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Perquisites of Senators.

In 1878 a senator of the United States provided himself out of the public treasury, in addition to his salary, with his mileage, his \$125 for stationery, and one clerk, if he happened to be the chairman of a committee.

That was practically all. In 1904 a United States senator would sniff at one clerk and declare it impossible to attend to his work without two or three. Such a thing as paying for a clerk out of his pocket, as did his predecessors up to comparatively a few years ago, were accustomed to do, would be regarded by the senator of today as a crime. Under the old rule each important committee had a clerk, and perhaps an assistant and a messenger to wait upon the committee when in session and attend a senate door after the meeting hour at 12 o'clock. The senators who were chairmen of committees used the committee rooms as their private offices, and the senators who were too young in service to be chairmen, had neither room, clerk nor messenger paid for by Uncle Sam.

Every senator today, big or little without regard to politics or length of service, has at least one clerk who draws his salary from the government; each senator of the majority side, and almost every one from the Democrats, has a private room in the capitol or in the Maltby annex across

the way—a building purchased to permit the senators to spread themselves—and each important committee chairman has one or two or three assistant clerks. The chairmen of the smaller committees, many of which never meet, manage to get two clerks by seeing to it that the messenger selected is a stenographer and typewriter. This is a good plan for the "messenger" as well as the chairman, for otherwise the former would have nothing to do. Formerly the clerks of the small and useless committees were paid when the senate was in session. Now they draw annual salaries, and cases exist of clerks who never go to Washington at all.

Another Calamity

"I consider the unwillingness of women in certain circles to have children the greatest crime of the age," declared Rev. William Schultz in an address to the meeting of the Northern Methodist ministers in St. Louis the other day. The vice of intemperance and the liquor traffic, Rev. Mr. Schultz added, while no doubt great evils were of lesser importance. He advised the women who are devoting their time to crusades against the liquor traffic to take up the work of preaching the necessity for larger families in certain classes.

While admitting that the subject was a delicate one, the speaker de-

Installation Goods.

J. J. McAlester will sell you every thing in the Furniture, Saddle and Harness line on the installment plan. He has goods to suit everybody and his low prices and easy terms will surprise you. Consult your interests by examining our goods and getting prices and terms before buying elsewhere. Full lines to select from in all lines. We invite especial attention to our splendid lines of Carpets, Rugs and Matting.

Lumber and Building Material

Our stock is large and well selected, and is so carefully graded that our customers are absolutely certain to get from us just the class of stuff they buy or their bills call for. Let us figure your bills whether you buy or not.

Big Lot of Window Glass In All Sizes.

J. J. McAlester.
McAlester, Ind. Ter.

SUGGESTIONS FOR XMAS GIFTS.

Queensware, Fruit Bowls, Handsome 50-piece sets, Haviland China creamers and sugars, 4-piece sets, odd cups and saucers, mustard jars, syrup stands, chocolate sets, cracker jars, celery trays, vases, carving sets.

DIAMOND Hardware Co.

So. McAlester, Ind. Ter.

clared that necessity demanded that the church take some action to bring about a change of conditions.

In analyzing his subject Rev. Mr. Schultz said the aversion to raising children is more prevalent among descendants of the old Puritan stock than elsewhere. He pointed to the danger in the fact that a certain foreign element is beginning to multiply rapidly in this country, and said that unless the native-born Americans change their ideas the republic will undergo a complete change in the character of the population.

Circus Posters Passing.

The interesting announcement is made that after fifteen years of bitter warfare, Barnum & Bailey and Ringling Bros. have buried the hatchet and henceforth will so conduct their circus business that the element of rivalry may be in large part eliminated. It is agreed that after a successful first performance there will be no raising of the price of tickets, that fewer free tickets will be given out, and that the bulk of the advertising will be done in the columns of the newspaper rather than on the billboards. Mr. Hamilton, representing the first named aggregation, says: "The day of the flaring circus poster is about over in the circus business. In one way, this is to be lamented, because people especially in the West,

have come to look upon the the three sheets as a sort of curtain raiser to the show. But its value as an advertising medium is doubtful. Hereafter the newspaper will get more and dead walls less.

J. Mr. Lathim will take old or second hand furniture in exchange for new, and will sell you a new stove and take your old one in on the deal. Figure with him before purchasing elsewhere.

Fight Between Monsters.

The keeper of the lighthouse near Crescent City, Cal., reports a battle between a sea lion and an octopus. The octopus wound its tentacles around the lion's body, but the lion bit them off one after the other and ate them. Other lions helped to dispose of the octopus' carcass.

When in need of a shave or a haircut go to Foster Moore's barber shop, first door south of Coal City Savings bank.

For Bargains In

All Kinds Of Building Material

Go To The

Sabine Lumber Co.

South Main St. South McAlester.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1904.

The time is coming when the Baltic fleet will need to go on tiptoe and keep its guns cooked.

Astronomers claim that the moon is cracked. Perhaps the advent of the holidays has caused it to go broke.

Occasionally it happens that through accident a gun totter gets the dose he was prepared to deal out to others.

Three men were killed in Arkansas in a dispute over 25 cents. A quarter must look as big as the Ferris wheel in Arkansas.

Following the lead of his competitor, D. R. Wood of the Wilburton Gazette, Editor George H. Phillips of the Wilburton News shows commendable enterprise and push by adding to his equipment a fine cylinder press, large jobber and paper cutter and a gasoline engine. Mr. Phillips is a clever writer and is getting out a creditable paper and well merits the liberal patronage he is receiving.

The Republicans and what few Democrats that there are left are not very far apart politically, and it will not be a surprise to us if they stand together in the next presidential campaign in a fight against Socialism. The Socialist party is a rapidly growing political factor, and many very well informed people more than halfway believe that the Socialists will do in 1908 similar to what the republicans did in 1860. Of course if they do plutocracy will rebel as did slaveocracy did after the election of Lincoln, and when this happens a sanguinary conflict will land the fur will fly worse than it did in the '60's. It is coming and will be worldwide, and only those who live in a fools paradise fail to see it.

One feature of the newspaper business has always been repugnant to us, and that is the personal department. We receive papers that are filled with the arrivals and departures of everybody in their communities. Such announcements may be gratifying to those mentioned, but to strangers it is news they seldom read. This class of journalism is confined principally to country papers. It often happens that their scribes are not capable of writing articles, therefore are forced to resort to personals or issue a blank paper.—Rockwall, Texas, Herald.

But for all that it is marbles to mud that Col. Crockett Boone, editor of the Herald, would rather any day read a five-line personal about himself than to read the most weighty editorial on the most interesting current issue, and in this Col. Boone is not unlike the majority of mankind.

Recorder Richards should be unanimously seconded by the other members of the council in his advocacy of the establishment of a street grade. This should be done right away before the erection of the brick or stone buildings now being planned so as to have them conform to the established street grade. It seems to us that this would be to the best interests of all concerned, and we fail to see why anybody should oppose it.

J. M. Lathim will take old or second hand furniture in exchange for new, and will sell you a new stove and take your old one in on the deal. Figure with him before purchasing elsewhere. 2-11.

The "Katy" will sell excursion tickets for the holidays to any point on the M. K. & T. System at one fare plus fifty cents. Dates of sale Dec. 24th, 26th, and 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return leaving destination up to midnight of Jan. 4th. Talk to Katy's Agent.

A Paradise for Negroes.

The small prejudice against color in England is exhibited in the case of Samuel Coleidge Taylor, a musician, who is hailed as "a great English composer" and at the Leeds musical not long ago led an orchestra of 140 performers with an immense chorus. Taylor married an English woman and has two children, a boy and a girl. The latter is a blond with blue eyes and flaxen hair.

Holiday Excursions.

Very low rates via Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, Dec. 24th, 26th, and 31st, and Jan. 4, 1905.



Suppose you see Katy's Agent about this.

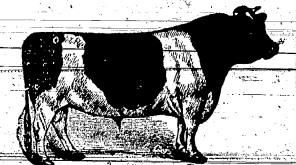
To Close Up Affairs.

A Washington special says: Senator Stewart's plan to close up things in Indian Territory provides for dividing the country into twenty-six counties or blocks; each to be provided with a land office, a register and receiver. These to close up the allotment of lands and all land business working under the direction of the Indian agent of the Five Tribes at Muskogee. This plan to supplant the Dawes commission.

P. A. DOYLE,
JEWELER.

At Springer's Drug Store.
McAlester, Ind. Terr.

J. HAGER,



Butcher,

Will supply your fresh meat wants every day in the year and every hour in the day. Shop first door south of W. A. Walker's store, McAlester.

Hunters, Beware!

Hunters of Fine Heating Stoves should be careful not to pass up our line, as we are headquarters for the famous.

WOOD'S RADIATOR HEATER

in either Wood or Coal patterns. Also a full line of Round Oak, Hot Blast and Sheet Iron Heaters.

At prices never before heard of in So. McAlester. If you have a stove you want set up phone us, as we have a man for that purpose.

Jack Dyson Hardware Co.

South McAlester.

Landes McLure & Co



Have just received wo Big Cars of Furniture and are better prepared to make Close Prices than ever before, we absolutely guarantee our prices on Dining

and Rocking chairs to be 25 per cent under anything heretofore sold in the city by any one.

Yours to serve,

Landes McLure & Co

Successors to LANDES & HUMPHRY.

South McAlester, Ind. Terr.

Now is the season to begin feeding

Stock AND Poultry Food

A large stock of which we have, of both PRATT and INTERNATIONAL.

In sizes from 25cts to \$1.60.

C. Springer Drug Co.

INFANTILE CONSTIPATION
A LAXATIVE PREPARATION
THAT CAN BE GIVEN WITH SAFETY TO INFANTS AND CHILDREN HAS LONG BEEN IN DEMAND.

LYONS LAXATIVE SYRUP

LYONS LAXATIVE SYRUP, a late addition to the drug world, on account of its purity and absolute harmlessness is especially adapted for the stomach and bowel troubles of Infants and Children, and has in every case proven itself worthy of the Mother's confidence.
VERY PLEASANT TO TAKE AND DOES NOT STRIPE.

25 AND 50c BOTTLES. ASK YOUR DRUGGIST

For Sale By C. Springer Drug Company.

W. A. Brandt has sold his property on Stonewall avenue to Peter Stueco for \$500 cash. S. F. Brown made the deal.

Hats at any old price. They must go—about 500 to be sold at cost before Christmas. At Miss Myers, South McAlester. 9-26

J. M. Latham's store is a busy place these days and everybody in the establishment is kept about as busy as bees waiting on customers.

Peter Stueco has sold his stock of groceries and building to a couple of Hallans from Alderson. The price paid for the house and lot were \$1,000.

In the election for two members of the school board last Saturday W. E. Vohes and Thomas Crossley were chosen. They each hold for three years.

This mild weather delights the head of the household who has to foot the fuel bill, but it is not exactly to the liking of the winter clothes dealer and fuel people.

On Dec. 20th 21st, 22nd and 26th the "Katy" will have on sale excursion tickets to the Southeast at one fare plus \$2 for the round trip, good 30 days for return. See "Katy's" Agent about this.

See J. M. Latham about exchanging your old furniture for new, and your old stove for a new one. 3-17

Mrs. C. J. Lane presented her husband with a pair of 8 pound twin girls for a Christmas present, but this seems not to have turned the head of our worthy postmaster, and he is as accommodating as ever in his service to the public.

At Durfee's.

Only two more days till Christmas; these two are the best days to buy Christmas Presents here.

Durfee & Co.

Holiday Presents

- Belts.
- Gloves.
- Purses.
- Collars.
- Han'kerchiefs

GOLD & PEARL HANDLE SILK PARASOLS
 RANGING IN PRICE FROM
\$2.00 TO \$5.00.

Most appropriate Christmas Presents on the market—ornamental and useful.....

BEST VALUES FOR LEAST MONEY.

C. W. Carter

South McAlester,

There seems to be no very great rush or excitement in Christmas trade, nevertheless there appears to be a good solid business with many dealers, which is better than reckless spending now and depression and penury a little later on.

School closed Wednesday for the holidays and will open again Monday, Jan. 4. Prof. Harris is spending vacation with his family at Norman, Ok., and Miss Meeks has gone home Corinth, Miss. The rest of the teachers will "rough it out" in McAlester.

Elsewhere in this issue it was stated that J. W. Maynard's blacksmith shop would be moved from its present position back-fronting the Katy right of way, but since the item was put in type Mr. Maynard has changed his plans and a shop is being built for him between the J. J. McAlister's building and White & Ruff's store, west side Main street. The lot and building belong to J. K. Dobbs.

Hats at Any Old Price.
 Miss Myers has about 500 hats including Dress hats, street hats or any kind of hat you want, which will be sold at cost and below cost for Christmas. No one need pass the holidays without a nice new hat. This generous offer will enable those of the most limited means to wear a nice new hat.
 Miss M. M. Myers,
 South McAlester.

Sam Edwards is getting ready to erect a 59x100 foot two-story brick or stone house on his lots south of W. A. Walker's store. He has had the butcher shop moved from that location and the blacksmith shop building is to be moved back to the Katy right of way and front west. Ed Richards says it is a cinch that the Masons will in the spring pull down their old wooden hall and in its stead build a brick or stone structure 60x100 three stories. It is to be hoped that some of the other property owners will follow suit in this good work.

Dr. W. E. Abbott

Offers to the public a full line of pure fresh Drugs and standard Patent Medicines. Fine line of Perfumes, Toilet articles and Druggists' Sundries. Also full line of Cigars and Tobaccos. A fair share of the public patronage respectfully solicited.

Dr. W. E. ABBOTT.

For The Best Of Everything In The GROCERY LINE

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Elk Hotel Block, McAlester.

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