

J. D. RIDINGS GOES TO FAMILY REUNION

SIXTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD SON TO GREET NINETY-YEAR-OLD MOTHER AT BONHAM.

J. D. Ridings, himself more than 55 years of age, left Wednesday accompanied by his son, Joe Ridings, of Bonham, Texas, to visit his mother, who is now 94 years old, but still hale and hearty.

The family originally consisted of ten children, of which number seven yet live and were present at the reunion that has been planned for the past few weeks.

PANHANDLE TEACHERS WANT COMPULSORY LAW.

Institute of Dallam, Hartley and Moore Counties Make Call to Representatives.

The Daily Panhandle is asked to give publicity to the following: To the Hon. John W. Veal, Senator, and Hon. J. R. Bowman, Representative, Amarillo, Texas:

Gentlemen: Realizing that "education is the guardian angel of democracy," and also, that in this state last year there were approximately 100,000 children of scholastic age who did not enroll in the public schools, and that out of every 100 children residing in the rural districts, forty-seven were out of school during all of the time that these schools were in session;

Therefore, we, the teachers of Dallam, Hartley and Moore counties in institute assembled at Dalhart, December 18-23, hereby wish to express our approval of a compulsory attendance law for Texas children, and urge upon you to use your influence in securing the passage of such a law during the session of the Thirty-first legislature.

J. M. ANDERSON, W. F. WALL, F. P. CARNES, Committee on Resolutions, Dalhart, Texas, Dec. 23, 1908.

GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE WAIT ON UNITED STATES.

Will Recognize Gomez Regime When America Does.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The governments of Europe are waiting on America in the matter of recognition of the new government in Venezuela.

If Gomez, the former vice president under Castro, and who is now the president, can hold his own and prove that he controls the situation, the United States will recognize him. Europe will then follow suit.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The French government is maintaining a waiting attitude in the matter of political developments in Venezuela.

If the government of Gomez, the new president, endures, it will be recognized. France is anxious for a settlement of diplomatic difficulties with Venezuela, and if Senor Paulo, who is now on his way to Europe, commissioned by the present government to affect a settlement of Venezuela's disputes with the powers, can show proper credentials, he will be received.

The French government is gratified with the downfall of Castro, and is of the opinion that he has been permanently eliminated from Venezuelan affairs. The impression prevails that Castro will never return to South America.

TEXAN AND WIFE ARE INJURED AT SEGUIN

Special to Daily Panhandle. San Antonio, Dec. 24.—A telephone message from Seguin says W. R. Neal and wife were seriously injured Thursday night when they were struck by a horse on the street. Mrs. Neal suffered a fractured hip.

WILLIAM H. TAFT TO VISIT TEXAS

DALLAS WILL BE ONE OF PRINCIPAL POINTS ON THE TRIP.

Associated Press.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 26.—President-elect William H. Taft has decided to visit the state of Texas at some convenient time after his inauguration, preferably at the end of the special session of congress, which he is to call to revise the tariff. While his itinerary for the visit has not been arranged, he will make the city of Dallas one of the principal points of the trip.

The cities and towns of the Lone Star state united in the request for his presence at any time he should choose to go. The invitation reads: "We, the commercial bodies in the state of Texas whose officers have herewith subscribed, in our own behalf and in behalf of the people whom we represent, desire to extend to you a hearty invitation to visit our state in the near future or at any time that may be convenient to you prior to your inauguration.

"We desire to become better acquainted with you, both personally and in the official capacity which you are soon to assume, and on the other hand we wish you to come in touch with our people that you may judge for yourself to what extent they and their state are a factor in the greatness and glory of our common country.

"We vouch for the courtesy and hospitality of our people and will do our best to make your visit a source of lasting memory.

"Hoping nothing will prevent your responding favorably to our invitation, and that you may see your way clear to fix an early date."

Judge Taft's Policy. The acceptance of the invitation is in accord with Judge Taft's well-defined plan to impress upon the South the necessity of becoming practical in its politics. He is to bring his administration into close touch with the South, according to his declarations and hopes to bring the South to realize the necessity of itself taking hand in national affairs.

"WHERE THERE'S A WILL"

From Success Magazine.

A week before the Christmas holidays a Princeton undergraduate who lived in Chicago wished to start home, thus gaining a week's vacation on the other students. He had, however, used up all the absences from recitations which are allowed, and any more without good excuse would have meant suspension. In a quandary he hit upon this solution: he telegraphed his father the following message:

"Shall I come home by the B. & O., or straight home?" The answer he received read: "Come straight home."

An exhibition of the telegram to the faculty was sufficient.

PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at public auction at my residence, 8 miles east of Amarillo, 6 miles west of Washburn, commencing at 1:30 p. m., sharp, my entire line of horses, mules, cows, hogs, farming implements, household goods etc.

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MCKINNEY RESIDENCE BURNS.

McKinney, Texas, Dec. 26.—The residence of M. L. Phillips was destroyed early this morning by fire. Loss \$2,000.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Orange, Texas, Dec. 26.—Sam Aigner was killed by a Santa Fe train at Kirbyville today.

OKLAHOMA MAN ASSASSINATED.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 26.—Myron Massey, aged 20, was fatally shot early this morning while returning from a dance at Keystone. It is not known who fired the gun.

27 POOR FAMILIES GET CHRISTMAS CHEER

(From Saturday's Daily.) SALVATION ARMY MAKES GLAD THE HEARTS OF MANY, INCLUDING PRISONERS IN COUNTY JAIL.

Twenty-seven indigent families, each ranging in number from two to twelve, were made happy with boxes of Christmas cheer through kindly efforts of the Salvation Army. The boxes were sent out Christmas evening to many of them and contained chickens, potatoes, celery, gotten their obligations and were not prepared to comply with their promises. This doubled the burdens but despite all adversities the work went gladly on.

In this distribution the Salvation Army does not claim all the glory, but through its leaders it is stated that it was only through the generosity of the citizenship as well as their personal efforts that the good was accomplished. From many of the homes of the city came articles of food that helped to make glad the hearts of the unfortunates. To each of these Captain and Mrs. McMillan return thanks.

Although overworked from tasks that lasted far into the night before Christmas, so much so that their own dinners had to remain uncooked, there was thankfulness and prayer and praise to Deity in the humble home of the Salvationists.

At the County Jail.

At the county jail the Salvation Army gave to those incarcerated within its walls a taste of the gladness of the season in the form of a whole pie, cakes, candies, fruits, nuts and canned goods, and in some was a sack of flour. These were delivered to the poor of the city by the officers of the army personally.

This was by far the most successful campaign as well as the most helpful one ever waged in the interest of the poor of Amarillo. The supply of good things offered was sufficient to supply needs of those receiving them for several days to come. Army officials were fully acquainted with individual needs and apportioned according to the necessity found.

At no time since the coming of Captain and Mrs. McMillan and their aides to this city has the corps been so busy as it was last week. The collection of good things for free distribution required constant activity. Some of the donors responding to the first solicitation of the Army cadets as they made a round of the city were either absent from home when the hour of collection came or had forsaken dinner for each of the prisoners. The dinners were served under the direction of one of the down town cafes, and consisted of roast turkey as the piece de resistance supplemented by reasonable viands. The affair proved one of enjoyment to all interested.

Only a few outside of the prison officers, representatives of the Salvation Army and attendants incident to the feast were present in the jail. The welcome of Jailer Keeton was to all who sought to come and witness the feeding of the unfortunates in his charge. Captain McMillan was given free access of the jail and spoke words of encouragement to the inmates. He has frequently visited the jail, but never has seen the prisoners in such happy mood as yesterday afternoon when the steaming hot dinner was served to them.

CLAUS SPRECKELS DIES FROM PNEUMONIA ATTACK

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—Claus Spreckels, the famous sugar multi-millionaire, died from pneumonia early this morning.

Mr. Spreckels built the 18-story Call building in San Francisco, in which great daily he was heavily interested. He was the father of Rudolph Spreckels, who gave \$150,000 of his private funds into the hands of the prosecution with which to fight the municipal grafters. Claus Spreckels made his millions in growing cane and manufacturing sugar in the Hawaiian Islands. He was an old man at the time of his death.

FATHER OF U. S. SENATOR PENROSE DEAD, AGED 82.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—Dr. Richard F. Penrose, father of United States Senator Boies Penrose, died at his home here today of pneumonia, aged 82. He was well known in the medical literary world, having contributed many papers on various subjects relating to his profession.

N. Y. CLEARING HOUSE BANKS.

Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows the banks hold \$16,923,325 more than requirements of the 25 per cent reserve rule. This is an increase of \$6,913,625 in proportionate cash reserve compared with last week.

CONGRESSMAN DAVY DIES.

Associated Press. New Orleans, Dec. 26.—Congressman Robert C. Davy of Louisiana died here today after an illness of several months.

EXCHANGE COMMENT

Iowa Gate City: A judge of the court of general sessions in New York City has ruled that a man earning only \$6 a week is not compelled to support his wife. The wife in the case at bar wanted \$2 a week, and this being refused her by the husband, she took the matter into court. In deciding the case the judge declared that "if a woman chooses to embark in matrimony with a man whose earning capacity is only \$6, she must take her chances of getting her support. This rushing into matrimony," he added, "may appeal to the president of the United States, but it does not to any one who weighs the evidence and acts judicially to determine whether or not such a thing is reasonable, right or proper." The court improved the occasion to observe further that "the Society for the Improved Condition of the Poor has recently made a careful investigation into the causes of misery in the most congested districts, and reports the most fruitful cause of misery is very large families which the poor are having." The present trend of the age, it was noted, is toward quantity rather than quality of output.

Shattuck (Okla.) Monitor: Oklahoma is not a "catch 'em alive" state, neither do the people here "eat 'em up raw," but the president of the United States has the funny idea "that it is and they do." This idea comes about probably as a result of Taft's visit a year ago and the fact that Congressman-elect Dick T. Morgan has recently made a trip to Washington. If "Dick" is responsible for such stuff as this, he's not true blue and the voters should see to it that he stays at home next time.

Liberty Vindicator: "The next thing we know some ambitious village in Liberty county is going to take the county seat" remarked a despondent fellow last week, but the kabosh was knocked out of him by the quick retort: "And if you go along with the county seat we will gladly give it up."

Anson Western Reporter: If we ever mention commercial club for Anson again it will be sufficient grounds upon which to base a charge of lunacy; we hereby waive examination and enter a plea of non compos mentis. We will now sing a new doxology, "When Dreams Come True."

Another "Adamless Eden" has been started on Long Island. The Quincy Herald admits that it is none of its business, of course, but it would like to know who's going to button their waists behind and get up in the night to close the windows when it rains?

Something of the degree of caloric in the president's late special message to congress is hinted at in the following verse from the editorial columns of the Quincy Whig: If you haven't got a chafing dish 'Ang wish fried eggs for lunch, Just break them on the message and 'Twill fix 'em in a hunch.

BURNS IS WHIPPED AGAIN.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26.—Johnson won heavyweight championship from Burns this morning. Police stopped the fight in the fourth round to save Burns from further punishment. Johnson won all the way.

WACO CHILD MAY DIE FROM BURNS.

Waco, Texas, Dec. 26.—While burning grass today Katherine Yard, aged 10, received probably fatal burns when her clothing was ignited from the flames. The child is a niece of George Yard, a prominent citizen of this city.

AGED PHILANTHROPIST DIES AT MINERAL WELLS

Special to Daily Panhandle. Weatherford, Texas, Dec. 26. Judge W. F. Carter of this city died late yesterday at Mineral Wells, aged 87. Although a union sympathizer during the civil war he fed the poor people here during that period. Once during a heated political quarrel he narrowly escaped death, friends saving him.

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