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Editor and Proprietor.

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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

Watch Sterling grow; that is get in the push and help make it grow.

Get some land and build a house on it, young man. It will make a better citizen of you, and the world will think more of you, and you will think more of the world.

Come to Sterling where the coons (rac) are all up one tree. Wood, water, grass, good land and a healthful climate all in a bunch.

How about that school house addition? What are you going to do about it. You know we must have it, and you are not going to have any peace until it is done. We have just got to have it.

The man who celebrates Christmas by getting drunk and making family and friends feel as if had been found guilty of stealing a mule, ought to have to suck slop with a pen of hogs until such time as he shall learn that a man can celebrate the birth of the Savior without making a fool of himself.

J. B. Cole, this fall, planted 7-8 of an acre in turnips. From this patch he sold over \$100 worth, banked 150 bushels and still has a big lot left in the patch. Some of these turnips were as large over as a dinner plate. The land on which these roots were grown is just common Cencho valley soil without an ounce of artificial fertilizer on it. Cole has over 200 acres of such land.

PRIVATE SCHOOL

People who have children under age, or within scholastic age, who want to send to a private school, will please see me at once. We want to secure a teacher to teach a subscription school if a sufficient number of pupils can be had. All under age are not allowed to attend the public schools.

S. B. Wallace, Prin.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Sterling City will be held at the office of said Bank in Sterling City, Texas on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1910, for the purpose of voting on an increase of the Capital Stock of said Bank from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00, and the transaction of such other business as may come before them.

Witness our hands this 12th day of November, A. D., 1909,
A. V. Patterson }
M. Z. House } Directors.
J. R. Roy }
Eunette Westbrook }

NOTICE TO SHEEPMEN

Notice is hereby given that I forbid, and will not allow any sheep herded on or driven across any lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution. Take notice and keep out. 4npd
F. M. Askey

THE STATE RANGERS

There seems to be in Texas some Democrats who think there should be a State police force at the beck and call of the chief executive, which can be sent by him into the various counties to ignore and usurp the authority of the sheriff and other constituted authorities.—O. B. Colquitt, candidate for Governor.

Mr. Colquitt had just as well have the subject of rangers to worry the people about as anything else. He is going to scare up something to talk about and worry the unwary into the belief that the country is going to the devil in spite of hades unless he is elected Governor.

Aside from E. J. Davis and his nigger police, will Mr. Colquitt cite us to a single instance where

his duties.

It is very true that some individual rangers have proven to be worthless and played tough, but that is not the fault of the system nor any reason why the ranger force should be abrogated any more than Dallas should abolish her police force because of one bad policeman.

The ranger force has done more to break up feuds, horse thief gangs, cattle rustlers, and discourage general devilment in Texas than any other agency. If old Kentucky had a good ranger force at the "beck and call" of her Governor, there would not be an open season of twelve months in the year for shooting colerels, and the sport of hunting men by moonlight and shooting them on the roost would receive a material back-set.

"There seems to be" two class-

For Christmas
LET US SUCCEED

FOR LADIES

- An Oil Heater
- A Carpet Sweeper
- A new Roaster
- A family Scale
- A Rug
- A Dresser
- A set of new Glasses

FOR MEN

- A Shot Gun
- A Rifle
- A Suit Case
- A Razor
- A pocket Knife
- A Smoker's Set
- A Collar Box

We also have a nice assortment of

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| Cake Plates | Nut Bowls |
| Cake sets | Cracker Jars |
| Salad Dishes | Chocolate Sets |
| Celery Dishes | Tea Sets |
| Olive Dishes | Lunch Sets |
| Cheese Dishes | Padding Sets |
| Spoon Trays | Vases |
| And many other articles appropriate for gifts. | |

THE EARLY BUYER
GETS THE PICK

LOWE & DURHAM

THE PHILLIPS ADDITION

This beautiful new addition to Sterling City lies north of the court house three blocks.

It is the most desirable residence property in the town, and consists of fourteen acres of land just rolling enough for proper drainage. The grade rises gently from the business portion of town to the extreme northern boundary of the property, thereby insuring a splendid new town. This part of the town is noted for the superior quality of its water, both as to quantity and quality. It is platted with nice, broad streets, and large roomy lots, ranging from fifty to seventy-five feet in width, lying on both sides of North Church St., the northern extension of the only street running through the original town plat and any of its additions.

This property can be bought as a money-maker if taken before any of the lots have been sold. It is on the market in its entirety for a few days only. For particulars see or write

CUMMINS & DUNN

a Texas Governor ever sent a "State police force" into any county "to ignore and usurp the authority of the sheriff and other constituted authorities?" Will he please give us the names of "some Democrats" who, for a moment, advocates such a thing? It is true, on several occasions, the Governor has sent the rangers into counties where "the sheriff and other constituted authorities" failed or refused to protect life and property, but there is not a case on record where the ranger force ever interfered with any officer in the proper discharge of

his duties. It is just now who are thrown into epileptic fits about the rangers. The first of these are the politicians who are trying to pick a lead into the public and impress it with the belief that they have discovered a "ware's nest." The other class not only hate rangers, but they look upon sheriffs, constables and policemen as mortal enemies who stand between them and riches and success.

GENIUS.

"Pa, what is writers' cramp?"
"It's being cramped for money."
By son. All writers suffer from it."

SOCIALISM DEFINED

An inquiring reader of the Yellow Jacket asks: "What is a Socialist?" A Socialist, Dear Sir, is a bundle of waiting helplessness. He is usually a democrat who contracted a severe case of appendicitis on getting beat for office and would never submit to an operation. A Socialist is a man suffering with the delusion that God never made a man any smarter than a Socialist and he spends what time he is not at work (and he don't work to hurt) in repeating the little spiel he learned from the Socialistic spouters. A Socialist is a crank who don't think there should be any bottom rails in the social and industrial world, but that there should be just one rail to make the whole fence. In short, a Socialist is a fellow with his headlights behind; a dream mill with the governor belt knocked off a cross-eyed rainbow chase; a Darwinian monkey trying to rub off his tail against the present government; and an all-around, double-back action, five jawed, nickel-plated, stem setting, twenty four hour bore.

The generally accepted belief that a person is useful in proportion as he is busy, is controverted by a writer, who says: "I have a dog that is loaded up with fleas in the summer time when the fleas are plenty that is the busiest dog I ever saw; when he isn't biting at the fleas he's snapping at the flies. He never has a moment to spare; but when he is busiest he is the least account for practical purposes. And there is a young fellow in my neighborhood who has a Waterbury watch, and he smokes cigarettes. When he isn't winding his watch he's lighting a cigarette; he's a mighty busy young man, but he isn't worth two whoops in a water barrel."—Santon Reporter.

Starting A Feed Store

I did not know if the people would need another store from which to buy feed.

Some said start it, others said no. Some said it might do good some said no so.

Some would condemn, some justify. Some said let it live, others said let it die.

Then since ye are so divided I started and the case is decided. For I thought that some would have it done.

Others in that counsel do not run. So since you brother pleased with to be.

Forbear to judge till you further see. And that by coming to the O.K. grain and feed store and get best prices. Cotton & Davis, Sterling City.

REQUEST OF SCHOOL BOARD

We want to ask the school patrons not to give any parties nor allow their children to attend them, only during the Christmas holidays, for the children lose interest and will not do well when they attend these parties.

Respectfully,
N. A. Anson
Jeff D. Ayres
J. B. Cole
Henry Davis
O. N. Crawford
J. A. Cannon

ABSTRACTS

After several years of tedious work and great expense, I have compiled a complete abstract of title to every tract of land and town lot in Sterling County. Parties wishing abstracts made to land can obtain them on short notice by applying to me at my office in the court house, or by writing or phoning me at Sterling City.

J. S. Cole, Abstracter

SANTA CLAUS



HAS ESTABLISHED
HEADQUARTERS AT
C. L. COULSON'S
HE HAS UNPACKED A GREAT ASSORTMENT OF CHRISTMAS GOODS

Toys, Books, and gift novelties in great profusion. You certainly ought to find what you want. Call and look over the pretty things.

C. L. COULSON'S

O.K. FEED & GRAIN STORE

WAGON YARD & CAMP HOUSE
NUP SED
COTTON & DAVIS

W. L. SANDERS
BLACKSMITH AND
WHEELWRIGHT

Horse Shoeing \$1.00 The Setting \$2.50

ALL WORK GUARANTEED
GIVE ME A TRIAL

J. L. CARNES

CARPENTER AND BUILDER

AGENT FOR SHAWNEE FIRE INSURANCE

GRAHAM & SMITH

Real Estate And Livestock Agents

Any one wishing to sell their property will do well to list with our new hustling real estate firm. Exchange of property a specialty. Office north side of square.

H. KNIGHT

Groceries, Produce.

School Books, Magazines, Periodicals

NEW

CANDIES
NUTS
VINEGARS
CIGARS
CAKES
FRUITS

Come in and let me sell you just one bill of groceries, and the future will take care of itself.

POTTS HOTEL

Z. L. Potts, Prop.

RATES \$1.25 PER DAY

Clean Beds Good Meals Sample Room

Good feed yard and livery stable
adjoining Hotel property

Buy Lots in The Sterling View Addition

We are now grading and staking lots, and beautifying the Addition for homes. Values in Sterling City will enhance 100 per cent within the next two years--50 per cent within the next 12 months, 25 within the next six months. Note the rapid improvement now going on in Sterling City and you will readily see it will not pay you to wait to buy property. Below we give a few improvements.

Residences: N. A. Austin, J. A. Odom, Jno. B. Ayres, Mrs. M. J. Davis, W. J. Snow, Hallie Knight. Business: Fisher Bros., W. F. Kellis, Lowe & Durham, First State Bank, Drs. White & Scott, W. A. Pope, West Texas Lumber Company. Sterling County is building a big steel bridge across the river, and will soon make nice improvements on the court yard.

Terms: 1-3 cash, notes one and two years. For sale by any authorized real estate agent.

OFFICE AT THE CENTRAL HOTEL

STERLING REALTY COMPANY

STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

THE STERLING CITY NEWS-RECORD.

Advertising rates:—
Locals, 5c per line for first issue and per line for each subsequent issue.
Single column, 50c per inch per month.
Double column, \$1. per inch per month.
Special rates to those wishing large space.
Fine job printing a specialty.

General Directory.

District Officers.

Judge—J. W. Timmins.
Attorney—L. H. Brightman
Clerk—J. B. Cole.
Court meets 4th Monday after first Monday in February and September.

County Officers.

Judge—A. V. Patterson.
Attorney—
Clerk—L. B. Cole
Sheriff—Jno. B. Ayres.
Treasurer—E. L. Gilmore
Assessor—D. C. Durham
Inspector—W. T. Conger.
Coroner—W. F. Kellis
Court meets first Monday in February, May, August and November.

CHURCHES.

M. E. Church—Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.

Rev. W. A. Dunn Pastor.
E. W. Foster, S. S. Supt.

Baptist—Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Conference Saturday night before the 4th Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 o'clock p. m.
Rev. W. E. Dawn Pastor.
Prof. L. C. Durham, Supt.

Presbyterian—Preaching every 3rd Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m.
Rev. Black, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

Masonic.—Sterling Lodge No. 728, A. F. & A. M., meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.
N. I. Douglass Secretary
W. L. Foster W. M.

Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M. 8 o'clock on or before the full moon in each month.
Mrs. B. F. Brown W. M.
B. F. Brown Secretary.

County Commissioners.

Com'rs. Pre. No. 1—W. Black.
" " 2—E. F. Atkinson
" " 3—D. D. Davis
" " 4—J. S. Johnston

Justice Court.

Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. Malcom Black J. P.

LOCAL.

Meals 25c at Central Hotel.
Fresh bread at the restaurant.
Meals, the best in town, for 35c at Central Hotel.

Go to the restaurant for the best "eatin'" the market affords.

Ride in Savell's cars. Good service, polite employees and fast time.

A line of up-to-date gents suits at Roberts' going at hard time prices.

Ask the man who has been a guest at the Central Hotel where to stop.

We learn that Mrs. G. W. Cook has sold her ranch 7 miles east of town. The ranch is known as the Hiler old place,

Don't forget the Teachers' Institute.

Savell Bros. can get you to the train on time.

Trade in holiday goods has been very brisk this week.

R. Wilbur Brown, of San Angelo, is here today on business.

Winter is coming. Hosters of all kinds, and stove pipe, a Lowe & Durham's.

Dr. Carver and daughter, Miss Cora, made a trip to Colorado Wednesday.

T. P. Simpson, of the Divide, will leave tomorrow to visit relatives in Mississippi.

We can give you the News-Record and St. Louis Semi-Weekly Republic for \$1.50 cash.

Fix yourself for the game season by buying a gun and ammunition from Lowe & Durham.

MONEY TO LOAN on patented land. Long terms and low rate of interest. See Jeff D. Ayres.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Patterson will spend the Christmas holidays with friends and relatives at Goldthwaite.

The county Teacher's Institute meets today. A very interesting program has been arranged, and it will be worth your while to attend.

J. M. Edwards returned yesterday from a trip to Fort Worth. He reports that, while that country is in a rather hard shape, the small grain crop is in splendid condition.

NEW GOODS

I have just received from Saint Louis some new

SKIRTS SILKS
SWEATERS GINGHAMS
SLIPPERS PERCALES
ST'S N HATS LEGGINS

Haven't time to mention all. Come and let us show you them.

H. Q. LYLES

H. A. Bagwell had a two-acre patch of cotton this year from which he picked two and a half bales of cotton. How is this for dry land farming?

List of letters remaining unclaimed at the postoffice at Sterling City for the month ending November 30th:

Earnest Dodd 2
Miss Fay Hall
L. J. Wilson
Hallie Knight, P. M.

The foundation for C. N. Crawford's new ten room, two-story residence, on the corner of Concho and 4th avenue, was laid this week. When completed, this will be by far the finest residence in town.

The Wade ranch on Mulberry and the Concho, was sold last week for \$300,000. This big body of choice land will be cut up and sold to settlers. Some of the best land in West Texas is in this enclosure.

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE! AND WE ARE HERE WITH THE GOODS

We have an endless assortment of Toys and Dolls—something for every boy and girl, of any age. We have a beautiful new line of Pursses, Bags, Celluloid goods Silverware, solid and plated; solid Gold Jewelry, and the finest of Cut Glass ware. We also have an especially attractive line of the latest Novels and Holiday Books. We have Pictures, Wall Pockets, Baskets, Hand-painted China—in fact, almost anything you might want in the fancy goods line. Besides this, we have the will to serve and please, and are anxious to obtain a share of your patronage. We have just come among you, but want to enter into your merry making with the same zest as any of you, and ask that you come to see us, let us show you our goods, and we feel sure we can trade.

BUTLER DRUG CO.

Have your property insured in an "Old Line" company—the kind that insures. Ask "Bert" about it.

N. B. Fisk, who has been shaping up matters on his ranch for the past two weeks, left for his home in Brownwood Wednesday.

The friends of J. P. Jones (Uncle Jimmy) will be interested to know that he is spending the winter with his niece in the City of Mexico.

H. Q. Lyles, this week, shipped 90 bales of cotton to Galveston, where he expects to sell it. B. F. Roberts also sent a consignment to the San Angelo market Tuesday.

A cold norther is blowing today. For awhile this morning snow was falling and it looked very much like we were in for a blizzard.

John King, who received a life sentence in the district court of Tom Green County for the murder of Katy Ryan will be escorted to the penitentiary in a few days.

N. A. Austin, this week, bought out the D. M. Brown grocery business, and will operate the concern in the future. Mr. Austin is a splendid business man and deserves a generous share of the patronage of the public.

The Ladies Aid will give an oyster supper at the Coulson & Westbrook old drug store on the night of the 21st inst. Come out and help the ladies along in their worthy cause.

See R. H. Patterson for live-stock insurance. He represents the oldest company of the kind in the world.

Hunters:—All persons are forbidden to hunt on any lands owned or controlled by me.

W. L. Foster

Don't forget the oyster supper next Tuesday night.

W. H. Edleman, Pres., A. V. Patterson, Vice Pres., Emette Westbrook, Cashier
Clara Smith

FIRST STATE BANK

OF STERLING CITY, TEXAS.
SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT INSPECTION
CAPITAL, \$10,000.
We will appreciate your business.
Accommodations cheerfully extended.

SAN ANGELO STAGE AND AUTOMOBILE MAIL AND PASSENGER LINE

WILL AND TOM SAVELL, PROPRIETOR. PHONE 509, SAN ANGELO
Daily automobile, leaving San Angelo at 8 a. m., arriving at Sterling City at 12 m. Leaves Sterling City at 1 p. m. and arrives at San Angelo at 3:30 p. m. Sundays excepted
All express left at the postoffice.

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General Practitioner with Surgery and Chronic diseases a specialty.
Calls promptly answered day or night. Office first door north of Fisher Bros' Drugstore. Phone 48.
STERLING CITY, TEXAS

JAMES A. ODOM, M. D.
DISEASES OF THE EAR, EYE, NOSE AND THROAT, AND SURGERY A SPECIALTY.
Office at Coulson & Westbrook's.

JEFF D. AYRES,
LAWYER AND NOTARY PUBLIC.
STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

LOWE & DURHAM
Dealers in
Coffins and Caskets
Garry in stock fine, complete line of Undertaker's Goods.

The Personal Parlor
G. N. Allard, Prop.
HAIR CUTTING AND SHAVING IN MOST APPROVED STYLE

NOTICE
Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted.

NOTICE
I will sell the school books this year.
I cannot sell any books on credit, nor buy nor exchange any second hand books. The time to exchange books has expired.
Hallie Knight.

FOR SALE:—100 head of Angora goats. Good shearers. About ten kids.
Address,
J. A. ANGLIN, 2t
Sterling City, Texas

TRESPASS NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood, or otherwise trespass on any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.
4 5 07
A. F. JONES

POSTED.
Our pasture is posted and all persons are hereby put upon legal notice that any one who shall hunt, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any of the lands owned or controlled by us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
10-26-'01 Fisher Bros

NOTICE TO HUNTERS.—Posted.
My pasture is posted according to the law made and provided in such cases and all persons are hereby warned and forbidden to hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass upon any of the enclosed lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution to the full extent of the law. J. T. Davis
5-6-'02 J. T. Davis

NOTICE—KEEP OUT.
Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass on any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.
G. W. Allard.

Posted.
I have posted my pasture according to the laws made and provided in such cases, and all persons are hereby warned and put upon notice that any person who shall hunt, cut and haul wood or otherwise, trespass upon any enclosed land owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
J. S. Johnson.

TRESPASS NOTICE
Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us, will be prosecuted.

W. R. MCENTIRE & SON

Notice to Trespassers
Notice is hereby given, that any person, or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood, work or drive stock, or otherwise trespass upon any land owned or controlled by us, or either of us without our permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
Those driving stock down lane must keep in the lane until across Deal's creek.
W. R. Felker
By J. D. Lane, mgr.

