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CLOTHING FOR THE BOYS!!

The boys want a new suit for Christmas and we want to sell them. Boys vestee suits—all sizes and prices. Suits with short pants without vests. Boys School Suits—size age ten to 13 years. Vests and long pants. Boys odd pants long and short.

OVERCOATS

For boys from seven years old up. These goods were bought low and marked in plain figures. Now we propose to make a

Discount of Ten Per Cent on all Boys' Clothing UNTIL JANUARY FIRST.

This means an opportunity to buy Clothing of us ten per cent cheaper than you have been buying elsewhere. We have more clothing than our boys can wear and want you to wear them. Yours for Trade.

J. W. AYNES.

Northwest Corner Square, Jacksboro, Texas.

GRAND OPENING!!!

On Tuesday, September 20th, at 10 o'clock A. M., the D. C. Brown Mercantile Company will open the doors of their immense building to the public, showing the greatest stock of general Dry Goods ever brought to Northwest Texas. We solicit the inspection of all buyers in the various lines here represented. The stock in part will consist of the latest novelties in

Dry Goods,	Linens,
Dress Goods,	Damasks,
Clothing,	Carpets,
Boots, Shoes,	Oil Cloths,
Hats, Caps,	Mattings,
Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods,	Linoleum,
Wraps, Ladies' Suits,	Millinery,
Skirts, Underwear, &c.,	Ladies' Trimmed & Untrimmed Hats
Laces, Embroideries, &c.,	Trunks and Valises.
Handkerchiefs,	

You will find the stock immense and complete in all the departments, everything entirely new, bought at the head of the market, at manufacturer's prices. You will find the latest novelties in all the lines, the prices as low as the same goods can be bought in Texas. We solicit your cash trade as we are determined to make prices so as to induce the people of Young, Archer and Jack counties to trade at the nearest railroad town where they now have all the facilities and advantages of any of the larger railroad towns in Texas.

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Yours truly,
D. C. BROWN MER. CO.,
Jacksboro, Texas.

If you need anything in the

Staple Hardware Line,

such as Locks, Axes, Post Hole Diggers, Spades, Wire Stretchers, Sausage Grinders, Shovels, Well Pulleys, Hammers, Saws, etc. We keep a complete stock of

Tinware,

Either shop made or factory. We run a Tin shop in connection with our store, manufacturing Tanks, Cisterns, Stock Troughs, Well Casing, Guttering for residences; will gutter your house either in town or country. Will be pleased to figure on your tin or galvanized work. Wind Mill Pumps put up and repaired.

Riggins & Hollingsworth,
Shumaker Building. Weatherford and Graham.

Markley Items.

Weather cool and breezy. Jim Logan and family have returned home, also Dick Adams and family.

John Dunn of Velma I. T., was in our midst last week shaking hands with his many friends.

Mr. Tinney and son, Andy, returned Monday from Comanche county.

Wick Thompson has built a new shop. If you come to town you will not fail to see it, as it is built across the road, thus compelling you to stop or drive around it.

Since the rain last week, some of our farmers are trying to sow some wheat.

Again the Death Angel has visited our little community, and claimed for his own the baby of Elmer Smith. It was interred Sunday evening; also George Herring's baby was interred the next day. Both families have the sympathy of their many friends in this their bereavement.

A. GUMP.

Olney Items.

Mr. Davis has had a well punched. Olney is blessed with good water and it is found near the top of the ground.

L. S. Paschall moved yesterday (Monday) to his new residence west of town.

Miss Ida Donnell, who is teaching near Dundee was in Olney Saturday. Miss Ida reports that she is well pleased with her school.

Mr. Davis came in home from his sheep ranch Friday evening and stayed until Sunday evening. Mr. Bloodworth is batching it this week, his family being away on a visit to Wise county.

J. H. Brown is having a well punched this week, or rather is having his old well punched deeper.

A young Mr. Tate who married Sunday somewhere west of here, passed through Olney with his bride yesterday. Ye scribe wishes them a long and happy life.

The associate teacher, Mrs. Averitt is being bothered considerably with tonsillitis. She was not able to teach yesterday, but we hope she will completely recover soon. There were at least sixty scholars present yesterday and ye scribe imagines the principal had his hands full.

Bro. Hill preached for us Saturday, Sunday and Sunday night according to promise; he peeled the preacher Sunday night, for not doing his duty to the flock; and promises that he will peel some of the flock next time he preaches, for not doing their duty toward the pastor.

Wybert Brown, who is attending school at Graham, visited his home here Saturday and Sunday for the first time since he entered school in Sept.

Elbert Hunt, who is in the employ of Bill Mann in Archer, was at Olney Sunday. "PINDER."

Illinois courts have just decided in favor of separate schools for whites and blacks. The colored people forced the issue in the very state where a test ought to count. The south established separate schools without any false pretenses and that was the end of it.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Goose Neck Bend.

Wheat sowing is still going on and a good acreage will be sown.

Tom Elmore has about finished ginning. He has ginned 260 bales to date.

A. L. Brown and Bob McLaren got back from the East last week, where they have been with horses. The boys say they ought to be quarantined, or ought to be dipped, as they have been in the tick infested country.

Miss Lillian Ernest commenced her school this morning. Miss Lillian is well liked by the patrons and pupils and the school will move off without a jar. We have money enough to run a five and one-half months school.

A Union Sunday School was organized here last Sunday, A. P. Hogue as Supt. Literature was ordered and the School will commence in earnest when it comes.

James M. Wood and W. M. Wade put in their appearance here at Justice Court Saturday, and said they had come to get a divorce. The Court taken in the situation at once and for the benefit of their better halves, would have granted their petition had he the jurisdiction.

Mrs. M. A. Windham is the recipient of a nice box of dry goods sent to her by her brother in Mississippi.

Rev. Huckaby, the new Methodist Pastor on this circuit, preached his first sermon here Sunday night. The reverend gentleman is a splendid speaker and preached a splendid sermon here Sunday night.

It is said that Wm. Johnson eat so much during the Thanksgiving festivities that he lost every toe nail he had.

A Mr. Cant from Uvalde county, has rented M. Fores farm and will abide with us for the next year. A. J.

Farmer Locals.

Owing to being so busy with the many affairs of this life, I have neglected my necessary duty in writing to your valuable paper, which reaches me each week as a welcome visitor.

Rev. Hill of Olney will preach in the Baptist Church here next Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

We are very frequently visited with northers nowadays, which are charming in their nature.

The Farmer choir met at the Methodist Church Sunday evening and made some nice selections in music for the Christmas tree. Come one, come everybody and let us strive to have the finest Christmas tree we ever have had in Farmer.

Jas. Bryan and Jasper Spencer went to Graham Monday.

W. W. Benson made a flying business trip to Henrietta last week.

Rev. L. G. Rogers was assigned to take charge of the Farmer

Circuit for the coming year; he and family came in from Throckmorton Friday. We are glad to welcome them in our midst, and hope their coming may result in much good.

F. P. Brazelton of the Bethel community, was doing business in the burg Monday.

S. M. J. Benson, one of our most progressive merchants and up-to-date stockmen, went to Graham on business Tuesday.

Willie Gegg and Robt. Oneal went to Graham the first of the week.

P. C. Peters has gone to Jacksboro after a load of salt for M. W. Cook.

C. C. Cunningham and wife of Lacy, were in the city Monday.

The wedding season has now begun. We had two near us last Sunday and would not be at all surprised to hear of three more soon.

We understand that there will be some kind of an entertainment in the Farmer High School building on Friday night before Christmas. Will report more fully later.

Wm. McDonald and S. M. Wann are making some nice improvements on Dr. J. D. Wilson's residence.

C. F. Newman of Lacy, was here Wednesday.

Dr. J. D. Pickens of Markley, was here on business Wednesday. DEW DROP.

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.

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Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by Graham Drug Co.

The Graham Leader.

J. W. GRAVE, Publisher.

GRAHAM, : : : : TEXAS

One way to live without work is to prey without ceasing.

No man wants the earth more than the seasick ocean voyager.

It is from contraries that all the harmony in this world results.

Without charity for human defects self-esteem would be very scarce.

A woman seldom knows just what she wants, but she usually gets it.

A man sometimes feels the loss of his first wife most after acquiring a second.

Any girl can hit the side of a barn—by standing inside of it when she throws.

Women ought to succeed as barbers; they possess all the conversational requirements.

Solomon when arrayed in all his glory didn't have a pair of plaid stockings to his feet.

If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both.

It isn't always what a man knows, but what he doesn't tell, that makes others believe he is wise.

A phrenologist says the bumps on a man's head sometimes indicate that his wife has a well-developed muscle.

When the new crop of pensions begins to ripen it may be necessary to appoint veterinarians as medical examiners.

A man may forget home, kindred, friends and almost everything else, but he never forgets the first time he went into a barber shop to get a shave.

It has been said that all signs fall in dry weather. With the exception of the beer signs it may be true, but the drier the weather the better they seem to flourish.

Shun the inquisitive, for you will be sure to find him leaky. Open ears do not keep conscientiously what has been intrusted to them, and a word once spoken flies, never to be recalled.

Health and life are ever quick to change. They are gone in a moment when a man looks not for it. The good which thou thinkest to do tomorrow is but naked speech; clothe it with its deed before death overtake thee.

An investigation of the system of disposing of the timber lands of the Chippewa Indians has been ordered by the government. It is to be hoped above everything else that the Indians will be given a square deal. They were the original Americans and the white men often gave them the muddy end of the stick.

Caleb Cheeshahteamuck, of the class of 1665 at Harvard, described by one of our historians as the one solitary Indian student who succeeded in climbing to the bachelor's degree, would be an interested spectator when the Carlisle Indian school eleven plays the collegians. His paleface classmates would share his wonder at the performances of the latter-day students. The generalship, rather than the agility, of the red men marks the development of the race. Probably nothing in the gathering would make Caleb feel more at home than the college yell.

William Weatherhoff, a progressive farmer near Lawrenceburg, Ind., has succeeded in propagating a new variety of sweet potato that is much superior to the kind now generally grown. The new variety is vineless and quite prolific as all the growth goes into the tuber and but little strength of the plant is expended in useless vines. The top of the new potato is not much larger than a man's fist and from five to a dozen potatoes grow in the hill of exceedingly fine flavor. A number of farmers in that vicinity will adopt the new variety next year.

The political boss may well say with Lord Clive, "Considering my opportunity, I am amazed at my own moderation." Clive himself, walking through the treasury of the nabob of Bengal, with gold and silver and rubies and pearls piled on each side of him; with no power on earth to limit or question him, never enjoyed opportunities equal to those of a boss in a great city. That his very nod is Olympian is well expressed by a recent speaker: "If anybody refuses to give him the position to which he thinks he is entitled, that person is likely to find an engine-house erected in his back yard."

All Roads Exempt.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 5.—The commission has issued the following general notice:

Whereas, the judge of the circuit court of the United States for the state of Texas has issued a decree enjoining the railroad commission of Texas from enforcing all its rates, tariffs, schedules, circulars and orders promulgated and established by said railroad commission of Texas since the 10th day of August, 1894, fixing and regulating the rates of freight on nine of the principal railroads of this state; and

Whereas, these nine railroads can not participate in joint rates with the railroads of this state not so enjoined without violating that injunction; and

Whereas, the railroads of this state not so enjoined can, on that account do no business except that which is purely local to the several railroads, and interstate business, because of their inability to make joint rates with the railroads so enjoined; and

Whereas, if the railroads not enjoined should be allowed to charge their local rates, to be added to the through rates on connecting lines, this would so increase the freight rates as to become an excessive burden on the owners and shippers of such freight.

Therefore this commission hereby orders and directs that the railroads not so enjoined are hereby released from a compliance with its said rates, tariffs, schedules, circulars and orders until otherwise ordered by this commission. (Commissioner Mayfield dissenting.) Effective at once.

JOHN H. REAGAN, Chairman.

L. J. STOREY, Commissioner.

Commissioner Mayfield opposed the issuance of the above circular and stated that he appealed to the commission and did his utmost to prevent its promulgation, but to no effect. He said that he is in favor of making roads obey the commission's tariff, because that is what he is paid for.

Two Fatalities.

Bowie, Tex., Dec. 5.—A sad and heartrending accident occurred in this city. The 7-year-old son of Dr. R. H. Mitchell while out riding in front of his house on Wise street, his pony took fright at the running of the fire company's team and sounding of the gong, throwing the child, his foot hanging in the stirrup, dragging and kicking the child for half a mile. When the pony was caught the little fellow was dead.

F. R. Fair's horse ran away while out driving about the same time of the above accident, throwing him from his buggy. His skull was broken, from which he died. He was 60 years old. He leaves several married daughters, one of whom lives in Cooke county.

Harrison a Delegate.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 5.—Maj. A. Harrison, senior major of the fourth Texas, who resides in this city and is now at home on a short furlough, received notice that his leave of absence had been extended. He was notified also that he had been appointed by Adj. Gen. Wozencraft as a delegate from Texas to the National Guard convention, which convenes in Chicago on the 12th of this month. The state is entitled to three representatives. Maj. Harrison attended this convention last year, which met in St. Louis, and delivered an address which was received with so much favor that it was ordered printed in pamphlet form by that body and distributed among military men all over the United States.

Badly Shot.

Brookshire, Tex., Dec. 5.—Mr. Dan Wilpitz, a prominent farmer living near here, was assassinated. He was sitting near the window in his home. The assassin shot him with a load of buckshot from the outside of the house. The shot took effect in his shoulder and face. Nine shots took effect, which badly mutilated his face. Dr. L. W. Bains, the attending physician, has stated that he thought probably Mr. Wilpitz would live. A runner was sent to Sealy for dogs, but for some reason the dogs refused to trail. A party was arrested on suspicion.

Smith's Appointments.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 5.—Hon. Tom S. Smith, attorney general-elect, has announced his appointments as follows: First assistant attorney general, Hon. R. H. Ward of Austin; second assistant, Hon. Ned Morris of Henderson; third assistant, Hon. T. S. Johnson of Hillsboro; stenographers, Frank Booth of Hillsboro and Mr. Bailey of Rockdale.

Col. W. J. Bryan made a brief address to the Alabama legislature at Montgomery.

Old Rates in Effect.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 3.—Last night at midnight the railroads put into effect the tariffs of 1894, the tariffs in existence when the commission resumed rate-making. While the present commission rates and prospective reductions are enjoined, the commission is at liberty to proceed with rate-making, provided such rates are substantially higher than rates enjoined. The cotton tariff which now goes into effect fixed the rate on cotton to Galveston at 70 cents per hundred, or 10 a hundred advance. It is estimated, however, that at least 75 per cent of the cotton has been moved. The commission rates, as shown by affidavits at the recent hearing, were about 30.19 per cent lower than rates now in effect, averaging all tariffs.

Two Stayers.

Alvarado, Tex., Dec. 3.—Ben Coleman and Sam Lane have just concluded a game of epins here that is believed to be without a precedent in the history of the state. The game lasted twenty-five hours without intermission, except five or six minutes at meal time. Their meals were brought to them. It began as such games usually do, but soon drifted into a test of physical endurance. When twenty-five hours had elapsed friends interfered and prevailed upon the players to desist. They rolled 930 games and made over 2300 ten-strikes. Good feeling prevailed throughout. There was nothing at stake but the fees. Lane won about 65 per cent of the games. Coleman is 51 years old and Lane is 38. There was no sign of weakening on either side, and how long he game would have continued if friends had not interfered nobody knows. The staying qualities of both men are above par just now.

Farmer Robbed.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 3.—L. B. Tipps, a farmer living near Mead, I. T., was assaulted and robbed at Rock Creek, east miles east of Cale, while en route to his home from Denison. Mr. Tipps had divided his money, putting \$26.50 in one pocket and \$1.50 in another. The robbers knocked him down, rendering him unconscious, and took the \$4.50 from one of his pockets, but failed to find the larger amount. They took the horses loose from Mr. Tipps' wagon, and leaving him unconscious, rode away, taking the horses with them. Mr. Tipps was found, and a physician summoned to attend him.

Cars Dynamited.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 3.—Two street cars were dynamited by unknown parties last night on Elm street, one in business section, the other in the eastern part of the city. A wheel was blown off the down-town car, while the flooring was sprung in the other. The cars are the property of the Consolidated company, whose motormen have been on strike several weeks. Dynamite cartridges, it is claimed, were found on the tracks in other parts of the city. No one was injured.

Want to Get Out.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 3.—A petition signed by 800 enlisted men and three commissioned officers, asking that the fourth Texas regiment be mustered out of the service was forwarded to members of the Texas delegation at Washington. The matter leaked out at Camp Mosby, and Col. Edmond and Lieut. Col. Hardy left for Washington last night. The men of the regiment are tired of camp and garrison duty, but are anxious to stay in the service if they can be sent to Manila or Cuba.

Dastardly Deed.

Bonham, Tex., Dec. 3.—Thursday night as Misses Mamie Clark and Emma Lightner were returning home from town, they were accosted on West Fifth street by a man, who struck Miss Lightner on the arm with a brick, inflicting a painful wound. The ladies ran into a house and telephoned for an officer. Constable Dixie Saunders soon arrived on the scene, but could find no trace of the culprit.

New Bridges.

The Katy bridge and building department is now at work putting up three new steel bridges. One is at Grandview over Island creek, on the main line, one over the Little Wichita Falls and one over Chambers creek between Fortuston and Italy, on the Dallas and Hillsboro branch.

Elias Putman died at his home, five miles west of Graham, Tex., from the effects of a pistol shot wound.

Mr. Jake Pierce, thrown out of a buggy at Call, Newton county, Texas, some time ago, died of his injuries.

Against Commission.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 2.—Judge A. P. McCormick of the circuit court of the United States for the western district of Texas yesterday issued his opinion and order in the cases against the Texas railroad commission. He enjoins the commission from promulgating or issuing any tariff, schedule or order putting in force any rate or tariff on any commodity carried by the railroads of this state, and he further enjoins the commission and the attorney general from enforcing or attempting to enforce any penalties by reason of the refusal of the railroads to enforce the tariffs of the commission. The railroads are enjoined from putting into effect the tariffs of the commission.

The effect of the order of the court is to nullify the commission for all rate-making purposes till there is a decision on the merits of the case, as well as to nullify all tariffs heretofore made.

The judge's opinion, which is quite lengthy, says the valuation of the commission is confiscatory and the rates unreasonable; that the roads' property is practically taken; that if the commission rates were continued in force, Texas railroads would depreciate in value.

Last Chapter Closed.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 2.—The last chapters of a very noted case, relating to the killing of the most noted outlaw of the land since the days of Jesse James were closed here yesterday when Deputy United States Marshals Booker, Reynolds, McKee, Lindsey, Letherman, Thompson, Tucker, Little McAfee, Kilgore and Hart were charged in the Federal court with murder. The statements of the deputies even at this day are interesting, showing as they did how the trail of the Longview bank robbers was followed, and how a number of men were corralled in a house near Elk, I. T., on June 8, 1895. Then the deputies divided into two bodies and watched the house for hours, and finally a man, having received warning from a woman that he was discovered, made a break from a back window and attempted to escape. Then the Winchester of Loss Hart spoke, and the man fell on his face, with his 45-caliber pistol under him. At that time none of the deputies had any idea who the dead man was, and the body was taken to Elk and photographed. Later it was hauled to Ardmore, and when within ten miles of that place it was ascertained from Mrs. Dalton that Hart's bullet had laid low her husband, the famous outlaw, Bill Dalton. After hearing the evidence all the defendants were discharged.

For a Jubilee.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 2.—The people of Waco, in a mass meeting, authorized the Karnival club to start preparations at once for the jubilee, to take place in 1900, and adopted a resolution authorizing the committee to raise the funds needed for carrying out the plan on a scale as large as the Omaha exposition. A site will be selected of between 100 and 200 acres near the city, rolling and capable of being highly beautified by artistic improvement, which will include the creation of a lake of not less than forty acres' surface of navigable water for regattas.

The committee to carry out the great jubilee project is composed of leading business men.

Telegraphic Annex.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 2.—Manager C. C. Davis of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph company was notified that a telegraphic annex would be given Sherman, desks, instruments and equipments having been shipped. The rapidly growing territorial business of the Sherman exchange has caused it to be the fourth Texas city in which it has been necessary to place a telegraphic annex. In this, as in all other lines of business, the strides made by Sherman in the last few months have been phenomenal.

Spaniard Suicides.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 2.—Florentine Perez, a Spaniard, suicided in Juarez, Mexico, yesterday morning by shooting himself in the right temple with a six-shooter. Perez had been employed as a clerk in the City of London store, but was discharged. As a result of his dismissal he became despondent, and at noon yesterday was found dead in his bed, his pillow saturated with blood. Life had been extinct many hours.

Mrs. Brown Potter is out of danger. She will return to the stage in January. The prince of Wales and others have telegraphed her congratulations.

Make it a Point

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Tobacco Flower.

"There is one flower," says a writer in a London paper, "which has apparently been overlooked by Americans in their search for a suitable floral emblem, which, I think, is worthy of their attention. I refer to that of the tobacco plant (nicotiana) in its many varieties. It is handsome; the plant is, I believe, indigenous to America, and its importance, as the solace of the human race, is indisputable. But its claims to selection by Americans are far greater when they consider that this flower will serve to perpetuate, in years to come, the memories of their recent exploits in Cuba and Manila."

PECAN GROWING PROFITABLE.

What an Experienced Grower Has to Say of the Industry.

The following instructive paper on pecans was recently read at a farmers institute. The author is Dr. O. D. Faust, of Bemberg, South Carolina.

Probably at no previous time has there been such an interest taken in the planting of nut trees all over the United States as now. The forests of the Southern states have furnished us the finest nut trees on top of the green earth. If he be a benefactor of his race who causes two blades of grass to grow where only one blade grew before, how much more must he benefit the world who plants that which shall continue to grow in beauty and strength and become of still greater benefit to the world as the years go on?

The rest of the foregoing instructive paper together with some good points on the growing and marketing of this, the best of all our home grown nuts, can be secured by sending two cent stamp to Henry Pfeiffer, Kansas City, Mo.

Christmas presents will be the next in order.

The Diploma and Gold Medal.

Were awarded to the Chicago Scale Company of Chicago, Ill., at the Omaha exposition for the best stock and hay scales over all first-class makes, no cheap scales were considered. This company sells more scales than any other, and their prices are lower than those of any reliable scale. They also handle hundreds of useful specialties for farmers and others. They send catalogue free.

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TUMOR EXPELLED.

Unqualified Success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been taking your Vegetable Compound, and am now ready to sound its praises. It has done wonders for me in relieving me of a tumor.

"My health has been poor for three years. Change of life was working upon me. I was very much bloated and was a burden to myself. Was troubled with smothering spells, also palpitation of the heart and that bearing-down feeling, and could not be on my feet much.

"I was growing worse all the time, until I took your medicine.

"After taking three boxes of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Lozenges, the tumor passed from me. "My health has been better ever since, can now walk quite a distance and am troubled no more with palpitation of the heart or bloating. I recommend your medicine to all sufferers from female troubles."

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If afflicted with eye troubles, use Thompson's Eye Water.

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD.

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

Great Fire.

New York, Dec. 5.—In a blinding rain storm last night the massive block of buildings on Broadway, Nos. 253 and 259 inclusive, between Murray and Warren streets, was almost destroyed by fire. Within three hours \$1,000,000 worth of property was destroyed. The fire began in the five-story brick building occupied by the men's furnishing goods firm of Rogers, Peet & Co., on the southwest corner of Broadway and Warren streets. Adjoining the Rogers, Peet & Co. building and south of it was the magnificent white building of the Home Life Insurance company and next to that was the brown stone building of the Postal Telegraph company, erected at a cost of millions only a few years ago.

Within a few minutes after the discovery of the fire the Rogers, Peet & Co. building was a roaring furnace and an alarm had been turned in which brought scores of engines to the scene. It was but a short time when the flames had eaten through the wall of the Home Life Insurance company building and were roaring high above the lofty structure. Thousands of people gathered on the scene and the blinding glare of the flames lit up the lower part of the city. Even in the downpour the great crowds of people grew and the police reserves were called out from many stations and kept the people back for blocks. Great showers of sparks were carried in all directions by the gale that blew sixty miles an hour.

It was a picturesque fire. The Home Life building was occupied by that company and by a large number of prominent men in various lines of business. Every effort was made to save the valuable papers stored in some of the offices, but many of them were lost. The offices of the Rapid Transit commission were on the ninth floor of this building and it is believed that all the plans and schemes of work with which the commission has been working this many years have been destroyed. In the Postal building as well there were many serious losses of a private nature and when the flames reached the operating room of this structure, which they did within three hours after the outbreak, the one or two solitary operators who remained at their posts were compelled to flee for their lives, leaving unsent messages at the keys.

The fire burned even more fiercely in the Home Life building, owing to the great height of this structure and in an incredibly short time the upper half of this magnificent building was in flames. The water towers in the street were unable to throw their heavy streams only into the lower part of the structure and the firemen, though they worked with great bravery and untiring energy in the blinding smoke and heat, could do little in the face of such a fierce sweep of flames and gale. It was only a question of time when the Postal building, so far as the upper stories were concerned, went the way of the others.

The estimate of the losses by Chief Bonner was \$1,000,000.

Southern Enterprises.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 5.—Among the new industries reported during last week by the Manufacturers' Record were:

- A \$30,000 zinc mining company at Harrison, Ark.;
- \$50,000 mercantile company at Augusta, Ga.;
- 25,000-spindle and 400-loom cotton mill at Rockmart, Ga.;
- \$100,000 brewing company at Paducah, Ky.;
- \$50,000 ice company at New Orleans, La.;
- \$50,000 machine works company at Baltimore, Md.;
- 20-barrel flour mill at Bonda, N. C.;
- \$20,000 gas and chemical company at Washington, N. C.;
- 30,000 Lumber company at Bellhaven, N. C.;
- \$12,000 lumber company at Washington, N. C.;
- 3000-spindle addition to cotton mill at Fayetteville, N. C.;
- 5000-spindle addition to cotton mill at Chester, S. C.;
- 40-barrel flour mill at Lee Spring, Tenn.;
- \$100,000 phosphate company at Nashville, Tenn.;
- \$300,000 cotton machine company at Memphis, Tenn.;
- \$5000 peanut company at Petersburg, Va.;
- \$18,000 railroad shop at Weston, W. Va.;
- \$200,000 flur-spar company at Wheeling, W. Va.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Jake McGee was found murdered at Rutherford, Tenn.

Hamburg, Ark., lost eight business houses by fire, with a loss of \$20,000.

The Mississippi state fair, held at Vicksburg, was a success in every respect.

The upper stories of the Orr building, a fine brick structure at Hot Springs, Ark., burned. Loss, about \$4000.

Reps Jones, one of the most prominent railroad contractors in the south, died at Knoxville, Tenn., of a paralytic stroke.

Four prisoners broke jail at Eureka Springs, Ark., attended a dance, and next morning returned to jail and asked for breakfast.

Will Dorse, a rolling mill man, had his neck broken by a billiard cue in a Birmingham, Ala., saloon, by a man named Will Reno.

Near Heathman, Sunflower county, Mississippi, James Bartley shot and killed his brother, Allen, who was chastising their sister.

Hon. J. B. Thompson, a noted lawyer of Mississippi, and a grandson of Judge Jacob Thompson of that state, a member of President Buchanan's cabinet, died at Yazoo City.

Sister Esther Marie, mother superior of the Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Louisville, Ky., passed away from heart disease. She was connected with the home for fifteen years.

Dr. Marie Eugene Berjot, son of an influential member of the first national assembly of the French republic, and godson of Gen. Lafayette, died at New Orleans. Dr. Berjot was 81 years old. J. M. Aughey, a fireman on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, fell from the gangway of the engine of a freight train near Nashville, Tenn., and met with instant death.

Harlow Spencer, the oldest miller in Kentucky, aged 88, is quite ill at Fort Spring, near Versailles. After Henry Clay's last defeat for president, Mr. Spencer vowed he would never vote again, and he has faithfully adhered to his vow.

Gen. Joe Wheeler has been presented by admiring constituents in the eighth congressional district of Alabama, which district he represents in congress, with a thoroughbred Kentucky horse.

Will Goldston, wanted on a murder charge in Autauga county, Alabama, shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Warnock, at Birmingham, Ala., while the latter was attempting to arrest him. The officer leaves a widow and four children.

Galloway college, a well-known Methodist institute of learning located at Searcy, Ark., was totally destroyed by fire. Two hundred persons, including 175 young lady pupils, were in the building, but all escaped. The building and furniture were valued at \$60,000, with \$33,000 insurance.

Large Ship Owner.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 5.—Henry Radcliffe, Cardiff, Wales, the fourth largest individual ship owner in the world, and from the port that recorded the heaviest shipping tonnage of any in the world, left for Galveston, where he goes to look into the shipping facilities of that port with a view of placing more of the Radcliffe ships into southern ports. Mr. Radcliffe was accompanied by David G. Pinkney, the representative of the firm of Rotterdam, Holland, and E. T. Agius of London, a young English student, who is studying American institutions. The party will remain in Galveston three days. While in New Orleans these distinguished English capitalists received much attention from the business men of the city and the commercial exchange.

At Beaumont, the Gulf, Beaumont and Interstate railway got judgment against the Texas and New Orleans railway for \$19,000 statutory and \$247 actual damages. The suit was caused by the refusal of the latter road to handle freight for the former.

Visits President.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The Cuban commission, headed by Gen. Garcia, met President McKinley yesterday afternoon. As a result of the conference, the commissioners were informed:

That Cuba should have an independent form of government at the earliest possible moment consistent with the pledge of the United States made to the world that when the Spaniards were driven out a stable form of government should be established.

That the proposed army of occupation should be reduced to the lowest figure in keeping with the dignity of the United States, and that less than 25,000 soldiers will be sent at this time.

That a recommendation will be made to congress that a certain allowance should be paid the Cuban soldiers who acted as the allies of the United States after war had been declared.

It was this result that so cheered the commissioners that they officially gave out a statement last night that the conference with President McKinley was most satisfactory and encouraging.

The commissioners met the president at 2 o'clock, and were in conference with him an hour and a half. Senor Quesada, the representative of the Cuban assembly in Washington, accompanied his compatriots, and acted as interpreter, as well as master of ceremonies.

Immediately after the formal introduction had been accomplished, Gen. Garcia, in a most informal manner, told the president of the wishes and desires of the Cuban people concerning their future form of government. He said that he and others who had fought for years for the independence of the island felt assured that a government of Cuba by the Cubans, as guaranteed by the United States, was a question of time only. He had not the least fear that this country would not keep its pledges. The only difference of opinion that could exist was as to the time when Cuba should be turned over to the Cuban himself. He hoped the president would make the probationary terms as short as possible. He argued at length that the Cubans were in a fit condition to take care of themselves, and referred to the reports made by Gen. Butler and other American officers as to their qualifications of self-government. He finally urged that the army of occupation to be sent to Cuba should not exceed 25,000 men.

During this presentation of the case President McKinley listened with the utmost attention, frequently interrupting to ask a pointed question on some point. When the general had concluded, the president told him that, acting on the suggestions of Admiral Sampson, Gen. Wade and Gen. Butler, he had already concluded to cut the original assignment of troops for Cuba in half. He further assured Gen. Garcia that the island would be turned over to the Cubans themselves at the earliest possible moment.

Concerning the present condition of the Cuban soldiers and the Cuban people in general, the president informed the commissioners that it was his intention to render as much aid as possible. Provisions would be sent to the island as fast as ships could carry them and that all would be fed. He also added that he considered the Cuban soldiers as allies of the Americans, and he would recommend to congress that these men should receive compensation.

In the evening Gen. Garcia received a call from Gen. Miles, with whom he spent nearly an hour. It is the intention of the commission to at once report the successful result of this conference to the members of the Cuban assembly, by whom it will be given to the Cuban people.

Indiana Divorces.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 3.—In view of the fact that the next general assembly is to be asked by churches to make changes in the laws governing divorce, there have been many requests at the office of the state statistician for figures showing the per cent of divorces. The statistics compiled show the number of marriage licenses issued during the year ending June 30, 1898, to be 25,043, while the divorces number 2896, or over 10 per cent of the number of marriages.

Services at Capital.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A brilliant official and religious service commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of Emperor Francis Joseph's accession to the throne of Austria was held at St. Matthew's church yesterday. The ceremony was under the auspices of the Austrian delegation and in recognition of its national character. President McKinley and Secretary Hay were present in behalf of the United States government, while the foreign governments were represented by the full strength of the diplomatic corps.

Texas the Flagship.

Orders have been issued by Secretary Long to the armored cruiser New York to proceed to Havana. The battleship Texas, which has left Tompkinsville for Hampton Roads, will become the flagship of Commodore Philip, who will remain as commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron until the return of Rear Admiral Sampson.

The New York will be the first armored-clad of the United States to enter Havana harbor since the battleship Mains reached there. Upon her arrival Rear Admiral Sampson will hoist his flag on board, and, it is expected, will come north in her the last of next month. It was stated at the department that there was no special cause which induced Secretary Long to send the cruiser south, as Spain has complied with the American demands for the evacuation of the island and there is no new question which requires a demonstration. Cool weather is coming on, and there is less danger of the crew contracting yellow fever, though Capt. Chadwick, commanding the vessel, will use every precaution to prevent that disease getting aboard.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

Vienna, Dec. 3.—Emperor Francis Joseph yesterday upon the fiftieth anniversary of his accession to the throne, issued a general order to the army thanking the soldiers for their loyalty and fearless valor throughout his reign, and declaring that he will ever look upon the army as the shield and protector of the throne and fatherland.

Amnesty has been granted to political offenders in Hungary and a number of decorations have been gazetted. All the newspapers without distinction as to politics, published articles extolling the Austrian emperor as the guardian of European peace.

The day was ushered in with the booming of cannon and a grand reveille sounded by the bugles of all the regiments of the garrison. The city was gayly decorated with flags and the streets were thronged with people wearing black or yellow or red and white and jubilee bells.

Guthrie Matters.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 3.—At 5 o'clock yesterday evening Joseph Pentecost, an ex-member of the city police force, and James Bower, a country school-teacher, formerly of Horton, Kan., quarreled in a saloon over a game of cards, and friends parted them. An hour later they met in another saloon, renewed the quarrel and Pentecost shot Bower three times. Two balls went through his body, producing fatal wounds. Pentecost at once gave himself up and was jailed.

The territorial grand jury indicted half a dozen prominent men for shooting quail out of season and for selling them for shipment, two dealers for shipping them, also the Wells-Fargo express agent and employes, and the cases will be vigorously pushed. Numerous other cases will be brought, and the outcome promises to be very sensational.

Removal Deferred.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The war department has decided to adopt at once the suggestion of Gen. Wood, in command at Santiago, that removal of remains of American soldiers from that section of Cuba be deferred until February. While it is fully realized that this postponement will be of great disappointment to friends and relatives of dead soldiers, the officials believe they have no right to expose to the horrors of the yellow fever outbreak the large population of Santiago and the neighboring towns from mere sentimental considerations.

Have Sailed.

New York, Dec. 3.—The North German Lloyd line steamers Werra and Fulda sailed yesterday for Havana, where they will take on Spanish officers and soldiers for Cadiz.

Bonham, Tex., is to have a twenty-ton ice plant.

By Volcano's Light.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 3.—Further information of the active volcano discovered in the Atlin gold district in British Columbia is to the effect that the volcano furnishes the miners a light by which to work their claims during the long darkness of the Arctic winter. The glare from the spouting lava reflected back against the sky gives an almost continuous twilight to the upper end of the Atlin district.

One Dallas firm paid to the tax collector that city nearly \$12,000 taxes.

Death of a Ranger.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 1.—Capt. C. R. Perry, one of the oldest Texas rangers and Indian fighters, is dead. He was one of the best known characters on the great southwestern frontier, and was personally known to all of the famous Indian chiefs as a great brave. He was wounded twenty-two times with arrows and seven times with bullets. He was with Gen. Burleson, grandfather of A. S. Burleson, recently elected congressman from this district, in all his Indian battles. In one of the Indian battles on the Nueces river, south of San Antonio, in the early '50s, Perry was desperately wounded and apparently dead. Gen. Burleson and his rangers pronounced him dead and attempted to dig a grave with their butcher knives, but the work was so difficult and slow, and fearing another assault by the Indians, they "cached" his body in rocks and brush to keep off wolves, intending to return from San Antonio, whither they were bound, to decently bury it. Four days later they were astonished to see Perry meandering into San Antonio, and in less than a month he was ready for service. During the night after the rangers left him he revived and struggled out of his cache and made his way to San Antonio, reaching there just as his companions were about to start for the Nueces to give him a decent burial. He left the ranger service in 1886.

Killed in a Runaway.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 1.—Monroe street, near Twelfth, directly back of the city hall, was the scene of a frightful and fatal accident yesterday, in which Harvey Austin, employed as driver and hostler for Mr. John Scharbauer, the cattleman, met with instant death. He was driving a mettlesome horse from Mr. Scharbauer's stables on the west side, down town to the blacksmith's to be shod. While he was moving forward along Monroe street, near Tenth, the animal became frightened from the reins dropping and started on a gallop. Austin strove with might and main to hold in the scared animal, and might have succeeded had not one of the checklines parted and the horse managing to get the bit between his teeth, had the driver at his mercy.

On the frightened animal dashed and made straight for a telephone pole in front of the residence of Charles Nash, on Monroe street, between Ninth and Tenth.

Seeing that his only hope of safety lay in getting the lines, which had become entangled in the axle of the buggy, he bent over and his forehead came in contact with a telephone pole.

Blood flowed from his nose, mouth and ears. He gave one faint gasp and was dead.

Railroad Assessments.

Excepting Cameron and Liberty counties the comptroller's report will show that the assessment of railroad property in Texas by county tax assessors was as follows: Eight thousand nine hundred and eighty-four miles valued at \$62,576,608, rolling stock \$7,956,391, an average of \$7850 per mile. This is substantially the same as the last report. The commission's valuation of the property is \$141,192,215 or \$60,659,216 more than it is assessed for. A certified copy of the assessment furnished by Comptroller Finley was used in the injunction hearing at Dallas.

Farmers Fight.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Dec. 1.—A difficulty occurred between two farmers residing five miles northwest of town. One of them, Mr. R. F. Stevens, is badly wounded from cuts with a knife in the arm and in the abdomen. The difficulty occurred at Mr. Dimry's house, and Stevens is still there, unable to be removed and receiving kind attention from Mr. Dimry and his family.

Contract Let.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 1.—The city council met last evening to open bids for the construction of the water-works. The contract was awarded to Kelly & Steel of Georgetown for \$26,234.75, to be completed by June 1 next. Gorman of Dallas submitted a bid of \$26,544, and Alcott of Dallas for \$26,899.96. Mr. Kelly says that he will be laying pipe by Dec. 10.

Two men resisted a hold-up at Pryor's ranch, near San Antonio, when one was shot in the side and the other badly beaten. Their valuables were taken.

Hillsboro, Tex., is to have a two-story ice house.

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Col. W. J. Bryan was received at the Alabama State House at Montgomery last Friday and made the legislators a nice pleasant talk, but studiously avoided politics and military questions. He claims to be nothing but a soldier.

The American government will have to fight it out with Aguinaldo in the Philippines and with Gomez and his followers in Cuba and we are likely to have more trouble with our new citizens than we had with the Spanish armies and navies. Aguinaldo especially will have to be muzzled and sat upon before he will be quiet.

The Dallas News' Washington correspondent says he has never seen the democrats so disorganized as they are now on the question of expansion. They are of all opinions, ranging from the Bailey idea of pure Americanism to the widest views of colonial expansion. The chances are that no caucus can get them together sufficiently to put up a decent fight against any policy which the president may suggest in his message.

The Commission Enjoined.

Last week U. S. Circuit Judge A. P. McCormick, at the suit of several of the principal Texas railroads granted an injunction restraining the Texas Railway Commission from making, enforcing or publishing the freight rates made by that body since the year 1894. The order also enjoins the Attorney General and all other parties from suing the railroads on account of any violation of the rules of rates of said commission.

This order of Judge McCormick practically kills the railroad commission, at least until he is reversed by the Supreme Court of the United States. The Commission, in view of the order of the court, has passed an order abrogating the rates of all roads, thus placing them on an equal footing.

We see, however that the commissioners are not enjoined from receiving their salary and we suppose that part of the business will go on as before.

Hon. J. K. P. Shirley, our esteemed confrere of the Parker County News, is a candidate for engrossing clerk of the Texas House of Representatives. Mr. Shirley held a clerical position in that body two years ago and acquitted himself very creditably. He is a fine penman, a scholarly gentleman, and recent experience eminently fits him for the position to which he aspires and to which we hope he will be elected. —Weatherford Republic.

It is estimated that between \$200,000,000 and \$300,000,000 are annually spent for newspaper advertising in the United States. This forces upon the mind the truthfulness of the statement that the business man who hopes to succeed in this day of push must of necessity keep his signboard in the homes of the buyers through the medium of a good newspaper.

All towns are what its citizens suppose to make them.

Teller Says Silver Is Not Dead.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 16.—Senator Henry M. Teller when asked to-day if free silver were dead, replied:

"No silver is not dead. Please make that as emphatic as possible.

"In every State where the silver men stood by the straight Chicago platform, they made a splendid showing. In New York, New Jersey and even in Kansas and Nebraska, they attempted to force local issues to the front and the result was disastrous.

"The people who followed Bryan in 1896 have no patience with the methods of the pettifogging politicians. He stood for a great principle which involved the welfare of the human race, while Croker and men of his ilk fought for the spoils of office.

"Silver at 16 to 1 by Uncle Sam alone, a paper currency issued by the government and a material curbing of the powers of the National banks, will be the issues in 1900, and the silver forces will win. The war and the issues raised by it will then have sunk to a secondary position."

In Sunday's Houston Post is reported a rumor of more than passing moment in railroad circles, which is to the effect that the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad has secured control of the Houston, Galveston and Laporte road and that a reciprocal arrangement has been entered into by the terms of which the Rock Island will run its trains into Houston and Galveston over the tracks of the Houston and Texas Central from Fort Worth, making complete line from Chicago to Galveston, and the Houston and Texas Central and Southern Pacific roads will run their trains over the LaPorte tracks to Galveston. Such an arrangement would mean a great deal to South Texas and Galveston, and Houston in particular.—Cleburne Review.

The words of praise bestowed upon Hood's Sarsaparilla by those who have taken it prove the merit of the medicine.

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Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you cannot get a better price for it? Ans.—As there is no difference in the price the public will buy only the better; so that while our profits may be smaller on a single sale they will be much greater in the aggregate.

How can you get the public to know your make is the best?

If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one.

This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by the Graham Drug Co.

Congress met last Monday. The President's message has been received, but we have not had time to read it.

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A Texas Wonder! Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame back, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer, P. O. box 218, Waco, Tex. For sale by all druggists of Texas.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Beckham National Bank,

At Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, December 1st, 1898.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$180,839.67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	5,389.74
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	2,250.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	2,932.45
Banking house, furniture & fixtures	12,631.98
Other real estate and mortgages owned	19,437.66
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	9,764.43
Due from State Banks and Bankers	17,349.22
Due from approved reserve agents	14,886.33
Checks and other cash items	355.05
Notes of other National Banks	320.00
Fractional paper currency nickels and cents	20.09
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	6,500.00
Legal-tender notes	9,575.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	1,125.00
Total	\$308,376.62

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,896.85
National Bank notes outstanding	22,500.00
Due to other National Banks	238.32
Individual deposits subject to check	151,411.02
Demand certificates of deposit	242.43
Time certificates of deposit	1,088.00
Total	\$308,376.62

State of Texas, County of Young } ss:
I, Wm. D. Craig, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Wm. D. CRAIG, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Dec., 1898.

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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, 3:30 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.

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Fort Worth, Texas.

A Kentucky preacher was tried by his church for kissing a girl, but when the brethren saw she was young and pretty they promptly acquitted him. Who wouldn't kiss a pretty girl?

Peculiar Experience.

Ranlett, Texas, Nov. 30, 1898. Ben Kirby of this place states that he had a polypus in his nose. The polypus was cut out twice by a surgeon but each time it returned. Then he began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and it soon disappeared and has never come back. He took about three bottles of the medicine. The securing of the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla lies in the fact that it thoroughly purifies the blood.

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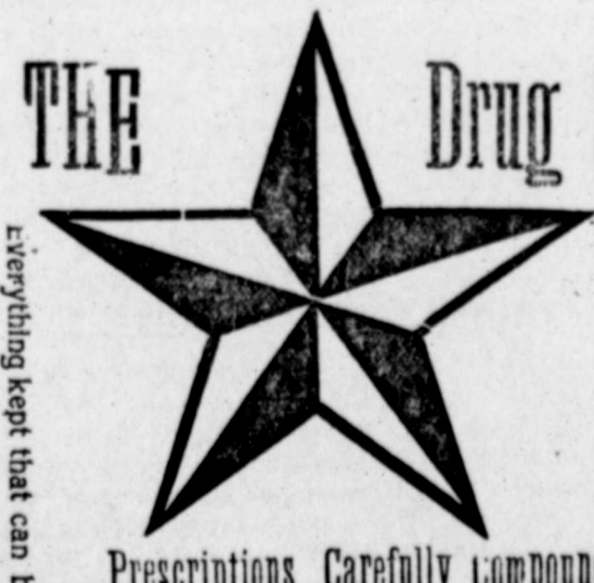
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There are quite a number of our subscribers that are from one to three years in arrears, and as we need the money to pay what we owe, we have to ask them to settle the same as soon as possible. We need the money and need it badly.

6 cups and saucers for 45 cts. at V. F. Gorrissen's.

The first quarterly conference of Graham mission, Vernon District, will be held at Red Top school house, Dec. 16th. Let all attend. It is important that all the officials be on hand.

T. S. BARCUS, P. C.

Six Boxes of Soap for 25 Cents At V. F. GORRISSEN'S.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday were hog killing days in Graham. A good many swine bit the dust.

We will sell you more Goods for the money than any house in town. Don't rush off and buy until you get our prices. We can save you money if you give us a trial.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Commissioners' Court met last Tuesday and approved the bonds of the county officers.

Box paper, the finest decorated and assorted colors from 10 cents to 35 cents per box at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Joe W. Akin left last Monday for Houston as a delegate to the Grand Lodge of Masons.

Babbitt Metal.

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

The first quarterly conference for Graham Station will be held Dec. 14th. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by Presiding Elder. Conference at 7:30 p. m. Let all the church turn out. Let us have a fine conference to begin the year's work. Let our reports be in full; continue so during the year and with high colors will we greet the annual conference.

S. A. BARNES, Pastor.

Cut Prices.

We are making a general cut in prices on everything in stock. We will make you prices that will save you money. We have a nice line of New Clothing, and are cutting down very close. Get our prices.

SHUMAKER & TIMMONS

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.

Rev. McFarlane, who has been preaching at the Presbyterian church here for several days, left Tuesday for his home at Millsboro.

If you want Lumber, Shingles, etc., call on Lyons & Matthews, at Jacksboro, and you can get just what you want at the lowest figures.

6 plates for 45 cts at Gorrissen's.

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.

S. R. JEFFERY,
Graham, Texas.

Miss Annie Caldwell left Tuesday for Oak Cliff to visit her sister.

One 10-quart Tin Pail for 15 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Lime for Sale.

Apply to WILL MAYES,
4 miles North of Graham

LOST.

Between S. L. Thornton's place and my house, last Sunday, a purse containing near \$100.00 in paper money. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the same.

JAMES N. BOOZER,
South Bend, Tex.

The following subscribers have paid their subscriptions since last issue:

J. J. Putman, J. H. Smith, Eichelberger Bros., W. L. Wheat, R. Campbell.

Reduction.

Until further notice I will make you one dozen Cabinet Photos full size for \$ 1.98. M. H. CHISEM.

The weather is cold and THE LEADER'S wood pile is low. Won't some of our delinquent subscribers bring us a few loads.

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

Lon Messenger of Throckmorton, is visiting his parents near here this week

Fire proof Lamp Chimneys for 10 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

25 cents worth of chewing gum for five cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Rev. S. A. Barnes, the new Pastor of the M. E. Church at this place, preached his initial sermon here Sunday last to a large congregation. He is a preacher of force and ability and his hearers were well pleased with him.

H. S. Eichelberger is still confined to his room by sickness. His business is managed by his son, Milt, who is becoming quite a popular merchant.

14-quart dish pan 20 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

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

Hunter's Sifter for 10 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

10 cent rivited dippers for 5 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

An Exchange says that alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes. The exchange is right. It will also remove the summer clothes; and also the spring, winter and autumn clothes; not only from the man that drinks it, but also from his wife and children. It will remove the furniture from the house, and eatables from the pantry; the smiles from the face of his wife, and the happiness from the home.

Sewing Machines! Sewing Machines the cheapest and best in town at V. F. Gorrissen's.

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

Cure A Cold In One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Farmers, get prices abroad and call at Gorrissen's and buy your goods; he will save you 15 to 20 per cent.

The Holiday Law.

It is very unprofitable and very inconvenient to the schools of Texas that there are so many "legal holidays." The practical observance of all of the great number of holidays during a school year is almost beyond reason and common sense, disregarding the impossibility of it—especially is true of the rural schools of the State.

The intent of the holiday law is not the feature objected to, but the observance of so many holidays by actually 'closing school' on those days by every school in Texas, is decidedly detrimental to the progress of the schools, to say the least of it. There is not one school out of one hundred in the State, we venture to say, that has the facilities for formally celebrating the innumerable holidays, and school closed on those days is, with a large majority of the schools, worse than lost. For every parent and teacher in the land knows enough about children to know that they can and do lose more interest in a day out of school in mid-week (or any other time for that) than can be regained in twice or thrice the time. This closing school only works a hardship upon the teacher in many ways, while it is a total loss to the pupil.

But, as above stated, it is not the purpose of the holiday law that is so strenuously objected to, and towards which there is such an adverse popular sentiment. The purpose is a respectable—possibly a reverent—one, viz., to "hand down" a spirit of patriotism to our posterity and preserve a reverential regard for the efforts and heroic deeds of those gone before us. This is alright for those who are prepared to "hand down" the above. But why not leave the observance of these days to the discretion of the local board? Why close school when the local officers and entire community know it to be injurious? Why should the law say that "all schools shall be closed" when there is not one-tenth of one per cent of them that can profitably do so? Does not the people of a town or district know more about the wants and interests of their school than any other authority or set of authorities? Those schools that can suitably prepare for observing a holiday by celebration, etc., then do so; those that cannot, (and they are far in the majority) allow them to proceed with their regular exercises if they chose and think it best.

And then, why so many holidays? While in the holiday manufacturing business so deep, why not adopt a Dewey day, a Hobson day, a Coxey day, a Hogg day, a Bryan day, a Gibbs day, etc., etc? Those would give an average of about one per week, and in order to maintain our reputation as holiday manufacturers, it will be necessary for the legislature to "annex" these

Constipation

Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. See All Druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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days at its next sitting. The schools can doubtless make up the lost time by the middle of August. The farmer will, of course, take his children out of school into the cotton field, but then the teacher can "keep school" and draw his salary anyway. The observance of holidays for the sake of patriotism comes high, but then we must have it.

It is, of course, the duty of the State Superintendent and his subordinate officials to enforce the law as laid down on the statutes, but let me ask in the name of reason and in the interest of the school children of the State of Texas, cannot this law be so modified as not to be so non-productive of good and so injurious to our schools? No other State in the Union has so detrimental on Holiday law as that of Texas.

G. ALEX. GRAY.

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.

Overcoats, Blankets and clothing cheaper than anybody. We've got 'em and are going to sell them by Jan. 1st. Enough said.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Mann Johnson, the new Commissioner from precinct No. 3, was in Graham yesterday and assumed the duties of his office. Mann will make a good Commissioner.

Butter dish, sugar bowl, cream pitcher and spoon holder for 25 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Prof. Munns and J. D. Rimare of Mineral Wells, came up to Graham yesterday.

V. F. Gorrissen will discount Jacksboro prices 10 per cent.

FOR SALE.

500 Stock Cattle. Apply to J. G. WHITLOW, Weatherford, Texas.

Lamp Chimneys, any size, five cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Six Goblets for 35 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

Holiday goods at V. F. Gorrissen's cheaper than ever.

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, etc. The ladies are invited to call and inspect my goods. My prices are strictly in keeping with the close times.

MRS. J. H. STEWART.

Perfect Health.

Keep the system in perfect order by the occasional use of Tutt's Liver Pills. They regulate the bowels and produce a Vigorous Body. For sick headache, malaria, biliousness, constipation and kindred diseases, an absolute cure TUTT'S LIVER PILLS

Ladies' Jackets and Capes less than manufacturers cost. If you need a Wrap now is the time to buy one and save money.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

W. P. Beckham, the new tax assessor, was in town this week, filed his bond and took the oath of office. He says he will not move his family to town this year.

CLOTHING.

A large stock of New Goods, and at prices that will please.

JNO. E. MORRISON & Co.

We regret to announce to our readers that Tally Jewell died at El Paso last Friday morning, of small-pox. Tally was the only son of Mrs. G. B. Jewell of this place and his mother is prostrated with grief.

Mr. S. R. Crawford, as a friend of the family, went to El Paso and did all he could for the boy and attended to the proper disposition of his remains and personal effects. He returned last night. THE LEADER extends heartfelt sympathy to the widowed mother and the sisters of the deceased.

Special attention is called to the great bargains J. E. Morrison & Co. are now offering in DRESS GOODS.

On Monday night the house occupied by Matt Brogden on Arnold's place, about six miles west of town, was destroyed by fire. Brogden was absent from home at the time and the family were sleeping in a storm cellar outside. Only a small loss is reported. The officers made an investigation of the fire but could not secure sufficient evidence to file any charges of incendiarism.

Tin oil cans for 15 cents at V. F. Gorrissen's.

The truth of the race troubles, north, south, east and west, is that the white man is going to rule; and the sooner the negro finds that out the better for him.

THE NEW YORK WORLD, THIRICE-A-WEEK EDITION. The Best Paper at the Lowest Price.

156 Papers A YEAR FOR ONE DOLLAR.

As good as a daily at the price of a weekly.

During the Spanish-American war THE THIRICE-A-WEEK WORLD proved its great value by the promptness, thoroughness and accuracy of its reports from all the scenes of important events. It was as useful as a daily to the reader, and it will be of equal value in reporting the great and complicated questions which are now before the American people.

It prints the news of all the world, having special correspondence from all important news points on the globe. It has brilliant illustrations, stories by great authors, a capital humor page, complete markets, departments for the household and women's work and other special departments of unusual interest.

We offer this unequalled newspaper and THE LEADER together one year for \$1.50. The regular subscription price of the two papers is \$2.00.

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.

LANDOR'S OWN STORY OF HIS AWFUL SUFFERING

He Undoubtedly Would Have Been Killed Had It Not Been for a Strange Superstition.

[LONDON LETTER.]

There are few less known regions on the earth's surface than Thibet. Owing to the jealous exclusiveness of the Chinese authorities, the religious fanaticism of the Thibetans themselves and the wild and difficult nature of the country, Thibet has remained isolated from the world longer and more completely than any other region in Asia. Nevertheless, from the fourteenth century onwards explorers have entered and crossed the country. A few have even penetrated to Lhasa, including one Manning, in 1811. But since two French missionaries got there in 1845 foreign feet have not entered the capital of Thibet. The practical reason why, which is the outcome of the causes just mentioned, will be found in Henry Savage Landor's account of his reception by the Lamas and the tortures he endured at their hands.

When the first accounts of his sufferings reached England, there was a not unnatural disposition to regard them as "travelers' tales," but Mr. Landor has, very properly, appended to his own statement the official documents of the government inquiry into his case, documents which completely establish the truth of the tale of the terrible cruelty to which his characteristically British love of adventure exposed him.

Mr. Landor arrived in India in April, 1856, and made his first attempt to enter Thibet towards the end of May. But the Forbidden Land was equal to its reputation; the Thibetan authorities prevented him from entering the country by the Lippu Lek Pass—the easiest route—and it was only in the middle of July that he entered Thibet by the Lumpia Pass, was again turned back, but ultimately succeeded in getting across the mountains to Mansarwar. Soon after that his followers, originally thirty in number, were reduced to two, the rest having gradually come to the conclusion that the air of Thibet was not healthy for foreigners. Before that, however, Mr. Landor had been rewarded for his trouble in getting across the frontier by the savage grandeur of the Thibetan scenery. The "natural castle" is a good example of the physical character of that wild and rugged land. It was, he says, only with the aid of a telescope that he was able to make out that the supposed castle was nothing but a work of nature.

Finding himself left with only two attendants, Mr. Landor was at the mercy of the natives. He was engaged in buying a horse at a place called Tucker when he and his servants, Chandan Sing and Man Sing, were treacherously attacked by an overwhelming force of Thibetans, thrown down, beat-

en, kicked, and finally led off, tightly bound, as prisoners into the presence of the "Pombo," or governor of the province. At first Mr. Landor himself was not tortured, the "Pombo" only trying to intimidate him by the sight of the cruel scourging of the unfortunate Chandan Sing. Then, on pretense of conducting him to the frontier, the Thibetans put Mr. Landor on a pony and took him across the country in a spiked saddle, the most terrible tortures of the many which they inflicted upon him. The devilish ingenuity of the thing he describes simply but most effectively and it is best reproduced in his own words:

"It was in reality the wooden frame of a very high-backed saddle, from the back of which some five or six sharp iron spikes stuck out horizontally. As I sat on this implement of torture, the spikes caught me in the small of the back. My guard having been augmented by twenty or thirty mounted men, with muskets and swords, we set off at a furious pace. A horseman riding in front of me led my pony by means of a cord, as my hands were manacled behind my back, and thus we traveled across country for miles. But for those awful spikes in the saddle the ride would not have been so very bad, for the pony I rode was a fine, spirited animal, and the country around was curious and interesting.

"As we rode I was shot at from behind. The bullet narrowly missed me, whizzing past my left ear. Probably the speed at which my animal was proceeding saved me, as the marksman could not take a very steady aim, but my pony, startled at the sudden report of the matchlock at such close quarters (not more than four yards), took fright, and began rearing and plunging. I managed to maintain my seat, though the spikes in the saddle were lacerating the lower part of my spine horribly. Nor was this all.

"Then in order to accelerate our speed, a horseman rode by my side, lashing my pony to make it go its hardest. Meanwhile the horseman who held the cord did his utmost to pull me out of the saddle, no doubt in the hope of seeing me trampled to death by the cohort behind me. As I leaned my body forward so as to maintain my seat, and with my arms pulled violently backwards by the rope, the flesh was rubbed off my hands and knuckles by the chain of the handcuffs. In places the bone was exposed, and, of course, every tug brought me into forcible contact with the spikes and inflicted deeper wounds. The cord, though strong, eventually and unexpectedly gave way. The soldier who was pull-

ing at the other end was clumsily unhorsed, and I was myself all but thrown by the unexpected jerk.

"I was then hustled to the execution ground. On the ground was a long log of wood shaped like a prism. Upon the sharp edge of this I was made to stand, and several men held me by the body while four or five others, using their combined strength, stretched my legs as wide apart as they could go. Fixed in this painful position, the brutes securely tied me by my feet to the log of wood with cords of yak-hair. Several men were made to pull these cords, and they were so tight that they cut grooves into my skin and flesh in several places round my ankles and on my feet, many of the cuts being as much as three inches long.

"You have come to this country to see. . . . This, then, is the punishment for you! And with these dreadful words the Pombo raised his arm and placed a red hot iron bar parallel to, and about an inch or two from, my eyeballs, and all but touching my nose. I instinctively kept my two eyes tightly closed, but the heat was so intense that it seemed as if my eyes, the left one especially, were being desiccated and my nose scorched.

"This ceased and I was enabled to open my eyes. The spectacle before me was overwhelming. By the "Pombo's" tent stood in a row the most villainous brutes I have ever set eyes upon. One, a powerful, repulsive individual, held in his hand a great knobbed mallet, used for fracturing bones; another carried a bow and arrows; a



THIBETAN CASTLE WITH GIGANTIC INSCRIPTION.

third held a big two-handed sword, while others made a display of various ghastly instruments of torture. The crowd, thirsting for my blood, formed up in a semicircle, leaving room for me to see the parade of the torture implements that awaited me, and, as my eyes roamed from one figure to another, the several Lamas shook their various implements to show that they were preparing for action.

The culmination of the tortures was to have been beheading by a naked sword, but a curious circumstance enabled him to escape with his life and those of his followers. The reason was because after they had stretched Mr. Landor and Man Sing on a rack with their feet tied to a log and their hands to a post high in the air, and allowed them to remain there for twenty-four hours, it was discovered in examining his hands that the web between the fingers was quite high. "He who possesses such fingers has, according to the Thibetans," says Mr. Landor, "a charmed life, and no matter how much one tries, no harm can be done to him. Apart from the question whether there was much charm or not in my life in Thibet, there is no doubt that this trifling superstition did much towards hastening the 'Pombo's' decision as to what was to be our fate."

They were accordingly taken to the frontier and allowed to return to civilization. Truly Mr. Landor must be made of fine stuff to have endured all these horrors and have come out alive. His powers of physical endurance alone entitle him to our respect; his mental fortitude entitles him to our admiration. And through all that terrible time he kept his wits about him and his eyes open, observing and setting down his observations in his mind to be here reproduced. Such Spartan heroism deserves some lasting memorial.

Largest Sun Dial.

The largest sun-dial in the world is Hayou Horoo, a large promontory, extending 3,000 feet above the Aegean sea. As the sun swings round the shadow of this mountain it touches, one by one, a circle of islands, which act as hour marks.

Travel of a Coin.

A gold coin passes from one to another 2,000,000,000 times before the stamp or impression upon it becomes obliterated by friction, while a silver coin changes between 3,250,000,000 times before it becomes entirely effaced.

Pay in the Japanese Navy.

A Japanese admiral receives, by a recent ordinance, 6,000 silver dollars a year, a vice admiral 4,000, while first and second-class captains get 2,496 and 2,263 respectively.

Short-Lived Republic

Washington, Dec. 2.—The dissolution of the United States of Central America, after a national existence of less than a month, is announced in a dispatch received by one of the highest officials of Central America. It states that the success of the revolution in Salvador and the overthrow of President Guterrez led to a meeting of the three commissioners who formed the executive head of the union until a president was elected, and a decision reached to abandon the union, leaving each of the three states forming it—Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras—to resume its former status as an independent sovereign nation.

When the union was formed on Nov. 1 last Messrs. Galliges, Mathus and Ugarte were placed in charge until the presidential election was held this month. It is this executive committee which has now determined to abandon the plan of the union.

In addition to the foregoing dispatch the state department has been advised through Minister Merry and also through one of our consular officers that the uprising in Salvador had been successful, and that peace was restored after much disturbance.

As a result of the collapse of the union Messrs. Zelaya, Bonilla and Regalado became the executive heads of their several countries. It is understood that this condition is much preferred by the government of the United States, which would rather deal directly with Nicaragua and the other countries than with an anomalous union.

Leading Central American officials said that on the ruins of this attempt at a union might be built a more substantial union, embracing all of the five states of Central America. The absence of Costa Rica and Guatemala from this union operated largely toward its failure.

Senor Correa, charge d'affaires of the three countries in the union, was at the state department yesterday making anxious inquiries. He cabled for information and was looking for full reports on the status of affairs.

Insurance Losses.

The marine underwriters of New York say of the losses sustained by their companies as the result of the storm beginning last Saturday will probably amount in the aggregate to something more than \$1,000,000. Owing to the lack of sufficient data of a trustworthy character it will be some days before a definite statement of the full extent of the losses can be made. There will, in all likelihood, be a large amount of salvage realized from the wrecks.

Most of the vessels carrying insurance were covered to the full amount of their value, though some of the smaller craft known to have been lost were uninsured. The premium charges for the different vessels upon which insurance will be paid varied considerably, and they were not in any case abnormally high for this season of the year. There is yet no truth in the report that it has been decided to increase rates as a result of the losses for the last few years. When, however, the full effects of the storm upon marine risk shall have been ascertained, the whole matter of rates may come up before the American Institute of Marine Underwriters.

Nothing Heard of Her.

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 2.—Another day has passed, and the mystery of the steamer Portland has not been given up by the sea. It was a day of constant watching of more than thirty miles of coast line, and the sea grudgingly held its victims, yielding only five. Twenty-five bodies have been recovered out of the entire passenger and crew list, the exact number of which is still unknown. The number of people who went to their death on the Portland will never be known, but almost hourly persons are reported missing from different places in New England, until now it seems possible that the number was over 150.

The war investigation commission resumed its sittings at Washington.

Gone to Savannah.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 2.—Col. W. J. Bryan left yesterday evening for Savannah, Ga., to rejoin his regiment. His furlough does not expire until the 5th, but his health being fully recovered he felt it his duty to return. A number of prominent political leaders, among them ex-Congressman Towne and Thomas C. Patterson of Denver, have been in conference with Col. Bryan during the week.

Belgium does not want the Canaries.

Would Not Discuss It.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Gen. W. R. Shafter was shown a copy of Admiral Sampson's report on the operations of the United States fleet at Santiago after the destruction of the Spanish squadron, in which the admiral denounced as false the suggestions, which he attributed to Gen. Shafter, that the navy was unwilling to co-operate in forcing an entrance to the harbor and intimidated that the services of the navy were not properly recognized by the commander of the land forces.

Gen. Shafter did not conceal the fact that Admiral Sampson's criticisms annoyed him greatly, but he declined to go into any extended reply to them.

"This controversy has been fought over before," he said. "The records speak for themselves. My letters and dispatches to Admiral Sampson are given in his report and tell the story. I have nothing to add to them."

The general went over the newspaper synopsis of the admiral's report and pointed out that the correspondence given therein showed that he had requested Admiral Sampson to send a representative to the ceremonies of the surrender of Santiago, and that he did not sign the terms of the surrender himself.

"As I did not sign them, I certainly would not consent for Admiral Sampson to do so," he said.

Many Indictments.

Carlinville, Ill., Dec. 2.—The Virden riot grand jury made its formal report to Judge Shirley yesterday evening. The grand jury dealt pertinently with the affair, and, as far as it was able to ascertain, returned true bills against the principal participants in the tragedy of Oct. 12 at Virden. Ten indictments, involving fifty-four persons, were returned. Against John R. Tanner, governor of Illinois, there are three counts for palpable omission of duty and malfeasance in office. Fred W. Lukins, general manager of the Chicago-Virden Coal company, is charged with manslaughter on two counts.

In the indictment against Gov. Tanner, half a dozen complaining witnesses, employees of the Chicago-Virden Coal company, testified that they were intimidated and prevented from following their legitimate employment by an armed body of men numbering 1000, who unlawfully and feloniously were assembled in Virden; that the governor had been notified by the sheriff of Macoupin county that no protection was to be had from the county, and was earnestly implored for state assistance.

Judge Shirley fixed Gov. Tanner's bond at \$500.

At Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The emperor and empress of Germany arrived here from Potsdam to review the guards corps. Their majesties were loudly cheered and on their arrival at the Brandenburg gate they were welcomed by Burgomaster Kirschner on behalf of the city. The burgomaster referred to the works of peace achieved by the emperor and by the empress who was his majesty's faithful companion, and shared all his exertions.

The emperor in reply, after cordially shaking hands with the burgomaster dwelt upon the magnificent impression his visit to east had left upon him and expressed pleasure at being home again.

His majesty added that everywhere in the east he found the Germans were highly esteemed and he expressed the hope that his journey would help to open new markets for German enterprise, besides strengthening the international peace.

Want Carolines

Berlin, Dec. 1.—A German government official, in an interview with a correspondent, confirms the report that Germany is negotiating with Spain for the purchase of the Caroline islands. It is understood that Spain expects to get 10,000,000 francs for them, which Germany considers excessive.

A number more of wrecks are reported from the New England storm.

Burned to Death.

Perry, Ok., Dec. 2.—The home of Hiram Biggs, a farmer living seven miles southeast of here, caught fire yesterday morning and Biggs, his wife and three small children were burned to death. The family was asleep. Awakened by the smoke, they found they had but one means of escape—through the burning front rooms—and in the attempt to pass through all were lost.

Sixteen thousand British troops have gone after the mad mullah.



THE NATURAL CASTLE.

Catch Cold Easily?

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Would you feel relieved if you could raise something? Does your cough annoy you at night, and do you raise more mucus in the morning?

Then you should always keep on hand a bottle of

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

If you have a weak throat you cannot be too careful. You cannot begin treatment too early. Each cold makes you more liable to another, and the last one is always harder to cure than the one before it.

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster protects the lungs from colds.

Help at Hand.

If you have any complaint whatever and desire the best medical advice you can possibly obtain, write the doctor freely. You will receive a prompt reply.

Address, DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

Meant New Haven.
Joseph Jefferson, at a recent dinner in New York, said that when called upon for a certain speech in New Haven, Billy Florence once delivered himself thus: "It is here, and to you, ladies and gentlemen, that I owe my present success in my profession. We knew each other when boys and girls. We played marbles together under the shadow of the old church, and now to receive this warm welcome from old friends—what can I say? Simply that I never can forget the people of Hartford." A man in the front row said: "This is New Haven, Mr. Florence." "I mean New Haven, of course," said Florence, gravely.

Difference of Opinion.
Terrance V. Powderly and Count Leo Tolstol are in opposition over the proposal to establish in the northwest a colony of some 10,000 of the Donkhorstis, who have so long been persecuted in Russia because of their religious beliefs. It will take \$150,000 to move them. The immigration commissioner says they shall not come if he can prevent it, as he regards them as paupers. Tolstol says they are not; that they are farmers who would help the country.

Opposed to Chips.
"No, madam, I cannot split the wood to which you so indelicately refer. It would be a violation of a sacred promise I made to my aged mother."
"Nonsense! What kind of a promise?"
"We have the poker habit in our family, ma'am, and I promised mother I'd never touch a chip in any form."

It is always the package that we do not care about particularly that is promptly delivered.

A Race Against Fire.
The crew of a steamer from Spain discovered in mid ocean that flames were raging in the hold. For ten days they bravely fought the flames. If men would fight as persistently against disorders of the stomach, there would be fewer premature deaths. The best weapon for such a fight is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

No one enjoys to-day who worries about to-morrow.

Wintering Bees.

Henry Allen, writing in Gleanings, says:

I have never been in favor of wintering bees on the "hot-bed" plan; that is, I have not believed in keeping bees through the winter in a place where the temperature is continuously maintained at a high point, say from 40 to 50 degrees. That is too much on the "hot-bed" plan for me. I believe in placing bees in winter quarters in the fall as late as possible, or certainly not until winter is about to set in. Here (in Massachusetts) that time is about the middle of December. On the other hand, I want to take them out on the approach of spring, and that with us is about the 20th of March. My objection to wintering bees in a high temperature is that they cannot safely be put on the summer stands in the spring until the temperature averages as high outside as that in which the bees were wintered in, or kept in from four to five months. The change from a warm to a cold place works just the same on bees as it does on tender vegetables grown under glass. Remove the glass, and down go the plants. Place the bees on the summer stand too early, and down go the bees—spring dwindling. I have tested both the vegetable and the bee experiment, and know what I am talking about.

Now I am ready to write what I started to write when I commenced. In the fall of 1896 I arranged as an experiment, only, a small place to winter bees in. The room is about ten feet long, six wide and five high. There is room for about 30 hives of bees if the winter-cases are removed. The wall on the west side is about six inches thick. The other sides are double, the inner wall being only heavy building paper, while the outside is boarded and shingled. There is a double roof to the building, and a ventilator opening to the south between the two roofs; not much ventilation at the bottom. Floor is the plain earth. The last two years the bees were put in about the middle of December; every colony came out both years in fine condition, though the first year there was no ventilation at the top of the building, and a few combs moulded a little. This year the bees were removed on the 9th day of March, and the six days following were warm and summer-like. I judged that there were about two quarts of dead bees in all, and every comb was as bright and clean as in the fall. Some of the colonies commenced to carry in pollen inside of 24 hours—a fact attesting the perfect way the bees had wintered.

Now comes the point and the theory I wish to emphasize. There was no such thing as an even temperature in the beehive during the two winters. I did not want such a thing to be so. I wanted the temperature to vary inside as it did outside, only not to such extremes. When it was at zero outside I found it at 20 degrees inside, and that was just as I desired it. Nor did the temperature go above 45 degrees through the winter. There will be no spring-dwindling here, and I can show as fine a lot of bees as can be found anywhere in Massachusetts.

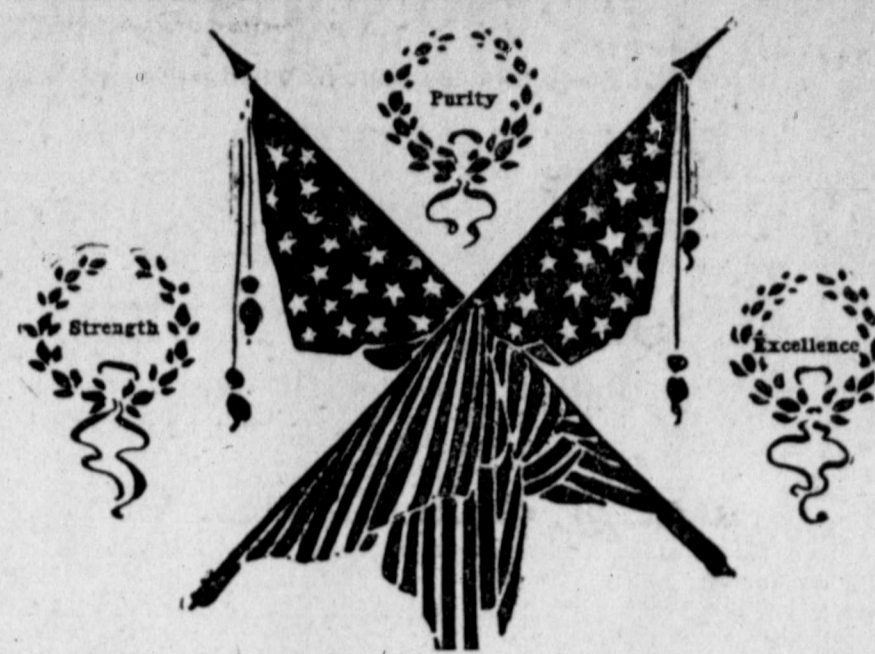
The Brandywine Strawberry.

C. E. Chapman, writing in the Strawberry Culturist, says: I feel as though I can hardly say enough in praise of this variety, though I see by the Culturist that it has some adverse reports in some parts of the country, yet here it is a fine variety both in plant and fruit. I notice that one writer says it is a poor grower and undesirable. I wish he could come to North Stonington. I would like to show him my plants of this variety. It is at home here and one of the strongest growers I ever saw. I have rows of it set four feet apart and two feet in the row that are a wonder to look at. It is a good bearer of large berries and the best in quality of any berry it has ever been my privilege to taste, and I fully concur in the opinion of Abner Hollingsworth in the Farm Journal, "as an all round good berry I know of nothing better," and if I could have only one berry for home use that is the one I should grow.

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Sorghum and Kaffir corn are continually growing in favor not only in the stockraising portions of Texas, but in other sections subject to rather frequent drouths, says Texas Stock and Farm Journal. One takes practically no chances in planting these feeds. They are almost certain to make a crop if they receive any rain at all or even if the ground has a reasonable quantity of moisture at the time of planting and is properly treated, even though the soil be light and thin. But they exact much from the land, feeding on it too heavily to make it advisable to plant them in the same ground two successive years. Follow them with some crop that may be eaten on the ground, all that is left being turned under as a vegetable manure.

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It is related of Francis McKinley, great-uncle to the president, that when he was shot for participation in the Irish uprising of 1798 he snatched the bandage from his eyes and himself gave the command to fire.

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