

our subscribers are all load-
The Christmas tree at Ger-
mania has been postponed until
Sylvester, the 31st inst.

A FINE boy came as a Christ-
mas gift to Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Gessler, of Prairie Hill.

LEVI BOULDIN, charged with
horse theft, has been surrendered
by his bondsmen and placed in
jail.

WHEAT and corn are going to
laugh next spring at this late
sleet and snow storm in North
Texas.

EUGENE COX, a well known
colored man, died Thursday
night and was buried Friday
morning.

AMONG the many Christmas
editions gotten out by our ex-
changes none are prettier than
the Christmas number of the
Temple Mirror.

BRENNHAM Commandery, No. 15
Knights Templar, will meet at
their Castle at 10:30 o'clock this
morning and offer a number of
toasts to different Sir Knights.

The Second Regiment Band
will have an inspection at 2 p. m.
today. The inspection will take
place at the Band room and will
be conducted by Bandmaster
Jakes.

In the Court of Civil Appeals
at Galveston a motion for a re-
hearing has been overruled in
the case of Louise Franke et al.,
vs. the Lone Star Brewing Co.,
appealed from this county.

THESE dull, gloomy, cold days
are not much like the usual
bright, sunny December weather
that makes it a pleasure to live
in this section during the winter
months, but the rains are past
due.

REV. E. V. SOLOMAN, the newly
appointed presiding elder of the
Brenham district, will preach
at the Methodist church Sunday
morning at 11 o'clock. The
quarterly conference has been
postponed.

Our thanks are due
Dierks & Williams, pro-
prietors of the
Dixie Saloon, for
the fine Kentucky
whisky, with which
they have supplied
the Christmas
season.

on the further notice is
keep them further notice is
given.

THE majority of the members
of the First Baptist church are
in favor of calling Rev. R. C.
Pender, of Denison, to the pas-
torate at this place and this will
likely be done at the first meet-
ing of the church, so we are in-
formed by one of the members.

"YOUR old comrade wishes
yourself and family a Happy
Christmas and New Year" is the
endorsement of a card accompanying a
donation of sausage with
Senator H. Knittel re-
sponded to the editor of the
Banner.

ANT, the California
will hang
court, the
appear-
the

failed to
the members
and Christmas
pursuits.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

DAWNED GLOOMY, BUT THE SUN
SHONE IN THE AFTERNOON.

The Festival Was Not a Dry One Either
From a Weather Standpoint or
the Condition of the
Celebrators.

Christmas, 1897, has passed
into history and the day that has
been in prospect so long must
now be viewed from a retro-
spective standpoint. Its cele-
bration fulfilled the brightest
prospects and most roseeate
dreams of Young America who
find in Christmas a license to do
such things and to say such
things as is accorded on no other
occasion. What the day lacked
in eclat was made up by noise.
All day long the boys stood on
the corners discharging fireworks
and yelling like Indians. The
fact that every cannon cracker
which exploded in the muddy
street sprinkled some passing
pedestrian with mud cut no ice
with the boys, except to lend in-
creased merriment. Several
damageless runaways resulted
from the incessant firing. Some
eye brows were singed, some
clothes scorched, some faces
powder burned. But none of
these minor drawbacks detracted
one iota from the day's sport.

With one or two exceptions all
business houses, saved the sal-
oons, were hermetically sealed
for the day and the clerks and
employees given an opportunity
to spend the day as their tastes
and dispositions dictated.

At the different drinking

What Shall I Give ...A GENTLEMAN.

- Shoe horn.
- Match box, solid silver.
- Silver key ring and chain.
- Solid silver pocket knife.
- Book marks.
- Cigar boxes.
- Tobacco box.
- Smoker's set.
- Stamp box.
- Umbrella and cane marks in
solid silver.
- Hat marks.
- Shaving mugs.
- Booklet books.
- Scarf holders.
- Buttons in gold, silver and rubber
holders.
- Solid silver and plated tooth-
picks.
- Collar and cuff box.
- Mustache cup and saucer.
- Umbrellas and canes, with gold
silver and ivory handles.
- Pen stands in silver.
- Gold eye glasses.
- Silver spectacles.
- Silver mounted suspenders.
- Clothes brushes, hat brushes.
- Cyclometers.
- Seal rings.
- Armbands and garters.
- Tobacco, collar, cuff and cigar
boxes.
- Shaving brush.
- Mustache combs.
- Pocket knives.
- Cigar cutter.
- Cigarette holder.
- Bicycle strap.
- Pipes, silver trimmed.

W. J. GRABER,
LEADING JEWELER.

places there were constant
throngs of merry Bacchanalian
revellers insisting on "filling
them up one more time all
around." Several scraps of
minor importance took place,
but the police force took holiday
along with the balance of the city
and allowed the revellers to enjoy
all the liberty contemplated by
the constitution so long as bare
fists were used and nothing
more disastrous than black eyes
resulted. The BANNER knows
but won't tell on the boys this

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telegram Christmas day that a
fine girl had been found in San
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the effect that the youngster was
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dence of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore
a merry
lady, her
parents.

gregation in attendance was of
excellent proportions. The ser-
vice throughout was impressively
beautiful, and conducted in the
following order: 7:30 a. m.
Holy Communion. 10:30 a. m.
Morning Prayer. Benedictus,
(Hopkins in G.) Christmas
Hymns with accompaniment and
Sermon: "The Angels Mes-
sage."

Among the few formal events
that characterized Christmas day
none were of a more agreeable
nature than that enjoyed by the
Knights Templar. In re-
sponse to invitations from the
Eminent Commander J. T. Shel-
by, quite a number of the
knights assembled at their castle
in the forenoon and spent a most
delightful hour proposing and
responding to toasts and passing
the compliments of the season.

Among the beautiful senti-
ments expressed were the fol-
lowing:
To the Most Eminent Grand
Master of the United States, W.
LaRue Thomas—response by Sir
Knight W. A. Lockett.
To the Right Eminent Grand
Commander, State of Texas—re-
sponse by Sir Knight W. A.
Wood.

Brenham Commandery No. 15
—response by Sir Knight E.
Rouse.

Our Absent Sir Knights—re-
sponse by Sir Knight H. A. Cor-
dray.

Our Fraternal Dead—response
by Sir Knight E. W. Tarrant.

In the afternoon the sun
emerged from his long obscurity
and the closing hours of the day
were as pleasant as brilliant
sunshine and bracing breezes
could make them.

DIMMITT-DEVER.

A Georgetown Wedding of Interest to
Brenham Readers.

Monday afternoon at 4:30
o'clock at the residence of the
bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.
P. Dever, in this city Mr. John
J. Dimmitt and Miss Pearl Dever
were united in marriage by Rev.
I. G. Putman, pastor of the
Methodist church, in the pres-
ence of the immediate relatives
and a few intimate friends of the
contracting parties. Shortly af-
ter the ceremony the wedded
couple were driven to the train
for a trip to Monterey and other
points in old Mexico.

The groom is one of the best
and most favorably known young
men in the city, where he has a
host of friends, who wish him and
his wife bon voyage in their
journey through life. Possessed
of an ample fortune, well edu-
cated, kind and courteous to all,
he starts out in life with roseeate
prospects. His fair bride is one
of the most beautiful young
ladies of this city and indeed of
the State, and she is as amiable
as she is pretty. Domestic in her
tastes and possessed of many ac-
complishments, she would be a
fitting helpmate to any man.
The Sun's best wishes attend
them—Georgetown Sun.

The bride, Miss Pearl Dever,
was born and reared at Inde-
pendence, this county, and is a
sister of Mr. Attie Dever of this
city. She has been a frequent
visitor to Brenham, and has in-
numerable friends here who will
agree with the BANNER, in agree-
ing to the compliments of the
Georgetown contemporary.

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SAN JACINTO BATTLE GROUND.

The Legislature at its last ses-
sion made an appropriation for
the purchase of the land upon
which the battle of San Jacinto
was fought and Texas independ-
ence won. Now the owners of
that land, about 250 acres, want
such an extravagant price for it
that the committee appointed to
make the preliminary arrange-
ments for the transfer of the
property to the State have given
up the negotiations in disgust.
Now there is a suggestion of
condemnation proceedings to ac-
quire the property as the only
recourse remaining.

The San Jacinto battlefield oc-
cupies a pretty position on Buf-
falo bayou, says the San An-
tonio Express, about twenty
miles below Houston, for a park,
a portion of it being covered by
large oaks which form a beauti-
ful grove. The land is high and
dry, for the most part, and much
of it has never been cleared for
cultivation. The minimum price
at which it has been offered is
\$25 an acre, but there are several
owners and some of them want
a higher price.

The land is situated in a part
of the coast country which has
attracted the attention of home
seekers in the last few years to
such an extent as to contribute
to its rapid settlement. Some of
the prairie land contiguous
which could have been pur-
chased for a song a few years
ago, now commands a fancy
price and its value must enhance
as the country settles up by the
small fruit and vegetable farm-
ers. The opening up of the
Buffalo bayou channel, as con-
templated by the Federal govern-
ment for the passage of mer-
chant vessels and all manner of
water craft, would enhance the
value of abutting land all the
way from the mouth of the
bayou to the head of navigation,
and seeking to acquire the land
the State should take these mat-
ters into consideration. The
State should have the ground
and the owners should be al-
lowed a fair price for it.

The ground on which the bat-
tle of San Jacinto was fought
and wherein rest the mortal re-
mains of men who bravely
fought for the independence of
Texas, should be sacred. It
should be inclosed and cared for
as the birth place of the liberties
which Texans now enjoy and no
time should be lost in securing
the property to the State with
that end in view. The State
should not be nigardly about a
matter of this sort.

WITH fair weather the incom-
ing week will be the gayest of
the gay and will more than atone
for the dearth of attraction on
Christmas day.

BRENNHAM'S stockings were ca-
pacious and if Santa Claus had
been minded to drop in the Bren-
ham and Brownsville route he
would have found plenty of
room.

... A SUITABLE ...

..Christmas Present..

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COOK STOVE,
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AIR-GUN.

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STOVE.

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FANNERS.

—The Krause-Stout theatrical
company are playing to appre-
ciative audiences at the Temple
opera house.

—The Katy railway company
has issued instructions to gate-
men to eject passengers who re-
fuse to show their tickets.

—Willie Gilbert, aged 7 years,
died on a train near Texarkana
last week from the effects of a
piece of pecan hull lodging in his
throat, which choked him to
death.

—As district court opened at
Eastland on the morning of Dec.
20th, Will Webb and Hugh
Adams exchanged courtesies
with shotguns at 20 paces. No
damage done. Both in jail.

—Chief Justice B. D. Tarlton,
of the court of civil appeals of
the second supreme judicial district,
states that he will be a candidate
for re-election next year. He
evidently believes in the truth of
the old adage: "The early bird
catches the worm."

—The 14-year-old son of Mr.
James Boulware, residing in the
eastern portion of Waller county,
was accidentally struck on the
nose by a chip of wood a few
days ago, causing death from
lockjaw.

—It is reported that gold in
paying quantities has been dis-
covered in Gillespie, Llano, Mas-
son and Uvalde counties.

—Efforts are being made to
re-organize the Grange in Wil-
liams county as a farmer's co-
operative association, avoiding
all connection with partisan po-
litics.

—Hon. L. L. Foster will man-
age Maj. Sayers' campaign, as-
sisted by E. M. Hause of Austin.

—Assistant Attorney General
King reiterates his opinion that
county clerks are entitled to only
one dollar for issuing marriage
licenses.

—A suit for \$35,000 dam-
ages has been brought against
the Cotton Belt railway for
alleged violation of an adver-
tising contract.

—The supreme court decides
that the legislature has the pow-
er to invest recorders and mayors
with the powers of a peace officer
in incorporated cities.

A STORY that comes from New
York smacks strongly of retribu-
tive justice: "One of the ro-
mantic young women who exhibit
fondness for criminals in the
jails and load them with flowers
has come to grief. She married
an alleged murderer after the
jury set him free. A local
chronicle says: The honeymoon
lasted just long enough for hubby
to secure all her cash and jewels.
Then he began to play football
with her and finally left home
without leaving his address. All
she craves is arnica and a
divorce.

There is more Catarrh in this section of
the country than all other diseases put to-
gether, and until the last few years was sup-
posed to be incurable. For a great many
years do-tors pronounced it a local disease,
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THE LaGrange Journal claims
that the present wage system in
vogue in the manufacturing cen-
ters has all the vices of slavery
and none of its virtues, and if
continued must be productive of
evil consequences of great mag-
nitude. The best thought of the
country should be devoted to it,
if the aristocracy of wealth will
but permit it. But just so long
as it continues to inflict upon this
country the Hannas and Paines
of Ohio as it has done in the past,
just so long will we have an un-
solved problem of danger in our
social organization.

EAT, drink and be merry will
be the ruling spirit throughout
the week.

A Christmas Blaze.

The Christmas midnight
chimes of the town clarion
mingled with the clarion
cents of the fire bell and ca-
a general hurly burly among
late revelers. It took some
to locate the fire, and
found it was nothing
than an incipient blaze
at Mr. Carter's West Main
street residence which was easily
extinguished without the aid of
the department. Meantime four
gallant members of Connor Hose
Company split the mud wide
open in a vain effort to reach the
fire with their hose cart. They
pulled it from the station to the
intersection of North and Sandy
streets and then abandoned it as
a bad job.

THE weather the past week has
been of such a miserable charac-
ter a "gentleman couldn't speak
of it properly in the presence of
his wife," says Kalamity Bonner
in the Rockdale Reporter.

It will take several days of
sunshine to rid the streets of
slush and mud.

If there is any virtue in "red
paint" the city ought to be a
bright vermilion by this time.

SOME of the boys will have
most excellent reasons for
"swearing off" by the time New
Year rolls around.

THE dancing fraternity held an
informal hop at Athletic hall
Christmas night.

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