.	Cr.
Balance last quarter, 4314.25	30.35	
By Amount paid out during quarter, "Exhibit D".....		15.10
By 2 1/2 per cent commission on amount paid out.....		.76
By amount to balance.....	4283.15	
\$4283.15—Balance	\$4314.26	\$4314.26

Respectfully submitted, JOHN STUMP County Treasurer, Roberts County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
COUNTY OF ROBERTS,) J. A. MEAD, Clerk of the County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the said County for the Quarter ending Oct. 31, 1904.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 12th day of Dec, 1904.
(Seal) J. A. MEAD, Clerk Com. Court, Roberts, County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
COUNTY OF ROBERTS,)
We, the undersigned members of the Commissioners Court of Roberts County, Texas, do hereby certify that we have complied with all the requirements of Art. 867 Revised Statutes in the examination of the Quarterly Report for the Quarter ending Oct. 31st, 1904, of John Stump, county treasurer of Roberts County, Texas, and that we have actually counted the currency and assets belonging to said county in the hands of said John Stump and find the fund sufficient and said report correct.

N. F. LOCKE, County Judge,
H. P. CHISUM, Commissioner,
CLAUDE LEDRICK, "
J. A. KING, "

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of Dec. A. D. 1904.
J. A. MEAD, County Clerk, Roberts County, Texas.

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A GAY LOTHARIO AT 90.
Marion, Ind., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Kate Christian, 37 years of age, has eloped with Archie Price, 90 years old. Elisha Christian, the deserted husband, reported the affair to the police and wants his wife and her lover arrested.
Christian said he learned through friends that his wife was having clandestine meetings with Price, but he was unable to see them together. He said he discovered that they were using a hole in a hollow tree near his home as a post office to exchange letters. Christian was unable to get the letters and placed a steel trap in the hole for the purpose of trapping the man who was attempting to break up his home.
Today he visited the trap and in it found a note from his wife, who said she had not been caught, but had decided to elope with Price and would never return.
The Pros carried Trinity county.
In the prohibition election Madison county went dry.
The Texas State Medical College will ask the legislature for a \$25,000 laboratory.
A fourteen thousand acre irrigation project above Laredo has been chartered at Austin.
The Civil Service League criticizes President Roosevelt's disregard of the law in his appointments.
Our State penitentiary's iron industry at risk and sugar farms on the Brazos are paying handsomely.
The Secretary of Agriculture recommends that congress appropriate \$225,000 to fight the boll weevil in Texas.
The Farmers' Union advises that farmers hold their cotton and that those who are able to do so buy May futures.
Chas. W. Armour, of the Armour Packing company, says it is impossible to secure enough hogs in Texas to run the plant at Fort Worth.
Daughters of the Confederacy have raised \$2735 for a fund to establish a home for indigent veterans of Confederate veterans at Austin. \$6,000 will be needed for a modest start.
In last Saturday's election Navarro county carried for prohibition by about a thousand majority. Corsicana two years ago gave an anti majority of over 800 while this year it is only 31.
There probably is no really sound political argument in the fact that Socialist Debs received more votes in Milwaukee, the metropolis of beer, than Parker, and that the Democrats also lost Louisville, the great whisky center. It was merely an incident also that the Republicans carried Palestine, N. F., the American headquarters of anarchism.

Uncle Sam's newest cruiser whizzes by you before you can say "Pennsylvania."

Yale had best not make future football earnings public. The trusts may capture the game.

Give the doctor his due. It might have been an undertaker who invented the quick lunch.

Did Sir Edward Clarke ever hear anybody refer to our national bird as anything but the American eagle?

The coreless apple is now on the market and the small boy won't have anything left to give to his little sister.

In Manchuria they blow up magazines. In this happy land of peace and plenty they simply blow up the writer.

"No man," says a contemporary, "has a right to look any uglier than he is." We know several who couldn't.

What is the basis for the superstition that the wishbone brings good luck? It didn't bring good luck to the turkey.

Two patriotic young women are going to erect a home for gentleness out of a job. They had better rent a whole township.

A Chicago man transferred a house and lot to his fiancée before the wedding. There's one woman who really has won a home.

Mr. Kyrle Bellows says that acting is not an art and that actors are not artists. There have been times when we've suspected it.

A New York paper refers to Harry Lehr as "the young society wine agent." However, that's a compliment in New York.

The world's annual output of diamonds is estimated at \$35,000,000, and the stony old earth yields them up with extreme reluctance.

The hoary old church oyster joke, in spite of its years, capers nimbly to the front again, claiming as its tribute the usual weary smile.

The opera season has opened in New York city with unusual splendor, though the experts differ as to the value of the diamonds on exhibition.

There is talk of an anti-smoke crusade in Pittsburgh. It looks as if the people of that town would stop at nothing in their eagerness for notoriety.

A Chicago man asks the court to award him alimony from his divorced wife who has been accustomed to earn the family living. Why not, to be sure?

Unfortunately the morning papers neglect to say whether that young man who has decided to work for a living is a second or third cousin of E. H. Harriman.

An Ohio convict who was out on parole was put back in prison because he got married. Isn't that about time for some of the women's clubs to take Ohio under consideration?

Russell Sage's nephew has gone on the stage as a member of the chorus in one of the musical comedies. If he had been Russell's niece he would have begun as a prima donna.

Vanderbilt will send anybody a booklet free, telling how he made \$1,000,000 grow to \$1,000,000. Now will somebody please issue directions for acquiring \$1,000 quickly and safely.

Secretary Taft reassures Panamas with the official statement that the United States has no other design upon the isthmus than to build a canal. It won't even take away the dirt.

Students of the Brazilian military school attempted to overturn the government, but were captured and sent to prison. They should have restricted their revolutionary activities to inventing a new yell.

In New York they say that a high-neck dress and a diamond tiara is the latest opera costume. But what if, after one gets the diamond tiara, one hasn't money enough left to get the high-neck dress?

John D. Rockefeller's purpose in buying up the small village of Bricksville seems to be to close a mine which is obnoxious to him. It must be pleasing to be able to get rid of trivial annoyances that way.

An enterprising Californian, H. C. Hoover by name, has made so much money from a coal mining concession in China that the Chinese emperor wants to repudiate the contract. The grounds for repudiation are that he is a foreign devil.

A battleship named for the State of New Jersey has just been launched. This naturally suggests the query why the New Jersey mosquito hasn't been trained to be utilized in war. As a sort of aerial torpedo boat its utility would be unquestioned.

Now that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan has invested a small fortune in five thoroughbred Guernsey cows, which have been sent to him in a special car by express, he can go Anna Held one better, if he wants to, and take a bath in cream every day.

Dowager Empress Tsi Ann is having her Chinese soldiers separated from their pistols and put into European dress. In China the soldier will not only have to fight for his country but give up his hope of heaviness for H. The price looks pretty big.

Orient to Resume Building.
Sweetwater: A telegram was received here by H. C. Hord, general attorney of the Panhandle and Gulf Railway, from Kansas City, where the general and where the annual stockholders' meeting was held Friday, that it was voted to begin construction north from Sweetwater at once of the road, and that steel was ordered. He was advised that thirty-five miles would be laid by February 1.

"Red Eye" Gets the Black Eye.
Corsicana: Returns from all but five boxes give a majority for local option of about nine hundred votes. Two years ago Corsicana gave an anti-majority of 500 votes, while this year the majority is only thirty-one.

Madisonville: Madison County went dry in the prohibition election held Thursday by over two to one. The majority is larger than two years ago.

Roping Contests at San Angelo.
San Angelo: Friday's roping concluded the contest between crack ropers. John Murray won, in the total time for two steers of 65.25 seconds; Clay McGonigill second, 69.34 seconds; Joe Gardner third, 90.43. A matched contest between John Murray and Joe Gardner, three steers each, won by Murray, by 1.5 of a second. Broncho busting and steer throwing by Pickett, "the dusky demon," were features. Friday's roping is said to be the best ever held here.

Horrible Death from Hydrophobia.
Waxahatchie: Leo Bales, the 10-year-old son of Mr. T. J. Bales, died from a well-developed case of hydrophobia. The boy was bitten on the hand about seven weeks ago by a stray dog with which he was playing, but as the bite was not a severe one and the dog showed no signs of having the rabies, no uneasiness was felt. Several days ago the little fellow was taken with violent spasms, which continued with most agonizing suffering until death ensued.

Carbolic Acid Fatality.
Terrell: Bob Michle, one of the old citizens and ex-Tax Assessor of this county, took a dose of carbolic acid Thursday by mistake and died soon afterward from the effects of the poison. The accident occurred near Heath, where he had gone on some business matter. Since his retirement from office several years ago Mr. Michle has resided at Pochy, where he owned a farm until the past year, since which time he has resided in this city.

Burned to Death.
Beaumont: Mrs. M. A. McKnight of this place, who was terribly burned at the home of her parents, Col. and Mrs. Robert Barclay, in Woodville Wednesday morning, died that night before the special train from this city bearing her husband and Dr. A. F. Barclay, her brother, reached there. The funeral was held at Woodville Thursday afternoon.

Biggest Hotel in the Territories.
Muskegee: I. T. The Muskogee hotel brick work is completed and the huge structure will soon be completed in its entirety. This magnificent building is six stories high, with basement, making seven stories, and the highest in the two territories. The total cost of the building will be \$150,000, besides the furnishings, which will be \$25,000 additional, or more.

Passing of a McLennan Pioneer.
Waco: Capt. A. D. Allen, aged 80, a pioneer settler of McLennan County, died at his home near Crawford. The deceased was the father of Mrs. J. B. Cranfill of Dallas and Mrs. Daniel Ford of Waco. In the early days he was noted for courage and endurance as a frontiersman, and as the country became settled he took a leading part in public affairs. His funeral was largely attended.

Automobile Test of Endurance.
Dallas: To prove the endurance of his machine, S. H. Boren made a 100-mile run in his automobile at the Fair Grounds track. The performance was a result of a wager that the machine could not be run 100 miles without being stopped or without the high-speed clutch being released. The run was made in 3 hours and 18 minutes, an average of about 2:18 to the mile, or better than 28 miles an hour.

Transmitted Rabies.
Waxahatchie: Mrs. T. J. Bales, mother of little Leo Bales, who died of hydrophobia, and Representative B. F. James have been affected with hydrophobic poison communicated to them while waiting on the unfortunate boy during his sickness. Some of the poisonous saliva got on their hands, producing a very painful sensation. A mad stone placed on the affected parts of each adhered for some thirty hours.

Leesville Suffers From Fire.
Gonzales: A disastrous fire occurred at Leesville Tuesday, loss amounting to over \$20,000. The dry goods store of F. M. Caraway, stock and buildings, \$15,000; no insurance. Masonic Lodge, \$750; no insurance. W. C. Littlefield, loss on building \$1,250; no insurance. Gaston Deberry, \$1,000, damage to stock, covered by insurance and about \$1,000 worth of goods saved in the Deberry stock.

Mental Depression Leads to Suicide.
Dallas: J. W. Burson, one of the pioneer newspaper men of Texas, shot himself Friday morning at 10 o'clock in a room in the Imperial hotel. Hood Smith, a brother Knight of Pythias, who had spent several hours with Burson, was in the room at the time of the shooting, but the act was accomplished so quickly that he was powerless to prevent it. He leaves a wife and family who are on a farm near Arlington.

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THE THREE KINGS' STABLE
MUSIC COMPOSED BY BASIL HARWOOD, M. A., M. S. D. C.

Words by ROKRI CRENSON

And lo, the star which they saw in the east went before them, whispered the boy, gazing upward at its pure white light in the hush of the Holy Night.

"But mankind," said the old man sadly, "has not followed. In all the Christmas eves since it looked on the shepherds in that field of Bethlehem, it has looked on men doing evil somewhere to their fellows. Its light has been dimmed by the lights from camp fires of armies and from flames of burning cities. I am old, and it is weary waiting for the fulfillment of the promise."

"The star is beautiful and splendid," said the boy with shining eyes.

"Undimmed I shine," said the Star.

"And He in whose sight a thousand years are but a day sees mankind look toward me every year with new intelligence and love. Ages have passed and other ages still must be passed 'till the Word shall be fulfilled. But every Christmas eve I shine upon a world that has moved forward step by step."

Greater grew the radiance of the Star, until the world sank away, and still and pure it shone over Jerusalem. Whose calm and faithful eyes are these that look toward it from a cell? Stephen lies there, soon to be taken to the city wall and stoned to death.

Again it shines upon the Holy City, surrounded now by a Roman army under Titus. Before another Christmas eve, Jerusalem shall be no more. The temple of the Most High shall be razed and thus leave nothing on Mount Moriah save a little heap of ruins.

And again there is a Christmas eve. Six hundred years have passed. The Christian world has fallen far away from the Sermon on the Mount. Hatred and intolerance have distorted the cause of Christ into a cause for shedding of blood from Bethlehem to the far Isles of Great Britain.

Shining for the first time on Christmas Eve in the New World, in 1492, the Star sees Columbus and his crew turn toward it from their small craft as they roll in the great blue seas of the tropical ocean off the coast of Hayti. It may be that there is too much Christmas eve over aboard the Santa Maria. For before the Star has set, she is a hopeless wreck on the rocks of the beautiful island.

The Star is to see many cruel things

year the New Englanders, instead of gathering around scorable fireplaces, are abroad, driving before them the remnants of the Wampanoag Indians, whom they have defeated in a great battle near Narragansett bay; and in 1676 the French are taking Cayenne in Glana, after a stubborn siege.

In 1788 the Star shines on grim and moody faces in the town of New York. Sir Edmund Andross, the first royal governor and vice-regent of New England, has just arrived and is making a roaring Christmas eve of it.

Two years afterward the Star gleams on his royal master, James II., spending his Christmas eve in the French court, a fugitive driven from his throne in England.

Sitting with a few companions by a camp fire in the primeval wilderness of Pennsylvania, a young surveyor looks up at it in 1758. He is George Washington, nine days' journey on his way home from Lake Erie, where he has been to carry a message to the commander of the French that will end finally in the French and Indian war. Indians are prowling on his path that night, but he looks as serenely at the Star of Bethlehem as if he were gazing at it from his home in Virginia.

Christmas eve, 1773, and there are bands and flying banners in Boston. Young and old, mechanics and restorers and citizens of substance, are marching together, singing "God Save the King." They head straight for the wharves, where two teapots are lying. Some of the chests go overboard, still to the accompaniment of the legal tone. The others are left on the ships, but the vessels are forced to return home without unloading.

Lieut. John Paul Jones, in his new uniform and clothed in his three-day-old dignity as member of the Corps of Naval Officers appointed by Congress, swaggers around proudly on Christmas eve in Philadelphia in 1775. Anno Domini 1776 sees 24,000 men crossing the ice-covered Delaware.

And in 1777 the Star shines on Valley Forge, where men sit around pitiable fires in rags—peniless, hungry, freezing, but unflinching.

Christmas eve, 1783, George Washington has surrendered his commission the day before. For the first time in seven years, he looks up to the Star without heavy care.

STAR IN THE EAST
Wondrous Story of the Centuries That It Told to the Boy Who Gazed at It.

HELP WANTED!

Beneath the mistletoe she stood,
(The maid who owns my heart),
And though I longed in lovesick mood—
I dared not play my part.

But while I lingered there (forlorn)
A change came o'er the maid
As if some pain did through her shoot,
She cried out sore afraid:

"Oh! something in my hair has caught,
Come rescue me, I pray!"
And strange to tell my help was sought
A dozen times that day.

—Paul Gold.

For Health and Economy

Calumet Baking Powder

"Best by Test"

Used in Millions of Homes

WIFE'S CHANGE OF NAME.

Custom of Assuming Her Husband's Name is Lost in Obscurity.

The custom which makes it proper for the wife to assume the name of her husband at marriage is involved in much obscurity. A recent authority advances the opinion that it originated from a Roman custom and became common after the Roman occupation of England. Thus, Julia and Octavia, married to Pompey and Cleo, were called by the Romans Julia of Pompey and Octavia of Cleo, and in later times the married women of most European countries signed their names in the same way, but omitted the "of." In spite of this theory it is a fact that as late as the sixteenth century a Catherine Parr signed her name without any change, though she had been twice married. We also hear of Lady Jane Grey, not Dudley, and Arabella Stuart, not Seymour, etc. Some think that the custom originated with the Scriptural fact that the husband and wife are one. This was the rule of law as far back as 1288, and it was decided in the case of Bon versus Smith, in the reign of Elizabeth, that a woman by marriage loses her former name and legally receives the name of her husband.

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.

Woman's Inconsistency.

Many of those women who say that beautifying is foolish are living contradictions of their own statements.

Do Your Clothes Look Yew?

Then use DeLancey Starch, it will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

Either you like a girl because she is nicer than the other girls or the other girls aren't as nice as she is.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.

ITCHING, BLEEDING, SWELLING, PAIN. Your druggist will refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure you in 10 days.

How much a man does for his wife depends on how much she doesn't do for herself.

FITS permanently cured. No more nervousness after each day's use of Dr. J. C. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Dr. J. C. Williams, 108 N. E. St. Louis, Mo. Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Some people who try to be foxy only succeed in making geese of themselves.

When You Buy Starch

buy DeLancey and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

You could never make a woman believe that all the angels don't have nice crinkly hair.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, stops pain, cures wind colic. Dr. J. C. Williams, 108 N. E. St. Louis, Mo. Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The chronic crier never realizes that there are people worse off than he is.

Pine's Cure is the best medicine ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—W. O. ENDREY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1909.

It's funny what the women's clothes that are never seen are mostly made for show

FREE

THE MICHIGAN SIGNAL AND WATER SUPPLY

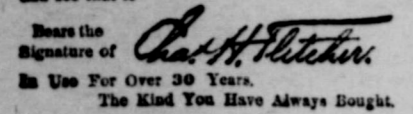
ALL there is to some calculations, you hustle to get there, and hustle to get back.

DeLancey Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

The pessimist never expects anything to turn out right for fear he will be fooled.

Puzzle Unbalance Brain.
An Englishman has been sent to an insane asylum through too much study of newspaper puzzles.
The Best Results in Starching
can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 1 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.
Sterilized Milk at Cost.
Much now has a place where sterilized milk is provided at cost to families whose annual income does not exceed \$500.
Sensible Housekeepers
will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.
The more a man complains the less other men think of him.
TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Lassiter's Bronchitis Tablets. All drug stores refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grite's signature is on each box, 25c.**Even the thermometer has been known to take a drop too much.**

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all his business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by his firm.
WALDRON, KIRKMAN & MARVIN,
Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the mucous surface of the organ. It is entirely free from opium, and is sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.
Worry over money matters kills the rich as well as the poor.

Important to Mothers.
Remember carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it is

In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Try One Package.
If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.
The sharper a man is the harder it is to flatter him.



Many women are denied the happiness of children through derangement of the generative organs. Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I suffered with stomach complaint for years. I got so bad that I could not carry my children but five months, then would have a miscarriage. The last time I became pregnant, my husband got me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking this first bottle I was relieved of the sickness of stomach, and began to feel better in every way. I continued its use and was enabled to carry my baby to maturity. I now have a nice baby girl, and can work better than I ever could before. I am like a new woman."
—MRS. FRANK BEYER, 22 S. Second St., Meriden, Conn.—\$1000. Perfect if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO WOMAN.
Don't hesitate to write to Mrs. Pinkham. She will understand your case perfectly, and will treat you with kindness. Her advice is free, and the address is Lynn, Mass. No woman ever regretted having written her, and she has helped thousands.



Early in the morning, late at night, or whenever used, Defiance Starch will be found always the same, always the best.
Insist on having it, the most for your money.
Satisfaction or money back guaranteed. It is manufactured under the latest improved conditions. It is up-to-date. It is the best. We give no premiums.
We sell 16 ounces of the best starch made for 10 cents. Other brands are 12 cents for 10 cents with a tin whistle.
Manufactured by THE DEFIANCE STARCH CO., Omaha, Neb.

BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP cures coughs and colds.



GERRY TALBOT'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

"James," said Gerry Talbot, suddenly, looking up from the letter he had just received, "you needn't mind about the rest. The dinner will not come off, after all."
The decorated end of the big, sumptuous studio looked oddly distasteful to Gerry Talbot since the reading of Miss Wakefield's telegram, which had shattered his enthusiastic plans. He had invited her—and, for chaperonage, her brother and his wife—to a Christmas studio dinner, which he meant to make as festive as possible. Of course, her rejection at the last hour had been a gentle invention prepared to avert a greater disappointment, for he had let her know unmistakably how it was with him, and he



had been so hopeful of success that he had selected a ring for her Christmas gift—a little golden circlet set with a clear white solitaire.
The streets were thronged with bustling Christmas shoppers, glad of heart, with merry, expectant faces, and here and there a wistful one, too, looking on, but not buying. As Talbot turned toward the restaurant he noticed two little girls gazing wistfully into a confectioner's window.
"Yes, Min, I would. I'd do it just thing," said the taller of the two. "Oh, my! wouldn't it be nice to be rich an' invite all your friends to a big turkey an' ice cream dinner?"
Minnie, who was of less sanguine disposition, said there wasn't any good in wishing, 'cause nothing ever came true, anyway; but her friend kept up a flow of charitable aspirations that interested Talbot in spite of his gloom. They were very poorly clad, thin-framed and ill-nourished, but not unpleasant to look at. Talbot was conscious, all at once, of an inexplicable impulse to gratify the first child's wish.
"So you would really like to give your friends a Christmas dinner?" said he, smiling down at her astonished eyes. "I have a great mind to let you have your wish."
"Oh, dear me, Min!" she gasped, "I can't hardly believe it, can you? It sounds just like a make-believe thing. Won't Miss Posey be s'prised! An' Jonas an' Meg an' Tom! Oh, won't they be just too pleased!"
"How many shall you invite?" Talbot asked gravely, taking out his note-book. "You see, we haven't much time to spare, so we'll have to begin our preparations at once. How many guests?"
"Well, there's Aunt Kitty an' Uncle Tim an' the baby. Miss Posey, Jonas Boggs, Meg an' Pat Fooley—Min, can you think of anyone else?"
"Lame Betsy an' Moll."
"How many's that?" asked Lou.
"Twelve, counting us three."
Talbot nodded gravely. "Can you give me some idea what they would like to have for dinner?"
"There'll be turkey, won't there?" "Certainly."
"With sauce and stuffin'?"
"Yes."
Talbot wrote down the various items while they added sundry incongruous articles.
"Don't you think it would be nice to have a little present beside each plate?" he asked.
Both girls gasped, but looked immensely pleased.
"Suppose you two go around with me and pick out what you consider suitable for each of your guests; because I should not know what to select."
They set off toward Sixth avenue, where they soon found themselves in a whirl of belated shoppers. Talbot consulted his list as he followed the children from counter to counter.
"Now, I think you had better both run home and let your parents see that you are safe and sound, then set about the invitations," said Talbot.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Important Happenings in the House and Senate During the Week.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED.

By a Vote, the Senate Committee Authorized Favorable Report Regarding Oklahoma and Indian Territory to Become State of Oklahoma.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The bill submitted as a basis of action to the House Indian committee to meet the exigencies which will arise in the Indian Territory upon the dissolution of the tribal governments of the Indians and the expiration of the lease of life of the Dawes commission, will probably be incorporated as a part of the Indian appropriation bill.

Some of the provisions of the bill now being prepared are known. Several new offices are created by it. One is a superintendent of Indian affairs in the Indian Territory at a salary of \$10,000 per annum, who shall have general charge of all territorial affairs under the interior department and succeed to all the duties, authority and responsibility previously assumed by the Dawes commission. Another office whose appointment is provided for is an administrator for the Indian Territory, at a salary of \$8,000 per annum, who shall have charge of the estates of all deceased incompetent Indians, and who will be under the jurisdiction of the superintendent and the secretary of the interior.

It seems probable that some legislation may be enacted at the present session of congress providing for the distribution of the trust fund and lands of the Osage Indians.

The sub-committee charged with the preparation of the Indian appropriation bill will have a busy day tomorrow. All the officers of the Indian bureau, including the present and the future commissioners and the chiefs of the finance, educational and land divisions, will be called upon to go over various items in the proposed bill.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Representative Stevens, of Texas, today introduced a bill authorizing the appeal of a test case from the court of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations to the circuit court of appeals of the Eighth district of St. Louis, to determine legal status of intermarried citizens and their descendants.

The interior department has submitted to the house Indian committee the draft of a bill looking to the final settlement of the affairs of the five civilized tribes after the Dawes commission is dissolved next July.

Judge Baker of the supreme court of New Mexico, who recently was removed from office by the president, has received by the president and the department of justice a full hearing, the result being a revocation of the order of removal.

F. W. Elliott was endorsed by Representative Campbell, of Kansas, for appointment as postmaster at Edna, Kan., the office having been made presidential.

The senate committee on privilege and elections developed nothing sensational in the Senator Snoot investigation.

The president has sent the senate the following nominations of postmasters: Iowa—Eugene S. Siler, Sidney; James Schroeder, Gutenberg; N. C. Ketchell, Mason City, Missouri; Godfrey Haldiman, California. Oklahoma—William T. Barrett, Carmon; Frank H. McCormick, Clinton; George S. Bailey, Snyder.

The senate held a session of three minutes and adjourned until Wednesday. Mr. Perkins, of California, had been designated to preside by President Pro Tem Frye. There was a message from the president, a message from the house, and a motion to adjourn until Wednesday. All the motions prevailed.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Mr. John P. Wallace, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission, has given the house committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce the benefit of his investigation so far as made regarding the engineering tasks to be performed in the construction of the Panama canal. The testimony was taken aboard the army transport Sumner in Colon harbor, on the occasion of the recent visit of the committee to the canal zone. It is to be printed for the use of congress.

Before taking up in detail the four district canal propositions which are

Jumped From Windows.
Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—One girl was killed, two fatally injured, and scores of others hurt by jumping from the second and third windows during an explosion which wrecked Lloyd Adams & Simpson's top pistol factory here.

25 Indictments Returned.
Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 20.—A special grand jury empaneled several days ago has returned 25 indictments for election frauds. Special deputies were sworn in to serve the capias.

Murder Trial Begins.
Rising Sun, Ind., Dec. 17.—The trial of James Gillespie, charged with murder of his twin sister, Elizabeth, began today. The jury visited the scene of the murder.

Taking Precautions.
Rome, Dec. 19.—The government has ordered the immediate execution of those repairs upon St. Mark's, at Venice, which are of an urgent character, and that everything necessary be done to prevent any damage to the basilica.

Reached Amicable Agreement.
Montreal, Dec. 21.—The Canadian Pacific officials announce that they have come to an amicable agreement with the Order of Railway Telegraphers which desired certain changes in the schedule.

Health Won't Permit.
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 20.—Robert Patton, who was offered the national chairmanship of the Prohibition party, said that he had declined on account of ill health.

Fire in a Mine.
Silverton, Colo., Dec. 19.—Damage estimated at \$100,000 has been caused by fire which destroyed the Mill yard terminal of the Silver Lake mine, cutting off the supply of ore from three mines to the mill and throwing 200 men out of employment.

LOW PRICES 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 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 ever little low places limited by the personal selfish interests of those concerned.

Diet Affects Color of Eyes.
Eating fruit and vegetables, and especially apples, will make the eyes brighter. Light blue eyes will look like drift and the faded gray eyes will seem like a clean blue. Diet has a great deal to do with the color of the eyes.

Army Lived on Birch Trees.
During the siege of Hamburg in 1814, almost every birch tree within some miles of the town was destroyed by the Boshkirs and Cosackes, who stripped them of their bark for food, and also tapped them for their sweet sap.

Fascination of Bank Book.
More absorbing than the most thrilling book of fiction is a bank book. Its tale is never too long, nor its pages too many, and the long rows of figures so dry in other books are intensely interesting. But in order to enjoy its pages, each man must own his own bank book.

Widespread English Language.
The English language is spoken today by 125,000,000 people. Three hundred years ago, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, the language was spoken by about 5,000,000 people, nearly all of whom lived in the British Isles. It was about this time that England began her colonization to which the great spread of the tongue is mainly attributed.

Unhappy Drones.
The hardest working and the poorest paid people in this world are those who have nothing to do.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, but because 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 5-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 and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Home of the Silk Hat.
The number of silk hats made annually in the United Kingdom is about 12,000,000.

The section has been eliminated which provided for the cessation of restrictions upon the alienation of allotted lands in Oklahoma and Indian Territory upon the admission of these territories as a state.

The contest over the location of the circuit and district courts of the western district of Oklahoma was settled by providing for alternate sessions of the courts at Guthrie and Oklahoma City.

The provision of the Oklahoma bill for the appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the benefit of the common schools has been incorporated in the portion of the bill which admits New Mexico and Arizona as a state.

Unions Favor Arbitration.
Fall River, Mass., Dec. 22.—At meetings held five textile unions voted in favor of the proposition to submit the labor troubles involved in the long pending strike to arbitration.

Railroad Official Changes.
Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 21.—Joseph Blabbon, formerly fourth vice-president of the Great Northern at St. Paul, has been appointed freight traffic manager of the Chicago and Alton railroad, effective January 1.

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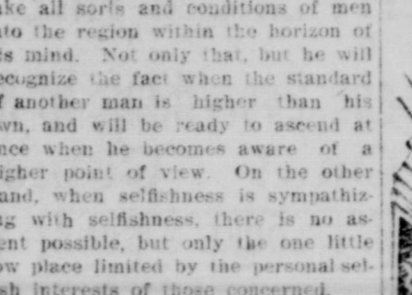
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"Mammoth Beehive."

The biggest beehive in the world is a natural one in Kentucky, known as the "Mammoth Beehive." It is in reality a huge cave, the main compartment of which is 150 feet high, the floor covering ten acres in extent.

Salaries of Public Officers.
The salary of the governor of Kentucky is \$10,000, \$2,000 more than is paid the governor of Massachusetts, and \$8,000, the amount paid the governor of California.

HOPE FOR THE SICK.



MRS. HENRIETTA A. S. MARSH.
A VICTIM OF LA GRIPPE.
Mrs. Henrietta A. S. Marsh, 745 W. 10th St., Los Angeles, Cal., President Women's Prohibition Ass'n. writes: "I suffered with la grippe for seven weeks, and nothing I could do or take helped me until I tried Peruna. I felt at once that I had at last secured the right medicine and I kept steadily improving. Within three weeks I was fully restored, and I am glad that I gave that truly great remedy a trial. I will never be without it again."
In a letter dated August 31, 1904, Mrs. Marsh says: "I have never yet heard the efficacy of Peruna questioned. We still use it. I traveled through Kentucky and Tennessee three years ago, where I found Peruna doing its good work. Much of it is being used here, also."—Henrietta A. S. Marsh. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Ask your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1905.

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Importing Canadian wheat 15 now a fact.

Get a Free Horse-drawn in Western Canada or buy some of the best wheat made on the continent and become a producer.
The average yield of wheat this year will be about twenty bushels to the acre. The oat and barley crop will also be abundant. Superior classes, good schools and churches, excellent working facilities. Apply for information to superintendent of Rural Credit, Ottawa, Canada, or to authorized Canadian Distributors: Everett & Crawford, 36, 72 W. Ninth Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
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Dealers supplied by their jobber or direct from Frank F. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

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Come One! Come All!

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WE LEAD THE WAY TO New and Better Things IN THE WORLD'S BEST BRANDS OF GROCERIES.

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ALL THE GROCERIES THAT A LARGE FAMILY COULD USE IN A DAY CAN BE PURCHASED HERE FOR A VERY MODEST SUM OF MONEY.

Johnston Brothers,
Miami, Texas

The Miami Chief.

LESLIE L. LADD,
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.

LOCAL NOTES.

Call on Stone & Houston for barbed wire.

Light bread and pies at J. W. Harrah's.

Geo. Rainey spent several days at Pampa this week.

Call at J. W. Harrah's for fresh fish and oysters.

The Odd Fellows elect new officers next Tuesday night.

The school will give one week vacation for the holidays.

Dr. Beers, Eye Specialist, at the Fitch Hotel, January 19th.

Stone & Houston want to figure with you on your point bill.

The CHIEF wishes everyone of its readers a Merry Christmas.

H. L. Powers was smiling on his many friends in Miami Tuesday.

Hams, Breakfast Bacon, Lard, etc., at the Gist Meat Market.

Tom Boney attended the Butler-Jackson nuptials at Alameda this week.

Fresh Candies and Nuts at all times at J. W. Harrah & Son's Confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crump of Pampa are in Miami to visit till after Christmas.

If you do not want good coal and cheap coal don't call on Stone & Houston.

John A. Reed and daughter were doing Christmas shopping in Miami Thursday.

John Newman left Thursday to spend Christmas at his father's home in Cook County.

County Clerk Mead will spend Christmas with his mother in Day county, Oklahoma.

John Carpenter of McLean was married last week to a Miss Hall of Wheeler county.

Stone & Houston have good coal Also Missouri coal at \$5 per ton and Trinidad coal at \$7 per ton.

Mrs. O. F. Payne visited Alameda this week at the instance of the marriage of her brother, Lee Butler.

Anything you want to eat, from crackers and cheese to a grind stone at J. W. Harrah & Son's Restaurant.

According to the Treasurer's quarterly report on our front page, Roberts county has in its treasury \$8,090.37.

A meeting of the Miami Library Association is called to meet at the office of Coffey & Kelly on next Monday evening at 2:30 o'clock. The public gathering invited.

W. F. Taylor from across the Canadian was in Miami this week en route to and from Northfork, and while here made this office a substantial call.

Dr. Dodson, the dentist from Amarillo, writes that he will be in Miami again in the early part of January. Watch this paper for dates.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Talley of Gray county were in Miami doing their Christmas shopping Wednesday.

We are selling everything in the building line at cost—that is what it cost you, but have some very attractive prices.—Stone & Houston.

Charlie Rowe of McLean, Gray county, was married to a Mrs. Dona Lollars of Sulphur Springs, on Monday last. The couple were married at Clarendon.

Mrs. E. C. Schaffer of Gray county, accompanied by her son, was in Miami several days the former part of this week visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. M. Black.

In the early part of January, Dr. Dodson, the dentist from Amarillo will make Miami a visit to do dental work. See dates later in THE CHIEF.

The exercises to be given by the children of the Methodist Sunday school on Christmas eve night promise to be something interesting because it will be something different from that to which we are accustomed. Everybody invited.

The Miami Lodge Woodmen of the World elect new officers on Thursday night of next week. All members are asked to be present.

The children of the Union Sunday School will give a star entertainment at the Presbyterian church on Christmas eve. The fairies will be there and take charge of the enchanted chimney. The exercises will be novel and interesting.

Levi D. Roeder was married last week to a Miss Cottingham in New Mexico. Both parties recently lived at Alameda.

Dr. Beers of Colorado Springs, Colo., who has the reputation of being one of the most eminent Eye Specialists in the United States, was here on Thursday. Arrangements have been made for the Doctor to visit Miami every two or three months. His next visit will be January 19th.

Commissioner H. P. Cason left Thursday for Whiteboro while at the home of one of the brother's three brothers and a sister to look in a family reunion to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Cason will be absent about two weeks.

John Sells is on his way to a spell of sick rest at his home for awhile his life has almost departed. Mr. Sells was one of the pioneers in the upbuilding of Miami in its earlier days. Mr. Sells has been especially a good friend to the city and we are glad to see him out again and trust he will soon regain his usual health.

One of Buster Brown's resolutions, while not expressed in elegant language, is full of sense, as follows: Resolved, that this is the season when even the coldest hearted miser puts his hand in his pocket—and keeps it there; while those with hearts full of love realize how much happier one can be by making some poor ones enjoy him. If we who have more than we want all year round should see that the poor have a little something on Christmas. Shell out and so how happy it will make you. It is a long lane that blows nobody good and an ill wind that blows no true.

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Power of Attorney has been conferred upon the undersigned to sell direct to purchasers, and to execute deeds for lands in Block Number Three of the I. & C. N. R. R. Co. surveys, Gray County, Texas; also for lots in the new and promising town of Pampa.

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THE MANGER

Alone, save for her babe upon her breast, Lay Mary, while the morning star,
Her heart's glad led the waves pulsing clear,
Froaming lutes that loomed afar.

A mother's love is never in accents told,
When nestling close her first-born lies,
Else words were gems that strung on gold,
Straight from her soul to God would flow.

No cold to Mary or her babe came nigh,
Altho' a fierce chert appeared,
Torn thro' the wall that faced the eastern sky,
For wind and snow the babe revered.

The Virgin drew the slumbering child so near,
Her breathing stirred him as a sigh,
Her heart his cradle and his pulsing clear,
A psalm, hushed to a lullaby.

And all her thoughts dwell in the coming years,
Who'd fret his mission should begin,
And trembling from her lips, her fears
Lest forth to One who sees all things.

Swift, as the mother prayed, the pale-
Crowned Law,
Crested with a Kissed Night's purple
Shed from frosted sleep 't' ecliped
moon,
But dull with shadows gray and bleak
The east fell on the cloud-encumbered
sky.
An outline like a mauve-touched floss
And Mary gazed, and with an anguished
sigh,
Behold in woe, ah God, a cross!

A cross gleamed on the Orient's high ex-
panse,
That dawn, upon whose loom lay
The simile of a royal emblem,
Ere flung in joining night and day.

To conquer dark with light, the signal
tried,
But lost to Mary was the pledge;
Her eyes grew blind and barred with
tears unshed;
She felt the piercing thorn-crown's
edge.

As if upon her tender brow it prest,
Her lips quaked as a death-drover breath,
And in each hand there perched a fatal
crest,
That hid the crimson mark beneath.

But now Dawn held her breath, her reign
at flight,
And rose the sun to keep his trust
In mastery of fire and ambered light
Embrathed in snow-faced anarchy.

FOR SALE!

Because of my moving to New Mexico I have a number of things I want to sell, including some household articles, some feed, a soap, and many other things. For further particulars call at my home in Miami. D. S. BAKER.

WEDDING BELLS.

A beautiful wedding took place at Alameda December 20th. The contracting parties were our former townsman, Mr. Lee Butler, and Miss Ora Jackson, both of Alameda.

The writer was called upon to perform the ceremony, and the wedding took place in the large Woodmen Hall, which was filled to overflowing.

Just at 8:30 p. m. in the notes of the wedding march were sounded by the skilled musicians, J. F. Sansing and Jack Rawlins. At this scene, entered the ushers, Mr. Greenwood and Mr. McMurry. Following the ushers were attendants, Mr. Charlie Locke and Miss Crabtree, Mr. Jackson and Miss Wilson, then the bride and groom, beautifully attired for the occasion.

After the ceremony the bridal party with the relatives and a few friends repaired to the beautiful and commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. Butler where refreshments were served to the delight of all present.

A great many presents were received from Miami and other points.

The writer with others departed feeling that it was a joyous occasion.

May the blessings of God be with them here and forever.

D. E. BAKER.

A Christmas Message.

A touching story of two friends is told by William Beatty-Kingston in his column in the Jottings. They were two officers in the English army who quarreled, about some trifle, and although they had been the closest of comrades, became in consequence entirely estranged. The fact of their separation was extremely bitter to both of them, and one Christmas day one of them received from the other a card bearing a dove with an olive branch. The recipient kept the message by him for a twelvemonth, and on the following Christmas sent it back to his fellow-officer, who in turn laid it aside for a year and then dispatched it on the next anniversary. Through three successive decades at each Christmas the mute messenger was regularly sent in token of continued friendship until a year came when it was forgotten because the present possessor was too harassed by financial losses to remember it. In the course of the Christmas week, however, his wife came upon the card and sent it off to her husband's friend with a newspaper cutting referring to her husband's bankruptcy. The returning post brought her a letter enclosing a thousand pounds and explaining that the sender had just come into a fortune and that in return for this trifling sum, intended for his friend's rescue, he should keep the Christmas card as his most precious possession.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD.

Again the Master's loving call has come among us, and the Death Angel appeared with the summons, "Come up higher, thy work on earth is done!" so the tired hands were folded and the spirit meekly obeyed the messenger.

The rod of affliction has been laid upon Mr. Totty's family. The Master has called the dear wife and mother to her Long Home. All that was mortal of that loved one was laid to rest in the Mobeetie Cemetery last Wednesday.

The Spirit had crossed the lake river and joined the loved ones who were waiting on the other side.

A home has been made desolate and hearts burdened with grief. But the Saviour is ready to heal the broken hearts and soothe the pain. The bereaved family has one more treasure to be saved. May she be a guiding star to lead them in paths of righteousness until they join her in "enduring Eternity singing around the Throne."

May God comfort and console the grief-stricken family as he alone can in the prayer of
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Shippers should file orders for cars at least three days before date on which they intend to load, and longer notice should be given whenever possible.

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