

Digests what you Eat Dyspepsia Cure

Some people wonder why pepsin preparations don't help their dyspepsia. They probably suffer because they cannot digest foods that pepsin does not affect. The reason is, pepsin digests only nitrogenous foods, like eggs, meat and albumin, while entirely different substances are required to digest the great variety of other foods that are necessary for proper nourishment.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure contains pepsin, but it also contains all the other digestants, and is capable of completely digesting farinas, grains, starches and every other kind of foods. That is why it digests what you eat and allows you to eat all the variety you want; and that is why it cures indigestion, even after everything else has failed. As it is the only preparation of the kind known, the demand for it has become enormous. Its use affords instant relief from all forms of stomach trouble.

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HE COULD NOT WRITE.

Negro Serving Time in Ohio For Alleged Forgery.

Columbus, O., Dec. 25.—James P. Roberts, a colored convict from Green county, is now serving his third term in the penitentiary on a forgery charge, yet he cannot write.

The prisoner was received at the institution April 16, 1899, and since arriving has protested his innocence. He was convicted at Xenia, his home town, of forging the name of Jordan Robb, a groceryman, to a check for \$200, and one of Roberts' defenses was that he could not write his own name. Roberts has maintained that the alleged forged check was never introduced in evidence and could not be, and states that he is the victim of a plot.

After serving all but a month of his term certain information comes forth which seems to proclaim Roberts not guilty as charged. Last Saturday he received a communication from a man signing his name as John Williams, of Chicago. The letter is dated Columbus, December 18, and it appears that Williams came to this city to hold an interview with Roberts and failed. The letter says:

"You are not guilty of the crime of forgery, and I don't see how the court convicted you when you did not know of such a check. I won the check on January 18, 1899, playing poker in John Adams' place, in Xenia.

"The next day I saw the papers of your arrest, and Mr. Ebb's statement that he did not sign the check. Then I asked an attorney about it, and he told me that they could not send you to prison without the check being produced in evidence."

One of the jurors who was responsible for the verdict against Roberts is now employed as guard at the penitentiary. He states that the check was not introduced as evidence, but that the prisoner was convicted on the statement of the officials of the Citizens' National Bank of Xenia and others.

Roberts was first sent up from Shelby county in 1882, and in 1883 from Delaware, both times for forgery.

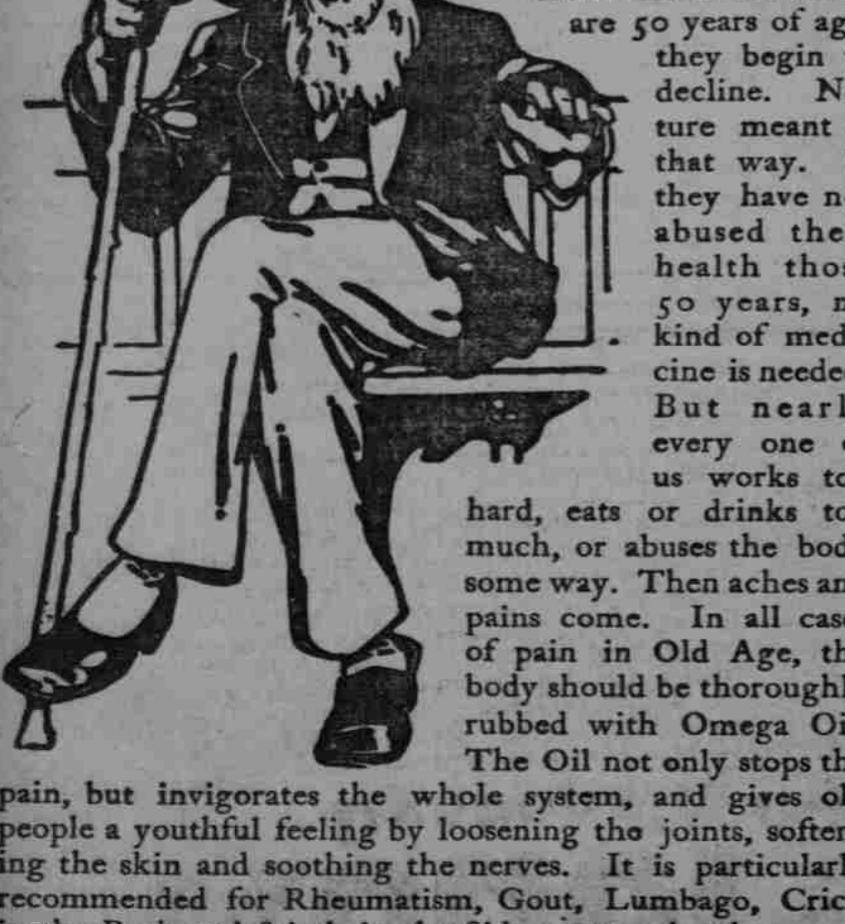
Woman's Missionary Society.
The December meeting of the Women's Missionary society will be held in the parlor of the First Presbyterian church, Friday, December 27, at 2:30 p. m. Leader, Mrs. M. Townsend.

2:30.—Devotional.
Business.
Missionary letters, Mrs. W. W. Mills.
Current events on "Syria," by Mrs. J. Thomas and others who have been there.

Homa mission topic, "The Mountaineers," Mrs. C. E. Warden.
Solo, Mrs. J. W. P. Hughes.
Mission study, "The Century in Persia."

Paper, "The Country, People, Religion and Pioneer Work in Persia," Miss Flora Curry.
Harp solo, Mrs. F. P. Brown.
Paper, "Woman and the Gospel in Persia," Miss Margaret Weiss.

Paper, "The Evangelistic, Educational, and Medical Work in Persia," Mrs. F. M. Oldham.
Prayer.
Hymn.



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SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS

Topeka doctors are busy today.

Topeka has surrendered to the teachers.

A new elevator will be put in the Columbian building.

There will be no cases tried in the district court until January 3.

The city was enveloped in a London fog last night and this morning.

The Wichita teachers arrived in a special car at 4:40 this morning.

F. Cook and family, of Valley Falls, have been spending a few days in Topeka.

Lyon county has a delegation of forty teachers here attending the state meeting.

Silby Kelly wrote his father, H. B. Kelly, a check for \$1,000 for a Christmas present.

Charles B. Hanford will be at the Crawford tonight in "The Taming of the Shrew."

"Cider" Smith said something about misty weather on December 25 several days in advance.

W. W. Carr, day Associated Press operator, has returned from a visit of a week in Eudora.

Observer Jennings used a nutmeg grater this morning to measure the density of the fog.

J. R. Nease, of Topeka, has gone to Chanute to begin his work as traveling auditor for the Santa Fe.

The A. D. T. boys were all presented with new suits yesterday by the management of the company.

Topeka was treated to a sample of southern race wars last evening with the difference that no one was killed.

All of the late night and early morning trains brought in big delegations of teachers attending the annual gathering.

The streets appeared deserted yesterday in comparison with the day before when Christmas shopping was at its height.

H. J. Beville, formerly manager of the Western Union here, has a position as day operator in the Santa Fe general offices.

A Topeka bachelor who is a close observer says that Kansas school ma'ams are growing better looking every year.

Not a Christmas tree burned yesterday and no one shot Santa Claus by mistake for a burglar. The millennium is coming.

The regular yearly meeting of the Commercial club will be held on Friday.

The election of officers will occur at that time.

Students and graduates of Baker university will hold a reception and reunion this afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 in the senate chamber.

A song and music recital will be given Friday evening at the home of Mrs. C. G. Foster by the members of the Foster Humane society.

You have remembered everybody but yourself for Christmas. Why not get a suit Jan. P. McManus & Co., tailors, are showing some beauties.

Many Topeka young folks misjudged their capacity on Christmas day and they may regret it.

The small boy who received his first pair of skates from Santa Claus is wishing for a repetition of the cold weather of a week ago.

Observer Jennings will not allow any jokes in his presence about this fog being the London kind. He says it is the straight Kaw valley variety.

Representatives of the Knights of the Protected Ark, a beneficiary order, will hold their national council in Topeka beginning this evening in Security hall.

Thomas Davis celebrated Christmas by breaking into jail. He was arrested on a state warrant charging him with robbing Mac Overton's grocery store in North Topeka.

The Topeka Choral society will sing the "Cantata of the Kings" at the Auditorium. It is one of the features of the State Teachers' association meeting here this week.

M. A. Bailey, formerly a dispenser of medicine at the Kansas State Normal is attending the State Teachers' association. He is now a professor in a New York teachers' training school.

About 500 people attended the masquerade ball given at the Auditorium last night by the Modern Woodmen of America. The prize for the best waltz was given to T. B. Hannigan and his sister.

Now that Christmas is past things will be done toward the actual realization of the Kansas Midwinter exposition. About three-fourths of the booth space at the exposition has been contracted for.

Red seems to be a favorite color with the schoolma'ams. One of them announced during a speech last night that red water of the color of the shades in a single section of those seated in Representative hall.

Otis Ogg, of Thayer, Kas., was brought to Topeka yesterday to have his feet amputated. Mr. Ogg had his feet frozen during the recent severe cold spell. He was brought to Topeka by Drs. Conman and Barker.

Lawrence Journal: If General Metcalf persists in his determination to live in Lawrence, Topeka will probably settle quo warrants proceedings and make him show how he can hold an office without residing in Topeka.

The prize for the best waltz at the Apollo club in Chicago the Record-Herald refers as follows to a Topeka young lady, in enumerating the singers: "Miss Connelly, a rising star in the world, well known in Chicago, and who has won favor singing oratorio in western cities."

Wicklin Harper, a brother of the notorious Jess Harper, and considerable of a crook on his own account, was arrested here yesterday for violating a parole given by the officers at Lawrence. Harper was released from jail at Lawrence on condition he would not leave the city.

Another Death From Fire.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Another death occurred today as the result of a fire last night in the home of James H. Connelly, in West Philadelphia. Mary Connelly, aged 4 years, was burned to death last night, and today Mrs. Ella Connelly, 28 years old, wife of James, died in a hospital from injuries received through leaping from a second-story window. Harry Connelly, two months old, was fatally injured and his death is momentarily expected. Three other members of the family who were badly burned will recover.

Birmingham Elks Generous.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 26.—The Elks of Birmingham presented to the poor people of this city a Christmas tree loaded with gifts last night, and 2,000 children took part in the festivities. Every poor child or woman who went to the theater where the celebration took place was given a silver quarter as a present.

Texas Killed in a Duel.

Lockhart, Tex., Dec. 26.—As the result of a duel near Corvix, Lon Baker was killed and Jim Coffey was badly wounded. Coffey was brought here, and is in jail.

Alger Improves.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 26.—At Gen. Alger's residence this morning it was reported that he had passed a very good night.

LOOK OUT FOR SCHEMES.

McKinley Memorial Association Issues a Warning.

Cleveland, Dec. 25.—The McKinley Memorial association with headquarters in this city has had its attention called to so many enterprises of a commercial nature, tending to make capital out of the sentiments of public affection for the late president, that it has issued a warning.

R. Day, ex-secretary of state and president of the association:

"The public with especially cautioned against any enterprise attempting to make capital out of the sentiments of affection which inspired the desire to rear at the grave of the late president a memorial which shall fittingly honor his memory. It is the desire of the trustees of the McKinley Memorial association to see the free will offering of the people and they respectfully request the public to discourage all propositions which may tend to divert the contributions of money by giving all or part of the proceeds to the memorial fund. The public is hereby notified that the McKinley Memorial association has no connection with or relation to any other association or to any enterprise of a commercial nature."

FIGHT IN CHURCH.

Six Men Badly Hurt and Meeting Broken Up.

Pikeeton, O., Dec. 26.—Six men were fatally wounded in a general fight at a small country church at Pike Postoffice last night, and a panic took place among the worshippers. A series of religious meetings was in progress at the church and the building was filled when Charles and Orrin Day appeared slightly intoxicated and announced that they had come to clean out the Leggs' family with which the Days had had frequent quarrels.

A general fight resulted in the church and around it. Women and children fled in terror and some were injured by jumping out of the windows. Only the minister, Mr. Dove remained. At the close six men lay fatally hurt, Charles and Orrin Day, Wesley Legg, Joseph Williams, John Curran and Lebanon Williams. Physicians were called from the scene and the sheriff to attend the wounded men and the sheriff was notified. Many others were slightly injured.

MUST LEAVE LA COSTA.

Spanish Squatters Are Warned to Vacate the Island.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 25.—The Spanish squatters on the Island of La Costa government reservation, near the mouth of Charlotte harbor, must leave there at once, under orders from the treasury department. The revenue officer Hamilton, acting under orders, visited the island last week and Lieutenant P. S. VanBargerick delivered the ultimatum to the squatters. There were 30, including men, women and children. They were found on the beach ostensibly fishing.

Over a year ago the cutter McLean visited the island and captured a number of smugglers. They found that the island was made a rendezvous for smuggling liquors into the Florida mainland, the fishing business being only a ruse. The island contains several hundred acres. Most of the people there are Spanish.

The squatters refuse to go within 30 days or so troops from Key West will be sent to take them away.

IS SHOT DEAD.

Girl's Awful Mistake Is Fatal to a Relative.

Duck Hill, Miss., Dec. 26.—Frank Royal, a young man, was shot and killed by the daughter of his brother-in-law, J. S. Mills, whom he and his wife were visiting. Mills and Royal left for town in the evening and upon their return Royal, for the sake of a joke, failed to answer Mrs. Mills, who, while as he started to enter the hallway, Beatrice Mills, a 14-year-old girl, thinking it was a joke, fired a shot which seized a shotgun and fired the entire load into Royal's heart as he opened the door.

TARIFF MAKES TROUBLE.

Australia Appears to Be No Exception to the Rule.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—H. W. Montague, ex-secretary of state of Canada, arrived by the steamer Ararat from Australia yesterday. Speaking of the federation in the South seas, he said that the recent tariff will greatly affect the trade with Canada and the United States, but a market could be found for machinery, wheat, manufactured fabrics and other goods from this continent. The people of Australia are much stirred up over the new tariff. The great political questions in Australia at present are the high tariff and colored labor. Upon the settlement of the latter depended largely the sugar industry of Queensland. The passage of acts restricting Kanaka immigration will greatly affect sugar plantations. The doctor attended the opening of the new federal parliament, which was a magnificent reception. Australians have greatly advanced in labor legislation, having a minimum wage and pension for workmen of over 65 years. The federation is anxiously awaiting the construction of the Pacific cable.

EIGHTH WONDER.

Royal Palace on the Dam to Be Restored.

New York, Dec. 26.—Queen Wilhelmina is again considering her project of restoring to the city of Amsterdam the royal palace on the Dam, says a dispatch from The Hague to the Journal.

The palace, which was destroyed by fire in the nineteenth century was the headquarters of the municipality of Amsterdam. Louis Bonaparte, however, when King of Holland, established his residence there, and it has ever since remained the Amsterdam abode of the sovereign of The Netherlands. It is, however, occupied by the queen.

Learning that the city was about to be asked to provide at a large cost a new town hall, the existing Hotel de Ville being no longer adequate to the requirements of the municipal administration, she announced her intention of restoring the fine palace on the Dam to the use for which it was originally intended, and to turn it over to the authorities

of Amsterdam. Her action in the matter has greatly pleased the people of Amsterdam.

MILLIONS IN SIGHT

When Edward Taylor Bradford, the Inventor, Died.

New York, Dec. 26.—Regarding the report that Edward Taylor Bradford, the inventor and mining engineer, had succeeded in disposing of his interests in a patent smelter for over a million dollars just previous to his death in this city, Alfred C. Purdy, a partner of the dead man, said:

"Mr. Bradford had perfected a smelter which decreased the expense of reducing ores in practical operation. In Utah, and another is being erected in the state of Washington. In addition to this he was negotiating the sale of a rich mine in Alaska under an arrangement by which he was to receive a large block of stock. I was his partner and we were negotiating with four prominent bankers of this city. Mr. Bradford was a comparatively poor man, but I am sure that within a year he would have realized from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. I am going to try to save part of this money for his estate, but I am not sure what I can do. His home was in Denver, where he leaves a wife, a son and two daughters. I have received word from Mrs. Bradford to send her husband's body to Denver, and will comply with her request today."

BEER AFLOAT.

Five Hundred Kegs Moving Down the Delaware.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Five hundred kegs of beer are due to reach Philadelphia from a Northampton brewery some time today. They are coming by water, each on its own account. Not willing to let this treasure go to waste, the population of the river front is spending the hours in waiting for the kegs.

The beer kegs were stacked upon a platform outside the brewery at Northampton. Undermined by the freshet, the supports gave way and the kegs tumbled into the river. The brewery advertised a reward of 15 cents for each keg, empty or full. Some of the kegs are empty, but the majority of them are said to be full and floating, with just an inch or two showing above the surface.

It is expected that they will get here by noon, if not before.

THREE NEGROES KILLED.

Christmas Day at Shreveport Was Far From Peaceful.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 26.—Christmas day had its trail of bloodshed and fire in Shreveport. There were three killings, all of the victims being negroes, and a fire which destroyed property valued at \$70,000. The three killings reported were those of Jack Ryan, colored, who was shot by an unknown party; Ewell, shot and killed by Charles Bell, and the body of an unknown negro was found in what is known as Wilson alley, an examination by the coroner revealed an ugly bullet wound in the right side of the unknown man. No arrests were made in connection with any of the killings.

WHITE HOUSE CLOSED.

Will Not Reopen Until After New Year's Day.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The White House will remain closed until New Year's day. Only visitors having urgent and important business will be seen by the president during the coming week. Mrs. Roosevelt and the children with Dr. Rixey will sail down the Potomac this afternoon on the government yacht Dolphin. They will be gone several days. A portion of the time will be spent at a club house on an island near Quantico, Va., about 20 miles from Washington, and Dr. Rixey, the president's doctor, expect to have some duck shooting from the club's blinds. The president will remain here while the family is away. He will entertain some of his friends at luncheon and dinner each day.

TEXAS WHITECAPS.

Call an Aged Man to the Door and Shoot Him Dead.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 26.—Rev. J. H. McClinton, living near Deport, was called to his home at an early hour this morning and shot to death by a crowd of men. He claimed to have recognized some of them, and gave their names to officers before dying.

Soldier Stabbed in Saloon Row.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—During a row in a haberdashery in Philadelphia and Ross of the coast artillery was stabbed by an unknown soldier. A riot followed. Ross was struck and thrown and three shots were fired. About one thousand soldiers, it is estimated, gathered. The police had to be called out to restore order. Fifty-nine soldiers were arrested and taken to the police station. Ross was not badly hurt. During the row Policeman Ross was struck by a stone which inflicted a slight scalp wound.

Fewer Warships Being Built.

New York, Dec. 26.—According to the London correspondent of the Tribune this has been a good shipbuilding year for Great Britain, but there has been a noteworthy diminution in the number of war ships built for foreign powers. The vessels included in this year's return are principally for Japan, and for the United States, where are practically no large ships building for foreign navies. The fall in the return is attributed to political considerations.

Col. Renfro of Texas Dead.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 26.—Col. R. B. Renfro of Brownsville, a prominent Texas politician and one of the leading Republicans of this state, died at Corpus Christi last night. He was collector of customs at Brownsville, Texas, during President Harrison's administration.

Cotton Oil Mill Plant Burned.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 26.—The cotton oil mill plant owned by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, with 600 tons of condensed and products, was destroyed by fire last night, causing a loss of \$30,000. Insurance \$30,000.

Fatal Shooting at Hot Springs.

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 26.—Frank Mallory, proprietor of a restaurant, was shot and killed by Frank Chilcutt, a saloon keeper. It is claimed that the killing was in self-defense. Chilcutt is in jail.

It is unlikely that there will be any more great rushes to the Klondike. People realize that the gold and silver strikes being attained much nearer home and at less expense.—Washington Star.

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VIGOROUS ACTION.
Toward Venezuela Is Expected on Part of Germany.

New York, Dec. 26.—According to the Fort of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent of the Herald, Germany intends to act vigorously against President Castro's government in Venezuela for the latter's failure to pay the interest on the debt owing the German bankers during the last three years. A naval demonstration, it is alleged, would have taken place by this time had it not been that the German cruiser Vineta needed repairs and had to go to the United States for an overhaul.

CHRISTMAS SHOOTING.
Nacogdoches, Tex., Dec. 26.—While a crowd of men were discharging pistols in celebration of Christmas a stray bullet struck Mitch Bird, aged 15, inflicting a mortal wound. The boy's father then fired into the crowd with a shotgun, seriously wounding Ed Lee, Reuben Chandler and Edgar Moore, all negroes. The boy is dead and one of the negroes is dying.

He Lost Two Fortunes.
New York, Dec. 26.—Charles J. Burke, who inherited one fortune, made another as a haberdasher in Philadelphia and lost both in stock speculation, is dead in this city. Burke was born in Cincinnati 54 years ago, was educated for the law and, removing to Philadelphia became rapidly known in politics. He entered trade and for nearly twenty years was in the furnishing goods business in Philadelphia. After failing in business he came to this city but was unsuccessful.

Triumph For Common Sense.
Buenos Ayres, Dec. 26.—The Nation says the agreement arrived at between Argentina and Chile is more of a triumph for common sense than a triumph of diplomacy. The Paris says that delay in ending the state of armed peace existing between the Chile and retard Argentina progress for 20 years.



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