

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

VOLUME 6, NUMBER 20.

TABOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1909

\$1.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

Mrs. M. C. CRIE, Editor

THE ONLY PAPER IN LYNN COUNTY

H. C. CRIE, Manager



LOUIS F. BERNEKER

# HOLIDAY GREETING

R. A. CHAMBERS.  
**Tahoka Real Estate Co.**  
 GEO. SMALL  
 BEST LIST OF BARGAINS IN  
**Land and Town Property**  
 Write or Phone us your wants, or better  
 yet, come let us show you  
 OFFICE SOUTHWEST CORNER SQUARE  
 LYNN COUNTY TEXAS  
 TAHOKA

**TAKE NOTICE.**  
 Dec. 4th, 1909.  
 The Jack Alley Company have sold their stock of merchandise and fixtures to Mr. W. W. Mayes, who will continue the business under the name of the Tahoka Mercantile Company. The Jack Alley Co., will pay all indebtedness of said Company, for merchandise received prior to Dec. 4th, when invoice was closed, and all accounts for merchandise received after that date is assumed by The Tahoka Mercantile Co. Jack Alley as trustee for the Jack Alley Co., is authorized to collect all debts, accounts and notes of the said Company and pay same on indebtedness of the Company.  
**JACK ALLEY COMPANY, by Jack Alley, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.**

**Complete Abstracts**  
 OF LYNN COUNTY LANDS, BY  
*C. M. Whipp,*  
 ABTRACTOR and JUSTICE of the PEACE  
 OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE  
 TAHOKA, LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS.  
**Write, or Call on Me**

O. L. SLATON, PRES.  
 W. D. NEVELS, CASH.  
 JACK ALLEY, V. PRES.  
 W. B. SLATON, AST. C.  
**THE**  
**First National Bank**  
 OF  
**Tahoka, Texas.**  
 (Paid Up Capital \$25,000.00)  
 DIRECTORS:  
 O. L. Slaton, Jack Alley, W. D. Nevels,  
 W. B. Slaton, A. L. Lockwood, S. N.  
 McDaniel and W. S. Posey.  
**YOUR BUSINESS SOLICITED**


**FURTHER NOTICE.**  
 Is here given that parties knowing themselves to be indebted in any amount to the  
**JACK ALLEY COMPANY**  
 Will please come forward at once and make satisfactory settlement of said indebtedness.  
 Jack Alley Co., by Jack Alley, Gen. Mgr.

**After Monday December 20**  
 D. A. PARKHURST Will Be Found One Door West Of The Post Office. Come In And Get Free Estimates On House Painting, Graining, Staining, Glazing, Paper Hanging, Canvassing, Signs, Carriage And Automobile Painting. Prices Right. Work The Best  
**Contract Work A Specialty**

**If You Want A Home In Tahoka**  
 Or Land in Lynn County or on the South Plains or Want to Sell your Property Address the  
**South Plains Land Company**  
 Office one door West of the Telephone office  
 LYNN COUNTY, TEXAS  
 TAHOKA.

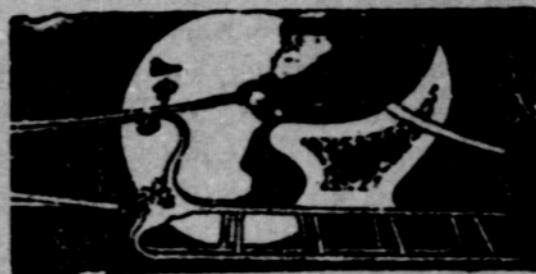
**Tahoka Is Now Trying For The Texas Central.**  
 Wednesday December 15th was another red letter day for Tahoka. About two o'clock a mass meeting was called at the court house to meet H. J. Cureton and W. E. Spencer, who were here representing the Texae Central railroad people, who are figuring on an extension west from Rotan through this part of the Plains.  
 These gentlemen were scheduled to meet with us Tuesday night, but, coming up from Gail they got off the road, and finding themselves near Post City, went there to spend the night.  
 Mr. Cureton stated that the Texas Central was financially able to build this extension as they had two others without any help from the out side. In fact their even offering to consider a bonus proposition from us was a new policy with this road. However he went on to state that he had been here twice before, once in

company with the chief engineer, and that they had found that the line through Tahoka was the line of the least resistance; or in other words the cheapest most practical route of the numerous ones projected.  
 Mr. Cureton further stated that the Central people realized what a hard proposition we were



Photograph of the Tahoka Cotton Gin.

up against, having to raise a large bonus for the Santa Fe and with the drvest year we ever had, and in order to make things as light for us as possible we need not pay a dollar of bonus until the road is operation into Tahoka, and then we would only have to pay one-third with two years in which to pay the balance with six percent interest.  
 Having to return to Gail Wednesday night, Mr. Cureton excused himself and he and his party got in their auto and left at once.  
 After considerable discussion it was decided to offer the Texas Central right of way through the county, depot grounds and bonus of \$30,000.  
 As this liberal proposition, taken in connection with their evident wish to come through Tahoka will very likely be accepted, it practically assures us that Tahoka will be the crossing of these two great railroads, the Santa Fe and the Texas Central, within the next twelve months.



# Xmas Goods For Everyone

**DOLLS**—We have a large assortment of dolls, everything from the small china dolls to the large beautifully dressed, sleeping dolls with the beautiful curls of different colored hair to suit everyone. These make ideal gifts, prices right. See them.



Our Great Toy Department where will be found all kinds of suitable presents for the children is now open and ready for inspection, come in and make our store your stopping place while shopping



Our Cut Glass and hand painted China is beyond question the most beautiful ever shown in Tahoka.

**JEWELRY**—Our stock of Jewelry is the most complete ever shown in Tahoka

**SILVER WARE**—We have the Celebrated Time

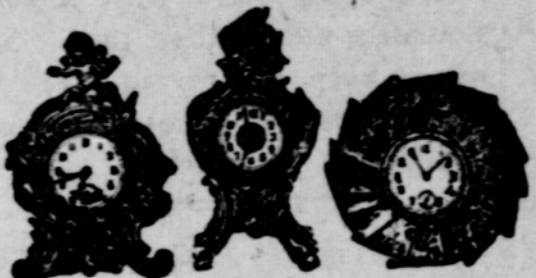
tested Wm. Rogers 1847 Brand that speaks for itself.



Also an enormous stock of Doll Beds, both iron and wood, Doll Buggies, Toy Trunks, Automatic Toy Pistols, the kind that just keep shooting, Fire Engines, with horses, Toy trains, Horns, Bugles, Trumpets, Drums, Toy Furniture, Whistles, Tops, Games and Books. Everything to amuse and delight the little folks.

We only have room enough to mention a few of the many nice things that you will find in our gigantic stock of Christmas Holiday Goods.

**Candies—Kings famous candies for American Queens Best by the Test**



**CLOCKS**—We have a beautiful line of Gilded Clocks, Mission Oak Designs, Phono Albums, Also large Parlor Clocks that run eight days with one winding.



All Going At Hard Time Prices

**Thomas Bros. & Co., Druggists.**



## City Bakery & Restaurant

I. P. METCALF, Proprietor

Fresh home made Bread always on hand

WE SERVE REGULAR MEALS AND

Short Orders any hour of the Day or Night

WE KEEP A STOCK OF THE BEST CIGARS

Center of the North Side of the Square

We are pleased to be able to announce to his many friends that Dr. S. H. Windham has decided to resume the practice of medicine in Tahoka and Lynn county. The Doctor informs us that he will office with Howell & McGill, the West Side Druggists, and his professional card will appear in our next paper at the foot of the professional column which it formally headed for more than three years.

Born, Friday morning, December 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis, a girl.

C. N. Hutto sold the Tahoka Coal and Grain Company's business and stock to Ed. Baldrige the first of this week. Mr. Baldrige will continue to carry on the business in the W. O. W. building on the east side of the square, and he invites a continuance of the liberal patronage enjoyed by Mr. Hutto.

D. A. Parkhurst, a decorator from Midland, Texas, has decided after looking over the prospects of our town, to put in a paint and paper store and do general contract work in that line. He has rented a paper and paint display room one door west of the Post Office, and arranged with P. B. Hall for a varnish room next to his office in which to paint buggies and autos.

Mrs. Blaisdell, who lives in the southeast part of town, will do your washing and ironing for 65c per doz. and furnish every thing.

J. D. and Charley Donaldson will leave Sunday for Moody, Texas, to spend Xmas around the fireside of the old home, all the children are to be there and spend the holidays together.

John Thomas and family are leaving this week for Merkel, where they will make their future home for awhile. John traded his Lynn county property and took some property at Merkel in on the trade. He will likely return to Lynn as soon as he can realize on his property there.

We don't claim to be  
**THE ONLY DUCKS IN THE PUDDLE**

But we do claim to have

AN ASSORTMENT OF DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, SHOES AND GROCERIES THAT ARE PRICED AS REASONABLE (QUALITY CONSIDERED) AS ANY IN TAHOKA.

TO OPEN YOUR PURSE AND LAY DOWN YOUR CASH IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR GOODS IS NOT THE WHOLE THING -- OUR AIM IS TO SUPPLY ARTICLES THAT WILL SATISFY OUR CUSTOMERS AND ENRICH THE

**H O M E .**

We thank our patrons for their liberal patronage during the year 1909, and wish to merit a continuance of your patronage during the coming year.

If you have never traded with us, come and get acquainted -- We will treat you right -- We wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. **THANKFULLY,**

**T H E F A I R**

## IMPORTANT!

To Secure The Most Satisfactory Lights And Avoid Smoked Lamp Chimney

**Use EUPION Oil**

The only safe oil for lamp and stove use. Accept no other FOR SALE BY THE FOLLOWING LEADING MERCHANTS

JACK ALLEY COMPANY,

B.H.Black & Son, R.D.Morris, J.E.Ketner

TAHOKA, Lynn County, TEXAS

## TAHOKA SADDLE SHOP.

G. R. MILLIKEN Prop.

## Tahoka Saddle Shop

We have purchased the the Tahoka Saddle Shop and reopened it in the Cowan building on the West side square. Shoe and Harness repairing a specialty if you need any thing in our line you are cordially invited to call and see us on the West side square.

# COUNTY NEWS

Published Weekly By  
**CRIE & Co.**

Business Manager  
**CRIE** Editor

Play Advertising  
per month — 75c

Reading Notices  
one insertion — 10c

successive insertion — 5c

SCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR

Entered as second-class matter July 1905, at the post office at Tahoka, Texas, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Phone 35.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17, 1909.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For District Attorney, 64th District.  
**REUBEN M. ELLERD.**

For Sheriff and Tax Collector  
**J. H. EDWARDS.**

Begin now to figure on building that business house, there is a demand now for houses, what will it be in six months?

The Santa Fe surveyors have been in and around Rochelle this week and the indications are that that they now intend to build into Rochelle. It has been the opinion of many from the beginning that Rochelle would get the road and this week's maneuvers tend to strengthen this theory. However nothing definite can be learned.—San Saba County News.

Mr. Luttrell brought the News force a nice mess of back bone Tuesday, which was greatly enjoyed by all.—Lynn County News.

Mrs. Crie, the editor, is leaving us in the dark as to the kind of backbone handed her. Whether it was a mess of backbone from the turkey, hog, or wether we are at loss. But nevertheless Mrs. Crie has the backbone to conduct a good weekly paper, and occasionally brush the hair of the citizen the wrong way if he doesn't just suit the town.—Hereford Recorder.

The News is in receipt of one of the new wall maps of the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe railway. The most interesting feature of the map, as we see it, is the railroad, building to San Saba. Yes sir the Santa Fe railroad has put San Saba on the map.—San Saba County News.

### They Don't Prove It

The Hedley Herald and the Estelline Herald have both suspended publication. The people of both these little cities want a paper very badly, and we regret that these papers could not see their way clear to continue in the field. Memphis Democrat.

It don't strike us very forceably that the two cities named above are in want of a paper very bad or they would not have let these papers die out. It is a mistake that these little towns make by letting a paper die, and then they talk about how bad they are in need of a paper and what a sorry blooming editor they had. The way to keep a paper in a town is to give it the proper support.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Thinking a little information about our Tahoka postoffice might be of general interest we went to A. B. McLoud the postmaster for some facts and it seems we went at just the right time as he had received an order from the department to count every piece of mail received for the Tahoka office in one week, and the number received

for other offices the next week, and he kindly agreed to make a memorandum for us; and the following is what we learned: In one week there was 5172 pieces of mail handled for the Tahoka office, which multiplied by the 52 weeks in a year makes 268,944 pieces of mail for our office.

The next week they handled for other offices, 3940 pieces, which would make 204,880 in a year, or a grand total of 473,824 pieces of mail handled in Tahoka in the last twelve months. The number of money orders issued in 1907-1908 was 1,553 and in 1908-1909 an increase of 9 making 1,562 for the dryest year Tahoka has ever known. Postoffice receipts for last year were \$1,726.92 and for this year \$1,960.95. These figures show only a slight increase of business for the last twelve months; which goes to show better than anything else could, what a dry hard year Lynn county has just passed through. However with the good season now in the ground and the Santa Fe now building through Tahoka and a fine chance of securing the Texas Central also, business will increase more than double in the next six or twelve months.

### Who Lives Within

Henry Schroeder, 14 miles of Lubbock and 25 miles of Tahoka, came here Monday to get his cotton ginned. The gins in Lynn county have ginned more cotton than all the gins in the surrounding counties put together. While

this has been a hard year for cotton and both gins together have not done enough to brag about, yet this goes to prove that Tahoka is situated right in the center of the cotton growing country.

H. H. Rodgers, a railroad contractor is here this week getting ready to go to work on the Concho, San Saba and Llano Valley branch of the Santa Fe, that is now building through Lynn county.

Alfa Mayfield and Miss Nora Luttrell, both of the Draw community, were married at the home of Oscar King, in this city at three o'clock Sunday Dec. 12th. Rev. D. B. Doak officiating. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy life.

## THE GIFT OF THE MAGI.

### A Christmas Chronicle of Love and Dual Sacrifice.

By O. HENRY.

(Copyright, 1906, by McClure, Phillips & Co.)

One dollar and eighty-seven cents; that was all. And 60 cents of it was in pennies—pennies saved one and two at a time by bulldozing the grocer and the vegetable man and the butcher until one's cheeks burned with the silent imputation of parsimony that such close dealing implied. Three times Della counted it. One dollar and eighty-seven cents. And the next day would be Christmas.

There was clearly nothing to do but flop down on the shabby little couch and howl. So Della did it. Which instigates the moral reflection that life is made up of sobs, snuffles and smiles, with snuffles predominating.

While the mistress of the home is gradually subsiding from the first stage to the second, take a look at the home. A furnished flat at 88 per week. It did not exactly beggar description, but it certainly had that word on the lookout for the mendicancy squad.

In the vestibule below was a letter box into which no letter would go and an electric button from which no mortal finger could coax a ring. Also appertaining thereto was a card bearing the name "Mr. James Dillingham Young."

The "Dillingham" had been flung to the breeze during a former period of prosperity when its possessor was being paid \$30 per week. Now, when the income was shrunk to \$20, the letters of "Dillingham" looked blurred, as though they were thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D. But whenever Mr. James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called "Jim" and greatly hugged by Mrs. James Dillingham Young, already introduced to you as Della. Which is all very good.

Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks with the powder rag. She stood by the window and looked out dully at a gray cat walking a gray fence in a gray back yard. Tomorrow would be Christmas day, and she had only \$1.87 with which to buy Jim a present. She had been saving every penny she could for months, with this result. Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far. Expenses had been greater than she had calculated. They always are. Only \$1.87 to buy a present for Jim—her Jim! Many a happy hour she had spent planning for something nice for him, something fine and rare and sterling, something just a little bit near to being worthy of the honor of being owned by Jim.

There was a pier glass between the windows of the room. Perhaps you have seen a pier glass in an eight dollar flat. A very thin and very agile person may by observing his reflection in a rapid sequence of longitudinal strips obtain a fairly accurate conception of his looks. Della, being slender, had mastered the art.

Suddenly she whirled from the window and stood before the glass. Her eyes were shining brilliantly, but her face had lost its color within twenty seconds. Rapidly she pulled down her hair and let it fall to its full length.

Now, there were two possessions of the James Dillingham Youngs in which they both took a mighty pride. One was Jim's gold watch, which had been his father's and his grandfather's. The other was Della's hair. Had the queen of Sheba lived in the flat across the air shaft Della would have let her hair hang out the window some day to dry just to depreciate her majesty's jewels and gifts. Had King Solomon been the janitor, with all his treasures piled up in the basement, Jim would have pulled out his watch every time he passed just to see him pluck at his beard from envy.

So now, Della's beautiful hair fell about her, rippling and shining like a cascade of brown waters. It reached below her knee and made itself almost a garment for her. And then she did it up again nervously and quickly. Once she faltered for a minute and

what is the difference? A matnematician or a wit would give you the wrong answer. The magi brought

Continued on sixth page.

## Track Laying In Floyd Co.

### Marks Epoch in History of Greatest in this Section

Friday morning of last week as the great Hurley track laying machine steamed up to begin work after the five day's delay on account of the rain, it laid the first steel ever placed on a railroad bed in Floyd county and marked the beginning in Floyd county of an epoch of unbounded, limitless prosperity, an epoch when railroads shall cross, intersect and recross its fertile prairies in an effort to supply the necessities of transportation facilities caused from abundant production. Not only a new era in railroad building but an era in population statistics. With the coming of the railroad will be the tidal wave of immigration which will advance with the advance of the modernizing facilities and comforts. New people are more than welcome. They are badly needed to till the idle lands which lie undeveloped in a broad stretch beneath the rays of the sun; to help make this country equal to the greatest in production and prosperity.

Yes, the new epoch is come, and the man who gets in on the ground floor in the Lockney country will reap the greatest reward.—Lockney Beacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat Williams and children were pleasant callers at the News office Tuesday.

Willie Smith, of Jones county, is here visiting relatives and old-time friends this week.

H. R. Miner sold a quarter section of his land in the north part of the county to Mr. Johnson, and is leaving this week for Mexico with several others.

Mr. Izard was in from the cut-off Monday, and reported about seven or eight miles of track already laid out of Lubbock toward the caprock. Mr. Izard was in after supplies.

Ed Henderson and family left Thursday of last week on their way to Oregon where they will make home for awhile. Ed has not sold his real estate here, so we are liable to welcome his return at any time. J. C. Chambers and his daughter, Miss Minnie, left Friday in O'Donnan's car for Big Springs where they will join Ed Henderson and family, and make the trip to Oregon with them.

L. L. McClure and family have arrived here with their household goods from Hillsboro, Texas, and are living in Mrs. W. K. Ray's house in the south part of town. Mr. McClure will improve section five in the west part of the county. Hill is a county full of good farmers and we are glad to have some of them come out here to make their homes, and to help make Lynn county famous for her farm products.

**KEEP RIGHT ON COMING TO THE Tahoka Blacksmith Shop**  
J. N. McREYNOLDS, Prop  
Horse Shoeing Is Strictly Correct  
THE SAME SHOP THE SAME MEN YOU HAVE USED TO AND THE SAME GOOD WORK

**TIN SHOP**  
South of the Public Square, Tahoka  
We do all kinds of Tin, Pipe and Sheet Metal Work, Stove Pipe and Oven Work  
When in need of anything in this line call on us. Prices that will satisfy you.  
Yours for business,  
G. M. MILLIKEN & SON

**Professional Business**  
G. W. P...  
Lawyer, Notary  
veyancer. Complete  
of Lynn county land

**W. D. BE...**  
ATTORNEY  
Will practice in all courts  
rock and adjoining counties

**LUBBOCK,**  
JOHN P. ...  
Lawyer

Practice in all the Courts  
Conveyances  
Titles & ...  
Tahoka

DR. M. E. MILLIKEN  
PHYSICIAN and ...

DR. AMY MILLIKEN  
Special attention to  
diseases of women  
OFFICE AT THOMAS  
STORE, TAHOKA, TEXAS

**Bean & ...**  
LAWYERS  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS  
Will practice in  
Courts of Lynn County

DR. ROBT. JONES, DR. THOMAS  
Physicians and Surgeons  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS  
Treatment of diseases  
EYE, EAR, NOSE and  
in connection with the  
practice. Office at Lubbock  
Phone 60

**Bert Ramsey,**  
SURVEYOR  
Official Surveyor for  
Dawson and Terry

**Big Springs,**

**Let Me Write**

Fire and Tornado  
**INSURANCE**  
McMillan  
At The Court House  
Tahoka, Texas

**FRESH MEAT**  
Why wait a week for  
Meat off of a wagon  
you can get it when  
you want it, at the  
Market, Davis & ...

**AT LOW PRICES**

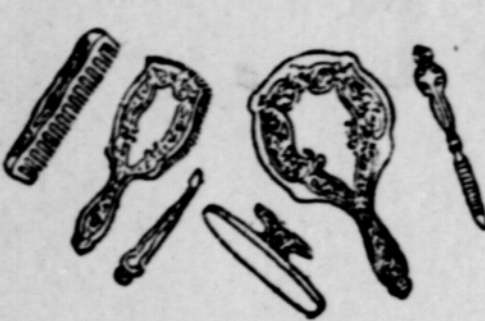


## Christmas Greetings

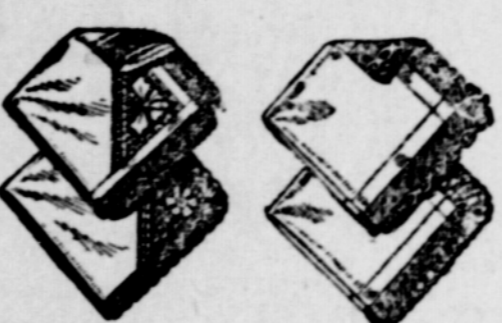
From Every Department Of  
**OUR STORE.**

**Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gloves, Ladies', Gents', Misses' and Children's Furnishings and Clothing**

make the most practicable, Serviceable and appreciable Gift any one could possibly desire. See Them.

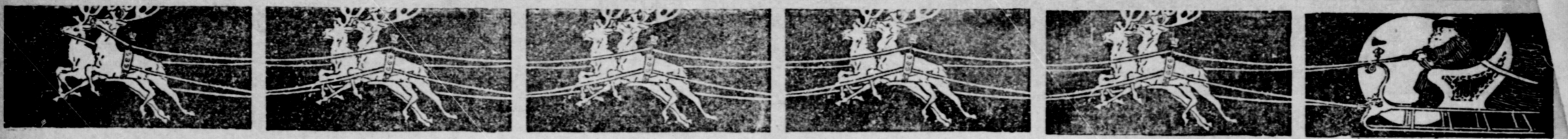


Get Our Prices On

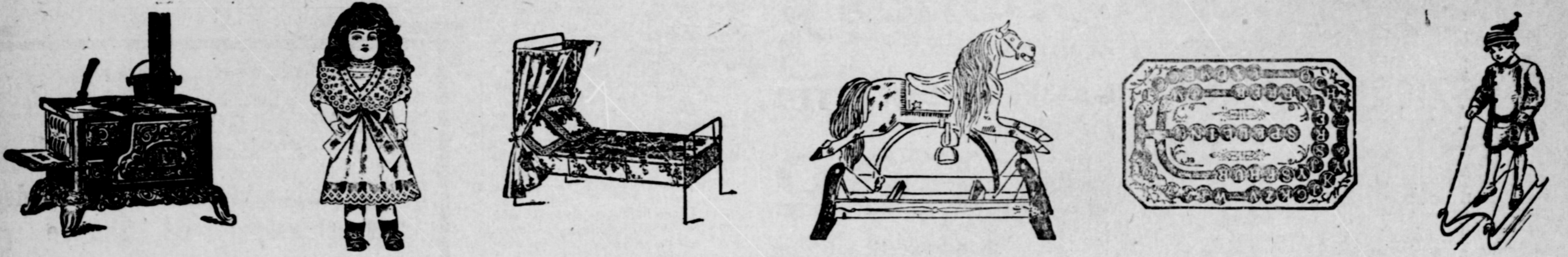


**Dry Goods and Notions Let us fill your Xmas Orders For Groceries**

**Wells AND Welcher**



# Santa Claus' Headquarters At



## Howell & McGill's Drug Store

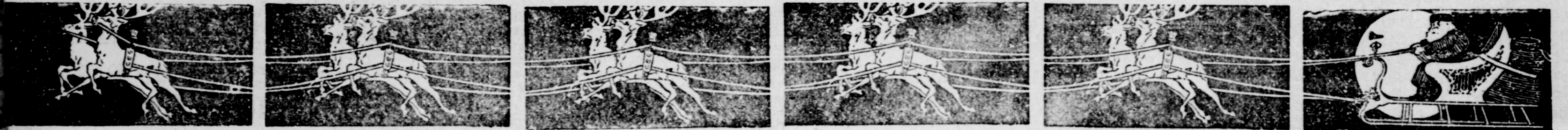
Every department of this store is showing interesting lines in Holiday Goods  
 Save yourself time and worry by coming direct to Our Store for Gift Goods

Appropriate presents for men, women, boys, girls and babies will be found here at low prices. We are in position to fill your wants. Big selection in dolls toys etc. from 5 cts up. Medallions, pictures, toilet sets, infact too many lines to mention. CALL AND SEE FOR YOURSELF

# Don't Forget The Place

Howell & McGill

West Side Square



### STEALING MELONS.

How General Grant's Namesake Was Caught by a Ghost.

By MARY BRITTON TOWNSEND.  
 Copyright, 1909, by American Press Association.

It is now nearly half a century since the Union and Confederate armies contended at Vicksburg, on the Mississippi river. Few, if any, who read its story were living when, day after day, month after month, General Grant lumbered at the fortifications that have long since given way to new blocks of buildings or which beyond the city limits have been leveled to make way for the fruits of the earth. The hero of Vicksburg has for nearly two generations been the popular idol of the colored people living in that part of the country. Doubtless there are many white children named Pemberton from the Confederate general who defended the city, but among the blacks there are probably Ulysses Grants enough to fill a ten acre lot. Grant was born some time after the fall of Vicksburg. His "mammy" insists that she saw "General Grant" but there is an opinion current among those who know Hannah that draws on her imagination when she tells what she has seen in her wanderings. She is inclined to think that her account of meeting with General Grant is asking her to name her boy after him is, to say the least, rather mythical. Grant's name has, since Chillingly to the contrary notwithstanding, had no effect on his father. He is a regular little vagabond, liar and small thief. One day, Henry, on whose place this hopefull lives, turning the corner of the house one morning, saw a little way ahead of him with a bucket in his hand. Grant saw at once, darted under the house and came out without the bucket. He is roused Mr. Henry's suspicion. He called to mind many instances in which he had caught Grant pilfering. "You bra, you young rascal!" he

"What has I done?" asked Grant, with an injured air.  
 "That's what I want to know! What was in that bucket?"  
 "I hain't got no bucket," sullenly.  
 "But you had one a moment ago."  
 "Deed, Mr. Henry, you is 'staken! I didn't hab no bucket."  
 "Do you think I'm blind? Go under that house at once and bring me that bucket!"  
 Very slowly Grant crept under the house, when, getting behind a pillar and, as he thought, out of sight, he emptied the contents of the bucket on the ground.  
 An exclamation from Mr. Henry told him that this piece of strategy had failed, and, much crestfallen, he "scooped" the sugar back into the bucket and came out. On being taxed with his roguery he exclaimed:  
 "I 'clar fo' goodness, Mr. Henry, I hain't stole nuffin!"  
 "Where did you get this sugar, then?"  
 "I didn't 'tend fer ter stole hit, Mr. Henry. I was just gwine ter borry hit till I c'd sell dem watermillions an' pay yer."  
 "Perhaps you will borrow my water-melons, too!" exclaimed Mr. Henry indignantly. Grant assumed an injured look.  
 "Yer spillin' my repertishun by such talk es dat," he said. "Yer ain't never koted me a-stealin' nuffin of yours, sah."  
 "Nothing except this sugar and a good many other things," Mr. Henry answered angrily, and he added sternly. "It won't be good for you if I catch you in my melon patch."  
 Mr. Henry's farm was historic ground. Confederate batteries had been located on it, and during the long siege of Vicksburg many a man met his death there. Negroes who were out after dark and compelled to pass it or go over the road which skirted it held their breath and traveled as fast as they could go. Many a story was told in their cabins how the ghost of an artilleryman in gray or a cavalryman in blue, minus either head or arms, had chased some poor ducky till he reached a point beyond where the batteries of wartime had been placed. And it was related by one colored boy that a man on a horse without legs had followed him, just missing him as he grabbed for him while passing the



"DO YOU WANT TO WAKE THE DEAD?"

danger line.  
 Mr. Henry remembered all this, while Grant retreated to the quarter, muttering: "Mus' think I's his nigger! Let 'im know I don't 'long ter 'im! 'Twon't be good ter me, 'tump! Wut kin 'e do ter me? Best case 'e's white, thinks 'e kin do anything. I'd just like ter see 'im lay his han' on me!"  
 "What yer grunblin' 'bout now?" demanded Hannah, who was standing, with arms akimbo, in her cabin door. "Whar has yer been, an' what am de matter wif yer?"  
 "Mr. Henry's been 'busin' me," said Grant sullenly. "Talkin' 'bout me stealin' his ole watermillions."  
 "Why didn't yer talk back ter 'im? I don't b'lieve yer's got de keridge of a chicken. Yer orter be 'shamed o' yersef ter stan' an' let a good fer nuffin white man talk ter yer dat way."

At 9 o'clock that night Grant stole from his mammy's door. Getting clear of the quarter, he crept along, following the angle of the rail fence and thus keeping himself in the shadows.  
 He heard a noise. What was it—a man's tread or only the rustling of some animal in the grass? Grant crouched close against the fence and listened. The sound, whatever it was, was hushed, and, reassured, he resumed his way.  
 How still everything was, and the moonlight—how beautiful! The stars twinkled in the calm blue of the summer sky, and the soft night wind was heavy with the fragrance of honey-suckle and mimosa.  
 Grant glided on, now and then muttering to himself almost inaudibly: "I's mos' dere now. Golly, won't Mr. Henry be mad when he fin's dem whoppers gone? He'll s'pect me, too, but kin he prove it? Lemme see. I guess I'll 'tend ter hab a chill, an' mammy 'll say I's been drowful sick all night. I kin play possum. Yer bet I kin!"  
 And Grant almost choked with laughter over his plan for deceiving the rightful owner of "dem whoppers."  
 He climbed the rail fence in the dense shadows of the magnolia tree and, dropping softly on the other side, found himself among the vines. Grant stooped over one of the largest in the patch.  
 "Dese yere watermillions is mon-s'ous temptin'," he said. "Muster been a big watermillion like dis yer dat tempted Ebe. Golly, 'nough ter tempt Gable hissef! Lemme see. I don't b'lieve I cud tote more'n one of dese whoppers, Golly, dough, ef I eats one den I kin tote two, one in my stomach an' one in my han's!"  
 Having reached this conclusion, Grant raised the melon as high as he could, then threw it to the ground. The melon broke, and he proceeded to gorge himself. He was so absorbed that he started and yelled when a hand fiercely grabbed his wool.  
 "Hush your yelling! Do you want to wake the dead?" exclaimed a hollow voice. Grant began to shiver. He screwed himself round till he caught a glimpse of his captor. The thing was tall and clothed in white, but what startled Grant most was that it seemed

to carry its head not on its shoulders, but under its arm. Grant was certain that it was a ghost. Again it demanded, "Do you want to wake the dead?"  
 "Oh, no, sah!" Grant faltered.  
 "You're stealing melons. Do you know where the wicked go when they are dead?" And the ghost clutched him by the throat.  
 "Oh, Jerusalem, lemme go, lemme go!" cried Grant. "I'll never take de melons ag'in. Lemme go, lemme go!"  
 "Start, then," said the ghost in a solemn voice. "If I catch you here again you'll wish you'd never been born." And the ghost gave him a kick that knocked him down.  
 When Grant scrambled to his feet and cast a breathless look around the figure was nowhere to be seen. This sudden disappearance was awful. He paused a moment, with his jaw dropped and his knees trembling, and then he was tumbling headlong over the fence and scudding toward the quarter. He avoided the fence corners now as much as he had sought them half an hour before. In fact, he only felt safe in the lightest path he could find. From every tree and patch of shade he expected that white figure to start. When he reached his mammy's door he was in a wretched condition.  
 "What's der matter wif yer?" Hannah demanded when she had drawn him in and shut the door. "Did Mr. Henry kotch yer? What skeered yer? Did a dog git arter yer, honey?"  
 "No," Grant stammered; "no; de g'osses got arter me."  
 "Well, I never!"  
 "G'osses? Whar was dey?"  
 "What dey do ter yer, chille?" was chorused on all sides.  
 Grant related his adventure to several wondering listeners, and when he had finished an old woman remarked: "I allers told yer dat field was haunted. Now yer see hit is. 'Tain't to be suspected dat sogers what fit fo' dey kentry and died noble defs is goin' to let dair rest be disturbed by any nigger dat chooses to go into a patch to steal millions. Yer jis' keep out o' dar arter this. Some night one o' dem g'osses git der clutches on yer, and d'yer know what'll happen?"  
 "Wha-?" asked Grant, with standing hair and bulging eyes.  
 "He'll drag yer right down in de

grave with him. Sartin sno!"  
 "Yer bet, Sister Sally," they all said, shaking their heads.  
 Was there a ghost? We can only say that Mr. Henry seemed very much tickled at something the next time he saw Grant.  
 Seven or eight wagons came in Tuesday to help swell the camps of the railroad workers.  
 The Texas Land Company rented the A. N. Addison house just east of the square to one of the railroad contractors Monday.  
 Frank Tomlinson of Big Springs, owner of the 104 ranch in Yoakum county, was here Monday.  
 H. Kenzie of North Manchester, Indiana, was here Monday prospecting and expressed himself as highly pleased with our country.  
 A. G. Hinn and Wm. Nicholson, of Plainview, were here the first of the week stopping at the Tahoka Hotel.  
 D. A. Parkhurst, of Midland, is here prospecting. Mr. Parkhurst is looking for a location for paper hanging and painting. Should he locate here he will carry a line of paper and paints and every thing used in that line.  
 J. L. Kirkes and wife have moved into the Addison house. Mr. Kirkes and his son L. M. Kirkes both railroad contractors, have the contract to grade ten miles of the road, beginning one mile north of town and extending south, and at this time, Wednesday, they are only waiting for the grubbers to get through so they can begin.

**The Only Lumber Yard** In Lynn County. Don't Wait till the Railroad gets here before you build. You Should build your house now so that it will be allready to rent when the railroad gets here for that is the time you will be able to rent at a good figure. The man who has his rent houses ready for the new comer is the man to make a profit on his investment; Let us figure on your bill for any kind of building materials at Railroad Prices.

**We Are Selling** Lumber, Sash, Doors, Shingles and all kinds of building materials at Railroad Prices. Don't wait for the Rush, but begin now while Time is plenty and Labor cheap. North of Public Square.

**A. G. McAdams Lumber Co.**



# THE City Confectionary

CECIL WHIPP, Proprietor

NORTH SIDE OF THE SQUARE, TAHOKA, TEX.

## FOR FOR

FRESH MIXED CANDY.  
FRESH, EXTRA HIGH QUALITY CHOCOLATE CANDY.  
FRESH, HIGHEST CLASS OF BOX CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

A full and complete stock of the very best grades of all kinds of CANDY.



FRESH FRUIT, ALL KINDS.  
ORANGES, APPLES, GRAPES, BANANAS ETC.  
LARGE STOCK, GREAT VARIETY OF FRESH NUTS.

A full and complete stock of the leading brands of smoking tobacco; CIGARS.

## REMEMBER THE PLACE



## COME AND TAKE A LOOK AT OUR HOLIDAY STOCK



Dinner Plates, Fruit Plates, Platters, Bowls, Cups, Saucers, Pitchers, in fact every thing you can possibly want, either singly or you can buy an entire set of these dishes.

### We Have A Few Choice Lamps



## Unequaled Quality And Price.

EXTRA FINE LINE POCKET KNIVES

## The Tahoka Hardware Co.

## THE GIFT OF THE MAGI.

valuable gifts, but that was not among them. This dark assertion will be illuminated later on.

Jim drew a package from his overcoat pocket and threw it upon the table.

"Don't make any mistake, Dell," he said, "about me. I don't think there's anything in the way of a hair cut or a shave or a shampoo that could make me like my girl any less. But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going awhile at first."

White fingers and nimble tore at the string and paper, and then an ecstatic scream of joy, and then, alas, a stood still, while a tear or two splashed on the worn red carpet.

On went her old brown jacket; on went her old brown hat. With a whirl of skirts and with the brilliant sparkle still in her eyes she fluttered to the door and down the stairs to the street.

Where she stopped the sign read: "Mme. Sofronie. Hair Goods of All Kinds." One flight up Della ran and collected herself, panting. Madame, large, too white, chilly, hardly looked the "Sofronie."

"Will you buy my hair?" asked Della. "I buy hair," said madame. "Take yer hat off and let's have a sight at the looks of it."

Down rippled the brown cascade. "Twenty dollars," said madame, lifting the mass with a practiced hand. "Give it to me quick," said Della.

Oh, and the next two hours tripped by on rosy wings. Forget the hashed metaphor. She was ransacking the stores for Jim's present.

She found it at last. It surely had been made for Jim and no one else. There was no other like it in any of the stores, and she had turned all of them inside out. It was a platinum fob chain, simple and chaste in design, properly proclaiming its value by substance alone and not by meretricious ornamentation, as all good things should do. It was even worthy of the watch.

As soon as she saw it she knew that it must be Jim's. It was like him. Quietness and value—the description applied to both. Twenty-one dollars they took from her for it, and she hurried home with the 87 cents.

With that chain on his watch Jim might be properly anxious about the time in any company. Grand as the watch was, he sometimes looked at it on the sly on account of the old leather strap that he used in place of a chain.

When Della reached home her intoxication gave way a little to prudence and reason. She got out her curling irons and lighted the gas and went to work repairing the ravages made by generosity added to love, which is always a tremendous task, dear friends—a mammoth task.

Within forty minutes her head was covered with tiny, close lying curls that made her look wonderfully like a truant schoolboy. She looked at her reflection in the mirror long, carefully and critically.

"If Jim doesn't kill me," she said to herself, "before he takes a second look at me he'll say I look like a Coney Island chorus girl. But what could I do—oh, what could I do with \$1.87?"

At 7 o'clock the coffee was made and the frying pan was on the back of the stove, hot and ready to cook the chops. Jim was never late. Della doubled the fob chain in her hand and sat on the corner of the table near the door that he always entered. Then she heard his step on the stair away down on the first flight, and she turned white for just a moment. She had a habit of saying little silent prayers about the simplest everyday things, and now she whispered, "Please, God, make him think I am still pretty."

The door opened, and Jim stepped in and closed it. He looked thin and very serious. Poor fellow! He was only twenty-two—and to be burdened with a family! He needed a new overcoat, and he was without gloves.

Jim stopped inside the door, as immovable as a setter at the scent of quail. His eyes were fixed upon Della, and there was an expression in them

Continued next week.

We are authorized this week to announce J. H. Edwards as a candidate for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Lynn county.

Mr. Edwards was born and raised near the line of Coryell and McLennan counties, but has lived in Lynn county for the past four years. He has a good common school education and an extra good practical education and feels fully qualified in every way to fill the office with credit to himself and profit to the county. Mr. Edwards made a successful race for the office of County Commissioner at the last election, so it will be no trouble for every voter to inform himself as to Mr. Edwards' character and capabilities.

See me, Parkhurst, at the Hotel or one door west of the Post office and get free suggestions and figures on all kind of house painting and papering. 19-2-t

Guy King, the well man has again added a fine well to the long list of fine wells we have in Tahoka and Lynn county. He finished a well for Howard Henderson on the north part of town this week, which was 90 feet to water and they got plenty of it and of the very best quality.

## West Side Barber

Is the place where you can get a Neat Haircut and a Smooth, Clean Shave.

If in need of a Tonic, Massage, or Shampoo let us Serve you.

Send off Laundry every Monday. Ira Doak, Prop.

I, Anson Cook you to look at and Get my Suits. Best lowest prices.

I mend, clean mens suits and Yours to

## West Side Tailor

Special Parlor for Ladies

Rates \$1

## The Tahoka Hotel

J. E. STOKES, Prop.

Good Meals and Comfortable Northwest Corner Square

TAHOKA

## South Plains Wagon

GEO. SMALL, Prop.

BEST ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRAVELERS

Wholesale & Retail Feed Dealers

One Door South of Tahoka Real Estate

TAHOKA

## LISTEN!

I desire to let my customers around Tahoka know have the agency for the BEST

## PIANOS AND ORGANES

That are sold and am prepared to sell on time and take Trade

of any kind, if interested see me

## REMEMBER!

That a fake man will sell you fake goods and them to be Standard goods

Our PIANOS are to other Pianos as SINGER MACHINES are to other Sewing machines

LEAVE YOUR ORDERS AT THE NEWS OFFICE

E. W. Hancock, LAHOKA

## CHRISTMAS BUY

should be done in a sensible way, and what you do buy something that you will not be ashamed of when the season is past. A few toys for the babies will do all right your money should go for those things that give comfort

## OUR LINE OF WINTER SHOES COMPLETE



For Dry Goods or Groceries Call On

J. E. Ketner,

North Side, Tahoka.

I. W. Myers, of the Lynn community passed through Tahoka Tuesday morning on his way home from trip to Terry county and beyond after seed peanuts. He had four or five flour sacks full and he said he had all the peanuts between here and New Mexico that would do for seed, and he had to pay \$1.50 per bushel for them there and had to haul them through the deep sand.

Wells & Welch have turned out this year and Luke Lynn county, has to date. Consider has been the dry surrounding counties extra well. Give like this year Lynn county give cotton like Central



# Holiday Reduction SALE

We have purchased the entire stock of Merchandise of the Jack Alley Company and in order to reduce the stock, we will for the next thirty days sell any thing in our stock **AT ACTUAL WHOLESALE COST**, Our stock is large and varied, come in and see; it costs nothing to look, we have a large force of clerks who will take pleasure in showing you what we have. We have bargains that cannot be met by any one whether on the Railroad or not, we do not expect profit on this sale; we want the money. And in order to show you that we mean what we say, we quote some prices that will convince the most skeptical.



## Two Elegant Presents Given Away

to the girl under ten years of age, receiving the greatest number of votes, we will give a large beautiful doll, and the one receiving next to the greatest number of votes, will be given a toy stove. A coupon good for one vote with every ten cents purchased. These elegant presents are on exhibition in our show Window. Contest closes Friday Dec. 24th at 6 p. m.

### SHOES SHOES

Hamilton Brown Shoes for Ladies Gentlemen, Misses, Boys and Children.

We will close out our entire stock of summer Low Quarters as follows: Gents., Ladies and Misses' Slippers in Black, Tan, Chocolate and Oxblood, in buckle, Gibson Toes and Ankle Strap.

### SLIPPERS AND SHOES

| That Sold For | Now Sells For |
|---------------|---------------|
| \$5.00        | \$2.50        |
| 4.50          | 2.00          |
| 4.00          | 2.00          |
| 3.50          | 2.00          |
| 3.00          | 1.75          |
| 2.50          | 1.25          |
| 2.00          | 1.00          |

We have every thing you want in this stock of Slippers and Shoes to suit the daintiest Lady or Miss down to the rough every day shoe for the School Boy. Now is the time to lay in your fall and winter School Shoes, they are cheaper than they will be sold in Tahoka again in many days.

We have a large assortment of rubbers and high over shoes. Rubbers 50 and 75c, over shoes \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Russell Sage, the great financier, was asked how he became wealthy and he replied that he always bought straw hats in the winter time. Buy Summer Shoes now and save money.

### ODDS and ENDS

We have a lot of remnants which will be sold at less than half price, ask to see them. We have the largest assortment of laces and embroidery ever brought to Tahoka. We are over stocked and to reduce it we will sell any thing in this line for half original price.

### HOSE

Black Socks 15 cent value 10c.  
Tan Socks 15 cent value 10c.

### MILLINERY

A lot of late style pattern hats bought this fall, from \$1.50 to \$5.00.

### BLANKETS

Just received a lot of fine silk wool blankets extra quality, from \$1.50 to \$5.00

### FURNITURE

To close out furniture we will sell it below original cost.

Golden oak dining table former price \$7.50 Now \$5.00  
Golden dining tables, extra heavy former price \$10.00 Now \$6.50  
Golden oak Washstand former price \$9.00, Now \$5.50.  
Nice Washstand former price \$6.00, Now \$3.50.  
Iron Bed Springs guaranteed former price \$4.00, Now \$2.75.  
Iron Bed Springs complete (no slats required), former price \$7.50, now \$5.00.  
These Springs are the best made and no slats are required.

Rocking chairs 1/2 former price, making them cost you from \$2.00 to \$4.50.

One doz. Childrens rocking chairs from 75c to \$5.50.

### SEWING MACHINES

New Royal drop head, Ball Bearing, 6 drawers, former price \$35.00 now \$19.00, 4 drawer machine \$16.00

### LADIES FURNISHINGS

Ladies, please remember that our fall Stock of latest style Hats, the best ever brought to Tahoka, are included in this Great Sale, in fact all our fall goods go at bargain prices. Combs, Collars, Hair Goods and Barrettes.

Owing to the high price of cotton the 100 bolts of Calicoes we are selling at this sale cannot be bought at wholesale for 9, 7 and 8 cents a yard; yet we will sell for five cents. Fancy Side Band Gingham solid colors wholesalers are asking 8 cents, we sell for 5c. Cotton sack duck best quality; you cannot buy at wholesale for less than 10c, we will sell for 7 cents. Brown Domestic good quality, cannot now be bought for less than 7, 8 and 9c, we are selling for 5c a yard. Bleached Muslin 8 cents, now 5c. Gowns, Corset Covers, Fancy Handkerchiefs Ladies summer Underwear that will be sold regardless of cost. We cannot begin to quote prices but will say they must be sold, and to see them is to buy. This lot also includes some very nice Ladies' Shirts Waists that go at any price, a 32.00 waist for \$1.00, a \$1.50 waist for 75c. We have a lot of fancy ties each in a separate box for Christmas presents 50c each.

### MENS FURNISHING

We want you to look at our line of Fall Suits Tailor made and up to date, and we also have about 15 doz. Men's pants that are out of sight for cut and fit. They are the "Curlee," the pants that are at the top of ready made pants. We have a large assortment of boys pants 50c. Nice line of winter over coats 25 cent off  
15 Dozen Genuine Bleached Elastic Seam Drawers Worth 75c now 40c. 4 doz. Perfection Knit Porous Under wear \$1.50 value, now 50c for suit, single garments 30 cents.

Extra fine large assortment of boys pants 50c.

A big assortment of collars 5c each, a big line of shirts from 50 to 75c. Gloves from 15c to \$2.00

### GROCERIES

We have a car load of flour just received National Patent per hundred \$3.50  
La France best made \$3.75

The bottom drops out on Groceries at This Sale.

| Case                         | Doz                                  | Can     |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 3lb can Hominy               | \$1.20                               | .60     |
| 2lb can okra & Tomatoes      | 2.25                                 | 1.15    |
| 2lb can Tomatoes             | 1.60                                 | .85     |
| 3lb can Pie Apple            | 2.40                                 | 1.20    |
| 3lb can Pie Peaches          | 2.40                                 | 1.20    |
| 3lb can Apples               | 2.90                                 | 1.45    |
| 2lb can Jahnson Peas         | 1.80                                 | .95     |
| 3lb can Pumpkin              | 2.40                                 | 1.20    |
| Best Quality Baking Powder   | 10c cans                             | 10c     |
| " " " "                      | 25c " "                              | 12 1/2c |
| " " " "                      | 50c " "                              | 25c     |
| 16 lbs Granulated Sugar      | \$1. with \$5. purchase              |         |
| of Groceries, 20lbs of Sugar | \$1. with \$10. order for groceries. |         |

7 lbs Jack Alley's best coffee \$1.  
6lb Old Glory coffee \$1.  
5lb bucket of Premium Coffee, premium in each bucket 85c  
500 lbs mixed coffee 8lbs for \$1.

### HOLIDAY GOODS

Come in and see our holiday goods. We do not want to carry any of them over till next year, so we are going to put prices on them that will sell them.

We have a large assortment of late cloth bound Books by standard Authors usually sell for 1.00 and \$1.25, our price 25c.

Some elegant padded leather books for Christmas, each \$1.50. Childrens Linen books 5 and 10c.

### FINE PICTURES

We have a number of fine pictures for dining room, bed room or parlor, from 1.00 to \$5.00.

### DOLLS

A large assortment of Dolls and doll furniture at all prices 15c to \$2.50

### TEA SETS

All kinds 45c to \$1.50.

### BLOCKS

A B C blocks, set 20 to 75c.

### TOY STOVES

For the little girl 1.50 to \$2.00.

### TOY BEDS

Brass beds with springs \$1.50  
Toy Irons 15 to 50c

### TOY PIANOS

Some fine ones 1.50 to \$2.50

### AIR GUNS

Very accurate \$2.00.



: ALL PRICES QUOTED ARE FOR CASH :

We give you these remarkable bargains because we need the money Nothing will be charged during this sale.

# Tahoka Mercantile Co.

Successors to Jack Alley Co. :: West Side Square :: Tahoka, Texas.



Wells & Wells  
ve turned on  
is year and  
ynn county,  
date. Con  
as been the  
as ever, know  
urrounding  
extra well. C  
like this year  
Lynn county  
cotton like C

NOW IS THE BEST TIME  
TO BUY A LOT IN THE

## Railroad Addition

To The Rapidly Growing County Site Town

# TAHOKA

on the Santa Fe Branch from the Coleman Cut-off to San Angelo.

## THIS ADDITION

is beautifully situated and well laid out and there is a good bargain in every lot. These lots will be sold on good terms, 1-3 cash, balance in 6 and 12 months. For plat of addition and full particulars, Address

## BROWN & SKINNER

TAHOKA, Lynn County, TEXAS

Or better yet come and see for yourself. Watch this Lot Sale there will be premiums that will be worth money to you

### This Will Be A Happy Christmas

AND LONG TO BE REMEMBERED

#### IF YOU

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND

### BUY A HOME IN LYNN COUNTY

I have been handling land longer than a real estate agent in Tahoka and am therefore better able to satisfy my customers.

#### I NOW HAVE

the largest and best list of bargains in town property.

**Land in Tracts of 40 to 30.000 acres**

Improved or Unimproved, Cash or Time Payments.

Never since I have been in the Real Estate business has there been such a certainty of large and quick returns in land and town property as there is now in Lynn County and Tahoka. The Santa Fe is now building north and south through the town and county and the Texas Central will likely accept our proposition and cross the Santa Fe at Tahoka with their east and west extension within the year

Write me what you want or  
come let me show you

## C. E. BROWN

The Experienced Land Man

TAHOKA, Lynn County, TEX.

## Christmas

COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR

but we have some fine bargains

## In Real Estate

ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

We have a large list and we can show you plenty of land that has doubled in value in the last two years, and that will double again inside of another year.

We have 5,000 acres of our own, and 100,000 acres of other lands for sale in tracts of from 80 acres to 15 sections.

We have the Santa Fe building through Tahoka and Lynn county now and we will have the Texas Central before another Christmas comes rolling around.

Every bit of our property will

## DOUBLE IN VALUE

DURING THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

Write or Call on

## E.D. Skinner & Son

Northwest Corner Square Tahoka