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WE HAVE LARGELY
Completed Activity Has Strengthened But Weakened the Average Man.
Climate Still Good.

The Census Bureau has issued a bulletin in which it is shown conclusively that the average duration of human life in the United States is steadily and wonderfully increasing. In 1900, according to the bulletin, the average age at which Americans died was 47.1 years.

It would be strange if the influence of modern sanitation was not made manifest in the prolongation of human life, especially in cities. The causes to which the very satisfactory gain ascribed to the census bulletin may be attributed are numerous.

The bureau figures afford a sufficient answer to the popular assumption that the American people are working themselves to death in pursuit of the slightly dollar.

The estimated cost by the Panama is \$144,304,380, but it would cost \$100,141,000 to obtain the Panama canal.

The work already done at Panama is estimated to be worth \$40,000,000. The canal at Panama is feasible as a navigable waterway.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT HOFFMAN.

Born July 13, 1876, died December 19, 1923.
AS tranquilly as a tired child falls into waiting slumber, Dr. W. C. Hoffman at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon passed into the sleep that knows no waking here.

William Cullen Hoffman was the third and youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoffman, born July 13, 1876. He died in the 26th year of his age.

During the Pearson meetings one of the most regular attendees and most active hearers was the subject of this notice. He made his preparation for the end which he felt could not be far away.

The funeral was conducted at the Methodist church, as the Presbyterian church was repairing some repairs connected with its services.

During the service the quartette composed of Mrs. C. E. Mason, Mrs. P. H. Cooke and Mrs. L. Durham rendered "Saved by Grace" and "We Would See Jesus."

The improvement of the county homes of the State is a living question and those who are "at one in Zion" as to existing conditions are likely to have their opinions disturbed.

Another strong consideration is the fact that the State is a very large one and that the improvement of the county homes of the State is a living question.

CASTLETT-LAWS.

Frothy Home Wedding in Dallas Tuesday Evening.
The large and handsome parlor of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis was beautifully lighted and beautifully decorated Tuesday evening in celebration of the marriage of their first daughter, Miss Pearl, to Mr. Frank Castlett.

With splendid spirit the bridal march from Lehengrin was rendered on the piano by Miss Carrie Puett, as the bride and groom entered the parlor.

These two most popular young people represent two of the county's most prominent families and their union is the occasion of much congratulation.

Stanley Notes.
Rev. Mr. Boyden, the new pastor of the Baptist church preached here last Sunday.

Tramps' New Scheme.
The hoboes who wander up and down the highways in Kansas have invented a plan that furnishes them the best living possible.

Japan's Peasants.
Japan has been very busy lately creating peas. No fewer than 275 have been added to the number since the system was inaugurated.

Wilmington.
At 7 o'clock last night a fire in the boiler room in the planing department of the Kluder Lumber Company, in the extreme southern section of the city, caused a damage of something over \$600.

THE KING HAD TO BORROW.

On a recent occasion King Christian of Denmark while out for a walk met one of his courtiers who was renowned for his stinginess.

Then, lo and behold, as usual, on searching for money the king found none! Luckily at that moment he saw through the open door the crown prince and his quarry riding by.

Looked the Part.
Senator Bard of California is said to be rather careless about his dress and is rarely seen in the frock coat and shining silk hat generally supposed to constitute the garb of a senator.

He was given a good room and plenty to eat. Every day his dinner pail, which the landlord had bought for him, was filled in the morning.

A Common Governor.
The Kansas City Journal says that some of the young women composing an orchestra visited the Kansas statehouse the other day.

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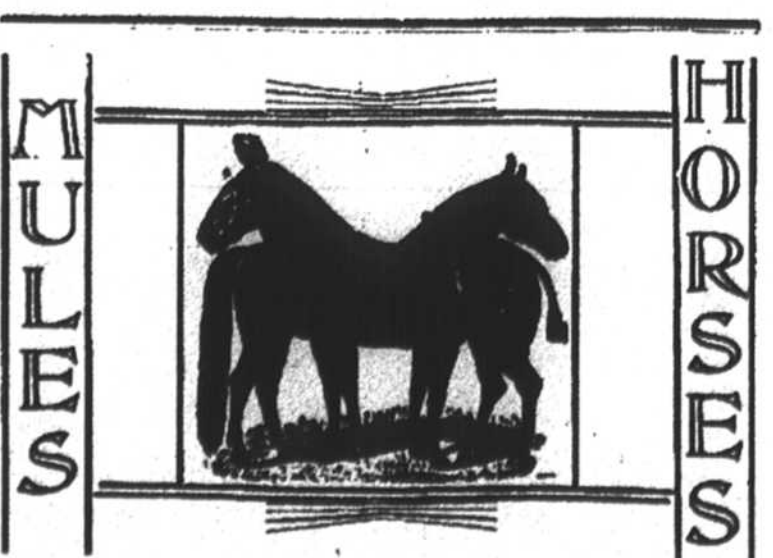
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We want to hammer it into your memory that we are headquarters for all that is new and novel in holiday goods.

We have them all of course.
Also remember that all goods bought from us are engraved free of cost.

TORRENCE, THE OLD RELIABLE.
The weather is likely to be disagreeable, muddy, rainy, slushy, trying. Don't make it more annoying by procrastination.

MILLINERY!

Special Clearance Bargains in Millinery to all who COME QUICK. MISS CYNTHIA RUDDOCK.



We have one carload of nice well selected Horses and Mules coming in from Tennessee next Wednesday. Any one wishing either Horse or Mule can get suited if he will come to see us soon after they arrive. CRAIG & WILSON.