## GOSSIP OF GOTHAM.

New York, December 22.—Indoor football seems to become a winter institution. It is only because there is nothing better to take its place, I guess, because football in most mud galore isn't football, you see. It's as tame as a deacon and as bitter playing croquet.

I hear that C. Oliver Iselin isn't quite satisfied with the victory of the Defender and the humiliation of Lord Dunraven. He has given orders for probably the finest racing yacht ever set afloat. It is to be made of steel, and in this he intends to make a leisurely trip around the world. I think by a brief trip up the Thames in his boat.

Miss Huehne Beveridge, the famous young American sculptress, who has just returned from Paris, is attracting attention by her splendid work on a statue of General Antonio Maceo. She is a warm friend of Cuba and an enthusiastic admirer of the dead hero, so the emotional young lady has thrown more than the usual amount of soul into the clay.

Another peculiarity of high buildings is the waning interest here since the building doctors have honored these structures with belated attention. It has been found that many of them swerved fully a foot from the upright during the recent gales, though this, by experts, is cited as a proof of their strength. A well-known photographer near Fifth avenue, who is next to the roof of a skyscraper, says that the tremulous motion injured his sensitives.

Speaking of dear recollections, here's promise to be one of a different kind. It is to be brought about by the energy and long sight of the managers of a big department store, and there seems no limit to what they will and can do. Since his defeat by Jim the big Pittsburg champion, Joe Choynski has decided to retire from the ring and, beginning January 1, he will be in charge of the sporting goods department of a downtown store. It is said of Joe that he never threw a fight, so he is sure to be friends in these uncertain times.

The old comparison, "You are growing fast as St. Mary's vine," must give place to something new, as that vine must be fifty-six years ago the corner stone of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Brooklyn, went and a queer old architectural pile it erected. Some one then planted the vine, that has ever since been extended to sightseers. Today it has so grown that not an inch of the building is hidden, every window being a bower in green. The picturesque spot must go, to make way for a new bridge, and the tramp of thousands of hurrying feet will soon wipe out the tender recollections of this pretty place.

In a three-story frame dwelling on Pacific avenue, Brooklyn, lives a mild and meek little woman, living only in the past and waiting for the end. To escape persecution her name is incorrectly recorded in the directory, but she is Mrs. Theodore Tilton. For two years this patient little body has been blind, but after an operation for cataract on both eyes she can now see. Of her family she would not tell, except that nothing but kindness comes from them. All her life she has loved flowers, and she carefully attends to the wants of the plants that crowd her little parlor windows. These seem the only living things she cares for.

New York still boasts its "Dead Man's Curve" on the cable line at Fourteenth street, and almost every day a bad accident is reported there. The newspapers have set up a cry against it with a demand for a slower cable. As the public is crying for more rapid transit on this line the directors are in a pretty mess. If they were to consult the book of fates and Ledger, the solution would be easy. It is only a personal opinion from a man who does not owned very many cable roads, but this is what few hints I have heard here and elsewhere, the system should never have been introduced at all. One stockholder told me it threw back the development of electric power at least ten years.

The Sunday concert, open libraries, museums and aquariums are institutions at least as fixed as the open churches and the blue law hotels on that day. The Sunday concert was the hardest to secure opposition for, and the last successful effort will probably settle all future questions. A boy has been scraping his violin from pitched to such tuneful nature that he has been a genius. It is Bronislaw Huberman, only 14, who weeps when he plays. The people want to hear him; are willing to hear him, and demand that he appear in Sunday concerts at the Metropolitan that they may hear him. The Gerry society has set up a penal code or two and objected, and objected. Mayor Strong heard a few words from the wizard within the child's soul and issued a permit that the boy might play whenever and wherever he please.

### SOUTHERN PROGRESS.

**Few Industries Reported in the South in a Week.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., December 21.—The volume of trade during the past week has been light, as is usual at this season, but the Tradesman's Southern correspondents report encouraging conditions and a favorable outlook for the new year. All lines of trade are on a solid basis and indications point to a general improvement in industrial circles early in January.

The iron and steel market is quiet, but large orders are being placed for spring requirements. Southern coke is active and some large purchases of Alabama and Tennessee brands are being made. In the Birmingham district the domestic trade is rather dull, but the demand from foreign countries continues active, eight cars of coke having been shipped to Genoa, Italy, last week. A number of orders have been cabled from Liverpool and other foreign ports.

The Southern coal trade has not come up to the expectations of the operators and it is said that Alabama's production this year will fall below that of last year by nearly 200,000 tons.

The lumber market is firm, prices are well maintained and the movement is very good for the season. It is believed that 1897 will witness renewed activity in both the lumber and cotton manufacturing industries.

The following are the most important new industries reported by the Tradesman: Copper smelting works, at Galveston, Texas; the Bowie Light company, capital $5,000, Bowie, Texas; a $200,000 grain elevator at Galveston, Texas; the Cannel Coal company, capital $50,000, Paintsville, Ky.; the Gold City Mining and Milling company, capital $500,000, Villa Rico, Ga.; a $100,000 cotton manufacturing company at New Orleans, La.; a $10,000 buggy factory at Huntsville, Ala., and a $10,000 lumber company at El Paso, Texas.

CASTORIA.

Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

We wish we could make everybody believe that promptness is prevention; that there should be no delay when you are losing flesh and when you are pale, especially if a cough be present. The continued use of Scott's Emulsion in the early stages of lung affections does prevent the development of Consumption. Your doctor will tell you this is true and we state it without wishing to make any false claims or false promises. Free book tells more on the subject.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF HOUSTON,

at Houston, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, December 17, 1896:

RESOURCES.

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| Loans and discounts | $785,063 24 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 48,830 99 |
| United States bonds to secure circulation | 25,000 00 |
| Premiums on United States bonds | 2,000 00 |
| Stocks, securities, etc | 23,078 19 |
| Banking house, furniture, and fixtures | 27,500 00 |
| Other real estate and mortgages owned | 18,849 29 |
| Due from National banks (not reserve agents) | 237,531 97 |
| Due from State banks and bankers | 25,631 60 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 457,248 60 |
| Checks and other cash items | 825 31 |
| Notes of other National banks | 1,754 00 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents | 1,133 44 |
| Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.: | |
| Specie $247,035 00 | |
| Legal tender notes 310,210 00— | 557,245 00 |
| Redemption fund with United States treasurer (per cent of circulation) | 1,125 00 |
| Total | $2,213,707 63 |

LIABILITIES.

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|---|---|
| Capital stock paid in | $100,000 00 |
| Surplus fund | 400,000 00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 55,625 60 |
| Due to other National banks | 262,908 12 |
| Due to State banks and bankers | 292,051 18 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 1,086,610 54 |
| Certified checks | 15,247 73 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 1,164 37 |
| Total | $2,213,707 63 |

State of Texas, county of Harris, ss:

I, W. H. Palmer, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. PALMER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 22d day of December, 1896.

M. STUBENRAUCH, Notary Public Harris County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:

A. P. ROOT, AUG. BERING, O. L. COCHRAN, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

## The South Texas National Bank

at Houston, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, December 17, 1896:

RESOURCES.

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| Loans and discounts | $615,586 18 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured | 13,584 63 |
| United States bonds to secure circulation | 50,000 00 |
| United States deposits | 50,000 00 |
| Premiums on United States bonds | 8,400 00 |
| Stocks, securities, etc | 2,998 90 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 8,055 00 |
| Due from National banks (not reserve agents) | 135,965 12 |
| Due from State banks and bankers | 617 48 |
| Due from approved reserve agents | 109,079 15 |
| Notes of other National banks | 18,457 00 |
| Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents | 139 89 |
| Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.: | |
| Specie $163,651 25 | |
| Legal tender notes 110,150 00— | 273,801 25 |
| Redemption fund with United States treasurer, 5 per cent of circulation) | 2,250 00 |
| Total | $1,287,535 60 |

LIABILITIES.

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| Capital stock paid in | $500,000 00 |
| Surplus fund | 75,000 00 |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid | 39,801 10 |
| National bank notes outstanding | 40,760 00 |
| Due to other National banks | 61,563 55 |
| Due to State banks and bankers | 62,225 18 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 492,887 80 |
| Certified checks | 3,521 16 |
| Cashier's checks outstanding | 15,473 25 |
| United States deposits | 50,000 00 |
| Tax reserve fund, account 1896 taxes | 6,267 56 |
| Total | $1,287,535 60 |

State of Texas, county of Harris, ss:

I, J. E. McAshan, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. McASHAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 24th day of December, A. D. 1896.

CHARLES F. SCHULTZ, Notary Public Harris County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:

H. BRASHEAR, G. T. HOLT, H. T. MacGREGOR, Directors.

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for purity, and for improvement of the complexion nothing equals POZZONI'S POWDER.

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| Number words— | 1 time. | 3 times | 1 week | 1 mo. |
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| 25 words or less | 25 | 50 | $1 00 | $4 00 |
| 31 or more than 25 | 35 | 70 | 1 40 | 5 60 |
| 38 or more than 31 | 45 | 90 | 1 80 | 7 20 |
| 45 or more than 38 | 50 | $1 00 | 2 00 | 8 00 |
| 75 or less pro rata | $1 00 | 2 00 | 4 00 | 16 00 |

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SITUATIONS WANTED.
WANTED TO TRADE.
BIDS AND PROPOSALS.
PROFESSIONAL.
BARGAINS.
PARTNERS WANTED.
WANTED TO RENT.
WANTED BIDS.
WANTED TO BUY.
INFORMATION WANTED.
HELP WANTED.

## SECRET SOCIETIES.

Called conclave of Ruthven Commandery, No. 2, K.T., Friday morning 10:30 o'clock. "Christmas Observance." Sojourning Sir Knights courteously invited to meet with us. G. A. Gibbons, Rec. p. t.

Called Conclave of Ruthven Commandery, No. 2, K.T., Friday night 25, 7:30 o'clock. For drill. Fatigue uniform. G. A. Gibbons, Rec. p.t.

## PERSONAL.

LIST OF ANSWERS—

To advertisements in office of The Post for week ending Saturday, December 19, 1896:

A. J. S.; 9226 (3); A. S. J.; 9266; 9252 (2); 9228; 9303; 9253 (15); 9504; 4; E. W. F.; 9265 (4); 9505 (4); E. W. H. (4); 9506; F. S.; 27; 9507 (2); 9667; 9283; 9253; 9508; 9234; 9285; Julia; 9269; 9511; 9261 (5); 9213; O. (10); 9265 (6); 9216 (7); Quinia; 9242 (3); 9236; 9243 (2); 44 (3); Max Seiffert; 9219; 9295; James Tast; 9271; 9267; 9272 (3); 9247 (3); 9298; W. J. R.; 9498; X. Y. Z. (2); 9224; 9249; 9500.

WANTED—To know the residence of Miss Sou Trigg if alive; if dead, the place of her death. Address J. D. DuPuy, Elkhart, Texas. 30

DR. WM. A. BOXELL, Specialist in Diseases of Women, Nervous and Chronic Diseases, Opium and Alcohol treatment; absolutely harmless, perfect cure guaranteed. Office, Mason Block. tf

A LADY, native of France, advanced graduate of a prominent French academy, correct accent, wishes pupils. Advertiser offers superior advantages at moderate prices. Address 9198, this office. 28

MADAME L. WESTPHAL'S Paris masquerade business is from the 8th moved to 611 Travis street; costumes for rent and to order; orders sent all over Texas. 26

LADIES needing confidential treatment, call 1914 Chenevert street, graduate midwife of Cologne and Bonn Universities, Germany; fourteen years experience; remedy for irregularities, safe; can not fail; examinations, $1.00. 26

VIAVI—A home treatment for uterine troubles; investigate, at 402 Runz building; lady attendants from 2 to 6 p. m.; advice and health book free. 26

COSTUMES, masks, wigs, beards, tights, full dress suits, etc., to let and made to order. The Texas Costume House, over 606 and 608 Main street. 26

GENUINE Chinese importer of celebrated teas and fireworks, silk handkerchiefs, Chinese and Japanese bric-a-brac; best in the world. Yan Tai Loy, 1016½ Preston avenue. 1-2-97

MEN who drink because they need a stimulant, can be relieved SECRETLY, PERMANENTLY AND PLEASANTLY. CURE GUARANTEED; $3.00 per bottle. Houston Chemical company, Houston, Texas. 23

YOU CAN find any word in the English speaking world in the Standard Dictionary; two volumes; 125,000 more words than Webster's and 75,000 more than the Century; sold on easy monthly installments; agents wanted. J. B. Trippe & Co., 327 and 328 Mason Block, Houston. tf

BARGAINS—Entire stock of watches, jewelry, clocks, silverware and cutlery has to be sold by January 1; everything under cost; come and examine before you buy presents, at A. C. Wrede, agent, 402 Travis street. 26

GENUINE Chinese importer of celebrated teas and fireworks, silk handkerchiefs, Chinese and Japanese bric-a-brac; best in the world. Yan Tai Lay, 1019 Preston avenue. 1-2-97

YOU CAN LEARN SHORTHAND BY mail; write for circular regarding our mail course. Houston Shorthand and Typewriting School, Mason Block, Miss Alice F. Harper, principal. tf

LAMPS! LAMPS! LAMPS!—Incandescent lamps, wholesale and retail; armature rewinding a specialty; electrical and railway supplies. The Barden-Sheets Electrical Construction Company, 907 Preston avenue. tf

HOUSTON SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING SCHOOL—Mason block, Miss Alice F. Harper, principal, makes a specialty of training stenographers for practical business positions. If you mean business, come and take a course. tf

THE FOLLOWING persons, viz.: J Davis, John Frazier, L. C. Holdsaw, L. F. Marti, William Marti, W. W. McGee, E. M. Nutt, A. Reid, John Sullivan, J. F. Smith, James Tanner, D. Welch, U. G. Willett will learn something to their advantage by addressing E. A. Dickinson, box 374, Beaumont, Texas. 30

Houston Business College

Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Telegraphy, Penmanship, Language, Literary and Preparatory Courses. Over Brown Bros., second floor. Day and Night School.

MME. C. A. BUJAC, pianiste, studio 222 Mason block, special attention paid to rudiments of music; lessons at pupils' residence if desired; instruction to beginners; also advanced students. tf

## BUSINESS CHANCES.

AT A BARGAIN—General stock merchandise, invoice $2000; lively town, population 1200; best stand in town; object, changing locality. Lock box 16, Elgin, Texas. 26

FOR SALE—Bakery, restaurant in thriving town; good spring wagon and pair horses taken as part payment; good reason for selling. Address 9195, this office. 26

FOR SALE—A bona fide good business (grocery); invoice something less than $2000; good stand and fresh stock; satisfactory reason for selling; this is your chance. Apply at once, Three Bees, this office. 27

FOR SALE—Saloon in town of Riverside; large rock quarries adjacent and only saloon in vicinity. Apply to Chas. Bean, Riverside, Texas. 26

NEWSPAPER plant and franchise in a city of 12,000 population; good daily and weekly circulations; a paying advertising patronage; correspondence solicited. Address Lock Box 433, Corsicana, Tex. 1-6

## HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A good milker, one who understands the care of Jersey cattle; first class references required. Write to W. J. Croom, Wharton, Texas. 27

$125 monthly and expenses paid men to show our cigars to dealers; experience unnecessary; position permanent; most attractive, reliable goods and best inducements. Polk Bitchie Co., St. Louis. 21

WANTED—A lady teacher holding a first or second grade certificate in a pleasant neighborhood one mile from M. K. and T. railroad, school to begin between 1st and 15th of January; will last three or four months; salary $40. Address XYZ, this office. 26

WANTED—Good man to run hotel steam laundry; wages $25 and board; send references. Address Manager, Driskill, Austin. 26

AGENTS WANTED—Ladies or gentlemen, for Austin, Houston, Galveston and adjoining counties; steady employment and good pay to right parties. T. Whittaker, 119 San Jacinto street, Houston, Texas. 28

WANTED—Reliable young man of good moral character and steady habits to learn telegraphy for positions on railroad. Address L. C. Robinson, superintendent, Dallas, Texas. 27

$75 TO $150 a month salary and expenses paid salesmen for cigars; permanent position; experience unnecessary; largest, finest line; elegant holiday offerings. W. L. Kline Co., St. Louis, Mo. 26

CONFEDERATE Soldier in the Civil War contains over 1100 vivid battle scenes; entirely Southern; endorsed by the Confederate Veterans; over 10,000 copies sold in the old States last year; a real snap for agents. J. B. Trippe & Co., Mason Block, Houston. tf

AGENTS—Economy gas burner, saves 40 per cent of gas, makes a large, beautiful light and gives 100 per cent profit to salesmen. General Agency Co., 225 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. tf

## REAL ESTATE.

BEAUTIFUL little modern home in Fourth ward; $400 cash, $300 per year; would take horse and buggy, or Jersey cow as part first payment. Address No. 9127, this office.

FOR SALE CHEAP five acres with improvements, four miles from court house. Address C.H., this office. 26

FOR SALE—246 acres fine black prairie and well drained, four miles from Hungerford, on East Bernard; $12.50 per acre, one-sixth cash and balance in five equal annual payments with 8 per cent interest. W. J. Croom, Wharton, Texas. 27

THREE OR FOUR rare bargains in Third ward residence lots, if taken quick; don't wait; the prices will sell them immediately. N. M. Norfleet, Hutchins House. tf

LAND FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—About 2000 acres, well improved ranche, 18 miles from railway. Price $14,000, one-half cash, or will accept one-half in good city property. Particulars of T. J. Skaggs Real Estate Co., Beeville, Texas. tf

FOR SALE—Splendid residence and two lots at Brunner, $500 cash for lots and $15 per month until paid for; bargain offered for little money. Box 445, Houston. tf

LAND, LAND—14,821 acres of fine farming lands in Victoria county, Texas, eight miles from Victoria and nine miles from Edna; well watered; perfect title; a big bargain. Address, for price and terms, W. S. Howard, Beeville, Bee county, Texas. 29

FOR SALE—640 acres choice prairie land near Dayton, Liberty county; a bargain, at $6.50 per acre. Wilson & Hannah, 203 Kiam building. tf

$1700 WILL buy a desirable corner lot, with four-room cottage, in Third ward; $300 cash and balance on easy terms if taken at once; $1675 for same all cash. G. J. Palmer, care Post. tf

FINE LANDS—We have lands of all description for sale. Farms of all sizes, from ten to one thousand acres; prices from $3 to $20 per acre. Write or call on us for information, at Edna, Texas. Marvin & Angle. 1-31-97

## WANTED TO RENT.

WANT TO RENT fifty acres of good land; party must furnish implements and team. Address, McKenzie, 1520 Congress avenue. 27

WANTED—Four unfurnished upstairs rooms in private family; no children; must be close in, in Third or Fourth ward; references given; permanent tenant. Address 2063, this office. 26

WANTED TO RENT—Is your house vacant? Do you want a tenant? If so, list it with me. I advertise and show property free. N. M. Norfleet, phone 723. tf

WANTED—At once, for myself, nice house with modern conveniences, in Third or Fourth ward (south). E. R. Spotts, room 9, 113½ Preston avenue. tf

WANTED—Those having vacant houses to list them with Boyle & McCormick, 508½ Main street. 12-11

## TRADE OR EXCHANGE

TRADE OR EXCHANGE—My home, stock, etc., at Appleby for property in Southwest Texas. Address J. M. Mixell, Appleby, Texas. 27

TRADE—Good harness, pony and phaeton; will accept two good milch cows, or one cow and good bicycle. Apply Room 207, Mason block, Jones. tf

A FIRST CLASS Kingsford corn and shucker, adapted for steam or horse power, will trade for good windmill. Address "Pun," Wolfe City, Texas. 25

MY LIST of city property is large and complete, consisting of homes and vacant property. If you wish to buy, sell or exchange, call or address N. M. Norfleet, Hutchins House. tf

FOR SALE or exchange for other property, good well located prairie lands in Liberty county. Call or write for particulars. Wilson & Hannah, Kiam building. tf

## FOR RENT.

WANTED—Party to take furnished house of eight rooms, with hot water and gas and all modern conveniences; board couple for rent of same, or similar arrangements. Address 9106, this office. 26

SEVEN ROOM HOUSE 1307 Chenevert street, hot and cold water, bath room, $25.50 per month; will be vacant January 3. Enquire 1802 Polk avenue. 30

FOR RENT—Two six room cottages in Third ward; all necessary outhouses; Chartres and Polk. Apply 1104 Travis. A. Key. tf

FURNISHED ROOMS—1102 Rusk street, southern exposure, up or down stairs rooms; gas, grate and bath room privileges; rooms range from $5 to $15. 27

FOR RENT—Nice five-room cottage in Third ward, three blocks from Capitol hotel. G. C. Street, 911 Franklin avenue. 29

FOR RENT—New cottage, whole block, suitable for garden, to white person cheap. Apply to Dr. Mason, 407½ Main street. 29

TO RENT—Brazos plantation, 250 acres, to rent; near Simonton. Address H. Mitchell, Simonton P. O., Fort Bend county. tf

FOR RENT—Two-story brick building, suitable for warehouse or store; centrally located, in business part of city. Apply C. W. Rugers, 1102 Congress avenue. 21

FOR RENT—The house and premises corner Main and Rusk avenue belonging to the estate of Mrs. C. M. Allen, deceased. C. W. Bocock, A. C. Allen, executors. tf

FOR RENT—One furnished second story front room for gentlemen. Call at 1110 Walker. tf

FOR RENT—Store No. 1109 Congress avenue, opposite court house. Apply C. J. Koehler, 906 Congress avenue. tf

FOR RENT—Floor space on second floor of Post building. Apply to G. J. Palmer, Business Manager. tf

FOR RENT—Eight-room house on Milam street, near Pease; all modern conveniences, hot and cold water, electric gas lighting, closets, etc. Call on Lewis & Rosenberg, 218, 220 Main street. tf

STORAGE LARGEST AND BEST warehouse in city for storing Furniture and Merchandise of all kinds. Peden & Co.

FOR RENT—Two-story eight-room house, corner Rusk avenue and Chartres street. Wm. D. Cleveland & Co., office. tf

## FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—All kinds of peach, pear, plum, grape, figs, mulberry, apple, strawberries and dewberries at hard time prices. Address P. A. McKenzie, Genoa, Texas. 27

ROSES—3000 roses, 1000 fruit trees, all the leading varities, one to three year old at greatly reduced prices. L. D. Foley's, Valley View Nurseries, Washington street, boulevard. 27

FOR SALE—Fifty mules 3 and 4 years old. Faust & Co., New Braunfels, Texas. 1-24

FOR SALE—Box of 50 cigars for $1.50, at Redwood's, 510 Travis street. 26

FOR SALE—Forty head of good, well trained dairy cows at a bargain. Address R. J. Sledge, Waller, Waller county, Texas. 27

SEEDS—We carry the largest and most complete stock of Seeds in the State. To arrive January 1—1000 bushels Tennessee Triumph Potatoes, 1000 bushels Sorghum and Millet, one car of peas, one car of onion sets, one car of garden seeds in bulk, direct from the growers. We defy competition. Holloway Seed Co. Retail 221 Elm street; wholesale 220 Pacific avenue, Dallas, Texas.

RECEIVED TODAY—Duplicate lot handsome Souvenir Boxes, containing six Ladies' Hemstitched Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 50 cents box; Gents' Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, 25 cents; Men's Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, 25 cents; Sweaters 50 cents. Franklin's, Texas avenue.

ONE GIN for sale—Capacity 22 bales per day; have ginned 1500 bales this season in the El Campo section. Apply to Geo. Ulrich, El Campo. 29

MUST BE MOVED by January 5.—Get first pick. 1 Fancy full shell ext. top surry, double fenders, $95; 1 full fender ext. top surrey, neat design, $80; 1 extra cut under surrey, ext. top, full fenders, $105; 1 ext. top hack and broke, fancy style, $65; 1 ladies' shell phaeton, leather 4 bow top, large dash, $72.50; 1 ladies' 4 bow top phaeton, large dash, $65; 2 each padded seat cods, leather tops, panel backs, breaker end, spring buggies, zents' fancy, $47.50; 2 roomy single end spring buggies, neat, $45; 2 side spring, round corner top buckboards, $35. Send cash, less money or draft and do not miss this opportunity. Box 49, Schulenburg, Texas. 28

CORN AND OATS FOR SALE—Will buy down good grade of mixed corn in bulk at Galveston or this side for 56c per bushel; on M., K. and T. Address N. J. Chelme, Holdrege, Neb. 31

FOR SALE—Write me for a broke man's prices on all kinds of first-class fruit trees, berries and plants. P. A. McKenzie, Genoa, Texas. 3

FOR SALE—A good high-grade '96 wheel, nearly new, with cyclometer, bell and Silver King lamp; $35 cash. Penill & Galo, 1015 Texas. 26

FOR SALE—Several second-hand engines and boilers, machinery castings and iron pipe work. A. & E. F. McGowen, Houston, Texas. 26

CEDAR CHESTS make good Xmas gifts; just received large invoice of assorted sizes; the only sure moth extinguisher; call and examine. F. Illig, 116 Main. 26

FOR SALE—A lot of new buggies, phaetons, surreys and harness at cost. Larendon's Stables, Franklin and Caroline street. 25

WHO WANTS about 150 head stock cows? Address Buck Bros., Elgin, Texas. 23

FOR CHEAP TOYS and notions go to the Boston 5 and 10 cents stand, corner Main and Congress avenue. 28

FANCY rattan and upholstered rockers, fancy tables and other odd pieces of furniture, suitable for Christmas gifts, cheap for cash at F. Illig's, 116 Main street. 26

CHEAP FUEL AT LAST—Put in a winter's supply of Calvert Lump Coal and save one-half of last year's fuel expense. We warrant superior satisfaction over any other soft coal for either heating or cooking. Our price for picked lump is $3.50 per ton of 2000 pounds, delivered to any part of the city. A trial to convince you is solicited. Telephone 855. Office, No. 12 Main street. Calvert Coal Co. tf

FOR SALE—An assortment of second-hand belting, pulleys, shafting, hangers, piping, etc. Call at the business office of The Post. tf

## BIDS AND PROPOSALS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS—

Sealed bids addressed to the City Secretary of the City of Houston will be received up to 3 p. m. of Monday, January 4, 1897, for the construction of a thirty-six inch brick sewer from a point near Andrew street along Heiner street to Buffalo bayou and for the opening of a certain open drain to connect therewith, according to plans and specifications adopted by the City Council and now on file in the office of the City Engineer. Each bid must be accompanied by certified check on local bank, made payable to the order of Mayor H. B. Rice, in the sum of $250.00 to guarantee contract, and the successful bidder will be required to give acceptable bond in the sum of $2500.00, conditioned that the work will be completed according to the plans and specifications. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. H. B. RICE, Mayor.

Houston, Texas, December 19, 1896. 27

## SITUATIONS WANTED.

RAILROAD COOK and baker, sixteen years experience, wants situation; boarding cars or section; is sober and reliable. Address 9173, this office. 27

WANTED—Position by young lady as cashier, saleslady or to sew by day; will furnish references. Address 9206, this office. 26

WANTED by honest, industrious, sober young man of 23, a position as clerk in grocery store; can come well recommended by January 1; salary moderate. Address C. B. Collier, Woodville. 27

SITUATION WANTED by young man as porter or helper on some railroad; can come well recommended by officials of railroad. Address A. S. Hood, Rosanky, Texas. 27

SOBER young man would like place tending horses and cows; don't mind leaving city. Address W. W. Holt, 409 Austin street, Houston, Texas. 26

SITUATION wanted by middle aged lady to keep house for hotel or private family; no objection to leaving city. Address, M. W., this office. 26

SITUATION WANTED—A young boy 15 years of age, would like to get a position in a store or office. Address, I. E., this office. 26

YOUNG GERMAN, experienced office man and bookkeeper speaking and writing English, French, German perfectly, desires work of any kind at moderate wages. Address 9189, this office. 26

SITUATION WANTED by colored boy 19 years old to attend to horse and buggy, yard or dining room; will give satisfaction. Address 9191, this office. 26

SITUATION WANTED by skilled gardener (English) with fifteen years American experience; market garden preferred; ready January 1. Address Frank Eldridge, 827 Main street, Denison, Texas. 26

WANTED—An able Texas teacher of fifteen years' experience in public school, high school and college work, wants to establish at once a permanent private school in some appreciative community, town or country; highest references given; holds three diplomas. Address Superintendent, this office. 25

A BOY wants a position in store or office; wages no object; can give A No. 1 reference. Address 9170, this office. 25

WANTED—Work on farm under any favorable conditions; have wife and boy 11 years old. Address J. Northgraves, Houston, Texas. 29

BARBER wants job in country town. Address John H., 1410 Conti St., Houston. 25

BUTCHER wants situation in country town. Address Butcher, 1410 Conti St., Houston.

SITUATION wanted by an experienced, first-class bartender; good reference. Address 9164 this office. 25

SITUATION wanted by competent housekeeper; can give best of references. Address 9168, this office. 26

SITUATION wanted by good colored boy to work around house and attend horse and buggy. Adam Washington, 1719 Gray. 25

SITUATION wanted by colored girl to do housework or help anywhere around the house. Address 9202, this office. 25

SITUATION wanted by young colored man in private family; first-class with horses; can do anything around house or work in store. Address 9195, this office. 25

WHITE WOMAN wishes situation in a private family; is good cook. Apply 2103 Congress avenue. 25

COOK, white man, middle aged, married; good cook and baker; country hotel preferred, where they can pay reasonable wages. Address 9180, this office. 26

A1 BOOKKEEPER and accountant desires books to keep by the 1st; will work for small wages; best reference. Address J. H. Scruggs, 1909 Chartres street. 26

SITUATION wanted by a first-class baker on bread, cakes, pastry; also ornamenting; bakery or hotel, city or county. C. Weber, this office. 25

AN EXPERIENCED young man desires situation as clerk; good references. Address C. R. Phillips, Ben Arnold, Texas. 26

WANTED—A position as blacksmith in some good locality; have had years of experience; will work for $10.00 per month and board. Address John Lewandowski, Glen Rose, Texas. 27

ENGINEER wants work at once; good repair man on all kinds of engines; seven years' experience with locomotives and ten years with lumber and gin machinery. Address Call Box 191, San Marcos, Texas. 29

## WANTED TO BUY.

WANTED—Have a purchaser for either a building lot or improved place close in in Third ward; must be cheap for cash; what can you offer? N. M. Norfleet, Hutchins house. 26

WANTED—I want to buy your second hand gentlemen's clothing; highest cash price paid; drop me a postal. H. Caplan, 502 Milam. 26

WANTED TO BUY—A good work team, two horses and wagon in exchange for city lots or land near city. George L. Porter, 207½ Main street. tf

WANTED—To buy or lease a good ditching machine, must be a bargain. Address 9169, this office. 25

WANTED—Second hand furniture, stoves, any kind household goods, harness and buggies; will pay good prices; send postal. Eliza Greenberg, agent, Houston; will call on you. 27

WE PAY the highest cash prices for second hand furniture, stoves and household goods. The Boston Furniture company, 805 Prairie. A. Cramer, agent. Phone 221. 26

## FINANCIAL.

$500 TO LOAN at 7 per cent; security must be first class; also can accommodate 60 or 90 day paper. A. Paul & Co., 216 Main street. 26

MONEY TO LOAN on improved city real estate. L. W. Craig, 208 Main street. tf

FOR SALE—Four room cottage and choice corner lot in Third ward; $300 to $500 cash and balance on easy terms. G. J. Palmer, this office. tf

## LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN

FOUND in U. S. postoffice, black morocco leather pocket book; owner can get same by applying to J. H. Scruggs, 1909 Chartres street. 25

LOST—A small black accordeon pleated cape between Burghelm's drug store and Hutchins house; finder will receive liberal reward by returning same to Hutchins house, Room ... 27

STRAYED OR STOLEN—One black horse; hind feet white; no brand; fresh cut on left hind leg, near hip. Return to No. 2112 Runnels street, and get reward. 26

## BOARD AND ROOMS.

FIRST CLASS rooms and board 508 Caroline street, three blocks from Capitol hotel, apply quickly. 29

ROOM AND BOARD—Large upstairs room, with board; modern conveniences; centrally located; table boarders solicited; 812 Travis street. 26

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, with or without board, or light housekeeping, in family of two; bath privilege; reference exchanged. Apply 1507 Dallas avenue. 25

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Twenty-fifth legislature of the State of Texas at its session to be held in the city of Austin commencing the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1897, for the passage of a law providing a charter for the city of Houston, to embrace substantially the following provisions and giving the city council of the city of Houston authority to carry out the same and enforce them by ordinance, to-wit:

Fixing the bounds and limits of the city.

Providing for the division of the city into wards and for the establishing of voting precincts therein.

Providing for the selection of city officers and prescribing their duties.

Authorizing the city council to make and enforce all regulations concerning elections for city officials.

Providing for meetings of the city council.

Fixing the powers and duties of peace officers.

Providing for the regulation and fixing the powers of the recorder's court.

Authorizing the organization and maintenance of a police department.

Authorizing the establishing and maintenance of a system of free public schools.

Authorizing the fixing of the salaries and fees of officials of the city.

Giving authority for the enforcement of laws and ordinances of the city.

Authorizing control, regulation and improvement of streets and the construction of public works.

Providing for sanitary regulation.

Provision as to the competency of inhabitants as witnesses, jurors, etc., in proceedings to which the city may be a party.

Providing that the city shall not be liable for damages without proper notice.

Provision that the city shall not be required to give bond and shall not be liable to garnishment.

Giving the city the right to plead ordinances by caption.

Authorizing regulation by the city of railroad and street car companies within the limits of the city.

Authorizing the establishing and regulation of public markets and slaughter houses and providing for the inspection of meats, milk, fish and game.

Giving the city power to levy, assess and collect ad valorem, poll and occupation taxes, prescribing procedure for collection of same, by suit if necessary, and prescribing what shall be prima facie evidence of the levy, assessment and non-payment of taxes.

Authorizing the city council to issue $250,000 for the year 1897 and the same sum for the year 1898, for the purpose of paying streets, constructing sewers, building bridges and constructing school buildings and fire houses.

Placing a limit to the authority of the city council to create a public debt and fixing the rate of interest.

Authorizing the funding of outstanding indebtedness and the refunding of bonded indebtedness.

Authorizing the city to provide, own and maintain waterworks, gas works and electric works for the use of the city and its inhabitants.

Giving the city the right to obtain personal judgment for enforcement of payment for street paving, sewers, surface drainage and sidewalks against owners of abutting property.

Fixing the corporate name of the city of Houston and making it capable of suing and being sued and having a corporate seal and making certified copies of city records, which certified copies shall have all the force and effect of originals, and to own, hold and convey any property, real or personal.

And giving the city of Houston authority generally to make and establish all rules, regulations, by-laws and ordinances which may contribute to and promote the better administration of the affairs of the city, as well as for the maintenance of the peace and tranquility of said city and for the protection of the persons and property of its inhabitants.

H. B. RICE, Mayor.

Houston, Texas, December 21, 1896.

SANTA CLAUS has dolls and toys for every one. Come quick to Houston China and Glassware Co., 308 Main street. Jas. F. Dumble, Manager. tf

IRON and steel work for buildings, bridges, roofs, standpipes, etc.; designs and estimates free on application. The Gillette-Herzog Manufacturing Co., M. De Leon Agent, Kiam building, Houston, Texas. 2-27-97

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial National Bank of Houston, Texas, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January