

RADICAL CHANGES  
PLANNED TO WELD  
G.O.P. FRAGMENTS

National Committee Likely  
to Call Special Convention  
to Reorganize the Methods  
of the Party.

BASIS FOR DELEGATES  
LIKELY TO BE CHANGED

Platform Also to Be Pre-  
pared That Will Unite the  
Broken Ranks—Leaders  
Convinced Reform Is Nec-  
essary.

Washington, December 14.—Leading  
members of the republican national  
committee, here to attend the commit-  
tee meeting Tuesday, expressed the  
belief tonight that a special conven-  
tion of the republican party would be  
called to reorganize the methods,  
change the basis of delegate apportion-  
ment and to consider the preparation  
of a party platform that would unite  
its broken ranks.

Among nearly a dozen committeemen  
who arrived today several were of  
"open mind" as to the convention plan  
and one or two were outspoken  
against it. Conferences were held today,  
however, and the statements of the  
majority of the committee members  
communicated with a majority of that  
body indicated that plans have been  
tentatively made looking toward the  
calling of the convention and the  
voters of the plan believe they have a  
majority of the committee behind them.

Majority for Convention.  
Charles B. Warren, of Michigan,  
chairman of the law committee of the  
republican organization, said he thought  
majority of the committee members  
would favor the holding of a conven-  
tion. Chairman Charles D. Hilles has  
not yet indicated his own opinion as to  
the holding of a special party gather-  
ing. John T. Adams, of Iowa, and  
W. Eastabrook, of New Hampshire,  
declared they had "open minds" on the  
plan. H. B. Maxson, of Nevada, was  
opposed to the convention.

The plan now in contemplation, if the  
committee decides to summon a conven-  
tion, is to provide in the call that the  
various state committees shall control  
the method of selecting delegates, ex-  
cept where the state primary  
law is contrary to the subject.

This plan, if adopted, would be the  
first step toward one of the changes in  
the party demanded by the so-called pro-  
gressive faction of the party, that the  
district unit system of electing dele-  
gates be abandoned and the primary  
laws of various states be recog-  
nized as final by the national commit-  
tee.

While the formal committee session  
does not begin until tomorrow night,  
the party over the convention will be  
inaugurated tomorrow night at a din-  
ner to be given to the committee mem-  
bers only by Chairman Hilles. It is ex-  
pected that the real issues of the con-  
vention will be decided at this dinner.  
The committee session of Tuesday prob-  
ably will be held with open doors.

GIRL NEARLY KILLED  
BY BROTHER'S SHOT

Miss Lulu Arnall, of Hapeville,  
Receives Load of Small  
Shot in Neck.

Miss Lulu Arnall, aged 23, of Hapeville,  
was all but fatally wounded last  
Sunday when her brother, who stood  
in the doorway of their home, acci-  
dently discharged a shotgun, the lead  
entering Miss Arnall's neck, some of  
the pellets striking against her skull.  
Greenberg & Bond's ambulance  
made a record run to Hapeville and  
carried Miss Arnall to the Wesley Mem-  
orial hospital, where she was attended  
by Dr. Frank Boland.

AMERICAN SUFFRAGETTE  
IN FURIOUS SCRIMMAGE

Zelie Emerson Is Arrested in  
London After Battle  
With Police.

London, December 14.—The American  
suffragette, Miss Zelie Emerson, of  
Jackson, Mich., was the central figure  
of a furious scrimmage this evening  
between the police and suffragettes,  
and their supporters in the Bow dis-  
trict. Miss Emerson and three men  
were arrested.

SON KILLS MOTHER  
WHO WAS BIT SLOW  
ABOUT HIS COFFEE

Donaldsonville, La., December 14.—  
Because his aged mother did not re-  
spond promptly to his request for a cup  
of coffee, Paul Falcon arose from the  
supper table, went into the next room  
and shot her through the head. Mrs.  
Falcon died almost instantly. The fam-  
ily reside on St. Emma plantation, sev-  
eral miles from here. Paul, the son of  
the late John Falcon, had returned  
from work and asked for a change of  
clothes. When she was alone, Paul  
went into the next room and shot her  
murder was put in jail with a charge of  
murder against him.

NO AMERICAN UMPIRES  
WANTED IN DOMINGO

Sancti Spiritus, December 14.—The  
general elections which will be held  
tomorrow and Tuesday for members of  
the chamber of deputies, will be con-  
ducted in an orderly manner, the gov-  
ernment promising that every voter  
shall have a free and fair opportunity  
to register his choice at the polls.

The municipal council has decided  
that only its members, representatives  
of the different parties, and properly  
registered voters shall be permitted in  
the city hall on the polling days. This  
measure excludes the general public  
and foreign visitors. Among the latter  
are the American commissioners who  
have been sent here to observe the  
elections and to act unofficially as um-  
pires in case of disputes.

They Fought to the Death.

Aracaja, Ia., December 14.—D. A.  
Rogers, twin brother of the late Al-  
bert Rogers, shot and killed the other in  
a revolver duel in a drug store here late  
last night. The marshal had previous-  
ly warned Rogers, who was intoxicated,  
to go home, and approached him to  
make an arrest. Both drew their re-  
volvers at the same time and began  
fighting.

Rogers, James A. Statement.  
Senator Rogers, one of the "insur-  
gent" in the stormy sessions of the na-  
tional committee at Chicago last June,  
issued a statement today declaring  
that the committee was on record as to  
the proposed changes in rules, whether  
or not it decided to call a national con-  
vention. "The committee is just now the  
voice of the party and the members of  
the party generally expect a positive de-  
claration on these and kindred matters  
from this body," said Senator Rogers. "I  
hope to see the national committee at  
its coming meeting, whatever else it  
may decide to do or not to do, with  
reference to the calling of a national  
convention, show that the committee  
itself has some view upon these ques-  
tions and is not afraid to declare them  
in unequivocal terms."

NEGRO Y. M. C. A.  
IS ASSURED AFTER  
GREAT MEETING

Over \$5,000 Given When  
7,000 Members of Black  
Race Gather at Audito-  
rium in Meeting.

History was made in the progress of  
the negro race by the meeting of the  
colored churches of Atlanta held Sun-  
day night at the Auditorium. Seven  
thousand negroes gathered in one con-  
gregation, in spite of the rainy night  
that capped a dreary Sunday, and re-  
mained from 7 o'clock till nearly mid-  
night for a mass meeting that has  
never been equaled in the south, and  
that, as speakers declared in eloquent  
addresses, "marks the beginning of a  
new era in the history of the negro  
people of the south."

GOVERNOR SLATON AND  
JUDGE BROYLES SPEAK

Over \$16,000 Now Pledged  
for Y. M. C. A.—Gathering  
of Atlanta Negro Churches  
Presents Unique Sight.

Five thousand three hundred and sev-  
enty-seven dollars was added to the  
\$11,500 which has already been  
paid by the negroes, makes a total of  
\$16,377 in cash from the negroes them-  
selves for the purpose of building the  
new colored Young Men's Christian  
association building. With outstand-  
ing subscriptions of several thousand  
dollars, the pastors and other leaders  
declared after the meeting Sunday  
night that the entire amount neces-  
sary for the building of the Y. M. C. A.  
building will be a reality.

On this theme, the value of the Y.  
M. C. A. as an instrument for fighting  
crime among the negroes—many elo-  
quent addresses were made. Governor  
John M. Slaton, Judge Noah R. Broyles,  
Marion M. Jackson, Dr. John E. White,  
John Temple Graves and W. Woods  
White spoke as white citizens to the  
colored race, while these from the colored  
race who spoke were Dr. H. H. Proctor,  
Dr. J. P. O'Connell, Rev. P. James  
Bryant and Rev. W. H. Moses.

There were many features which  
made the meeting the most unique ever  
held in Atlanta, but what carries the  
deepest significance is the unity with  
which the churches of every denomina-  
tion closed their own doors and  
welcomed the negroes to one body  
for the Y. M. C. A. movement.

A concerted motive and action was  
displayed by the forty or more negro  
pastors and congregations which  
would never have been thought possi-  
ble five years ago. Seated in groups  
and sections according to the different  
churches, the 7,000 negroes present  
were one in thought and sentiment,  
cheering and applauding every expres-  
sion of success. His family visit him  
daily, and are unconstrained in their  
earnestness to see the youth recover nor-  
mal mentality.

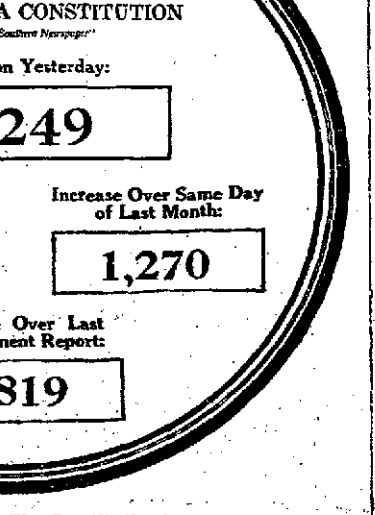
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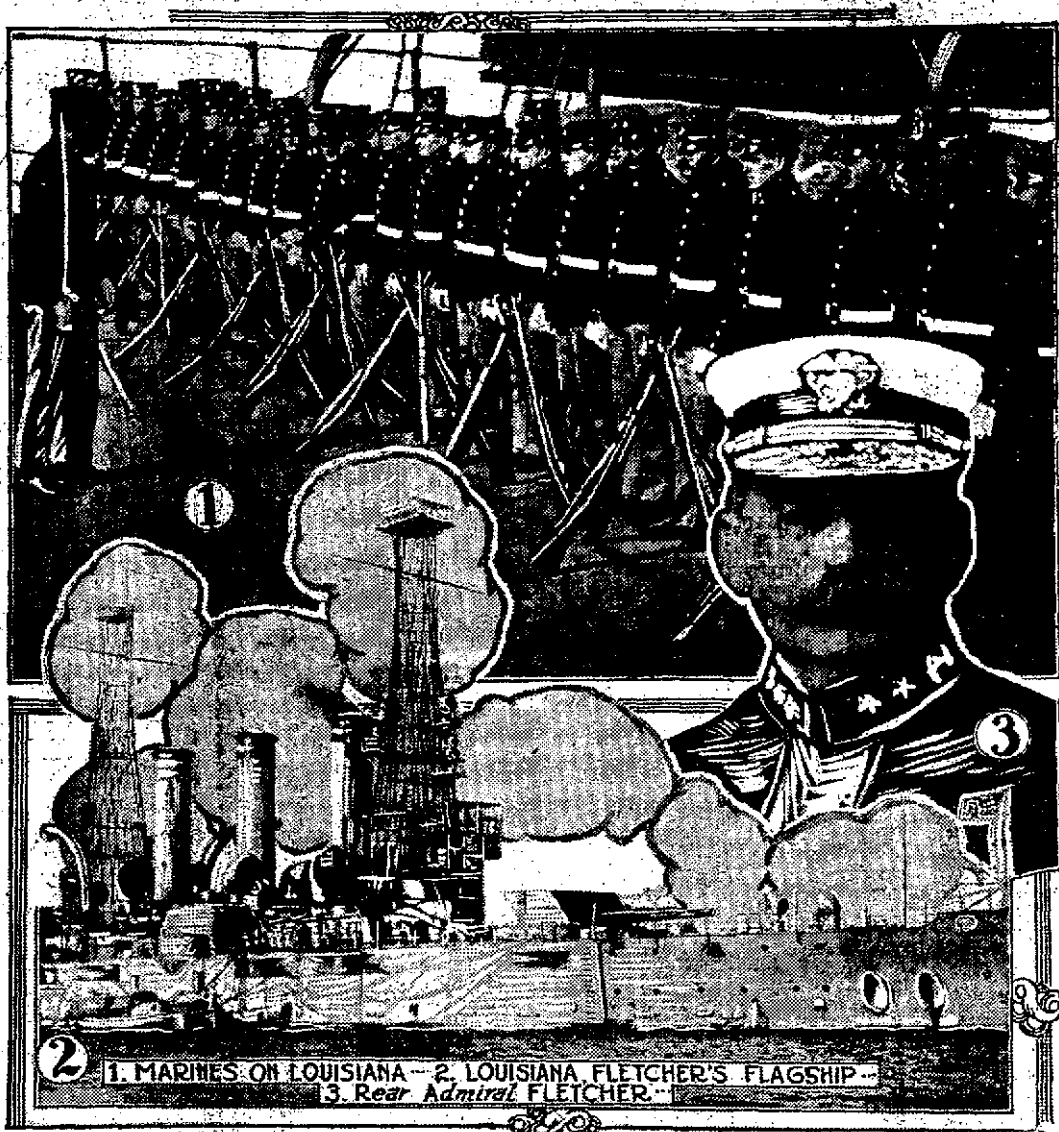
When Mr. Jackson, the first speaker  
on the evening's program, arose, there  
was hardly a seat vacant in the audi-  
torium, though the crowd was still  
coming.

"We are gathered here tonight to  
take part in the march—our march—  
has been going on for centuries and is  
not yet finished—the great procession  
of the world's progress," said Mr.  
Jackson. He spoke of the co-operation  
of the churches.

Watch It Grow



American Admiral on Guard at Tampico



Official dispatches received at Vera Cruz showed that after the rebel at-  
tack on Tampico the situation as re-  
gards the landing of United States ma-  
rines on Mexican soil was more critical  
than ever. Off Tampico at the time  
were the United States warships: Louis-  
iana, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Chester  
and Wheeling. Rear Admiral Fletcher  
was prepared to land his marines if it  
were absolutely necessary to save the  
lives of foreigners, but his orders from  
Washington were to hold back as long  
as possible. He commanded the situa-  
tion from his flagship the Louisiana.

KNIFE MAY GIVE  
SENSES TO BOY

Willie Prater, Recovering  
From Operation at Grady,  
Fast Recovering Mental  
Equilibrium.

In the case of Willie Lee Prater, aged  
18 years, of 50 Buena Vista avenue,  
the Grady hospital authorities have prob-  
ably accomplished with the knife the  
feat of restoring complete mental equi-  
librium from imbecility of life-long du-  
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Shop Windows Drew  
Crowds Despite All  
Sorts of Weather

Pretty Girls Defied Rain in  
Search for "Somebody's"  
Present—Wistful Children  
of Poor There, Too.

Despite the uncharitable weather of  
Sunday afternoon, the spirit of Christ-  
mas manifested itself along Whitehall  
and Peachtree streets in the great  
crowds which inspected the wares of  
the season displayed in the shop win-  
dows.

Careless of the sneaking chill of the  
drizzle many hundreds of people loitered  
in front of the gorgeous win-  
dows, making mental selections of  
presents for "him" and "her" for  
mother, father, sister and the kid  
brother.

To judge from the unlimited variety  
of gifts to be seen in the windows  
the greatest difficulty is experienced  
not in finding something acceptable to  
any friend, but in finding something  
which would not be acceptable. Ar-  
ticles useful, ornamental and new de-  
signed to amuse are spread in the win-  
dows without end.

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Pretty young misses, arrayed in sat-  
ins, were seen in the windows  
strolled by in pairs and trios, pausing  
here and yonder to inquire of each  
other just how they thought "some-  
body" would like the white boy's  
like this or the other thing, when, of  
course, he would go into ecstasies over  
it despite the fact that in nine cases  
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FRANK CASE OPENS  
IN SUPREME COURT

Defense Expected to Ask  
Extension of Time for Ar-  
gument—Reuben Arnold  
to Be First Speaker.

Attorney Reuben Arnold opens first  
fire in the fight before the supreme  
court for a new trial for Leo M. Frank,  
which begins at 3 o'clock this morning.  
It is generally predicted that the bat-  
tle will shatter all previous hearings  
before the supreme court, the vigorous  
request will be made, it is intimated,  
for extension of time for argument,  
which is prophesied to carry the hear-  
ing into next week.

Attorney Arnold stated to a Consti-  
tution reporter last night that the de-  
fense in all probability would urge an  
extension, but that no definite decision  
had yet been reached.

The program of addresses contain-  
ing four speakers—Attorney Arnold and  
L. Z. Rosser, for the defense; Solicitor  
Darney and Attorney General D. S.  
Feiler, for the prosecution. Following  
Mr. Arnold's argument will come the  
attorney general's, which will be fol-  
lowed by the solicitor's. The final ad-  
dress will be made by Mr. Rosser.

Attorney Frank Cooper, the sol-  
itor's side in the prosecution, will not  
take an active part in the hearing on  
account of absence from the city. His  
vacancy will be filled in the prosecu-  
tion's line-up by the attorney general,  
who is automatically brought into the  
case by its presence in the supreme  
court.

It is doubtful whether there has ever  
been a more widely spread public in-  
terest than has the Leo M. Frank  
case.

Ever since the little Phagan girl was  
found dead in the cellar of the National  
factory early Sunday morning of the  
27th of last April, the public has  
been keenly interested in the running  
down of punishment for her slaying.

In all probability, the second ses-  
sion of the supreme court, consisting  
of Justices McPherson, Evans and  
Justices Atkinson and Hill, will hear  
the argument in the case. One  
thing is certain, the opinion of the  
court will be selected to write the opinion  
of the court.

In the ordinary course of events,  
said a justice of the supreme court to  
a representative of the Constitution  
Sunday, "this case will be considered  
at our first meeting in bank on the  
second Monday in January, and our de-  
cision will be rendered a few days  
thereafter."

The record in this case is so bulky  
how the briefs so long and the au-  
thorities cited so numerous, that it is  
not unlikely that the case will go over  
several days before the court can  
before the court can come to a conclu-  
sion upon it. If there should be  
these delays, the opinion among the  
justices, it might take even longer.  
Whenever a decision is reached,  
it will be the opinion of all six justices  
of the court. Should there be a di-  
vision of course, the opinion of the ma-  
jority will control. If, as is some-  
times the case, the justices should be  
divided, the opinion of the lower court  
would stand affirmed by operation of law,  
and the supreme court in a few days  
would have to exercise its prerogative  
of leniency or severity.

On every hand, were cheerful greet-  
ings as some wanderer in giftland en-  
countered a friend returned home for  
the holidays. The dear old stories  
would be followed by the most exciting  
of plans for the festive season. A  
little ragamuffin, when visited by a  
diamond cavalier and making mental  
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would be seen gazing in the toy win-  
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REBELS DRIVEN  
FROM TAMPICO  
BY GUNBOAT FIRE

Huerta's Little Warships  
Steamed Up the River and  
With Machine Guns Mow-  
ed Down the Rebels.

Hundreds of Bodies  
Left on Battlefield

When the Rebels Retreated  
They Took 25 Locomotives  
and Hundreds of Cars—All  
Americans Took Refuge  
on the U. S. Warships.

Mexico City, December 14.—The re-  
bels have fallen in their attack on Tam-  
pico and have withdrawn some dis-  
tance from the city.

Official messages reaching here  
today fully corroborate the war office  
report of the rebel defeat yesterday  
as a result of a heavy and sustained  
bombardment by two federal gunboats  
and field artillery. They do not, how-  
ever, bear out the idea of a rout.

In possession of the railroad yards  
throughout the battle, the rebels, when  
they were driven off, remained suffi-  
ciently cool in the face of the furious  
fire to take away with them every lo-  
comotive and most of the rolling stock.

Rebel Loss Very Great.  
That the rebel loss was very great  
also is emphasized in these advices  
which add that the buzzards, which in-  
habit the Mexican coast and which for  
generations have been  
law hunters today over the battlefields  
in numbers so great as to present the  
appearance of low lying black clouds.

According to the federal report 800  
rebels were killed before they could  
set out of range and this probably  
would mean many other hundreds  
wounded and mortally cut down their  
supply of ammunition. This may de-  
lay operations for a time.

Reports reaching here do not indi-  
cate that the property loss as a result  
of the fighting has been large.

Official denial was made today that  
President Huerta had expressed anger  
at the alleged interference of Rear  
Admiral Fletcher with the federal gun-  
boats; nor did the government ever re-  
ceive corroborated reports about the  
American commander-in-chief had  
issued any order that could be inter-  
preted as interference.

Whether the rebels under General  
Blanco were at Vera Cruz decide to re-  
new the attack upon Tampico or direct  
their efforts against Monterrey, they  
will be able to move men and war ma-  
terial much more expeditiously in the  
next venture, since as a result of the  
fighting the rebels have been able to  
have in their possession 25 locomotives  
and several hundred cars, many of  
them loaded with construction mate-  
rial and other supplies.

RESCUE OF AMERICANS  
VERY DIFFICULT TASK

Vera Cruz, December 14.—The trans-  
fer of American refugees to the battle-  
ships during the incessant fighting at  
Tampico has been a very difficult task.  
The American commander-in-chief had  
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Weather Prophecy

Georgia—Local rains Monday; Tues-  
day fair. Florida—Cloudy and cooler Monday;  
Tuesday fair. North Carolina, South Carolina and  
Virginia—Fair Monday; Tuesday  
fair.

Alabama—Cloudy Monday, probably  
preceded by rain; Tuesday fair.  
Louisiana—Fair and cooler Monday;  
Tuesday fair. Texas—Fair Monday; Tuesday  
cloudy.

Arkansas—Fair Monday; Tuesday  
unsettled, probably rain.  
Mississippi—Fair Monday and Tues-  
day. Tennessee—Cloudy Monday, preceded  
by rain; Tuesday fair.

Kentucky and West Virginia—Fair  
Monday and Tuesday.



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## CURRENCY VOTE NEXT SATURDAY

**Democratic Leaders in Senate See End of the Money Fight—Much Important Legislation Before House.**

Washington, December 14.—The long struggle over currency reform is expected to come to an end in the senate next Saturday. Administration leaders who have been exerting every effort to enact into law before January 1 the second great plank of the democratic platform, were confident tonight that an agreement could be reached that would permit a final vote in the senate by 6 o'clock Saturday.

Republican senators who have been trading across the party line with the democrats probably will come to an understanding with the majority leaders tomorrow. The democrats are anxious to close general debate by Thursday, and to devote the balance of the time to the consideration of amendments to the bill. If the final vote can be taken Saturday, it is believed the differences between senate and house can be adjusted and the bill sent to President Wilson for signature before Christmas.

Republican criticism of the measure probably will demand some changes in it as a condition to giving their consent to a definite time for a vote. It is considered doubtful whether the guarantee of bank deposits to which many republicans object, can be taken out of the measure, but a strong effort will be made to eliminate that provision which authorizes the redemption of the proposed new currency notes either in gold or lawful money.

**Legislation in House.**

The house has lost sight of the currency bill in the press of new legislation. The committee on the currency is now considering a bill for important changes in the railroad laws, a comprehensive study of the trust question and a reopening of the question over a literacy test for immigrants. The committee is dividing attention in that body with the new economy program and the possibility of political material in charges of congressional extravagance.

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## Baritone Proves Atlanta To Be A Musical Anomaly

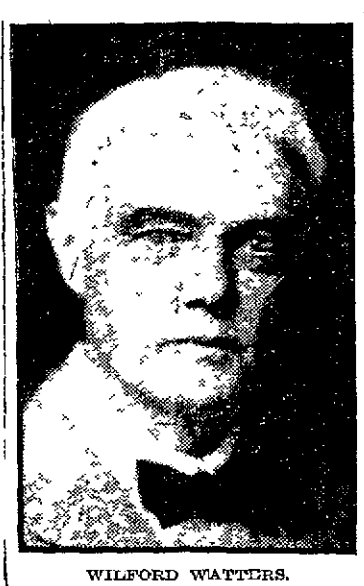
Atlanta is regarded by the world outside as a musical anomaly. And true to tell, she is hard to define otherwise. She supports musical enterprises which experience would lead one to expect she would neglect, however excellent they are, and with one voice she withholds her support where experience would suggest she would be interested.

She is not keen about artist concerts as a rule, and yet she makes it worth while for concert artists and teachers of metropolitan success to take up their home here as teachers.

Wilford Watters, for instance, who will be the soloist at the concert by the Philharmonic orchestra Tuesday night at the Atlanta theater, was tempted not only by the climate here, but by the excellent business opportunity to come to live in Atlanta. And while he would not do some very sensational advertising to have a successful concert trip to Atlanta, he has made an unusual success as a local artist, and his appearance Tuesday, with the orchestra, may be anticipated as an artistic treat of the best concert standard.

As an interpreter of songs, than which there is no art with more in appeal to all the people, he excels and "human interest" speaks through his songs. He has been as full of pleasure giving to the usual concertgoer as it is valuable to the more critical listener.

He will sing an aria from "Figaro" one of the few operas in which the baritone is the hero. The Evening Star from Danhauser, and a favorite selection from "Faust."



WILFORD WATTERS.

## OGLETHORPE CAMPAIGN WILL END THIS WEEK

**Extra Committees and Wider Search for Funds—Ask Telephone Subscriptions.**

This week winds up the campaign for the Oglethorpe fund. New committees will be added to the working organization today. The workers will make a wider search for subscriptions and the final dash for the \$250,000 goal will be made on all sides preparatory to getting the required amount in hand when the campaign ends next Saturday night.

To date there have been about 1,000 subscriptions taken. The committee men realize that there are many persons who have as yet not placed their names on subscription blanks to the Oglethorpe fund have made the appeal that they telephone their subscriptions to Mr. Thornwell Jacobs, office of the city.

The daily get together luncheons will be continued as usual at the Piedmont during the present week.

While the demand for money in sight the workers hope before the middle of the week to have the total amount in sight. It is believed that can be done if those who are willing to subscribe and who have as yet not placed their names on the subscription blanks will use the telephone and send in their subscriptions without solicitation.

## TWO LITTLE GIRLS MAKE ESCAPE FROM THE ORPHANS' HOME

Over three hundred policemen, twenty vice squad men, thirty detectives and two Beaton experts with the constabulary of every city town and hamlet in Georgia are making a wide search today for two little girls, one fourteen years and the other fifteen who during escaped from the Decatur orphan's home last Saturday.

The names of the girls are Leola and Maggie (Lar). They had been inmates of the asylum for considerable while. Saturday morning the orphan's home awoke to find them missing. How they escaped is a mystery. A communication was sent to the Atlanta department. Chief B. A. A. in turn sent an appeal throughout the state.

## PARSON TIES WEDDING KNOT WITH FINGERS

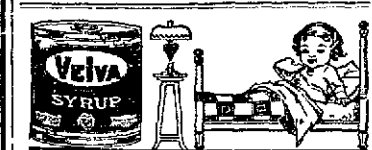
Macon Ga. December 14.—(Special.) There have been deaf and dumb weddings in Macon before but never has there been one here before today in which the wedding ceremony was said by the officiating minister with his fingers.

John L. Brazier, a brother at Barnesville, and Miss Pauline Gertrude Skinner of Skowhegan, both deaf and dumb were married by Rev. J. H. Christian pastor of the First Baptist Methodist church, the couple being unable to converse on his hands, saying the ceremony in that manner.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of the school for the deaf at Cave Springs and the entire local deaf and dumb colony was in attendance at the wedding today. The couple will make their home in Barnesville.

## COLUMBUS MEN ARRESTED AFTER SHOOTING AFFRAY

Columbus Ga. December 14.—(Special.)—W. B. H. is a young man residing on North Highlands took a shot at Tom, another young man with a rifle this afternoon creating much excitement in that section of the city. The ball went wild. Both young men who were on the scene were arrested by the police. The details of the affair have not been learned by the police. It is information that H. may have a plausible defense when arraigned in court tomorrow.



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## HILL'S STOLEN AUTO FOUND IN VALDOSTA

**Three Atlantans Held for the Theft—Police Investigate Auto Bandit Theory.**

The arrest of three youthful alleged automobile bandits has been made in Valdosta according to dispatches received from that city yesterday. The three Atlantans are being held for local authorities who will return them today.

Warrants have been sworn out for each by J. W. Hill publisher of the Valdosta City Herald, whose handsome Buick touring car was stolen last Thursday night. Police officials of Valdosta having read in The Constitution the story of the theft of the Hill machine found it in that city Saturday night.

The occupants of the machine the Hagan, Dukes and Brown boys were put under arrest and Mr. Hill notified. From the description, Mr. Hill recognized his car. Later the three prisoners were implicated in a theft it was stated that two other boys now in Atlanta, whose names are being kept secret by the detectives.

The question of youths the police will also be investigated concerning the robbery Thursday night of the Buick of R. L. Smith of Valdosta in East Point which were burglarized by five youths who drove up in an automobile afterward making their escape in the machine.

## POLITICS SIMMERING IN WHITFIELD COUNTY

Dalton Ga. December 14.—(Special.) Indications are that the position of representative of this county to the Georgia legislature is vacant by the recent death of Rep. Samuel T. Berry will be sought by a number of Whitfield people. Berry's record quite a number have signified their desire to help enact laws for the people to observe and to the legislature should the position be vacant.

The following well known men are regarded as candidates for the vacant seat: Judge George C. Glenn, former judge of the city court of Dalton and ex representative; Judge J. A. Gentry, former judge of the city court of Dalton and ex representative; Judge J. A. Gentry, former judge of the city court of Dalton and ex representative; Judge J. A. Gentry, former judge of the city court of Dalton and ex representative.

Owing to the fact that Ordinary H. H. H. will probably call an election at an early date likely not later than the middle of January, the candidates will have little time to get their feet in the woods, although some have announced a platform and express a desire to get out and turn loose a few broadsides.

## LOSS IN LAGRANGE FIRE SMALLER THAN REPORTED

Lagrange Ga. December 14.—(Special.)—Owing to the unusually prompt and efficient work of the Lagrange fire department last night, what was reported to be a very serious fire, resulted in a very small loss. The loss was reported to be \$10,000, but it was found that the loss was only \$5,000. The fire was caused by a gas stove which was not properly attended to. The loss was covered by insurance.

## INJURED BY EXPLOSION, J. H. DEEN PASSES AWAY

Waycross Ga. December 14.—(Special.)—From injuries received November 28, when a gas stove exploded as he was trying to find where the gas was stopped up, J. H. Deen, prominent business operator of the city, passed away at his home in the city. He was 50 years old. His wife and two children are left behind. The cause of the explosion is being investigated.

## MRS. JAMES T. HOLT DIES AT HER HOME IN MACON

Macon Ga. December 14.—(Special.) Mrs. James T. Holt one of the best known matrons in Macon, died this morning at her home. She was 78 years old. She was a member of the Macon chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a devoted mother and a kind friend. Her death is a great loss to the community.

## AS COPS DRAGGED CANAL FOR HER, TOT TOOK NAP

Waycross Ga. December 14.—(Special.)—After the police had searched the canal for a missing girl, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Contry reported missing today, was found behind a stove in the kitchen of her parents' home, fast asleep.

When last seen the little girl was playing with friends near the canal and it was feared she had fallen in.

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**ROUTING THE GUNMAN.**  
Congressman Frank Park has started in motion machinery that may literally cut the ground from under the pistol-toter. He hopes to get through congress a constitutional amendment permitting the states to regulate the carrying of arms. The most conservative jurists hold that the pistol-toter flourishes because the states are hampered in dealing with him by the constitutional provision guaranteeing the "right to bear arms." Were this barrier not in the way the evil of gun-packing would quickly yield to summary legislation. Congressman Park would provide the remedy by leaving unaltered the original constitutional stipulation, but adding to it the right of the several states to prescribe in what manner arms may be carried.

It is sincerely to be hoped congress will lose no time in putting the amendment before the legislatures of the country. We doubt if a single one would reject it. Every state is plagued with the pistol-toter. Many of the states have enacted drastic legislation of a repressive nature, but the practice still spreads and the homicide rate still mounts. The income tax amendment could hardly be more important than the one aimed at the evil of concealed weapons. The United States now stands, justly but tragically, placarded as the "murderer of nations." That unenviable distinction comes to her as a result of the activities, largely, of the man who carries a gun or other deadly weapon. Technicalities and an archaic legal procedure militate to complicate the situation, but at the root of it is the fact that under present conditions an innocent constitutional proviso can be distorted to shield the potential murderer.

At the time the amendment touching the right to bear arms was ratified the situation was vastly different. We were not confronted by the criminal menace with which we have now to deal. Framed originally in the name of liberty and in behalf of safety, the amendment has come to be a friend to license and a constant menace to safety, frequently of useful and law-abiding citizens.

If Judge Park shall be able to get this amendment before the country the country will do the rest. And he will have rendered a national service, long needed.

**THE BASIC INDUSTRY.**  
It is doubtful if since the civil war the farming problem in this country has had as intelligent and comprehensive consideration as it receives in the first annual message of Secretary of Agriculture Houston. The administration of his predecessor, James Wilson, was marked by energy and progress. But at no stage was "Tama Jim" the scientist or the constructive thinker that Mr. Houston is, and the difference shows in the greater breadth with which the incumbent regards his work.

Mr. Houston wants to divide the department into five or six main groups, that its functions may be more effectively discharged. His view is wholly correct. In organization the department has not nearly kept step with the country and the country's growth. There is today in Washington an excellent machine for handling the agricultural affairs of the nation, but it is disjointed, lacks co-ordination and move than all else, steam. If Secretary Houston can revise the methods of the department along the lines of modern standards he will perform a wonderful service. His stressing of rural credits and his demand that some tangible recognition be made of the importance of the farm woman in our economic scheme indicate that he is in possession of an accurate perspective.

As a matter of candid fact, we have these years been more or less neglecting farming, the basic industry of the country. Governmental effort and the people's money has been lavished in many other channels, some worthy and some dubious, but heretofore the ruinations of the agricultural department have partaken more largely of promise than of performance. The omission has been short-sighted and costly. There can be no question that if the funds wasted or misapplied to pork barrel projects had been spent on distributing scientific knowledge to farmers we should not only have increased production vastly in this country, but we should

have gone a long way toward solving the vexed question of how to keep the boy on the farm.

It is fortunate that we have so penetrating a scientist at the head of the department, at a time when the national conscience is awaking, and the national pocket, pinched by the high cost of living, is beginning to back the urgencies of conscience. We doubt if any of the cabinet officers has an opportunity for more far-reaching and constructive service than that enjoyed by Secretary Houston.

**WHEN A MAN'S SIXTY.**  
The supreme court of Georgia has ruled that a citizen can make as sound a juror after as before sixty years of age. The decision was handed down on an appeal in a criminal case, in which the defense sought to summarily strike a juror over sixty. The supreme court holds, in substance, that while a citizen aged sixty may, if so minded, take advantage of his privileges and claim exemption from jury duty, that the mere existence of the constitutional privilege does not disqualify him if he desires to serve.

Whether or not the decision is good law it is sound common sense. And, after all, law should embody common sense if it is to appeal to the sentiment that will respect its mandates and sanction its enforcement.

There has been a good deal of misplaced levity and genuine misunderstanding about the doctrine, so-called, of Oslertism. That doctrine was, erroneously, assumed to lay down the principle that after forty-five a man's productive years were in the sere and yellow, and that at sixty he should be chloroformed as useless. Many times Dr. William Oslert has repudiated the sentiments credited to him, but some people yet take them seriously.

The constructive science of our day sets no age limit to a man's usefulness. Some men, from dissipation, wrong habits of life or inherited infirmities, are disqualified from active pursuits at thirty. Others continue productive and energetic until eighty. It may be said that the steady progress of human conservation is constantly increasing the numbers in the latter class and reducing those in the former. It is not inconceivable that within one or two generations we shall have so strengthened and fortified the stock of the race that the prime of life may be pushed far upward from fifty toward the line of seventy.

In the specific instance under discussion, all things being equal, the juror of sixty or sixty-five is much more apt to render effective service to the state than the juror of thirty-five. He is seasoned and tolerant and judicial. He knows human weakness, yet he is likely to oppose hysteria. If he has been a man of ordinary observance he has come more and more with years to respect the necessity of law and its strict enforcement. Extraneous considerations are not apt to sway him and both defense and prosecution stand an excellent chance of getting a square deal at his hands.

We need to remember that right living and not the calendar determines a man's days of usefulness. Upon the general recognition and practice of that doctrine depends the health of the entire race.

**CHRISTMAS FIRES.**  
State Fire Inspector W. R. Joyner, formerly chief of Atlanta's fire department, has served timely warning on the people of Georgia with regard to the menace of Christmas conflagrations.

Each year there is an epidemic of blazes throughout the state coincident with the holiday season, and referable almost solely to carelessness on the part of celebrants.

The old joke about the burning whiskers of the many amateur Santa Clauses is not altogether fiction. The counterpart has too often occurred in real life, and transformed jollity into real tragedy.

Fires are also apt to originate through heedlessness in supervising the numberless Christmas trees held in homes and in public places. The very nature of the Christmas decorations is an invitation to disaster. Almost invariably they are of an inflammable nature and the general spirit of relaxation which rules increases the hazard.

The precaution that should apply with trees and in houses generally becomes intensified with the question of fireworks. Not only is the eye-sight, the limbs and sometimes the lives of the small boys endangered by reckless handling of explosives, but dangerous blazes are threatened.

Being careful with fire should be one of the first maxims of every Christmas celebration. It is easy enough for parents and those in authority to outline and enforce a set of regulations that will avert catastrophe and prevent what should be one of the most serene carnivals of the year from being turned into grim tragedy.

A cold Christmas will be all right, provided Charity doesn't get frostbitten.

Surrounded by the family, Father can't possibly pass the home currency bill.

Recently Deacon Rockefeller gave high praise to the sun. You see, that luminary is not in competition with Standard Oil.

The brevity of the Wilson messages means, why beat about the bush when you can set fire to it with a well-aimed epigram?

At the border they can't tell whether it is the noise of the fighting or people cheering Huerta in order to sidestep a firing squad.

The home-made Santa Claus will soon apply for a fire insurance policy on his whiskers.

The Hague conference has been postponed, but glory be! We still have Secretary Bryan's peace lectures.

Notwithstanding the declaration of the Indians that there will be no winter there will be no let-up on the blanket trust.

Of course the weather man will be the recipient of holiday remembrances, but it would be cruel for the public to try to get even.

**Just From Georgia**  
BY FRANK L. STANTON

Out de wilderness.  
Come, you people in distress:  
Time ter git out de wilderness:  
Ef de Happiness Man you wants ter see,  
Each one come wid a Christmas Tree.

Ef de Christmas worl'  
You wants ter bless  
Fetch de Christmas Tree  
Fum de wilderness.

Yander de house of de  
Christmas po',  
An' dey ain't no number  
oh de do',  
Br'er Sandy Claus, he pass  
it by  
An' de stars can't see it  
fum de sky.

De mo'nful hearts!  
In de po' folks breg'  
Fetch de Christmas Tree  
Fum de wilderness.

De wonders shake an' de fire burn low  
An' dey sees no footprints in de snow.  
Dey ain't no table dar ter spread  
An' dey can't say grace fer dey daily bread.

Ef you wants de peace  
Dat'll give you rest  
Fetch de Christmas Tree  
Fum de wilderness.

"The Colonel's Big Contract."  
"Well, sah," said Br'er Williams, "dar's no sich thing in dis worl' ez puffick happinees, de very best of it hez got a sour pickle in it. For instance, take de case of de ole colonel, at de big house: He done give his promise dat he wuz gwine ter swar off New Year's, an' w'en he looked in de bar'l he foun' out dat he had somep'n like 18 gals'ons left. Now, he an' two mo' like him is de only drinkin' folks in town an' consid'erin' de los' time w'en dey is sleepin' off de drammin', it's onposible fer 'em ter drink dat bar'l dry fo' time comes ter swar off; an' dat's how come de Colonel looks like he wuz gwine ter his own funerals an' his two fren's wuz de active pallbearers. Howsomer, dey sticks ter it quite faithfull, an' dey'll sho' make a hole in it fo' de New Year sez 'Good mawnin'!"

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**The Loneliest Citizen.**  
No, the fellow going about with that lonesome, weebone-cousinoid didn't lose his house in a cyclone, neither did an earthquake swallow his land; he merely celebrated Christmas three weeks ahead of time.

**Late Made New.**  
I.  
I'm alius mighty glad to be  
Where Christmas says sweet things to me—  
Brings happier days an' times to view  
An' makes my life all over-new!  
It's then we know, in cot an' hall,  
That we're jes' human, after all.

II  
The tender word—the human touch  
The world's poor, starved souls need so much  
The love that in the darkest nights  
Lifts a lost brother to the light  
For grief—for joy—neither befall,  
Thank God we're human, after all!

**Good Intentions.**  
After reading the story of a reformed train robber a Texas editor said: "It touched us great. We have decided that we will never 'go' another train!"

**Previous New Year Resolution.**  
From The Dalton Citizen. "We all intend going to church next Sunday."

**Success at Last.**  
The editor of the Jacksonville paper says that the best loser is the one who has made a failure of everything else.

**The Christmas Dreamer.**  
The Brenttown Bard sings of the Christmas children.  
"Her little heart is wild with glee,  
Her little lips are gay.  
Where little children play  
And far be it from you or me  
To preach that trust away!"

**But He's Too Wise.**  
"If Time should stop to wait for some folks to catch up," says a Georgia philosopher, "the remark of the old gentleman would be: 'To think that I tarried the wayside to behold such sorry specimens!'"

**Note of Life.**  
Happiness for me an' you—  
You ain't got none to sell me  
Ef all y' dreams wuz comin' true  
You'd be too mad to tell me!

**Holiday Maxim.**  
Don't tell your troubles to the world in the joyous season. It has been saddled with your infirmities all the year, and now it deserves a holiday. Get in the halldale ranks and lose your growling voice shouting for joy!

**Welcomed.**  
Saw the Happy Time a-comin',  
'Fraid he'd lose the way,  
So I met him in the valley  
With a "Hip-hooray!"

**Some Say It Can't Be Done,  
But the Boys Are Doing It**  
(From The Henderson, Ky., Gleaner.)  
The Corn Club boys are raising 100 bushels to the acre, but the old farmers feel that this is all wrong, as their grandfathers didn't do such things.

**Prize Georgia-Grown Hogs.**  
(From The Villa Rica News Etc.)  
This week has been an ideal one for killing hogs and many were slaughtered. The largest one we have heard of was killed last Monday by Jesse Manor, weighing 560 pounds. Other good porkers averaging 250 to 300 pounds were butchered.

**A Story of the Moment**  
BY WALT MASON.  
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**HARD TIMES.**  
"I can produce five hundred testimonials from our most distinguished statesmen, and publicists," said the man at the door, "showing that Professor Blankenbender's silver polish is the finest thing ever compounded. If it were otherwise, madam, you wouldn't see me introducing it to the public, for I am a man of the most uncompromising integrity, my word being as good as my bond. Now, if your silver is tarnished—"

"I have seen and heard some ridiculous things in my time," interrupted Mrs. Curfew, "but this example of yours certainly climbs the chimney, as it were, the climax, as I should have said. There may be bloated bond-holders and ale-factors of great wealth who have silver, tarnished or untarnished, and you should go to their mansions to sell your polish. Where have you been hiding yourself, mister, that you haven't heard about the high cost of living?" It was as much as poor people can do to make up three meals a day and a drop of milk for the cat, and here you come talking about silver.

"Have you any polish for pearl necklaces and diamond sunbursts and such things?" I would have as much use for that as I have for silver polish, and the best thing you can do is to go to a quiet place where you can sit down and think about your own foolishness.

"Given if everything in the house, from the codger to the cat, was made of silver, no matter how highly it was recommended by our eminent statesmen, for everything I ever bought of agents proved to be a whitened sepulchre, and in the end it left the house and the agent an adder. It was that way with the last bottle of stove polish I bought. The man who was selling it came to the door with his hand to his side, and groaning horribly, and he said that he was trying to raise money enough to pay for an operation on his appendicitis. My family surgeon having told him that said operation was the only thing that would save him from an untimely grave.

"He seemed to be in great agony, so I paid him 50 cents for a bottle, although I had been skimping for weeks to save enough to buy a new pair of slippers. I never could stand it to see a human being suffering for an operation, and suffering in vain. After he went away I went over the stove and pipes with the polish, and I must say that it looked like a good thing, and that pipe whining like a new plug-hat when I was done.

"Then I put on my things and went downtown on an errand, and as I was passing a rumhole on the corner I heard a voice that sounded familiar. I glanced in and there was that unfortunate man standing against the bar with a schooner of coffin varnish in his hand. He was telling a funny story, and I realized at once that he never had been threatened with appendicitis, and that his family surgeon was in the same class with Santa Claus.

"I can't tell you how indignant I was. I hate to have my tenderest emotions trampled upon in such a manner. For two cents I'd have gone in and twisted his nose, but I never forget that I am a lady and govern myself accordingly.

"When I went home in the evening Mr. Curfew came into the kitchen and I told him all about the nefarious conduct of that dissolute stranger. Mr. Curfew was killing his pipe as I talked, and when he had filled he struck a match against the stove, and in the twinkling of an eye we were in a sheet of flame. I threw a bucket of water over Mr. Curfew and then he extinguished me, but most of our hair was burned off, and my husband's whiskers were completely ruined. He hunted for that agent for three days, intending to operate upon him in place of the family surgeon, but the base ingrate couldn't be found, and if you are wise you will never let him be found before my husband gets here."

**The Element of Stability.**  
(From The Mason Telegraph.)  
Speaking of the tendency to abolish the methods of the constitution and adopt untried ones The Atlanta Constitution wisely says:  
"The sometimes impulsive tendency of our day is to rebel against the constitutional restraints under which this country has made such stable progress, and to depend upon short cuts and untried paths."  
Commenting on this, The Knoxville Journal and Tribune remarks: "It is the very essence of patriotism. . . . Without stability a government loses its usefulness. Without reverence for the constitution, there can be no stability. It is the sheet anchor of the grand old ship of state, of which Americans have delighted to boast."  
On the other hand, The Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer endorses the "short cuts" and "untried paths," and vigorously changes the western progressive's proposal to make in our constitution and system of government. It stands for destructive politics. The editor of that paper is in Wilson's cabinet.

There is nothing of any particular use that is made of Truth in stable unchanging, untruth is weak, vacillating and vanishes. Virtue is pure forever. Vice gambles in millions of variant forms, never consistent even in its inconsistency. Principles never die, but bogus patchwork in its name, for political or other ends, when laid on things like miasma rising from a bog—it vanishes with the rising of the Sun of Truth.

Progress is one thing, but change is another. Progress is the orderly development of truth, or the return to true principles. Change may mean anything. In a sense the term change could be applied to progress, but far more often it means the variant shifting of error creeping here and creeping there into the crevices of weak humanity. Well may we welcome true progress, but it is dangerous to accept any proposed change for real progress. The change of the devil are based on the changing guises of evil. God and Heaven and Truth never change; but Satan, hell and evil have a new scheme every minute for the weak among men. Truth is constant; error is radical. These general and fundamental truths enter into all phases of human life and endeavor. They are as pure as the air, and like the air they permeate the earth and the doings of men when not shut out by ignorance and error.

To upsets the fundamentals of government is no progress; it is stagnation like one who experiences when the air is shut out of the life and lungs.

The man who runs after any proposed change, in the belief that it is progress because it is change, is pursuing an ignis fatuus across a mine. Let him beware.

It is said that this is a day of change. It does not necessarily mean progress. Progress must be grounded in stability. There can be no safety in government, business or morals without stability. Pickeness is the antipode of stability. Pickeness is a bad thing, a stable government has been our boast, and heritage. Those of our alleged statesmen who are fond of so much change and instability would find an ample field for their hearts' desire should they migrate to Mexico to some other Spanish-American country.

**130 Varieties of Seed.**  
(From The Dawson News.)  
Miss O. M. Dawson, first prize at the Thomas County fair for the best display of seed, there being 130 varieties exhibited by her. These seed were all gathered by Miss Beverly from vegetables grown on her home place, and is evidence of the number of kinds of products that can be grown on the farms of southwest Georgia.

**The World's Mysteries**  
WAS QUEEN ELIZABETH A MOTHER?

Queen Elizabeth, of England, was no doubt the Queen of Mystery. About no woman ruler has there been asked and discussed so many odd and pointed questions. Was she a man? Was she really the daughter of Henry VIII? Was she a murderess? Was she dark or fair? Was she a mother? All of these questions have been discussed to the extent of volumes, and such discussion is still going on.

It has been affirmed, and with some evidence of authenticity, that a child was born to the queen by the Earl of Essex at Kenilworth castle. Regarding this statement a writer in "Notable Quereles of March 5, 1551, says: 'It is a tradition in a family with which I am connected that Queen Elizabeth had a son, who was sent over to Ireland and placed under the care of the Earl of Ormonde. The earl it will be remembered was distantly related to the queen, her great-great-grandmother being the daughter of Thomas, the eighth earl. Papers are said to exist in the family which prove the above statement.'

Another story just in that the child was that of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester. It is said that documents are kept in the state paper office by the British government which contain evidence of a most conclusive character. They are kept private and not permitted to be used by historical quereles. And still another to the effect that a daughter was born to Elizabeth.

On October 9, 1572, Sir Edward Dyer wrote to Sir Christopher Haller a letter which has been more or less kept in great secrecy, but which a historical commentator upon as follows: "It is not lightly, nor upon slight grounds, that the character of any woman should be suspected, much less when that woman was one of the most powerful monarchs that ever adorned the English scepter. Notwithstanding all the explanation of historians, and the unauthenticated stories so commonly promulgated against Elizabeth, the writer's opinion was entirely

against the justice of the accusations, but the letter under consideration has produced a conviction of the different character which should control her immorality, which this letter appears to establish beyond a doubt.

"This important conclusion, if just, affords a key to many parts of Elizabeth's conduct, which have hitherto been irreconcilable with the magnanimity which she sometimes displays."

An entry in a manuscript at a free school of Shrewsbury tells of a certain son, it is said, of the Earl of Leicester and Queen Elizabeth. This manuscript once belonged to a Roman Catholic vicar of Shrewsbury, who in 1565 was appointed to the vicarage of Queen Mary. There is a tradition that such a personage as this mysterious son was brought up secretly at the free school of Shrewsbury, but what became of him is not known, nor is it easy to account for this curious entry in the parish-church book of Shrewsbury.

"The Tourist's Illustrated Handbook of Ireland" is responsible for the following statement: "One of the interesting features pointed out is the grave of Thomas Butler, the putative natural son of her maiden majesty. The burial ground is in the parish chapel of Carrick-on-Suir."

John Burke's "Pecorago" gives an extract from the Dictionnaire de la Noblesse, Paris, 1771, stating the tradition that Thomas Butler, the tenth Earl of Ormonde, K. G., and Queen Elizabeth were the parents of Piers Plathommas Butler, Sir Edward Butler-Knight, son of this Piers, created Viscount Galmoye in 1646.

A writer of the time says that Thomas, tenth Earl of Ormonde, was high in his royal mistress's favor which the decorations that were his amply show. But there is more. "This was" says the writer, "a very comely and graceful personage and of a black complexion which made the Irish give him the sobriquet of 'Duff', and gave occasion to the queen to call him her black husband."


**TAILS.**  
By GEORGE FITCH.  
Author of "At Good Old Swank"

(Copyright, 1913, for The Constitution.)  
A tail is either an afterthought or an extravagance of Nature which is hung upon practically all of creation with the exception of mankind.

An animal's backbone seems to have no terminal facilities to speak of. When the useful part of the animal is finished, the backbone still rambles aimlessly on, sometimes for many feet. It seems to be as hard for Nature to make an animal without sticking some kind of a tail on it as it is for a woman to design a hat without decorating it with a knob or a tassel or a spike. Man is strictly utilitarian with the exception of his delicately tinted ears and his eyebrows, but Nature cannot refrain from adorning an animal with a tail.

There are as many kinds of tails as there are of animals. The horse has a copious tail which he uses as a fly-killer with great skill. The cow has a yard and a half of tail with which she brushes off the horse man as he nudges her. She doesn't do it well, but she does it better than the menial in a hotel washroom, and charges less. The elephant has an absurd tail, 18 sizes too small for him, for which he has discovered preservative tail which he manages with great skill, and about which he is very jealous. Pulling a tiger's tail is one of the most unhealthy of pastimes. The kangaroo is simply a small animal growth upon a large and vigorous tail, while some species are per cent tail and tail makes up the rest of the animal. The whale has a two-ton tail which he uses for a screw propeller, and the lizard has a useless and detachable tail, which he leaves behind him in thoughtless haste as a man would his umbrella. The sheep, the rabbit and the goat have tails which are just so much waste material and the coyote merely uses his tail to sit upon while he howls.

While man has no use for a tail except while in evening dress, the animal world has made the best of its great natural resources. The first wireless telegraphy was



"Pulling a tiger's tail is one of the most unhealthy of pastimes."

**Curious Things.**  
(From The Chicago News.)  
Japanese advertisers believe in a lavish use of superlatives. "The paper we sell," runs the announcement in a Tokio stationer's window, "is as solid as the hide of an elephant." Step inside the stationer's shop and you will be welcomed as fondly as a ray of sunshine after a rainy day. Our assistants are as amiable as a father seeking a husband for a dowryless daughter. Goods are dispatched to customers' houses with the rapidity of a shot from the cannon's muzzles. Pavement artists are bringing the curiosities of London to the drawer in chalk is now being supplanted by the modeller in clay. We will find him, with a lecturer explaining turning Shakespeare into Mr. Aquith and Colonel Cody into a Sioux woman within the space of an hour, and the lecturer explains the turn and collects the money from the wondering watchers.

**Noah's Fishing Limited.**  
(From The Philadelphia Telegraph.)  
A few weeks ago the volunteers of the Fish Commission Timothy T. Ansberry, of Ohio, in demonstrating the wisdom of Willie in matters pertaining to fishing.

In a public school recently the children were called upon to write an ode to fish. The appointed time Willie submitted an effort from the ark, in which he made the statement that Mr. Noah fished one day for about five minutes.

When the teacher looked over the essay she was not a little puzzled. She couldn't understand why anybody should do piscatorial sport would give up in so short a time.

"Willie," she remarked, looking up from the essay, "you say here that they fished for only five minutes. Why for only five minutes?"

"That," was the prompt explanation of Willie, "they didn't have two worms."

**Efficient Housekeeping**  
By HENRIETTA D. GRAUEL.  
Domestic Science Lecturer.

**SOME HINTS ON CARVING.**

Experience is the best teacher a would-be carver can possibly have, but a few hints may be given that will be of practical assistance to the amateur carver who is too large for the ordinary fowl or roast served on the average table, so if you are investing in a carving set do not choose the large, ornate and lifeless carving set. It will help you through a disagreeable "uly" quickly.

A thin, short blade, well pointed, can be used to carve better advantage. The fork should be two-pronged, for game and meat, and have a finger guard.

For fish, a special knife and five-pronged fork is made and there is a third piece called a fish-slide in the set. The fish-slide, fork and knife are all of silver or nickel, as steel is never used about fish.

Articles to be carved should be placed upon dishes sufficiently large to admit them being turned about so that the carver should be near enough the carver to allow him free use of his arms.

Unless loins, breast and necks of mutton, veal or lamb are jointed by the butcher before they are served, the most adept carver will be puzzled. Often the cook can sever a joint or start the dissecting process of a fowl before bringing it to the table. The carver has enough to contend with and should have all the help possible from any source.

Carve nearer the bone, the sweeter the meat," is an old proverb, and carvers soon discover that choice bit-bits are found between the bones and easily lifted out. If a joint is stubborn it is better to cut around it than to attempt to cleave through it by main strength frightening your guest, threatening the chef and the carver, and the way, Mr. Man, for a certain lecture after the meal.

In serving fish try not to break the flakes which give beauty to the dish. Help a little more, or a little less, for fish is made of carp, part of the heads of salmon and cod and the fins and sounds of cod and turbot are esteemed as delicacies by some diners. Do not put sauces or gravies upon the portions served; some persons dislike their guests to see the pleasure of their meal if meats are moist.

Carve beef tongue through the middle, and work toward each end, serve a little fat with each slice. Brisket of beef is carved in thin slices across the bone. Calf's head is not often served hereabouts, so I am saved describing its disagreeable carving.

With the fowl, a few slices of breast are cut first, then the legs are removed with the thighs and separated at the joint. A little white meat must be placed on each plate with a section of the dark meat. "It is not quite so apt to as the preferences of your guests, you must presume," says Fashion, "that all you have to offer is equally good," however, it is only kind to make sure that all are well served, and I do not know how you are to ascertain this unless you ask, and ask is best.

"Culson, veal and mutton are all cut across the grain of the meat. Sirloin roasts are cut parallel with the bone.

**Making Things Equal.**  
(From Answers, London.)  
Pat and Murphy, since noth had fallen in love with the same woman, became involved in a deadly feud. They seemed to be only one way of settling the matter—duel.

Pistols were agreed upon—at twenty paces.

But when the stout Murphy saw his lean adversary facing him he began immediately to raise objections.

"Zed," he said, "I'm twice as big a target as he is, so I ought to stand twice as far away from him as he is from me."

Pat's second treated this amazing proposition quite seriously, and for a long while stood thoughtful and puzzled. Then, "Be easy now, I'll soon put the matter right."

Taking a piece of chalk from his pocket he drew two lines down the stout man's coat, leaving a space between them.

"Now," he remarked turning to the other man, "fire away, ye scoundrel, and remember that any hits outside that chalk don't count!"

**Speed Records.**  
(From The Houston Post.)  
Undoubtedly the fastest speed on the earth was made by Buaman in an automobile at Daytona, Fla., April 23, 1911, when he went a mile in 23.4 seconds. Ninety miles an hour was approached by several in both automobiles and motorcycles. Aviators have exceeded 100 miles an hour. But such speed is insignificant when we consider that we are all traveling at the rate of 1,000 miles and more an hour by virtue of the rotation of the earth, and that you are insignificant when we consider that the earth is traveling through space at the rate of 377,000,000 miles a year, or nearly 43,000 miles an hour.





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DICK JEMISON**

# BILL SMITH BACK; RESTING ON OARS

**Has Purchased Infielder  
Otto Schmidt—McConnell  
Refuses to Come South.  
Ben Kohler May Come.**



Betsy cannot go. Hal Gilbert's Warner speedometer showed 80 miles an hour during a little brush on Fulton county roads the other day in a fry out. Betsy will be equipped with Ollzum's special heavy oil that all motorcycles

Betsy will be an Atlanta favorite and Betsy will probably carry a bunch of money into the race with her

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## VANDY TAKES ON NORTH CAROLINA

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## Virginia — Other Games Are Announced.

Other games scheduled to date are Tennessee November 7 Auburn November 14 Birmingham November 14 and Saturday on Thanksgiving day. The matter of a game with Michigan is being considered but on account of the hard schedule it is hardly probable that it will be attempted as it will be necessary to make the trip to Ann Arbor

**IS THE SHIP OF LIFE**

For the black man the church is the ship of life, all else is the sea. So exclaimed Rev. H. B. Proctor in the conclusion of his sermon on The Church before a large audience at the First Congregational church, colored, yesterday morning. In the development of his discourse he said among other things:

There are three things that stand or fall together: God's word, God's day and God's house. Standing centrally and supporting the community, the church has a three-fold mission. "It is

to bring men together, that they may  
think pray and act together. There-  
it is the work of the church to teach  
men how to live, not only in the world  
to come but also in this. The chief  
object of the church is to join men to  
God that living in direct touch with  
him they may manifest His spirit  
among men and transform them

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**Prize Offered Negro Children**

A sum of \$15 has been donated by a patron of the Atlanta negro schools as prize money for the best essay written by pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the negro schools on the Child Welfare exhibit now open at the Leiden home in Peachtree street. The children of the upper grades of

the negro schools of the city will visit the exhibit today, having been given permission to do so by Superintendent W. M. Slaton.



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