AROUND THE COURTS.

LAST DAY OF THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT.

The Showing for the Term Not so Heavy as Last Time—No Written Report by the Grand Jury. Cases Filed.

Yesterday closed the December term of the criminal district court, and before adjournment the jury commissioners, Messrs. S. M. Rushmore, John H. Lang and I. B. Johnson, sent in their sealed report.

The grand jury also reported verbally that their work was concluded as far as time would permit, and the members were discharged. Thirteen bills of indictment were returned yesterday, making sixty-three in all for the term. Five prisoners in jail will remain in the hands of the sheriff until the February term unless they can give bond according to law, as the grand jury did not take up their cases on account of the limited time at their disposal.

George Collins and William Hillegeist, hog theft; Hillegeist asks severance; Collins first tried by agreement; Collins not guilty; nol. pros. as to Hillegeist.

Andrew Jordan, assault to murder; notice of appeal withdrawn.

During the term eleven felony convictions were obtained as follows:

Sam Alexander, theft; two years in the penitentiary.

George Wilson, burglary; three years.

Frank Sullivan, burglary; three years.

Frank Sullivan, theft; two years.

Josh Jones, burglary; two years.

Josh Jones, theft; two years.

Andrew Jordan, assault to murder; two years.

Walter Williams, theft of cattle; two cases; two years in each case.

Brisco Furry, theft; two years.

Brisco Furry, burglary; two years.

George Collins, hog theft; two years.

In all the gambling cases pleas of guilty were entered and a fine of $25 with jail sentences of twenty days added. Under a State law that applies in such cases each of the men convicted was hired out of jail.

Disorderly house cases, of which there were a large number on the docket, were transferred to the justice court in compliance with a mandate of the supreme court, which decided that such cases are within the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and can only come before the criminal district court on appeal.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. E. McAshan, deputy of A. McGowen, deceased, has prepared his final report, showing the following cash balance of money now on hand to be turned over to his successor:

Jury fund	$ 968 58
Road and bridge	2,062 97
General fund	1,140 11
Bridge bond fund	1,363 32
Court house bond fund	5,082 96
School land fund	2,330 72
Available school fund	3,281 42
Special road and bridge	3,069 00
Total	$19,362 40

The cash balance in bank is $19,362.52.

CASES FILED.

The following cases were yesterday filed in the office of the clerk of the county court, on appeal from Justice Schwander's court:

I. B. Baker vs. Charles Dillingham, receiver.

Walter Cotton vs. Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway company.

George Books vs. Myn Streisand.

W. F. Krahl vs. A. H. Hitchler.

Anchor Oil Works and Supply company vs. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company.

J. B. Cochran, trustee of F. H. Ray, vs. C. H. Wood, administrator C. A. Coucher, deceased.

A. J. Pipher vs. E. Ehrenberg and A. H. Hitchler.

Charles Traine vs. Houston City Street Railway company.

Sam Traine vs. same.

John Smith vs. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company.

Mary A. Giesberg et al. vs. Houston City Street Railway company.

J. N. Thornton vs. Houston East and West Texas Railway company.

G. A. Wyland and wife vs. George Ellis, sheriff.

Cases on appeal from Justice Mahoney's court:

Hogan vs. Stadtler Bros.

Murphy vs. Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway company.

Gerron vs. Houston City Street Railway company.

A. F. Lincoln vs. T. F. Loftus.

A. F. Lincoln vs. Withrow.

J. B. Cochran, assignee, vs. Frank Moore, administrator.

Emile Fischer vs. Frank Moore, administrator.

Edward Fischer vs. Frank Moore, administrator.

Mrs. H. Fischer vs. Frank Moore, administrator.

Frank Goline vs. Fred Jurgens.

W. E. Morin vs. Houston East and West Texas Railway company.

R. G. McKenzie vs. Smith, Peden & Co.

Annie E. Lyons et al. vs. Albert Ericsson, guardian.

A. T. Lilleth vs. Sam Brown et al.

Alphonse Slonedzoski vs. F. Flaxman.

CITY BREVITIES.

Mrs. Ed Burns is the happy mother of a two days old boy.

A number of friends were royally entertained at the residence of Mr. J. R. Cade, corner of Lee and Chapman streets.

Mr. E. Raphael, manager of the Houston Clearing House, reports the bank movement for December 30, 1893, at $1,020,320.

A meeting of directors of the Mutual Union Cemetery company will be held next Tuesday evening at Byrne's Hall, in the Fifth ward.

The mail carriers will not deliver mail tomorrow, but the general delivery and carriers' windows will be open from 9 to 10:30 a. m.

Yesterday morning was more like winter than any day for weeks past, a norther having come down about the time the rain of Friday ceased.

Collections by City Assessor and Collector Adair for Friday and Saturday amounted to about $40,000—and the office force was not very greatly rushed.

The receipts of the county tax collector's office yesterday were the heaviest ever known, beating the record by a large amount. The total for yesterday was $17,498.32.

Those who have neglected to return costumes, books and properties belonging to Mr. Baker are requested to do so Monday without fail. Leave at Y. M. C. A. rooms.

At the First Presbyterian church this morning the sermon by the pastor will be one appropriate to the close of the year, and at night will be held the usual song service.

This evening at Turner Hall the regular New Year entertainment will be given by the Houston Turnverein, beginning at 8 o'clock. A considerable number of invitations have been sent out.

The will of the late Alexander McGowen was filed with the county clerk yesterday for probate. His son, Ed McGowen, is named as executor without bond. The value of the estate is not known.

There will be an important business meeting and election of officers of the Young People's Dramatic club of the Catholic church this evening at 4:30. All members are requested to be present.

A hog law election took place yesterday in the Channelville precinct, and 49 votes were cast—23 in favor of penning the porkers and 26 in favor of letting them run at large and "root hog or die."

Miss Blocker, the popular soprano singer at Shearn church, is absent on a visit to her home and Mrs. Bella McLeod Smith is visiting in this city and will take Miss Blocker's place in the choir during the latter's absence.

George W. Stieff complimented The Post last evening with a liberal sample of oranges grown on his Glenwood grove, in Florida. They came with the wish for a prosperous New Year, which wish is heartily reciprocated.

Misses Marie Illig, Ida Ross, Minnie Ross, Clintie Cockerell and Kate Davis, under the chaperonage of Mrs. J. W. Davis, left for Liberty Friday morning to be present at the ball given that night by the young gentlemen of Liberty.

Agent Joe L. Dean of the Wells-Fargo Express company is the happier because of ownership of a handsome oak chair presented to him yesterday by Messrs. E. F. Terwilliger, F. B. Mathews, E. M. Hendricks, J. Finkston, Jerry O'Brien, G. T. Smith, C. T. Shields, J. A. White and C. Clarkson, employes in his office. Beyond the gift he is proud of the neat expression of esteem.

Mrs. N. Phillips, widow of the gentleman, a gardener by profession, who died some time ago, complimented The Post yesterday with some lovely violets. Mrs. Phillips has a great taste for horticulture and has some rare varieties of roses for sale.

A pleasant call was paid Captain and Mrs. William Christian Friday evening by a number of their young friends, and the time was most happily passed away. No more hospitable home can be found in Houston than this cosy Clay avenue residence.

A watch night service will be held tonight at the Tabernacle Methodist church, corner of Polk avenue and Caroline street, and another one will be conducted at the Salvation Army headquarters, corner Preston avenue and Hamilton street, after 10:30 o'clock.

The selection of a county treasurer will be made by the county commissioners at the meeting on Tuesday, and then people holding county warrants can have them cashed. For four or five days, since the death of Judge McGowen, no money has been paid out.

There will be an examination for permanent teachers' certificates on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 14, 15, 16 and 17, 1894. Examinations will be conducted by the county of examiners in connection with the regular county examinations.

Mr. Eugene T. White and Miss Annie M. Smith were married last evening at 1408 Providence street, Justice Mahoney performed the ceremony. The evening was pleasantly spent by the assembled friends of the couple, and a handsome array of presents were made the newly married pair.

The man found in a dying condition in the Central yards Friday afternoon, and who died soon after at St. Joseph's Infirmary, was buried yesterday afternoon. Large numbers of people called to see the body, but no one recognized the face. If the man desired to conceal his identity he succeeded perfectly.

At the teachers' institute to be held on January 26 and 27, 1894, all trustees of Harris county schools are requested to attend. Hon. J. M. Carlisle, State superintendent of public instruction, is expected to be present. Subjects of interest to teachers and the schools in general will be discussed.

Rufus Wells, a former employe of the Southern Pacific and International and Great Northern railroads in Houston, and known in railroad circles and a member of B. R. T. No. 145, died very suddenly of pneumonia and grippe at Alex, I. T., where he was visiting his parents during the holidays.

The city is anxious that all persons to whom bills are due for current expenses should come forward and have a settlement. Where such persons owe taxes they may obtain from the city treasurer a voucher that will be taken in full by the assessor and collector. The finance committee is anxious to get all unpaid bills off the books.

The Sullivan & Whalen Irish Comedy company, who have afforded so much enjoyable amusement for audiences in Galveston the last week, will give three performances at Byrne's Hall in the Fifth ward, for the benefit of St. Patrick's church. The performances begin on Thursday night. A special matinee will be given on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

At 8 o'clock this evening the Epworth League will celebrate its Christmas anniversary at the Wesley Methodist church, corner of McKinney avenue and Milam street, and will render a well selected programme of songs, recitations and dialogues, after which watch night services will be held until 12 p. m. During the intermission between the two services all present will be invited to some refreshments. All friends are invited to these services.

The time within which to pay the State and county taxes for 1893 expired last night. While it will take County Collector Curtin until next Friday or Saturday to get his annual statement completed, an opportunity is afforded all delinquents to come forward and pay their taxes, without compelling the collector to enforce the usual penalties, which are double the amount of the taxes now due. "A word to the wise," etc.

Mr. J. D. Seals, wife and two children of Loraine, Ill., are spending a few days in Houston before moving to La Porte, where they will make their permanent home. Mr. Seals visited this section in November, and it only took him thirty-six hours to make up his mind to come here and spend the balance of his days. According to Mr. Seals' report, there is a tremendous South Texas interest in his portion of Illinois, and he thinks the low rates given by the railroads will result in a large immigration from his section during the winter and early spring months.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. B. Ehrich left for New York last night.

Leon Levinson went to Giddings last night.

Miss Fannie Burke is visiting Brenham, the guest of Miss Lillie Hoffman.

R. E. Payne of the firm of Flanagan & Co. went to San Antonio last night.

Senator Robert A. Greer of Beaumont was in the city yesterday, but returned home last night.

Mrs. J. D. McGregor and children arrived last night and are at the Hutchins House.

Mr. P. W. Pitschmann will leave for Brenham, where his brother is reported very sick.

Ed Weaver of La Porte was among the visitors from the promontory on the streets of Houston yesterday.

Miss Belle Ochiltree, a charming and accomplished young lady of Orange, is visiting her sister at 806 Main street.

Governor Hogg and Captain E. M. House passed through the city last night en route to Austin, after a pleasant hunting and fishing expedition on the coast.

Dr. E. A. Holland and wife, late of San Antonio, arrived in the city last night and will make Houston their future home. They are quartered at the Capitol Hotel.

Mrs. W. L. Bringhurst and little daughter of Bryan is in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. Lopeman. Mrs. Bringhurst is the youngest daughter of General Houston.

John W. Maxey and wife of Austin were in the city last evening. Mrs. Maxey having come in from a visit to relatives in Huntsville. They left last night for Austin.

Miss Emma Miller and Miss Isabella Miller of Navasota, who have been visiting Miss Hattie Hart, returned home yesterday. They had a splendid time in Houston.

Mr. Charles Binnings, manager of the Cunningham & Miller sugar refinery spent yesterday in the city, attending to business and greeting his numerous friends.

H. C. Wyatt, a prominent lumber dealer of Butler, Mo., has arrived in Houston with his wife and intends to spend the winter. They are friends of J. H. Norton and family.

Colonel Ed Cunningham of Sugar Land was here yesterday. Mr. Cunningham states that he has finished grinding at his sugar plantation, having made over five million pounds of sugar this year.

Mrs. F. A. Boettcher, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reichardt, left yesterday morning for her home at Weimar. She was accompanied by Mrs. Dr. Grace of Weimar, who has also been visiting in Houston.

Dr. Fred Menge and sister, Miss Carrie Menge, of Chicago, Ill., arrived last night and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meyer, on Washington street. During the World's Fair quite a number of visitors from Houston and Galveston were their guests.

E. S. McCaughey, a prominent banker of Sioux City, Iowa, has been in the city for several days, and also visited Velasco during his trip to South Texas. Mr. McCaughey expresses himself as perfectly carried away with this section of the State. He says more business is done in five blocks in Houston than in the whole of Sioux City.

A PULL FOR SOUTH TEXAS.

Mr. E. P. York, who handles the business for the La Porte Land and Town company at Quincy, Ill., spent yesterday in Houston attending to some business matters of importance, and left last night over the Katy for Illinois.

Mr. York is especially enthusiastic over the outlook for the excursion on the 9th, which includes almost every point of interest in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas.

To a representative of The Post Mr. York said: "We want this entire coast country to prosper, and try our utmost not to be selfish in our work. Of course we do not pretend to be philanthropists, but at the same time if the Texas coast country is to be successful as a fruit growing region, we will all be rich, and no one else knows better than the company with which I am associated that it is impossible for any one point to reap all the benefits.

"My reasons for expecting a large excursion on the 9th are, first, the kindly feeling towards this section; second, the railroads are doing an immense amount of advertising. In fact they are making about the same pull for South Texas now that they did for California a few years ago."

MEN WE MEET.

Mr. C. H. Stadtler, a prominent contractor, in a talk with a Post man referred to the labor statistics published by Bradstreet and reported in The Post of Thursday.

"The report by the Bradstreet agent that there are no idle men in Houston is misleading," he said. "There are plenty of idle people here, good mechanics, who have nothing to do just now. Not only are they without work at their trades, but they have failed to obtain employment in other lines. Don't understand me to say they are suffering, though many are awfully short of funds. A family can live very cheaply here if necessary, and I tell you it is necessary in a whole lot of instances in my knowledge.

"The publication of such reports, which are widely read, works a hardship, because they are liable to cause unemployed people to come here, and more of that class is undesirable. This dullness in the trades will not last. I am satisfied, but we must wait for the time to come. It is not here yet."

Professor W. S. Sutton, superintendent of the Houston schools, and Professor O. S. Cooper, superintendent of the Galveston schools, returned Friday from the teachers' convention at Waco. They are much pleased with the meeting, but not so much pleased with the reports sent out about it. Said Mr. Sutton:

"The meeting was a model professional affair, the papers were thoughtful and timely and the work undertaken and accomplished was substantial in the interest of the school children of Texas. Calm, deliberate and earnest discussion of the papers submitted—and many of them were very able—was the chief business, and politics in no sense entered into the meeting, so far as I know, entered the mind of any one present. The gentleman who sent out such report was misinformed or labored under want of information, for I know there was no politics in it. For one, I am utterly opposed to mixing politics and school matters."

FIFTH WARD BUDGET.

Items of Interest from the Busy Ward. People Who Come and Go.

Phoenix lodge, No. 63, will work in the first rank tomorrow night.

Rev. Mr. Kaelin of Mobile, Ala., will fill the pulpit this morning and evening at the Second Baptist church.

Miss Rosie Coleman has returned to her home in Caldwell, accompanied by Miss Tracy, whom she has been visiting.

Mr. C. A. Langford left last night for Sherman, whither he goes to take charge of R. D. Gribble & Co.'s lumber mills.

A dance will be given tomorrow night at the residence of Ed Benson, at Clinton. A big delegation from the Fifth will go down.

Master John Kelly, after spending the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. Hawthorne, of McKee street, returned yesterday to Independence, where he is going to school.

A. W. Engle, passenger engineer on the Southern Pacific, has moved from the corner of Liberty avenue and Sonnes street to C. A. Langford's late residence, on Moffitt, near Providence street.

Burt Gray, after a four months trip over the country, has returned and has accepted a position as foreman of R. D. Gribble & Co.'s mills. Mr. Gray worked in the mill previously and the employes are glad to welcome him back.

Invitations are out for the second grand ball to be given by the Sunset Social club on the night of January 26. The following are the different committees: Invitation committee, C. A. Kelly, chairman, John Ward, Wm. Finnegan, Geo. Trunhart, M. W. Frank. Arrangement committee, J. L. Waters, chairman; J. F. Massie, John M. Browne, J. B. Marmion, Paul Bilbeck. Floor committee, Rud Seifert, D. Fitzgerald, James Kelly, J. Butler, L. Nelson. Reception committee, Ed Speer, chairman; W. G. Robinson, Joe Grace, L. A. Marshall, P. A. Gibson, Gus Coors, W. T. Lyles, W. A. Rowlett, T. V. Goss, F. Rawley.

THE NORTH SIDE.

What Happened on the North Side of the Bayou Yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wheeler will spend Monday in Galveston.

Mrs. Tower of Mexico, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. McAuliff, of Center street, is very sick.

Judge John Holland left yesterday morning on a combined business and pleasure trip to Hearne.

Mrs. Henry Clough, 1113 Taylor street, is dangerously ill, suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Rev. E. W. Salomon, the presiding elder of this district, will preach at the Washington Street Methodist church this morning at 11 and tonight at 7:15.

The two-story frame store that Mr. L. G. Mueller is having erected on the corner of Washington and Tenth streets is nearing completion and when it is finished will be one of the largest and most attractive looking stores in the ward.

Four cases were tried before Justice Priestley of Channelville Friday and resulted as follows: George Mills, disturbing the peace, $1 and costs; Louis Stokes, affray, $5 and costs; Will Jackson, affray, $5 and costs; James Sullivan, theft; dismissed for want of evidence.

AT THE STATION.

Some of the Incidents of the Day in Police Circles.

The dwelling of M. Kattmann, 1916 Chartres street, was entered Friday night while the family was absent at the Turnverein Christmas tree, and jewelry to the value of about $50 was stolen. An entrance was effected from the rear of the house.

Officer Boyd reported at the station that Friday night, while alone on his beat in the Third ward, he saw two negroes attempting to enter the residence of Dr. Rowles. He attempted to reach them, but was perceived and the would-be burglars made their escape.

Yesterday afternoon an officer was summoned to the store of L. M. Jones & Co. to investigate some footprints evidently of two persons, which had been discovered along the edge of the skylight. Nothing came of the investigation, and if any goods were stolen they were not missed.

Night Clerk Forrest was reported so sick as to be in care of a physician. Officer Rottenstein is doing night duty now.

Deputy Marshal Lipscomb of Denison was in the city to take away a man named Johnson, who had been arrested on a warrant charging swindling.

Officer Dupree was called to the residence of Mr. Moore, on Preston avenue near Chenevert street, in the afternoon, to kill a dog alleged to be rabid.

SUNDAY CONCERT.

The Houston Heights concert this afternoon will no doubt draw out immense crowds to Houston's suburban resort. Herts's Light Guard band will render the following excellent programme from 3 to 6 p. m.:

Part I—

March—"National Fencible" ..... J. P. Sousa

Overture—"Crown of Victory" ..... Ripley

Waltz—"Leona" ..... Stahl

Medley Overture—"Zig-Zag" ..... Missud

Part II—

"Grand Cosmopolica" ..... Schlepfarth

Selection—"Drum Major's Daughter" ..... Offenbach

Spanish Fandango—"Los Novios" ..... Schwartz

"World's Peace Jubilee" ..... H. Beer

Part III—

"Darkies' Patrol" ..... Lansing

Cornet Duet—"Swiss Boy" ..... Bent

Herb and Schmidt.

Medley—"Colored Walters' Ball" ..... Laurendeau

Gallop—"Tally Ho" ..... J. Bernstein

Frank J. Herb, director.

HOLIDAY COURTESIES.

The compliments of the season passed by wire yesterday between the Houston and New Orleans secretaries of Cotton Exchanges in this way:

George W. Kidd, Esq., Cotton Exchange, Houston:

New Orleans, December 29, 1893.—May you have a happy and prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of your friend,

Henry G. Hester.

Henry G. Hester, Esq., Cotton Exchange, New Orleans:

Houston, December 29, 1893.—Your good wishes that I may have a happy and prosperous New Year are most cordially and sincerely reciprocated. May your name, for years to come, be a synonym for comprehensive cotton statistics, recognized as authority in the business world. La grippe holds me in thrall. Ever your friend,

G. W. Kidd.

THE ELKS.

Social Session Last Evening and Its Great Enjoyment.

Mirth and music reigned last night at the Elks' hall.

It was the last weekday of the year, and the B. P. O. E. assembled to do honor to the occasion, the hall being comfortably filled with gentlemen who may justly claim the initials and their distorted but appropriate translation.

"Social session" it is named and social session it was in every sense of the word. The doors were barred against care, warm hand-grasps were exchanged, smiling congratulations were spoken, and the sounds of music in the air but echoed the music in the hearts of the brethren.

The hall is furnished with an excellent piano, McMurray and Himer had not neglected to bring their violins; Taylor, Morris, Pack, Blake and McMillan sang and L. T. Noyes presided and attended to strict responses on the part of those called upon for a part.

A guest of the evening was Mr. Whalen of Denver, a well known theatrical manager, and to his efforts in response to solicitations was due much of the pleasure of the evening. He has a magnificent tenor voice, is as jolly as need be and enjoys making fun for others as well as having fun made for him. His singing was excellent and his two selections—one tender, the other comic, were greatly admired. He was accompanied by Mr. McMurray, and a feature of the accompaniment was that it was improvised, the gentleman at the piano never having heard the words and being unacquainted with the music.

Just as the stroke of the clock told the hour of midnight Captain Frank Reichardt arose and announced that just 35 years before to a minute some of the brethren, F. W. Heimann, had come into the world, and in connection with the announcement paid a fine tribute to Mr. Heimann, who was warmly congratulated by his friends upon the fact that he had met with such success in life and had so endeared himself to his fellows.

The session soon afterward ended, and was voted altogether lovely and the most successful in the history of the order in Houston.

WHY, HOUSTON!

For The Post.

Which city in the Sunny South
Doth never suffer from a drouth,
And sesitters not one hungry mouth?
Why, Houston!

Which city manufactures all
For which the wants of people call,
In summer, winter, spring and fall?
Why, Houston!

Which stands at navigation's head,
Has splendid trade from Grande to Red,
And ships her goods where sails are spread?
Why, Houston!

Which city has most fertile ground,
Where roses bloom the whole year round,
And all the choicest fruits abound?
Why, Houston!

Which city has the broadest streets,
The finest buildings, choicest meats,
And has no bummers or deadbeats?
Why, Houston!

In which can prettiest maids be seen,
In which are trees forever green,
Which is of Texan cities—Queen?
Why, Houston!

CHICAGO PRICES.

For the next thirty days I will sell anything in my fine collection of watches, diamonds, silverware and jewelry of all description at Chicago prices. Also give a very nice present to each lady customer. Special attention given to fine repairing of all kinds.

S. WOLFORT & CO.,
913 Franklin Avenue, Hutchins House Building.

ON TO NEW YORK.

Mr. J. B. Ehrich, one of the firm who conduct the Misfit Clothing Parlors, started for New York last night to purchase a select stock of goods for this coming spring, and he claims the goods will be up to the standard in every particular and in keeping with the get-up of his store—clean and fresh and stylish. The Misfit Parlors have just been repainted and in a most artistic manner. There are several large panel paintings on the walls, which are excellent likenesses of the distinguished Houstonians they are intended for.

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L. M. JONES & CO.,

Clothiers and furnishers, are wishing their numerous friends and patrons a Happy New Year by sending out an exquisite card, on the first page of which appears the words, "My Greeting," and on the last page "Compliments" over the name of the firm. The verse included in this greeting is select and most appropriate for this season of the year.

DR. FRANK FANNING.

The noted and wonderful magnetic healer, is still at the Hutchins House, where he will be for a short time longer. The patients he has under his treatment at present are numerous. The cures he perfects are astonishing and his big book of testimonials has been almost filled up recently with letters of expressions of gratitude by those he has permanently relieved of untold suffering.

Oxford Minuet, Mr. J. Mook.

THE WONDER STORE,
42½ feet from Crawford's Tea Store.

TELEGRAPHIC TIPS.

The Martin pension law is now construed to be more advantageous to the government than to pensioners.

It becomes more and more evident that prompt action will have to be taken by congress to relieve the treasury stringency.

Undue apprehension has been created in certain quarters by the Dockery postal reform bill because of the proposed retirement of the postal note.

The Association of Western Obstetricians is in session at Des Moines.

Yesterday was spent in argument by counsel in the Howard case at Jackson, Tenn.

An Indianapolis widow, who broke off her engagement, is threatened with death by her former fiance.

John T. Newcomer, who left his family fourteen years ago, returned to eat Christmas dinner with them last Monday.

A class of young ladies at the Northern Indiana normal school propose to study for admission to the bar.

The South Central Missouri Teachers' association closed its session at Lebanon last night with a declamatory contest.

In order to meet his agreement to pay his creditors 50 cents on the dollar it has been developed that Governor Foster must raise more funds.

Charles Merival, the famous Dean of Ely, is dead.

Caroline Janich, who was the oldest living Russian author, is dead.

A deputation of London's unemployed waited on Mr. Gladstone and appealed to him for government relief.

SENT TO THE ASYLUM.

Louisville, Ky., December 30.—Phil J. Schwarz, the crank who called on Mayor Tyler a few days ago, was tried in the county court this morning. He was found of unsound mind and ordered to the central lunatic asylum.

ARCADIA IN TEXAS.

ANOTHER CHAPTER ON THE COAST COUNTRY.

A Warm, Soft Atmosphere, Free From Blizzards—Variety of Business Which May Be Successfully Carried On. The Culture of Tobacco.

"The consciousness of good, which neither gold
Nor sordid fame, nor hope of heavenly bliss
Can purchase, but a life of resolute good,
Unalterable will, quenchless desire of universal happiness, the heart
That beats with it in unison, the brain
Whose ever wakeful wisdom toils to change
Reasons rich stores for its eternal weal."

Although in my own mind a great deal of stupid repetition comes to the surface in the perpetual endlessness of my themes, yet the consciousness of good sustains me, and convinces me as a voice crying in the wilderness to the weary and heavy laden to say: Oh! listen ye, my fellow-men who have unfortunately located where mayhap the income from your crop has to be expended in keeping the warmth in your bodies, or where the annual rainfall is deficient and irrigation expensive, or where the land is naturally poor and unproductive, or where there is no active market, or, more than all, where the country is insalubrious. Here in South Texas is room for all of you.

Where the land is as cheap as a dream, And, further than this, as rich as cream.

There is an impression abroad that the climate of South Texas is a sizzler, a sort of stove or hot bed that will suck the juices out of a man. This is not so. If it was, do you think it would be covered with a beautiful verdure of green, and underneath that the humus of a thousand ages? Although it is a warm country and the warmth equably sustained, it is temperately warm like the Island of Madeira, or the South of France, or the channel Islands Wight, Lyonosse, or Jersey, or the Isles of Greece and other sunny skies. It is a warm, soft and gentle atmosphere likened to the coloweh Lephyr that floats around an animated spirit's form. It is neither a suzzard country nor a blizzard country. It is the proper temperature for wonderful and extraordinary vegetation—and being such it is the proper temperature for a pleasant life. The death rate is as low here as anywhere on the continent of America, and severe complaints contracted in colder climes disappear here as Nox and Somnus fly at the approach of Aurora.

VARIETY OF BUSINESS.

The products of this section of country are more varied than those of any other country, consisting of sugar, cotton, rice, tobacco, corn, oats, alfalfa, peanuts, barley, rye, Southern wheat, flax, hemp, ramie, Bermuda, crap grass, cow peas and the entire list of vegetables, and in fruits it is pre-eminent as a strawberry, pear, plum, fig, oriental orange, olive and grape region.

Under these circumstances manufactures will arise founded on these natural products and materially assisted by the superiority of our brick, the availability and variety of our lumber and the contiguity of our lime, our coal and lignites.

In a short period of time the revision of the tariff will open a market at Houston of the raw materials of Mexico, prominent among which are carpet and other coarse wools, suited for the manufacture of heavy articles for domestic use or export, and nowhere in the South is there such an adaptable location for such manufactures as the city of Houston, with her artesian water and her cheap transportation to the outside world or Interstate. The cheapness of living will also in all future years cut a great figure in the matter of forcing where the workman of itself an advantage to the employer.

In this letter I wish to call attention to the Red river of the South, the Rio Colorado, which takes its rise in the counties of Hardeman, the line of the Texas Pacific railroad and flows down by Matchee Falls and Austin, then on down through Bastrop, Fayette, Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties. All of these lands lying on the river and its tributaries, and known as bottom lands, are matchless in fertility, and the easy with which they are worked. They, and the prairies also, are alive with a thrifty population, originally coming from the fatherlands of Europe, now largely, in the second generation, Americanized. They produce on these lands such a variety and abundance that it is fairly be called a land flowing with milk and honey. Even the bees of this great and attractive section of South Texas are so well trained they make their honey-combs in buckets and glass boxes ready for the market. Buckwheat is extensively grown for the bees. Thousands of acres of land are sowed in sorghum, millet, in corn for forage, and other like forage plants, not forgetting the Colorado goose grass, and the entire country is dotted over with hay stacks and fodder stacks, and barn yards and cackling geese and strutting turkeys, and crowing cocks and motherly hens and sleek domestic animals showing plainly they are not left to starve out in the wilderness, but are cared and housed in humane fashion. Ruddy faced children also abound, proving the salubrity of the climate and the generous food produced by the land.

As it is only by comparison that it is possible to form a correct judgment of a country and its great crops, I will now take and review the cultivation of tobacco in the great counterpart to this Colorado river valley, namely the valley of the Connecticut. Here this crop is done by a greater degree of perfection than in any other section of the American continent—and is as generally cultivated as any crop raised. There nearly every man who has a few acres of ground raised from a quarter of an acre to one or six acres of tobacco. The Connecticut seed leaf, the seed of their own saving, is there the best kind. (Let seed be saved here.) In a quiet nook where the bleak north winds are broken off and where well, like this Colorado soil, is a rich sandy loam, a bed is prepared and spaded up, say for an acre of plants two rods long and eight feet wide. Then some fine dry brush is spread over the whole surface, set on fire and burnt to ashes. Afterwards the bed is thoroughly raked and prepared for the seed. The same is then sowed, even and true, a bed of this size taking only about two thimble-fulls. It is better to sow too little than too much, as what plants you raise are better stocky and bushy than weak and spindly. After sowing the seed the bed is run over with a roller or spatter board, made purposes to cover the seed. The next operation is weeding, which is done by means of two blocks and a cross-plank the width of the bed. From this plank the workman cuts out the weeds with a sharp pointed knife, moving the blocks and plunks up as required. While the plants are growing the land is being prepared. As the growing of tobacco is exactly like growing cabbage or tomatoes or any other such crop, it is only necessary to say the plants are transferred to the ground when so prepared and set out at four feet apart each way. In transferring tobacco or any other plants, it is best to lift them with what earth will adhere to the roots, and this is best done with an ordinary dinner fork or such like utensil.

Having got your plants all set, look out for the cut worm and kill him; then the next thing in order is the cultivation. Take a cultivator and go well into it, and with a guide to the horse go through. Once to a row is sufficient for the first hoeing. Then with the common hand hoe cut up all weeds and brush the dirt down level around the plant. In ten days or a fortnight go over the plants again with the cultivator, and this time twice in a row. As the leaves are what tobacco is grown for, be careful to leave no leaves covered up, or do anything that will injure them. If any plant should get its center bud cut or knocked out, replace it, as it will never amount to much. The rest of the hoeing is now done without the use of the cultivator.

The tobacco having got up from ten to twelve inches high, look out for the green worms which eat the leaves. They are often found earlier. You will see a small round hole no larger than a pin hole in the leaf. If you turn it up you will be very apt to discover on the under side a small worm no larger than a needle and half an inch long. Kill him and all his kind, for if left he will grow the size of your finger, and will eat half a leaf for breakfast. Turkeys are fond of doing this business for you, that is catching and killing the worm, when trained to it.

The plants having grown two feet or more high, will now begin to run up to blossom; then walk through and snap off the stems at an even run of two and a half feet from the ground.

This will make suckers grow, which should also be broken off as fast as they make their appearance, so the whole strength of the plants may go into the leaves. In the course of two or three weeks after topping the plants will begin to ripen, which may be known by the change in the color of the leaf. When ripe the leaf may be folded together and moderately pressed without breaking or cracking. Now is the time to begin to harvest it.

All this is supposed to take place before there is any appearance of frost, as a very light frost often does great damage; all touched by it is ruined and good for nothing. The crop must be cut and hung, even if not fully ripe, before any frosts occur.

The above is the method pursued in growing the celebrated Connecticut leaf tobacco by the most experienced and successful growers. Men who have pursued the business all their lives, from the time that tobacco was sold there at 3 to 4 cents a pound, until it is now selling at 30 cents, and even more for the best selections.

It is unnecessary to give the details of housing, hanging, curing and stripping, a lot of unnecessary work which is not needed in this section. Here tobacco can be grown and left to mature, leaf by leaf, until every leaf is ripened. As all the leaves do not ripen at the same time, commence with the under leaves first and string them as you gather. You then hang these strings up in the attic or the loft of the barn to dry. This stripping you can keep regulated by shutting the damp weather out, if any, and letting the perfect Texas autumnal weather in, the natural warmth at this season being so to 90 degrees, is equal to and even superior to the artificial warmth which has to be created in Connecticut. Let it in fact cure in the field, as originally found and used by the Indians. The best arrangements for drying never perfects immediately cut tobacco. It will always retain the well known "green taste."

When the leaves are dry, which is seen when the stem ends become of a brown color and break when bent, the next work is to make tobacco out of them. The hidden quality must be developed. This is done by a process of fermentation, the sweating of the tobacco. The leaves are taken down, a string at a time, each leaf stretched out on the open palm of the hand nice and even and with the ends in the same direction, put in heaps. These heaps may be four to six feet in diameter and two feet high on a wood floor and then covered with mats, sacks or old blankets, in fact anything that will press them lightly and shut out the air. In twenty-four hours fermentation sets in and when it gets so warm inside that the hand can not very well bear it, the heap is broken up and packed over again alongside, thus reversing the position of every leaf. This is continued until the heat is entirely gone, when the process is perfected. The tobacco is now done—it is a saleable article.

The process of sweating must be conducted with every possible care, for on this depends the color of the tobacco, and in a large degree its fine flavor. If the fermentation is too strong and neglected the tobacco gets dark and black and the flavor is driven out; if too little fermented the color remains green and whitish yellow and the flavor is not developed.

The commercial values are in the order named:

First Quality—Color dark brown, even over the whole leaf.

Second Quality—Color light brown, even.

Third Quality—Color dark yellow, even.

Fourth Quality—Color light yellow, even.

Fifth Quality—Color green, black, whitish yellow, spotted, or small in size, or in any way damaged.

Every kind is handled by itself. The first three sorts are sold as wrappers and bring the highest price. The fourth and fifth are sold for fillers or chewing tobacco.

I have in the above description of the tobacco industry in Connecticut endeavored to show the very superior advantages possessed by South Texas in many ways in this same industry.

Before closing I will recommend the sowing of the seed at once in the month of January, and having at hand simple methods of protection from frosty nights. (Same as tomatoes.) I think the Havana tobacco seed the best for South Texas, and recommend saving the seed from a few stalks. It is very certain that manufacturing establishments will spring up simultaneously with its growth, and for that matter as soon as I get informed of the acreage started, I will at once make it known. In the meantime there already exists a good local demand. The Colorado bottom land is well impregnated with gypsum and lime, the special fertilizers for tobacco, and the prairies are a good second. It would be well, therefore, to add this crop as a special feature to all this district.

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