

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

The day when all Christendom is happy, when love rules the universe and perplexing problems of business life are discarded for a general dissemination of good cheer and feasting; and again when thoughts revert to the stilled hands of the departed and the misfortunes that have blighted our lives; when the family fireside is the scene of loving reunions and the revival of happy youthful memories; this is the modern Christmas and a few elements that are included in an observance of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christmas is the one day of the year that should be marked as an occasion for extending the hand of charity and opening wide the portals of the unhappy home of the destitute, allowing the sunshine of benevolence to cast its shadow about the deserving.

There is an opportunity for all to make some one happy in this town Christmas. Let us not forget our fellow man. There is no act more appropriate as a commemoration of the birth of the Saviour than an able effort to relieve the sufferings of those about you.

The Capital extends to its individual readers its best wishes for happiness and prosperity. May Christmas tide be punctuated by the birth of a new year that will bring greater blessings and joys than dying 1902.

GREATLY SURPRISED. Lopez Baralt said his thought matter was nearing a settlement. Caracas, Dec. 25.—In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, Lopez Baralt, minister of foreign affairs, said he had not been informed of a declaration of war by Great Britain. "I am greatly surprised at the news that such a step has been taken," said Lopez Baralt. "I had believed that the matter was approaching a settlement, Venezuela having offered to submit unconditionally to the arbitration of United States Minister Bowen or President Roosevelt. Venezuela does not regard the existing blockade as tantamount to a state of war, but the country is prepared to resist to the utmost."

on the beach at La Guayra and it is feared they may be the object of some demonstration. At Caracas everything is quiet. President Castro has gone to La Victoria. Will Cease to Stop. Paris, Dec. 25.—The only official attention thus far given here to the Venezuelan blockade is an announcement of the postoffice department that the mail boats leaving Bordeaux and Maracaibo will cease to touch at La Guayra, Puerto Cabello and Carupano and that all correspondence for Venezuela will be carried to Port de France, Martinique pending the blockade. Notification Granted. Madrid, Dec. 25.—Notification of the conclusion of an arbitration treaty between Spain and Uruguay was gazetted Wednesday.

became the children's tutor. The princess at that time considered seeking a divorce and visited her best friend, the Princess Therese of Bavaria, who dissuaded her. The princess, however, after returning to Dresden did not resume marital relations. The sympathy of the people of Dresden seems wholly with the Princess, who is a cheerful, pleasure-seeking disposition. The crown prince loved to torment her. Among the writers forbidden her were Tolstol, Zola and Nietzsche. Professor Andre Glon is described as an idealist of the extreme type. It is related that his family once considered the question of confining him in an asylum because he refused a legacy on grounds of delicacy of feeling. To Seek a Divorce. Vienna, Dec. 25.—The crown prince of Saxony, through M. Lachenolt, a former president of Switzerland, has informed the Neus Wiener Tagblatt that she intends to take immediate steps to procure a divorce. She will not return to Saxony for fear of being placed in an asylum. In two letters to her intimate friend, Princess Therese of Bavaria, the crown princess of Saxony, complains bitterly of her treatment at the Saxony court where she always was subjected to the strictest discipline. She says official statements in her case are incorrect. General William Booth, the Salvation Army leader, expects to visit Texas in February.

CARACAS CRUISING. As the City of That Name... Caracas, Dec. 25.—The Red D line steamer Caracas was cruising Wednesday before La Guayra. The steamer Morier of the same line has left Willemstad, Curacao for Maracaibo. She will attempt to ascertain whether the blockade is effective. There is much indignation among the people of La Guayra with Senor de Hies and Herr Von Pilgrim-Balaz, who are considered responsible for the shelling of the forts at Puerto Cabello. "A furious pronouncement de-

Captured a Schooner. La Guayra, Dec. 25.—At 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, the British cruiser Triton captured a schooner and a sloop outside this port. BEAT PRINCESS. This is what a Caracas German Paper Says of Saxony Affair. Berlin, Dec. 25.—The crown prince beat the crown princess, according to an editorial in the Vossische Zeitung, one of the most careful newspapers published in Berlin, which adds: "Their disagreements reached their crisis in June after Professor Guirra-

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PROPOSALS RECEIVED

Requests of Great Britain and Germany reach Washington, NOT YET EXAMINED.

The Wishes of the Two Governments, Are in Such Shape That President Roosevelt Can Accept or Decline to Serve.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The British and German formal proposals to President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulty have been received here. They are in such shape that the president can accept or decline the proposition, but so far he has reached no decision, not having had an opportunity to carefully consider them. Information from Willemstad says that the revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition, are in a position of great strength. They are in a position to answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela by referring him to General Matos, their only chief capable of dealing with the matter. The rebels have regained courage. The government, which signed with them an armistice of ten days, has 3,000 men at Barquisimeto and 2,500 near Caracas, but all others who had enrolled themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.

The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads. The leaders, Ramos, Antonio Guevara, Urbaneja and Penabaz, with 2,500 men will march via Quintero, Antonio Fernandez, Oslo and Crespo Torres, with 2,500 more, have left Cananang, and General Rodaudo, with 2,500 troops, will go from Alla Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucuman. The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous. Attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the attacks, as the government's resources have vanished. The president's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near Caracas, the capital of the revolutionists.

General Matos will soon leave Caracas. The navy department at Washington received word from Commander Diehl of the Marietta concerning his reported protest against action of blockading squadron at Caracas in refusing to allow the Red D line Caracas to remain in the harbor. Monday long-ought to discharge her cargo. No request for instructions has come from him. Officials of the department have entire confidence in Commander Diehl's ability to handle the situation, and unless they hear something from him in the shape of a protest against the action of the allies they will make no move. As a rule it is agreed that the blockading fleet can do pretty much as it likes.

Debt Long Due Paid. Ogden, Utah, Dec. 25.—Mrs. George A. Graves of Ogden has just received a check from the United States government for \$210 in settlement of a claim which had been pending for 107 years. The claim was for the capture and detention by the French about the year 1795 of a schooner belonging to Captain Robert Murray of Glasgow. The claim was for \$180, and there are seven heirs.

Situation Horrible. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—While full details of the recent earthquakes disastor at Andijan are not obtainable, owing to the lack of communication, the brief dispatches received here describe the situation as horrible. The temperature has fallen to the freezing point and thousands are homeless. One section of the city has been completely destroyed, one cotton gin and one church only are standing there. The first shock drove the inhabitants generally indoors, otherwise the loss of life would have been much greater. Notwithstanding the offers of free transportation, the people are remaining in the vicinity of the city, which will be rebuilt.

Sentence Commuted. Washington, Dec. 25.—The postoffice assistant John Joseph Snyder, who was convicted in the western district of Arkansas of robbery and sentenced to imprisonment for ten years, has been granted a commutation of correction, to imprisonment for ten years, on the recommendation of the district attorney and judge, for the reason that the prisoner was a mere boy at the time of the offense and was led into it by a gang of older criminals. Daily Stabbed. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 25.—Michael Lyons, 67, was stabbed Wednesday night.

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EXPLOSION IS TERRIFIC

Blowup of Gasoline Boes Considerable Damage.

THIRTY ARE INJURED

The Accident Happened in the Fuel Exchange Pool Room at City of Hot Springs and Wrecks the Building.

Hot Springs, Dec. 25.—A terrific explosion occurred in the fuel exchange pool room Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when about thirty persons were seriously injured, five of whom are not expected to live. The room was crowded to its capacity with speculators when a gasoline tank was being filled 1 1/2 hours. The gases filled the room and the lighted cigars set off the explosion. The entire rear of the room demolished and those able to move scrambled out of the building to avoid the falling walls and timbers. The injured were taken into nearby offices and store rooms and the whole medical fraternity of Hot Springs answered the call. Billy Halwig died. R. C. Chambers of Chambers & Walker, who own the building, was crushed in the explosion. One arm was broken twice, the other broken in one place, the left leg was broken and he sustained several fractures of the ribs. He withstood the setting of limbs in plaster well, and there is a chance for his recovery. The police have made a full investigation and have held Ben Murray, who is alleged to be responsible for the disaster in careless handling of the high combustible. The bank roll consisted of \$55,000 and was blown away in the explosion, but the greater part of it has been recovered. After a thorough examination by the authorities as to the explosion, it is claimed that criminal carelessness on the part of a man named Ben Murray, a driver of a gasoline wagon, was the direct cause. The fuel building and pool room were lighted by gasolene of the highest quality. Murray was in the rear of the building and allowed the tank to overflow, the gasoline running all over the floor of the rear walk adjacent the building. Someone opened the back door of the pool room and the gasoline vapor coming in contact with the heat of the room caused the explosion. Murray is in the hospital. He was burned about the head and face. The entire building is completely wrecked and will have to be torn away as that part of it which remains is almost ready to collapse. It was at first reported that Ben and Edward Vivell, the cashier of the pool room, were killed, but Vivell escaped with severe cuts and bruises. He had no time to get his "bank roll" of nearly \$50,000, but most of it was afterwards found and returned to Mayer, who is managing the room.

COLLIDED ON CURVE.

Freight Trains Hit Together and Seven Persons Lost Their Lives.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 25.—Sixteen men were killed Wednesday and two were injured in a collision between two freight trains north of here on the Colorado and Northern railroad. The dead: Engineer Ponce of extra freight. He died of a hernia. J. Fox, fireman on extra freight. McDormott, brakeman on extra freight. J. W. Goldthrift, engineer on regular freight. King, machinist on regular freight. Unidentified fireman, regular freight. Unidentified brakeman, regular freight. The extra freight in charge of Conductor Bronson and carrying sixteen cars was northbound. It had gone but a mile and a half from Trinidad when on rounding a sharp curve the engine saw regular freight. The engine was regular freight. The train northbound bearing down upon the regular train more than 100 yards distant. The regular train consisted of seven cars and was running at a fair rate of speed. Before any of the seven trainmen could jump the two trains met. Fourteen cars of the regular train were completely wrecked and seven of the extra freight demolished. Both of the locomotives are completely wrecked.

Ploughed into Rear Car. Pittsburg, Dec. 25.—The Pennsylvania Limited, running almost an hour behind schedule, was ploughed into the rear car of the Leeterville accommodation at Queen Valley station Wednesday night. The locomotive of the limited ploughed into the rear car, the smoker, and pushed it through the one ahead of it making two cars the length of one. The car was crushed for a mile and the limited running at the rate of 65 miles an hour, carried the train from Queen Valley to Edgewater, a distance of almost half a mile, before it could be stopped. Many were injured, some of them probably fatally.

Six Injured. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 25.—Six persons were injured, several of them seriously, as the result of a collision between the trailer of an electric train of the Kentucky and Indiana Bridge and Railway company and a Big Four freight on a siding on the Waco street tracks, just above Myrtle street in this city. The trailer of the electric train was thrown from the tracks to the ground eighteen feet below and the engine of the seven cars was carried into the rear of the freight train. Many were injured, some of them probably fatally.

DISPOSED OF BOTH. Supreme Court Richard Rehearing Motion in the Riggs Case. Austin, Dec. 25.—The supreme court Wednesday finally disposed of the Waco mayoralty muddle, so far as its jurisdiction is concerned, by refusing writ of error, but rehearing the case for error from the Third court of civil appeals, in J. W. Riggs vs. W. H. Thompson et al. The city council. It also refused a rehearing of the bond motion made by Riggs to discharge the writ of error and also for an order directing the city council to revoke the alleged premature impeachment. As stated the court ruled against an every side.

For Single Statehood. Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 25.—The members of the non-partisan single statehood executive committee held a meeting here and called a non-partisan statehood convention to be held in this city Jan. 6. State Grant of Office. Fort Smith, Dec. 25.—General Nord, the newly elected president of the Barbers' guild, took the oath to support the constitution Thursday.

GOWARD FREE. Man Who Twenty-Four Years Ago Under Sentence of Death Released. Alvin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Nearly twenty-four years ago Richard Coward was tried for murder and sentenced to hang. The evidence was circumstantial and Governor Roberts commuted him to a life imprisonment. Many believed that he suffered unfairly and several efforts have been made to secure a pardon. Wednesday he appeared at his brother's house, a surprise to all and a Christmas present from Governor Sayers, as the governor expressed it in a letter to a gentleman who had interested himself to secure the pardon.

HAS CONFESSED.

Barrett Tells of Murder of Uncle Johnny Hennessy. His Money. BARRETT MAKES SOME CRACKS.

Love for Money Tempted Barrett to the Blood-test of Crimes—Knew Hennessy Had Money on Him—Wife Begged Him Not to Kill.

The murder of Uncle Johnny Hennessy, the aged section railway laborer, who was found dead at Oklawaha one day last week with a bullet in his brain, is now fully explained by the complete confession of Mrs. Charles Barrett who had complete knowledge of the terrible crime.

Ever since the time Mrs. Barrett attempted to buy a money order with some ancient and mutilated paper money, as was told exclusively in the Capital last week, the officers have felt satisfied that there was no longer the semblance of doubt of the guilt of Charles Barrett. Mrs. Barrett seemed to realize the awfulness of the crime and the strength of the circumstantial evidence against her husband, has at last broken down and made a complete confession of the crime.

She told how her husband had informed her of his intention to kill and rob old man Hennessy and despite her protests he had borrowed a gun and committed the crime. After the murder Barrett gave his wife some of the money and told her that their hard working life had ended, that he had killed old Uncle Johnny Hennessy. Mrs. Barrett gave the officers who heard her confession, \$75 which was taken from the dead man.

When seen at the fall preliminary hearing Charles Barrett was as unconcerned and collected as he was when arraigned at the preliminary hearing before Commissioner Wright.

He was told that his wife had made a complete confession of the murder. Barrett looked perplexed for a moment, but quickly replied that he did not believe it.

A little more explanation of the confession seemed to bring the young fellow to his senses and when the speaker referred to the cut pockets, Barrett interrupted him by saying: "I did not cut the pockets off, I ran my hand in them."

He said that all the boys on the railroad section force had talked of the old man's money.

A Capital reporter saw Barrett this morning in the jail.

"Barrett, can you tell the details of the murder of John Hennessy since your wife has turned against you?"

"I will not talk for publication. I have nothing to say except my wife did not know a thing to tell the officers. I don't believe she told it," he replied hastily.

"But," replied the reporter, "you have already told some things that place you in a false light. A newspaper man and the jail guard who saw you said you ran your hand in the dead man's pocket." Barrett turned on his heel and started off. He came back to the grating presently and replied:

"When I talked here last night I did not know that you newspaper men were going to use what I said. I have nothing more to say."

Rev. John R. Wright has gone to Miami, where he will preach tomorrow for the Baptist denomination.

A Frightened Horse. Running like mad down the street jumping occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It is believed everybody should have a reliable Salvo handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salvo. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Itches, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at Welton's Drug Store.

A small 11-year-old boy, giving his name as Bert Wilson, was found on the streets last night crying piteously. He said he was the son of a widow who lives near McAlester, and that his mother told him to come to South McAlester and get work, warning him that a return without securing work would be rewarded with a sound thrashing. The boy said he had tramped all over town without success. He had not eaten a bite since breakfast. A Capital reporter took charge of the youngster and led the way to McFarland's, where supper was ordered. The boy refused to eat, saying that he had to work for all he received. Mr. Wm. Busby, of Parsons, who was present, became interested and offered the lad some money. This offer was also refused. It was then decided that Mr. McFarland provide him with work with pay in advance. The money was placed in his pocket and the lad sent home, with the understanding that he appear today and work for Mr. McFarland. The boy says his mother is a widow and washes for a living. There are three other children in the family.

ENROLLING DELINQUENTS.

Dawes Commission Clerks Busy With Final Enrollment of Choctaws and Chickasaws.

This morning a force of Dawes Commission clerks in charge of C. P. Rogers, chief clerk, arrived in South McAlester and opened an enrollment office in the federal court room. They brought records galore with them and have the work so systematized that it requires but a moment to look up the record of any applicant's ancestors. The work being performed is the enrollment of what is known as "delinquents", or those who have failed to be enrolled as citizens obligable to participation in the lauded estate of the two tribes; also such white persons as have married recognized citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. All babies born on or before the date of ratification of the last supplemental treaty are also being enrolled.

Up to eleven o'clock fifteen applicants were examined representing in some instances whole families.

Mr. Rogers questions every applicant and a stenographer makes a careful record of the testimony. Judge T. O. Humphrey has been appointed notary public and swears each witness while Atty. Geo. A. Mansfield, as attorney for the two nations, is present in his official capacity.

The work will continue Monday Tuesday and Wednesday.

The following are in the enrollment party: G. D. Rogers, T. W. Leahy, R. M. Wilson, J. D. Warriner, W. C. Bunn, A. G. McMillan, H. C. Risteen, and H. G. Haines.

J. A. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to go on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was buying a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Sumner Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by Allen & Austin, Druggists.

Just Passing Through.

From last afternoon's passenger train from the north alighted an old negro woman from the precincts of South McAlester. She had no sooner hit the platform than she blarneyed out to the bystanders something like this: "And dis am Jew-rint? Dis is de town whar dey don't no niggers to lib. All right, white folks, I hain gwine to emigrate here, no sir. I am jis on my way to spin Christmas wid my dawter, who libs out near Mond, an I see gwine to git out ob-yo way jis' as fas as my feet will take me. Golly, but how dese white folks do stare at a nigger, Good-by. The last seen of the old woman who was making long steps up West Main street and it is presumed that she has reached her destination in peace."

Durant News.

Those who will persist in closing their eyes to the most continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles. It is not needed earlier by fatal terminal. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Weimer, Druggist. Price 50c, and \$1.00 Trial bottles free."

Enjoyed Elk Social.

Owing to brief notice of the event only a small crowd were present last night at the Elk hall to hear Mr. Edwin Southern and family render a number of scenes from that famous play, "The Merchant of Venice." Those who were fortunate enough to attend, however, speak in exceedingly complimentary terms of the entertainment. Mr. Southern is by birth a Georgian. His voice is exceptionally well-suited to the character in hand and at times capable of arousing deep emotion in the breasts of his hearers. Last night his audience was demonstrative and appreciative and it is a safe prediction that full representation from the Elks will greet him Monday night at the opera house in one of the finest plays written, namely, "Michael Strogoff." This is a Russian military romance and is the play in which Mr. Southern has made a substantial reputation.

STATEHOOD GOES OVER.

Debate Suspended Until After the Holidays—Appears Like Quay Is Master of the Situation.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Save for the wire pulling on the part of the score of new organizations from the territories and the party pressure which the Republican Senate oligarchy can bring to bear all statehood matters will rest until after the Christmas holidays. Senators Quay and Beveridge entered into an agreement yesterday that Senator Dillingham's speech would close all discussion until January.

When Congress convenes after the holiday recess opponents of statehood must be prepared to take up the discussion. It was apparent yesterday that it would be impossible to secure a quorum of senators the rest of the week to hear speeches. Senator Dillingham talked to empty seats. Senator Quay wants to spend as much time in Florida as possible during the holidays.

The statehood fight is no nearer solution than at the beginning of the session. Quay has the votes, but all the advantage of parliamentary position and senatorial organization is with the opposition. New Mexico and Arizona have been mercilessly assailed.

At the beginning of the session, the territories will have little hope of statehood for years to come. They are derided by a part of the Eastern press and unfair comparisons are made against them in the Senate.

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Will Use Court Room.

Postmaster Noble is in receipt of a letter from Hon. Tams Bix, chairman of the Dawes Commission, asking him to provide the Federal court room for the occupancy of the representatives of the commission who will arrive Saturday morning for the purpose of enrolling citizens of the tribes.

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WRIGHT & SOEARCE.

Gulick in Town.

Theo. W. Gulick, a recent deserter from the ranks of journalism, now secretary of the Muskogee Commercial Club, was here yesterday afternoon interviewing the people on statehood. Here is a brief summary for the single statehood has been the biggest in Muskogee's history since the Newbridge report located a court at Sangerville. Speaking of his new work, Col. Gulick said that for the first time in many years he now appreciated the meaning of freedom. He is now stationed so that a temporary absence will not stop the grind of the printing press. He can even walk to the edge of town and view the growing crops without his absence being noted in the next day's supply of news. His appetite is said to have increased to such proportions that he is now dieting exclusively on grape nuts and English walnuts. Gulick has friends galore in South McAlester who are indeed pleased to greet him.

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Some Snits filed.

Judas Durant vs. J. A. Cummings and O. P. Robertson; Wm. Wheeler vs. M. E. Wheeler, divorce; W. H. Moore, trustee; Moore, Girvan & Co. vs. Smith-McCord Dry Goods Co.; C. E. Stout vs. G. B. Stout, divorce; L. H. Ruggles vs. Elk Club of South McAlester.

Haileyville's Pay Roll.

Haileyville, T. T., Dec. 22.—The importance of Haileyville can be better understood when it is stated authoritatively that the Hailey coal mine and Choctaw railway here paid out \$47,000 for November salaries. Most of this money was spent at home.

Light Railroad Travel.

Inquiry at the union depot ticket office today revealed the information that Christmas travel has thus far been exceedingly small.

INDIAN ORPHAN HOME.

Towns in Indian Territory Asked to Bid for the Location of the Newest Educational Institution.

Some time ago the Odd Fellows of the Indian Territory advertised for bids from the various towns in the Indian Territory for the location of an orphan home. Several towns bid large sums because of the great benefits which would accrue from having the home near them. Choctaw secured the home by bidding \$5,000 in cash and 163 acres of land.

An Indian Orphan's home will soon be located. This home will need plenty of good land, good water, some timber and a healthful locality. We expect several hundred Indian orphans. The home purposes to have large farms, where the boys will be taught to raise all kinds of produce. There will be shops for iron and wood work; there will be an old people's home, a school and an old people's home.

The produce from this home will be large and valuable. It will require to purchase a great many supplies which it cannot raise on the farm. We shall be glad to receive bids from the various towns offering inducements for the location of this home. Donations of land are not desired so much as money for buildings and other improvements. Bids may be sent to the undersigned during the next forty days. J. S. Morrow, Atoka, Indian Territory.

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Other papers please copy.

NEWS OF THE MINES.

There is a probability of South McAlester gaining the statehood for the Great Western Coal & Mining Co., which are now located at Parsons, Ok. Busby, the president, is said to be looking for a suitable location and if he can procure a site which is desirable he may erect a large two-story brick office building, occupying a large portion of the building for company offices. This city is the most conveniently located which Mr. Busby could select. It is just between the Great Western's mines at Wilburton and Baker, and near the other mining property which is controlled by the company. South McAlester wants Ok. Busby.

There is a rumor current at Poteau that the Devil-Wear Coal Company is to be bought by a New York company.

Operators say the production this winter is not as large as that of last year. Scarcity of miners is the cause.

W. L. Thickett, of the Old Coal Mining Co., was here today. His wife and little son, Louis, returned Saturday from a trip to Missouri. Louis is now confined to his bed with fever.

The Great Western Coal & Coke Co. have purchased the three lots immediately east of Hotel Newton, and will begin the erection of a two-story stone business block thereon as soon as the condition of the weather will permit. The building will have frontage of 75 feet and a depth of 100 feet—Wilburton News.

A deal of considerable magnitude is reported at Coalfield. It is said that the Coalgate company, which succeeded the McDougall Co. some time ago, have purchased the entire interest of Perry Bros. The deal involves the transfer of four coal mines, three of which are in operation, with an output of some 850 tons of coal daily; thirty-seven houses and the store of Perry Bros. The amount involved is some \$75,000.

The days of superstition are not passed, Monday only about sixty miners went to work in No. 5 mine, all on account of a prediction made by some woman that on that day No. 5 mine would blow up. As absurd as it might appear, over 200 men refused to go into the mine on that day. —Log Leader.

Assisted by Loving Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Rooms will ever remember the willingness which marked the efforts of their friends to make the commencement of their honeymoon trip a most auspicious one.

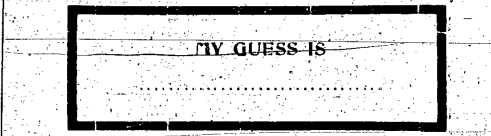
When the belated flyer arrived yesterday, there were over a hundred friends of the young couple at the union depot. The boys (their identity unknown) placarded the trunks with numerous printed notices, among which were: "Welcome to the bride and groom," and another, "We are going to congratulate our honeymoon, two hearts with a single beat; two souls with a single tune." Old shoes, rattles and a "juvenile" caricature were tied to the baggage. Showers of rice kept the air whitened while the couple were seeking admission to the train.

Rev. J. W. Julian, of this city, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Crowder City Baptist Church.

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Local News.

From Friday's Daily.

You can now use South McAlester made flour.

Try buying everything in South McAlester.

Judge Riddle, of Wilburton, was here today.

The year 1903 will be the banner year in the history of this town. Paste this in your hat.

South McAlester is a poor retreat for the man who wants to stand still. The town is going ahead.

The reorganization of the Business Men's League along a different route now assured.

There was a meeting of the Choctaw Presbytery at Coal Creek church yesterday. Rev. J. Y. Brice, of the South Methodist church, was received and will take up the work of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

BEGGS' CHERRY COUGH SYRUP cures coughs.

Fred Barde, staff correspondent of the Kansas City Star, was here today looking up some data for his paper.

Mr. Barde is one of the cleverest newspaper men in the two territories, and is authority on Oklahoma politics.

The highest place in town is the federal jail. There is always something doing, but the price of the pleasure is a debarring feature which will never permit the popularity of the institution to expand alarmingly.

Child-Burned.

While noting Santa Claus this afternoon at the public school exercises, Earl Bryant, was badly burned about the hands. His hat became ignited from the candles. His injuries are not considered serious.

From Saturday's Daily.

Dr. Crowder is here from Crowder City.

H. C. Rawlings is at home from an Arkansas business trip.

Miss Ethel Griffith is expected home today from Bethany College.

Mrs. F. Milstein, of New York, is visiting her nephew, Mr. Vierstein, of Alderson.

L. C. Crutcher, of Old Mexico, is visiting his brother, W. C. Crutcher, and family.

Mrs. Mattie Craig has returned from a visit with relatives at Greenville, Texas.

The Misses Allen are home from Kansas City for the holidays. They are attending school.

Mrs. M. E. Brown, the efficient money order clerk at the postoffice, lost her voice a few days ago. She regained full speech today.

Bert Brown is expected home from Wichita, Kansas, today. He has been attending school there the past year.

City Attorney Costigan was today appointed territorial agent of the Roberts, Stanford & Taylor Wholesale Hardware Co., of Sherman, Texas.

Mrs. R. K. Borison, who has a responsible position in the faculty of Galloway College, Searcy, Ark., arrived today to spend Christmas with her children.

G. M. Thompson, who is a practical painter and paper hanger, has opened a hutchery paint and wall paper store, and carries a complete line. He has 7,000 rolls, and 50 or more designs. He will sell you paper and put it on for you.

J. K. Vogel, of New York, a member of the firm of Vogel, Milstein & Co., of Alderson, and eastern buyer for the numerous stores of the firm, is in Alderson for a week or two looking after the business. He will spend a month there and at Coalgate together.

Miss Annie S. Arnold has resigned her position as a teacher in the public schools of this city to return to her home in Parsons, and Miss Ghaski D. J. Baker has been selected by the school board to fill the vacancy at a salary of \$55.00 per month.

From Monday's Daily.

W. S. Ambrose is home from a trip to Kansas City.

Mrs. G. M. Pritchard, of Coalgate, was here this morning.

Mike Conlan and wife, of Atoka, are the guests of city friends.

C. O. Dunlap, of Red Oak, was a pleasant caller at the Capital office today.

John Herron, of Bowler, was in the city today and favored the Capital office with a call.

Mr. H. W. Adams, of Dallas, Texas, came in this morning, and is visiting the family of W. S. Ambrose.

Ed. Jolly, the bustling real estate man of Halleysville, was here yesterday.

Miss Baginburg left last night for Atoka, where she will spend the holidays with relatives.

There are a large number of Choctaws in town today in attendance before the Dawes Commission.

L. E. Garnett has sold his residence property on North First street to W. E. Hazeltine, who recently located here, coming from New York.

J. B. Cassida, clerk of the Citizenship Court, left for Tishomingo today, where he will appear on appeal for the accommodation of parties in the Choctaw nation who desire to transact business with the court.

Duncan McArthur, of Wilburton, an old friend of the Capital, was in the city today and called at this office. During the past year he has built two fine houses for Jas. Deguan.

J. J. Oavanaugh, the popular traveling salesman for Armore's is spending the holidays in Kansas City. All the salesmen for the big packing house are entertained every Christmas with a banquet.

L. H. Seavy has been appointed roadmaster of the Choctaw in charge of the road from Booneville to South McAlester, including the Daleyville branch. A. H. Stewart has been named as his assistant. Both will headquarter at Halleysville.

The young ladies of the city are arranging a swell Christmas ball for the evening of the 25th. The young ladies will be masters of the entertainment and will select and escort their young gentlemen company. A good orchestra has been engaged.

Prof. J. J. D. Hinds, Ph. D., of Lebanon, Tenn, arrived here today to visit his brother, W. G. D. Hinds, and his mother, Mrs. Rhoda Hinds. Prof. Hinds was professor of Chemistry in Cumberland University for twenty-six years, and now occupies that position in the Penobscot Normal school at Nashville.

Best Black and Dewberry Plants for Sale. I have five acres of the best varieties of Black and Dewberry plants for sale at \$2 per hundred, or \$10 per thousand. Have Dallas Blackberry and Aetna Dewberry, with many other varieties. A. Frank Ross, (15-26-1) Durant, I. T.

To Enlarge Court House.

Col. J. J. McAlester is having plans drawn for an enlargement of the court house block. The building will be extended back 30 feet to the alley, with a width of 60 feet. This addition will give increased facilities to the marshal's and clerk's departments on the second floor, as well as to the store rooms now occupied by J. B. McAlester and W. G. Welmer.

Two Choice Allotments.

Five hundred acres, under fence, 100 acres in cultivation, balance in pasture, with spring branch furnishing water the year round, 100 acres fine grass, two houses and wells. Situated 15 miles northwest of South McAlester, 4 miles from nearest station on Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf. Will sell for cash at a very low figure; must go at once. Call on or address E. M. Bond, (22-21-1117)

Clurk Chautauque Association.

Supervisors of the Court of Appeals today issued a charter to the Sulphur Chautauque Association of Sulphur Springs, I. T. The object of the association is to promote a course of lectures, sermons, normal and special studies, music, etc. The charter gives the association a capital stock of \$10,000, of which \$500 has been subscribed. C. J. Weber is president; W. D. Livingston, vice president; W. D. Haines, secretary, and R. S. Carvines, treasurer.

Notice.

Public notice is hereby given that the tax books of the city of South McAlester, I. T., will be open on Friday, January 2, 1903, for the collection of taxes due the city for the year 1902; and will remain open until February 10th inclusive. I will be at the various precincts of the city on the days and dates below given, to receipt you for taxes: Fourth ward school house, Friday, January 2. Second ward, at city hall, Monday, January 5. From then to the 10th of February at my office in the American National Bank.

For will take no notice and govern yourself accordingly. Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of December, 1902, W. A. TREASWELL, City Assessor.

All citizens of the Choctaw nation wanting good bottom or black prairie lands for allotments can get them; also a beautiful location within a mile of Durant for a home, from ten to 160 acres. A. Frank Ross, (15-26-1) Durant, I. T.

ROBBINS-CHILD NUPTIALS.

Quiet Marriage of a Popular Young Couple at South McAlester Sunday at High Noon.

In the parlors of the bride's mother on Grand avenue, and witnessed only by the immediate members of the family, Mr. Henry P. Robbins, editor of the "South McAlester News," and Miss Ida Childs, president of the South McAlester School of Music, were united in marriage by Rev. E. D. Oameron, pastor of the Baptist church of this city. Rev. Thalhage of the Bowman M. E. church, pronounced the benediction.

The marriage of this estimable young couple was the culmination of friendship and later love that grew from acquaintance at Mexico, Mo, several years ago, when the bride was a student of Hardin College and Conservatory of Music, and the groom was engaged in a vain effort to rid a democratic county of its badly majority by editing a republican newspaper, the Mexico Tribune. The hand of fate seemingly mapped out paths that united many miles away from the place where their attachment was formed and several years later they located at the South McAlester, Miss Child to found the School of Music, and Mr. Robbins, the "South McAlester News," afterwards to accept the management of the South McAlester News. Their marriage Sunday was the closing chapter of this pretty little romance.

The bride has, since her residence here, endeared herself to all. Possessing as she does the virtues that crown true womanhood—purity, nobleness and culture, her acquaintances are her friends and admirers. She is endowed with unusual skill in music and has established a most successful school in this city.

It is with pleasure that the Capital can extend the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Robbins. He has earned more than a professional right to speak in the third person. Hereafter his editorial "we" is no longer plagiarized. May his good fortune only strengthen the high sense of honor that has marked his career and encouraged him in winning the professional position that his intelligence and successful experience merits.

The happy young couple left on the afternoon flyer for Galveston where they will spend ten days.

There is a little inside story of the marriage of Henry P. Robbins, of the News, that the Capital is not disposed to keep any longer. Many months ago the writer had Robbins for company on a trip to the territorial press meeting. Politics thoroughly dissected, the conversation turned to matrimony and Robbins was the defendant. Charges were preferred and admitted. Notice was then given that the Capital intended to "scoop" the News on the marriage of its bachelor editor. At that time the news was a weekly publication, and the bluff was not called. Enter the present scoop. The writer by this paper was to "scoop" the story. The Daily News was born and thoughts of that "scoop" were mingled with slight distrust. Another threat was made. The Capital slyly noticed that the story would be told in an extra edition if necessary, to make the desired "scoop." The defendant reluctantly agreed to keep faith and the result is to be seen by a perusal of the Evening News today where no reference to the marriage ceremony is to be found. Robbins was game.

A Good Cough Medicine.

(From the Gazette, Toombs County, Ga.) I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a permanent cure. I would advise anyone suffering with a cough, to try this remedy, and be benefited as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by Allen & Austin Druggists.

Highly Complimentary.

"Prof. J. J. D. Hinds, Ph. D., who is now in the department of chemistry in the Penobscot Normal College, Nashv., but who formerly occupied the same chair in Cumberland University, has been elected a member of the German Chemical Society, an organization of chemists in Berlin. It is regarded in many respects as the greatest company of chemists in the world; its members being distributed throughout Germany, England, Russia, France and America. It publishes a journal of some twenty numbers annually containing the original papers presented at its weekly meetings. Dr. Hinds is the author of a valuable text-book on organic chemistry which has long gone from the press, and which is highly regarded by the chemists of any of its kind thus far published."

The subject of the above notice, which appeared in a recent number of the Cumberland Presbyterian, a brother of the proprietor of the Capital, who, being proud of the distinction attained by him in his chosen field of labor, will be pardoned for reproducing it here.

Frank Humphrey is spending the holidays with Mr. Smith friends.

SOME THINGS LOCAL.

A local paper asks the sensational question: "Is Charles Barrett, who is charged with the murder of John Hennessy, insane?" No. "Simply cold blooded." His demeanor at the preliminary hearing and his conversation confronted with his wife's confession of his guilt proves that Barrett is not an ordinary man. There is not one act to his credit that can be construed as evidence of insanity. His addiction to the use of cigarettes is said to be a recent habit. Ninety per cent of the prisoners in the Federal jail have their fingers yellowed by constant use of the coffin tacks. A cigarette is a great nerve tonic. It was during trying periods that Barrett was seen to "calmly roll" a cigarette. Barrett's sudden change of front and denial of his reputed interview simply gives the government an opportunity to produce a strong witness whose testimony will be a strong in any defense that Barrett may attempt to make.

From the number of baby carriages wanted by South McAlester children, as shown by the Charles Santa Claus letter, it is probable that the "Santa Claus" factory to establish quite a carriage factory to meet the demand. Next Christmas he will be called upon to furnish miniature electric cars.

The man who is anxious to deny his business the stimulation that follows the liberal use of "printers' ink" because the people do not read advertisements is warned not to advertise anything of value free, even though he may secure his liberal offering in a remote place of the paper.

A correspondent at Carbon this peruses the Capital editor: "This is to tell you that a Velocycle came past my house on the 11 day of December, 1902 and sent my cold that it felt dead in its tracks as if it had been shot. So please put this in your paper." A search of Webster's dictionary fails to throw any light on the gentleman's "Velocycle!" A grammatical suggestion that the colt-doll of nervous prostration after witnessing the passing of a velocycle, while another man suggests that the animal saw his finish in a passing automobile.

Brother Henri Robbins is ere this trying to answer the interrogation of the poet who asked: "What are the wild waves saying?"

Charles Barrett, charged with the murder of John Hennessy at Calvin, is probably in the frame of mind to advise old bachelors against pitting their lives against the tongue of a woman. Barrett's wife, however, can reply with force that her husband left his "foot prints on the sand of time."

The song of the saw and hammer charms the prospector in this great city with a future.

If South McAlester were to write a letter to the Saint, who is the proud possessor of the juvenile heart, the note would be accompanied with a stocking large enough to hold that proposed union depot, a few more railroads and shops, and an endless supply of good sidewalks.

If some Choctaw avenue merchant would only adorn the east and west sides of that town "cow" with a price list of their holiday goods, 15,000 people would be in touch with the mecca of bargains.

It appears as though South Town's professional provocator, the same fellow who starts all the wild reports which have made the reporter's life a burden, has changed tactics and is now evading the matrimonial market with stories of secret weddings. Who ever he is, he is a half-brother to Drapper, the Wichita harp, and if he keeps up steam he will get a berth in the same "hog house."

The South McAlester Habit.

South McAlester papers are improving. Both the Capital and the News have been making steady advancement during the past three months. —Muskegee Times.

LYONS LAXATIVE SYRUP

NATURE'S CURE FOR CONSTIPATION. It is a pleasant tasting laxative... LYONS MEDICINE & SOLE AGENT, W. J. R. G. & S. O. BARRETT, New York.

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THE NATURAL ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST, TEXAS, OLD MEXICO, CALIFORNIA AND THE WEST. FREE RECLINING CHAIR CARS ON AIR LINES.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1902.

HAS BEVERIDGE PLAYED FALSE?

Representatives of the Indian Territory who are now in Washington striving for legislation which will relieve conditions here report that the Beveridge single statehood bill was not presented in good faith and has no chance of passage.

The following is the substance of their report to Mayor Diok of Ardmore. "Upon our arrival here, we found that there had been absolutely no change in sentiment upon the omnibus statehood bill either in the House or Senate and that the majority report, signed by Beveridge, Nelson and others, is simply a ruse concocted by the enemies of the Territories to defeat all legislation, either for them or the Indian Territory. Indeed, if there has been any change of opinion it has been inside of the Republican ranks and in the direction of forever separating the Indian Territory and Oklahoma."

"It is represented here that Arizona will be a Democratic state; that New Mexico will be Republican and Oklahoma also Republican, if admitted alone, but if admitted with Indian Territory, it will be strongly Democratic. Arizona and New Mexico are both countries that do not now nor will in the future support a large population, while Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are regarded as being susceptible of great development in the future and these combined territories would in the near future, be in population as large as Kansas or Iowa and as their combination into one state would make it surely Democratic, no Republican body in either house will ever join them together."

"We are aware that a large majority of the Indian Territory would embrace an opportunity to immediately join in statehood these two territories, and were there, the least chance for such action to be taken, we would more than willingly embrace the opportunity. But, as such action is impossible, we have consistently urged our endeavors to secure the passage of the Moon bill."

ANOTHER SPASM.

Job's affliction was deplorable but the sufferer had one consolation. He could adorn himself in sack cloth and ashes and patiently suffer without a constant parade of the wise men and healers flaunting in his face memories of his troubles.

The two territories are not allowed that blissful experience. The convention habit has become an epidemic. Notwithstanding the small amount of interest manifested in the multiplication of efforts to arouse the people over a dead issue, and despite the fact that past conventions have been patronized and conducted by the same old clique of politicians from Oklahoma and their missionaries from Indian Territory, far from being representative meetings, the unpromising executive committee of the single statehood element have called another convention for January 6.

In the hot-bed of the issue. The recent Oklawaha frost, which led the weather man to curse this country with a mixture of climatic purgatives that have seriously impaired the prosperity of all, was advertised as a meeting of 1000 delegates with less than 200 bona fide citizens present. The latest convention is not heralded as one of any given proportion. It is a case of swallow now and taste afterwards. Oklahoma will ruin the oratory and resolution department and Indian Territory will caulk her hands by terrific applause. The services of the equal speakers have been secured and the resolutions drafted. Only a little enthusiasm and a larger offering of money to board lobbyists in Washington is desired. That is the purpose of the call.

SOBER HEARD FROM. Some time ago the Capital asked for a search warrant in order to bring before the footlights that plain but ambiguous statesman Piny L. Soper, whose silence on territorial legislation was appalling. The Capital brings returns. Soper has spoken. He is now out in an interview characteristic of the author.

He believes that the Indian country can be taken into statehood with Oklahoma now without interfering with the present treaties or forms of government of the Indians. His theory is to make each nation a country for political purposes, and give the citizens, Indians and whites the right to vote.

At the same time the Indians continue their own form of government until their governments are wiped out of existence by treaties. He calls attention to the fact that a couple of Indian reservations take up a good portion of three Kansas counties, and yet no friction is created. Under the organic act creating the territory of Oklahoma there is a provision which says that the President, by proclamation, can annex nations in the Indian country to Oklahoma any time the people of the nations pray for it. Some of the territorial officials here are in favor of getting the Crooks and Cherokees to ask to be annexed right away. Then statehood could be sought. The three other nations, Choctaw, Seminole and Chickasaw later on could choose between annexation with Arkansas and Oklahoma.

BURDEN OF PROOF SHIFTED.

A Washington correspondent to the St. Louis Globe Democrat thus writes of the recent citizenship court decision as rendered last week here: "Officials of the interior department have not received the full text of the decision of the citizenship court at South McAlester, which held that the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship rulings made some years ago by the courts of the territory were invalid. The case is one of the most important that has arisen so far in the two tribes are concerned, as it involves the citizenship rights of something like 4,000 persons, with their claims to property, which is valued at more than \$20,000,000."

The officials of the interior department have no interest in the matter other than anxiety to have the question disposed of, so it will not interfere with the allotment of the Indian lands. By the terms of the decision as it is understood, the "court citizens" have lost their standing as members of the tribes. Their recourse now will be to bring action in the courts to establish their citizenship claims. Each case will be dealt with separately, and the burden of proof will be on the claimant. Before the decision was made the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes were permitted to show that they were not "court citizens" by proving in the courts that their claims were not valid.

Single statehood delegates are coming home from Washington. They enjoyed sleeping in side-tracked Pullman cars immensely but report the meals secured at second class restaurants almost as indigestible as the reports they sent back home.

Territorial Topics.

Current News From All Over the Indian Territory.

Paula Valley has reached the daily newspaper stage. The home talent minstrels at Durant were so successful that they were repeated.

It is claimed at Muskogee that land for a vitrified-brick plant there has been bought.

The Choctaw Townsite Commission will not sell town lots at Durant until some time in January.

Burglaries and hold-ups are becoming quite numerous throughout the territory. They usually accompany cold weather.

There will be very few weekly newspapers published in the territory this week. Editors seldom fail to observe a holiday. They are entitled to it.

A map of the Frisco system and it shows that the Ozark & Cherokee Central railroad is a Frisco property just as has been, contended by the Muskogee Times.

A new reporter on a Muskogee paper recently went to one of the high schools of learning in that town and among the questions asked the president was: "Is it not a fact that the negro is far superior intellectually to the Indian?" This same reporter has returned to Chicago.

Since the territorial press have cautioned the Tulsa firm that he will eventually meet the same fate as Draper of Wichita fame, there have been very few railroads built in the Creek nation and sensational literature has been unusually scarce. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

A young man named Esbra was drowned last week in New York Creek east of Muskogee. He had started to attend the funeral of his father and lost his life while trying to ford the stream which was high. Both of the horses he was driving were drowned. The body was recovered five miles down the stream.

Joseph A. Chastain is in jail at Vinita charged with the killing of Wm. Towell near Tahlequah. Chastain claimed he heard turkeys in the woods near his house and took his gun out to kill some of them. He met Towell, who Chastain says, drew his gun on him, Chastain was bound over by Commissioner Reville on a charge of murder.

Competition is so strong between the two newspapers at Muskogee that both the morning and evening publications occasionally lay over in each others field to win the laurels. It might be a good suggestion to advise a copy-right of the word "exclusive." The Capital is glad to see competition in newspaper circles. It makes news, makes money and makes newspapers. Newspapers in turn make towns.

The Chamber of Commerce at Muskogee has called a territory convention at that place Jan. 2nd for the purpose of selecting delegates to a like convention to be held in Oklahoma City January 6th, when a delegation representing both territories will be selected which will be sent to Washington to urge congress to pass the Beveridge bill, and show that body that it is the will of a united people that the two territories come in as a state under the provisions of the bill. It will be the first meeting of the people of the two territories. The railroads have taken up the fight and the Frisco and the M. K. & T. have arranged for a special train to be run from Durant via Muskogee and Vinita to Oklahoma City to take the Indian Territory delegates to the Oklahoma City convention. The Rook Island may do the same. The railroads are now in the fight for statehood.

The special session of the Choctaw Council adjourned Saturday. During the session an act was passed authorizing the governor to appoint three commissioners from each of the three districts in the nation to assist the full-blood people in selecting their lands and making the filings on their allotments. Each of the commissioners is to receive a salary of \$5 per day and \$3 per day for expenses. The act will have to be approved by the President of the United States before the commissioners are appointed.

Rev. J. B. Murrow of Atoka in a published statement, calls the attention of his fellow townsmen at Atoka to the necessity of fulfilling the promises made the Dawes Commission in order to secure the location of the Choctaw land office. He says that it is emphatically the full blood argument that won for Atoka and now that the day for opening the land office is approaching the people must keep faith. He suggests that several large tents be purchased and erected near the springs, the sides of the tents to be lined with lumber. There must be enclosures for the horses and the Indians should be privileged to cut fire wood wherever they please. The article is most sensible, and comes from a grand old man who knows the Indian and has his confidence.

MALESTER OF THE FUTURE.

Units of Two Towns Only? Question of Time, Says the McAlester Messenger.

The following sensible and significant article is from the McAlester Messenger, the new paper recently founded at Old Town:

"The growth and development of many of the towns of the territory is truly wonderful and many of them already have all the 'hardware' of cities. This phenomenal progress and development has been pushed and carried on under most unfavorable circumstances, on account of the lack of a state form of government. South McAlester is the town that we especially allude to. With her wholesale houses, electric light plant, ice factories, cold storage plants, electric suburban car line and her contemplated system of waterworks and varied and valuable improvements in educational and church facilities centrally located in the heart of a country with rich and inexhaustible resources and at the junction of two of the best railway systems in the country. The ultimate union with this place is only a question of time that we shall have a state and stable form of government, that McAlester will be the best city in the southwest."

MAHIN'S BUSINESS EXCEEDS A MILLION DOLLARS.

A Chicago Advertising Agency that Brings All Records in its Youth Year.

The Mahin Advertising Company will occupy the entire 8th floor of the Willis Building, 200 Monroe street, Chicago, on December 27th—just four years to the day from the time this young agency commenced business with a person.

Now it employs 110 persons, only 19 of whom are solicitors, the rest being engaged to execute all the details of advertising in the high-grade style instituted and maintained by the Mahin Advertising Company.

The new quarters give rights on all four sides, and are handsomely fitted for the Magazine, Newspaper, Bill Posting, Printing, Street car advertising, Literary, Art, Engraving, Printing, Accounting, Checking and Addressing Departments. The total floor space is 12,000 square feet. Two hundred and ninety-one active advertisers place their orders with the Mahin Advertising Company.

Knight Templars Elect Officers.

There was a regular meeting of the McAlester Commandery No. 3 Knights Templar at McAlester last night, and the election and installation of officers was the important work of the meeting. The following were elected: W. E. Brown, Emphatic Commandery; W. J. McAlister, Captain General; C. H. Roberts, Treas. Chris. Springer, Sr. Warden. B. J. Fannin, Treasurer. Perry Freeman, Jr. Warden. J. H. Mann, Recorder. Following the custom of the order throughout the United States, the lodge will meet at their hall on Thursday, December 25, at high noon and toast to the eminent Grand Commander of the United States. All members of the order are urged to attend.

PAY FOR COUNCIL

New Members of the City Council Will Receive Salaries Hereafter.

\$2.50 FOR EACH SESSION.

City Council Takes Final Action on Aldermen Salaries, and Also Amends Street-Car Franchise for Change of Route.

All members of the city council were in their seats last night at the regular meeting, except Mr. Gordon and Mayor Lewis. President Gouging presided.

The regular monthly accounts were allowed, amounting to about \$600. John Liebrand, as agent, presented a bill from the American Casualty Company for \$78, the cost of the large plate glass broken by a street blast at the Telephone building. The claim was referred to the finance committee.

A petition from the Indian Territory Traction Company asking for an amendment to their franchise whereby they could change the route of the car line within the city limits, was taken up and passed. The change is in the route of the line from the city to McAlester. The present plan is to use First street through to boundary line, while the old franchise specified the use of Main street from Washington to Monroe.

Alderman Mercer called up the salary question for aldermen and again offered a motion authorizing the city clerk to audit the accounts of the aldermen eligible to salary. It was brought out that none of the old council who passed the ordinance could be benefited thereby, as the law says that the council has no power to fix its own salaries. Only those elected to the council since the enactment of the ordinance will be affected. They will receive \$2.50 for each regular meeting, and \$1 for each extra meeting. Messrs. Ambrose, Young, Mercer and Harrison will therefore be entitled to salary for every session of the present council that they have attended. The vote on the Mercer salary resolution was unanimous.

There was considerable discussion aroused over the Davis contract for supervision of the waterworks construction. The council fees disposed to have Mr. Davis fix the expiration of his contract for July, 1904, instead of February, 1904. The matter was passed without action.

A motion was carried authorizing the city to render a bill against the Choctaw railway for damages to streets caused by overflow of the Choctaw lake on Third street.

GLASS FACTORY WOULD COME.

Fifty Thousand Dollar Window Glass Factory Would Move Closer to Coal—Bonus Wanted.

The Business Men's League is in receipt of a letter from the largest glass factory in Indiana, asking what inducements would be offered for the removal of the big plant to this city. The investment is said to be \$50,000. The reason for desiring a change of location is the old site that will eventually make this city a home for factories—want to get close to coal.

The inquiry asked, what sized bonus this place could offer. The matter will be given consideration when the league re-organizes.

After Hunter's Scalp.

It is reported here today that before adjournment the Choctaw council passed a resolution asking the Secretary of the Interior to remove from office Secretary Tom W. Hunter, of the Choctaw Townsite Commission.

The Ardmoreite tells of the following out fight in the Southern district which has a local bearing: J. H. Boyd vs. O. G. & Co. and N. K. & T. railways, suit for \$5,000 damages. Plaintiff alleges she was on her way from Memphis out here and when in South McAlester while the coach she was in was being quickly unladen, the same was sprung on engine and she just knocked her down, bruising her side and hip, the effects of which will be permanent.

K. O. Bentley, a prominent citizen of Olvin, is among the big crowd here today. John McBride, the big ranch man of near Kiowa, was here today looking up Santa Claus. The crowd in attendance before the Dawes Commission is quite large today. A night session was held last night to accommodate the large throng.

SENDS TORPEDO BOAT

If of Some Other Vessel Must Proceed to Venezuela.

BOWEN TO BE HELPER

here Will He No More Part of the United States to Resist a War Blockade Against Merchant Vessels.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The following cablegram was sent by the navy department to Admiral Dewey, in command of the combined fleets, addressed to San Juan:

"Send competent officer with dispatch in torpedo boat destroyer, or other vessel to Caracas as assistant to American minister."

The following cablegram also was sent to Commander Diehl of the Mariotta, now lying at La Guayra:

"Send Van Dusen (executive officer of the Mariotta) as assistant to the American minister temporarily."

There was from Commander Van Dusen, who was only an hour distant from Caracas when he arrived on the scene. "With no explanation, however, for the above orders, it is believed these measures are being taken to guard against an interruption in the cable connecting Mr. Bowen with his home government."

It was stated at the navy department that one reason for sending the officers to Caracas was the fact that Mr. Bowen is almost overwhelmed with the work imposed upon him by his many charges. He has nearly all of the English residents in Caracas domiciled in the American legation and is feeding them from his own table.

As for the torpedo boat destroyer, it is pointed out that it will serve as a "diversion" to keep Mr. Bowen out of touch with the navy department in La Guayra, which can be relied upon to transmit messages to Washington in case the La Guayra cable is cut as an incident to the blockade. No further orders than that noted above went forward to Admiral Dewey.

There will be no effort on the part of this government to resist a war blockade of the Venezuelan coast against merchant ships. Custom requests that the due notice shall be given of the blockade, and the blockades in connection with the declarations that have been made in the British parliament by the authorized representatives of the British government. It will be understood that the United States will justify neutral nations in the understanding that a state of war does not exist. This might in the same view that evidently a blockade and requires the favor of a protest of neutrality by President Roosevelt, but this, it is stated, would not be timely now.

SAME VIEW.

President Taft—justified the view of a "peaceful blockade."

London, Dec. 18.—"If the seizure of Venezuelan harbors does not result as we all hope it will be necessary to proceed to a blockade."

In the speech in the house of commons, Wednesday during which Fremantle-Hatfield made the above statement he expressed the impression of possible, though as yet unnecessary further hostilities, but also that arbitration on the same basis might be accepted. Immediately after having spoken these words the premier said that in the event of a blockade no arrangements would be made between the ships of neutral powers, who would not be consulted. He then explained the idea of a "peaceful blockade." He said: "I think it quite likely that the United States government would not think there is such a thing as a peaceful blockade and I personally take the same view that evidently a blockade does involve a state of war, the house expressed its approval. Throughout the discussion the tenor of the speech and the views of the cabinet regard for the views of the United States."

Considered Inappropriate.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Germany considers that President Castro's proposal to arbitrate is inadvisable, guaranteed as it is to pay if the arbitrators decide against him and a copy-in that sense. It was sent through McAlester Bowen. Great Britain will make a similar answer. These statements are not made officially, but are derived from an excellent source.

Indications Favor Venetian.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—Indications here are that Venezuela will yield to the demands of the United States. The foreign agents of Caracas have addressed a note to President Castro asking him to give full powers to United States minister Bowen to effect a termination of the present crisis.

Arbitration Decided by.

Caracas, Dec. 18.—It has been decided that the Venezuelan difficulty shall be arbitrated and the discussion of terms of settlement is now going on. United States minister Bowen, undoubtedly by the one of the arbitrators. The government fears that the coercive measures will follow the establishment of the blockade.

Negro Attorney Jailed.

Ardmore, L. F., Dec. 23.—Jailed. A negro attorney named J. L. ... sentenced a well-known negro attorney to jail for six months and fined him