CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate Adopts Dawes' Resolution on Reductions in Customs Duties and Internal Taxes.

The House Grants the City of San Antonio a Portion of the Military Reservation Adjoining It.

XLIX CONGRESS.

THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Edmunds, from the committee on foreign relations, reported the bill to provide for the execution of article 2 of the treaty with China of November 17, 1880, on the subject of opium traffic. He gave notice that he would ask for its consideration as soon as possible after the holidays.

Mr. Hoar offered a resolution directing the committee on commerce to report in the river and harbor bill, as to each public work for which appropriation is made therein, the facts which render such appropriation advisable, and of the national importance and condition of the work if begun. Adopted.

The resolution introduced by Mr. Dawes on the second day of the session, instructing the committee on finance to inquire into and report what specific reductions can be made in customs duties and internal taxes that will reduce taxes to the necessary and economical expenses of the government without impairing the prosperity of home industries or the compensation of home labor, was taken up, adopted and then, at 12:35, the senate adjourned until Thursday, January 4.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Forney, McAdoo and Hopkins as conferees on the bill increasing the annual appropriation for the the militia.

Mr. Warner of Ohio from the committee on post-offices and post-roads, reported the bill requiring all land-grant railroad companies to construct, maintain and operate telegraph lines. Referred to the committee of the whole.

On motion of Mr. Sayers of Texas the bill was passed granting to the city of San Antonio a certain portion of the military reservation adjoining that city.

The house then in the morning hour resumed consideration of the Oklahoma bill. Mr. Barnes of Georgia concluded his argument in opposition to the bill by an urgent appeal in behalf of good faith toward the Indians and the maintenance of the national honor by the government.

Mr. Springer of Illinois, in advocating the bill, stated that he was not surprised at the gentleman from Georgia in appealing for good faith towards the Indians, and especially toward the Cherokees. If any gentleman should appeal for good faith towards the Cherokee's he should be a gentleman from the state of Georgia. The Cherokee's had formerly resided in that state and were the ancestors of the gentleman's constituents after having broken faith with them they had driven them from the state at the point of the bayonet.

Mr. Barnes: It is unfair in the gentleman to make an attack on my state. What he has said is not true and even if it were true it would show that I have improved upon my ancestry and he has degenerated from his. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. Springer expressed his gratification at hearing that the gentleman had improved upon his ancestry, otherwise he would never known it. Proceeding to argue in favor of the bill Mr. Springer declared that the great obstacle to the passage of the measure was the lease of the Cherokee strip to a cattle company. That company leased the land for $100,000 and sub-leased it for $500,000, leaving a margin of $400,000 with which to corrupt the Indians and to send a powerful lobby to Washington. The question to be settled now was whether this land should be held for white people or for the special benefit of large cattle syndicates.

At the conclusion of Mr. Springer's remarks the committe rose, the matter went over and the house at 3:35 adjourned until January 4.

St. Jacob's Oil cures toothache, headache and every other ache.

$50 Hard Cash Given Away.
Read Stert's advertisement, holiday goods.

ON WALL STREET.

Considerable Falling Off in Stock Transactions Reported, Compared with the Past Few Days.

The Changes for Fractions Only, and are About Equally Divided Between Gains and Losses.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Government bonds dull and firm.

Stocks showed a marked decrease in the amount of business done from that of the past few days. Western Union was adversely affected by the introduction in congress to admit other companies to equal privileges with it, along the Central and Union Pacific railroads. The opening was strong, the first prices showing advances of ⅛ to ⅜ over the closing figures of yesterday, though Kansas & Texas was off ¼, and Reading and Jersey Central each ½. There was moderate business only, with prices irregular but generally firm. Louisville & Nashville was the only decidedly strong stock, while New England was conspicuous for wide fluctuations. The market became dull toward noon, when the advance was checked and a decline which lasted until after 2 p. m. was inaugurated, Reading, Western Union and Jersey Central being the most conspicuous for the reduction established. In the last hour there was renewed buying and prices steadily improved to the close, which was quiet but strong. The final changes as compared with last evening's closing figures are generally for fractions only and are about equally divided between gains and losses.

The bond market was quiet and dull. The sales were $965,000, being the smallest for many weeks. There was very little feature to the dealings, and the two most active bonds, Texas & Pacific income trust receipts, and Denver & Rio Grande fours, furnished only $75,000 and $73,000, respectively. Prices were generally firm, but the final changes are seldom more than fractional amounts.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 22.—Flour quiet but steady; choice, $3.75@3.85; fancy, $4.00@4 10; extra fancy, $4 25@4.30; Minnesota winter wheat patents, $4.75@5. Corn meal, $2.15. Hay quiet and firm, $13@16c. Corn steady, fair demand, mixed and white, 46@47c.; yellow, 48c. Oats, quiet, 29@30; Pork, stronger, $11.50. Lard, refined tierce, $6.00. Bulk meats, shoulders, $4 50; long clear, $6 80. Bacon, shoulders, $6.00; long clear and clear rib, $6.87½ Choice sugar and canvassed hams, $10 25@10 75. Molasses, fair demand and firm; open kettle, fancy, 47c; strictly prime, 44c; Louisiana syrup 30@40c; good prime, 40@42c; prime 37@38c. Sugar, quiet but steady; kettle choice 4¼c; strictly prime, 4 1-16c; prime, 4c. Whisky quiet; Western rectified, $1 11@1 13. Coffee, dull and lower; Rio, common to prime, 13½@15c. Rice quiet but steady at 2¼@4c. Cotton-seed products nominally unchanged. Exchange, New York sight, 75c discount.

PERHAPS A CLEW.

A Frenchman and His Valet Who Played the Gold-Brick Racket at Dallas Arrested in Alabama.

Circumstances Develope Which Point to Their Connection with the Big 'Frisco Express Robbery.

Special to the Gazette.

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 22.—Chief of Police Arnold to-day received a telegram from T. J. Hewlett, chief of police of Mobile, Ala., asking if James Gravier and his valet were wanted here, that he had arrested them and was holding them. Later in the day telegrams were received from detectives in Chicago and St. Louis inquiring in regard to the same parties, and which gave indirect evidence of coupling them with the big express robbery in Missouri, for which Jim Cummings has gotten such extensive criminal notoriety. THE GAZETTE correspondent called on Chief of Police Arnold to learn of the Dallas antecedents of Gravier and his valet, and was informed that about four weeks ago two Frenchman, or at least two strangers passing as Frenchmen, being fluent speakers of the purest French, and well up in Parisian manners, came to Dallas claiming to have hailed from San Francisco. They remained several weeks in Dallas claiming they were en route to New York and perhaps Europe. As Gravier had extensive gold mine interests in California and was on a mission in connection with them, he secured the confidence and friendship of leading French citizens. He had a very fine valise which he claimed was filled with gold bricks to the value of $25,000. After remaining here awhile, Gravier concluded to make some sort of investments as the result of advice from newly-made French friends. Not having much ready cash he negotiated a large sum of money from a wealthy French resident named A. Michael, who had been led by Gravier to believe that he knew Michael's family in France. Gravier and his companion, who played the valet, departed suddenly and mysteriously after Gravier had deposited with the exchange bank the valise full of "gold bricks" as security for the loan from Michael. Nothing has been heard of them until to-day, when their arrest was reported from Mobile. The valise when opened, some time after their departure from Dallas, was found to contain bogus bricks and Michael was the victim of a full-grown gold-brick swindle. Michael has not yet been seen, and it is not known what he wants done. Chief Arnold and certain Dallas detectives are of the opinion, from telegrams of to-day and recent comparisons of writing, and also from the investigation of detectives elsewhere, that Gravier and his valet are suspected of being in with the "Jim Cummings" express robbery.

Advice to Mothers.
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhea, 25 cents a bottle

Christmas wines at Chas. Scheuber & Co's.

The Finest Razors in the World.
At Anderson's gun store.

Imperial Cabinets
Are the finest bunch raisins in the market. For sale at Pendery Bros'.

Macaroni Figs
In four-pound boxes at Pendery Bros'.

A "string" of bargains in holiday goods at Wells' drug store.

Finest on Earth.
Shrewsbury tomato catsup at Pendery Bros'.

Great raffle at King & Voigt's $1 a chance, twelve prizes in one raffle.

N. E. Grammer received an elegant new variety of odor cases, cups and saucers, plush picture frames and toilet and dressing cases. Here is a chance to procure the most elegant presents in the city.

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Batavia, Batavia.
Have you ever tried a can either of corn or tomatoes of this celebrated brand of canned goods? They are the finest things out. FORT WORTH GROCER CO.
Try our butterine.

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$1.50 Per Day.
Mansion hotel. Much improved. Under same management. Will be run at $1.50 per day. Single lodging 50 cents. A number of large rooms suitable for families. Tell 'bus and street-car drivers to put you off at Mansion hotel on Fourth street. Special attention to ladies traveling alone. All respectable travelers are invited to call, where you will be made comfortable. No yelpers at the depot. Thankful for past favors, etc.
W. W. DUNN, Proprietor.

Great raffle at King & Voigt's, $1 a chance, twelve prizes in one raffle.

Dr. B. A. Pope,
formerly of New Orleans, late of Galveston. Practice confined to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Office 824 Elm street Dallas. Office hours from 9 to 1 and 2 to 4.

THE CITY.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At Giuocchio's: Wallace Woods, New Orleans, La; G F Pi rson, Kansas City; J S Davis, Waxahachie; Frank Sewal, Midland; A Nelli vich, F W Davis, Chicago; C W Wano, Dallas; L Huskell, Wm Damo, Lincoln, Neb; W O Parmer, Marshall; A R Williams and wife, Galena, Tenn; Mrs Mahoney, Mansfield; J A Booy, Shreveport, La; Mrs Lockard, Bowie; Mrs Howse, Wichita Falls; S C Graves, Bowie; H Sears, St Louis; P Burk and wife, Colorado City.

At the Grand: J. P Perkins, Rhome; H E Rogers, Aurora; C B Walker, Millsap; E H Dearing, Benjamin; George Dixon, El Paso; I Caldwell, Kansas; John T Anderson, St Louis; W V Conwall, Memphis; M L McClove, Louisville; C C Clemons, Colorado; E F Spalding, Dallas; J M Dem od and William Edge, Midland, F J Simmons, New Orleans; H G Moore, Dallas; C W Macune, Cameron; Charles Cox, Denison; W C Holder, New York; Isaac Davis, Dallas

At the Mansion: H R Davis, Sunset; J M W Hennigan, Waxahachie; Miss Mattie Willis, San Antonio, S L Garcie, city; Sam Benson, city; Mrs A H Blair, Miss Sallie Hagler, Alabama; Chas Beggs, Big Springs; B D Pickens, Miss Callie Porsain, Waxahachie; A D Goodenough, Henrietta; L P Dickson, Birdville; J N Pigg, L W Sh mman, Sherman; Thomas Lane, Cooper; A N W , Wichita Falls; H Pico, city; J R Lauflin and wife, C W Martin, Decatur; J A Brothe , Jacksboro; D R ully, W G Eustis, Henrietta; T D Isbell, Benjamin; Mrs Mary Hockle, Gainesville; W J Rogers, Rhome; J H D Meza, New Orleans; Ben Jessell, Mobile, Ala; Mrs T A Flemming, Henrietta; N G Shelby, Austin; T G Middleston, Dallas; D B Gardner, Dickens count; Dr L J Randall, Aurora; J A Manning, Pecos; J T Reagan, St Louis; F J Loomis, Gainesville; C H Patton, Grandview.

At the Pickwick: Chas C Blanton, Meridian; R S Love, Navasota; R O Mayes, Miss Mayes N McKenny, Brownwood; J L Stanton, Waxahachie; S A McMurray, Texas; W H Scarboro, Sunset; S H Shannon, St Louis; A S Truitt, Boston; M Lynch, Eem lo; S H Wagner, El Paso; C O Hogdon, Halstead, Kan; Mrs S Love and son, Decatur; W Wendelsin, Dallas; Thos Grainger, Chicago; T J Powell, city; W W Tuttle, Pecos; A S Lyons, Dallas; S F Marshall, Iredell; C M Redwood, city; N O Barry, E Smith, city; J S Plain, California; F H Batcher, Temple; A R Dreyfus, St Louis; W A E Cummings, Syracuse; Thomas J Turner, Woodbur , N J; F Waltman, city; F M Hous, Decatur; T P Belcher, St Louis; F W Emery, Waco; J S Pumphrey, J M Kuykendall, Taylor; T B Cochran, Georgetown; C W Wells, Missouri; J D Smith, city; W D Brazleton, Waco; C W Booth, Longview; J M O'Neill, city; Lee Hall, Indian Territory; R R Haslewood, Henrietta.

To be Married.

The names of the following young people were put on County Clerk Swayne's book yesterday as having contributed $1 50 per pair for the blessed privilege of marrying: S. J. Bodkins and Miss Ara Carnahan, George W. Pierce, Jr., and Mollie Penny, Lewis W. Thomas and Arra Slaton, W. A. Stewart and Mrs Emma Florence Woods, C. M. Groves and Miss Mollie E. Mitchell.

A Fine Paper.

The Christmas number of the New York Mirror has been handed THE GAZETTE by the Fort Worth correspondent of that paper, and it is a superb specimen of typographical art. It has thirty-two pages of illustrations and reading matter that claim the admiration of all who are familiar with the higher art of journalism. The drama in its best form and attributes has an able exponent in this great journal, and its Christmas edition for the dying year is an evidence of its deserved prosperity.

Named Her Blaine.

There was rather a festive scene at 302 Belknap street the other day, the residence of John Graham. The occasion was the christening of a fine girl baby. In expectation of a male heir, John, as an enthusiastic Republican and great admirer of the Maine statesman, had determined to bestow upon him the name of Blaine. The fact that the baby "wasn't built that way" didn't cause the proud father to falter in his resolution. A girl baby could be named Blaine just as well as a boy, and so she was christened by Father Guyot in the midst of a jolly company of special friends of the family.

"Why did I name her Blaine?" said John. "Well, this is a free country, and in Texas no man is proscribed on account of his politics. It's the man that counts, not his opinions."

Miss Blaine will doubtless grow up to be a fine young lady, and may yet live to convert her father from the error of his wayward political theories, as she will in all probability be a Democrat.

Not Enough Name.

"Is dis de place wher' you haf to buy a license, boss?" asked a darkey of superlatively sable hue, of John Swayne yesterday.

"That's right," said John F. "It's a very simple process. Give me your name, that of your intended bride and $1.50 and I'll hand you a piece of paper that will make her yours till death or a divorce do you part."

The darkey grinned a moment and then replied: "My name is Peter Johnson and her name's Tobe."

"Tobe what," said J. F.

"Jes Tobe, boss; that's all I know."

"Tobe, although seemingly a masculine appellation, does very well," said the clerk, "but unfortunately it isn't enough. You'll have to hustle around and find out her surname, else the license is no go."

And Peter slowly, and as one who had been sent for and couldn't come, backed out of the door to get the remaining portion of his intended bride's name.

Bodkins—Carnahan.

There was a very happy wedding ceremony at the residence of Mr. John Carnahan, corner East Belknap and Calhoun streets, last night, whereby Mr. Sherman Bodkins and Miss Ava Carnahan were made one. Rev. A. A. Johnson performed the ceremony in an impressive manner. The bride was dressed in a cream cashmere beaded overdress, with orange blossoms and diamond ornaments, and was a picture of loveliness. Her groom is a well-known young business man, and in every way worthy of his charming partner. The ceremony was followed by an elegant collation.

The following presents were received: Dinner set, Mrs. John Carnahan; handsome castor, Miss Myrtle Carnahan; fruit stand, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thomas; handsome silver butter stand, Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton; napkin rings, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rouse; fruit stand, Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby; set tablespoons, teaspoons, knives and forks, Mr. John Carnahan; autograph album, Miss May Calaway; picture stand, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robbins; work basket, Mrs. Emma McLain; whisk broom and case, Mr. Robert Bodkins; broom and case, Mr. and Mrs. Harkins; match case and cigar-holder, J. B. Bodkins; glass water set, Mrs. Lucy Anderson; tablecloth and napkins, Mrs. S. J. Bodkins; tin water set, Mr. William Oglesby; basket of flowers, Mr. A. L. Beebe; a $5 bill, Mr. Z. Pennington.

EXCURSION TRAINS.

All Roads Running into Fort Worth to Give Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

All railroads centering at Fort Worth have advertised that they will sell round-trip tickets from all points for 3 cents per mile—one fare for the round trip. These tickets will be sold on December 24, and will be good to return until January 3, 1887. This will enable people living on any of the lines coming here to visit Fort Worth, see their friends and the city, and have time to see the sights, for a mere nominal amount. Fort Worth invites all to come.

AN ENTERTAINING EXHIBITION.

The Students of Warren Institute Perform to a Pleased Public.

Last night the opera-house was filled with one of the best audiences of the season, gathered to listen to the holiday exercises of Warren Institute. Of course the audience was a partial one seeing that the little actors and actresses were related to many of the spectators by ties of blood and friendship, but all the same, they richly merited the generous applause that greeted each member of the company. It might justly be said that the entire cast was composed of stars, so well did each do his or her part. In fact, it was a school exhibition of a superior sort, and showed that the utmost care had been bestowed on the training of these bright and plastic minds.

The exercises opened with a rendition of the Mexican National Air, after which Miss Lutie Robinson delivered with much force and feeling the recitation, "Two Loves and a Life."

An instrumental solo by Miss Lena Terry was well executed.

Miss Florence Smith recited "Nobody's Child" gracefully and pathetically.

The vocal solo "I'm Just Going Down to the Gate," sung by little Miss Mary Whitla with a chorus of boys, Masters Willie Adams, Herbert Pendleton, Eddie Kahn, Percy Markle, Sam Mitchell, Walter Pendleton and Frank Murphy, was done so prettily that the house encored lustily and made the charming little songstress and her co-adjutors come back.

"Daisy's Faith" recitation was beautifully given by Miss Gertrude Kaiser.

"Tripping Through the Daises," an instrumental duet, well played by Misses Sneed and Daggett.

Master Frank Murphy and Miss Mattie Swayne made a happy hit in "Where Are You Going My Pretty Maid," winning an encore.

"William Tell to his Mountains," was a most creditable piece of concert recitation

"A Royal Princess," a somewhat difficult piece of elocution, was effectively spoken by Miss Birdie Higbee.

Little Misses Ellis and Hoelzle produced no little laughter by their capital acting of "The Quarrel."

Miss Edith Turner and Miss Tommie Adams, in their respective solos at the piano, showed a fine degree of proficiency and their playing was greatly admired.

"Too Late for the Train" was given by Miss Josie Farmer with a degree of realistic vim that was very pleasing.

"Her Letter," by Miss Birdie Chase, was spoken sweetly but rather in too low a tone.

Miss Sue Higby won no little applause for the way she sang "Cricket on the Hearth."

As a finished and almost perfect piece of elocution and acting Miss Maude Watkins' delivery of the "Painter of Seville" is entitled to the highest praise. That the young lady possesses histrionic talent there isn't the slightest doubt. She received the deepest attention from the beginning to the end of her very intelligent and dramatic interpretation of the lines.

The fan drill by the little folks was cunningly and scientifically executed.

"Guilty or Not Guilty," spoken by Miss Clara Whitla, was well received.

Miss Fannie Feild sang "White Wings" with fine effect.

Miss Annie Hoggsett gave "Caudle's Wedding Day" with humorous force, eliciting much applause.

"The Wandering Stars," as sung by Misses Melton and Morrison, was an uncommonly melodious duet.

The pathos in the "Bridge of Sighs" was well drawn out in Miss Mollie Meek's fine rendition of that celebrated poem.

Miss Sophie Kohn sang that she "was a dandy" in good style.

An instrumental duet with Mrs. Randall and Miss Kaiser was admirably executed. Then a French flag drill followed, and in conclusion a chorus sang the Marseilles hymn with great spirit.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

The Father's Talk a Good Deal but Accomplish Little Last Night

The city council held an adjourned meeting last night, Mayor Brolles presiding. Tatum and Bronson failed to respond to roll call. A message was read from the mayor vetoing the suspension of Con Hines as driver of Peter Smith hose carriage. Haymaker moved to sustain the veto. Hill, as usual, showed up as champion of the firemen, and a warm debate ensued, but the veto was finally withdrawn and the matter referred to the fire committee for further investigation.

REPORTS.

From the finance committee, stating that arrangements had been made to pay the $5000 due as interest on the waterworks bonds by giving the city's note at ninety days. The report was adopted.

From the street and alley committee, recommending that $227.20 be allowed J. F. Cain for balance due on street work. Adopted.

AS TO OFFICIAL SALARIES.

The ordinance establishing the fees and salaries of city officers was the chief topic of discussion. Daggett was in favor of changing the present system. He thought that the policemen might be paid say $25 or $30 per month and earn the rest of their wages by allowance for arrests. The city attorney, instead of fees, might be paid $125 to $150 per month. The secretary, he thought, might worry along on $100 per month, and the marshal on $125.

Hill didn't believe the policemen were paid enough. He was opposed to having them depend on arrests for any part of their pay. He made a slight thrust at the city attorney by charging him with absence from the recorder's court.

The city attorney being present, reminded council that attendance on the city court was the slightest part of his work. He had important suits for the city to defend in the district court, the Nichols and Aaron cases being cited. He had lately to employ two attorneys at his own expense to represent the city in minor cases in the lower courts, while he had to look after some important litigation for the city in a higher tribunal.

Alderman Darter was not in favor of hasty action in this matter. He knew that competent lawyers exacted good fees for their work, and he was doubtful of the policy of cutting the city attorney down to $125 per month. He cited one case in which the present attorney's services, as measured by lawyers on the outside, were worth $6000.

The mayor evinced some interest in the subject and put himself on record as opposing a mixed system. He thought all officials should be paid either by salary or fees, and not a combination of the two. The ordinance was laid over till the next meeting.

STREET-RAILWAY TALK.

The ordinance granting the Queen City Street Railway company the right of way down Houston street to the Union depot was read, and Mr. J. C. Scott, attorney for said company, addressed the council with reference to the terms as expressed in the ordinance, and offered to let the council fix the time when the road should be constructed.

Cooper was not in favor of the ordinance from the fact that as soon as the city had spent hundreds of dollars in grading the street then the railway company wanted to dig it up and pay nothing for the franchise. He thought the company should be required to pay the cost of grading the street for the franchise.

Darter stated that the ordinance had been referred to the street and alley committe but they had not had sufficient time to report on the matter.

Mulkey stated that he was ready to vote on the question at once.

Mayor Brolles was in favor of passing the ordinance and putting new life into the dead part of Houston street.

Haymaker was not in favor of the ordinance, on general principals, and thought the council that granted the right of way over Houston street to the other company ought to be ashamed of their action.

Daggett spoke in favor of the ordinance, stating that he had personal friends on Front street who were opposed to the right of way being granted, but thought they were standing in their own light, but he did not want the track to be laid within twenty feet of the curbstone on Front street.

Mayor Brolles wanted them to pass the ordinance or adjourn, and a motion was made and carried to adjourn until Monday, December 27.

OVERCOATS FOR LEAN MEN.

Overcoats for Youths.

In addition to Overcoats our stock of

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—AND—

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS

Is full and complete, and we are selling them paralyzingly low.

Dahlman Bros.,

FORT WORTH, TEX.

OVERCOATS for ALL!

OVERCOATS FOR FAT MEN.

A Card.

To the Editor of the Gazette.

Please allow me to make a statement in reply to the charges made against me by my husband, J. B. Austin, in the Mail of December 13.

I married J. B. Austin near Blodgett, Mo., January 1, 1879, where we lived for about six years. We got along very well for about one year, when he commenced his ill-treatment towards me, which terminated only when he left me on December 12. We came to Texas in March, 1885, since which time we have lived in and near Fort Worth. We arrived in this city March 4, 1885, and stayed here until the 25th, during which time Mr. Austin drank very hard, would stay out until 12 or 1 o'clock at night, and sometimes until 4 in the morning, and come home drunk; and oftener than otherwise would curse and abuse me for no provocation whatever. We moved to the country on March 28, 1885, on one of Mr Boaz's places and lived there until October 28, 1885. During this time Mr. Austin drank when he could get anything to drink, and while there he often cursed and abused me. We moved back to the city on the 28th day of October, 1885, where we lived about one year, during which time Mr. Austin drank very heavily, and I did sewing, washing and ironing for the support of myself, him and our two children. On the 26th day of January, 1886, I received $185 from my people in Missouri. When I got the money he told me to put it in the bank for safe keeping, or let him do it. I permitted him to put $175 of the money in the Traders' National bank for me. He drew this money out and spent it on his sprees. None of it went to the support of the family. Since we have lived in Texas it seems that he has made life as unpleasant for me as possible. My husband has several times while drunk, and without cause, accused me of infidelity. On the evening of December 11, 1886, Mr. Austin left home to go to a Farmers' alliance supper at Birdville. He was mad when he left home because I asked him to cut some wood before he left. He come home about 12 o'clock, drinking. He stood by the fire for a few minutes, when he commenced to curse and abuse me, and said he was going to take the children and leave me, but did not accuse me of any intimacy with Mr. Boaz or any one else. He then left the house and was gone about an hour, when he came back and cursed me and called me names, and said he would leave, and went off. He came back the next day and got the children and left. On Tuesday following, I think it was, I heard that he accused me of having been intimate with Mr. Boaz, in which charges there is not one word of truth, as Mr. Austin well knows. And he further knows that he has never had the slightest cause thus to accuse me. I make this statement and ask its publication, in order that those who have been my friends since I have lived in Texas may know the cruel treatment to which I have been subjected, and, if possible, to right myself in their eyes. For the truth of this statement I refer to the people in the communities in which I have lived since I have been in Texas.

MRS. IDA AUSTIN.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 21, 1886.

Arrived at Last.
One car load of butterine just in at the Fort Worth Grocer Co.'s—not for retail but wholesale only.

A WOMAN TO HANG.

Gov. Hill of New York Postpones the Day of Execution of Roxalina Druse, Under Sentence of Death.

Any Further Clemency Will Have to Come From the Legislature in the Way of a Change in the Law.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Gov. Hill to-day issued an executive order postponing the execution of Mrs. Roxalina Druse, under sentence of death for the murder of her husband, from December 29, the date fixed in the sentence, till February 28. The governor says he does this in order to give the state legislature an opportunity to modify the law of capital punishment in its application and adds that as far as he is concerned, the case is closed, and the woman must suffer the penalty of her crime on the day fixed unless in the meantime the law shall have been changed. The governor says that it was a clear case of murder, and that he can find no reason for interference with the penalty except the sex of the condemed, which the law does not take into account. He says: The evidence shows the killing was most brutal and atrocious in its character. Briefly stated, the facts, satisfactorily established, are as follows:

The family consisted of deceased and Mrs Druse's daughter, Mary, aged nineteen years, a son, George, aged ten years, and a nephew, Frank Gates, aged fourteen years. A quarrel had occurred on the morning of the homicide between the deceased and the defendant at the breakfast table. The deceased was still at the table, and during the quarrel of words the defendant went into another room and took a loaded revolver which was there, and, putting it under her apron, returned and whispered to the boys to go out of doors, which they did, leaving herself, her daughter Mary and the deceased in the room. Mary then placed a rope around her father's neck while he was at the table and the defendant fired the revolver once or twice at him, wounding him, and he fell over sideways in his chair. The defendant being unable to make the revolver go off again, called to her nephew Frank, who came into the house together with the boy George, whereupon the prisoner gave the revolver to her nephew and, under threats of killing him, compelled him to fire it off two or three times, and the deceased, being hit by the shots, rolled off his chair upon the floor and then she seized an axe and hit her husband on the head with it and continued hitting him on the neck until she chopped his head off. She then caused the head as well as the body to be taken into the parlor and during that day and evening the body was cut up with an axe and was burned in a stove. She threatened to kill the boys if they told what had occurred. During the evening Mrs. Druse and Mary were amusing themselves by playing checkers in an adjoining room to that in which the murder had been committed, thus showing their unconcern, and the utter lack of feeling of the whole family. Mrs. Druse had previously made threats against the deceased, and boasted that she would be rid of him some day. These and other facts almost too horrible for description mark the case a plain one of deliberate and premeditated murder. There seems to be scarcely a single mitigating circumstance. The daughter Mary aided and assisted her mother in the murder, and after the conviction of her mother she pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree, which plea on account of her youth, the fact that she was probably acting under the influence of her mother and other circumstances, was accepted by the district attorney and she was sentenced to the states' prison for life.

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