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## SMOKER FRIDAY EVE

**At Meeting of Commercial Club.--  
Important Matters to Consider  
so be There Sure.**

Secretary Stephenson of the Artesia Commercial Club says that there will be a "Smoker" at the meeting to be held Friday night. He urges all members to be present as several important matters are to be considered. New officers are to be elected this month, but do not know if that will be attended to Friday night.

It is time for the Commercial Club to get busy, and every citizen interested in the welfare of Artesia should be a member of this Club. There are many things of importance that must be attended to, and none of them are more urgent than the getting together of the people here so as they can act as a unit for the welfare of Artesia.

The report of the College committee of twelve ought to be ready to report by Friday night. That matter must be settled without further delay.

The railroad also needs some attention, and by that time further information of importance is likely to be in hand.

If you can't do anything else to assist in the meeting you can go there and smoke Secretary Stephenson's cigars.

### Another Successful Well.

[Knowles News, 1st inst.]

W. J. Chance and E. Price with the assistance of Clare Lewis, have finished drilling in the well on W. G. Woerner's farm 1 1/2 miles south east of Knowles, and have struck the big strata of water that lies under all this country at a depth of about 100 feet. Mr. Woerner has a pit dug 46 feet deep, to the first strata of water, where his centrifugal pump is submerged, with a 30 foot suction pipe in the drilled hole below the pit.

Mr. Woerner has a ten horse power Stickney engine, an earth tank 100 foot inside measurement, 6 feet deep, and good ditches to lead the water to some 30 or 40 acres of fine land which has been leveled and prepared for alfalfa.

Mr. Woerner will late install larger pump and irrigate 80 acres.

The success of this and the other pumping plants around here has attracted the attention of many of our progressive stockmen and farmers who have become very enthusiastic. Many are now making preparations to install pumping plants on a larger scale. All of which leads us to believe that there will be about 100 pumping plants on the plains by this time next year.

When you want anything in Job Work call at this office.



He's Coming! Get Ready!

## \$50,000 LAND DEAL.

**Dr. L. Taylor Sells his Interest in  
the Taylor Tract of Land for  
That Amount.**

Pecos Valley land brings a good price, and there have been several big sales recently. One of the latest was a part of the Taylor tract north of Artesia.

Dr. L. Taylor sold to E. A. Hutchens, of Haskell, Texas, his interest, in the large tract for \$50,000.00. Drs. A. L. and Fred Taylor own the remainder of the land and they have an offer of over \$100,000.00 for their interest.

Mr. Hutchens will come here and live on the tract and look after it. It is a valuable body of land and already produces large crops of alfalfa.

## He Committed Suicide

[Roswell Morning News, 8th inst.]

Disheartened over recent financial reverses, and over trouble between himself and and father, L. A. Keel, better known as Alvis by his friends here, committed suicide by drinking an ounce of carbolic acid at the Roswell Trading company's yard, on Thursday morning at 7:30 dying only twenty minutes afterwards.

Up until the time of coming to this country two weeks ago, Keel was a resident of Wichita Falls, Tex., At that time having some difficulty with his father, his brother, Lewis, manager of the Roswell Trading company's yard, sent for him to come, thinking that it would be better than for him to remain at home. Since that time he has been working for his brother at the yards.

As told by the witness at the inquest, nothing seemed to be wrong are up until Wednesday, when he told W. A. Glover, who has been stopping at the yard, about having a fine horse and saddle taken and also losing \$100 in a mule deal. He said at this time "That the world was getting pretty hard for a fellow," but he did not seem to be especially downcast about it.

Thursday morning he arose and did the chores at the wagon yard as usual, but when asked by his brother as to why he did not eat any breakfast, he replied that he was not feeling very hungry, and did not think that he cared for anything. After a while his brother insisted that he try and eat something, he left and went up into town. At this time, about seven o'clock, he went to Roswell Drug and Jewelry company and purchased a dime's worth of carbolic acid. When asked by Mr. Cravens, the druggist, for what use he wanted it, he replied that he wanted it for disinfectant purposes. As near as can be learned, he went directly back to the yard and into the bunk house, where he drank the acid, probably throwing the bottle over back of his trunk, where it was found later by Dr. R. L. Bradley.

## Was Accidentally Shot

[Lakewood Progress 8th inst.]

Yesterday afternoon Nix White and sister, Miss Eva, of near Artesia, accompanied by John Hall and Mrs. Lee Hall of Sweetwater, Texas, who are visiting with the White family, drove down to McMillan Lake, and in coming back, just south of town, one of the guns which were resting between the two men on the front seat, in some unaccountable manner was discharged, the load of small shot passing through the back of the back seat, and into young White's left arm, which was resting over the back of the seat, shattering the bones in the arm above the elbow. They drove rapidly into town and Drs. Furay and Higginbotham stopped the flow of blood and telephoned for Drs. Baker and Skeen, of Artesia, who came down in an auto, bringing the father and mother of the wounded boy. And examination showed that amputation would be necessary, and the four physicians took the arm off near the shoulder last night.

The young man, who is eighteen years of age, is at Lakewood hotel and is resting easy this morning.

## Maine Blown up From Outside.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by an explosion from the outside. This is the gist of a short statement issued by the navy department today, based on the findings made by the joint army and navy board which spent several months in Havana harbor investigating the wreck.

### Charged With Seduction.

[Carlsbad Current 8th inst.]

Calvin Crawford, of Dayton, was brought down from Artesia, Wednesday night, by Deputy Geo. Duncan, charged with seduction of the fourteen year old daughter of Bud Lawrence. Crawford is said to have induced the girl to leave her home and taking a team buggy started west. He was overtaken near Weed on the Cuevo Monday by Constable Walter McDonald and Tol Lemons who brought him and the girl back to Lakewood where he had an examining trial before Justice Dauron. He asked to go to Artesia to consult a lawyer and was accompanied there by the constable. His bond was fixed by the Justice at Lakewood at \$1,000 in de-

fault of which he will remain in jail until the grand jury meets in April. He is said to have a wife and four children who are now in California. Bud Lawrence, father of the girl was here yesterday.

A. C. Hopkins who was arrested at Hope charged with beating his wife and disturbing the peace, was carried to Carlsbad last Friday to be put in jail. He was accompanied by a deputy sheriff and S. D. Stennis his attorney. Hopkins was recently shot and severely wounded and it is claimed he has since been somewhat irresponsible because of his trouble. However, if so, he ought to be confined somewhere, or put up against something else to beat besides a woman.

Mrs. S. B. Gates and Mrs. Vires Gates, were the charming hostesses at a most delightful Thimble party Saturday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. S. B. Gates given in honor of Mrs. Witherton, of Kan. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent with the needle work, and an interesting guessing game was an amusing feature. Later in the afternoon lucheon was served.

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### Their Unmitigated Gall.

Today there are more dead beats seeking free advertising than has ever been known. In all lines of business there are schemes of every conceivable kind flooding the newspaper offices with their literature for free insertion.

And now the Territory of New Mexico and the United States governments have joined the cheeky mendicants. Last week the Advocate received from the land office a long list of delinquent lands in Eddy county, which it was desired we give publicity, but no pay was provided for. Then followed the United States government with a request that we publish a sale of some of their old horses and mules, but explicitly stated no pay would be forthcoming.

Isn't it enough to rile a newspaper man to come in contact day after day with such unmitigated gall. It is a pity that New Mexico and the United States are bankrupt and cannot pay for their advertising.

However, newspapers are to a great extent responsible for this condition. In their zeal to get ahead of their competitors, articles are published as news items that legitimately belong to pay advertising matter. And then, so many men without experience or knowledge of the newspaper business are engaged in it, so they are easily imposed upon, and the free advertising thus secured pays the cheeky mendicants for all the time and postage lost in sending stuff out, even if only a small per cent of the papers publish it.

Locally, in every community, where a newspaper is published, there is imposition on the paper. People think that it cost nothing scarcely to print a newspaper so space can be given to anything without paying for it. The space of a newspaper is its stock in trade, and when that is utilized without sufficient equivalent, the paper is to that extent a loser, and either cannot publish a creditable paper or it is run at a loss, and must depend upon its job work or other source of revenue for sustenance.

It is time the newspapers of the country should cut out this wholesale gratuitous advertising of everything of a quasi-public nature. Big expositions, big fairs and other celebrations in different cities, are not legitimate items of news, but simply boosting articles for that particular place. When such cities give big bounces to secure these expositions and other attractions, they count on getting most of their money back by free advertising from glib newspaper. It is time to stop such practice of dead beatism.

### Report of Governor Mills.

[Santa Fe New Mexican.]

The last of the reports of territorial governors has just been issued by the government. It concludes a long series of interesting documents which have followed the development of the commonwealth for several decades and contain much of value to the historian and the statistician. Of late years, the reports have been much reduced in size compared with the monumental reports that were made during the Otero administration, each year's report covering more than 500 pages and bountifully illustrated with half tone pictures and colored maps. This last report of Governor Mills is much less pretentious, covers less than 50 pages, and yet, in its business like tone, and in its salient figures, gives a detailed synopsis, a complete epitome of the year's progress.

Governor Mills views concisely in the opening paragraphs the major improvements of the year and then gives some space to statehood and the adoption of the constitution. His estimate as to New Mexico's present population is 346,000, and he shows that a steady stream of immigration is maintained as proved by the 3,276 original homestead entries covering 482,243 acres, that were made during the fiscal year covered. Other entries swell the total number to 9,667 covering 1,718,395 acres. While this is a decrease of 3,332 entries and of 600,000 acres from the year previous, yet, it also indicates the maintenance of a steady growth from the outside.

The finances of the Territory are shown to be in splendid condition, the reduction of the tax rate from 14.5 to 10 mills, or almost 31 per cent in two years is dwelt upon. The reduction of the bonded indebtedness to less than a million dollars is shown. The assessment for 1911 is \$60,048,880, and declared to be on the basis of only 20 per cent of the real value. The value of the Territorial institutions is given as \$2,006,640.58 outside of their land grants, and their income is about \$600,000 a year.

The total resources of New Mexico banks is given as \$7,039,427, and of the building and loan associations as \$1,331,293. During the fiscal year, 183 corporations were authorized to do business in New Mexico and their authorized capital is given as \$47,989,000.

The public schools, the various Territorial institutions, the different departments of the Territorial government, are reviewed briefly, and statistics are given that show their growth and advancement.

A chapter is devoted to farming, irrigation, dry farming, water power, steam gauging, good roads, national forests, the stock industry, the national guard, mining, game and fish, health conditions and the New Mexico museum and School of American Archaeology.

In conclusion, two recommendations are made: An Act by Congress, permitting homeseekers to buy public land to the maximum of 640 acres, and an act appropriating sufficient funds to complete the Scenic Highway across the Pecos forest.

### THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Editor of Deming, N. M., Tells How Irrigation is the Road to Wealth.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Describing irrigation as the "only reliable get-rich-quick scheme without a penalty attached" Willard E. Holt president of the New Mexico advisory board of the national irrigation Congress, and editor of Deming Graphic, described obstacles which New Mexico has overcome in the states' large irrigation projects.

"Intelligent farmers are coming to the irrigation idea as the only reliable get-rich-quick scheme," said Holt. With the back-to-the-soil movement there comes a land hunger and water thirst that can be supplied only by states like New Mexico. Few people realize that we have four million acres of land with an available water supply. This estimate includes the largest irrigation project in the world now being constructed at Elephant Butte.

New Mexico has successfully practiced irrigation since the sixteenth century, so that we claim nothing new but improved method.

"Aside from the area that has been reclaimed by using the rivers and streams, we have almost a half million acres of the richest soil that is or may be irrigated by underground waters, pumped from depths of third-five to one hundred feet. Of this area, not more than five per cent has been cultivated but that five per cent has demonstrated the absolute guarantee of wealth for the man who pins his faith upon the magic of the pump.

"In the great Pecos Valley, artesian wells tap the underground waters and in addition many pumps are in use.

"A single pumping proposition near Roswell includes 13,000 acres with twenty-eight miles of electric transmission lines connecting the motor-driven pumps."

Mr. Holt concluded his address by describing a number of the more important projects in detail, and telling how the pump had been made one of the great factors in profitable farm developments in New Mexico.

#### Contributions Solicited.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Artesia, desire to make a collection of clothes, toys and provisions to distribute among the needy at Christmas.

We ask the pastor of each church in Artesia to send a list of names of needy families, also the number and size of children in each family to Mrs. J. H. McCreary. Donations to be sent to the hall at the rear of the Artesia Mercantile Company, not later than December 19th.

We ask each pastor to urge his people to respond promptly to this call.

President of W. C. T. U.

J. G. McMahon has bought the interest of Mr. Whiteside in the Cash Grocery Store. Grover is an industrious and popular young man and will do well in his new undertaking. The firm is now Kitchens & McMahon.

## In Estimating the Cost

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PHONE 14

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### High School

: : Department : :

Just work, work, work, that is about all that is going on now, everybody seems to be busy all the while. About the busiest time of day is immediately before 8:30 in the morning, try to beat that tardy bell. Since the change of program we have no recess in the afternoon but get out thirty minutes earlier than before. According to a requirement of the Territorial Board of Education all class periods for schools of the first class must be forty-five instead of forty minutes. This change caused the change in schedule here. We now have seven periods each day, forty-five minutes in length. We have gotten over the loss of that exara day Thanksgiving and feel about as well as if we had't had it. The report is out that we are to have one week with an extra day for Christmas holiday, we will take it.

The teachers are all preparing to attend the meeting of the Eastern New Mexico Teacher's Association at Clovis on Friday and Saturday before the holidays. Mr. Bishop is to make an address on "Educational Enthusiasm and How Maintained."

The football game with Roswell to be played by the combined team of the College and High School boys was called off by Mr. Bishop and the boys stayed at home last Saturday. The girls are having some good basket ball practice now. They are to play the Roswell girls on their grounds next Saturday. Roswell has been beating our boys all the year, let us see what our girls can do for them.

The Glee Club is having regular meetings for practice again now, they will have something good for the public who attend the Homer T. Wilson lecture at the Baptist church next Monday night. This will be the third number of the Lyceum course. That it will be a good one is not doubted by any one who has ever heard the speaker.

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### ROOSEVELT DAM SITE

House Committee Thinks S. P. Chief Beneficiary in the \$9,000,000 Project.

[El Paso Herald]

A special to the Los Angeles Examiner from Washington says: Did E. H. Harriman, as a practical man, seize upon his temporary favor with the Roosevelt white house regime to grasp practical results for his railroad interest in Arizona.

This question is now before the house committee on expenditure in the interior department. Agents are investigating reports from Arizona charging the juggling of the site for the Roosevelt dam to please the Harriman interests which so far as railroads may do so, glean all the advantages that have come from the construction of the dam on the Salt river.

It is intimated that the original plan was to build the Roosevelt dam at San Carlos, on the Gila river, and open up the fertile country south of the San Carlos reservation. This, it is alleged, did not fit in with the traffic interests of the Southern Pacific of Arizona, which wanted to run a road through Box canyon on the San Carlos project, and the site was finally placed on the Salt river watershed, east of Phoenix.

Charges not yet fully certified, are made that the huge Roosevelt dam has far too much capacity for the flow of water from the Salt river source and that at no time since its construction has it been over two-thirds full.

Additional proof of the grip which the Harriman interest exercised on the reclamation project in the Roosevelt dam region and in the San Carlos valley early in the Roosevelt administration is found in the fact that the Southern Pacific is now before the interior department endeavoring to prevent the construction of a reservoir in the Casa Grande section. Nine millions of government money was poured into the Roosevelt dam project.

#### Railroad Time Table.

114 Kansas City and Chicago Express, North bound leaves at 5:20 a. m.

117 Pecos Valley Express, South bound, leaves at 4:42 p. m.

87 North bound local, leaves at 11:15 a. m.

87 South bound local, leaves at 1:47 p. m.

LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

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FOR SALE—500 extra good fence posts. Wm. Crandall.

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Those pies at Hotel Ad lunch counter are the very best to be had.

Miss Johnnie Logan is a guest this week of Miss Edith Tullis.

There was some rain and snow Monday, and the weather quite chilly.

Insure your hay in the barn or field, with Swepston & Daugherty. Office Sipple bldg.

Quite a snow for this country fell here Monday night but by next morning most of it was gone.

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist Church will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. B. McWhorter.

Mrs. Starkweather and son, of Amarillo, Tex., visited Mrs. T. F. Blackmore, Monday and Tuesday.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church will meet Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with Mrs. Linell.

The ladies of the Guild made about \$40.00 last Friday afternoon with their tea and articles they had for sale.

The Philathea Class of the Baptist Sunday school will meet Saturday afternoon at 2:30 with Miss Edith Tullis.

Miss Purnie Hurst who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Roy Williamson, left Tuesday for her home in Missouri.

Mrs. J. Allen Ray, children and her mother, Mrs. Sexton, left Sunday evening for Las Cruces by way of El Paso. Presiding Elder Ray and family will make Las Cruces their home. Their many friends wish them well.



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Change of Market

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Trade is improving here and even during the disagreeable weather the past few days quite a number of shoppers have been in the stores.

Mr. A. R. Salmon and daughter, arrived in the city from Shawnee, Okla., last week to make this their home. They are living at the Terrill place.

Rev. L. H. Maples, wife and two children, arrived in the city Sunday evening from Guyton, Okla., to make this their future home. Rev. Maples is the new pastor of the Baptist church.

Mrs. M. Newcomb and her young daughter Evelyn, left Sunday evening for Vicksburg, Miss., to visit two sisters of Mrs. Newcomb who live there. They will be absent two or three weeks.

The windows of Joyce-Pruitt Co. grocery department and also those of Reed & Cramer have a display of eatables to satisfy the most fastidious and make any one hungry to look at the good things.

Major Patrick delightfully entertained a number of his friends with an enjoyable party Friday evening. Games and music were pleasing features and at a later hour refreshments were served.

Miss Alma Porter, who has been visiting her brother here, has returned to Joliet, Ill., her home. She was accompanied by her nephew Lennan Porter, and she will take him to Chicago to have his arm operated on, in order to straighten it, as the arm was broken some six months ago.

Dr. A. L. Taylor the senior member of the Taylor-Hyatt-Commission Co. is rejoicing over the arrival last Saturday of twins—two fine boys. Mother and father doing nicely. This makes seven boys in the family, and if they all make as good citizens as their father the country will be better that they have lived.

To Exchange

Call and examine our exchange list; we have what you want. REQUA, HIGGINS & ROHRBOUGH.

Ladies Aid Society.

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist church held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. H. J. Allison, one mile and a half west of the city, Thursday. This society has met for an all-day session with Mrs. Allison each December for the past five years. In the forenoon each lady was busy with her needle work making dainty gifts for the Yuletide. At the noon hour a most bountiful turkey dinner was served.

In the afternoon, the president of the society, Mrs. B. McWhorter, called the ladies to order for a business meeting as this was the annual election of officers. The following were elected to office: President, Mrs. E. T. Dunway; Vice President, Mrs. J. B. Dye; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Davis.

After the election of officers, plans were talked over for the finishing up of the year's work and a vote of thanks given the retiring officers, also to Mrs. Allison for hospitality and a most enjoyable day.

The Good Road Movement.

Chairman W. M. Atkinson, of Roswell, has called a meeting of the Roswell-Malaga road executive committee at Carlsbad on Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

The main thing no doubt to be considered at this meeting, is whether each county will build the road within its own borders or the pike constructed jointly. Of course, Chaves county prefers that each county build its own section, because that county already has a considerable portion of the road built there.

Regardless of the plan agreed upon, the road should be built at once. It would prove of great convenience and also enhance the value of all the land along the highway.

The Holy City.

What promises to be the greatest musical treat ever given in Artesia will be rendered Thursday night, December 21st, at the College Auditorium. At that date Gaul's celebrated oratorio "The Holy City" will be given by the MacDowell Club and the Choral Department consisting of fifty voices.

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Try, instead, laying the hat on a sheet of stout brown paper, so as to get the correct size. Then make the paper into a large envelope by gathering the two sides in the middle and pasting them down. Slit up the sides about two inches and turn these down to form the closed ends; but before pasting them cut away the inner part of the turned-up ends and snip the corners to give a neat edge.

Do the same with the top of the big, but, of course, do not paste down the flap. Sew to each side of the bag cord or platted twine handles by which to hold the bag. The whole may be folded and tucked in a corner of your suitcase.

Explosive Neckties.

There are several processes of manufacturing artificial silk which are based on the use of ordinary cellulose, reduced to a plastic condition so that it may be drawn into threads. These are woven into various forms whose chief difference from real silk, to the eye, is that the material is glossier.

All but one of these processes yield a "silk" that is as safe as cotton. The other employs nitro-cellulose, or soluble gun cotton, from which the threads are drawn in ether or alcohol. After the thread has been drawn and is ready for weaving it is supposed to be denitrated. If it is, then it is entirely safe. Otherwise it may be exceedingly dangerous, for it then remains nothing less than gun cotton spun into a fabric.

Small Girl's Hobble-Skirt.

There is apparently considerable diversity of opinion as regards the correct position for the belt on the small girl's frock. Many of the smartest little French dresses show the sash in practically normal place, while on other frocks the belt is so far down as to hamper the tiny wearer in her walk almost as absurdly as does the hobble-skirt of the moment inconvenience her elders. The abnormally long-waisted effect obtained by placing the belt almost at the hem of the frock is charmingly quaint on some children, but is not becoming to every type.—Harper's Bazar.

The Boy's Outfit.

Severity must mark the outfit for a small boy. In the morning a Russian-blouse suit of natural-colored linen, worn with a wide patent-leather belt, is practical. To complete this dress should be brown boots and stockings. Low shoes and socks are fashionable for all children, leather leggings being worn out-of-doors until the weather is really warm. This fashion should not be kept up after the boy has grown big, any more than he should be forced to keep to his knickerbockers when he is tall enough to wear long trousers.—Harper's Bazar.

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### Tradition and Truth.

[Duluth News-Tribune.]

Pocahontas did not rescue Captain John Smith. The Pilgrims did not land on Plymouth rock. The declaration of independence was not signed on the July 4. There was nothing to prove that Washington took command of the American army under the Washington elm in Cambridge. Paul Revere's lantern did not hang in the Old North church. Warren did not die on Bunker hill in the manner in which John Trumbull depicted the scene in his famous painting. An obscure English soldier fired "the shot round the world."

To those who were brought up on the cherished legends which were once regarded as unquestioned fact these statements may seem nothing short of heresy, but in the light of history as it has been rewritten every one of them is backed up by evidence adduced by some accredited investigator.

One by one the old fireside tales have been called into question and for each proof has been demanded. The day of unsupported tradition is passing and contemporary records are given preference over stories from the memories of forgetful old men.

Captain John Smith, that romantic figure of the histories of our childhood, seems to have gained the reputation of a colonial Dr. Cook among a large representation of warriors. Although he still has a number of ardent defenders, his whole record is now under fire and his story of the Princess Pocahontas is pretty generally doubted.

How many a child has thrilled at the tale of his rescue! It is so easy to picture him, as he pictured himself, being brought to the unpronounceable Werowocomoco, capital of the Indian emperor, Powhatan, by savage captors. We see him facing the great chieftan, who sits aloft on his throne of racoon skins, flanked by painted warriors. We see him defy the chieftan, we see him led to the execution stone, and we see the braves prepare to beat out his brains.

Then, in the story, enters the beautiful Pocahontas, a maiden of 12 years. She throws herself upon the captain's head and begs for his life. Powhatan is moved to the bottom of his savage soul; spares the adventurer and welcomes him as a son.

Now comes the modern historian and says: "A careful comparison of the dates and sequences of events as given by the other original documents shows the utter unreliability of Smith's account, entirely apart from the Pocahontas story."

It may have been hard for Virginia to lose the glory of Captain John, but it was much harder for Massachusetts to give up that of Plymouth rock. There was never any landing of the Pilgrims on the historic stone, or, for that matter, there was never any "landing" anywhere.

In fact, the landing is as much an illusion as the "stern and rock-bound coast" which the poet has conferred upon the sandy cape.

They landed at Plymouth,

Dec. 11, old style, or Dec. 21 new style, and the Mayflower was not brought over from Princetown until five days later. Even then there was no general landing, inasmuch as many of the settlers remained on the Mayflower for months after.

Even Thomas Jefferson's memory was not as strong as it might have been, according to modern students. He thought the declaration of independence was signed when it was finally adopted, July 4, and so stated in his account what happened. Between the actual event and the time of recounting it his mind became confused, so say the historians. In collating all the evidence they are now convinced that the actual signing did not take place until Aug. 2.

It has always been supposed that Washington assumed command of the American forces beneath the shade of the famous Washington elm in Cambridge. Perhaps he did. The historians say, however, that there is nothing to prove that this is a fact. He took command on Cambridge common, but the spot where he stood is indicated only by tradition. There were "one and twenty drummers and as many fifers a-beating and playing round the parade" in expectation of his coming, but whether or not he looked on this display from beneath the tree no one seems to know. One writer sums the matter up thus: "The assumption of command by Washington under the tree rests, so far as the writer knows, on tradition only, and he knows of no detail of the ceremonies given by contemporary evidence, though the writers have exercised their ingenuity in giving various attendant circumstances."

When Paul Revere spoke of the North church he was making use of a popular misnomer and really meant Christ church. Longfellow added to the confusion by his poem, and the general public followed Longfellow. At, at least, is what the records appear to show.

It is not unusual at the opening of the revolution to confuse the two churches in common speech. The Old North meeting house stood in North square and was pulled down for fuel during the siege of Boston. Historians assert that there was no place in the belfry for the display of lanterns, whereas the old spire of Christ church, which remained until it was blown down in 1804, was the best possible place for the hanging of the signal lights.

### A Turkey Party.

Miss Anna Hardwick entertained a number of her friends Saturday night, Dec. 2nd, at Hotel Hardwick. Many games were enjoyed, but a turkey contest was the chief diversion typical of Thanksgiving time. Harry Keinath won first prize, a box of stationery. Miss Mary Taylor consolation prize, a tiny dog with a pink bow on his neck. Later in the evening delicious refreshments were served in the dining room.

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## Overboard at Sea

To be lost overboard on a dark night, hundreds of miles south of the Cape of Good Hope, with a strong wind blowing, and to live to tell the tale, does not happen to many sailors. William Galloway of the crew of the British ship Kilbrannan had such an experience several years ago, and told his story to a reporter of a San Francisco newspaper of the time, from which the following account is taken:

Galloway is a brown-faced Scotch laddie who says "mither" for mother, and everything about him, from the frayed bottoms of his jean trousers to the wiry-looking tufts of hair which peep from beneath the front peak of his little fore-and-aft cap, betoken the rollicking, happy-go-lucky deep-sea sailor boy. Of his adventure, First Mate William Coalfleet said:

"It was eight o'clock in the evening. We were fifty-five days out from Philadelphia, bound for Hogo, Japan, and near latitude forty-four one south, longitude fourteen forty-four east. A strong easterly wind was blowing. It was dark and bitter cold, and the sea was running very high.

"Galloway was half-way up the ratlines, unhooking a block from the main-sheet, when the ship gave a lurch and he fell into the sea.

"The captain threw him a life buoy. The ship was brought up in the wind as quickly as possible, and a boat lowered and manned. I took command of her.

"We heard the boy shout as we were lowering the boat, but he had yelled himself hoarse, and we had nothing to guide us as we pulled aimlessly about in the heavy sea.

"We pulled round for over an hour, and as we lost sight of the ship several times, and the night was getting rougher and thicker, I was about to give up the search in despair, when we heard a feeble moan, and straining our eyes, saw Galloway clinging to the lifebuoy, almost under our bow.

"We soon had him on board, but it took some slapping and rubbing to put warmth into his rigid limbs."

Galloway said to the reporter: "I am a good swimmer, and managed to ride the big seas that came along, but it was terribly cold, and my legs began to feel like lead. It was a good job for me that the water was so black, or I never could have seen the white lifebuoy as it came to me on the crest of a wave.

"I got it under my arms and stopped paddling. I was tired out. I shouted as long as I could, but my voice grew husky.

"The albatrosses and mollyhawks swooped down on me, and I kept waving my arms, thinking every moment that one of them would drive its beak through my skull.

"I lost all hope and thought of mother and my sisters in Glasgow. Then I saw the white hull of the mate's boat. I tried hard to shout. They heard me

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### Reserve Fund Growing.

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