

## A Merry Xmas,

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all lovers of Good Eating. Are you a customer of ours? If not, ask your neighbor about us. Our methods of business are new and up-to-date. We are constantly adding new goods to our already large stock of Fancy Groceries. Our stock of Fancy Groceries is the largest ever brought to Bryan. We guarantee to please you in the

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QUALITY,  
and . . .  
PRICE,**

Of our goods. We are very grateful to our customers for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed and hope for its continuance.

YOURS, VERY TRULY,

# HOWELL BROS.

## THE DEATH OF SENATOR MORRILL.

He Passes Away at Washington From an Attack of Pneumonia.

### HE WAS IN BED LESS THAN A WEEK

His Extreme Age Caused the Disease to Take Such Hold It Could Not Be Arrested.

### HAD A LONG AND HONORABLE CAREER.

He Had Served in Congress Nearly Forty-Four Years, Thirty-One Years of Which Being in the United States Senate.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Hon. Justin S. Morrill, United States senator from Vermont, died here in the eighty-ninth year of his age, after an illness of less than a week.

The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, which developed from an attack of grip contracted about a week ago. The venerable senator was confined to his home but seven days. Despite his advanced age, he attended his senatorial duties faithfully, and regularly went to the capitol. About 10 days ago the weather was cold, raw and foggy, and his physician thinks that exposure to its rigors brought on the attack of grip.

No definite arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

In the death of Hon. Justin Smith Morrill the senate lost its senior member in point of service and its oldest



SENATOR MORRILL.

age. He had served continuously in the senate for more than 31 years, and his congressional service had been continuous, covering in the senate and house combined almost 44 years. Mr. Morrill was a native of Vermont. He was first elected a member of the house from that state as a member of the Thirty-fourth congress, taking his seat in March, 1835, and in 1867 was elected to the senate. His present term would not have expired until 1903.

Previous to entering congress Mr. Morrill had been engaged in mercantile and agricultural pursuits, and much of his public life has been devoted to the uplifting of interests dependent upon these lines of business.

It was at the beginning of the war that Mr. Morrill's practical business training first brought him forward as a man of national reputation. He was the author of the Morrill tariff act of 1861, which was the basis of all the tariff legislation of war times. In 1864 he became chairman of the committee on ways and means, the principal committee of the house, and at that critical time of especial importance.

After entering the senate Mr. Morrill continued to give his attention largely to financial and commercial questions, and during the greater part of his term of service he was identified as a member of the committee on finance, which committee deals especially with these subjects. He first became chairman of this committee in 1877.

During his long career Mr. Morrill gave his attention to many questions and no man in public life was more given than he to taking up a subject and holding it through years and years until consummated. He was the father of the scheme for the construction of a building for the congressional library, and to him and Senator Voorhees, who early joined him in pressing this question upon congress, is the splendid library building a monument. Very near to his heart also was the plan for the erection of a sister building for the supreme court.

He opposed the annexation of the Hawaiian islands to the last, and he was understood to be averse to the exercise of any sort of American sovereignty over the Philippines.

Mr. Morrill was an indefatigable worker, and while, not an orator, he spoke gracefully and forcibly, and was always listened to attentively. His great age and high position caused him to be universally esteemed by the other members of the senate.

### BIG THREAD COMBINE.

Three Leading Manufacturing Companies Merging Into One.

New York, Dec. 28.—Three great thread manufacturing companies, which practically control the business of the country, are about to combine. These concerns are George A. Clark & Bros., Newark, N. J.; the Clark Mill and Spool Cotton company, with their factory in Newark, and the Coates Thread company, with a factory at Pawtucket, R. I.

In a circular to the trade these three firms announce that after Jan. 1 their separate selling offices in New York will be abandoned and their business will be handled by the Spool Cotton company at 345 Broadway. The latter company has just been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

All of these concerns were originally English and still have English connections, but their American business, it is said, is larger than that in the parent country. Their factories here were established to avoid the heavy tariff on their product.

It is stated that the American factories will run independently and that consolidation of selling agencies does not imply that a trust has been formed.

The Clark Mill and Spool Cotton company is capitalized at \$2,000,000. The capital of the others is not recorded but it is known that it is much in excess of this amount.

### STOPPED A STAMPEDE.

Minister in Illinois Displays Coolness at a Fire.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 28.—During the Christmas exercises in the German Methodist Episcopal church at Peoria, the large tree loaded with gifts and lighted by hundreds of candles caught fire and blazed up fiercely. The church was packed to the doors and women screamed and several fainted, when the pastor, Rev. William Traiger commanded the audience to be seated. He said the emergency of fire had been provided for and there was no danger if every one kept still.

Then he gave out a familiar hymn, directed the organist to play up good and strong and ordered the choir to sing loud. His cool attitude restored confidence and the people began to sink back into their seats. Meanwhile, as the fire roared and crackled, the music grew louder. The pastor flicked burning embers from the tree that alighted upon his hymn book to the floor and stepped upon them, at the same time singing at the top of his voice.

The fire brigade, improvised for service in case a fire should break out, threw a heavy tarpaulin over the tree and the fire was stamped out. Then, despite the fact that the church was filled with smoke, the exercises proceeded, minus gifts, but with plenty of music.

### CATTLE FEVER LINE.

The Governor of Illinois Makes some Changes in the Territory Affected.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—On the recommendation of the state board of live stock commissioners the governor has issued his annual proclamation scheduling territory on account of Texas or southern cattle fever and prohibiting the shipment of any cattle from such territory to Illinois territory between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1. The territory described is the same as last year with the exception that all of the state of California is placed south of the line, and Giles county, Tenn., formerly south of the line is placed north of it. The regulations also provide that cattle that have been dipped in extra dynamite oil and sulphur may be brought to any place in the state during any season of the year.

### WAS NO FAILURE.

Cattlin Bros. Doing Business at the Old Stand as Usual.

Abilene, Kans., Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Miltonvale says the statement sent from this city to the effect that the Miltonvale bank of Cattlin Bros. had failed is a mistake. The bank is still doing business at the old stand. The reports from the firm are that they are all right, sound and have their business in good shape.

### Rich Vein of Copper.

Tacoma, Dec. 28.—News that a big strike has been made at the Leolo copper mine has just reached Tacoma. Several days ago a solid 5-foot vein of ore was opened just a few feet below the surface, which runs 20 per cent pure copper and also carries 23 ounces of silver and a paying quantity of gold to the ton. Several veins ramify on the property, which is owned by Tacoma

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# JOHN B. MIKE,

The Original Cutter.

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capitalists. The mine is located in the eastern part of Pierce county, at the foot of Mount Tacoma, on Canada creek. The formation in the district is practically identical with that in the Cornwall copper fields, and the ore can be mined very cheaply.

### Five Men Injured.

Springfield, O., Dec. 28.—Five men were more or less seriously injured by an Ohio Southern switch engine blowing out the crowd sheet here with terrific force. Engineer Schellinger and Fireman Welch were blown out of the cab and both very badly injured. Conductor Snow and Brakemen Layer and Brickman were blown 50 feet and badly injured. Some injuries may prove fatal.

### Boy Badly Burned.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 28.—Arthur Kirkham, a boy, was badly burned about the face as a result of the explosion of a bag of powder as and some other boys were using. The injury is not serious.

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