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RELIABLE JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.

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## Hello Good People!!!

Here we are again with the finest assortment of

**Dry Goods, Shoes, Xmas Goods, etc.**

Ever on sale in Butler, at away-down prices. See for yourselves. We would be pleased to have you call and see our new line of goods.

**OUR SALE IS JUST BEGINNING,**

So in order to secure the best goods, get the greatest bargains, call and see. You must come early. Remember the place.

Just Opened on West Side of Square.

**J. A. McELROY.**

### Jury Declares Vernon Guilty.

Hannibal, Mo., Dec. 10.—The jury, at 3:30 this afternoon, returned a verdict of guilty against Doctor J. B. Vernon, charged with bribery in connection with Charles L. Blanton of the Treasury Department, who located the Post Office sites at Columbia, Moberly and Kirksville.

There were three indictments against him covering each town, and he was found guilty on all of them.

Doctor Vernon was turned over to the City Marshal, who placed him in the city prison here pending sentence, which will be pronounced by Judge Adams to-morrow morning.

Mrs. Vernon broke down completely when she was advised of the verdict. She strongly believed in the innocence of her husband.

### Lawson's Big Revolver.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Mr. Lawson has had a big revolver on his desk close by his head while he has been occupying the position of

the last two days. In his office, magnificent with its soft carpets, its paintings, its bronzes, its carved mahogany, and, above all, with its flowers, there have been, besides his stenographer, two men, evidently there for the purpose of defending the financier should anyone assail his castle. In a recent interview Mr. Lawson made the remarkable statement that his mail and his wires were tampered with, and said that he would not be surprised if his life were attempted.

### Robbed An Oklahoma Bank.

Enid, Ok., Dec. 10.—While two robbers drilled holes in the safe of the Farmers' State bank of Lambert, Woods county, the third held the horses and kept guard. The safe was blown to pieces and the robbers escaped with \$3,000. They rode off in the direction of the Glass mountains and the sheriff with a posse is in pursuit. The bank carried burglar insurance and will do nothing.

### Platt's Dexterous Bill.

Senator Platt's bill for reducing representation in the South is drawn, its friends say, with consummate "adroitness." The adroitness is exercised for the purpose of letting Massachusetts escape from the logic of the situation.

Massachusetts restricts suffrage. That state's form of ballot is designed to eliminate the ignorant and illiterate. Massachusetts, then, does just what is done in the Southern States against which Platt's bill is aimed.

The Platt effort, for all of its "adroitness," is impudently a scheme to insult and damage the South. The adroitness only removes the cloak. Under any system of Federal government which dealt with all the States alike Massachusetts could have no rights in the regulation of suffrage which did not belong to Mississippi.

If the ignorant and illiterate in one state are negroes and the same class in another state are worthless whites or untrained immigrants, the mere fact of race can make no difference. The very constitutional amendments which force the states to give citizenship to negroes prevent discrimination for or against any other race.

If Platt and the organization which he represents can induce the Republican leaders to make a party issue of this legislation they may force it through Congress. The people have faith that Mr. Roosevelt has judgement and manliness enough to oppose, and, if necessary, to veto any such bill.

In the event that he yields to the party pressure and lets a bill of that sort become a law the next general election will witness a reversal of the recent verdict and majorities as large.—St. Louis Republic.

### Peoria Bank Robbers Caught.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 11.—The two bandits who robbed the Peoria National bank yesterday noon were captured at Tulon this morning, thirty-seven miles from this city, by Sheriff Thomas Malone and Deputy Sheriff Davis.

The robbers had \$1,980 of the plunder in their pockets.

At the point of three revolvers the two men were surprised in Robert Green's livery stable, where they were waiting for a horse to be hitched for them. A hasty search through their pockets revealed five large revolvers and several big rolls of greenbacks. When confronted with the weapons of the Sheriff and his deputy they started to get their own revolvers.

"Hands up or we'll shoot!" was the gruff command of the sheriff, and the robbers seeing their game was up kept their hands in the air.

### A Slater, Mo., Woman Shot.

Slater, Mo., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Elisha Johnson, who lived near here, was shot to death last night. Her husband said the shooting was accidental he stated that he was going through the house to shoot at some owls. The shot attracted some neighbors who found Mrs. Johnson body on the floor and Johnson sitting beside it with the shotgun in his hands. No arrest have been made.

### Nogi Loses Both Sons.

Tokio, Dec. 12.—Gen. Nogi is now childless. In the fighting of November 30 the second son was killed on 203 Meter hill. His elder son was killed in the battle of Nanshan hill.

The Russians were granted permission, Tuesday, to gather their food on 203-Meter hill.

### ARE PRAYING FOR RAIN.

#### Drouth is Becoming Serious in New York and Pennsylvania.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The drouth is becoming serious to farmers and manufacturers in Northern New York. Pulp and paper manufacturers are obliged to shut down every few days account of low water. A prominent pulp and paper manufacturer says there is great danger of a pulp and paper famine.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—Prayers are being offered for rain in churches in certain localities of Dauphin, Perry, Cumberland and surrounding counties.

Bloomington, Ills., Dec. 8.—The drouth in central Illinois is growing more acute daily. All over McLean county there is a water famine and stockmen are finding difficulty in supplying stock with water.

#### Scott Favors Retrenchment.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Representative Scott of Kansas thinks the stenographers who report the sessions of the committees of Congress are paid entirely too much money for the work they do. When the legislature appropriation bill was before the House to-day the Kansas representative offered an amendment reducing the salaries of these stenographers from \$5,000 to \$3,000 a year. Mr. Scott asserts that there are thousands of court reporters and other shorthand writers who would be glad to do the committee work for \$3,000 a year. There were few members.

#### Destruction on 203-Meter Hill.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army Before Port Arthur, Dec. 10.—(By way of Fusan).—The correspondent of the Associated Press visited 203-Meter hill, the scene of the awful six days' fight which ended with its capture by the Japanese. The advance works and the crest of the hill was torn away, the slopes of the hill were strewn with debris and the trenches were smashed and filled with soil. In a single section of the trenches 100 yards long more than 200 Russians dead and wounded were seen. They had been mangled by dynamite grenades.

#### Jockey Heir To \$200,000.

San Francisco, Cal. Dec. 12.—The relatives of J. L. Boyd, a 16-year-old jockey, whose whereabouts are unknown, state that he is the sole heir to an estate of \$200,000 left him by his grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Boyd, of Bowling Green, Ky. He is said to be some where on the Pacific coast, with his mother. He rode in the races at Seattle last summer and made a contract to ride here for W. L. Haslip this year, but this contract was canceled, and the boy has not since been heard from.

#### Assassinated in Home.

Eureka, Tex., Dec. 11.—While preparing to retire, M. B. Ely was shot and instantly killed by some unknown person lying concealed outside the window of Ely's bedroom. The dogs took the trail and ran a short distance to a ravine, where they lost the tracks in a stream of water.

20,000 ACRES of western lands for sale. Call and see me. 45-3m. J. M. VAUGHAN, Butler, Mo.

The Peoples Elevator Co. has just unloaded a car of RED TEXAS SEED OATS. They are an extra good quality of oats and can't be beat for seed. Now is the time to get your seed for they will all be gone by spring. 4 3t

### Woman Ask For Suffrage.

Washing, Dec. 10.—The Senate committee on territories is receiving resolutions from organizations of women suffragists throughout the country protesting against the use of the word "sex" in that section of the statehood bill relating to the exercise of the right of suffrage in the proposed new states. This section provides that suffrage shall not be withheld on any account other than "illiteracy, minority, sex, conviction of a felony mental condition or of residence." The resolutions set forth that "it is outrageous that in the provisions of this bill women should be classed with illiterates, felons and idiots," and further that the bill

"works an injury, because through its provisions women can be denied the right of suffrage in the new states." The committee on territories will take up the statehood bill at a meeting next Saturday. It was said to-day that the committee would not take any important action on the bill before the holidays.

#### To Build \$100,000 Temple.

South McAlester, I. T.—The Scottish Rite Masons of this place purchased a building site and completed arrangement last night for the erection of a \$100,000 Masonic Temple which is to be the finest in the United States. Work on the new building to begin at once.

# Christmas IS COMING

and are already here with a big line of everything to satisfy your wants. Of course you have a lot of things to buy before Christmas and possibly don't know just where to look, but if you will call at our store and look through our line of

**Queensware, Cutlery, Guns, Skates, Buggies, Stoves, Etc.**

you will find that this is the right place. If you want a present for your wife, what would be nicer than a malleable steel range, or a nice set of china dishes? If that wouldn't fill the bill, what's the matter with a new buggy, driving wagon or surrey.

**We Have a Fine Line of Vehicles,**

and will make some way down prices this month in order to reduce our stock before our annual inventory.

**Our Stock of Queensware,**

is the largest in Butler, and our prices are as low as the lowest, so please drop in and see if we can't sell you a set of dishes, a nice china salad dish, a china plate, cabinet, or something else.

We also have a fine line of

**Carvers, Silver Knives and Forks, Spoons, Etc.**

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in town and pay the highest market price in cash as well as trade for all kinds of country produce, so please bring us your turkeys, chickens, butter, eggs, and you will get the best price going. We also want to remind you that this is the only place to buy Christmas candles, nuts, fruits, etc. If wanting a treat for your Sunday school don't fail to see us, as we have a very large stock of candy, oranges, etc., and will make you a very low price for your school. Don't forget to leave an order for that Christmas turkey that you will want as they are very scarce this year and you will have to come early if you get one. This cold snap ought to remind you that now is the time to put in that new heating stove. If needing one don't fail to see the Garland Oak and the Wilson Heater. They are the best made. Thanking you for the nice trade you have given us in the past and soliciting a continuance of the same. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We are yours truly,

**Bennett-Wheeler Merc. Co.**