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are not as respectful as they were  
towards the courts of the land—  
Commoner.

**NEGRO BRUTE ATTEMPTS CRIM-  
INAL ASSAULT IN COLLINGS-  
WORTH COUNTY, AND  
BARELY ESCAPES  
LYNCHING.**

A negro attempted criminal as-  
sault upon Mrs. Joe McKenzie at  
Wellington, 35 miles north of Chil-  
dres, in Collingsworth county, last  
Friday. In the fight for her honor  
Mrs. McKenzie received a severe  
knife wound in the hand and was  
otherwise injured, but she succeed-  
ed in beating him off. The victim  
is about 18 years of age and has  
been married about seven months.  
Her father, Rev. Carnes, is a prom-  
inent citizen of Collingsworth county.  
The negro was captured and  
the officer started to Memphis with  
his prisoner, a mob having been  
formed at Wellington to hang the  
negro if he was returned there. The  
mob became aware of the plan of  
the sheriff and followed to Memphis.  
Word had been phoned to that town  
and a mob was formed there and the  
sheriff was not able to reach town  
with his prisoner. The Sheriff of  
Hall county joined him and took the  
prisoner to Childress, landing him  
in jail at 6 o'clock next morning.  
The sheriffs had a hard time keep-  
ing the negro from the mob, being  
out all night. After the prisoner  
had been placed in jail at Childress  
it was rumored that the mob was  
coming with threats to get the negro  
at all risks. Fearing that the mob  
would get the prisoner, the officers  
at noon took him to Quanah, thirty  
miles east. The negro refused to  
give his name. He is about 15 years  
old.

**A SOCIETY OF THE WEST.**

Does the country adjacent to and  
west of the Mississippi river, from  
the northern limits of the United  
States to the southern—does the  
whole western territory need an or-  
ganization among the merchants and  
manufacturers to combat the pro-  
nounced provincialism of the Atlan-  
tic seaboard capitalists and traders?  
Circumstances make it apparent; for  
the right good will manifested by  
the west toward the east fails of re-  
ciprocation and seems to invite only  
pharisaical contempt for native  
ability and energy.

The west courts the east; com-  
mends, exploits and favors the east,  
bearing no malice or envy, pressing  
no competition and deprecating no-  
thing of quality. In return it gets  
something like neglect. The business  
men of the east reap profits from  
western business; but they are  
not interested in the development  
of the western territory and they  
doubt that there is any character  
whatever in western talent and en-  
thusiasm. They believe, in their  
ignorance, that the west is only  
semicivilized, is coarse and incap-  
able. They buy letters of credit  
with profits from western sales and  
then set sail for Europe.

The leading cities of the west—  
St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, St.  
Paul, Minneapolis, Louisville, New  
Orleans, San Francisco, Kansas City,  
Omaha, Memphis, Nashville, St.  
Joseph, Los Angeles, Portland,  
Seattle, and so on—measure up, in  
every vital respect, to the best cit-  
ies of the east. Of most, if not all,  
of these western cities it can be said  
that their progress is amazing, and  
that for initiative, spirit and inspira-  
tion they are peerless throughout  
the east even, and especially in  
sophisticated New York and Mass-  
achusetts.

What reason the east may have  
for disparaging western capacity is  
not obvious; but the motive is.  
The east is self-conceited, garrulous  
and provincial. Since all the wealth,  
genius, and refinement of the na-  
tion are conceived to be assembled  
in the Atlantic seaboard section,  
how can there be any heart or soul  
in the west?

The western business men would  
be justified in organizing to pro-  
mote all the interests of their region.  
The western cities would be just-  
ified in cultivating a sentiment of in-  
terdependence. If the east is vain,  
and if it is unappreciative of western  
capacity, vigor and persistence, the

west may well give a demonstration  
of its worth and prospects by ignor-  
ing the east and helping itself. The  
sun, when it goes down at the ex-  
tremities of New York and Boston,  
does not leave the rest of the world  
in darkness.—St. Louis Republic.

**TO GET RID OF RATS.**

A Kansas farmer says he got rid  
of rats on his farm in the following  
manner: "On a number of pieces of  
old shingles I put a half tea-spoon-  
ful of molasses, and on that with my  
pocket knife, I scraped a small  
amount of concentrated lye, and  
then placed the shingles under the  
barns and cribs. The next morning  
I found 40 dead rats, and the rest  
vamoosed and left for parts un-  
known. I have cleared several  
farms of pests in the same way and  
have never known it to fail."

The janitor in a small school tend-  
ered his resignation to the commit-  
tee and remarked, in the course of  
his letter, that the suspicion upon  
him was unbearable.

He was called before the board  
for an explanation.

"Well, gents," he said, "I am  
honest, and I won't stand being sus-  
pected. If I find anything about  
the school when I am sweeping I  
always return it. Every now and  
then the teacher, or some one that  
is too cowardly to face me, gives me  
a slur."

"Why, a little while ago I read on  
the blackboard: 'Find the least com-  
mon multiple.' Well, I looked all  
over the school for that; I shouldn't  
know the thing if I met it in the  
streets."

"Last night in big writin. on the  
blackboard, it said: 'Find the  
greatest common divisor.' Well,  
says I to myself, 'both of them things  
are lost now and I'll be accused of  
stealing 'em so I quit.'—Ex

On the dawning of New Years day,  
after holding out 240 days and  
losing three-fourths of the garrison,  
General Stoessel surrendered Port  
Arthur because he had run out of  
both food and ammunition, and had  
15,000 sick and wounded on his  
hands. His heroic resistance made  
it the greatest siege in history and  
is the only prestige Russia has won  
in the war. Before surrendering,  
he blew up the most valuable forts.  
The English believe this will bring  
about the end of the war. The  
French think Nogi's army will help  
Oyama crush Kuropatkin. Ger-  
mans say Russia can fight ten years  
yet, and may even recapture Port  
Arthur. The loss of the Japs in  
the fighting before Port Arthur is  
variously estimated between 80,000  
and 100,000 men.

Gainsville, Ga., merchants and  
farmers publicly burned their share  
of two million bales of cotton, ad-  
vising the rest of the cotton town to  
do the same and thus put the price  
back to 10 cents.

Billings, owner of Lou Dillon  
and Major Delmar, will give these  
great trotters daily trials next  
spring till he settles the question of  
which is the faster.

Japanese government is drilling  
half a million fresh troops to be  
sent to Oyama early in the spring.

A Kentucky boy of 14 married a  
Tennessee girl of 13 whom he had  
known but a week, and visited but  
three times.

In an auto race in Dallas in which  
seven machines were entered E. H.  
St. Green won by making the one  
hundred miles in a few seconds less  
than two hours and seven minutes.

It is estimated that the Chi-ago-  
ans spent twenty-two millions of  
dollars in celebrating Christmas.

Plenty of Eastern money is said  
to be seeking legitimate investment  
in Texas.

Miss Webb, the tobacco queen of  
Nacogdoches, has married Duke, the  
tobacco king of the world.

Many Russians are fleeing to this  
country to escape army service.

Baldwin's air ship was successful-  
ly tested at San Francisco.

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"Can ladies smoke in automobiles?" queries an exchange. They can; but they don't.

Hops have gone up, but they will go down just as steadily as if nothing had happened.

For wearing a dress with a low neck on the street Mrs. Pat Campbell was annoyed by a lot of rubbernecks.

Churches are uniting at a great rate. Is the religious world becoming superdenominationalistically inclined? Whew!

A blue book of the cat aristocrats of America has been published. All cats look alike from the bedroom window.

The college young man, if desired will cheerfully look after the coeds.—Chicago Tribune.

Dr. Gonsaulus says that the day of the boy orator is gone. Sure. The boy orator has grown to a man and quit the habit.

The world's fair air ship race was a fizzle. Still, it is worthy of praise for one thing. It didn't result in the killing of anybody.

Those lamas who pray even for the microbes they swallow might save time by following our example and boiling the water.

The Parisians are now engaging in falceny in automobiles. By my half doct, messieurs, mediocrism up to date is really hot stuff.

In his new novel entitled "Automobilisme" it is thought that Jules Verne will considerably lower his former record of eighty days.

The loss sustained by the University of Minnesota by reason of the recent fire is not so great as at first reported. They saved the gridiron.

How would it do, for instance, to try the recently discovered and much talked of sour milk elixir of life on the frequently slaughtered Kurds.

There is nothing to show, however, that the Harry Lehr dogs try to un-dog themselves, so to speak, when they attend one of his parties.

William Waldorf Astor is still able to tolerate America as a financial investment, but nothing more than that, mark you, not to be expected of him.

The Radcliffe girls have been cautioned not to look at the boys in their travels in Cambridge. It's a slow girl that can't see the boys without looking.

Mr. Harry Lehr, whose latest flash of genius is the invention of tea parties for dogs, is said to object to newspaper notoriety. We should think he would.

An Asheville hen scratched up in the poultry yard a diamond worth \$2,000 that had been lost two years. Be kind and considerate to your hens; it may be worth while.

President Butler wants \$2,000,000 for Columbia university. Dr. Harper may be able to furnish him with a prescription, but he will have to look for his own apothecary.

The small stockholders in the \$2,000,000 New Jersey corporation which has been sold out for \$200 hereafter will believe just one ten-thousandth of what prospectuses say.

Wu Ting-fang, who is to revisit the United States, will be surprised on his return to find out how well this country has managed to worry along without his counsel and advice.

Surgeons lately relieved an Ohio young woman of fifty-one needles (and were scattered through various parts of her anatomy. She must have been a girl with many fine points about her.

Chicago teachers are going to make a careful study of that city. Incidentally the hospitals are preparing to increase their facilities for caring for persons suffering from nervous prostration.

The Senate committee finds that the Chickasaw and Creek Indians are selling their valuable lands for a song. The worst of it is that they immediately pass the bars of muscle over the other kind.

Experts are discussing the question as to what shall be done with our idiots. Really it isn't necessary to do anything with them so long as they do nothing worse than take straw votes.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson has announced his purpose to retire forever and enjoy that long vacation to which he has looked forward for so many years. Everybody hopes that he will have plenty of time and opportunity to act the part.

The house of an editor in Shelbina, Mo., was struck by lightning three times in one night during a recent storm. But his house may have been so large and palatial that the lightning struck it in three different places.—Exchange.

An Omaha waiter who was attacked by a guest on account of the quality of his pie served for dinner shot and seriously wounded his assailant. It does seem, however, that pies that are to be served with a revolver should be withdrawn from circulation.

Appropos of the light breakfast, when a glib waiter asked Eugene Field one morning whether he would have a breakfast, chop, ham, or omelet, of what, that genial humorist replied: "An orange, please, and a few kind words." He didn't die of dyspepsia.

AGRICULTURE

Build Up a Field.

There is no lesson so effective as the object lesson. We try to induce the farmer to drain and fertilize his land, but we will have little impression on him till we have been able to place some object lesson before him, such as including the leading farmers in every locality to take one field and build it up, as it were, to a high state of fertility. A few farmers have done this under the instruction of professors of the agricultural colleges, and more are doing it. Their example is being followed by the farmers immediately around them, who have been impressed by the things that are shown.

By the building up of a field the farmer himself will learn about his land many things that he never knew before he began that work. It is surprising how many things there are about farms that their owners do not know. There was one man that lived in a locality where the popular impression was that the land could not be drained. They said that the texture of the soil was such that the water simply evaporated from its surface, but did not pass through it. Under the instruction of the state agricultural college the man put in a series of drains, and, behold, they worked to perfection. The other farmers in that vicinity came to see his drains and were moved by what they saw to construct drains of their own.

This man had land that was deficient in potash. By draining he lowered the soil water more than a foot and lay bare a layer of soil that was rich in potash. The roots of the plants went down to it and the owner of the field was relieved of the necessity of sending away for potash. He possibly had never discovered this truth till he began to build up a field.

One field on a farm should be made to bear the greatest possible crop; that the value of the farm for crop production may be understood. It will be an experimental lot and its value will depend on the care that is given it and on the fixtures that are written down as to its cost and products. There are very few fields that cannot be improved either mechanically, in fertilizing or in moisture contents.

Buckwheat, Rye and Fertility.

The discussion of buckwheat as a feed reminds us to say that it has even a greater value as a fertilizer of the soil, as we demonstrated fully on sandy land that had been reduced to the unprofitable point by too much cropping to wheat; that was several years ago, however. Rye was used in connection with the buckwheat, but the element most needed was secured through the buckwheat, the rye affording some feed during the operation, and helping to put the soil in good mechanical condition. First, winter rye was sown in the fall, pastured then, late, and early in spring. Then allowed to grow until in bloom, when it was mowed under and sown to buckwheat. That, in turn, was plowed under and again sown to winter rye. The following spring red clover was sown in the rye, when an excellent stand resulted and the soil was again in condition to play its part in crop growing.

The Dust Bath.

To keep the fowls free from lice during the winter months nothing is so good as the dust bath. Don't think that lice don't multiply in winter, for they do, especially those great gray fellows. Get a box, a barrel, or anything that will hold the dust away in the dry, and now fill it or have the children fill it with road dust. Now is an excellent time for later the roads will be too damp with the fall rains and heavy night dews to dry out and make much dust. Then when the fowls must be kept confined and the earth is hard and frozen, put some of the dust in the shallow box, set it in the sunshine or light of the poultry house window, and notice how they enjoy that dust bath. Remember, the dust must be dry and if possible warm it, slightly warm. Chickens will not dust in damp earth in winter time.—Farm Star.

Multipier Onion.

The old-time "multiplier" onion is not of much importance now. It is a persistent grower and succeeds most anywhere. Sometimes it gets to be little better than a weed. But it has some points in its favor. It had a habit of getting up in the spring at the first opportunity and for a short time was passably good. Its place in the garden could not be filled, even by the earliest of vegetables. It would take care of itself when once planted, and would hold its own against grass and weeds if given an equal opportunity with them. It might yet be given a place in many a garden to the benefit of the owner.

Foundation of Dairying.

The motherhood of the cow is the foundation of dairying. This foundation has not been understood in the past, and the mother quality was set at naught. The care and feeding of the mother are things that should receive our first attention, but they have been the things to receive attention last. As soon as the cow is dry it has been the custom to cut down her feed and sometimes to let her go with only hay and a poor quality of hay at that. This is not a treat, rather than diminish the flow of milk. Scientifically speaking the composition of the apple as a feed is: Water, 80.8 per cent; protein, 7 per cent; carbohydrates and fat, 18.2 per cent.

Apples Good for Cows.

One of the theories that have been exploded as worthless is the old imagination that cull apples fed to cows would dry up their milk flow. Another absurd proposition is that sour apples will create sour milk. As a matter of fact apples which are not decayed are the very best condiment for dairy stock, and tend to increase rather than diminish the flow of milk. Scientifically speaking the composition of the apple as a feed is: Water, 80.8 per cent; protein, 7 per cent; carbohydrates and fat, 18.2 per cent.

Avoid Mongrel Bulls.

A farmer can afford to pay \$5 for the services of a thoroughbred bull than to have the use of a mongrel bull for nothing. He can have a grade calf of the highest excellence; if a female, she would sell for twice what a heifer by a mongrel bull would bring. If a male, it would bring one-third, would bring nearly double what the mongrel steer would bring, and do it in the first cross.—Clark Bell to Country Gentleman.

A Well-built Drain is a Permanent Improvement.

A well-built drain is a permanent improvement.

DAIRY NOTES

Alfalfa as Cow Feed.

It has often been said that from a chemical standpoint alfalfa is an ideal ration for milk cows but this is not a fact. A cow weighing 1,000 pounds and giving her full capacity of milk should receive twenty-nine pounds of dry matter, 2 1/2 pounds of digestible protein, thirteen pounds of digestible carbohydrates and one-half pound of other extract daily. If a cow should receive thirty pounds of alfalfa a day with no other feed she would not get enough dry matter by 1 1/2 pounds. She would receive thirty-two per cent too much digestible protein and not enough carbohydrates or fat. Theoretically speaking, in feeding alfalfa to dairy cows it should be fed in combination with some crop which will supply the nutrients in which alfalfa is deficient, such as corn fodder. Alfalfa and corn fed in combination results in greater efficiency in that it requires less dry matter to produce one pound of butter fat or 100 pounds of milk. The nutritive ratio of alfalfa is that the proportion of protein or albuminoids to carbohydrates and fat is undoubtedly too narrow for best results. Corn and other crops supplement alfalfa must find an important place in farm practice in the irrigated west.—Denver Field and Farm.

Cheap Man, Poor Butter.

At one place there I called last summer, the creamery had but four months before passed into the hands of the farmers. They had asked various creamerymen for advice and were told that the most important thing to do was to hire a first-class buttermaker and not allow a few dollars in wages to stand in the way. They, however, were of the opinion that a good enough man could be obtained for \$35 or \$40 and got a young man for the latter figure. In four months they lost nearly \$400 on the butter and the day I got there he had left them after washing up, and when I got there about 7 o'clock in the evening the cream was at a temperature of 79 and had 5 1/2 degrees of acidity—plenty ripe enough to churn. There was no water in the glass on the boiler and no water in the tank, the pump was broken, and the churn, which was a new one, was in a very bad condition. I got some ice and cooled the cream down and stayed two days breaking in a new man, who, I am pleased to say, has been having good success, some of the credit for which may be due to his wife, who works the creamery with him.—Prof. J. G. Moore.

Magnitude of the Dairy Business.

In an address delivered at the recent meeting of the National Butter Makers' association at St. Louis, M. M. Wentworth of State Center, Iowa, in giving some figures of the magnitude of the dairy and creamery interest, said that the production of butter this year in the United States would amount to 1,500,000,000 pounds. The value of the output, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, was, he said, \$1,000,000,000. To make the year's production of butter would require 42,750 cars, each containing 20,900 pounds. This succession of cars would extend 330 miles if placed end to end, or from the world's fair grounds to a point forty miles beyond Chicago. If placed in sections of twenty-five cars, 1,750 locomotives would be required to haul the butter output, and it would take 8,750 train men to operate the trains. If sections were placed six miles apart the first section would be whistling in Manila, Philippine Islands, before the last section left the world's fair grounds.

Causes of Stringiness in Milk.

Stringiness in milk is caused by fungi which develops in the system of the cow. In an affected cow the temperature is raised one or two degrees above normal. Like most other fungi this does not grow out into filaments in the milk while within the body, but in five or six hours after the milking the surface layers are found to be an opaque network of filaments. If a needle is dipped in this and lifted the liquid is drawn out into a long thread. Care should be taken in the water supply which is likely to cause stringiness and two drams bisulphite of soda daily until the stringiness disappears is recommended.

Foundation of Dairying.

The motherhood of the cow is the foundation of dairying. This foundation has not been understood in the past, and the mother quality was set at naught. The care and feeding of the mother are things that should receive our first attention, but they have been the things to receive attention last. As soon as the cow is dry it has been the custom to cut down her feed and sometimes to let her go with only hay and a poor quality of hay at that. This is not a treat, rather than diminish the flow of milk. Scientifically speaking the composition of the apple as a feed is: Water, 80.8 per cent; protein, 7 per cent; carbohydrates and fat, 18.2 per cent.

Apples Good for Cows.

One of the theories that have been exploded as worthless is the old imagination that cull apples fed to cows would dry up their milk flow. Another absurd proposition is that sour apples will create sour milk. As a matter of fact apples which are not decayed are the very best condiment for dairy stock, and tend to increase rather than diminish the flow of milk. Scientifically speaking the composition of the apple as a feed is: Water, 80.8 per cent; protein, 7 per cent; carbohydrates and fat, 18.2 per cent.

Avoid Mongrel Bulls.

A farmer can afford to pay \$5 for the services of a thoroughbred bull than to have the use of a mongrel bull for nothing. He can have a grade calf of the highest excellence; if a female, she would sell for twice what a heifer by a mongrel bull would bring. If a male, it would bring one-third, would bring nearly double what the mongrel steer would bring, and do it in the first cross.—Clark Bell to Country Gentleman.

A Well-built Drain is a Permanent Improvement.

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THE DAWNING YEAR.



GLOBE TROTTERS' NEW YEAR'S

A grizzled, sun-tanned, hard-featured man, whose face bore the stamp of hardship and adventure, was sitting in the smoking room of a New York hotel. He happened to glance at a calendar and saw that the day was Dec. 31.

"By Jove!" he exclaimed. "So tomorrow is New Year's day. Unless something happens before then, it will be the quietest New Year I've spent in twenty-three years."

"In all that time I have never been so near my old home in Scotland as I am now. Often I've tried to get home, but somehow or other New Year has always found me in a tight corner in some out-of-the-way part of the world."

This man's experience is typical of that of many of the globe-trotters in this age, when people are so fond of walking up and down in it, like a certain personage in the Book of Job.

New Year's day, 1887, found one Englishman facing death from hunger and thirst on board a life raft 300 miles southeast of Madagascar.

His ship foundered seven days before in a hurricane. The boats were smashed by the fury of the waves and some of the crew washed overboard. The rest made a raft out of planks and spars, but during the night high seas swept over the frail structure and carried away most of the water and food.

"All we had left," said the man who went through this terrible experience, "were a few tins of potted meat, a small barrel of biscuit and the smallest of the water casks. That was all we had to keep life in twenty-five hungry men."

"We made it last as long as we could, but in four days everything was gone. Some of the men fell into despair and talked about throwing themselves overboard. Perhaps they would have done so, but during the night of the fourth day half a dozen big sharks swam around the raft in circles. The sea was phosphorescent and we could see them plainly in the waves of livid fire which they stirred up as they swam around. Even the half-crazed men who had talked about drowning themselves shrank from death in a shark's maw and stayed upon the raft."

"Next morning I saw by a pocket diary which I carried that the day was Dec. 30. To keep up the men's spirits I told them I had dreamed we were going to be rescued on New Year's day. That appealed to the superstition inherent more or less in all sailors, so I kept on telling them a ship would come along and pick us up on that day sure, until I began to believe it myself. We even discussed gravely whether the sail would wave in sight in the morning or the afternoon, and one man who said he guessed it would be toward evening became quite unpopular."

"New Year's morning broke with a dead calm on the oily, blistering sea and a blinding sky that aggravated our thirst tenfold. There was not a ship in sight all morning—nothing except

that glassy sheet of water and that cruel, cloudless sky above us. It was the same in the afternoon, and our hopes fell as the sun sank slowly toward the western horizon.

"Just as we were beginning to despair, one of the men screamed hysterically and pointed to a thin trail of smoke on the sky line. It was a New Zealand liner headed straight for our raft. In a couple of hours her doctor was giving us a hearty dinner and slops and weak brandy and water."

This same man spent another New Year's day off Cape Horn. He sailed from Valparaiso in a British "windjammer," expecting to reach his Scottish home in time to spend his first Christmas there for many years. But calms delayed her for weeks in the South Pacific ocean, and when she got off Cape Horn she ran into a tearing gale, which brought her mizzen topmast down on deck and ripped out all her sails. For days she drifted helplessly, exposed to the full fury of the western gale.

The crew labored industriously at rigging up spars and bending new sails. It was a task of tremendous difficulty, for giant combers rolled over the forecastle head continually, filling the vessel amidships with green seas.

Suddenly in the midst of this toll an apprentice piped out: "I say, fellows, this is New Year's day. Have you all forgotten it?"

"Belay your tongue," retorted the old mate. "There won't be any New Year dinner to-day, except your usual whack of lobscouse."

The skipper was superintending the work from the poop rail and heard the conversation.

"Cook!" he bawled out. "Lay aft here!"

The cook came out of his galley and the captain asked what he could give them for a fancy dinner.

"Nethin' but split peas, sir, an' salt horse and marmalade. There ain't no turkeys in my store-room, sir," he said.

"Let's catch one of them birds," suggested an old tar, pointing to several albatrosses which were circling about the wake of the ship. "We'll stretch a point this day and be forgiven for it, I guess."

After several attempts an albatross was captured with a big fishhook baited with salt pork and dragged aboard triumphantly. "Served up nice, and brown and swimming in gravy, it looked so much like a real turkey that it warmed up the men's hearts and made them think of the holidays they had spent at home. But when they tasted it the resemblance ceased. It was fishy and tough. The meat was like knotted rope yarn and the gravy suggested tar. However, it was a New Year dinner all the same, and it was enjoyed as keenly as the laziest feast aboard that day.

an American traveler, who is well known commercially in the West in-

alms, was mixed up in one of the perennial revolutions of Haiti in his hot and foolish youth. Unhappily he allied himself with the weaker side, and one New Year's eve found himself one of a small band of desperadoes defending the stockaded town of Miragoane against a government army, which outnumbered them 100 to 1.

"During the night the government soldiers forced their way into the town. Only about thirty of the defenders were left alive.

"Stand them up in a line and shoot them," commanded Gen. Manigat. But they were too weak to stand. All of them were wounded, half-starved and fever-stricken. So the government troops propped them up in chairs and shot them as they lolled there. Only the white man was spared, in order that his case might be inquired into.

When he protested to Gen. Manigat against the cruelty of shooting helpless captives that triumphant warrior merely blew a cloud of cigarette smoke and remarked calmly: "C'est la guerre."

"Late on New Year's eve," said the American, "they tried me by court-martial. When I woke up on New Year's morning I was in the calaboose, sentenced to be shot at sundown. It wasn't very pleasant waiting. I was quite glad when a gold-laced officer entered the cell toward evening, with a paper informing me that his excellency, the citizen president, had been pleased to pardon me, in consideration of the request of the American minister and of the fact that it was New Year's day.

"I believe they had never intended to shoot me, but only to frighten me, for they hardly dared to touch a white man whose country owned a navy that might bombard their ports. Anyhow, I got out of jail in time to eat my dinner with some American and English friends on a coffee plantation near Miragoane."

New Year's Superstitions.

The following superstitions in connection with New Year's are still believed in various parts of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales: On New Year's morning run to a well or fountain and leave an apple and rosemary, and the water will keep fresh and be more wholesome all the year. If a dark complexioned man crosses your threshold first on New Year's day you will be prosperous; if a blonde, unlucky, and if a red-headed man alms disaster will surely follow. Before locking the door for the night on New Year's eve place a gold coin near it and let it remain there until the church bells ring next morning, and you will have plenty of money all that year. So strong is the belief in the magic of the dark complexioned man, in some places that he is paid a small gratuity to call early and walk through the first floor of the house, entering by the back door and leaving by the front.

To Pay No Dividend.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 21.—The directors of the Dominion Coal Company decided to pay no dividend on the common stock because of the large floating debt. The half yearly dividend of four per cent on the preferred was declared.

At Kingston, Jamaica, the United States Fruit company's steamer Admiral Dewey went ashore at the entrance of Port Morant harbor. The wrecking steamer Premier has gone to her assistance.

Collision Kills 12 People.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The victims of last night's railway collision in a fog between the London-Boulogne express and the Lybe express outside the northern railway station here, number 12 dead and 29 seriously injured. All the victims were French.

Committed Suicide.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 28.—Corporal Solomon Cook, of the eleventh United States cavalry, committed suicide in the Wellington hotel this morning by turning on the gas in his room.

BILLS INTRODUCED AND PASSED.

Important Happenings in the House and Senate During the Week.

Mr. Merrill, of Pennsylvania, on behalf of the committee of the District of Columbia, was directed to move the passage of the senate resolution, which, among other things, provides for holding the inaugural ball in the pension building as heretofore, but Messrs. Underwood, of Alabama, and Mann insisted that a quorum of the house should be present to consider the matter. Immediately after Mr. Mann's objection the house adjourned until January 4, 1904.

Representative Heburn, of Iowa, introduced two bills, one appropriating \$250,000 for the establishment on some abandoned military reservation in the United States of a leprosyarium, for the care and treatment of persons in the United States suffering with leprosy; the other appropriating \$100,000 for a leprosy hospital in the Hawaiian Islands. Both the proposed institutions are placed under the control of the public health and marine hospital service.

Representative Livingston, of Georgia, introduced a joint resolution providing that hereafter electors for president and vice-president and representatives in congress shall be voted for in each state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September and that the Fifty-ninth congress shall assemble and hold its first regular session on the first Monday in October, 1905.

The president sent to the senate the following nominations of postmasters: Indian Territory—Lena Winert, Krebs, Missouri—Benjamin C. Nichols, Trenton, Oklahoma—William Thomas, Thomas, Texas—Jerra L. Jackson, Gainesville; James B. Seagrout, Orange.

After a session of four minutes' duration the senate adjourned until January 4, next. The proceedings consisted of a prayer by Chaplain Hale, the reading of the journal of Monday's brief session and the receipt of a number of nominations from the president.

Giant Sent to Alms-house.

New York, Dec. 28.—After having been exhibited for more than forty years, during which time he has visited nearly all the principal cities of the United States and Europe, William Connerly, known as the "Irish giant," today was sent to the city almshouse. Connerly is seven feet one inch in height.

SURVEYORS ARE BUSY.

They Are Locating Important Lines in the Southwest.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 28.—The surveyors who are making a preliminary survey of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad, are now located near Pryor Creek, I. T. These surveyors are locating the new railroad about four miles east of the town of Pryor Creek. This is the line that is to be built from Muskogee, I. T., up Grand river to Joplin, Mo.

The survey of the line of railroad from Chetopa, Kan., to Tulsa, I. T., is almost completed. This road is to be known as the Kansas City, Tulsa & Southwestern. This line passes through a good country and is said to have easy grades all the way from Chetopa, Kan., to Tulsa, I. T.

It is believed in this country that both of these lines are Missouri Pacific propositions. The Kansas City, Tulsa & Southwestern is intended for a feeder to three lines of the Missouri Pacific; at Chetopa it connects with the Missouri Pacific and between Tulsa and Chetopa it crosses the Iron Mountain road, a Missouri Pacific line, and at Wichita Falls, Tex., it is to connect with the Texas Pacific. On the north it will be projected to Joplin, where the Missouri Pacific will have headquarters for its Southwestern division. The Oklahoma & Cherokee Central is now being surveyed from Dewey, I. T., by way of Nowata, Chetopa and Pryor Creek, I. T., and passes through the heart of the oil belt of the Cherokee nation.

Fredonia Glass Plant.

Fredonia, Kan., Dec. 28.—The Fredonia Window Glass company commenced the manufacturing of window glass here today. This plant has just been completed. The substantial construction had is not only one of the largest, but the best equipped in the West with a capacity of thirty-six blowers. The principal working promoters are from Pennsylvania, though much Fredonia stock was subscribed and this, like other industries in course of construction, is located here on account of natural gas and recent discovery in this county of a good quality of glass sands.

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PASSING ANOTHER MILE POST.



The New Year—When I turned into the road I hit something.

NEW YEARS NO. ONE. NEW YEARS NO. ONE.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of Defiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

**Import English Song Birds.**  
An attempt on a large scale to introduce English song birds into British Columbia is at present being made. The Victoria (B. C.) Natural History society is taking out a consignment of 500 birds, consisting of 100 pairs of goldfinches, 100 pairs of larks, and fifty pairs of robins.

**A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES.**  
Itching, smarting, bleeding or protruding Piles. This ointment will relieve you in 4 to 14 days. 50c.

**Honors Kouroupatkin.**  
The Military-Medical academy at St. Petersburg has recently hung a portrait of its honorary member, Gen. Kouroupatkin, in the main hall as a token of gratitude for his gifts. The academy owes to him the remodeling and enlargement of several of its scientific departments.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

**Sawdust for Wounds.**  
Fine sawdust has been suggested as a dressing for wounds and as a vehicle for antiseptics. The finely sifted dust, when used alone, is said to make a clean and pleasant dressing, for it readily absorbs the discharges without becoming lumpy or adhering, and it is as easily rendered antiseptic as cotton wool. Sawdust of the yellow pine, rich as it is in turpentine, is a valuable antiseptic application for wounds.

**Many Children Are Sickly.**  
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, Break up Colds and Destroy Worms. At all Drugists. See Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

**Lineman Saves Lives.**  
When a gasoline launch began to sink in the Russian river, California, and two men were in danger of drowning, Robert Jordan, a telephone lineman at work on the banks, swam out with a wire to the launch and a companion hauled the endangered man to shore.



The golf girl goes a'going in the gladders of gown.  
The sun shines sultry on her in the sultry of trowns.  
O'er the green she chases gayly in a drowsy purpling march,  
But her clothes don't show a wrinkle 'Cause she used Defiance Starch.

AT ALL GROCERS  
16 OUNCES FOR 10 CENTS.

Manufactured by  
**The Defiance Starch Co.**  
CHAMPA, N.Y.

**The Automobile Useful.**

Automobiles have been put to many uses, but it remained for a clever German town electrician to put a machine to a use as novel as it was ingenious, though simple at that. The car light at the northwest corner of German town and Chelsea avenues suddenly went out on Thursday night. Kicking the pole and a dozen other familiar methods failed to jar the carbons into proper position.

Then the lamp was lowered, but all were afraid to touch it, as no one had rubber gloves or other insulation. The chances of an accident were increased by the wet pavement and dripping lamp. Just then as the darkness and delay became most vexatious at that much frequented corner, an automobile drove up and its owner got out and went into the postoffice. A happy thought struck the electrician, and he had a minute's hurried conversation with the owner. The electrician raised the lamp, while the automobile drove the machine under it. Then the electrician stood on the automobile, safe with the protection of insulation from the four rubber tires, and easily adjusted the carbons, and there was light again.—Philadelphia Record.

**Found at Last.**

Hensley, Ark., Dec. 26th.—(Special)—That a sure cure for Backache would be a priceless boon to the people, and especially the women of America, is admitted by all interested in medical matters, and Mrs. Sue Williams of this place is certain she has found in Dodd's Kidney Pills the long-sought-for cure.

"I am 38 years old," Mrs. Williams says, "and I have suffered with the Backache very much for three or four years. I have been treated by good physicians and got no relief, but thanks to God, I have found a cure at last and it is Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have taken only one box and it has done me more good than all the doctors in three or four years. I want all sufferers from Backache to know that they can get Dodd's Kidney Pills and get well."

Backache is one of the first symptoms of Kidney Disease. Guard against Bright's Disease or Rheumatism by curing it with Dodd's Kidney Pills.

**Largest Sailing Vessel.**

The largest sailing vessel in the world is nearing completion at Bremerhaven. It will exceed by a thousand tons the Hamburg five-masted Prussian, which is at present the largest as well as the fastest sailing vessel afloat.

Lewis' "Single Binder" straight leaf cigar. No other brand of cigars is so popular with the smoker. He has learned to rely upon its uniform high quality. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

**Had Lots of News.**

"Do you know anything new?" was asked of a farmer by a newspaper man the other day. "No, guess not," was the reply. Then he added, "I just came to town to send a doctor out to my place." "What's wrong there?" was asked. "Well," the farmer replied, "two of the triplets are sick; my oldest boy is down with malarial; my hired man broke his collar bone and my nearest neighbor fell off a load of hay and fractured his right leg. You see we need a doctor pretty badly. Sorry I haven't any news for you." "Wait a minute," said the newspaper man, "I'll go with you. You're full of news."

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

**English Language in America.**  
Of the English speaking branches which belong to the parent tree, England, America, although the oldest, has diverged least. It is surprising what a number of American words have been introduced into England many of which are now considered indigenous to the soil. A large portion of the slang which is spoken by the middle class in England has its origin in America also.

**A REFORM IN RUSSIA**

**Czar Nicholas Recognizes That His Subjects Have Rights.**

**EXTENDS LIBERTY OF PRESS.**

**Document Takes up Many Points Broached — One Point Omitted — Does Not Mention the Constitutional Assembly.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28. — Emperor Nicholas' long expected reform ukase was given out tonight. The document deals, under eight heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of the zemstvos' presidents, held here last month, while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety, as demanded by the memorial, promises that each shall be referred to the council of ministers, with orders to report promptly on the fullest measure of relief, which can be accorded on the various subjects. One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically pledged mention, though freedom for all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

In brief, the subjects which will be referred to committees of the council of ministers for early report are: First—A just and equitable enforcement of existing laws with a view to securing the harmonious administration of all the courts.

Second—Zemstvo organization with a view to giving the widest latitude and autonomy to the various zemstvos, calling additional zemstvos representatives where required and creating smaller zemstvo council capable of dealing directly with the local needs of the peasants.

Third—Equality of all citizens before the law, this touching the much mooted question of peasant equality before the courts.

Fourth—Arranging a scheme of workmen's insurance for the benefit and participation of factory workers throughout the empire.

Fifth—To secure citizens against arbitrary arrest and to accord immunity for harsh action of the police except in the cases of persons known to be conspiring to commit overt acts against the stability of the state.

Sixth—The religious freedom of all subjects of the empire without respect or creed of manner of worship.

Seventh—For rescinding all unnecessary repressive laws, leaving in force only those designed for the protection of peasants and for the benefit generally of subjects of the empire.

Eighth—To accord the fullest possible measure of liberty to press and the removal as far as possible of the various restrictive laws. The ukase was issued so late that its contents were not generally known even in the newspaper offices till long after midnight.

Among those able to express an opinion it was considered to be a document whose ultimate value depended upon the interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named. Naturally it has not met the fullest wishes of the liberals, but on the other hand it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms. It is complained also that there is some ambiguity of expression in the various sections of the document which must be left for interpretation by those entrusted with the various reforms to be referred to committees for early report.

**EIGHT BOATS ESCAPE.**

**Severe Snow Storm Enabled the Ship to Escape.**  
London, Dec. 24.—The Daily Telegraph's Chief correspondent reports that eight torpedo boat destroyers have escaped from Port Arthur, where for the last 24 hours, he said, a severe snow storm has been raging.

**The Drouth is Broken.**  
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28. — The drouth was broken last night by continued rains. All the dry reservoirs, wells and cisterns in this section are filling and the water companies announce that they will turn on a supply of water for domestic consumers today.

**Viewed by Thousands.**  
Pittsburg, Dec. 24. — The body of Bishop Phelan, which is lying in state at the Epiphany church, was viewed by thousands of persons last night and today. The funeral services will be held Friday.

**Seth Stoddard Wood Dead.**  
New York, Dec. 24.—Seth Stoddard Wood well known as a writer on social economics, has dropped dead on the street at Passaic, N. J. In 1896 he established a household magazine which gained considerable circulation.

**Death in Fireplace.**  
Hanville, Mo., Dec. 24.—Mrs. William Arnold, of Douglas county, had a fit and fell into the fireplace yesterday and was burned to death before she could be rescued.

**Returning to Russia.**  
New York, Dec. 24.—Robert McCormick, American ambassador to Russia, who has been on a two weeks' vacation trip to his home in the United States, started on his return to St. Petersburg today, on the steamer "Witch," which sailed for Hamburg.

**TRIAL RESULTS IN HUNGARY**

**Upon Hearing Announcement Nan Peterson Falls in her Father's Arms.**

New York, Dec. 24.—Fainting in her father's arms, her frame quivering with the accumulated suffering of months of anxious waiting, Nan Peterson heard the announcement that the jurymen trying her for the murder of Caesar Young had disagreed. The jury stood six for acquittal and six for conviction, but so far as can be learned there was no jurymen in favor of a first degree verdict.

**MANY REFUSE TO QUALIFY.**

**Rural Kansans Too Busy Making Money to Hold Office.**  
Topeka, Dec. 27.—Hundreds of Kansans in the rural districts who were elected to subordinate offices at the recent election are declining to qualify. The places declined are township offices, such as trustee, treasurer, justices of the peace and constable. There was a time in the state when these offices were sought after as eagerly as the county and state offices. Many township elections in the past overshadowed the state and presidential elections. One time the chairman of the Republican state committee wrote to a rural statesman in Central Kansas asking how the people were lining up on the presidential and state ticket.

"Can't tell," was the reply. "That question is never discussed. The big fight here is on township trustee."

This is just one instance of thousands that have occurred in years gone by. But it is different now. Men were nominated for township offices this fall when they weren't looking, and were elected without opposition. Now many of them won't qualify. Under the law the old township officers must serve until their successors are elected and qualify. Many of the old ones will have to hold over and they are kicking. The reason for this peculiar state of affairs is that the farmers are busy making money and don't care to waste time with the political jobs. The office-holding microbe has left them.

**INVADIED BY BEARS.**

**Cities and Villages Are Invaded by the Starving Animals.**

San Francisco, Dec. 28. — Captain Twigg, of the steamer Harold Dollar, which has returned from the eastern coast of Siberia, tells of an invasion of the cities and villages on the east coast of the Kamchatka peninsula by hundreds of starving Siberian bears. The ferocious maulers, driven from the hills by hunger, made their way to the inhabited regions of the coast and were kept the natives in a state of semi-fleece. The natives in a state of semi-fleece. In Unstakachka, a small town near the city of Petropavlovsk, over a hundred and fifty of the savage brutes were shot in a single day, as they roamed among the houses in search of food.

**More Men For Zigler.**

Carbonate, Ill., Dec. 23. — Sixty skilled miners from Pennsylvania arrived at Zigler today and were immediately taken inside the stockade at Zigler's mine, where there has been a strike for some time. A heavy guard accompanied the men.

**LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.**

The second shipment of new Panama silver coins, amounting to \$325,000, arrived. They will be placed in circulation next month.

At Mukden the situation remains unchanged. The opposing armies continue artillery fights. Both sides have extended their positions far to the eastward.

The Standard announces that the English directors of the Suez Canal company are confident that rates will be reduced in 1905 by 10 cents per ton, making the charge \$1.00.

The report that the Korean government influenced by Japanese advice, will recall its ministers from abroad is denied by the Korean officials, who say that the emperor has no desire to adopt such a measure.

A cablegram has been received at the state department from the acting American consul at Asuncion, Paraguay, stating that the revolution had been successful and that peace was proclaimed.

At Rieff, Russia, the governor has issued a proclamation announcing that Emperor Nicholas has conferred on the heads of military districts in which martial law is not declared, the power of trying by court martial all officers in charge of troops in the event of the latter committing excessive punishable by penal servitude under the military codes. The officers are thus held responsible for the conduct of their men.

Two Japanese cruisers under Admiral Kamimura have gone south to the China sea to meet the Russian second Pacific squadron.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Yankee arrived at Colon with 500 marines on board to relieve the battalion which has been stationed at Empire camp.

At Bjorne, Finland, a decree was issued introducing Finnish as the official language in the customs, postal and other services, beginning January 1.

Earthquake shocks were felt within a radius of 150 miles of Panama and Colon. The disturbance was light.

Captain John Porshing, Fifteenth cavalry, has been selected by the war department as military attaché at Tokio, Japan, to succeed Lieutenant Colonel Wood, whose term of foreign duty has expired.

According to a dispatch from Constantinople a revolution has broken out in the Turkish vilayet of Yemou, in Arabia. The rebels have had considerable success.

**Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality of Defiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.**

**Photography Foreshadowed.**

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**Memories of Lady Tennyson.**  
Shortly after Lady Tennyson's marriage one of her women friends wrote the following: "We would find Mrs. Tennyson alone in the large drawing room—always writing—trayed in a dress of soft gray melino trimmed with velvet or fur, and with a long train, a piece of rich old lace, worn instead of a cap, dropping over her hair behind and coming to a point in front. She was extremely kind in lending us books; among these I particularly remember Pictor's philosophical works, which she admired greatly. Her manner was always most gracious and dignified—perhaps rather languid, but this arose chiefly from lack of vitality or physical strength."

**Mrs. Mendenhall's Soothing Syrup.**  
For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, kills pain, cures colic, etc. 25c. bottles.

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A little girl, before going out to a tea party, was coached in conduct by a fond mamma. "You may take cake twice if it is offered to you, but if you are asked a third time you must say, with all possible politeness, 'No, thank you!'" On her return home she gave assurance she had remembered and followed the maternal instructions; "but," she added, "the servant brought the cake to me a fourth time."

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**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 draft, 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.

**Pine's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 223 Third Ave., N. Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.**

**First Gypsy Historian.**

Grellman, a learned German, seems to be the first and the principal historian of the gypsies. He dwells much upon the language of the tribes. He is authority for the statement that the first European settlement of the gipsies was in the provinces adjoining the Danube, Moldau and Theiss, where M. Coganiceano, a contemporary, fixes the number of persons in the tribes there represented at 200,000.

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**Silent Versus Singing Butlers.**

Silence was not always the virtue of butlers, says a writer in Country Life in America's Christmas Annual. What a spectacle one of those velvet-footed, austere gentlemen would be nowadays, singing a Latin ode as he carries in the turkey!

**A Rare Good Thing.**

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**Comparisons.**

"My nose is sore," said the elephant. "That's nothing," remarked the giraffe. "I've got a pain in my neck." "That cuts no figure at all," put in the kangaroo. "I have rheumatism in my tail." "Pshaw!" contemptuously exclaimed the octopus, "my vaccination is taking in eight places."—Chicago Tribune.

**\$100 Reward, \$100.**

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in the last 30 years. The name of this disease is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh is a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acts directly upon the blood and mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The only cure for so much faith in its curative powers that they offer the Hundred Dollar Reward for any case that it fails to cure. Sent for by mail. Write to: Dr. J. C. Allen, 1230 N. 1st St., St. Paul, Minn. Sold by all Druggists, 25c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

**A man begins to talk of his resignation after he gets the grand bouce.**



Miss Rose Hennessy, well known as a poetess and elocutionist, of Lexington, Ky., tells how she was cured of uterine inflammation and ovaritis by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been so blessedly helped through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that I feel it but just to acknowledge it, hoping that it may help some other woman suffering as I did. For years I enjoyed the best of health and thought that I would always do so. I attended parties and receptions thinly clad, and would be suddenly chilled, but I did not think of the results. I caught a bad cold eighteen months ago while menstruating, and this caused inflammation of the womb and congested ovaries. I suffered excruciating pains and kept getting worse. My attention was called to your Vegetable Compound and the wonderful cures it had performed, and I made up my mind to try it for two months and see what it would do for me. Within one month I felt much better, and at the close of the second I was entirely well. I have advised a number of my lady friends to use it, and all express themselves as well satisfied with the results as I was."—Miss Rose Noah Hennessy, 410 S. Broadway, Lexington, Ky.

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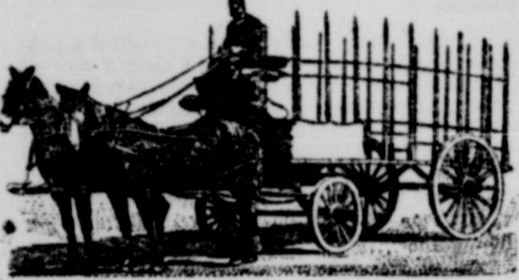
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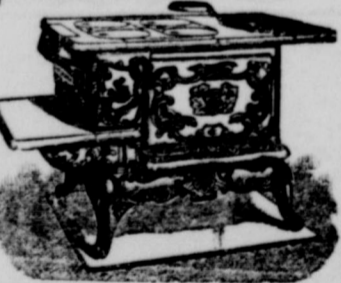
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LOCAL NOTES.

Dr. Brice is on a visit to Alpine.

Call on Stone & Houston for barbed wire.

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

Commissioners court meets next Monday.

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

Jim Short was in from Gray county Wednesday.

D. A. Abernathy was in from his ranch Wednesday.

O. A. Barrett and bride were in Miami Tuesday.

Charlie Lee has returned from a lengthy visit to Iowa.

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

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

J. W. Harris returned Tuesday from a trip to Houston, Texas.

Milo O'Loughlin and wife have returned from a trip to Mastague county.

Dr. Beers, Eye Specialist, at the Fish Hotel, January 10th.

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

Miss Gurtie Brown returned Wednesday from a visit to Wichita Falls, Tex.

If you want choice baled hay, by the ton or bale, call on E. A. Fitch.

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

Most of our merchants have been taking their annual inventory of stock this week.

Mrs. G. V. Carter has purchased the D. E. Baker property and has moved to same.

The Roberts county District Court will convene in Miami the first Monday in February.

This office is at work on a pamphlet for the enterprising real estate firm of S. G. Carter & Co.

Stone & Houston have good coal. Also Missouri coal at \$6 per ton and Trinidad coal at \$7 per ton.

E. A. Fitch of Northfork is in Miami last Saturday delivering baled hay to customers here.

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

Anyone suffering with headache will do well to call and see Dr. Beers next Tuesday, as he guarantees to cure any case.

Dr. Dodson of Amarillo will be in Miami professionally in the early part of January. Keep a look-out for dates in this paper.

The Odd Fellows in Miami will give a banquet on the 24th of this month, at which time R. G. Gibson of Dallas will visit the lodge and deliver a lecture.

Sick headache results from a disordered stomach and is quickly cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by Central Drug Store.

The jury in the damage suit of Dillinger vs. O'Loughlin at Canadian this week gave a verdict in favor of the defendant, O'Loughlin.

Mrs. Judgo Locke is convalescing from a lingering spell of sickness which was so serious that a week ago the attending physicians almost gave up hope. We are glad to state it is now reported she is daily gaining strength.

Levi Stamp came in from McPherson, Kansas, and spent the holidays with his parents. On his return he was accompanied by Miss Myrtle Stamp who has secured a position in McPherson.

If you want a lunch anytime between 7 o'clock in the morning and 12 o'clock at night, call at J. W. Harrah & Sons' Confectionery.

Attorneys Kinney, Coffee, Kelly, Hendricks, Ewing and Miller have been attending court at Canadian this week.

Tom Blask of Higgins has been appointed court reporter for the 31st judicial district to succeed R. W. Ewing, resigned.

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.

Thursday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Talley were thrown from a buggy, but neither of them were seriously hurt. When just at the foot of the big hill the horse began kicking with both feet with the result as above stated. After getting loose the horse ran but a short distance.

Wm. S. Crane of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. This remedy is for sale by Central Drug Store.

W. S. Tolbert returned the former part of this week from a trip to Fort Worth. Something over a year ago Mr. Tolbert invested in 320 acres of land and recently he sold 160 acres of the tract at a profit of \$10 per acre.

O. A. Barrett and Miss Joan McCauley were recently married at Amarillo and are now domiciled in the new home recently prepared by Mr. Barrett in Oray county. THE CHIEF joins a host of friends in extending to these happy young people sincere congratulations and best wishes in all that is conducive to peace, happiness and prosperity.

We have on hand a small lot of well casing and piping and ten Eclipse wind mills—12, 14, and 16 foot wheels—which we will sell at wholesale prices for quick sales. These mills are at our Miami, Canadian and Pampa stores and can be delivered at Canadian or elsewhere.—Johnson Mercantile Co.

The train passing through Miami Thursday was loaded down with homeseekers and required two engines to pull it. Aside from the regular passenger train Tallmadge and Jerry Simpson each had two coaches of immigrants. It certainly looks like business for the Pecos Valley county.

The Odd Fellows at their meeting Tuesday night installed officers as follows: Dan Kiv-hen, Noble Grand; Tom Boney, Vice Grand; L. G. Christopher, Secretary; Andy Johnston, Treasurer. W. W. Davis was elected representative to the Grand Lodge.

Rodger Gist left this morning to take a course in the Hill's Business College at Waco.

Mrs. D. E. Baker and children will leave Monday to join Mr. Baker at their new home at Portales, N. M.

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.

Last Sunday Rev. J. W. Whalley formally declined the call to the pastorate of the Miami Baptist church. The church has postponed calling a pastor until next conference and have invited Rev. Hatcher of Amarillo to fill the Baptist pulpit in Miami on the first Sunday in February.

The old time spelling bee at the opera house last Saturday night was something different from what our people have been accustomed to and took well with the audience. The affair was carried out according to the program. In the contest in elocution the prize was awarded to R. W. Ewing as being the best imitation of the manner in which the country boy years ago delivered his oration. The booby prize went to Ben H. Kelly. Probably the best part of the evening exercises was the instrumental music by Prof. Crankler and Mrs. Ewing. A number of people have asked the managers to have another similar entertainment and it is probable another will be given soon.

District Attorney Ben F. K. by this week filed a petition with H. C. M. Baker asking judgment proceedings against the Tax Commission of Ochiltree county to compel him to collect taxes on all lands sold by the state. The members of the commission of Ochiltree county together with the sheriff were summoned before the judge for a hearing. As a result the judge issued a writ ordering the Sheriff to make out a roll of all land delinquent, not only for the past year but for all former years since the land was sold by the state, and collect the taxes. Tax anti-taxers are about to be out-witted. Now by the time they pay up all taxes in arrears, together with interest, penalty and cost, the lesson will be found to have been rather expensive.

Dr. Dodson & Lewis, dentists, from rooms, Smith building, Amarillo.

W. S. Wolf of the Clark ranch happened to a painful accident Christmas day by a male when being tina in a stall pulling back with a sudden jerk, catching a loop in the rope around two of Mr. Wolf's fingers, jerking the ends of the fingers off. A man they have working on the ranch had one foot badly bruised by the wheels of a loaded wagon passing over it. Because of these accidents a rather laughable situation came about. The former wanted to come to town but being so crippled up in the hands could not drive. It was soon learned that the latter also wanted to come to town but because of his crippled foot he could not manage to open the gates. It was arranged for both to come to town and the two managed very well, the former opening the gates and the latter driving. When they reached town they selected a rather secluded spot and sit down. One by one their number increased and it was soon noticed nearly every cripple in the country was in the gathering. Evidently it was pre-arranged to have a Cripples Carnival.

Layton's Porcine Point. Frederick Layton, the wealthy Milwaukee packer, whose munificent gift of the Layton art gallery to that city has made his name widely known, scribbled his way up from a butcher's apprentice to the rank of a merchant prince, and is not ashamed of it. The gallery to which his name is attached is filled with noble pictures, the gift of himself and his friends, and when in the city Mr. Layton passes no little time there.

One day he was escorting a distinguished visitor from out of the city through the gallery, when they came to a picture showing a good fat porker in a field. Turning to his guest, Mr. Layton said: "That's a very fine hog." Then with a quizzical smile he added, "And I certainly ought to know, for I have handled many of them in my time."

Meat and Grain. Since 1840 the world's production of most has increased 57 per cent and grain 430 per cent.

Italian Newspapers. Italian newspapers have few subscribers. They are sold mostly in the streets.

Efforts will be made to supplant foot-ball, as a college sport, by the Indian game of lacrosse.

Some 281 miles of new railroad was built in Texas during 1904.

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

A wise writer says that "worry kills more people than work, because more people tackle the former."

Dr. Beers, the Eye Specialist, wishes us to ask that as many as can will call in the forenoon, as he is always kept busy in the afternoon.

Claude Locke of Alarford has been in Miami the past ten days in response to a telegram calling him to the bedside of his sick mother.

Speedy Relief. A salve that heals without a scar is De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. No remedy effects such speedy relief. It draws out inflammation, soothes, cools and heals all cuts, burns, scalds, etc. A sure cure for Piles and skin diseases. De Witt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of counterfeits. They are dangerous. Sold by all Druggists.

BATH ROOM. I have a bath room the second door west of the Post Office and am prepared to serve the public in this line. WM. MORGAN.

For Thirty Years. "I needed and money order for one dollar, for which please send me its worth in Simmons Liver Purifier, put up in tin boxes. I have been using the medicine for thirty years." THOS. H. REILLY, Jonesville, La. No comment necessary. La. 25c per box.

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 sod plow, and many other things. For further particulars call at my home in Miami. D. E. BAKER.

Tonic to the System. For liver troubles and constipation there is nothing better than DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous pills. They do not weaken the stomach. The action upon the system is mild, pleasant and harmless. Bob Moore of Lafayette, Ind., says, "no one talking DeWitt's Little Early Risers do their work." All other pills I have used gripes and make me sick in the stomach and never cured me. DeWitt's Little Early Risers proved to be the long sought relief. They are simply perfect." Persons suffering with Little Early Risers the most reliable remedy to carry with them. Sold by all Druggists.

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LAND! 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 L. & G. N. R. R. Co. surveys, Gray County, Texas; also for lots in the new and promising town of Pampa.

The rich quality and fast rising value of the land are already to general knowledge to need much comment. Liberal terms and a low rate of interest. I have also very excellent pastures.

T. D. HOBART, Pampa, Gray County, Tex.

Saved Him. "It did not kill me but I think I could if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and weighed used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of eczema. One application relieved and one box cured me. I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." CLIFTON LAWRENCE, Helena, O. T.

A Prisoner in Her Own Home. Mrs. W. H. Layha of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a cough, which she says, "would keep me in doors for days." I was prescribed for by physicians with noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, I have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured." This remedy for sale by Central Drug Store.

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THE NEW YEAR MEDITATIONS

Upon the threshold of the year  
Expectant we stand  
And as old Janus did of yore,  
And wonder what its joys will be,  
Its sorrows, pain and care,  
That it will bring us pleasures great,  
Is our earnest prayer.  
Then gazing back o'er vanished years,  
To which we say good-bye,  
We think of all the joys now flown,  
And give a longing sigh,  
While wondering future years  
Will bring us so many joys,  
We will not be so light of heart,  
As happy girls and boys.  
Although, perchance, some deeper joys  
Will come into our hearts;  
Perhaps it may be love's sweet chain  
Which our great peace imparts,  
It may be, oh, so many things



In which we may rejoice,  
And anxiously we pray and wait,  
To hear the prophet's voice,  
To tell us whether grief or joy,  
To us the year shall bring,  
And whether we shall weep and sigh  
Or thank our Father for the year,  
We never will forget  
Which our great peace has bestowed,  
And we will love thee yet.  
And though reluctantly we part,  
As they may go away,  
The memory of thy joyous hours,  
Will be our hearts' delight,  
And our hearts' prayer,  
Sweet blessings ever bestow,  
And let us, if be God's will,  
No pain or sorrow know.  
—Martha Shepard Uppmest

New Year's Customs in Many Lands

While there is a growing disposition to allow the celebration of New Year's day to fall into disuse, it still retains its rank as the most ancient festival of the world. Even before the Christian era it was observed as a day sacred to the god Janus. The old Romans made it a public holiday and exchanged presents of gilded fruit, while the Greeks inducted their newly elected magistrates into office. The Druids, too, held the first day of the new year in particular honor and veneration, and the survival of many of their pagan rites and superstitions is still to be found in Wales, Brittany and the southwestern portions of England.

Varied as were the ways in which the festival was kept, in this all nations were agreed—that a time of new life had come, that old quarrels must be forgotten, old debts canceled, and everything possible done to create a feeling of "good will toward men." Nowhere else, unless it be in Germany, is there such a variety of cakes and pastry as may be found in a Scotch bake shop. Besides the Scotch caraway cakes and the Christmas squares there is a shortbread known as "Fitchity hannaeks," which are highly ornamented with sugar and pastry, such as "A Happy New Year" or "A Merry Auld Yule." Then there are the rye leaves, popular in the Thrums district, black and rich and filled with fruit and peel, and the Scotch buns, composed entirely of eggs, chopped fruit and peel, incased in crust which is not to be eaten. In Scotland, as well as the old custom prevails of consulting the Bible on New Year's morning to see what fate his in store for the coming year. The sacred book must be laid on the table and the one consulting it must open it at random and place a finger on the chapter to which the book opens. This is then read and accepted as the ultimatum.

In France it is the most important day of the year in the way of friendly meetings and appointments and social and family reunions. The typical Frenchman on this day always dines at home with his parents, if he has any, and no outside attraction is sufficient to lure him away from the performance of this filial duty.

New Year's customs in Russia are especially interesting. In the morning the princes of the imperial family, great functionaries and servants of the palace come in regular order to present their homage to the emperor, who kisses all the members of his family, and the highest of the officials three times, according to Russian fashion. In the streets the people kiss each other, whether acquainted or not. This ceremony was suppressed for a time, but was reestablished a few years ago under the reign of Alexander II. In the provinces the hardest-horned horse in the village is gayly decorated with evergreens and berries, and directly after breakfast is conducted to the house of the nobleman, followed by all the boys of the village, who have been up since day break fastening friends and foes with wheat and dried peas. The motley procession is met at the door by the master, who admits it, horse and all, to the parlor, where all the family are assembled.

Next comes a procession of real animals—the ox, cow, goat and hog—two garlanded with greens and berries and led by the children. These less favored animals are not invited in, but slowly file in front of the house, that the family may view the parade from the windows. At the heels of this cavalcade come the old women of the community, bearing a continuing contingent of hayward girls, also tricked out in greens, which they bestow as presents to the master.

As one thus stands at his chamber window and looks out and forward and thinks of the rich, mysterious future of all that 1905 holds of joy and pain, of all that one wants to do and of all that may befall one, the little prayer of the Breton fisherman comes to mind, "Take care of me, O God; thy ocean is so wide and my boat is so small!"

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Looking Forward

Despite all that cynics and jokers say about new resolutions and the uselessness of looking ahead, there is a glory about these opening days of the year which comes not again until twelve months have flown. It is comparable only to the splendor of a summer sunrise, to the peace and joy upon the face of a pure young bride as she goes to the marriage altar, to the thrilling moment when a stately ship glides for the first time into the waters. All the charm and potency that go with beginnings belong to the initial days of January.

A man may, perhaps, be pardoned for being unwilling to look forward, but he misses it if he is too busy or too indifferent to look forward, to stand for a moment this morning at his chamber window and looking upon the world to send his gaze forward into the coming year. What will it hold for you? What do they all amount to anyway—these swiftly passing years? What do you see ahead worth looking at? A woman's pause like this wonderfully clarifies the vision and sets a good many things in their proper light. Some men looking forward see only the lions in the way—the note to be met next April, the important change in business or in residence next July, the burden that must be shouldered in November. It is mainly to look at them squarely, to prepare in season to meet them, if you are morally sure to encounter them. But to worry over contingencies or mere possibilities is not legitimate.

At all events one should linger long in his forward look upon the sunnier elements of the vision. The thing to look at largest and hardest is some large attractive objective



point. What do you see as the main thing to hope for and to work for in 1905? You may ponder that question a week and if you are a sane man you will come to just one conclusion. To get more character—that is the underlying me of a worthy man's buying and selling, coming and going down—sitting and uprising, things out any twelve months. To see yourself a year hence a finer, stronger, sweeter, purer spirit man than you are today—that is the real purpose of a forward look. Come to think of it, that is all life is for anyway, to get a little more character day by day out of life, out of pleasure, out of discipline, out of mistakes and failures even. That is the best possible thing the rich can get out of 1905. That is within the reach of the poorest.

And a comprehensive forward look ought to embrace besides 1905 the year after it, and the year after that, and so on until each year has swallowed up in the Heavenly, and man goeth to his long and his real home. It may not be this New Year Sunday, but some New Year's Sunday will be our last on earth. Why not, then, look forward calmly, calmly to the ampler, richer life that stretches away beyond the great ask to see a thought to depress one at the opening of the year, but to quicken and inspire. "May God forgive me," said Charles Kingsley, the great English preacher and novelist, "for looking forward with eager curiosity to the life beyond this." No man, least of all Charles Kingsley, need ask to be pardoned for a vivid interest in the hereafter. It is rather to the discredit of most of us that we have no interest at all.

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