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those needing anything in my line.

**GRAHAM, - - TEXAS.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—It is given  
out by the Journal that a  
money trust is being formed here  
headed by John D. Rockefeller.

The plan is to form a national  
bank after the pattern of the  
Bank of England and to make it  
the central money power of the  
country.

In this connection it is said that  
Secretary of the Treasury Gage,  
on his retirement from office,  
will be connected with the new  
enterprise and may become its  
president.

A Catholic priest at Clarendon  
was recently fined \$200 and his  
housekeeper \$100 for living to-  
gether in a manner altogether  
different from the Utah congress-  
man and his better three-halves  
—that is different in the eyes of  
the law. Verily this old world is  
hard to please.

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good fence and plenty of wood  
for a good wagon, team and  
harness; or will sell at a bargain.  
**C. C. MAYES,**  
Eliaville, Texas.

Col. Squires, of Henrietta,  
wants to build a railroad to Gra-  
ham and has recently interviewed  
the people of that place on the  
subject. The line proposed  
would run from Graham to some  
point in Jack county, there to  
connect with the Brazos Valley  
road which at present extends  
from Peck City to Mineral Wells.  
The Grahamites, however, do not  
appear to place much confidence  
in the colonel's ability as a rail-  
road builder and are not mani-  
festing any very great amount  
of enthusiasm.—Baylor County  
News.

**ON THE HOME STRETCH.**

Christmas, with all its joys  
and sorrows, its heartaches and  
hilarity, has passed away for-  
ever, and ere another week  
shall roll around the year of  
1899 will be numbered with the  
sad, sweet past.

To those whose hearts are bleeding  
O'er some lost loved treasure dear,  
We can only point to heaven,  
To the God who's ever near.

Few there are who have not  
felt the poignant pangs of grief  
in some way during the year  
that is now drawing to a close.  
It falls to the part of every human  
that

"Into each life some rain must fall,"  
but there are many things to be  
thankful for, many blessings  
that have been bestowed upon  
us, therefore let us with rever-  
ent submissiveness to the decree  
of an alwise Creator, make the  
best of circumstances as they  
are, "With malice toward none,  
with charity for all," enter the  
new year for a better purpose, if  
possible, than we have ever en-  
deavored to perform in the past,  
and try to put a little more sun-  
shine into somebody's life, try  
to make the coming year replete  
with goodness and mercy, and  
at the closing of the present cen-  
tury when 1900 shall have gone  
to swell the measure of the  
greedy past, look up with a con-  
science clear, a heart that has  
been true, and say with the sanc-  
tioning smile of God upon us,  
"We have tried to do our duty."

**A RAILROAD NOT WANTED.**

Since writing the article a few  
weeks ago favoring an effort to  
secure a railroad for Graham,  
we have, after a careful consid-  
eration of the project, coupled  
with a disposition on the part  
of those who ought to be interest-  
ed in the matter to heed not our  
gentle admonition, decided that  
a railroad would be a menace to  
the peace and quietude of our  
urban population, and in all  
probability bring disaster to our  
little burg in many ways not be-  
fore thought of.

First and foremost, the lives  
of our canine population would  
be placed in imminent jeopardy;  
being unused to the snorts and  
canters of locomotives, they  
would probably mistake them  
for some huge varmint, and in a  
futile endeavor to corral the  
monster would very likely rush  
out en masse in its deathly path  
and get swiped off this mundane  
sphere in the twinkling of an  
eye.

Secondly, the ever-present  
small boy with his innate pro-  
clivities to "hang on" to some-  
thing, would have his life hazard-  
ed by his ungovernable desire to  
try to ride the thing.

Thirdly, that old adage,  
"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis  
folly to be wise," seems to have  
taken deep root, and we hear-ily  
coincide with this view of the  
situation. For instance, in very  
wet and muddy weather—that is  
to say wet weather and muddy  
roads—our mail sometimes fails  
to arrive for several days, which  
is only the act of a beneficent  
providence in keeping the horrid  
happenings of the outside world

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and many kind requests to  
"please remit" from disturbing  
our placid minds for a few happy  
hours. The glories of this kind  
of a predicament cannot be enu-  
merated.

You can all advocate a rail-  
road if you want to, but we are  
"agin" it.

Of all the despicable sneaks  
and repugnant bipeds in human  
form, the one to be most dreaded  
and abhorred is the pious old  
hypocrite who courts a man's  
friendship and then goes like  
the midnight assassin who steals  
on you unawares, and uses ev-  
ery effort to injure your business  
by assuming a confidential air  
with others and dosing them with  
a deluge of unmitigated lies.  
Such a miserable illegitimate off-  
spring of the devil will never get  
in sight of heaven, and old Nick  
himself will do well to shun such  
a parody on humanity.



We have received Vol. 1, No.  
1 of the *Almogorda* (New Mex.)  
Banner published by Elmo Ben-  
son. We wish you much suc-  
cess in your new field, Elmo,  
and may you wear a crown of  
glory in the heaven prepared for  
all newspaper men.

If you want fine platino pic-  
tures give me a call.  
**M. H. CHISM.**

**American University in China.**

The important chair of international law in the Tung Yuen college at Peking, China, is held by Dr. W. A. P. Martin, an American scholar well known through his translations and books on China. Now, although the national public school plan failed, that for a modern university on Occidental principles is thriving, and Dr. Martin is its official organizing and active head. On grounds adjoining the imperial palace new buildings have been erected for it and 5,000,000 ounces of silver has been provided for its initiation and maintenance, thanks to the efforts of Li Hung Chang. Since the opening of the present academic year 400 picked native students from the best families and most advanced culture have been studying there. There are eight European and American teachers. The library, magnificently housed, boasts a wealth of modern and scientific books. A school of medicine has been opened and others of mining, agriculture and engineering are nearing completion.

**Historic Old House.**

Miss L. Perine, the present owner of the house in Ripon, Wis., in which, it is claimed, the name "Republican" was first used for the present party by a small number of politeness gathered there, has offered to sell it to the Wisconsin State Historical Society, but the society is without sufficient funds to accept the offer. The building was originally a school house, was altered into a dwelling house, and at one time was owned by ex-Governor Peck.

**Taking It Literally.**

"Yes," he said, speaking of the rich man's son, "he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth." The little one in the corner became suddenly interested and looked up from her book. "Really, papa," she asked, before any one else had a chance to speak. "Certainly," he answered. "I should think some museum would have got him," she said, thoughtfully.

**Sleight-of-Hand Under Difficulties.**

Prestidigitator (In Frozen Dog) — "Will some gent in the audience kindly lend me his hat to make an omelet in?" Bronco Bill — "Thar's mine, stranger! And when yer hand it back yer wanter be sure thar's an omelet in it, or thar'll be trouble, for I'm hungry as a coyote." — Puck.

**A Family Office.**

One of the most remarkable examples of an elective office becoming hereditary occurs in the recent designation of Dr. Norman Macleod to be the next moderator of the Church of Scotland general assembly. He will be the third of that name and the fifth member of the family to hold that high office.

**He Thinks Alger is All Right.**

Victor L. Mason, private secretary to Secretary Root, has resigned to engage in business with General Russell A. Alger. Mr. Mason served Secretary Alger in the capacity of private secretary throughout his entire term.

**A Cup for "Columbia" Iselin.**

It is now proposed that a loving cup be presented by the American public to C. Oliver Iselin, who has so well and so often defended the America's cup. The idea is to have the tribute at least as handsome as the one to be given to Sir Thomas Lipton. It is suggested that the cup intended for Mr. Iselin should be a replica of the America's cup.

**CHILDREN BURNED**

**Eleven Little Girls Loose Their Lives While Preparing**

**FOR THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

**Dress Catches Fire From Gas Jet and in Less Than Ten Minutes Four of the Party Sank to the Floor Dead.**

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 24.—While the school children of St. Francis Parochial school, Seventeenth and Vine streets, were rehearsing Friday afternoon for an entertainment to be given next Tuesday evening, the dress of one of them caught fire from a gas jet, and ten minutes later four of them were burned to death. Two died an hour later, and five others died before midnight. Half a dozen others were burned more or less seriously.

All are between 9 and 11 years of age. Helen Soebbing and several other teachers, Fathers Nicholas and Prof. Mushhold, were painfully burned in trying to save the children.

The fire started in a little dressing-room. Three or four little girls were there dressing for the rehearsal and laughing gaily among themselves. A dozen others were grouped in the wings of the stage near the foot of the stairs descending from the dressing room. The girls in the dressing room had nearly completed their costumes when one of them brushed against the gas jet, but which one it will never be known. A touch of the flame was sufficient, and in an instant her dress of cotton and light cloth was in a blaze. She screamed and ran out of the room, communicating the blaze to others as she ran.

One of the girls with her dress in a blaze jumped out of a small window onto the stairs leading to the stage and down the stairs. A flaming torch she was as she almost fell down the stairs and rushed into the groups of children standing in the wings. They were all clad like her, in fancy costumes of cotton, lace and silk, and the fire spread with incredible rapidity from one to the other. There were fourteen children in the cast of the Christmas entertainment and only a few escaped.

It was all over in ten minutes, and in this time four perished, seven were fatally burned and others more or less severely injured.

The children were panic stricken and rushed this way and that, screaming with pain. But the agony was brief. Only a few minutes, and four of them sank to the floor dead. Others fell too, but they still lived, suffering excruciating agony.

**Tarver's Situation.**

Austin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Capt. E. P. Tarver, a member of the twenty-sixth legislature from Laredo, who was recently elected superintendent of Webb county schools, has not tendered his resignation as a member of the law-making body, and it is now too late to call an election to fill the prospective vacancy. It is reported here that Capt. Tarver will be on hand when the special session convenes and seek to be seated. If he does this it is probable that the point will be raised that he vacated the office of representative when he accepted that of county superintendent, and that he cannot, under the law, hold two offices of emolument.

**Anti-Goebel Leaders.**

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 25.—The delay on the part of Goebel and Beckham in serving notice of contest against Gov. Taylor and Lieut. Gov. Marshall leaves the anti-Goebel elements in doubt as to the purpose of the contestants. The time for taking depositions prior to the meeting of the legislature expired Friday, only four witnesses having given testimony regarding the election in the contested counties. The contest committees, however, have power to send for persons and papers if they so desire. The anti-Goebel leaders will have an informal conference at Louisville during the holidays to decide whether they will make houses of the legislature. They claim to have enough votes to organize the senate, but a majority of the leaders seem to oppose the fusion organization, preferring not to show their strength until the contests are voted on.

**Too Late.**

London, Dec. 25.—The following dispatch has been received from Lourenzo Marquez, under date of Dec. 17, regarding Winston Churchill's escape from the Boers:

Mr. Churchill wrote Gen. Joubert on Dec. 9, asking to be released on the ground of being a war correspondent. Gen. Joubert, on Dec. 13, replied that Mr. Churchill had been detained because he had been represented as a combatant assisting an armored train to escape. He added that Mr. Churchill was unknown to him personally, but he would accept his assurance that he was a non-combatant and would order his release. The order arrived at Pretoria ten hours after Churchill had escaped, leaving behind him a letter expressing gratitude for the treatment he had received.

**Sankey Greatly Affected.**

New York, Dec. 25.—Ira D. Sankey, who for 27 years was associated in evangelistic work with Mr. Moody, was greatly affected at the news of his death. "You may say," said Mr. Sankey, "that in the death of Mr. Moody the world has lost one of the greatest and noblest men of the age. I have labored with him for the last 27 years, traveling with him by land and sea, and a nobler, braver and wiser soul I never knew. I can apply Prof. Henry Drummond's remark of a friend: 'D. L. Moody was the greatest human I ever met.'"

**Pioneer Citizen Dead.**

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 25.—Information was received in Sherman Friday of the death at Preston of one of the pioneer citizens of Grayson county, Dr. J. B. Frazier, at an advanced age. Some days since he fell quite a distance off a veranda at his residence and sustained severe injuries to his hip and very likely of an internal nature as well. He died at 2 o'clock Friday morning, never having rallied from the shock of the fall. His name is familiar to every old resident of the river belt.

**Boers Reinforced.**

Sterkstroom, Saturday, Dec. 25.—The Boers have been largely reinforced since Gen. Gatacre's reverse at Stormberg. The country north of that point is in arms and the farms of the loyalists are being taken by the Boers who reap the crop. Boer accounts of successful engagements are printed for distribution throughout the disaffected districts.

**ARE NOT SATISFIED**

**Kentucky Democrats Send Forth a Ringing Address.**

**WILL WAGE A HOT CONTEST.**

**Claim the Republican Governor Intimidated the Voters of Louisville With Soldiers and Guns.**

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 23.—The following is the address of the Kentucky Democracy, in part, to the public:

"The Democratic party of Kentucky, through its several state committees, has unanimously decided that the best interests of the party as well as of justice, demand that contests shall be made by all the candidates on the Democratic ticket for the respective offices for which they were nominated. The committees feel that it is proper that they should, in a concise form, state the grounds upon which they base their action."

The address also says:

"The state board of election commissioners, at its recent session, issued certificates of election to all the Republican candidates for state offices, but the board expressly declared in the opinion rendered that it acted simply as a canvassing board without power or authority, as it construed the law to inquire into the legality or validity of any contested votes. The board expressed the opinion that, if clothed with the authority to go behind the returns and determine the matters in contention, the certificates of election would not have been issued to the parties who received them. We feel that in the light of this board the Democratic party cannot do less than to carry its contention to the tribunal created by the law for its determination. The grounds upon which this contest is based consists of the protests against the use of tissue ballots in many of the overwhelming Republican counties of the state. The use of the ballots are not only violation to the letter of the law, but it is in open defiance of the spirit of the law, and the use of these ballots furnish not only prima facie, but conclusive evidence of purposed fraud.

"Another ground for contest is the plain violation and defiance of law by the late Republican governor who, whilst actively engaged in making stump speeches and the prosecution of a partisan political canvass, ordered out the militia and in violation of both law and precedent, assumed personal command of troops in the metropolis of the state, parading the streets of Louisville on the day of election with his gatling guns, invading the voting booths and forcing into them against the protests of the lawfully appointed election officers, pretended inspectors and challengers, who the highest court of the state decided had no lawful right to be present."

**Mysterious Death.**

San Antonio, Dec. 23.—The chief railway mail clerk was notified yesterday morning that Clerk Thomas Hathaway was found dead in his car at Luling at 2:30 yesterday morning, with a bullet through his heart and a pistol by his side. The remains were sent to Houston, where he has a family. Clerk Dippold of this city came in from Spofford with Hathaway Thursday night and says he was jolly and don't believe the deceased had a pistol. The clerk at Houston was ordered to investigate the car and see if it was not robbed, in which case the clerk was murdered.

**Dwight L. Moody Dead.**

East Northfield, Massachusetts, Dec. 23.—It was not expected until Friday by members of Mr. Moody's family and the immediate circle of friends that death would be the result of his illness. The cause of his death was a general breakdown due to overwork. Mr. Moody's heart has been very weak for some time from over-exertions put forth in meetings in the west last month, and brought on a collapse from which he failed to rally. This week the patient showed steady gain until Friday, when he showed symptoms of nervousness accompanied with weakness, which caused his family much anxiety. Yesterday morning this weakness continued and at 8 o'clock Mr. Moody called his wife and children, and told them that the end was not far off. The family remained close by his bedside all forenoon. The evangelist was almost free from pain and occasionally he talked with apparent ease. About the last words he was heard to utter were: "I have always been an ambitious man, not to lay up wealth, but to find work to do." Just before 12 o'clock the watchers saw that the end was approaching and exactly at noon yesterday the great preacher passed away.

**Cotton-Picking Machine.**

New York, Dec. 23.—The Screw Cotton Harvester Machine company of New York City was incorporated under the laws of West Virginia Thursday with a capital of \$500,000. The company is organized for the purpose of placing on the market a machine which is intended to pick cotton. It is shaped like a grain reaper, but the axles are much higher from the ground and the wheels stand as high as 7 feet. The leading incorporator is the same man who fifteen years ago brought out the United States cotton harvester, which gave an exhibition of its workings at the time on the New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchange and which operated on the principle of revolving spools, the surface covered with inverted needles which were attached to a system of leather belts.

**Louisiana Democrats.**

New Orleans, La., Dec. 23.—The Democratic state convention, which met at Baton Rouge, completed its labors by the nomination of the following officers in addition to W. W. Hearse as governor: Lieutenant governor, Albert Estopinal; secretary of state, John T. Mitchell; state superintendent of education, J. V. Calhoun; attorney general, Judge Walter Guion; auditor, W. S. Frazee; treasurer, Ledoux E. Smith. The platform denounced trusts and called upon the state legislature and congress to pass laws for their regulation and suppression. Allegiance was declared to the Chicago platform of 1896.

**Death by Accident.**

Denison, Tex., Dec. 23.—F. E. Metterreiter, a machinist employed at the Denison National Cotton Oil Company's plant, was killed Friday morning by accident. He was in the engine room where he picked up a heavy piece of machinery, weighing from 130 to 140 pounds, he put it on his shoulder and was en route to the machine shop at the mill, to make some repairs, when he slipped and fell on the platform just outside the door, and in falling was struck in the left temple by the heavy steel, and instantly killed.

**Noted Character Dead.**

New York, Dec. 23.—Ex-Alderman Smith, better known as "Silver Dollar" Smith, died yesterday at his home in this city. He was the supreme power of the eighth assembly district for many years.

## AGAINST TRUSTS.

Congress Taking Steps to Destroy These Combinations.

### ANTI-TRUST BILLS INTRODUCED.

The Texas Delegation Leads all Other States in the Introduction of Bills Looking to the Curbing of Combinations.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The anti-trust issue will not be ignored by this congress, if the introduction of bills seeking to crush and destroy these combinations in any manner indicates what the serious intentions of congress are.

Texas leads all the states in anti-trust bills so far, and only about half of the delegation has been heard from, but that half has indicated a very earnest desire to go right to the bottom of the trust evil.

One bill proposes absolute free trade in all articles not on the dutiable list now controlled by a trust. Another bill proposes to deprive trusts the use of the mails for the purpose of obtaining business, just as the Louisiana Lottery company was deprived of the use of the mails. Another bill prohibits railroads and steamships from transporting trust articles between the states. Still another bill seeks to make a trust doing business in any state a citizen of such state, depriving it of the benefit of the federal courts in suits or prosecutions.

Mr. Henry of Texas made two additions to the Texas anti-trust literature Tuesday. One was a regular anti-trust bill, fashioned somewhat after the Texas anti-trust law. It is a drastic measure, one that would raise thunder with trusts and everything else in the combination line should it become a law and be upheld by the supreme court.

The other bill is the one which attracts more attention and interest than all the others. In brief, its purpose is in cases where the governor or executive officer of any state or territory makes a requisition upon the governor or executive officer of another state or territory for the surrender of a fugitive from justice, that an indictment be found in the courts of the state making the requisition against the fugitive, shall be accepted by the state upon which requisition is made as conclusive and indisputable proof that the person wanted is a fugitive from justice, and that such requisition shall be honored. The bill itself does not indicate what is really behind it, but Mr. John D. Rockefeller and Henry M. Flagler of the Standard Oil trust will see the effects of the bill without a chart.

#### Gave Bond.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 21.—Henry Jackson died Monday night from the effects of a pistol wound received Friday evening at the hands of Charles Manley. The latter had been admitted to bond in the sum of \$1000, but was re-arrested and Squire Newton set the amount at \$5000. A writ of habeas corpus was sued out before Judge Templeton, but examination was waived and bail agreed on at \$2000, which Manley had no trouble in making and was again released.

#### Federation Elects Old Officers.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—The American Federation of Labor yesterday unanimously re-elected all its old officers. Louisville, Ky., was selected as the place for the next convention. The other candidates were Cleveland, Columbus, Scranton, Pa., Salt Lake City, Galveston, Texas, and Bay City, Mich.

#### Throckmorton Monument.

McKinney, Tex., Dec. 21.—The pedestal of the ex-Gov. J. W. Throckmorton monument, on the northwest corner of the courthouse inclosure, was completed Tuesday and is now ready for the reception of the statue, which will not be completed for some time yet. It is a beautiful piece of work. The material is Texas granite, and seven feet high. The inscription upon the pedestal is as follows:

"James W. Throckmorton, a Tennessean by birth, a Texan by adoption. A slight tribute to the patriot and statesman from his fellow-citizens and admirers, because of his pre-eminent personal worth and distinguished public service."

#### Interstate Commerce Act.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Berry Tuesday introduced a bill in the senate to amend the third section of the interstate commerce act by making strict provision against discrimination on the part of the railroads against the public and in favor of one railroad against another. It is made unlawful for "any common carrier to make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any person, company, firm, corporation or locality or any particular description of traffic in any respect whatever or to subject any particular person, etc., to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatever."

#### Kentucky Election Contest.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.—In accordance with the decree of the Democratic State Central Executive and Campaign committees at their joint meeting last Thursday, notices of contests against Gov. Taylor and Lieut. Gov. Marshall will be served by the sheriff in behalf of Messrs. Goebel and Beckham, the Democratic candidates. The grounds set forth are the same as those made by the attorneys for the Democratic candidates before the State Board of elections, including the presence of troops in Jefferson county and the issue of tissue ballots and other irregularities in other counties.

#### Jury Discharged.

Waco, Dec. 21.—Judge Scott yesterday morning discharged the jury in the Dr. Jenkins case and counsel for defense noted a bill of exceptions to the act. The judge gave as a reason that two of the jurymen were quite sick and unable to be held together two or three weeks. Some attorneys think Jenkins will be able to claim former jeopardy and escape further legal proceedings which is causing considerable discussion. Jenkins is doing very well.

#### Queen's Letter to Roberts.

London, Dec. 21.—The queen has sent a letter to Gen. Lord Roberts, the newly appointed commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, warmly sympathizing with him on the death of his gallant son, and thanking him for the great heroism he displayed in putting aside his terrible private grief in order to devote himself to the affairs of the nation.

#### Cattlemen's Excursion.

Fort Worth, Dec. 21.—Arrangements are about perfected for the excursion of the cattlemen visitors at the conclusion of the convention here next month. General Manager Dodge of the Colorado Southern, is ill at a hotel here.

#### Gold for Europe.

New York, Dec. 21.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. ship \$500,000 in gold to Europe yesterday. The gold is in double eagles.

#### An Alligators Family.

An interesting object in the study of natural history is the alligator, or as defined by Webster, "a large carnivorous, amphibious animal of the saurian family." There is a living specimen on exhibition in Nacogdoches, a female, with eleven young ones, held captives, together with a living river turtle, by Mr. J. E. Harris, an old-time citizen, who spends much of his time fishing on the Angelina river and takes great interest in studying such things. He located this animal's nest or place of hibernation in the river bank, or rather beneath it. There was a hole near the low water mark that sloped downward a few feet, then turned upward and went up to within five feet of the top of the earth. Then came a room of several feet diameter in which was a bed made of leaves and trash. There lay the female alligator, full size, eight or ten feet long, and more than fifty young ones, each six or eight inches long, and an ordinary turtle six inches in diameter. All these animals were apparently dead, but in fact were hibernating. The large alligator was carried upon hand sticks by men just like they would carry a log. The turtle was left over night upon its back and did not seem to know it. The little alligators were hanging by their mouths to this turtle's shell, all motionless. The turtle is their foster mother. All are awake now, but no intercourse exists between mother and babies unless the latter cry, which they do in the manner of a puppy. Then the mother manifests great interest. But the connection between the young ones and the turtle is persistent. They hunt him up but he pays no attention to it. It is said that this is the way that all young alligators do. It required great labor to dig up the nest. Another nest is located and the inhabitants will be captured. The alligator lays about a hundred eggs. There were eighty young ones in one nest not taken, and they were attached to a turtle. What they derive from the turtle, or how they and the turtle subsist is a puzzle. They don't seem to take food of any kind. The old alligator when angered makes a hissing sound similar to a sitting goose. They sometimes make a very loud vociferous outcry of a roaring or bellowing character.

#### From Son to Mother.

Rudolph Gunner, a Dallas boy and a son of Gen. R. Gunner, is with Col. Luther Hare's famous thirty-third in the Philippines. Mrs. Gunner received the following letter:

Manila, Nov. 5.—My dear mama: A week ago to-day I wrote to papa from aboard of the same ship we are on again. We were put on late last night and sail today and expect to be right in the midst of the fight in a couple of days. I have just had a week of the hardest time I ever had in my life, but it seems to agree with me, but if you could see me with an elegant set of whiskers all over my face you would hardly recognize me. We landed last Saturday and marched to the first firing line, six miles from Manila, at a place called La Loma. The regimental headquarters are in an old Catholic Church, and we are camped on both sides of it. Everybody was good and tired when we arrived, for we have to carry 200 rounds of ammunition, gun, blankets, shelter tent and extra clothing. I have not got any more now, for I threw it all away. We were hardly there

five minutes before the captain asked for a man who could speak Spanish. Certainly, as I expected, they yelled, "Oh, Gunner!" and I knew what was up. The captain put me in charge of six Chinamen, one of whom speaks Spanish fairly well, and told me to get some men and go to town after water. About that time the regular afternoon rain came up and the Chinamen refused to go. So just to show them that we did not need them I took one of the bull carts (which I will describe later) and another took the other one and we started for town through the deep mud and swampy rice fields. We got down all right, but coming back with three barrels of water on each cart we got stuck several times and waded in water up to our waists. By 10 at night we came in with the water, and you can bet the men were glad to see us. The captain asked me where the Chinaman was, and after I told him that we went without him he was proud of us, in fact, he thought we were so good that we had to go after water every day. But I had one satisfaction of hearing the captain's remarks that "Gunner is a good man, no matter where you put him." I expected to have a chill or something the next morning, but when they woke us up at 3:30 I felt as fine as a lark, only awful hungry, and after making some cocoa (something the other soldiers did not have), we started for town. If you have never seen a "caribou," or water buffalo, you have no idea what it is. The only way I can describe it, it is a beast like an ox with a big hump and horns which curve backward, and it is to my judgment the slowest animal on earth, for no amount of whipping will get them out of their slow gait. Our firing line did not amount to much except to exchange a few shots every night. Everything was very quiet, and the only man who was killed was a Chinaman, who ventured outside of the lines at night and got his throat cut for his trouble. After we found him next morning all the Chinamen left camp and we had to get a new lot, which was not easy to get, as they are contract laborers and are bought out like so many cattle.

The third day, as we were coming from town with water and provisions, we passed the Chinese graveyard, where they had just had a big funeral, and as is the Chinese custom, they leave a lot of good eatables and drinkables on the grave, so to make a long story short, we took our bulls into the woods and waited for the mourners to leave. Then we went in and had a big supper and brought enough into camp for some of the boys. The food was the best the Chinamen could afford and was excellent. We stopped there every day after that, but only got a big bowl of rice on some poor Chinaman's grave.

This is the first day that I have been dry in a week. The camp was always muddy, with plenty of rain every day and the mosquitoes and ants plentiful. Some of the boys had some pretty bad scares at night by monkeys, who are plentiful in the mountains, coming into camp for something to eat. They went right into the cook's tent and stole hardtack. Oh, I could write you a hundred different experiences, but neither paper nor time will permit. We are going to pull out this evening, and will land about 125 miles from here, under the protection of the warships. All the clothes I have are a blue flannel shirt,

khaki pants, leggins and shoes; no underwear or socks, but feel first rate and have a good appetite. All I carry in my haversack is a picture of you and papa and Elsie's tooth, which I took away from her and am keeping as a luck piece. Certainly besides that we have to carry an awful amount of ammunition. The only letters I have received so far was one from papa, inclosing Ed's letter, and one from Heri, which was addressed to San Francisco and was really nice and highly appreciated. I shall expect a letter from you soon. Kindly write to Heri how I am and tell him I will write the first opportunity I get, which will be when we come back from the firing line. Give my regards to everybody at home and remember me to inquiring friends. Well, good-bye, mama. Maybe by the time this reaches Dallas you will have read of the scrapping the thirty-third had. Tell Papa: "Gluckweneche zum Geburtstag," and merry Christmas to all. From your loving son,

RUDOLPH

Address L, Thirty-third infantry, Manila, P. I.

#### Rice Carnival.

Through this representative organization the Merchants' association of Beaumont has covered itself with glory and honor in pulling off its initial public reception, the rice carnival. Conveying the idea at a time which would barely permit the execution of the programme physically, it was launched with a vim and nurtured by willing hands and ready money lent freely by patriotic citizens. Attractions were engaged at short notice and pushed to completion, which does much credit to those who have had the management of the affair. The trades display parade was a gratifying success to both participants and spectators alike. It consisted of handsomely decorated floats, decorated carriages and buggies containing the beauty and gallantry of the city. And especially interesting was that occupied by the queen of the carnival, Miss Di McFadden, a Beaumont young lady born and bred. She graced the throne she occupied with a charm that it would be difficult to surpass.

There was a successful balloon ascension and a parachute jump, which was witnessed by several thousand people. At night there was an exhibition of daring bicycle riding on wire, accompanied by fireworks display, on Crockett street.

At the auditorium Miss Di McFadden was crowned queen of the carnival, from where she journeyed to the opera-house and opened the ball.

#### Efforts to Raise the Clifton.

It may be interesting to older inhabitants of Texas, and particularly those who are conversant with the history of the battle of Sabine Pass, in which Dick Dowling and his company took such a leading part, to know that parties are preparing to raise the old federal gunboat Clifton, which was sunk at the mouth of the pass by Dowling's company. It is the purpose of the men to raise or drag the Clifton to shallow water in order to get the brass and copper which is said to be on the boat. Brass and copper have increased in value to such an extent lately as to make the investment paying. There are, it is said, some brass cannon on the Clifton, and if it is true they will probably have a historical value far in excess of their intrinsic value, and those interested in such matters may make an effort to preserve what relics may be found on the boat.

# Mid-Autumn Offering of Seasonable Merchandise

## At Extraordinary Low Prices.

FOR 30 DAYS.

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OUR SMALL PROFIT SYSTEM HAS WORKED SPLENDIDLY  
AND WE ARE ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.

For the next 30 days we shall make a deep cut into the SMALL PROFIT and sell you goods at just a little above cost. A glimpse at the following prices will convince you that we are in earnest:

### CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

It seems almost impossible that our low prices on clothing can be made any lower, but such will be the case for the next 30 days. We will sacrifice profits to clean out all ODDS and ENDS that have accumulated after a season's fast selling in this line.

All wool Black Clay Worsted suits, absolutely fast color, lined with mercerized silk at \$6.50 worth 10.00  
All wool grey and brown Cassimere suits at \$1.50 " 8.00  
Our \$15 line of suits will go at \$10.00  
Our \$12.50 line of suits will go at 8.50

We have others as low as  
Brays Brand Doeskin Jeans pants at 75c worth 1.25  
All wool Cassimere pants in neat colors at 1.25 worth 2.00  
Boys all wool Jersey suits at 1.75 worth 2.50  
Boys vestee suits at 1.75 worth 2.50

### DRUMMER'S SAMPLES.

Comprising ladies' silk, corduroy and satin waists, suits, wrappers, petticoats, skirts, ties, stockinet collars and fancy fronts. We have just purchased the entire sample line of a reputable manufacturer at a big discount and will put them on sale as long as they last at WHOLESALE PRICES. We have

only a limited amount and would suggest an early call to secure the pick.

### SHOES! SHOES!

We need no introduction on this particular line. Suffice it to say that we guarantee all our shoes to the wearer. We still have a complete line of the "Rough on Rocks" shoes for ladies and misses; "Good as Gold" for men and boys; our popular "Tribby" shoes for women for fine wear will be on sale for the next 30 days at \$1.75, positively as good as any \$3.00 shoe on the market.

THE BEE HIVE, The New Store,

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## The Leader.

GEO. L. RHEA,  
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Entered at the postoffice at Graham, Texas,  
as second class mail matter.

RATES OF SUBSCRIPTION:  
One copy one year, \$1.00.  
Six months, .50.

### A FRIENDLY TALK.

As we will enter upon the duties of a New Year before the next issue of The Leader, we want to make an earnest appeal to those who are behind on subscription to either come in or send us the amount due on subscription.

Within the last 60 days the price of paper has gone up, which greatly increases our running expenses, and as many are behind on subscription from one five years, our business could be put in considerably better shape by these little amounts being settled up. We have a large subscription list and every paper that goes out of the office costs money in advance. Can you not make a little sacrifice and pay us at least a portion of what you owe? We are sure we don't want to be hard on any one, but it takes lots of labor and money to run a paper, and if all the little amounts due us by our subscribers were handed in right away, you don't know how happy we would feel.

Let us get as near the cash system as possible, and let every man whose time is just out, as well as those who are behind, come right along and pay us a dollar in advance; it won't hurt you, and we are sure it won't hurt us, and in addition we will promise to give you a better paper than ever the coming year if you will just do your part.

We will keep an honor roll from January 1st and publish every man or woman's name who pays us each week; now let's not have the list too short.

Who will be the first to make the editor's heart palpitate with joy on the dawning of the glad New Year?

"Ah!" said the good old lady who was visiting the prisoners; "how your poor wife must weep as she thinks of you here." "Which one, ma'am?" asked a convict addressed: "I'm up for bigamy."

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## M. M. CHISM, Dentist and Photographer, GRAHAM, TEXAS.

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Candidates are cropping out all over Texas.

The wife of Attorney General Thos. S. Smith died at St. Louis the 24th inst.

A special session of the Texas legislature has been called to convene January 23rd, 1900.

As the biennial pie hunter poppeth up the printer's purse growth more plethoric.

The whole nation mourns over the death of the world's greatest divine, Rev. Dwight L. Moody.

The recent local option election in Granbury in which the town went wet shows that the devil is still abroad in the land.

There is going to be a hot senatorial contest in Tennessee, and Gov. McMillin may decide not to go near the fire.

We have received a copy of "The Choir Journal" published at Boston, Mass., containing two new and popular hymns with music, entitled, "The God of Abraham Praise," and the response, "Incline thine ear." This interesting journal is published by the B. F. Wood Music Co., Boston, Mass.

Daniel S. Ford, owner of the Youth's Companion, died Dec. 24th at the advanced age of 77 years.

The negro recently arrested at Wortham, Texas, with 10 razors and 5 revolvers on his person was perhaps a barber hunting a job.

We have received a beautiful and artistically printed 1900 calendar from H. N. Frost, lumber dealer of Mineral Wells, for which he has our thanks.

The Jeffersonian has a new manager, Mr. Fred B. Fildes, who is an experienced newspaper man, and he will no doubt make the Jeffersonian hum with a business push while at the helm. Good luck to you, boys.

The Hall County Herald of Dec. 22nd comes to us donned in a brilliant dress of many hues, it being a special edition in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the town of Memphis, with an exhaustive write up of the resources of Hall county.

The state has filed two suits against J. F. McGuire, late superintendent of the state reformatory, and his bondsmen for sums aggregating \$20,199.85, alleging that said money was collected by him and not turned in to the treasury.

## U. S. Mail and Stage Line.

Graham to Jacksboro.

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Leaves Graham every morning, except Sunday, and makes connection with train at Jacksboro. Leaves Jacksboro immediately after arrival of train.

Comfortable stages, good teams and careful drivers.

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Canton Disc Drills,  
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Canton Clipper & Canton Dixie Turning Plows,  
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Canton Double Row Combined Corn and Cotton Planters that have no equal; also No. 1 and 2 Walking Planters that never fail to give satisfaction.

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Subscription \$1.00 a Year.

## LOCAL NEWS.

School will open Tuesday, January 2.

Misses Clara and Lee Blakey are visiting in the city.

Misses Bertha and Addie Kiddleman and Miss Louise Lamar visited Flinn this week.

E. H. Wade came in from Jacksboro Wednesday.

L. C. Adams of Jacksboro, is in the city on business.

For pork, sausage and beef, call on Jones & Son.

Miss Thirza Patterson came in Friday of last week to spend a few days with friends.

The Teacher's Institute meets today and tomorrow at the court house.

Wm. Watson, of Markley, came down to take his sons out home to spend Xmas.

Fresh lard at Jones & Son's meat market.

Lee Rickman, of Ft. Worth, is visiting his parents here this week.

Mrs. Lobbins, of Ft. Worth, is visiting relatives here this week.

William Lamson, of the Farmer Courier force, was in town Saturday and paid the Leader a friendly visit.

Does it pay? Yes, because in case Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to cure or give satisfaction the purchase money is refunded. Try a bottle. Akin & Matthews.

Prof. G. A. Timmons is in from the north part of the county where he has been teaching, to spend the holidays at home.

Backache, sprain, bruises, cuts, rashes, and all other ailments cured by using Hunt's Lightening Oil, failing, money refunded. Akin & Matthews.

Tom Timmons, who has been teaching at Thurber Junction, arrived in the city Monday to visit his parents.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver is Bright's disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. Try it. Sold by C. G. King.

Miss Emma LeGrand, who has been teaching near Bowie, came in last Saturday to spend Christmas at home.

50 doses for 50 cents. Is the same size of other \$1 bottles, and money refunded if Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup fails to give entire satisfaction. Try it; costs nothing if not satisfied. Akin & Matthews.

Misses Geo. Hinman and Mary Fields, who teach at Miller Bend, are spending the holidays at home.

One cent a dose is all we ask for Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup, and we are pledged to refund the cost price per bottle if it fails to do all that is claimed for it. You get immediate relief. Akin & Matthews.

Mrs. Harmonson and family went out to Indian Mound Wednesday afternoon to spend a few days with Geo. McComas and family.

A chronic kicker is had enough, but a continual scratcher is worse. Better imitate a mule than a hen. Hunt's Cure will do up the worst case of itch, tetter, and ringworm, itching piles, Eczema known. Price 50c. Akin & Matthews.

Zack Timmons, who has been attending Baylor University at Waco, came in last Saturday to spend Christmas with the "old folks at home."

Purify the sources of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. For sale by C. G. King.

Miss Ella Outman, of Farmer, is visiting relatives and friends in Graham this week. Miss Outman is teaching a most successful and satisfactory school near Round Timbers. She carries a first grade certificate, and this being her first school, we are glad to note her deserved success.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Sold by C. G. King.

Elmer Z. H. Roegan and family arrived from Boone county on Christmas day. They will become permanent citizens of Graham, and Mr. Roegan will immediately begin his labors as missionary of Macedonia association.

The Health-Restorer and Health-Maintainer, Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine Strengthens the Nerves, makes you Plump and Comely, and Equilibrates the complexion with nature's choicest colors. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

The Knights of Pythias will give a supper at their hall tonight.

Pink Timmons and Miss Clara, Mr. Brayer were married last Sunday at South Bend.

Prof. Geo. Mayes came in from King county to spend Christmas with homefolks and friends in old Young.

See special 30-days prices of clothing, shoes, etc., at the Bee Hive.

Prof. W. T. Blakely, teacher of the Boggy school near Profit, is among the holiday sojourners in the city.

Fresh meats and free delivery to any part of town by Jones & Son.

Prof. Geo. E. Mayes has a 30-day subscription to the Leader for L. N. Williams, Mahaz, O. T.

Catch these winter rains and buy a tank or cistern to hold your water from Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

Mrs. J. N. Johnston and Miss Mattie Southern left Tuesday for a week's visit to Whitt.

Don't fail to read the big ad. of the Bee Hive. They are offering great bargains for the next 30 days.

The young people enjoyed a social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dowdle Monday night.

Remember our special discount on farm implements for the next 60 days. Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

An enjoyable time was had at the social given by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butler Tuesday night.

In order not to make injurious distinction we will remark that nearly all, if not all, the teachers whose homes are in Graham, are here this week spending the holidays and some of their cash.

Special attention is called to the ad. of the Aynes Dry Goods Co., of Jacksboro, in which they offer choice of any suit in their house for only \$9.95.

Prof. G. S. Blount of Munday, has closed his school for the holidays and gone to Wichita, Kansas, to spend Christmas. Madam Blount says he will not return alone.—Benjamin Reporter.

You'll be surprised at the low prices on clothing, shoes etc., at the Bee Hive. Go there and save money if you need anything in their line.

Elders G. W. Back and Z. H. Roegan left Thursday morning to attend the Fifth Sunday meeting at Theokimerton. The northern kept others from going.

Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine has greatly benefited others and is reasonably certain to do you good. Try it! Sold by Akin & Matthews.

The Daughters of the Confederacy had an oyster supper at the "Woodmen hall" Wednesday night.

If you appreciate values and low prices we can sell you your dry goods.

S. B. STREET & CO.,  
Cheapest house in town.

**Scorched to Death**  
While sitting around one of those Airtight Heaters bought of Hollingsworth & Dowdle.

## A Successful Entertainment By Misses Hill and Southern.

On Friday night, Dec. 22, the teachers of the music and elocution classes of the Graham High School gave an entertainment in the hall over the store of Matthews, Tidwell & Norman. Notwithstanding the many difficulties, the entertainment was pronounced the best ever in this city by many of the oldest citizens of the town.

It is unfortunate that Graham has no public hall for occasions of this sort. The young ladies paid \$5 for the hall, \$5 for a piano and \$8 occupation tax, besides many other expenses for moving seats, stage, etc. An admission fee was charged to pay these expenses.

The first scene was not on the program, but deserves mention here before an account of the printed program.

The curtain managers failed to close the curtains and Messrs. J. N. Johnston and J. C. Butler, two Knights of the rank, with their families on the front, volunteered assistance, and successfully closed the curtains. The audience cheered them vigorously, for which these two knights bowed a semi-circumference with their arms at right angles, greatly to the amusement of the audience.

The music by Misses Johnston and Southern and "Tommy's Prayer" by Miss Butler received the closest attention with frequent applause.

The duet, "Anne Polka," by Misses Alice Stewart and Nannie Johnston, and the "Two lover and a life" by Miss Sallie Chism were pronounced excellent.

Then followed the vocal solo, "Sleep little baby of mine," by Miss Mildred Jewell; "The charge of the light brigade" by Misses Mayzelle Morrison, Marg'e Butler, Sallie Williams, Ora Mabry, Nannie Johnston, Sallie Mabry, Annie Morrison, Delia Butler, Lou Mabry, Gracie Bullock, Sallie Chism and Maud Webb was rendered perfectly and satisfactory to every one.

Mr. Geo. Kindley recited "Trouble in the Amen Corner." This contains a great lesson and it is worth a good sermon to hear Mr. Kindley recite it.

Miss Alice Wilkinson and teacher gave the audience a duet which was well rendered considering the time of preparation.

The next was "Nine Suitors," by Miss Sallie Mabry. Miss Mabry had a strong, clear voice, and seemed to be at home with her recitation.

The "Box of Monkeys,"—just why this is called that no one can say—but it was the most laughable play that this editor has witnessed in many long years. Miss Nannie Johnston represented an American girl, Miss Sallie Chism a European trying to learn how the American girls marry the Dukes and Princess of Europe; Miss Delia Butler acted well as guardian aunt to the young American girl; Mr. J. H. Shepherd, an undesirable lover of the niece, and Mr. Roy Butler, a very bashful suitor of the European lady, both played their parts well.

Miss Alice Stewart gave a pretty piano solo, "Hilarity."

Miss Annie Morrison displayed her pretty girlish grace in her rendition of the recitation, "Molly."

"Joe's Flowers" was recited very sweetly by pretty little Marg'e Butler. Then came the lively piano solo, "Dance of the Demons" by Miss Hattie McJimney, which did credit to both teacher and pupils, and "The Minuette," by little Mayzelle Morrison and Aytchie Chism was recited with artistic grace. Little Georgis Johnston, the tiniest musician Graham ever saw, created much interest when she played with her teacher. Mayzelle Morrison said "Creep Mouse," and Miss Mildred Jewell and Hattie McJimney played "The Sleigh Ride." Then the closing number, "A love story in pantomime," was given by Miss Sallie Chism and Roy Butler.

The band contributed with their excellent music which added much to the pleasure of the evening.

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Worth of First Class Clothing for Boys and Men to be Distributed in

## Jack and Adjoining Counties.

Suits of the tailor-made kind and of high grade,—  
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Similar suits can be seen in the show windows of the largest clothing houses in the state marked \$12.00, \$16.00 and \$18.00.

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FOR—

- Bananas.
- Apples, (green),
- Cocoanuts, (fresh),
- Cranberries,
- Oranges,
- Raisins,
- Currants,
- Cabbage.

Uneda Biscuit,  
Almonds,  
Grape nut,  
New Crop Syrup,  
Keg Pickles,  
Kraut,

And all kinds of Dried Fruit.

In fact everything ordinarily kept in a first-class Grocery.

### Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the banking house of the Beckham National Bank between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, January 9th, 1900, to select a Board of Directors for said Bank for the ensuing year.

This Dec. 9th, 1899.  
E. B. NORMAN, Pres.

### Do Babies Cry For It?

No! They more often die for the want of it. Dr. Simmons' Cough Syrup is guaranteed to cure croup, whooping cough, colds, coughs and bronchial affections of the throat, chest and lungs, and failing, the purchase money is refunded. Sample bottle free. 50 doses for 50 cents. Akin & Matthews.

### Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite; poisons in the blood backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at Akin & Matthews' drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

### Piles Cured Without the Knife.

All druggists are authorized by the manufacturers of PAZO OINTMENT to refund the money where it fails to cure any case of piles no matter how long standing. Cures ordinary cases in six days, the worst cases in fourteen days. One application gives ease and rest. Relieves itching instantly.

If your druggist don't keep it in stock send us 60 cents in postage stamps and we will forward same by mail. Manufactured by Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

### Best brands of shoes in the world—Hamilton-Brown and Seiz, Schwab & Co.

We have full stock of each. Get our prices.

S. B. STREET & CO.,  
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### To Cure LaGrippe In Two Days

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on every box. 25c.

J. E. Simpson is spending the holidays in Mississippi.

### To Stimulate a Sluggish Liver, Banish Bilioousness, Disperse Dyspepsia, Prevent Sick and Nervous Headache, use Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine.

Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Claud Hollingsworth is on a visit to relatives in Weatherford.

### Paid Dear For His Leg

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a running sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off but he cured it with one box of Becklin's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for piles. 25c a box. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

### Get your good resolutions in shape and prepare to put them in execution.

### A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your stomach and liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

### Remember the week of prayer which begins Sunday; no one should fail to attend these services.

### Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine Quickens the Appetite, Aids Digestion, gives Tone and Vigor to all the functions, and fortifies system against Epidemic Influences.

Sold by Akin & Matthews.

Messrs. W. H. Lacy and Eugene Thompson with their families attended the Christmas tree at Gooseneck Bend Saturday night.

### Mrs. John Holtzclaw, Atlanta, Ga., writes: Dr. M. A. Simmons' Liver Medicine cured me of constipation and Dyspepsia. I think it superior to Zippo's and Black Draught. Its action being stronger, yet milder. In fact I cannot say enough in its favor. Sold by Akin & Matthews.

### If anybody has come or gone a visiting and we have failed to note the fact, don't think us partial, for we are always glad to mention such matters.

### Just as we were ready to predict a bad spell of weather the sun came out and nipped the prediction in the bud.

### Don't let your subscription to newspapers and magazines expire. James M. Wool will promptly forward all orders entrusted to him.

We hope our correspondents will not desert us; send us in a letter next week.

# CLOTHING.....

From now until Jan. 1st, 1900, we will sell Clothing cheaper than was ever sold in Graham. We have the goods: we want your trade.

## Honest Values Cheaper than Anyone Else.

More Goods for the money than any house in town, and

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FORGETTING NAMES

Even One in a Most Awkward and Mortifying Situation.

Among the minor mental complaints with which we are sometimes afflicted, especially in society, is what might be called social aberration, the symptoms being a curious stoppage of the current of thought, which causes us suddenly to be completely oblivious of the subject of conversation and which leaves us ridiculously at loss for an intelligent rejoinder to the remarks of any one with whom we may be talking.

SCHOOL BOYS

Serve as Barometers of the Weather for Their Teacher.

Philadelphia Inquirer: It looked like rain, and naturally he had on a pair of light shoes and carried no umbrella. The car stopped on the far side of Girard avenue and a young lady got in. She bowed, and sat down beside the Saunterer, who recognized in her a school teacher friend.

On Bacteria.

Dr. Newman, in his recently published volume of the Progressive Science series, gives a popular statement of the present state of our knowledge of bacteria, especially as they are related to the economy of nature, to industrial processes, and to the popular health.

OF INTEREST TO LABOR.

Plumbers and steam-fitters have perfected organizations in Philadelphia.

The labor party of New South Wales holds the balance of political forces there.

Berlin women shirtmakers receive only thirty cents a dozen for making fine shirts.

Philadelphia upholsterers have arranged a uniform wage scale for all the shops there.

Nearly all the glassworkers in Richmond, Va., have gone into the union formed in that city recently.

Shirt factories in Delaware report the busiest season in their history, with a shortage in operatives.

Branch offices of the American League for Social Service have been opened in London and Edinburgh.

Proceeds from a street fair given by the unions of Syracuse, N. Y., will go toward building a temple of labor there.

The last election at Rochester, N. Y., showed a gain of 30 per cent in the Socialist Labor vote as compared with former elections.

Philanthropists at Toledo, O., will build a home for workmen, and have asked for committees representing various crafts to co-operate.

The report of the New York Charity Organization society for the year ending June 30, just issued, shows a large decrease in people reported out of work.

Railway men at Birmingham, England, have begun a struggle for the shortening of the present twelve-hour day and seven days a week term of service.

Sixty-six mining companies at Johannesburg, South Africa, have suspended operations on account of the war, and as a result many families are destitute.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Great Salt lake is receding on account of the excessive drain made upon it by irrigation enterprises. This lake is not fed by underground springs, but by the Jordan and other rivers, and the waters of these streams are intercepted for irrigation purposes.

More than 25,000 persons were killed by wild animals and snakes in India last year. Nearly a thousand deaths are ascribed to tigers, and a large number to man-eating wolves.

French scientists have discovered a method of making false eyebrows. With a needle threaded with hair the doctor will now sew on anybody's bald eyelids the most beautifully long and languorous lashes, which in time take root and grow to have the appearance of the real article.

An English society has improved on the S. P. C. A. It calls itself the "Society of United Prayer for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" and in a recent circular urges members to pray that "the masters of Eton college may no longer countenance cruelty among their pupils."

A German expedition led by the German consul-general at Constantinople, Herr Stemrich, is surveying a route for an extension of the Anatolian railway to Bagdad on the Euphrates. The estimated cost of such a road is \$100,000,000 and the time required for building it six to eight years.

The Military Zeitung states that there are at present in America over 100,000 men who fled to this country from Austro-Hungary to escape conscription, and who should be in the Austro-Hungary army of reserves. On one occasion, at the mobilization of a body of reserves, only 1,500 men out of 5,000 appeared.

ODD WEATHER SIGNS.

A gale moderating at sunset will increase before midnight, but if it moderates after midnight the weather will improve.

There is an old saying—which originated, perhaps, for the benefit of school children—that there is only one Saturday in the year without sun during some portions of the day.

Friday's weather shows what may be expected on the following Sunday; that is, if it rains on Friday noon it will rain on Sunday, but if Friday be clear then Sunday will be fine as well. Thunder on Sunday is considered by the weatherwise the sign of the death of a great man; on Monday, the death of a woman; on Tuesday, if in early summer, it foretells an abundance of sheep and corn the farmer may reckon upon; on Friday, some great man will be murdered; on Saturday, a great pestilence and great mortality.

Philadelphia's Long Timers.

Of the city of Philadelphia it is said that it has had a larger number of congressmen of extended periods of consecutive service than any other locality in the country. It is pointed out that Congressman Kelley and O'Neil each served twenty-nine years, Congressman Randall twenty-seven and Congressman Harmer twenty-six. One of the present congressmen, General Bingham, has a record of ten terms or twenty years of consecutive service. General Bingham is a native of Philadelphia, and it is a peculiarity of Philadelphia congressmen that they are, usually, natives of that city. An exception is William McAleer, the representative of the Third district. He is a Democratic and a native of County Tyrone, Ireland.

La Porte, Texas.

The progress of the construction work at La Porte, Texas, the future great deep-water shipping point at the head of navigation on Galveston Bay on the Gulf of Mexico, is progressing favorably. The wharves and switching tracks are nearing completion and the work on the streets and on the sewerage and water systems is now under way. Mr. I. R. Holmes, the general manager of the La Porte Improvement Company and the La Porte Wharf and Channel Company, is personally superintending the improvements. Mr. Holmes makes his headquarters at the Sylvan Hotel and visitors to La Porte during the next six weeks and before the time of the first general La Porte sale, which will be held in February, 1909, should introduce themselves to Mr. Holmes and allow him to extend to them facilities for getting a thorough understanding of the conditions surrounding the La Porte enterprises.

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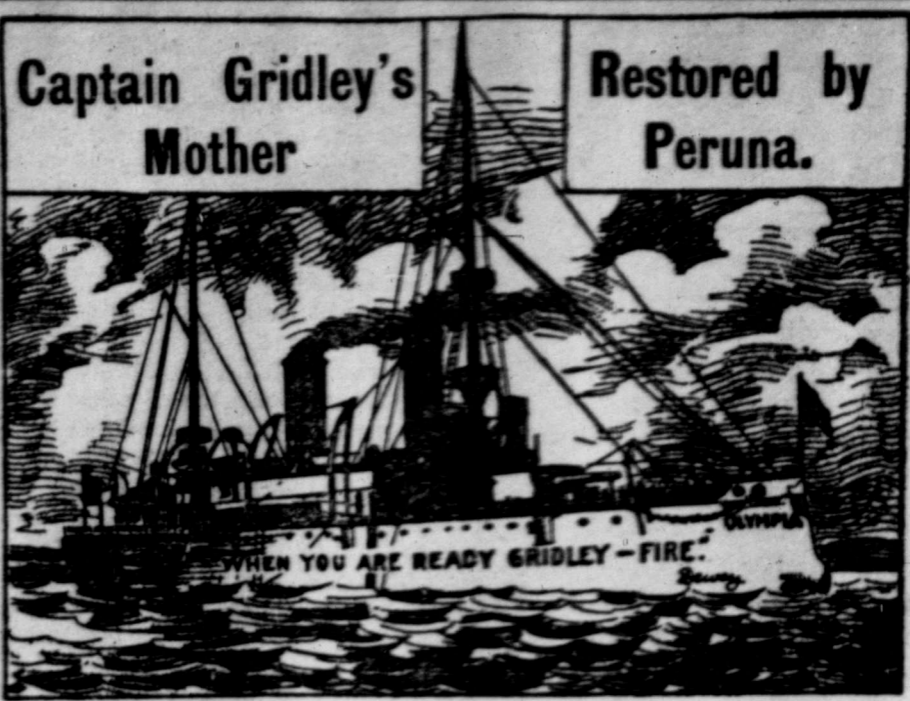


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Gov. Pingree says he was twice offered a bribe of \$75,000 while he was mayor of Detroit. We feel constrained to remark that Mr. Pingree is not much of a politician.

The Henrietta Independent quotes scripture to those who are waging such a relentless warfare against polygamist Roberts in this wise: "Before you remove the mesquite bush from your neighbor's eye, get the pecan tree out of your own."

Ex-Gov. Hogg is favorably mentioned as a candidate for vice-president on the democratic ticket, and Secretary of War Root on the republican ticket; in case of their nomination we presume it will be "Root, Hogg or die," or words to that effect.

While the navigation craze is taking possession of Texas people, what's the matter with whooping up Salt Creek a bit? This far-famed stream runs right through Graham nearly, and we may want to send several boat loads of candidates off next fall.



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