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Ardmore, Friday, Dec. 29, 1905.

A Boston preacher says a man happily married can save \$1 for every dollar he saves while single. That may be true with preachers but other men know that it takes money to keep her happy.

The Christmas returns are not all in yet, but enough is known of the result to warrant the statement that the number of people shot was slightly less than the number who were only half shot.

"Two gentle old men," is the way the president put it in speaking of Platt and Depew. The New York Press (Republican) calls them crafty insurance grafters.

Secretary Shaw throws this taunt at the Democrats: "The old state sovereignty party has now become the most pronounced advocate of enlarged federal jurisdiction and supervision."

It is understood the czar has been warned to leave Russia. No doubt he would be glad to heed the warning, but he doesn't just see how he can do so with so many of his subjects clamoring for him to stay, any one of whom will provide him with a permanent abiding place in mother earth with a nice little mound to mark the spot.

A girl in Louisville who sued a traction company for injury to her collar bone removed her shirt waist in court that the jury might see the extent of the injury. She was given a judgment of \$6,000 and no doubt every one of the jury was convinced, by the personal inspection he made, that it was worth the money.

It looks queer to see President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor championing the restriction of immigrant labor, and President Eliot of Harvard University proclaiming that we need all the brain and sinew that we can import to develop our resources and that the American people will endure no legislation designed to keep them out. Which is the truer champion of labor?—Boston Herald.

There is nothing to be done perhaps to further statehood during the recess of congress but the people should be ready to move on congress in force just as soon as that body reconvenes and this should be done in such a way as to show that the people of the twin territories very earnestly desire a change. Congress admits that we are entitled to statehood and if we can make them believe that we are in dead earnest in our application, the chances for the passage of an enabling act will be made much better. In this connection a thousand letters, real ones, written to members of congress would do a vast amount of good.—Times Journal.

"The Englishman takes our ocean-going freight away from us because the American cannot compete. Why can not the American compete? Because the American has to pay a higher price for ships than the Englishman has to pay. What is it that compels the American to pay too much for ships? The navigation laws, which deny him registry unless he builds or buys at home, and the tariff duties which compel him to pay an unnatural, extortionate price for the materials, or for the home-built ship. Thus our protective system, which has produced the curse of trusts and concentrated wealth, has strained our resources," says Tom Watson's Magazine. It is now proposed to cure the curse by "enough of the same" poison!—News.

EX-PRESIDENTS AND SENATE.

If the rumour be true that President Roosevelt aspires to be senator after his term in the white house, the ambition is a worthy one. The senate is, indeed, the ideal place for a retired president, especially if he still be young enough for an active part in the public service.

If, like Jefferson, he feels his "powers declining" as the end of his services in the presidency approaches, the broad knowledge of the country's affairs acquired in that office would make him a most valuable counselor in the easy and honorable retirement of the senate.

Senator Thomas C. Platt's term will expire on March 1, 1909, simultaneously with that of the president, so that there is a vacancy awaiting Mr. Roosevelt, if he can win it. It is not at all certain that he can.

The American people are prone to apply to their great men the old Roman rule which required "new victories before new triumphs," and much of the traditional sentiment against a third presidential term is stamped with the jealous feeling that two terms have conferred honor enough.

Among the politicians of New York state this feeling will undoubtedly be strong if he seeks election to the senate. It may not be so strong among masses, but the unusual spectacle of the president, using the prestige and the patronage of his great office in order to win a smaller place would hardly make a favorable impression. "In the hands of his friends," Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy might be more favorably received at the end of Senator Depew's term in 1911, but by that time the political organization he is now so energetically building up will have passed from his control.

At any rate, the experiment for which Mr. Roosevelt is said to be preparing is an interesting one. If New York sends him to the senate either in 1909 or two years later he will have solved, in his own case at least, that vexing problem, What shall we do with our ex-president?—Republican.

Muskogee has been talking long and long about Arkansas river navigation, and the whole country outside of Muskogee has treated the matter as a huge joke—a companion piece with its oil boom and the million dollar capital and the Sequoyah separate state movement, all pieces of the same mosaic. Now the method in her madness doth appear in trying to force the railroads of the country to give her a low freight rate. The outcome of this tempest in a teapot will be watched with interest. If Muskogee succeeds in her breezy undertaking then an effort should be made to navigate Bull creek.—Vinita Chieftain.

No man can fly in the face of public opinion. William E. Corey, president of the steel trust, advises his wife that he has broken off with Mabel Gillman, the actress, that he does not want her to be divorced and will give her a million dollars if she will not press his suit. It is not reported just what he gave Mabel to agree to quit, but the chances are that she was willing for a much less figure and any price would be an extravagant one.

The Washington Post says: "Mme. Bernhardt is taking long chances by starring through Texas in a circus tent, unless the Texans have broken themselves of the old habit of shooting holes through the tent between the acts." Mme. Bernhardt ought not to object so long as the holes are shot only through the tent.

A general strike of chorus girls will no doubt be hailed with joy by dressmakers. It will create a demand for more dresses and more cloth for each individual dress.

MRS. EDDY'S DECLARATION.

Puts Ban on Giving of Presents and Sending Messages of Cheer.
New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science church, has stirred up her million or more followers by putting the ban on the giving of Christmas gifts and discouraging personal congratulations on the occasion of the Yuletide festival. This in part is her declaration of the subject as published in the official organ of the Christian Science church.

"I cannot watch and pray reading telegrams; they only cloud the clear sky and they give the appearance of personal worship which Christian Science annuls."
"Members of this church who turn their attention from the divine principle of being to personality, sending telegrams, congratulatory dispatches or letters to the pastor emeritus (Mrs. Eddy) on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year or Easter, break a rule of this church and are amenable therefore."

Milk Cows for Sale.
I have a number of good milk cows for sale. For cash. Cattle can be seen at Horbar. For any information call on Sam Noble.
27d&w W. F. STANFIELD.

Another trouble about people who interfere with a fellow's affairs is that they so often tell the truth!

NEW ROCK ISLAND SPUR.

Valuable Cement Mines in Oklahoma to Be Opened.
Lawton, O. T., Dec. 28.—The Rock Island railroad company is preparing to build a spur of track from Rush Springs, I. T., to Charley, O. T., a small place in the northeast part of Comanche county. The length of the spur will be between fifteen and twenty miles and will extend in a north-westerly direction from Rush Springs.

The object of this project is to assist in opening up the valuable cement quarries in the vicinity of Charley and provide transportation for the quarried product. Cement exists in large quantities in that section of the county and the indications are favorable to the quarries surpassing those at the town of Cement. A strong company is said to be organized for the development of the quarries and the Rock Island people have become interested. Charley is ten or twelve miles southwest of Cement.

A board of appraisers has been appointed by United States Judge Dickerson of Chickasha to appraise the Indian Territory lands over which the Rock Island seeks a right of way. Among these appraisers is Jonas Cook of Chickasha.

SENT FOR APPROVAL.

Laws Passed by Chickasaw Legislature Sent to the President.

National Secretary Joseph Colbert has sent to Indian Inspector J. George Wright, for transmission to President Roosevelt, the following laws passed by the Chickasaw legislature:

An act authorizing the governor of the Chickasaw legislature to have published a brief history of the Chickasaw nation and its people, and making an appropriation therefor.

An act in relation to securing compensation from the government of the United States for the "leased district" lands.

A memorial praying for payment of the money due from the government of the United States for lands allotted Chickasaw freedmen.

Resolution and memorial to congress of the United States relative to treaty obligations, executive and departmental promises, touching the form of government and boundaries thereof, which shall succeed the tribal government.

Memorial relative to enrollment of Earl R. Pitchlynn.

A memorial relative to the disposition of the residue lands of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations.

A memorial relative to the Mississippi Choctaws.

A memorial praying for the removal of the restrictions upon the alienation of the surplus lands of adult members of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations.

A memorial relative to the enrollment of children born to duly enrolled citizens by blood of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations since March 4, 1905.—Chickasaw Capital.

Begin the New Year right by entering Selvidge Business College for a course in Bookkeeping and Shorthand.
20-19

LAND OFFICE RECEIVER

ARE UNNECESSARY AND EXPENSIVE SAYS HITCHCOCK.

Who Seeks to Have the Offices Abolished.—The Proposition Will Come Before the Committee on Public Lands.—Secretary's Scheme.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—When the committee on public lands gets together after the holidays, it will find an immense batch of bills and recommendations awaiting it. One of the propositions to come before the committee is a particular favorite of Secretary Hitchcock and calls for the establishment of the office of receiver of public money for lands. Secretary Hitchcock offers what he calls two potent reasons for doing away with this particular office. He figures out a saving thereby of \$100,000 to the government and a firmer personal control over the affairs of the land sales. He says that he has pondered long and hard upon this subject, and the physical evidence of this fact is that he has offered the committee a mass of documents and figures aggregating some five thousand words. After pointing out the defects and impractical phases in the law requiring joint action on the part of the receiver and register, he suggests that the office of receiver, which is appointive by the president, be abolished and in his place there be appointed by the secretary of interior a chief clerk who is to assist the register.

According to the statistics submitted by the secretary, there are in the territory of Oklahoma alone seven such land offices and receivers. During the last fiscal year these offices handled 12,841 entries, and took in an aggregate of \$125,212.00. The total expense of maintaining these seven offices was \$67,179.29, the salaries of the seven receivers being \$20,000.00.

Opera house Monday night. 20-2

The Woman's Home Mission society of Carter Avenue church will give a box supper New Year's night at the church. Let all come and bring boxes. 27-4

West's New York Minstrels, Monday, January 1. 27-4t

It is all right, perhaps, for a man to think his own time is worth nothing, but he becomes an enemy to humanity when he begins taking up the time of others so no purpose.

William H. West's Minstrels, Monday, January 1. 27-4t

When a woman loses at cards she feels that someone has been cheating. 29-2

Spend New Year's at the opera house. 29-2

The Ardmoreite sells coupon books. 29-2

A Few Suggestions or New Year Presents from
R. A. JONES

Kitchen Cabinets	Sideboards
Dressing Tables	Buffets
Chiffoniers	China Closets
Princess Dressers	Iron Beds
Hall Trees	Ladies' Desks
Rockers	Roll Top Desks
Art Squares	Lace Curtains
Rugs	Sanitary Couches
Box Couches	Combination Cases
L. Couches	Folding Beds
Couches	Pedestal Extension Tables

King of All Cough Medicines.
Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and one to be relied on every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects." For sale by P. J. Ramsey, W. B. Frame, Ardmore Drug Co., Bonner & Bonner.

24 Out of 25.
Pochahontas, Ark., Feb. 17, 1905.
"Dr. J. S. gross Dr. Mendenhall, Chilli and Fever Cure, I have been selling your Chilli Cure for 7 years and find that 24 out of 25 who once use it will have no other. W. H. Skinner, Drug-gist."
Sold by City Drug Store.

Our shotguns are going at very low prices. Come in and see what we offer.
BIVENS, CORNH & FRENSELY.

The style you see, the quality we pledge. Have Byrd & Co. make you a suit. 17-1t

Phone 78 for closed carriage any hour. Carter & King. 19-1m

Enter Selvidge Business College Monday, January 1. 20-19

Fresh oysters and celery daily at City Fish Market. 3-1m

The majestic steel range is stove perfection. Nothing can equal it. Sold by BIVENS, CORNH & FRENSELY.

Gar-Gol cures all kinds of Sor Throats, Quinsy, Hoarseness, Tonsillitis. Simply a gargle. 25c. City Drug Store. W. B. Frame, proprietor.

The best Xmas gift, a scholarship Selvidge Business College. 20-19

January 1 at the opera house, 50 bright lights of the minstrel world. 27-4t

Phone 205 for feed, cotton seed meal and hulls. 23-1t

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Watches
Chains
Rings
Chatelaine Pins
Brooches
Bag Tags
Indian Head
Souvenir Spoons

From
Coleman Bros

Phone 265

A Merry, Christmas!

We extend to all our Friends and Customers our sincere thanks for the very liberal patronage extended us during the year and wish for all a delightful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Our Semi-Annual Clean-Up Sale

BEGINS DECEMBER 26TH

Everything in Our Store Strikes the Bargain Counter

We make it a rule to carry no goods from one season to another—we prefer giving the profit to our customers. **Bear in mind**, this is not a "hurrah" sale with a lot of "hot air" about prices which were never on the goods, but a **genuine clean-up sale**, with actual reductions from our plain figure prices—prices which have stood the test of comparison. **Sale Begins Dec. 26th, closing Jan. 15, promptly**

All Dress Goods go at..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off	ALL REMNANTS Silk, Dress Goods, Percales; in fact everything..... Exactly Half Price	Ladies Skirts, at..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off
Percales, Flannellette, Outings..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off	ALL CORSETS 1-4 OFF About 100 Corsets—Warner's, Thompson's and other reliable makes, one and two of a kind..... Price cut Half in Two	Ladies' and Children's Wraps..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off
Table Linens, Napkins, Towels..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off		Men's and Boys' Clothing at..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off
Silks and Velvets go at..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off		All Overcoats at..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off
Wool Blankets go at..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off		Men's Hats, nothing reserved..... $\frac{1}{4}$ off

All Odds and Ends in
Shoes at.....**Clean-Up Prices**

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits.....**Exactly Half Price**

In fact we propose to Clean Up Everything in Winter Goods before taking our inventory. **NOW LISTEN**—Our regular plain figure prices have stood the test of all kinds of "Sales" and we have done an elegant business. You see what a saving this means, 25 and 50 per cent below any Sale price

Owing to the reduced prices at which these goods will be sold, all "Approval" tickets made during this sale Must be paid by January 16th
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