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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.

Phenomenal Clothing Sale!

AT

THE BIG STORE.

For the next ten days and during the Holidays, we will sell any suit in our Immense Clothing Stock

FOR 10 DOLLARS.

Now is the Time to get a Nice Suit.

Only Think of It!

A nice Sack or Cutaway Clay Worsted Suit, splendid value, \$12.50.
Cutaway or Sack, Satin lined, latest style, no better goods, 15.00.
Fancy Blue Kersey, extra value, 12.50.

Everything Goes in this Sale for \$10.00.

We have also other suits at \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.50. These are great bargains and will be sold 25 to 33 1-3 per cent cheaper than the cut prices of other houses.

We have no old shop-worn goods. Every suit is entirely new, made to order and is direct from the factory. Come early and get some of the choice bargains before they are all gone.

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.

Gov. Taylor a Contributor.

Gov. R. L. Taylor, the great orator and writer, having retired from politics, has contracted to contribute to each issue of THE ILLUSTRATED YOUTH AND AGE, successor to the Youth's Advocate, Nashville, Tenn.

Much of the matter he will contribute will consist of "Taylor's Love Letters to the Public"—glorious productions dealing with burning questions, in which every person is directly interested, and which are so handled as to fascinate the mind, and at the same time elevate the character—just opposite of so much contained in many of the sensational journals. Gov. Taylor is known all over the nation for his boundless humor, his tender pathos, his wholesome philosophy, and his flights of eloquence unsurpassed.

While it is a fact that THE ILLUSTRATED YOUTH AND AGE has already attained a national circulation we predict that its circulation will be rapidly increased. We are glad that our "Genial Bob" is now to be so situated that he can serve his country in the way for which he is best fitted. Every home may be made better and every fireside brighter by the constant visits of the paper with which he is connected.

He will continue to deliver lectures throughout the country, and will soon publish a new edition of his book which is now being revised, and which will also contain his new lecture, "Love, Laughter and Song."

Judge Edward Walter Dawson, who has had more than twenty years' experience as editor, and contributor to several high-grade journals, has recently accepted the position as editor-in-chief of THE ILLUSTRATED YOUTH AND AGE.

Judge Dawson is an alumnus of Yale University. Has spent much time in traveling, having visited all parts of this country and the several nations of Europe. The East, too, and all the lands bordering on the Mediterranean, and the Pacific, are familiar to him, and the readers of THE ILLUSTRATED YOUTH AND AGE will have continued opportunities to read fascinating descriptions and thrilling adventures in these remote regions—the productions of his pen. He is an author of many popular works.

The Illustrated Youth and Age is a semi-monthly journal of from 16 to 32 pages, devoted to Fiction, Poetry, Adventures by Sea and Land, Wit and Humor, History, Biography, Travels, Science, Woman's Department and General Information.—The Nashville Daily American, Nov. 1898.



Senator Horace Chilton ranks as one of the ablest lawyers and finest debaters in the United States senate. If Chilton is left in the senate for a dozen or fifteen years, he will be one of America's foremost statesmen. He will rank as Henry Clay or Daniel Webster or John C. Calhoun or Roseoe Conkling or Benj. H. Hill in their day and time ranked.—Palestine Advocate.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

Proffitt Locals.

Christmas is the biggest day that ever comes to this town. My, it is a big day anywhere and everywhere, but especially when it comes on Sunday. To tell about all the presents on the Christmas tree, the turkeys that were gobbled, wagon wheels lost, old cans battered, doorsteps missing, sealed doors, stray buggies and staked and saddled cows, would be more than a man would care about, but it is intensely interesting to us; I refer to those who have lost and those who have gained a laugh. Now, don't think that we are wholly given up to fun making, for we had Sunday School Sunday morning, singing at W. L. Tankersley's in the evening and at J. W. Proffitt's at night.

Prof. J. M. Hughes and wife passed through Proffitt Sunday evening on their way home.

Dr. Tom Campbell of Throckmorton, is here visiting his brother.

Miss Lizzie Craig of Graham, is spending Christmas in Proffitt.

Tom McCarver has carpenters Garrett and Craig of Graham and Campbell of this place, at work on his new residence.

Aubry Wilkinson attended the wedding of Prof. J. M. Hughes and Miss Maud McCan.

Billie Pardue of Mt. Pleasant, is Christmasing with Ira Putman.

Johnson, John and Effie Proffitt are at home from school to take Christmas.

Mr. Thomas is now comfortably domiciled in his new house.

Some wheat to sow yet. Cotton about all picked.

Lola Richards is all smiles since Christmas night. It is a boy.

Howard Putman went to Jacksboro Monday.

Mr. Camp moved to Jacksboro where he has accepted a position in the oil mills.

The young folks were given a dance at S. B. Smith's Friday night. B. T. W.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. Sold by Graham Drug Co.

The longer a person knows a slang word the less he uses it.

Still water runs deepest, but you never see any scum on the rifle.

How it Hurts!

Rheumatism, with its sharp twinges, aches and pains. Do you know the cause? Acid in the blood has accumulated in your joints. The cure is found in Hood's Sarsaparilla which neutralizes this acid. Thousands write that they have been completely cured of rheumatism by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Hood's Pills cure nausea, sick headache, biliousness, indigestion. Price 25 cents.

One reason some farmers are not more successful is that they are too easily discouraged and jump from one crop to another or move from one place to another, instead of sticking to some definite plan.

Red Top Ripples.

We are having wheat-growing weather now. It is up and doing nicely.

Ed. Slater and wife and Ike Bridges left for Erath county last week.

During the late cold spell there were some fine meat hogs killed in our community. J. L. Steen and B. F. Harman both killed some that weighed 500 pounds each.

J. L. Steen hauled his crop of wheat to the Graham mill last week.

The candy breaking at B. F. Harman's Tuesday night was a success. All had a nice time and plenty of candy and good music.

The people of our community are building a net to catch rabbits. We hope to report several hundred caught.

W. T. and J. W. McBee went deer hunting last week and killed two fine ones.

TEXAS GREEN HORN.

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.

Prof. Blackie used to tell a story of a little Scotch fellow who was asked at a Presbyterian examination, "What is the meaning of regeneration?" "Oh, to be born again," was his reply. "Quite right, Tommy, you're a good boy. Would you like to be born again? Tommy made no reply, but on being pressed for an answer, at last said "No." "Why not, Tommy?" said the examiner. "For fear I might be born a lassie," said the boy.—Exchange.

Uncle Bob Bennett the Seymour hog king, shipped out a car load from this point Tuesday morning and still another the same day from Dundee and went over with them to see that they made the proper connection at Wichita Falls for Fort Worth. Uncle Bob has everything all his own way in the hog business and when he hits the market right makes great stacks of money. Seymour Banner.

The Graham Leader.

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GRAHAM, : : : : TEXAS.

A selling race often turns out to be a racing sell.

The man who never failed is unable to appreciate success.

A good example may be a disease, but it is seldom contagious.

The man who drives a furniture wagon is usually in the van.

Paradoxical as it may seem, a cook may get fat while wasting away.

There is a big difference between a working man and a working politician.

A man often has more respect for his servant than his servant has for the man.

An actor makes a hit when he strikes the manager for an increase in salary.

Some people flatter themselves when they are unable to get others to do it for them.

The Ohio man who hanged himself with a towel simply wiped himself out of existence.

Whenever you hear a man refer to life as a lottery the chances are he has drawn a blank.

It is positively cruel to keep up the jokes at the expense of the dude when he isn't capable of understanding them.

A man never fully understands the meaning of court costs until he has been the defendant in a breach of promise suit.

The constant duty of every man to his fellow is to ascertain his own powers and special gifts; and to strengthen them for the help of others.

It is the road we are traveling, the everyday tread of our lives, which decides our moral and spiritual quality. The ends which we propose to ourselves are but points in our lives, whose life itself is made up by the means we take to further them. All neglect of these means, all indifference to them, all undue haste to get through them, or to brush them aside as tiresome or unimportant, must therefore be fatal to the value of life and the growth of character.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."—James 1, 27. We know that the word "undefiled" means "outward service." It does not refer to the man's belief, but to the way in which it ought to be shown. There are various forms of worship whereby Christians display their faith. Religious ritual has many shapes. These give prominence to one feature or another of our Creed, according to the mind of the worshiper. St. James does not here trouble himself about these. They may legitimately differ. Whatever they may be, he points to that which should always mark the outcome of our faith, and is "undefiled before God and the Father." The true notes of our outward Christian service or observance are "sympathy" and "purity." These are required by God of all, and they are illustrated by a man's visitation of widows and fatherless in their affliction, and also by a keeping of himself unspotted from the world.

Newspaper correspondents in Berlin report that Denmark is beginning to retaliate upon Germany for the expulsion of King Christian's subjects from Northern Schleswig. The activity of the Prussian government since these evictions began has been unparalleled. Hundreds of persons—men, women and children of all ages—have been forced to give up their homes and flee over the frontier into the northern peninsula. Germany, however, is not invulnerable, and the Danes know it. The Danish press is urging the striking of a blow at German trade. Denmark imports from Germany goods to the value of not less than \$35,000,000 annually, more than half as much as from all the rest of the world. Danes are urged to stop the importation of German manufactures, and the temper of the people is favorable to the proposition. An association of merchants has been formed in Copenhagen, the members of which are pledged to buy nothing that is imported from Germany. The threat is not lost on Germany. Berlin merchants are tremendously stirred up over the prospect of losing so good a customer. Already Prince Hohenlohe, the imperial chancellor, has received scores of communications—some of them numerously-signed petitions—begging that the persecution of the Schleswig Danes may be forbidden.

Treaty Presented.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President McKinley received from the American peace commission Saturday the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain. In presenting this momentous document Judge Day, as chairman of the commission, said it represented the earnest efforts of the American representatives at Paris and that it was submitted with the hope that it would redound to the peace, credit, and glory of the American nation. Accepting the treaty from the hands of Judge Day, the president responded with heartfelt thanks and congratulations to the commission as a body and the members individually. He spoke of all that had been accomplished and of the happy method by which difficult questions had been adjusted. The formal ceremony of delivering the treaty to the president occurred in the blue room and lasted half an hour. The commission arrived here from New York on a special train at 4:20 p. m. A great crowd of holiday excursionists filled the railroad station and in order to avoid the jam the special was run on a side-track, where the officials had an opportunity to leave the train before it entered the depot.

Chief Clerk Michaels of the state department was on hand as the representative of Secretary Hay and quite a number of officials from the state, war and navy department, as well as friends and relatives were there to greet them. As they stepped from the train there was general handshaking and congratulations and then the party was escorted to carriages and driven directly to the white house. It was noted that as Judge Day and his associates came from the train they were unincumbered with any sort of luggage or documents. But Hon. John B. Moore, late assistant secretary of state and legal adviser of the commission, carried with him a huge leather case. This case never left Mr. Moore's hands, for in it was the peace treaty, which the commission was bearing to the president. Four of the commissioners—Day, Reid, Davis and Frye—took the first carriage to the white house and soon thereafter Senator Gray, the remaining commissioner, followed with Mr. Moore and the precious leather case. The ladies of the party also proceeded to the white house and joined the commissioners as they went before the president.

Secretary Hay was with the president when the party arrived at the whitehouse. The first greeting was quite formal, the president coming to the private vestibule which leads to the several drawing-rooms. Judge Day was the first to grasp the president's hand and then followed the personal exchanges. The president remarked on the vigorous health of all the members. In the meantime Mr. Moore and his precious bag had arrived in the outer corridor. Before going inside Mr. Moore opened the case and took from it the treaty, in a morocco binding, about the size of a large encyclopedia. Then joining Senator Gray, they proceeded together to the private vestibule, Mr. Moore carrying the treaty under his arm. The president stood at the further end of the room while the party ranged around him. Taking the treaty, Judge Day addressed the president in the manner already alluded to. His remarks were quite informal and impromptu, brief, dignified and to the point, assuring the president of the satisfaction the commission felt that his labors were ended in such a way as to give promise of the welfare of the country. After the president's response, some time was spent in informal discussion of the trip.

Great Damage.

City of Mexico, Dec. 14.—The damage done by the recent inundation in Campeche is great and many plantations were flooded. A singular feature of the flood was that it was caused by the bursting of an immense water spout.

Leo Lewis was given life imprisonment at Dallas, Tex., for killing June Redd. His brother, previously convicted as an accomplice, got thirty years.

Four Victims.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—Flames found four victims here during the Christmas period. Mrs. John Ford and her infant daughter were burned to death at their home in a fire caused by an explosion of an oil lamp, and Miss Mary Coyle, aged 70 years, met her death from a like cause. She fell down stairs with a lighted lamp in her hand. Mrs. McNichol, aged 42, was severely burned by the upsetting of an oil lamp at her home, and died.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Oliver Griggs was instantly killed at Selma, Ala., by touching a live electric wire.

J. H. Milstead, a flagman on the Mobile and Ohio railway, was killed at a crossing near Tuscaloosa, Ala.

At Pomeysville, Ky., two farmers named Hill and Butler got into a dispute over a game of cards. Butler was shot through the breast.

William Biles was shot and killed by Edward Mulligan near Pine Bluff, Ark., in a controversy over hogs.

Dr. D. G. Lindsay, aged 75 years, a former well-known educator of Alabama, died at Decatur.

While under the influence of an epileptic fit the little daughter of Dr. Howard Dickinson, living near Pembroke, Ky., fell in a fire in a grate and was so badly burned that death soon followed.

The Commercial league of Fort Smith, Ark., has invited President McKinley to visit that city.

M. Smith, a blind man, 26 years old, is charged with killing his brother, William, 17 years old, with a bludgeon, near Clarksville, Tenn.

In a battle with moonshiners in the wilds of Knott county, Kentucky, revenue officers killed three and escaped unhurt.

Privates Donnelly and Adams of the second and Ellis of the first Mississippi regiments died at Columbia, Tenn., of meningitis.

The Augusta and Enterprise cotton factories of Augusta, Ga., have closed down, resulting in 3000 persons being thrown out of employment.

The 13-year-old daughter of Ben Jordan was burned to death near Pine Bluff, Ark. She had been left at home at night alone, the house was destroyed by fire and she was cremated.

Ross C. Smith, a member of the Alabama railroad commission, has been appointed receiver of the Jasper, Ala., Land company.

Wayzanski & Fishman, proprietors of the New York store, one of the largest dry goods establishments at Clarksville, Tenn., have been closed by creditors. It is claimed they will be able to pay out.

Will Purvis, the Mississippian, who broke the ropes when going through a trap door when the sheriff was endeavoring to hang him in Marion county, that state, and afterwards placed in the penitentiary, has been pardoned.

Private Murrige of the second West Virginia was shot and killed by Private John Matti of the two hundred and third New York near Greenville, S. C. Murrige fired twice at Matti and the latter returned the fire.

The circuit and county clerks of Arkansas held their 1898 session at Little Rock.

Mrs. Martha Field, the southern journalist, who for many years wrote over the nom de plume of "Catherine Cole," died at Chicago, where she had gone during last summer with the hope of benefiting her health. This lady was one of the best known newspaper women in the south.

Gray at Home.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 26.—United States Senator Gray, one of the peace commissioners, has arrived at home. He said that while he did not know the sentiment of the people on this side of the Atlantic with reference to the treaty, and had not consulted his colleagues in the senate, it was his opinion that the treaty would be ratified without doubt. When asked if he was favorable to the conditions of the treaty, he evaded a direct reply by saying: "Well, I signed it."

Waco, Tex., of C. Anson 1600 coming 38 and up cattle for \$40,000.

Brothers Killed.

Scobla, Miss., Dec. 26.—Thomas and William Brantley, brothers, were shot and instantly killed at Enondale, a small town on the Mobile and Ohio road, by Eugene Dennis, an 18-year-old boy. The brothers, accompanied by their father, attempted to enter the store of Dennis. It is said, intending violence. Dennis' mother seized the gun of the elder Brantley and young Dennis opened fire on the Brantleys, with the above result. The trouble is said to have been caused by liquor.

Speaks at Home.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—Col. W. J. Bryan returned to Lincoln yesterday and was last night tendered a reception at the Olive theater by the Woman's Bimetallic league. The house was crowded and Col. Bryan received an ovation. He was introduced by Gov. Holcombe, who formally welcomed him home and complimented him for his patriotism in enlisting in the army. He justified his resignation as follows:

"I had five months of peace in the army and resigned in order to take part in a fight. I am as much interested in the people of the United States as I am in the people of Cuba, and unless I am mistaken in judgment we are called upon to meet more important problems in the United States just now than will confront our army in Cuba. Some of these problems were under discussion before hostilities began; others have been thrust upon us as a result of the war. Let me improve this, my first opportunity, to assure you that my zeal for the reforms advocated a few months ago has not in the least been abated. Vital questions can not be killed or buried, and we were dealing with vital questions when the call to arms resounded through the land.

Taking up the subject of imperialism, Mr. Bryan said the president has misinterpreted the sentiment of the people. They are opposed giving the Philippines back to Spain, but they have not as yet declared in favor of embarking upon a colonial policy. So great a change, he said, could not be undertaken without more investigation and deliberation than the people had yet given to the subject. The principal part of Mr. Bryan's speech was devoted to the Philippine question.

In this connection he referred to President McKinley's inquiry, "Who will haul down the flag?" and replied: "The flag is a national emblem and is obedient to the national will. It was made for the people, not the people for the flag. When the people want the flag raised they raise it; when they want it hauled down they haul it down. The flag was raised upon Canadian soil during the war of 1812 and it was hauled down when peace was restored. The flag was placed upon Chapultepec during the war with Mexico and it was hauled down when the war was over. The morning papers announce that Lee ordered the flag hauled down in Cuba yesterday because it was raised too soon. The flag will be raised in Cuba again on the 1st of January, but the president declares that it will be hauled down as soon as a stable government is established. Who will deny to the people the right to haul down the flag in the Philippines if they so desire when a stable government is established there?"

"Our flag stands for an indissoluble union of indestructible states. Every state is represented by a star and every territory sees in the constitution a star of hope that will some day take its place in the constellation. What is there in the flag to awaken the zeal or reflect the aspirations of vassal colonies which are too good to be cast away but not good enough to be admitted to the sisterhood of states? Shall we keep the Philippines and amend our flag? Shall we add a new star—the blood star, Mars—to indicate that we have entered upon a career of conquest? Or shall we borrow the yellow, which in 1896 was the badge of gold and greed and paint Saturn and his rings, to suggest a carpet-bag government with its schemes of spoliation? Or shall we adorn our flag with a milky way composed of a multitude of minor stars representing remote and insignificant dependencies?"

"No, a thousand times better to haul down the stars and stripes and substitute the flag of an independent republic than to surrender the doctrines that give glory to 'old glory.' It was the flag of our fathers in the years that are gone; it is the flag of a reunited country to-day; let it be the flag of our nation in the years that are to come. Its stripes of red tell of the blood of the blood that was shed to purchase liberty; its stripes of white proclaim the pure and heaven-born purpose of a government which derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. The mission of that flag is to float, not over a conglomeration of commonwealths, but over 'the land of the free and the home of the brave,' and to that mission it must remain 'forever true—forever true.'"

No Understanding.

Washington, Dec. 24.—There is no definite understanding with England on the Nicaragua canal, but the matter is being discussed with Lord Salisbury. There is decided senatorial opposition to asking England to abrogate the treaty. Some senators will oppose any concessions to England. Senator Morgan regards the treaty as dead.

Hobson has arrived at San Francisco.

Off for Cuba.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 24.—The transport Michigan left yesterday afternoon for Havana with the second battalion of the first Texas, also brigade headquarters, regimental hospital and corrals, Col. Mabry commanding, with colors flying and regimental band on forward deck playing "Auld Lang Syne."

The whaves and buildings looking upon the river were alive with people cheering and waving farewells. When opposite Bull street the band struck up "Dixie," which enthused those on shore and afloat, a sight well worth witnessing. The men were all permitted upon the upper deck passing the city. This, coupled with the thousands upon the shore cheering in response to the men's farewells and everything upon the river whistled that had steam made the departure of the first Texas a superb scene.

Gens. Kelfer and Wheaton with staff were the last to leave the vessel before the gang plank was hauled. The other two battalions of the first Texas and the second Louisiana are loading their supplies.

The following first Texans received their discharges yesterday: Bob Swoops, John Gilbert, Bob Carter, Ed Spittler, Benjamin Hutchinson, Edward Forbin of company K; E. J. Smith, J. M. Contrell, company L, and E. B. King, company M.

It is reported the second army corps will mobilize here upon the completion of this corps' embarkation.

Heavy Fire Loses.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 24.—Another big fire aroused citizens from their slumbers at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, when there was a \$250,000 conflagration.

The scene of the fire was on Texas street, between Market and Edwards, a favorite block for the ladies to shop on.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but when first discovered by the printers in the Times office the fire at Bigart & Co.'s mammoth dry goods establishment was burning briskly from the second story to the roof.

The flames spread with rapidity despite the efforts of the fire department and soon the buildings occupied by James Tilly, Kahn Dry Goods company, Louise Rew and the Mary Files Millinery company were totally destroyed, together with the entire stock except that of James Tilly, much of it being carried out. The Phoenix hotel and furniture were badly damaged.

The Mary A. Files company, estimated value at \$5500, insurance \$1500; Miss Louise Rew, millinery stock \$2000; insurance on stock and fixtures \$2300; Bigart & Co., stock valued at \$75,000, insurance \$50,000; Kahn Dry Goods company, stock \$45,000, insurance \$40,000; James Tilly, stock and fixtures \$7500, insurance on fixtures \$1500, none on stock; J. B. Rhodes, barber at Phoenix hotel, insurance \$750, loss slight; Nelson & Co., gent's furnishing store, damage covered by insurance. Capt. T. C. Lewis owned the Kahn building, valued at \$10,500, insured for \$3000.

The loss on buildings is estimated at \$60,000.

Senator Entertained.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 24.—Senator Geo. F. Hoar was yesterday entertained by the Bar association of Charleston with an excursion to Fort Sumter and a trip to the Isle of Palms. At the latter place an elaborate luncheon was served, about 100 covers being laid. In response to enthusiastic calls Senator Hoar made a brief address, in which he eulogized the legal profession.

Senator McLaurin, Hon. J. B. Cummings of Georgia, Hon. James Simons, Judge J. H. Judson and others made short speeches.

Many Perished.

Several hundred Montenegrin soldiers who were recently overtaken by a snow storm in the Lara pass were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snow drift so heavy that it was impossible to save them.

Gigantic Combine.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—The gigantic consolidation of the local gas, light and heating companies was consummated yesterday. The capital invested exceeds \$26,000,000. An idea of the incorporation of the combine will be appreciated when it is stated that one company will in the future control the gas, light and heating supply of Pittsburg and Allegheny and will have absolute power to make, raise or lower the price to all consumers.

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He is safe.

Ennis, Tex., Dec. 26.—W. D. Farris of this city received a letter to-day from his nephew, Elsworth Farris, now a missionary in Africa, of whom the sensational report of destruction by cannibals was sent out from Paris a few days ago. The letter was written Oct. 28 from Leopoldville, Congo Free State. The young man wrote encouragingly of his missionary work. He has two native attendant, or servants, who are very attentive, especially when he is sick. He is anxious to take them with him when he leaves there, but the government will not permit them to go. His company is negotiating with authorities occupying the upper Congo at the equator, and if they agree on the price of the buildings the party will move their station to that point. He says nothing in the letter about danger from cannibals and it is believed that they are too well fortified to be harmed, and that if they have made the move from Leopoldville they have made the new hundred miles in safety.

Explosion at Paris.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 26.—Yesterday afternoon late a terrific explosion startled the people of Paris and shook out a large number of window lights in the northwest portion of the city. Jim Griffith, son of J. O. Griffith, a merchant, was going around a string of freight cars on the Santa Fe track. Among the cars was an oil tank. Griffith, by some means, unscrewed the top of the tank, and turning to a companion, said: "I don't believe there is anything in it." He struck a match and dropped it into the tank to see if there was any oil in there. Immediately a sheet of flame shot up into the air, and the explosion could have been heard at least four miles. The body was picked close to the scene with every bone broken. An immense piece of the tank was hurled at least half a mile. No one else was injured. There was a little oil in the tank and the match caused the explosion.

Denison Blaze.

Denison, Tex., Dec. 26.—Yesterday morning at 10:30 fire was discovered in the plant of the National Cotton Oil company's mill in Northwest Denison. The fire was in the engine and press rooms of the mill, where all the most valuable machinery is located, and these two rooms of the building are a total loss. Conservative estimates place the damage done at about \$30,000 to \$40,000. Manager Feagle of the mill said: "I do not know how much damage was done by the fire, and would not like to venture to make an estimate but it is very heavy." The damage done by the fire will probably cause the mill to be closed down the balance of the season and about 150 men will be thrown out of employment in consequence.

Bull Fight.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—The second bull fight of the season in Juarez, Mex., occupied yesterday afternoon and was attended by nearly 5000 people, most of whom were Americans. The performance in the arena was an interesting and bloody one. Three bulls were slaughtered and several of the picadors had narrow escapes from death. Several women from this side of the river were sickened and fainted at the sight of so much blood. The bull-fighters this season are first-class and the bulls more powerful and ferocious than any ever before fought to death in the Juarez ring.

Tragic Death.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Dugal D. McAlpine, who has been suffering from nervous prostration for the last six months, and who for the last month had been at St. Mary's infirmary under treatment, was killed Saturday.

At some time after 5 o'clock that morning Mrs. McAlpine, without the knowledge of the nurses, left the infirmary. She was walking on the jetty track near the infirmary when she was struck and killed by a train going out to the forts. Mrs. McAlpine was the daughter of Mr. John Goggan. She was married about one year.

Premiums Too Small.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the Travis county commissioners held Saturday afternoon all bids for the purchase of an issue of \$136,000 of bridge refunding bonds were rejected on the ground that premiums offered were too small.

Mrs. Lulu Johnson, on trial at Pond Creek, Ok., charged with murdering her husband, was acquitted.

Rehearing Refused.

Port Arthur, Tex., Dec. 23.—George M. Craig, manager at Port Arthur, received the following message from Judge Hall W. Greer at Beaumont: "In the case of Cray vs. the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company the supreme court of Texas has ruled and refused the motion for rehearing."

The mandate issued, it is claimed, should remove all legal obstructions to the completion of the Port Arthur ship canal, an enterprise that every citizen of Jefferson county is largely interested in, for the completion of this ship canal means hundreds of thousands of dollars to Southeast Texas. More than \$500,000 has already been expended by the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad in work on this great waterway and \$2,000,000 more has been appropriated for the completion of this canal, its docks and terminals. The expenditure of this last-named amount now only awaits the decision of the court of appeals for permission to complete this important work.

Three mammoth hydraulic dredges are now waiting here for permission to cut through the disputed two miles of right of way. Five miles has already been dredged, also one slip and 2500 feet of the ship basin and 300 feet of lumber wharves are now ready for the piling. The largest carrying capacity elevator in the world has just been completed, as has eighteen miles of additional terminals. The importance of this work can better be understood from the fact that fifty-four steamships have already been loaded and unloaded by lighters for this from foreign ports.

Waco Wedding.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 23.—One of the most beautiful and interesting weddings of the season was celebrated last night at St. Paul's church at 8 o'clock, in which Miss Lallie Marshall, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Marshall, and Mr. Gilbert Hay of Atlanta, Ga., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Dr. Frank Page performing the impressive ceremony of the Episcopal church. Miss Alice Parrott, the bride's cousin, was maid of honor and Miss Henrietta Downs, another cousin, was bridesmaid. Mr. Ned Marshall, eldest brother of the bride, gave her away. Mr. James Cravens of Dallas was best man and Mr. Dero Wood and Mr. James Curry were the attendants.

Young Lady's Sad Death.

Whitney, Tex., Dec. 23.—Whitney citizens were shocked beyond measure when a runner reported Miss Anna Golden, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. Felix Golden, a thrifty farmer living near Whitney, was shot with a 41-caliber revolver at her home. The young lady was alone in her room at the time. Her father hearing the report rushed in to find his daughter prone on the floor, bleeding profusely from a frightful wound in the neck, and the pistol lying near her. Physicians were hastily summoned, but death resulted without the young lady ever regaining consciousness.

Awaiting Advice.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—The remains of Edward Kerr are being held here awaiting advice from his relatives in St. Louis. Kerr was a brakeman on the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway and was killed forty miles out at Rio Grande by the west bound passenger train while his own train, a freight, was on the siding at that station. Kerr stepped directly in front of the passenger engine, unconscious of its proximity, and was instantly killed. His remains were brought here, an inquest held and his relatives in St. Louis notified.

Constable Dead.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 23.—A telegram from Crawford, McLennan county, announces the death of James W. Richardson, the constable of the precinct in which the town named is located. Constable Richardson was stricken with pneumonia and died after a brief illness. At the next meeting of the county commissioners court Judge Gallagher will report the death of the constable and his successor will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

When a Havana funeral procession which was escorting the hearse containing the remains of Capt. Jesus Sorolongo, who was killed, reached the corner of Infanta and San Jose streets, a violent affray took place between members of the funeral party and some employes of the military hospital.

FREE FROM SING SING.

THE LAST DAY OF A PRISONER WHO HAS "DONE HIS BIT."

Routine of Releasing a Man—A Drink and a Bunch of Cigarettes Are Usually the First Purchases Made by Nearly Every Ex-Convict.

In order to appreciate fully the value of liberty one should be present when the prison doors are opened and a convict who has for years been deprived of his freedom, who has been housed in a narrow, cheerless cell, and has worked and messed with other convicts, is let out of the prison office a free man. It is a scene which few people except the prison officials witness at Sing Sing, because the "graduation exercises" always take place there early in the morning, says the New York Tribune.

The man whose misdeeds bring him behind the gray granite walls of Sing Sing, if he is a "new man," with no experience in the rite, goes through the initiation in a dazed manner. He answers questions as to his history in a mechanical way and when he reaches the hands of the prison keepers he goes through the forms of weighing, bathing, having his beard shaved and his hair cropped with a child-like docility and in most instances he realizes his true position only after the door of a cell has closed upon him and he looks upon the garments in which he has been clothed and the place which will be home to him until the weary years have dragged away. Then the bully becomes the baby, and men who have braved danger in the pursuit of spoils break down and the guards as they pass the cells of the new man do not stop when they hear sobs and even shrieks of despair, because they come in the regular order of things.

Then comes assignment to such work as the convict may be fitted for and the first evidence that the new man is becoming accustomed to his surroundings and in a measure reconciled to his condition is when he begins to figure how much he will "get off" for good conduct and when his term will expire. It matters little whether the man comes for three or for thirteen years, the calculation goes on just the same; it is always the first thing in the mind of the prisoner, and, as the term draws to a close, months are counted, then weeks and finally days, and the strain becomes greater as the day of liberation draws near. Men who had been apathetic, who had acquired the prison languor, brace up; they eat well, work well and even in the lockstep with their fellows they show the invigorating effect of the vision of freedom which is coming nearer daily.

A few weeks before the expiration of the term the prison barber is instructed to skip the man. This is usually done by order of Warden Sage, who takes that means of rewarding a well-behaved inmate, and the privilege is more highly appreciated than a gift of money would be. On the night before his discharge the prisoner is locked up as usual and receives his evening meal in his cell. At 9 o'clock the lights are turned out, but the men who are to be discharged on the next day are usually awake long after the other cell occupants have gone to sleep.

As a rule the last night in prison is as wakeful as the first. The first is full of anguish, remorse, homesickness; the last with its visions of freedom, home, friends and the uncertainty as to what will await him "on the outside," makes the hours years and in many instances a dose of bromide is prescribed by the prison physician for the men who are about to go out.

At last the dawn breaks on the last day and the prison "bit" is nearly done. As a precautionary measure, to prevent the man who goes out from bearing letters or messages from fellow-convicts, he is not allowed to leave his cell on his last day until the other



BEING WEIGHED.

convicts have been marched away to their work; and from behind the iron cell door he sees the line form, sees the striped figures linked closely one to the other moving away, like a great gray and black reptile, and hears the half-shuffle, half-step echo through the vaulted corridors, while he nibbles at the breakfast which has been brought to the cell. But "bootleg coffee" and other prison delicacies have lost their charms, and the man stands close to the cell door with bundles all ready. The bundles contain such trifles and trinkets as may have ornamented his cell and the prison property, which must be turned over to the officials be-

fore he may leave the place. Excitement, nervousness and stifled emotion are written on every feature of the man.

At last the supreme moment has come and a blue-coated keeper goes to the cell door and calls the name of the inmate. He steps out into the corridor. At the same moment men in other parts of the prison are going through the same form and the little band is gathered into a company at the door.

One morning recently an official who was not connected with the prison accompanied a keeper on his way to liberate some men whose terms expired that day. One of the convicts, as he stepped from his cell, shrank back and turned pale when he saw the stranger with the keeper and cast stealthy glances at the man whenever he could. The keeper explained that the convict had undoubtedly committed a crime besides the one for which he had served and he feared that the stranger was an officer come to arrest him.

"That happens frequently," said the officer, "and it is a pitiful sight to see a man all keyed up for 'the outside,' with possibly years of service behind him, taken into custody on the prison threshold. A man must be made of iron to take such a dose without a struggle."

When the graduating class, each man with his bundle under his arm, is brought together a keeper gives the



BREAKS DOWN.

command "Forward!" sharp and distinct, and the men march toward the prison yard, and when this point is reached they are ordered to "close up," and then for the last time—until they are returned to the Hotel Sage—the uniformed men march in the hated lockstep to the room where years before, perhaps, they were stripped of their citizen's garments and robed in the uniform of shame. If they served less than five years the recent graduates saw the same convict in the apartment who helped them at the time of their initiation. Then he stood by as each man was weighed, and then he selected from a closet near at hand a uniform for the new prisoners. He had been in the clothing business and knew at a glance what size garment a man required, and if he made a wrong selection it did not matter, for a size or two one way or the other made little difference to the first-day convicts, although later on many of the wearers of stripes develop tastes for style and become particular as to the fit of their garments.

Now the convict stood at the scales once more while the men were weighed, and received the clothes which the graduates were ordered to take off. He stored them away in the closets ready to be handed to the new men who come with the regularity of the day to take the places of those who have "done their bit." Every article of clothing is removed from the men, and then they receive new garments from head to foot. The underwear is of a superior quality, and the clothes, to all appearances, far above the average ready-made kind.

There is a popular belief that the garments which convicts wear when they come to prison are kept for them until they are released, but it is not a fact. Garments of any value are made over and are given to departing guests, but in most cases they are converted into scrap and used like other rags.

Clothed in garments of American citizens, with boiled shirts, neat neckties, well-fitting coats and comfortable overcoats, no one would recognize the men as they came from the state shop where the transformation had been made. As they walked out the men who still wore the stripes and whose duties brought them near to the departing men looked wistfully at them and the keepers pretended not to see when the men waved a parting salute to the poor fellows whose day would not come for years, and who might never pass beyond the prison gate. As the little party reached the yard once more a stern command, "Halt!" brought the men to a realization of the fact that they were still prisoners, although the brand had been removed. "Close up!" commanded the officer, and then the men, although they were dressed in the garb of free men, walked once more in the lockstep, as they did on that day long ago when they entered the prison. From the stone piles, from the mess hall, the hospital, the library and the walks about the yard pallid men in striped clothes watched the little body of men in citizen's dress march in the lock-

step to the main entrance and saw them disappear through the door.

They were taken to the reception room, the little room just inside of the gate, where friends and relatives are allowed to see prisoners at certain times. The men were still prisoners and they realized it when they were commanded, "Hats off!" and told that they might be seated. After a short wait, while papers were being made ready in the main office, the keeper, who seemed to be the master of ceremonies, ordered them to ascend the stone steps which lead to the office, where years before the manacles were taken from their wrists and they were handed over to the warden by the officer who brought them to prison. Behind the desk stood the same clerk who took their pedigree that time and next to him the convict bookkeeper, who, despite his prison garb, attends to the affairs of his office with the same composure as he did to the affairs of the bank which came dangerously near being wrecked by him.

Again, as on that gloomy day, questions are asked—name, age, religion—and when all entries have been made Mr. Westlake confers the degree. He hands the discharged man a printed document showing that he has served his time and "has this day been discharged by commutation for good behavior, pursuant to chapter 21 of the laws of 1886, having thereby earned a full deduction of — months and — days."

"Now, you are not expected to frame this and hang it up," said Mr. Westlake, "nor to carry it about and make a show of it; but take good care of it, for it will come handy when you want to be restored to citizenship."

Then he gives each man a certain amount of money and says: "The state allows you \$10, and, in addition, you receive pay for your time." The pay amounts to about 1½ cents a day. "You will be escorted to the station and a ticket will be bought for you to New York."

Receipts are signed, the men warned not to come back before the commutation time has expired, because in that case they would have to "do" the time; such trinkets, money or other valuable property as they may have had when they were received are handed over to them, and with that last act the convict is free. The prison authorities have really no further jurisdiction, but in order to protect the men against themselves a keeper is sent with them to the station. They walk along the road and then take a short cut by way of a steep hill, called Breakneck, to the station. Some men are dumb from excitement, and others are so exhilarated that it is only by an effort that they refrain from shouting. They talk about the new clothes, the high collars, and when the station comes in sight the question is usually asked: "Shall I have time to get a drink before the train starts?"

A drink and a bunch of cigarettes are the first purchases of nearly every ex-convict, and then they make anxious inquiry as to where the train stops. All prefer to leave the train at either One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, or One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, and few men fresh from Sing Sing are willing to stay in the car till they reach the Grand Central station.

Formerly discharged convicts were met at the prison gates or in the village by a band of men who made that a business. They knew that the men had money, that they were thirsty and they were ready to help them spend the one and quench the other. The consequence was that many ex-convicts were arrested on the day of their discharge and some were returned as prisoners before they had a chance to see their friends. Through the efforts of Warden Sage this nuisance has been abolished and his boarders are placed upon the trains sober and responsible.

PLUCKY PASTOR.

Fought Laborers and Would Not Budge from His Church.

Pastor H. C. Schleuter of Immanuel German Reformed church of Baltimore and his whole congregation are fighting the Consolidated Street Railway company to prevent the laying of a curve on its new line in front of the church. Early the other morning the preacher, wrapped in a waterproof coat, sat in a pouring rain on the corner to prevent the workmen breaking ground at that point. When he refused to remove his chair, the superintendent ordered a workman to remove it. There was a hot struggle between a big negro laborer and the preacher, the latter putting up a hard fight before surrendering.

The chair was broken to pieces and he was struck on the hand by one of the legs. A gang of men then picked up a heavy rail and moved it over in such a way that the preacher's left leg was scraped and bruised, and he was forced backward. Charles Zlea, secretary of the congregation, went to the police station and applied for a warrant for the negro's arrest, but Justice Roberts declined to issue it except upon application of Rev. Mr. Schleuter himself, and the Rev. Mr. Schleuter was too busy to appear. He and several of his friends held the fort all day. Rev. Schleuter will sue D. M. Evans, the contractor, for personal damages.

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The Kansas soldiers were mustered out without ever being peppered at.

The greatest hero is the man who attends to his own business and makes an honest living for his family.

A man who is willing to admit that he is in the wrong, when he is, is that far right, and is admired for his strength of character.

Has a Right to Resign.

New York Times.
By what legislative hocus-pocus and base conspiracy were the malignant foes of silver able to secure, without attracting public attention, the passage through congress of a special law depriving Colonel William Jennings Bryan of the privilege—hitherto never denied to an officer in the American army—of handing in his resignation and leaving the service at any time when not in the face of the enemy? We are obliged to take it for granted that such a tyrannous law really was passed, for otherwise the colonel and his friends would not now be hinting that he remains an officer under compulsion, and that the miserable goldbugs have, metaphorically speaking, fastened him by the leg to a tent peg for fear of what his eloquence on the stump might accomplish at his politically critical moment. We have never had more than a carefully mitigated admiration for Colonel Bryan as a financier, but we do not hesitate to tell him, loudly and firmly, that, under the constitution, he has as good a right as anybody else to resign, and that the law which pretends to constrain him is not worth the paper it is written on. Let him arise and defy the oppressor!

Rock Island Excursion.

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Policy Toward Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 26.—A prominent member of President McKinley's cabinet has outlined the policy that is to be adopted by the administration towards the Philippine islands.

Presupposing that the peace treaty between Spain and the United States will be promptly ratified by the senate, to which it will be sent Jan. 4, the president and his advisers have decided

1. That while the products of Porto Rico and Hawaii are to come in free, the products of the Philippines must pay the Dingley tariff duty. We are to trade with them on the same basis as the rest of the world.

2. The "open door" policy will not affect the customs dues between the United States and the Philippine islands. To make them self-supporting the Philippine tariff schedule will require this country to pay its share of customs duties.

3. The United States is to take the Filipinos under its care, to teach them the principles of republican institutions, instill into them love of liberty and free institutions.

4. To help them to a knowledge of self-government, and while military rule must be maintained until other laws are made, to place the island government on a self-supporting, paying basis.

Beyond this the administration has thus far not gone. But it has given the question of expansion thoughtful care.

Remedy for Prairie Dogs.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—(To The News.)—I notice that the ranchmen of western Texas seem exceedingly anxious to be rid of prairie dogs. If a little bunch of rags or cotton or hay is saturated with gasoline and thrown into the hole the dogs inhabit, and the mouth of the burrow is packed with earth, all the dogs in that hole will die.

I know farmers in western Nebraska who got rid of whole towns of the pests by this simple and inexpensive method. It would not cost a ranchman much to experiment with the gasoline.
L. PEYTON.

Generous Sam Jones.

"Sam Jones is prospering and continuing to do great good," said C. N. Patterson of Cartersville, Ga. "His income is sometimes as high as \$35,000 a year, but he expends it all on the comforts of his family and in charity. No seeker after aid ever leaves Sam Jones unsatisfied. He is the most generous of men, and scores of young men about Cartersville owe their start in life to him. If a young fellow desires to get married, for example, he goes to Sam Jones for money. The principal bank in the town has stacks of notes from young men and old indorsed by him in the generosity of his spirit. The poor he remembers always. He gets in his carriage and drives from house to house, and if he finds any family in need its necessities are promptly supplied. Nobody shall want long if Sam Jones knows it.

"He has organized public enterprises for his town, and himself become the largest stockholder. He is always looking after the interests of Cartersville and the Cartersville folks. His own home is beautiful, and he keeps open house. Members of his family have everything they wish. There are plenty of horses and carriages and traps of all sorts. Every member of the family has his or her own turnout. He is a great lover of fine horses, and I believe in an emergency he could show up fifteen different pleasure vehicles properly drawn.—Birmingham Age.

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Why He Swore.
With a terrible cold in his head, and his eye-lids heavy and sore, the editor sat in his broken chair, and bitterly, earnestly swore.
A youth had dropped in with a poem, a man was there with a dun, and a chap was there to tell him, how his paper ought to be run.
An irate subscriber had told him that the sheet wasn't fit to read, while another had carelessly promised, to punch the editor's head.
The Devil was yelling for copy and the wind whistled in at the door, and these, with a few other reasons, is why the editor swore.—Hallettsville Herald.

Haskell has at least one plucky girl who is not afraid to burn gunpowder. While her father was away from home a few nights ago Miss Bertha Fitzgerald saw a man ride up to their barn, dismount and start inside. As some corn had previously disappeared she supposed more was about to go the same way and she ordered him away. But he evidently knew the situation and thought he was in no danger from a young lady, so he proceeded inside. Miss Bertha went into the house and armed herself with a pistol and going out again, and taking position behind the well curbing some 30 or 40 yards from the barn door, invited the man out to be shot at. He waited for some time but finally made up his mind to run the gauntlet and emerged, when she promptly opened fire, advancing as she fired. The fellow mounted his horse and left as rapidly as possible. It is not known whether any of Miss Bertha's shots took effect, but it will do to bet that that fellow goes elsewhere for his next corn.—Haskell Free Press.

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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.

Ewing Norris, who has been dangerously sick, is now better.

Mrs. Chas. McCoy of Denison, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Starrett of this place.

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

Tom Wallace was seriously hurt Saturday evening at True, while shooting off some giant fire-crackers. Dr. Geo. LeGrand was sent for, who amputated three fingers. Marion Wallace went up and brought Tom to Graham Sunday. He is now at Mrs. Bell's and doing as well as could be expected.

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

Mrs. Henry Arnold presented her husband with a nice Christmas present in the shape of a ten pound girl. Mother and child doing well, and it is thought Henry and "grandpa" Cunningham will recover.

Warren Beard of Camden, Ark., arrived here on Saturday, 17th inst., on a visit to his brother, Robt. Beard. He was in poor health and in two or three days after his arrival was taken sick with pneumonia and died last Friday morning. Relatives and friends of the deceased have the sympathy of the community.

A fine boy baby arrived at R. G. Graham's Tuesday morning. Mother and babe doing well.

Ben. Golden, having served Uncle Sam for the period of his enlistment, returned home from the Philippines this week. He belonged to the U. S. regulars, having enlisted at San Antonio four years ago. He has many old friends here who are glad to see him.

E. M. Tankersley of Murray, paid THE LEADER a pleasant and substantial call yesterday.

T. F. Freeman and wife of Palo Pinto county, were in Graham Tuesday and Wednesday.

Jack L. Woods came home a few days ago, having secured his discharge as a member of the 3rd Texas volunteers. Jack got a good deal of experience and travel, but no actual fighting, as the 3rd was not ordered to the front.

The Railroad.

The committee to raise the bonus to the Circle Belt Railroad have been at work, and one of the committee informs us that the bonus is about all subscribed and they expect the company's attorney here in a short time to sign up the papers. We may now expect one and probably two roads to Graham in the year 1899.

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

Leaf Turning.

Leaf turning on New Year's day is conducive to good habits. Doubtless many young hearts today are just as desirous to leave off all that has been found unworthy, and stick to the good ship Wisdom, as in the days gone by. Let them this New Year's day spy out the land, count the snags they have struck as they sailed along, and resolve that they will steer clear of them in the future. Thus may they rise above the flesh and the devil, and be able to walk among men as was designed for man, when he was created a little lower than the angels.

To turn over a new leaf is not an easy task when erratic conduct and years of folly have seared the conscience, hardened the heart and blighted one's reputation among his fellowmen. Satan wafts back the leaves as you turn, but sincere and long continued efforts will succeed, and you can stand before men and angels redeemed from the bondage of bad habits—true victors in life's field.

Christmas with its merrymaking and good cheer has departed us usher in the New Year with such a renovation of the heart that the pages of life's book for all the year will not be sullied by records of transgressions.

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

Dr. Gallaher went to Weatherford last Friday to spend Christmas with his family.

Floyd Lewis returned last Saturday from the army at Manila, where he has been since June in the 23rd regiment U. S. Infantry. Floyd was in the fight of Aug. 13th, when the U. S. forces took the city of Manila. He is glad to get home again and says that nearly all the private soldiers are anxious to be discharged.

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.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions since last issue:

R. F. Arnold, G. T. Cherryholmes, J. M. Patterson, M. A. Stewart, Dr. R. H. Greenwade, S. W. Goode, F. M. Durham, L. P. Best, G. W. Fore, G. H. McLaren, R. J. Robertson, W. A. Bullard, Marion Henderson, L. F. Gallaher, J. N. Johnston, H. Fowler, Mrs. C. Treue, A. W. Ganaway, J. T. Cunningham, E. M. Tankersley, W. T. Morgan.

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

Miss Dora Reynolds of Belknap is visiting the family of G. W. Ellis of this place.

Floyd Gwin and A. W. Ganaway of Farmer, were in Graham Wednesday and gave THE LEADER a pleasant call.

Babbitt Metal.

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

Mrs. Stewart is moving her Millinery and Dress Making establishment into her new house, next door to McJimsey's. It is a neat and well arranged store room.

Christmas 1898.

It was not altogether because the day came on Sunday that this was a quiet Christmas, for, by mutual and general consent, Monday the 26th, was substituted out of respect for the Sabbath day, and yet it was a very quiet day, most of our people going hunting or visiting and none of the old-time boisterous concomitants of the Holiday were in evidence anywhere—not a drunken man was to be seen on the streets and there were no fights, no broils, no disturbances of the public peace.

Santa Claus had the usual number of Christmas trees in town on Saturday night and they were all very prettily and tastefully decorated, but the presents were not as costly as old Santa used to bring along with him.

It is quite evident that the old fellow has felt the pressure of 4 cent cotton and the war tax, besides being hit in the short ribs by the republican single standard and the Dingley tariff bill. He is getting needy and poor in his old age and has had to swap off his costly reindeer for a pair of Billy Goats.

And this reminds us that we are all growing old and that this Holiday is but another mile post on the road toward the grave, and now in the last years of this decade we can look back over the past and see many and wonderful changes in our people and in our country. The great west has marched on to a grand development and the south has resumed its old place in the lead in agriculture. The hordes of the east have crowded into the west until at last, during the past year, we have decided that even our magnificent domain is not big enough for us but we must reach out and take in Cuba, Porto Rico and over fifteen hundred of the isles of the western sea with their millions of half civilized people and half-a-hundred different languages.

Yes, we are spreading out and the protecting civilizing arms of Uncle Sam are now thrown over half way around the globe. "Liberty enlightening the world" the famous bronze statue which guards the harbor of New York has carried her torch figuratively into the jungles of El Caney and the swamps and lagoons of Luzon and brought light to the benighted and joy to the oppressed.

But these glorious achievements have been costly to the American people, both in blood and money, and yet the worst loss we have contended with is the loss of the old time peaceful idea of America for Americans and hands off the balance of the world. Having had a taste of conquest we want to become an imperial empire on which the sun shall never set. Instead of seeking to outshine the world in the arts and sciences, in agriculture and manufacture, we are now striving to secure the biggest navy and best equipped army in the world, (and we will need them too to protect our new possessions.) A great change has come over the spirit of the American dream, and it is quite probable that before another Christmas shall come around we will make other changes in the geography of the world.

In the meantime we will make our usual New Year resolutions and do business at the same old stand.

Chas. B. Gant, who has been attending the medical department of the Fort Worth university, is spending the holidays with his mother and sisters here.

Headache

Is often a warning that the liver is torpid or inactive. More serious troubles may follow. For a prompt, efficient cure of Headache and all liver troubles, take

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Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The fifth Sunday Meeting, Macedonia Baptist Association, will meet with the Fish Creek church, at 11 o'clock a. m., Friday, Jan. 27, 1899:

1. Introductory sermon, by Warren Cunningham; alternate, R. Lindsey.
 2. Organization.
 3. Benefits of Fifth Sunday meetings, M. L. McDowell, H. D. Butler.
 4. What are the requisites of acceptable prayer? G. W. Black, J. L. Vaughan.
 5. How may a child of God grow in grace? R. Lindsey, James M. Wood.
 6. Short talks on 1 Cor. 3:15, led by C. K. Stribling.
 7. Saturday night, mass meeting for Buckner Orphans Home, conducted by Miss Villa Mayes.
 8. Sunday, 9 o'clock a. m., What are the requisites of a good Sunday School superintendent? J. H. Longan. What makes a good Sunday School teacher? J. L. Vaughan. Short talks to Sunday School scholars, R. Lindsey.
 9. 11 o'clock a. m., missionary sermon, G. W. Black, alternate, J. H. Hill.
- G. W. BLACK,
A. E. FOSTER,
J. H. LONGAN, } Com'tee

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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.

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Dr. Wilson of Farmer, was in town yesterday.

J. S. and F. J. Hawkins of Lacy were in the city yesterday.

Sheriff H. C. Williams and County Attorney J. E. Simpson are at Farmer to day, (Thursday), investigating the reported theft of a horse, saddle and bridle, said to have been taken from a son of Geo. C. Shearer one night last week.

This is the fifty-third issue of THE LEADER during the year 1898.

Longfellow's Village Blacksmith.

W. L. Taylor's page illustration of Longfellow's Village Blacksmith, printed in the January LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, doubtless represents the highest attainment of the illustrator's art. The old smithy that the poet had in mind when he wrote the famous poem, and the smith—"a mighty man was he"—that he chose as the type of his craft, are reproduced in the picture. Mr. Taylor, in gathering material for his series of illustrations of "The People of Longfellow," followed the poet's footsteps through New England and made a study of the scenes and personages of his best-known works. As a result, he is presenting in the JOURNAL a series of illustrations that are unequalled.

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"A GLASS DARKLY."

(Romance from a New Year's Sermon.)

LIVE THOMPSON sat in her low cushioned seat in the little country church, paying strict attention to the New Year's sermon. It was her habit to pay strict attention to the regular Sunday sermon, but this Sunday being New Year day she was very devoted in her attention. Her eyes never wandered from the face of the preacher, the face that had been her Sunday study for thirty years. She was five years old when she began the study. The face had never grown any older to her. There were the same little semi-circular wrinkles under the Jobe of the ear nearest her, which she had always seen, and the devious creases above the eyes continued always of the same elevation, except that they had grown inward, tending to the horizontal ripple above the nose, and deepening at that point.

The sermon, to the mind of Olive Thompson, was "more beautiful" on this particular day than had ever been before.

"Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face," he said. "The mists of our present condition cloud our view; stormy days have sent dust and sleet against our windows until, for the dimness of our glass, we cannot see the sky."

Olive Thompson's eyes filled with tears. She remembered the "dust and sleet" of weary years. How the storm had breathed upon the windows of her soul, turning into frosted tablets what otherwise might have been avenues for sunlight.

"Take heart," the preacher went on, "spring days are coming when the windows will be open to the sky, and we shall see face to face what has always been, but which we could not see for looking through a glass darkly."

A few months later Olive Thompson stood making apple pie in the pantry. The pantry window was up and the song of birds came in. Also there came in the voice of Joseph, the hired



TAKE IT; IT IS GOOD.

man, who was coaxing the new calf to drink. "Take it," he was saying to the inexperienced animal; "it is good." "Take it; it is good," Olive repeated to herself in the pantry.

"What is good?" asked the old

wrinkled mother knitting in the warm kitchen.

"Why, everything, I suppose," Olive answered, still listening with one ear to what Joseph was saying.

"It doesn't seem good now, bossy; but it is good, take it."

"Olive," said her mother, "it is time to wash the windows. The frost is all off and they look dinky."

"I know it," Olive said, "I will do it tomorrow."

"Olive Thompson obeyed her mother from a life-long habit, and from religious principle. Was she not her mother's child, and ought not children to obey their parents; old, wrinkled, feeble parents?"

In the morning she took her pan



"IS IT CLEAR, OLIVE?"

of suds and the polishing cloth and stood in a chair to wash the windows. She would begin in the kitchen, she thought, and go clear around to the parlor. She tried to pull out the old fashioned spring of the upper sash, but it would not yield.

"Olive," said her mother, "Joseph had better help to wash the windows. He can stand on the ladder on the outside." "Joseph," she called at the door, "come in and pull the spring for Olive." And, "Joseph, polish the glass on the outside, it is too hard for Olive."

Joseph was obedient. He had been "the hired man" for five years. No one would have known he was the hired man except the two women. He might have been the old lady's son and Olive's brother, so kind and true had he always been to these two.

Olive stood on a chair on the inside and Joseph on the ladder outside. The features of each were dim through the glass, and the two scrubbed away with soap and polish. What was left of smoke and frost yielded to double persuasion, and Joseph called from the outside: "Is it clear, Olive?"

"Olive, scrutinizing closely, called back, pointing to the upper corner. "Just a little more rubbing right there."

She did not notice that Joseph was looking into her eyes, and thinking to himself "how clear" they were.

He rubbed away at the filmy place and then called again: "It isn't quite clear down in that corner."

Olive polished away on her side catching Joseph's eye full of a light that shot right through the obscurity and made her remember the text of the New Year sermon—"Now we see through a glass darkly."

Around the house went the two, Olive on the inside and Joseph on the outside, and only the last parlor window was left. The morning had sped

away like a glint of sunshine from the pan of water in the chair. Olive had watched this broken bit of radiance, as it played on the ceiling above the table with the album and pictorial Bible on it. It was like a halo above the precious spot. She moved her chair up to the window with a little sigh. Joseph moved his ladder up to the same window on the opposite side. "Let it down from the top, Olive," he said.

"I can't," Olive called back, "it sticks."

Joseph was on her side in a moment. His fingers just touched hers as they pulled on the spring together, and something which was not unlike a glint of sunshine passed through the two. The spring slipped back and Joseph was on the outside again. Joseph lowered the window to bring it within easy reach of the woman on the other side. Strange he hadn't thought of that before. Standing straight up, Olive on her chair and Joseph on his ladder, the two looked into each other's eyes. There was nothing on Joseph's side and nothing on Olive's side to dim their vision. It was all clear.

"But now face to face," thought Olive.

The old mother passing by the parlor, smiled, and spoke not a word. From the kitchen she called: "Are the windows all clean, daughter?"

"All clean, mother," came the answer, and Olive Thompson recalled the words of the sermon, "Take heart; spring days are coming when the windows will be open to the sky; and we shall see face to face what has always been."

WINTER KING



When Autumn dies at last upon her throne

Amid the ruin of a regal state,
Boreas' clarion trumpets sound her fate,

And Winter knows the realm thenceforth his own;

Calling his minions in the Arctic zone
And making them through his own greatness great,

He journeys forth to his possessions straight,

The winds' wild music aye before him blown.

A lock of frost he fastens on the land,
And makes the air with keenest cold to sting;

The waters lie 'neath fetters from his hand;

And while his white snows toss and whirl and fling,

Robed royally and crowned for all command

He proudly cries, "Behold me: I am King!"

—William Francis Barnard.

DIED OF A BROKEN HEART.

End of the Personal Attendant of George M. Pullman.

This man died of a broken heart, says the Chicago Chronicle. He was William R. Johnson, doorkeeper, messenger, usher and general all-round Cerberus in the late George M. Pullman's imposing offices in the Pullman building. Johnson was very black, rather tall and somewhat ungainly in his movements, but faithful and trustworthy to the last degree. Johnson will be remembered by many, for all the strangers or unknown persons who sought an interview with the palace car magnate had first to encounter and explain the nature of their business to the dark-hued doorkeeper. When Mr. Pullman died a few months ago and his will was made public it was found he had bequeathed the faithful Mr. Johnson the sum of \$2,000. The latter had been in the millionaire's service for 20 years or more, and he had never been found wanting. He took large checks to the bank and brought back the money; he warded off cranks and bores; he accompanied his employer on frequent and extensive travels, and attended to financial and other errands without ever giving the slightest cause for suspicion as to his fidelity or honesty. As Mr. Johnson was not so natty in his get-up or so prepossessing in appearance as some other Afro-Americans, it is said that time and again friends and associates of Mr. Pullman threw out hints that Johnson was not exactly the style of factotum to occupy so confidential and exalted a position, but the palace car magnate invariably turned a deaf ear to all these hints. Johnson suited him, and, no matter what others might think, Johnson would continue to work for him and be in no danger of losing his job as long as he lived. But death came more swiftly to the rich man than Johnson thought possible. And when the first shock of grief was over and things began to take a turn with a new president at the head, Johnson learned one day that his place was gone. This it was that broke his heart. He had long since come to regard it as a life position, the tenure of which would only be interrupted by old age, and then, in the natural course of things, a pension would certainly follow. And it doubtless would have been so if Mr. Pullman had lived a few years longer. Johnson wandered about rattled and dazed for days. It was hard for him to realize the facts. He was out of employment and growing too old to expect much encouragement in looking elsewhere for work. With tears in his eyes he broke the news to his wife and children. At length he found some trivial employment about one of the big railway stations, at wages which are usually paid to ordinary porters, but sorrow continued to weigh heavily on him, and day by day he grew more melancholy and despondent. He knew that he would be remembered in Mr. Pullman's will, but to his way of thinking this was no compensation for the loss of his position. Just about the time Johnson came into his legacy of \$2,000 he took to his bed and died—so his friends say—of a broken heart.

Tobogganing by Rail.

All the excitement of tobogganing, together with some entirely new features of that exhilarating sport, can be enjoyed on the track of the Manitou and Pike's Peak railway. This incline, having an average descent of 844.5 feet to the mile, offers an opportunity for coasting which is turned to good account by the officers and employes of the road. The toboggan, which is used only for pleasure purposes, consists of a plank 12 inches wide and 3 feet long, along the middle of the under side of which there is a cleat, which runs between the rack bars, and holds the toboggan thereon. On either side of the middle cleat there are brake shoes, bolted to the plank at one end and bearing against the outside surfaces of the rack bars or cog teeth. These brake shoes are operated by a lever grasped by the rider. Across the front end of the plank is bolted a rest for the rider's feet. The weight of the toboggan is 35 pounds. The speed attainable depends on the nerve and pleasure of the rider. A record of a fraction under a mile a minute has been made, and the entire trip of nine miles has been done in eleven minutes, including four stoppages at sidings on the road, where the toboggan has to be carried about 40 feet. At very high speeds the friction of the runners on the rack rail has sometimes raised the metal surfaces to such an intense heat that the runners have become welded to the rail, and the toboggan brought to a sudden stop. To obviate this the rider now carries a bar of soap, which he applies to the top of the rack teeth by reaching over in front of the toboggan. Even then the friction is so great that in fast traveling the long grades the toboggan leaves a stream of sparks in its wake.

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TEXANETTES.

The Katy is to build an elegant depot at Belton.

Will Cooper was shot to death at Marquez, Leon county.

The David Brin stock at Waxahachie was auctioned off for \$18,850.

The kitchen of the Muti hotel at Victoria burned. Loss \$1000.

Rev. F. Gertman fell from a ladder at New Ulm and broke an arm.

Buck Thompson, struck in the head at Bartlett, died of his injuries.

Several new residences have just been erected at Blossom, Lamar county.

Thomas M. Crowder, the oldest Texan in Morris county, is dead, aged 72 years.

Mrs. J. T. Ham, residing near Gordon, was drowned in Palo Pinto creek. She was 70 years old.

Ray, the small son of City Marshal Pennington of Holland had both legs cut off by a train.

F. S. Crank's hardware store at Waxahachie was burglarized and several guns and pistols taken.

The residence of A. M. Norwood at Bonham was burglarized and a number of valuable articles taken.

The lawyers of the Waco and McLennan county bar met and elected L. T. Williams, Esq., judge, to preside during the absence of Judge Sam R. Scott.

The George E. Brown company of Augusta, Me., capital stock \$100,000, was granted a permit to do business in the state. The purpose of the corporation is to do a general real estate and live stock business.

The remains of Ed Britton, the cigar maker who committed suicide at Fort Worth by shooting himself in the head, were shipped to Reynolds, Ind., for burial, a telegram having been received from that place from one of the dead man's relatives.

The epidemic of hold-ups in the city of Austin during the past two weeks has caused considerable excitement there, particularly among those who by force of circumstances are compelled to be on the streets at very late hours of the night.

Mrs. Metcalf, wife of Mr. J. F. Metcalf, a commercial traveler, died suddenly alone in her room at Waco with her infant 7 months old beside her on the bed. Mr. Metcalf was absent from the city. His family resides with Mr. and Mrs. Lewall.

A Davilo of Laredo was badly injured while out hunting by attempting to force a 44-caliber cartridge into a 28-caliber pistol. The cap exploded and his face and eyes were seriously burned by powder, but his sight not injured.

Some unknown murderer called at the gate of Dr. Joe Bowers, who lives at Red Bluff, near Edna, saying his wife was very sick and he wanted the doctor. Dr. Bowers started out to see who was calling him, and as he got about half way between the house and the gate he was shot and instantly killed.

The Brink stock of dry goods at Kaufman, which was taken in charge by the federal court some time ago, was a few days since auctioned off. It brought \$19,037.50 cash. This stock involved a little over \$29,000 previous to the sale.

Roy Pennington, who was crushed under a freight train at Holland, died of his injuries. A crowd of boys were riding on a freight train as it was leaving the siding and this boy fell under the wheels and both legs crushed.

Joseph H. Blessington, an old resident at Waco, died in that city. Mr. Blessington took an active part on the southern side during the civil war, was several times wounded and had many thrilling adventures and hair-breadth escapes. After the war he was engaged in the quarantine service of the state.

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A mass meeting of colored people was held in Washington, on Monday night, which was addressed by Thos. Fortune, the negro editor of the New York Age, with bitter sarcasm. The subjoined extracts from it give evidence, that President McKinley, in his political trimming for other votes, may alienate the "colored brother," who holds the balance of power in his party. The nigger said:

I am glad the blessings of the Creator was asked for Bill McKinley for if anybody needs it he does. He is now down South glorifying the rebellion, mobocracy and the murder of woman and children. We helped to elect him. Did Joe Wheeler, Butler, or any other of the traitors, who now bask in the smiles of William McKinley? I wish that every negro stood where I stand. I stand for thirty colored men who were murdered in Wilmington; thirty white assassins should now fill their graves. I am the grandson of a Southern white villain, and he would lynch me for looking at a white woman. The biggest rapist organization in this country is the so-called southern chivalry of the South. I despised Hayes, but he was a Solomon compared to this modern thing that comes from Ohio. I believe that the man who is false to his friends is false to his God. I want the man I fought for to fight for me, and if he don't I feel like stabbing him. (Cries from the audience "stab him, stab him!")

If I had the power I would concentrate the supreme court into one large neck and then use the proverbial African razor. Grover Cleveland had more backbone in his big toe than McKinley has in his back. I want mixed schools and I believe the president has no authority to stop them. I want mixed marriages. I want mixed churches, and I want equal rights in everything."

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Mr. Hardin Norris, clerk of the drug store of R. Shoemaker, Perry, Ill., says: "A man come into our store the other day and said, 'I want a bottle of that stuff that saves children's lives. I read in the News about it. The children may get sick when we cannot get a doctor quick enough. It's the medicine you sell for croup.'" He alluded to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and bought a bottle before he left the store. For sale by the Graham Drug Co.

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