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South Bend.

We have been playing 'opossum ever since the late war commenced, but we are not afraid to wake up now that the peace treaty has been made. We have recently accepted the position vacated by Col Bryan.

It will soon be Christmas down here, and we see by the almanac that it will be generally visible throughout the Gulf States this year.

We will have no Xmas tree here this year, but are preparing to have one next year sure thing.

Cam Parker, who has been attending a theological school in Tennessee the last year, has returned for a few month's stay. He became reduced some in health and was forced to leave for the present session. The many friends of Cam were glad to see him.

Jim Luman and Tom Brinkley with their families moved west last week. Others in the Bend will follow soon.

Quite a number of our farmers sowed wheat sometime ago in the dust. But now since the rains the wheat growth while the farmer sleepeth in his bed and rejoiceth in his heart.

School is progressing nicely with a splendid enrollment.

Two new families—Rogers and Macey—have moved into the community; Jim and Vick Kellar moved them in from East Texas last week. Mr. Rogers, who is a brother to Sam and Chas. Rogers of this place, will live on the Kellar farm, while the other family will locate on the Boozer farm.

We will spend our Christmas either in Mexico or Canada.

Misses Alice Rutherford and Annie Keeter and Robert and Wayne Rutherford all of Tonk Valley, were with us Sunday.

Wils Copeland has changed the day of the week. For further particulars inquire of some of the boys who helped him kill hogs.

GEE A. GEE.

Markley Items.

A fine rain fell Saturday and Sunday. The farmers are in better spirits now.

Dr. Pickens, F. M. Cullers and Mr. Dean visited Jacksboro last Monday.

We had no mail Monday owing to high water.

T. J. Harbour has built two new rooms to his residence.

Mrs. Brown has purchased a house from I. J. Tinney. She will have it moved this week and then move the post office in it.

The Markley gin and mill cannot run now, owing to bad luck during the cold weather. The pump having burst.

Elmer Smith has bought, and moved to the G. W. Rye place.

C. W. Rasure has bought the place where he lives.

J. L. E. Hyatt's youngest child is down with the slow fever.

Our school is doing some good work now. Every one seems to be moving along nicely, and the parents are taking an unusual amount of interest in the school.

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Bethel Siftings.

Hail, snow, sleet and rain; and Christmas coming too. What shall we do? All ready Santa Claus is repairing his reindeer harness and making ready for a descent from the North Pole, where we firmly believe he lives, for he never visits us unless it is in the winter time. This year, he will not have to bring any snow along with him to feed his reindeer on, for at almost every school house there is a great big snow ball, something like a barrel, laying on the north side—not the north side of the ball, but the school house, I mean. Although the bad weather has somewhat soiled our half hose, we think that by Xmas we will have them ready and hanged up by the fire-side; so that "Old Santa" will have no trouble in finding them. We are satisfied that he will not, for no one ever did; even in the dark.

The young people enjoyed quite an entertaining "tackie party" at Mr. Hamilton's of Lacy last Friday night. The Misses Vance, Walter Blakey and sister, Geo. McLaren and Miss Lou Huber, et. al., of Bethel or Colston community, attended. All report a pleasant time. There were surely some "tackie" dressed persons present. The getter up and deviser of such costumes deserves credit for their pains. Flouncies, frills, ruffles, laces and gaudy colors; the boys in their quaint suits of the backwoodsman only added merriment and pleasure to the occasion. A vote was taken as to who was the most "tackie" dressed persons. Miss Lou Huber and Mr. Emmet Cox received the vote and each awarded a cake. Everything went as merry as a marriage bell, and all pronounced the party a complete success.

Miss Bettie Dailey and Mr. Elijah Johnson were married at the home of the bride last Sunday. Both are highly esteemed young people, and who have a host of friends to wish them happiness through life. We, the writer, pitch after them the "Slipper of Good Luck."

We are informed that there was a highly enjoyed party at Mans Birdwell's last Friday night. All report a jolly good time.

F. P. Brazelton and Mr. Price visited Graham the first of the week.

Elder Geo. Thomas filled his regular appointment at Bethel Sunday. His text, "What shall I do," was ably handled.

Miss Florence Brazelton, who is attending school at Farmer, came home Friday evening and spent Saturday and Sunday.

School moving along nicely under the management of Prof. Geo. McLaren. Both pupils and patrons seem to take a deep interest in school. We are glad to note this. This is what it takes to make a flourishing school—without it, there is failure.

Christmas-gift, Mr. Editor.

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Olney Items.

Elmo Neeley came in from the west last week to spend the holidays with his people; what time he isn't with his best girl.

Some of the snow drifts have not entirely disappeared.

The rain began to fall last Saturday morning and continued until late in the night. The result was a fine rain and a smile from the farmers.

W. H. Keen moved last Thursday to his recently acquired property in our town and Mr. Palmer now occupies the house that Mr. Keen moved from. Some of the people are uneasy about Mr. Palmer. They are afraid he will get lost in such a large house.

R. E. Myers has erected a new house on Main street, in which to do barber work.

Miss Grace Brown, who has been at Graham for some time, has come home to spend the holidays.

The Olney Mental Culture Club has failed to meet the last two weeks, on account of bad weather; but if the weather will admit a splendid program will be rendered Friday night.

The Olney people met last night and arranged to have a Christmas tree Saturday night. Now boys be sure to treat your best girls right.

Mr. Bloodworth's folks came home last week. He is not batching it now, but we suppose he is still running a wagon yard.

"PINDER."

Salt Creek Items.

Wheat and oats look fine since the recent rains.

Miss Lizzie Baldwin is spending a few days in Graham.

D. R. Akin was in our community last week.

John Penn of Cedar Hill, Dallas county, is visiting relatives here and looking for a location.

Our school will close next Friday for the holidays.

Frank Burch and family returned last week from Virginia. They were accompanied by Mrs. Burch's niece, Miss Minnie Gilmer.

C. C. Johnson went to Olney last Sunday.

W. C. McCombs and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George James last Sunday.

Our rustling old bachelor, Tom Burch, visited our school Friday evening. Come again, Tom.

Charley Grubbs, of Indian Mound, was down on the creek Sunday.

John Blair of Goose Neck, was in our community Monday. He is helping C. M. Been move to the river.

The young folks enjoyed a sociable at Tom Higgins' Friday night. They report a good time and lots of candy. It seems the old bachelors broke the ice for the young lads.

Grandma Ledbetter is reported quite sick at F. W. Knight's.

F. W. Knight will start in a short time for Eastern Texas with a bunch of fine mule.

A. H. H.

PASTURE AND FARM.

Phil Gwin has 140 coming yearlings in San Angelo on feed, which he bought in Coke county.

I. D. Boyd of Crows Nest, Tom Green county, sold three hogs weighing 1039 pounds to Paul Briesch, a butcher, at 3 cents.

Col. D. P. Day recently moved 1900 head of stock cattle from his Ballinger ranch to his new ranch in Crockett county.

During the past thirty days one firm alone purchased in the Territory nearly 10,000 head of Territory cattle to be fed on pasture near Chickasha, I. T.

Abilene is now coming to the front as a feeding point. The pens of the oil mill there, recently completed are rapidly filling up with feeding cattle.

The recent snow and blizzard drove many cotton pickers back to the cities and towns and very much cotton will be left to be plowed under the ground next spring.

M. Z. Smissen of Fort Worth has bought from G. W. Whitehead & Sons, 400 three and four-year-old steers. The steers are to be delivered in January and will be placed on feed at Gainesville.

Up to Nov. 1, 489,567 head of live food cattle were imported into Great Britain against 525,167 in the corresponding period in 1897. This decrease in the receipts of live stock was about made up by increased imports of dressed beef.

Borden & Borden shipped 550 head of cattle to Cuba on the Miami from Galveston. Some of the cattle are from Texas and some are from Mexico. The latter came through from the border in bond.

A. J. Parker of Elmo exhibited a rock one inch long and one and one-half inches wide that had been taken from an abscess on the jaw of a horse. The owner says the rock was in the animal's jaw at least three years, as he has owned him that long.

Mr. Frank Cooley planted peanuts this year and from about one acre he reports having made more money than from several acres of cotton and with much less work. He found ready sale for the nuts. Mr. Cooley lives near Boerne.

J. D. Jackson of Alpine has sold to J. P. French and W. T. Pratt of Temple 400 feeding steers, coming 2s and 4s, at \$2.75 per hundred, weighed up at McGregor, where the buyers will put them on full hull and meal feed.

Col. Parker Earle has set out twenty acres near Eddy, N. M., of as fine asparagus plants as have ever been seen in the Pecos valley. The plants were shipped to the colonel from southern Illinois, and he expects a great yield.

Denver papers say that interest in the range cattle exhibition to be held in that city in January increases as the time approaches and that a number of entries have already been made. It looks as though there would be a large attendance.

Considerable wheat was sown in the Kemp community in the Chi-kasaw nation after the rains came, and it has had enough warm weather to bring it out and give it a start to grow, and with favorable weather it ought to do well.

Shipping hickory nuts from Texas is a new business. A Tyler firm shipped a carload a few days ago and arrangements have been made to ship two more, and to secure a market next season for all the hickory nuts produced in Texas.

The success attained at Barstow in growing to perfection and marketing at good price a high grade of table grape, equal in every respect to California grapes, has led to quite a sentiment in favor of grape growing, which will doubtless be quite a leading industry.

The sixth annual meeting of the Territorial Agricultural, Horticultural and Irrigation society will be held at Kingfisher, Ok., Jan. 3, and continuing in session three days. Interesting papers from prominent men of Oklahoma and elsewhere have been announced.

Farmers around Velasco are very enthusiastic over the prospects they have of getting rid of their vegetables this season for a cash consideration without the risks of shipment themselves. Nearly every farmer will plant largely.

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Some of the Numerous Events That Have Just Happened, in Both Hemispheres of Mother Earth.

President at Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—The reception of President McKinley and the members of his cabinet by the people of Savannah Saturday more than equaled in hospitality and completeness of arrangement any previous experiences which have marked the presidential trip in the south. The enthusiasm of the citizens and the 15,000 persons who it is estimated came to the city from the surrounding country to greet the president, was fully equal to the demonstrations which have distinguished the trip in other cities.

At the banquet Saturday night in the DeSoto hotel, where the presidential party stopped, President McKinley, amid frequent applause, addressed over 200 persons.

The president's party arrived early in the day. In twenty-seven carriages, drawn by white horses, the party was driven through the streets, black with cheering thousands, to the city parade grounds, where a stand had been erected. Ten thousand troops were drawn up opposite where the president and the members of the cabinet stood. On the outskirts of the parade grounds, held back by sentries, about 10,000 sight-seers pressed forward to get a glimpse of the visitors. Mrs. McKinley remained in a carriage, near the reviewing stand. In the shadow of a towering monument to the Confederate dead lay the left wing of the long line of troops. Maj. Gen. Keifer in command, gave the signal for the march past to commence. A sheet of steel flashed out against the background of trees as the bayonets of the men rose to their shoulders, and the line began to form.

After passing the president, beside whom stood Maj. Gens. Wheeler, Shafter and Lawton, each colonel came on the stand and witnessed the march past of his own regiment. The sight was grand.

Brig. Gen. Wheaton, commanding the first division of the seventh army corps, followed Gen. Keifer. Behind him came the following infantry regiments: Second South Carolina, ninth Illinois, fourth Illinois, third Georgia, third Nebraska, first Texas, forty-ninth Iowa and sixth Missouri.

Then with their coats on, the red flaps turned back, came the second artillery, regulars, the first Maine battery of heavy artillery and light batteries F of the second, C and F of the third, D of the fourth and D of the fifth regular artillery. Every regiment was headed by its band. The men marched in splendid alignment, and looked in excellent condition. The president stood bareheaded, acknowledging salutes, while the crowd cheered as the commands marched by.

In a little over an hour the troops had completed the review and the presidential party drove off to the river front. The streets were lined with people, who cheered incessantly.

At 2 o'clock the president boarded the steam pilot boat J. H. Estill and proceeded down the Savannah river for about ten miles. Salutes were fired from the wharves, every ship was gaily strung with bunting and their crews yelled lustily as the Estill sped by. Whistles screeched, flags dipped, and until the outskirts of the city was reached the river bank was dotted with groups, who enthusiastically sent cheer after cheer over the water for President McKinley. The object of all this enthusiasm stood on the starboard side of the pilot boat, waving his hat and handkerchief to those on the shore and on other vessels.

Went to Church.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—President McKinley spent Sunday forenoon quietly and attended services at the Wesley Monumental church, Rev. Dr. John A. Thompson conducting the services. In the afternoon they reviewed the different regiments, visiting the first Texas just at retreat, driving up the regimental headquarters street, turning into company C, Emmett rifles, street to the rear of the regiment, returning through company M, Fannin guards street and out upon their journey.

Gen. Lee on arriving at Havana said it was his duty to preserve life and property, and that he proposed to do so with equal justice to Cubans, Spaniards and in fact people of all nationalities.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Len McMan, while fooling with a gun near Leesburg, Ala., shot his wife.

On the third trial, Henry Giles was acquitted of the murder of Joe Gatliffe, at Richmond, Ky.

S. F. Harber, recently buried at Richmond, Ky., was the fourth husband his widow had buried.

A passenger train on the Southern railway turned over near Greensboro, Ala. Several persons were injured, but none killed.

The Illinois Central railway is seeking to secure five miles of river front at New Orleans, in consideration of building a monster levee.

A moonshiner's distillery was raided near Tompkinsville, Ky., and a mash pot containing over 600 gallons of brew destroyed.

Burglars entered Williams' store at Caulksville and Connor's store at Chinnville, Logan county, Arkansas, blew open the safes and got about \$800. The towns are ten miles apart, and the burglaries happened the same night.

Col. W. L. Schley, a cousin of Admiral Schley and a Mexican war veteran, died at Baltimore. He was the founder of the Order of the Red Men.

Mrs. Ruby Beryl Kyle, an authoress, died at Birmingham, Ala. She was a Unitarian, and requested that a Hebrew minister officiate at her funeral, which was done.

Rev. B. F. Bedinger, late superintendent of Presbyterian home missions in Alabama, has been appointed superintendent of the Palmer orphanage, at Columbus.

The body of E. L. Berry, who escaped from the Mississippi insane asylum, was found in Pearl river, near Jackson.

The late Mrs. Sarah Withers left a legacy of \$30,000 for a public library at Nicholasville, Ky., to be under the supervision of the Presbyterian church.

The secretary of war has approved the application of the New York Monument association for the location of an \$80,000 peace monument in Lookout park, on the point of Lookout mountain.

At Clarksburg, W. Va., Miss Hattie Goff, sister of Judge Nathan Goff of the United States circuit court, was married to George T. Porter, son of the late Gov. Porter of Indiana.

Henry Walker, a wealthy citizen of Norfolk, Va., was found dead in Brooklyn, with two bullet wounds in his temple and a revolver with two cartridges exploded clutched firmly in his right hand.

Jesse Edwards of Lacey Springs, Ala., was found frozen to death near his father's home. He had been hunting, and was probably lost.

Pleas Coin killed Hunt Kesterson and mortally wounded Fred Berk in Lee county, Virginia. Coin had had trouble with his victims and notified them he would kill them on sight.

A maniac with a rifle held up a train near Gadsden, Ala., and ran the passengers out of the coaches. The train finally went on, and the lunatic was put in jail at Gadsden.

Just across the Kentucky line, near Fincastle, Tenn., Jno. Morgan and Jas. Savage, two farmers, fought with knives. The trouble was about a fence. Morgan lived an hour and Savage died next morning.

Fire destroyed the coal tippie and haulage system at the Sumter coal mines, twenty miles below Birmingham, Ala., temporarily throwing several hundred people out of employment. The mines have an output of thirty cars per day.

Harry Fitzhugh Thornton, aged 75 years, a veteran of the Mexican war and a lineal descendant of Matthew Thornton, one of the three signers of the declaration of independence from New Hampshire, died at Lexington, Ky.

George Narreto, who died near Hammond, La., was an extensive planter. He was the father of fifteen children, four of them dead. He had forty-seven grandchildren, sixty-nine great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. His living descendants, therefore, number 132.

At Tuskegee.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 17.—The special train bearing the Alabama legislature reached Tuskegee at 6:30 a. m. yesterday, and was soon followed by the regular and special trains from Montgomery and Atlanta. The procession formed at the Tuskegee depot and marched through the city on the way to the normal school.

In the carriage with the president were Gov. Johnston of Alabama, Col. Foster of Tuskegee and Booker T. Washington. In the other carriages were Mrs. McKinley and other ladies of the president's party, members of the cabinet and Gens. Wheeler, Shafter and Lawton.

The president and party first reviewed more than 600 boys and 300 girls of the normal school, and 200 children of the training school.

President McKinley showed much interest and pleasure as with uncovered head he reviewed the procession. After the procession of students came some fifty floats, representing all departments of the school work. Many of these were conspicuous by way of contrast, one representing the old way of doing things, the other the new way. These floats drew forth tremendous applause.

After this procession all present followed the president to the beautiful new chapel. Only about 3000 people gained admittance. Singing by the students of plantation melodies, the most quaint and beautiful of the black belt section, was a special feature, and was greatly enjoyed by the president and the entire audience.

Booker T. Washington introduced Gov. Johnston, who in turn introduced President McKinley. The president and Gen. Wheeler were listened to with special attention.

The president spoke of the work being done by the Tuskegee institute, and wished it success. In part he said:

"Nowhere, I think, could a more delightful location have been chosen for this unique educational experiment, which has attracted the attention and won the support even of conservative philanthropists in all sections of the country.

"To speak of Tuskegee without paying special tribute to Booker T. Washington's genius and perseverance would be impossible. The inception of this noble enterprise was his, and he deserves high credit for it. His was the enthusiasm and enterprise which made its steady progress possible, and established in the institution its present high standard of accomplishment. He has won a worthy reputation, as one of the great leaders of his race, widely known and much respected at home and abroad as an accomplished educator, a great orator and a true philanthropist."

Montgomery's Welcome.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 17.—The president and his party were given a magnificent welcome in the Confederacy's first capitol yesterday.

Mayor Clisby introduced the president with a well worded speech at the station. The whole party was then taken in carriages through the leading business and residence streets to the old Confederate capitol. The entire route was ablaze with the national colors, while the tremendous crowds lined the streets as far as the eye could reach. No such gathering has been seen here since Mr. Cleveland's visit during his first term.

Capitol hill was one mass of humanity when the lines of carriages, escorted by the local military companies reached there at 3 o'clock.

When Gov. Johnston escorted President McKinley into the hall there was a tremendous demonstration.

Gov. Johnston made a brief speech in which he took occasion to say that Alabama had nothing to take back for what she did in 1861, but that she was back in the Union to stay and that she welcomed the president of the reunited country to the historic spot around the assemblage.

The president made a speech which was loudly applauded. He spoke in complimentary terms of Alabama and eulogized Wheeler and Hobson. A reception was held at the governor's office which was attended by hundreds of people. Hobson's mother heard the president speak.

Wants Confederates Admitted.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Representative Rixey of Virginia yesterday introduced a bill for the admission of Confederate as well as Union soldiers to all soldiers' homes and like institutions maintained by the government. Although somewhat in line with the president's suggestion in his speech at Atlanta, this referred to government care of Confederate cemeteries, whereas, the Rixey bill refers to living ex-Confederates who are "maimed, crippled or needy."

Rocked Embassy.

The British embassy at Washington was subjected for several minutes to a vicious bombardment with brickbats by Joseph W. Pearson, a Washington printer. One of Sir Julian Pauncefote's daughters was struck on the foot and slightly hurt by the first missile thrown by Pearson. Several windows, the glass in the storm doors and the great plate glass doors of the embassy, which were magnificently cut in a design of the British coat of arms, were smashed and ruined. Sir Julian requested that Pearson be held until Secretary of State Hay was informed of the incident.

Sir Julian and his daughters were sitting in the drawing-room when there was a crash and the rattling of falling glass. Miss Pauncefote leaped to her feet with an exclamation of pain. Half a brick lay near Miss Pauncefote's foot, which had been struck and cut. In a few minutes the police were on their way to the embassy. Meanwhile Pearson took a position under the post-cochere and began to bombard the storm doors, soon smashing the glass out of them. Behind these were the main doors of the embassy, great sheets of plate glass, into which the arms of the embassy were cut. These glasses were imported, and were valued at \$300 each. Pearson deliberately stood in the port-cochere and threw his remaining missiles at these fine glasses, breaking one after the other. A policeman reached the embassy and arrested Pearson. He refused to reply to questions. He is 26 years old, and has been working for the electric street railways recently. It is thought he is insane.

For Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The first evidence that the United States regards the Philippines as a permanent possession was furnished in an order issued yesterday by Adj. Gen. Corbin to officers of troops destined for those islands, notifying them that their commands will be absent at least two or three years. This step has the approval of the president, and the order goes out under the sanction of Gen. Miles.

The troops designated by these orders are the third, fourth, twelfth, seventeenth, twentieth, and twenty-second regiments of the regular United States infantry. The location of these troops are: Third, Fort Snelling; fourth, Fort Sheridan; twelfth, Jefferson barracks; seventeenth, Columbus barracks; twentieth, Fort Leavenworth; twenty-second, Fort Crook. It is the present understanding that the twentieth will go by way of San Francisco on the arrival of the Scandia from Honolulu, and three of the regiments at least will go by way of the Suez canal.

The regulars mentioned are in a sense going as colonizers and with special transportation facilities. Officers and non-commissioned staff officers will be allowed to take their families with them on the transports, and will get half rates for meals. Sick men and married men who do not desire to enlist will be permitted to be transferred to other regiments. Mounted officers will be allowed to take their horses. The men will be required to take with them personally only the regulation amount of baggage for a transfer from one station to another.

The policy as to these six regiments will be pursued in all the other regiments which will be needed in the Philippines to fill the places of the volunteer regiments, which are gradually to be withdrawn.

Car Famine.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—The car famine has become so serious that the entire grain trade of St. Louis is crippled and exporters find it almost impossible to obtain cars to carry their grain to the seaboard. It would take more than 1000 cars to fill the orders which have been received. Every railroad running into the city suffers from the shortage of equipment. There are thousands of bushels of grain in St. Louis elevators which were sold for shipment several months ago, but can not be shipped because the railroads are not able to furnish cars.

The American peace commission has started home, leaving Paris the 16th.

In the Goddard-McCoy fight at Philadelphia the latter got the decision.

Bryan and Bailey conferred at Washington.

Agoncillo has lodged a protest with the American peace commissioners on behalf of Aguinaldo.



Tommy O'Dowd's Christmas.



THE shadows of Christmas eve were falling over the city as George Thomas, a New York city mechanic, stepped down on the sidewalk in Park place on his way homeward. His earning capacity was \$18 per week, but because of the prevailing hard times his income had been reduced to \$12. This sum, with some little change, comprised his cash capital. As he buttoned his coat about his neck he reflected ruefully that this was a very small sum with which to meet his expenses and to buy Christmas presents. The wind blew briskly down Park place as he walked toward Broadway, thinking of the coming rent day, the empty coal bin, and the new dress he had promised his wife. His thoughts were saddened as he remembered that his little boy would have been nearly five years old had he lived until Christmas. There was a sense of constriction in his throat as he thought of last year's Christmas tree, bright with spangles, irradiated with light and whitened with popcorn balls. Then against the walls of memory stood out clear and distinct the figure of his little boy standing in his white nightgown in the gay dawn of Christmas day, with flushed cheeks and eyes dancing with delight, looking at the marvelous Christmas tree.

On Park row, near the corner of Chambers street, there was a toy store of most wonderful variety. As Thomas came down the street, his mind intent on his own misery, his gaze fell upon one of the most pathetic figures he had ever seen. Before the window of the toy store stood a little boy, whose nose was flattened against the pane. His body shivered with the cold, but his soul was aflame with desire, which was expressed in his hungry



"SAY, MISTER, LIFF ME UP." eyes, Thomas estimated his age at 5 years. He wore an old coat, which had evidently been made for a boy twice his age. Pins usurped the place of buttons on the garment. His feet were thrust into a pair of yellow gaiters, assiduous wear affording excellent but cruel ventilation. His trousers, held up by pieces of string, were frayed and windowed in a manner suggestive of the fact that the boy had been dandied upon poverty's knee. Thomas took in all these details as he stopped beside the boy and watched him. The in-

durated expression in the little face, the pinched nostrils, the blue circles under the eyes, and the wolfish look on the wan features faded away as the child turned to Thomas and said:

"Say, mister, liff me up so I kin see de candy cigarettes!"

Thomas lifted the boy in his strong arms so that his range of vision included all the Tantalus delights of the bazaar.

"I wisht me mudder was goin' t' hav' a Krismus tree, but she says she can't have none dis year, 'cause she ain't got no dust. She scrubs in de Morse buildin' en gets \$4 a week. Say, dat's a lot o' money, ain't it? Hully gee! Look at de dinky little tin sojer! Ain't he a corker! Mister, is yer little boy goin' to hav' a Krismus tree?"

"I'm afraid not this year sonny," Thomas replied. "My little boy is in Heaven."

"Where's dat? Across de river?" "Yes, it is across the river," replied Thomas, gravely, putting the little fellow down upon the sidewalk. "What is yer name?" he continued.

"Tommy O'Dowd," replied the boy, "and I live in Middle alley."

"Well, Tommy," said Thomas, "you go with me to the telegraph office and then I'll go home with you."

And so, hand in hand, the strangely assorted pair went to the telegraph office and Thomas sent this dispatch to his wife in Harlem:

"Dear Mollie: Detained down town by important business. Will be home at 11 o'clock."

"Do you know the way home?" asked Thomas as they came out of the telegraph office on Park Row again.

"Yes," said Tommy, scornfully. "I know all de streets. Ye goes down New Chambers street till ye comes to Roosevelt, den ye goes down Roosevelt till ye gets to Cherry en den ye are in Middle alley."

They followed this itinerary, Tommy running ahead to point out the way. They entered the alley between two enormous brick tenements, through a big iron gate, and after a wearisome climb up crooked stairways arrived at the O'Dowd residence. Tommy went into the room, and as Thomas lingered on the threshold he heard a strident voice say:

"So that's you, you little scut! Sure you had the heart o' me ar bruk I was that freckened! Ah, good evenin' to ye, sir," as Thomas stepped inside. "Come in, sir. It's little we have, but ye're welkin as if 'twace a palace, sir, Tommy, ye amodhoun, you, get the gentleman a chair."

"I hope you will excuse me, Mrs. O'Dowd," said Thomas, "but I saw your little boy looking in a toy store window and thinking he might be lost I came home with him."

"Now, ain't that kind o' you, sir," exclaimed Mrs. O'Dowd. "Sure it's not many would do the same, so there."

"But ye needn't be freckened about that little blaggard. Faith, he'd find his way from Harlem to the Bathery, so he would."

In such genial converse the time passed, while Tommy and his mother supped on mackerel and potatoes. And when Tommy had been tucked away for the night in his mother's bed under the mantel, on which stood a plaster cast of the Virgin, with hands outspread in benediction, Thomas had a whispered talk with Mrs. O'Dowd, interrupted at frequent intervals by such exclamations as, "Oh, dear, may your shadow never grow less!" "May your wife never attend your funeral," etc.

At 9 o'clock Thomas was walking up Roosevelt street with eager footsteps. He stopped at a grocery store and made

a purchase, then hurried up into Park Row again. The toy store man was putting up his shutters, but Thomas prevailed on him to go inside, and at 10 o'clock he was back in Middle alley again. Tears of delight filled Mrs. O'Dowd's eyes as she met him at the entrance to the alley and led him up the labyrinthine staircase. There was more mysterious whispering. Then Mrs. O'Dowd flew downstairs again to get a bundle of kindling wood. It was well that Tommy was a sound sleeper, as the fleeting forms of shadowy figures and the rustle of papers would have disturbed him.

It was 11:30 when Thomas arrived at home and greeted his anxious wife. When they retired Thomas said: "Molly, set the alarm for 4 o'clock tomorrow, and get your wraps ready, for I intend to take you along to help play a joke on Tommy O'Dowd."

She pled him with questions, he gave her evasive replies. At 5 o'clock Thomas and his wife arrived at Middle alley.

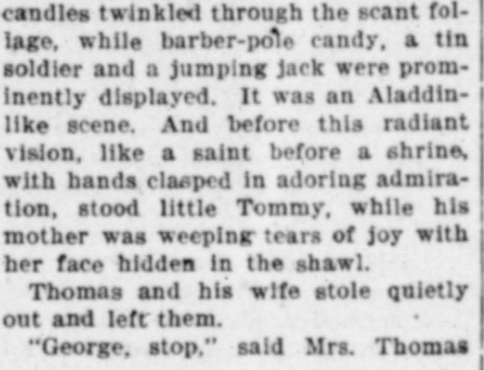
"Is he awake?" he asked anxiously of Mrs. O'Dowd, who met them at the door.

"No; the saints be praised, he's sleepin' like the dead. Come here at the dure and watch."

The door had been thrown wide open, but Mrs. O'Dowd had hung her Sunday shawl over the opening. Behind the folds of this garment the three persons watched and waited. The blinds had been carefully closed, so that not a ray of sunlight came into the room. Three kerosene lamps were blazing with light to their utmost capacity. It was painfully still in the room, and by listening intently Thomas thought he could hear the gentle breathing of the little boy. As the minutes ticked slowly away the suspense was almost unbearable. A movement in the bed caught the ears of the listeners. Then the bed clothes were thrown aside and the little fellow sat upright, apparently paralyzed with amazement. Upon a little table between the windows stood a Christmas tree two feet tall stuck into the middle of a bundle of wood. The light was reflected from a hundred pieces of red paper tied to the scrawny boughs, a dozen red and white popcorn balls hung like apples on the limbs. Little candles twinkled through the scant foliage, while barber-pole candy, a tin soldier and a jumping jack were prominently displayed. It was an Aladdin-like scene. And before this radiant vision, like a saint before a shrine, with hands clasped in adoring admiration, stood little Tommy, while his mother was weeping tears of joy with her face hidden in the shawl.

Thomas and his wife stole quietly out and left them.

"George, stop," said Mrs. Thomas



THE LITTLE FELLOW SAT UP-RIGHT.

when they reached the corner of Roosevelt and Cherry streets. Uplifting her face, which was convulsively working with tender emotion, she said:

"What did it cost to play that little joke on Tommy?"

"Just 71 cents, sweetheart," he replied.

They walked on for another block. But Mrs. Thomas was bubbling over with excitement, and she stopped her husband again and exclaimed:

"But you haven't any Christmas present yourself."

"Nonsense, Molly, haven't—"

He was interrupted by two soft arms around his neck and a kiss. Then Molly began to cry. But George quickly soothed her, and as they sat in the elevated car flying toward Harlem he said:

"Molly, I thought I was a very much abused man last night, but I've changed my mind. I think I could walk from the Battery to Harlem on soap bubbles and never burst a bubble today."

Green-Eyed Envy.

Pink-Eye Prendergast—It's a wonder yer wouldn't git yer hair cut, instid o' tyin' it in knots like sum ole woman. Coral-Toed Clements—Go on; wotter yer givin' us? Ain't dat hair good any time fer a sittin' down job in a hair restorer's winder? Ain't de hard-up football player a good snap ter work soon? Ain't it de easies' matter untile dat knot an' immedly turn inter a sufferer from de Klondike? Go on, yer duffer; yer only jealous.

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The president and other distinguished guests in carriages were at the head of the pageant. They were escorted by the third New Jersey and fifteenth Pennsylvania, which came from their winter camp at Athens for the occasion. The president was compelled to bow almost continuously to the cheers which assailed his ears from the crowded sidewalks and the windows of the buildings along the line of march. A roar of welcome denoted the position of Gen. Joe Wheeler and his band of cavalymen who followed him through the civil war, and the wizened leader was at times compelled to force his horse through throngs of would-be worshippers who blocked his path.

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from the Orient.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 16.—The steamer Empress of India, which has arrived here from Hongkong and Yokohama, brings the following advices: An agreement has been concluded between the Japanese and Chinese governments for the lease of an anchorage for Japanese vessels at Foo Chow to the extent of 20,000 tsubo.

Marquis Ito is said to have recently expressed to Viscount Takashima and Marshal Nocu a very pessimistic view in regard to the future of the Chinese empire.

"There is no man in China who can rescue her from the impending collapse," said he. "The country is so big as to defy all attempts at renovating it."

Indeed, the marquis should not be surprised if he should find a sad fate over China within a rather short space of time, say three years.

The armored cruiser Kaiser, the German flagship in Chinese waters, ran on a rock and had to be beached in Samah bay.

The Danish steamer Active, Capt. Hansen, lies a total wreck 200 yards off shore near Tamsui, Formosa.

Bryan's Letter.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The war department has made public the following letter from Col. W. J. Bryan, resigning his commission as a volunteer officer:

"Camp Onward, Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—The adjutant general, United States army, Washington: Sir.—The dispatches from Paris announce that the terms of the treaty between the United States and Spain have been fully agreed upon, and that the commissioners will sign the same as soon as it can be engrossed. Believing that under present conditions I can be more useful to my country as a civilian than as a soldier I hereby tender my resignation to take effect immediately upon its acceptance. Respectfully, etc. W. J. BRYAN. Colonel third regiment Nebraska volunteer infantry.

The letter bears indorsements from division and corps commanders under whom Col. Bryan served.

It Passed the House.

Washington Dec. 16.—The urgent deficiency appropriation bill making provision for the army and navy for the next six months displaced the Nicaragua canal bill in the senate, preventing even the taking of a vote on the question of postponement until after the holidays, as had been intended. The deficiency bill was passed after a spirited discussion, turning principally on the point of keeping the volunteer soldiers in the service.

The house surpassed all previous records in the expedition with which it passed the pension appropriation bill. This bill in days gone by has been one of the most fruitful themes of acrimonious partisan debate, but yesterday's, although carrying \$4,000,000 more than the act for the current year it was passed in twenty minutes without a word of criticism.

An Estimate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The acting secretary of the treasury has submitted to congress a copy of the communication from the secretary of the interior containing a supplemental estimate for the expenses of the commission to the five civilized tribes. The estimate is as follows: For salary of four commissioners, \$20,000; expenses of commissioners, employees, etc., \$60,000; for salary of employees, including secretary of the expenses of the commission, \$3,500; provides that so much of the appropriation as shall be necessary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, shall be immediately available.

W. O. Richards of Texas bought 72,000 acres of land and 7000 cattle from Kansas City parties.

Five divorce suits were filed at Sherman, Tex., in one day.

A rubber combination has been formed at Trenton, N. J.

After Bandits.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 16.—A large force of deputy marshals and sheriffs are in pursuit of the bandits who attempted to hold up the Arnett State bank at Earlsboro Wednesday night, but as they have escaped into the thick woods in the Seminole reservation there is little prospect of their being captured. They secured about \$300 from the bank, but nothing from the bank, as the time lock was on and the safe could not be opened.

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A large consignment of Texas hogs were shipped from Fort Worth to California recently.

Gen. Lee sailed to Havana in the Panama, a vessel that was captured from the Spanish during the war.

The ice plant at Victoria, Texas, valued at \$10,000, was destroyed by fire recently.

We have heretofore been very sure our position on the expansion question was correct, but since Dingley and Carnegie have come out against expansion we are getting a little shaky on the subject.—Gatesville Messenger.

Money is not a necessary prerequisite to good farming. If the young yeoman has good health energy and intelligence, to begin with, the future will take care of itself in a vast majority of cases.

They are said to have a law in New Zealand that when a man is seen drunk he is photographed and a copy of the photograph is sent to every dealer in liquor in the city and country, with a notice under heavy penalty never to sell him another drink.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has set down on boodlers and fifty years franchise to millionaires, and in doing so he has caused the windy city to quake with just indignation. The bone and sinew is with him, while the boodlers are in a gang to their selves.

A National Menace.

Justice Brown of the United States Supreme court, in a recent address before the bar association at Richmond, among other things, said: "The ghost of monopoly has risen from its grave and stalks abroad, defiant of the laws, in the shape of combines and trusts. The necessities of life are gradually being absorbed by them and the time is not far distant when everything we eat, drink and wear may have to be purchased through the agency of a single corporation controlling the product. When this is accomplished the freedom of the individual is at an end. Combinations have already destroyed individual enterprise in the most important branches of trade, and the small producer has already gone out of business. I believe I voice the almost universal sentiment of the country in saying that there is no prejudice against property, nor against wealth, honestly acquired. The whole theory of our civilization is built upon the sanctity of private property, and the natural right of man, by superior ability, industry and skill, to raise above his fellows. Society must adapt itself to its new conditions and do its best to minimize the evils of the situation. Legislation may do something to stem the tide of concentration, but can scarcely do more than localize the business of the capitalist. If, by combinations with other great operators, he is able to monopolize the product of the whole country in a particular article, he becomes a national menace, and a weapon for the Socialist agitator."

After Roberts.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Herald tomorrow will say:

Efforts to prevent Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from Utah, from taking his seat in the Fifty-sixth congress because he is a polygamist and advocates that doctrine of the Mormon church, is to have the organized support of hundreds of women in the United States. The initial women's movement is to take organized form in this city at a meeting of the Presbyterian Women's Board of Home Missions on December 20. This movement is not to be confined to missionary societies, but is to be started through them as a convenient way of arousing interest over the entire country. The women are to give information regarding the Roberts case and to unite in obtaining personal letters to representatives in all districts throughout the country, protesting against the seating of an avowed polygamist.

In the women's fight against Roberts it is to be urged that if he is seated the Mormon church will grant dispensations to many men to take more wives. Missionaries who have been studying the Utah situation say that many polygamists are now making arrangements to that end.

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Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Learn to stop croaking. If you can not see any good in this world keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the earache, headache or rheumatism.

Learn to attend strictly to your own business. A very important point.

Learn to greet your friends with a smile. They carry too many frowns in their own hearts to be bothered with any of yours.—Ex.

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What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it?

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Round About in the Dallas News quotes W. M. Crow, of Oak Cliff, as saying:

"I am a Methodist and that reminds me that we will have a 'shoutin' state administration after Jan. 17. Major Sayers is a Methodist, or a brother-in-law to the Methodist, Hon. J. N. Browning is a Methodist, I understand; Treasurer-elect John Robbins is Methodist and was a delegate to the Baltimore conference; Hon. T. S. Smith, the attorney general elect, is a Methodist; Hon. J. S. Kendall, the State superintendent-elect, is a Methodist; State Comptroller Wat Finly is a Methodist; Hon. M. M. Brooks, the new presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals, is a Methodist, and Hon. N. W. Finley, the chief justice of the fifth district court of civil appeals, is a Methodist. And there are others. I believe I am justified in making the claim that Texas has elected a 'shoutin' Methodist administration."

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W. O. Clark has been quite sick for several days, but is now up.

H. S. Eichelberger is still confined to his room.

Just Received.

A handsome line of Gents' Ties for Xmas. Very acceptable presents. J. E. MORRISON & Co.

John Norman, who has been attending the A. & M. College, came home to spend Christmas.

Babbitt Metal.

In any quantity, for sale at this office at 10 cents per pound.

E. B. Norman went to Fort Worth Tuesday and brought his daughters, Misses May and Annie and Miss Adel Johnson, who have been attending school at Sherman, home to spend Christmas.

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The following persons have paid their subscriptions since last issue:

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Dr. Hughes and wife of Bryson were in the city this week.

W. L. Graves returned to his home here by Wednesday's stage.

Strayed or Stolen.

From the undersigned, Monday night, Nov. 28, 1893, one bay horse, about 10 years old, branded OLA on left side.

I will pay a reasonable reward for his delivery to me, or any information leading to his recovery.

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Graham, Texas.

Another Railroad Meeting.

There was another meeting of citizens of Graham at the Commercial Club rooms last Monday night. The committee appointed at a previous meeting made a report, which was, in effect, declining to accept the proposition of the promoters of the railroad. They also submitted resolutions, which were adopted, making propositions to the company, which are very liberal and it is thought will be accepted. C. W. Johnson, S. R. Crawford and M. K. Graham were appointed as a committee to confer with Mr. A. B. Donaldson and submit the propositions. Mr. Donaldson was requested by wire to meet the committee at Jacksboro, but he was sick at Gainesville and could not attend. The committee have written Mr. Donaldson and will have a conference with him as soon as he is able.

It is thought Mr. Donaldson will accept the terms offered, and that we will have a railroad next year. Our citizens have confidence in the ability of the promoters to build the road and that it will be built through Young county and unless Graham comes up with the bonus it will miss the town. Graham must "put up or shut up."

Millinery.

I have added dress making to my millinery department, and also have notions of various kinds such as Ladies Bustles, Dress Distenders, Art Linen for sofa pillows, Stamped Linen Doilies, Wash Silks, Metal Doll Heads, &c. The ladies are invited to call and inspect my goods. My prices are strictly in keeping with the close times.

MRS. J. H. STEWART.

Holiday.

As Christmas comes on Sunday we, the undersigned merchants, agree to close our places of business on the following Monday, it being a legal holiday.

MATHEWS, TIDWELL & NORMAN.
JNO. E. MORRISON & CO.
S. B. STREET & CO.
J. B. NORRIS H'WARE CO.
W. S. MCGIMSEY.
PRICE BROS.
SHUMAKER & TIMMONS.
GRAHAM MER. CO.
FORD BROS.
PORTER, EDDLEMAN & FINCH.

Lyons & Matthews, of Jacksboro, will sell you Lumber as cheap as you can get it. They keep the best quality.

Geo. W. Terrell, of True, was in the city Wednesday trading with our merchants.

Riggins & Hollingsworth for your Tin Work. They guarantee it to be first class and will do it promptly.

Messrs. J. T. Hunt, Henry Groves, Henry Kunkle, Charley Junker and other prominent citizens of Olney were in the city Monday and Tuesday. They report fine prospects for a big wheat crop on the head of Salt Creek.

Lime for Sale.

Apply to WILL MAYES,
4 miles North of Graham.

J. C. Stewart returned a few days ago from Fort Worth where he had been visiting the U. S. authorities for some time.

We handle Wind Mills and Pumps, Manufacture Tanks, Cisterns, Flues, Guttering, Bath Tubs, etc. When in need of anything in the Tin and Sheet Iron work call on Riggins & Hollingsworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of the south part of the county were in Graham Monday buying Christmas goods.

J. M. Keen and wife, of Farmer, came down Wednesday to interview Santa Claus.

The raffle man is in his glory this week and is making life miserable to the casual passer-by on the streets. Articles of all kinds from a bull yearling or a second-hand saddle up to a seventy-five dollar shotgun among the men and from a pocket knife up to a "nigger shooter" among the boys are being raffled off during Christmas. The plan of drawing is unique. Chances range in price from one cent up and lucky a draw gets a cheap chance. Then when all chances are taken a wheel is marked in equal spaces and each space represents a chance. The wheel is rapidly turned on its axle and a rifle shot is fired at it, the space the ball hits being the winning space its corresponding number calls for the prize. It is perfectly fair in all of its details, though it may be gambling "for a' that."

Denman & Sons, Implement dealers at Jacksboro, have erected a large and commodious warehouse and have filled it with the latest improved agricultural implements. They carry the largest stock of any house in the West. When in Jacksboro it will pay you to call and see them. They will treat you right.

Monday and Tuesday were busy days for our merchants, but the rush was nothing to compare with the "old times" of the town. Our merchants have displayed great intelligence in the purchase of Christmas goods and Holiday supplies, most of the articles offered for sale being useful as well as ornamental and at prices to suit the hard times and changed conditions of the country.

W. C. Blakey of Lacy, paid THE LEADER a pleasant call Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Looney of Lacy, were in town Tuesday.

So much depends upon the purity of the blood that by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla many different diseases are cured.

Major Randle Meets His Doom.

Last Monday night in the city of Dallas Major I. G. Randle was shot and killed by Hiram P. Erwin a farmer of Kaufman county. He was shot five times, four of the wounds being fatal and death was almost instantaneous. The shooting was the result of an old feud and the slayer immediately surrendered and stated that the act was done in self-defense. A cocked and loaded pistol was found by the body of the deceased and an empty scabbard on his person. There were two or three eye witnesses.

Maj. Randle was a well known character in the criminal history of Dallas. Six years ago in a saloon not far from the scene of his own death he shot and killed E. S. Randall, an unarmed and harmless man. He was given twenty-one years in the penitentiary for this, but being possessed of a fortune of some \$300,000, he fought the case through the courts, getting a reversal and a change of venue and was finally acquitted. The press of the state at the time made red-hot attacks upon the judiciary for this failure of justice.

It is said that he had killed one or two other men before. He was a very dangerous man and his tragic death is but a fulfillment of the proverb "whosoever sheddeth the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed."

Surgeon General Sternberg inferentially blames Secretary Alger for some shortcomings.

Coal is dearer in South Africa than in any other part of the old world. It is cheaper in China.

No Gripe

When you take Hood's Pills. The big, old-fashioned, sugar-coated pills, which tear you all to pieces, are not in it with Hood's. Easy to take

Hood's Pills

and easy to operate, is true of Hood's Pills, which are up to date in every respect. Safe, certain and sure. All druggists. 25c. C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Lee Waggoner, who has been absent from Graham for the past several months has returned home to spend Christmas.

Ewing Norris is reported quite sick this week.

Jim and Tom Wallace of True, are spending Christmas in town.

NOTICE.

I hold the notes and open accounts of I. H. Carmichael, Carmichael & Bryan, Carmichael, McCarver & Bryan; also; N. F. McCain & Co. Those knowing themselves indebted to any of above firms for blacksmithing will please call and settle.

J. H. AYNESWORTH.

The following story, was told by the Itasca Journal, will doubtless amuse our readers. One of the freshman students in the College of Agriculture was so impressed with the progress that science is making in substituting the artificial for the real that he recently undertook an experiment of mixing sawdust with cornmeal for chicken feed. He gradually increased the proportion of sawdust until the hens and chickens were feeding on sawdust alone. Still the fowls seemed to thrive. Finally the young scientist had occasion to "set" a hen and he placed fifteen eggs from the sawdust fed hens under her. Thirteen of the eggs hatched, but twelve of the chickens had wooden legs and the thirteenth was a woodpecker.

While the Doctors are Doubting

Scientists have discovered the germs of many diseases, but, unfortunately, not as yet the means of destruction of these germs.

At present the "culture" and not the destruction of the deadly bacteria seems to absorb their attention.

However, they all agree that a well burished body and plenty of ozone are decidedly unfavorable to their development.

While the doctors are in this state of uncertainty, and even longer, would it not be well for the patient to have recourse to well tried Compound Oxygen, which is both germicide and vitalizer?

During the last 25 years it has cured cases pronounced incurable, and this statement is substantiated by those who have tried it.

Investigate the matter for yourself. Send for our book. It will tell you about the remedy, and furnish you with many testimonials and records of surprising cures in chronic cases. Book sent free

DRS. STARKEY & PALEN,
1112 Girard Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.
San Francisco, Cal. Toronto, Canada.

Prevention

better than cure. Tutt's Liver Pills will not only cure, but if taken in time will prevent

Sick Headache,
dyspepsia, biliousness, malaria, constipation, jaundice, torpid liver and kindred diseases.
TUTT'S Liver PILLS
ABSOLUTELY CURE.

Card of Thanks.

Owing to my illness, I have not been able to see many of the members of the Church of Christ at Graham, and personally thank them for their kindness in generously supplying me with clothing when I came to Graham, and I take this means of expressing my appreciation. I shall ever remember the people of God there for their kindness, and I earnestly pray that I may prove worthy of their confidence, and the interest they have manifested in me.

It is my intention to return to the School of the Evangelists, when I have regained my health and strength and complete the course at that school.

Brethren, your faithfulness, and willingness to assist me in preparing myself for usefulness in the Master's Vineyard is truly encouraging, and I assure you that your generosity shall ever be remembered.

Were it not for just such loyalty and liberality on the part of true Christians, the Bible College, of which I am a student, could not possibly exist.

Respectfully,

A. CAMPBELL PARKER,
South Bend, Texas.

If you want good Bread try Electric Loaf Patent, manufactured by Jacksboro Mill and Elevator Co. Sold by Mathews, Tidwell & Norman, Graham.

B. S. Doty has gone to Fort Worth to spend Christmas with his little daughter who is going to school there.

W. T. Steadham of Miller Bend was in the city Wednesday on business.

The Great Rock Island Route.

TIME-TABLE—JACKSBORO LINE.

Commencing Monday, Nov. 28th, the Rock Island will run trains on Jacksboro line as follows:

Leave Fort Worth, 8:10 a. m.
Arrive Jacksboro, 12:20 noon.
Leave Jacksboro, 3:50 p. m.
Arrive Fort Worth, 7:30 p. m.
Daily except Sunday.

No. 102 connects with No. 2 at Bridgeport for Wichita, Kansas City, Omaha, Denver, Chicago and all points East. No. 101 connects with No. 1 at Bridgeport from Denver, Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago and all points East.

CHAS. B. SLOAT, G. P. & T. A.
Fort Worth, Texas.

FREE! FREE!
ABSOLUTELY FREE.

A Life-Size Portrait!

Having established a branch of our Studio in Dallas, Texas, we will, in order to introduce our excellent work, make free to anybody sending us their photo, a life-size crayon or pastel portrait. Send your photo at once to
C. L. MARECHAL ART CO.,
S. W. Branch, North Tex. B'ld'g.
Dallas, Texas.

HENEGAR THE BLAKSMITH.

Has some fine Plymouth Rock Cockerels for sale. If you want good stock call at his yard and see the birds.

He will make you a talk about

BLACKSMITHING

in this space next week. Read it!

Shop East Side Square.

Poultry Yard opposite Belmont Hotel.

Fort Clark Face.
Fort Clark, Tex., Dec. 19.—Last week was very disagreeable, on account of the snow and rain, which fell for several days. On Monday night one of the heaviest snows ever seen in this section fell, covering the ground to the depth of three inches. It continued on the ground for two days, and was not all melted when another snow, an inch in depth, fell. The weather has been very cold and all the pipes about the post froze and made it very difficult to procure water for cooking purposes.

Many are the rumors which have been going the rounds. One is to the effect that an order had been received at headquarters for this regiment to be held in readiness to move to Savannah, Ga., to relieve the first Texas volunteers at that place, but upon investigation it could not be verified. The boys are all much excited over the matter, as many do not want to go anywhere, but want to be mustered out, or at least 90 per cent of them do.

Dr. Greer's Report.

Cameron, Tex., Dec. 19.—Dr. W. W. Greer, county health officer, issued the following report:

For the past several weeks we have had small-pox in Cameron. Numbers of the colored people and a few whites have had the disease. With five or six exceptions the cases have all been of a mild type. Four of the severest cases died; all these were unvaccinated negroes.

We have to-day about six persons confined to their beds; all others are well or convalescent. The people of the town have been thoroughly vaccinated, and all cases are guarded with care. We are sure we have the upper hand of the disease, and it will soon stop.

In view of the foregoing facts, we would suggest that the people who have business in Cameron allay their fears, come to town and transact their business in the usual way, without any fears of being exposed to the disease. W. W. GREER, M. D., County Health Officer, Milam County.

Cleburne Shooting.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 19.—Sunday afternoon a man went into the Headlight restaurant near the Santa Fe depot and had a difficulty with one of the patrons of the place. He pulled a pistol and proceeded to "shoot up" the place. There were a number of men upstairs and as the bullets pierced the upper floor and strayed among the crowd they stampeded like the crowd down in the restaurant and came down awing posts like squirrels. The shooter then proceeded to snap his pistol at passersby till finally taken in charge by Marshal A. C. White. When the smoke had cleared away and the excitement died out it was found that in addition to the cracked heads of several who were in the way and the demolition of furniture, Alderman Joe Newberry was shot in the knee. The wound is an ugly one and may cripple him for life.

City Marshal White arrested a party said to be the shooter.

Clarendon News.

Clarendon, Tex., Dec. 19.—This section has just passed through a very cold spell. The snow has been on the ground for ten days. Most cattle have suffered very much, with some loss. If it turns cold again it will be very hard on cattle.

Clarendon is coming to the front. A number of new dwellings have been built this fall. The Catholic college, a neat two-story building, is nearing completion, and the brickwork of Clarendon college, a fine two-story, ten-room brick building, is about completed.

The public school is doing well, with full attendance. Clarendon college has about sixty pupils, who are being taught in the Methodist Church, south.

Juarez Sick.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 19.—A jury was obtained in the case of the state of Texas vs. Joe Rogers. Rogers is under indictment for the murder of John Woods. It was necessary to summon three special venire before enough competent jurors were procured to complete the panel. The trial of the case was begun of the case was begun Friday afternoon and the jury was kept together that night. One of the jurors was taken ill with what is feared to be a contagious disease and when the matter was reported to Judge Walthall he promptly discharged the entire jury. The trial of the case will likely be continued for the term.

Dr. Yandell of El Paso advises a strict small-pox quarantine against Juarez, Mexico.

To Beautify Grounds.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—Strong recommendations will be made to the coming legislature for the improvement and beautifying of the capitol grounds, and an adequate appropriation for this work will be requested. The appearance of the grounds surrounding the magnificent capitol buildings is the subject of adverse comment by every visitor to this city. Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds J. R. Mobley has done his best with the limited means at his command to put the grounds in somewhat presentable shape. The recent rains have made the driveways in the grounds almost impassable, and they now resemble muddy country roads. The matter of improving and beautifying these grounds has come before every legislature ever since the completion of the \$3,000,000 building, but the members of the law-making bodies have taken such a view of the situation that nothing has ever been accomplished in the way of a suitable appropriation. It is expected that the next legislature will take a broader and more liberal view, and that steps will be taken to place the grounds in condition somewhat in keeping with the grand building which they surround.

Plan Agreed On.

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 17.—At the meeting of the creditors of the Tyler Banking company yesterday the committee appointed to examine into the affairs of the bank and report upon some plan of settlement of its affairs submitted their report. They reported that a plan of settlement had been inaugurated, which was in substance that about \$28,000 of the creditors had agreed to take certain paper of the bank in settlement of their claims; that there was on hand enough cash and cash items to pay off the unremitted collections and preferred claims, and enough paper remaining on hand to arrange with the other creditors and depositors; that whatever small depositors remaining could be paid off with certain assets, which could easily be converted into cash. They reported that this plan was, they believed, feasible and could probably be accomplished, if time were extended for that purpose.

A motion was then carried unanimously that Mr. S. H. Cox be appointed a committee of one on behalf of the creditors to co-operate with the bank officials to carry out this plan.

Liquor on Red River.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 17.—The grand jury of Miller county, Ark., has been holding a session in East Texarkana for the past week, and they have brought in several indictments against the captains of steamboats plying on upper Red river. The bills charge the boatmen with running saloons and selling liquor within the county limits without county license. Capt. Michael was brought into town last night under arrest, but was released on bond this morning and returned to his craft, which is tied up at Garland City. The boat captains claim that they have taken out river license with the federal government, and this covers the case. The officials of Miller county, however, argue differently.

Soldiers at Home.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 17.—Capt. George M. Duncan of company I, third Texas infantry, stationed at Fort Ringgold, came in yesterday, and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Allen Kilpatrick of the same company also arrived and will spend the holidays with his parents. Capt. Duncan has quite a number of souvenirs of his stay in Florida and on the Mexican border, and entertains his friends with many stories of soldier life.

Suicide of a Captain.

Sabine Pass, Tex., Dec. 17.—Capt. Overgaard of the Norwegian bark Dilshur, from Belfast, committed suicide in the cabin of his ship Thursday night. Early yesterday morning the steward entered the cabin and was horrified to discover Capt. Overgaard hanging by the neck from a rope tied to a cross-beam of the skylight.

Boy Shot.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 17.—While the children of the Taylor street school were playing at sham battle between American and Spaniards, little H. Woolen was accidentally shot with a little 22-caliber rifle, the ball taking effect in the lower part of the side. Dr. Wagner, who made the examination, is of the opinion that it touched the liver.

The department of education at Austin has purchased \$19,400 of Baylor county bonds.

Signal Corps.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 18.—The first company Texas volunteer signal corps has been organized in this city with the following officers: Theodore Schirmacher, captain; Sam Rouse, first lieutenant; Lovie Rogers, second lieutenant; Olle Carlisle, secretary and treasurer. At present the company is composed of twenty-three men, but by the time that is appointed for the next meeting, the list will be increased to thirty or more. The muster roll will be made out and forwarded to the adjutant general the latter part of the week. He will supply the company with a complete equipment as soon as it can be had from the department at Washington. The equipment will consist of red banners with white squares in the center, and white banners with red centers, lanterns giving light to correspond with the colors of the banners, and heliographs. Capt. Schirmacher thinks heliography the most satisfactory method of signaling, but as this instrument can only be used in sunshine, then other methods must be resorted to in cloudy weather. The company will commence a course of systematic drilling and training immediately, the first being to familiarize themselves with the alphabet of the army code. After this alphabet has been mastered, both with the flags and lanterns, then the heliograph will be used. Every member of the company carries both a flag and a lantern, must know the alphabet, and each must be proficient in the use of the heliograph.

There is a good deal of enthusiasm among the members of the company, and a pardonable pride felt in the fact that they are pioneers in this arm of military service, this being the only volunteer organization of the kind in the state, and, so far as Capt. Schirmacher knows, in the entire south.

Thomas Convicted.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 16.—In the case of the state of Texas vs. Andrew B. Thomas, the jury returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and assessing his punishment at a term of six years in the penitentiary. Thomas slew F. J. Penn about a year ago, using a bowie-knife. It was a sudden, fierce quarrel and fight, growing out of a little dog, the property of Penn, chasing Thomas, the latter striking the dog, which Penn resented. After a very brief fight, in which Penn used a cane, Thomas drew his knife and inflicted wounds on Penn, which caused instant death. Both men served in the Confederate army.

Lectures Ended.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 16.—The committee on work of the grand lodge of Masons of Texas that has been in session since the adjournment of the grand lodge, closed its lectures yesterday afternoon and most of those who were in attendance left for their homes in various parts of the state. Among those who have listened to the lectures there are twenty-five or thirty who want to get certificates to teach the work. To accommodate these the committee will remain here to examine them and issue certificates where they are earned.

New Engines.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 16.—Master Mechanic L. H. Waugh has just received six new engines to be used on this division in handling the increased business. Last month's pay roll at the Santa Fe shops was \$3500 in excess of the previous month and the trainmen's pay roll was correspondingly increased. More than 5000 tons of coal were used from the coal chutes for November. There is not an idle railroad man in the city except those who are sick or disabled.

Fatal Explosion.

Marlin, Tex., Dec. 16.—There was an explosion in a sawmill belonging to C. T. Hunter, near Gurley, seven miles northwest of here, killing John Welch, a colored man, destroying the kiln and setting the plant on fire. Welch was 23 years old, and married three months ago. There were fifteen men working in the mill at the time. Welch went to the boiler to warm his hands just at the time the explosion occurred. Welch's father states the water got too low in the boiler, causing the explosion. Loss estimated at \$1500.

The burning of a Brooklyn apartment house caused thirty families to be driven out in the cold.

The Farmers' congress wound up its business at Waco, Tex., and adjourned to meet at Boston, Mass.

The last private in the second Texas has been mustered out.

A play is never satisfactory when a person is left over when the pairing off occurs in the last act.

An engaged girl is made a great deal of in society.

A hard thing to do is to borrow money without security.

The World's Supply of Wheat.

An English expert claims that the wheat producing soil of the world is unequal to the strain that will be put upon it. Even now when the food supply is ample, thousands die because their disordered stomachs fail to digest the food they take. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters strengthen and tone up the stomach and digestive organs.

An educated fool is a bigger nuisance than an illiterate one.

Samosta's Pure Face Powder

Beautifies Ladies' Complexion. 25 cents Box at all Druggists.

Many 12-year-old boys look as if they needed a washing.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

A hypocrite makes more trouble than a fool does.

THE HOPE OF THE CONTINENT.

Western Canada the "Bread Basket of the Empire."

The attention directed to the wheat fields of western Canada during the past year has caused thousands of settlers from different parts of the United States to make their homes there during the past few months. They report that their experience corroborates what had been told them of that wonderful country, and they are sending back to their friends most favorable reports. During the past summer a number of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota editors visited western Canada, and the following extracts are from a very flattering letter written for the Germania of Milwaukee by its able contributor, Prof. Sheridan: "The numerous elevators along the line, towering so far above the surrounding country that they may be seen for many miles distant, sufficiently indicate that the chief industry is the growing of wheat. At the village of Indian Head more than a million bushels of wheat were marketed last year. This was but a fraction of the amount of the same product marketed at the larger cities of Brandon and Regina. At Indian Head the representative of the Germania of Milwaukee by its able contributor, Prof. Sheridan: "The numerous elevators along the line, towering so far above the surrounding country that they may be seen for many miles distant, sufficiently indicate that the chief industry is the growing of wheat. At the village of Indian Head more than a million bushels of wheat were marketed last year. This was but a fraction of the amount of the same product marketed at the larger cities of Brandon and Regina. At Indian Head the representative of the Germania of Milwaukee by its able contributor, Prof. Sheridan: "The numerous elevators along the line, towering so far above the surrounding country that they may be seen for many miles distant, sufficiently indicate that the chief industry is the growing of wheat. 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STORYETTES.

A clever mot was made by a member of parliament during another member's prosy speech. The latter happening to yawn during his remarks the other commented: "This man is not without taste, but he usurps our privilege."

Sergt. Merewether once got into a carriage with Lord Campbell, who was then chancellor of Great Britain and keeper of the great seal, and tried to enter into conversation. Lord Campbell, however, was as uncivil as possible, saying at last: "Why, Merewether, you get worse and worse; you're as fat as a porpoise." "Fit company, my lord," was the reply, "for the great seal."

Senator Proctor of Vermont is a cold and dignified man, but he has a sense of humor that sometimes causes his adversaries to wince. Senator Vest of Missouri was recently delivering a speech, in the course of which he became quite impassioned. He quoted two verses of poetry, which, he incidentally remarked, had been set to music. "Sing it," said Mr. Proctor in his metallic way. The effect of the Missouriian's remarks was totally spoiled.

A Baltimorean had occasion to visit his country property the other day. His colored cook wanted to know "What is de news in town, sah?" The gentleman replied that he thought there would be war, and said, jokingly: "I suppose I'll have to be looking for another cook, Bob, for you'll go in the army, of course." "Youse'll have to look for a new cook, boss, dat's sho', but dis nigger ain't a'go'in in no army, sah. Dis nigger'll go in de woods and go fur, too."

A certain novelist, who recently received from a lady an unstamped letter asking the loan of his book, on the plea that she could not obtain it at the bookseller's in her town, sent her a reply worded as follows: "Dear Madam—In the town where you reside there appears to be a lack of all sorts of things which are easily procurable elsewhere—not only of my recent work but also of postage stamps for letters. I have in my possession, it is true, the book you desire to obtain and also the stamps to pay its carriage, but, to my regret, I am without the necessary string to make it into a parcel. If you can supply me with a piece I am at your service."

Sir William Rowan Hamilton, professor of astronomy in the Dublin university, used to recall, with a humorous melancholy, his first meeting with his predecessor, Bishop Brinkley, when, said he, "I am afraid I offended him." Hamilton was a youth of 18 and sat next him at some public luncheon. They did not speak and the younger man felt that good manners required him to break the silence. His eye happened to rest on a large map of Van Diemen's Land hanging on the wall. "My lord," said he, turning to the bishop, "were you ever in Botany bay?" The bishop turned to him with a look of severe displeasure. "Eat your soup, sir!" thundered the old gentleman; "eat your soup!" And then it occurred to Hamilton that the bishop thought he was asking whether he had ever been "transported," for at that time Botany bay was where desperate criminals were sent.

PERSONALITIES.

Lord Charles Beresford has been a sailor since he was 13 years old. Candies of an extra-special make are the favorite illuminant of Queen Victoria.

Emperor William of Germany has taken up lawn tennis for exercise and discarded mechanical rowing.

Jules Verne, at 70, attributes his excellent health and vitality to a meager diet of herbs and eggs. His home is at Amiens.

It has been reported that William K. Vanderbilt will emulate his father's example in presenting a warship to the government.

H. Walter Webb has retired from the vice-presidency of the New York Central railroad on account of overwork. The Webbs have been fortunate fellows. Gen. Samuel B. Webb was an associate of Lafayette and Washington and presented the bible the latter kissed upon his inauguration. Samuel's son was Gen. James Watson Webb, a man of affairs and journalist of note. President Taylor appointed him minister to Austria and Lincoln sent him as minister to Turkey and Brazil. He had three sons—H. Walter, mentioned above; Gen. Alexander S. Webb, who is now president of the College of the City of New York, and Dr. W. Seward Webb, at present at the head of the Wagner Palace Car company and several other corporations. Dr. Webb has lately offered the use of his yacht, Elfrida, to the government in case of war.

SAID BY ACTORS.

It was "la belle Smidson," who, writing to a friend, remarked: "I have just received a basket of bananas from an acquaintance and am sending my compliments in return. Some of them are over a foot long."

It was Charles Kean who, speaking of a famous murder, declared that "the assassin was evidently seeking for money, but, fortunately, the victim had just invested it all, and, therefore, he lost nothing but his life."

Many remember hearing the late Sir Augustus Harris say that every man anxious to succeed should be ready to give his last sovereign in order to save the remainder of his fortune, and once in a letter he wrote: "Business is very quiet at present; in fact, there seems to be nothing stirring but stagnation."

Was it not Mr. Cecil Raleigh who remarked at a meeting of the Playgoers' club that he pursued the shadow until the bubble burst and left its ashes in his hand? He has also said that many modern novels written with a purpose might as well have been written with a penknife for all the good they would ever do to anybody.

James Anderson, speaking of an empty house, happened to say that the audience was conspicuous by its absence. That phrase has now passed into general use, and so have such metaphors as "handy with the feet," "backward in coming forward" and "landed in hot water on the horns of a dilemma"—all of which were first uttered by actors of more or less renown.

Macready once remarked, in the course of an after-dinner address, that he congratulated himself most upon having torn the mask off the traitor's face and revealed his cloven foot; whereupon Phelps rose to second him and warmly urged that it was "high time the odious, hydra-headed faction, of which the gentleman referred to formed the tail, should be soundly rapped over the knuckles."

Of living actors and playwrights, perhaps Mr. Beerbohm Tree, Mr. Cecil Raleigh, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Mr. Penley and Mr. Toole have uttered more spontaneous mixed metaphors than most men. Patriotic Mr. Beerbohm Tree is said to have observed upon a famous occasion that "the British lion will never draw in its horns or retire into its shell, whether roaming the deserts of India, exploring the mines of Australia or scaling the mountains of Canada."

WONDERFUL FOOTGEAR.

A singularly unshapely pair of shoes are those once belonging to wasp-waisted Catherine de Medici; square-toed and embroidered, and long in shape with a large flap coming over the instep.

Among the shoes ecclesiastical are those of Clement XVI., gorgeous in crimson velvet and with a foliated cross on each toe worked in gold thread. Their owner's chief claim to historical notice was his abolishing the Order of Jesuits.

One of the most beautiful sixteenth century shoes is a Venetian pattern, the white leather work of which is so finely wrought that it resembles beautiful gull-pure lace. African shoes are mostly of leather, bizarre in design and in the coloring of the silks and wools used for their embellishment.

A pair of shoes made of yellow silk once belonged to the famous Marquise de Pompadour, and are the identical pair she is depicted as wearing in the pastel portrait of her which hangs in the gallery of the Louvre. They are neither particularly small nor very shapely, but are exceedingly well preserved.

A long French shoe, whose absolutely square toes would delight the heart of a hygienic bootmaker, is that which once belonged to a famous governor of the province of Languedoc, Henry de Montmorency by name. The chief ornamentation is formed by a large fleu-de-lis stamped on the instep, which emblem is repeated on the sole.

In the Cluny museum, Paris, is a collection of shoes which would make any woman covet them. Three hundred pairs represent footwear from the fifteenth century down. Several pairs of Turkish shoes are sewn with gold thread and incrustated with gems. An Indian war shoe has an upturned sole, and a protection of chain mail across the instep and round the heel and toe. Curious articles are the other Indian shoes, ornamented with beetle's wing trimming and embroidered in pure silver thread.

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My health forbade my being present at the last annual meeting of the U. C. V. Indeed, I have virtually retired from the active duties of the priesthood, and have had to turn my parish over to my associate, who bears the grand name of Robert E. Lee Craig.

I do not exactly understand the position of Comrade Stovall (page 474) respecting the resolution that "rushed through" requesting "the press of the South, in speaking of the great war of the nineteenth century, to say the 'civil war between the States.'"

Does he object to the "civil war" part of it, or "between the states?" The only proper title of our war is "the war of conquest." I always speak of it so. To call it a civil war is to acknowledge that the States, which are now merely counties of a government at Washington, were not the sovereign

eighties they were until 1865. Then we had a "Union" based on "the consent of the governed;" now we have a "nation," founded on force, like the monarchies of Europe. "Civil war," therefore, does not express the truth. If England and France go to war (which may God forbid!), would it be called a "civil war?" Nor the war between the sovereign States of the North against the Confederate States.

Neither let us speak of the "Union troops" and the "ex-Confederates." Are we not now just as much Confederates as ever? I don't like the "ex." "X" is an unknown quantity; and the world knows our quality and found out how small was our quantity when it was discovered that with only six hundred thousand men, all told, we kept out of Richmond for four years twenty-five hundred thousand of the other nation.

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