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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.

Bank robbery has become a popular industry in Kansas and Oklahoma. Most every paper one picks up gives an account of a holdup.

San Angelo is threatened with a coal famine. Sterling, also, is short on coal, but if the pinch comes, most of us know where there is plenty of good mesquite near at hand; so there is little danger of a fuel famine here.

Now is the time to swat the fly. One fly killed now is equal to killing a thousand next summer. Only a few have survived the freezes, and they are in sheltered places and can be seen only on warm days. Winter is the time to kill flies.

Son, be careful with your fireworks. If you must have fireworks go out of town to use them. It is a violation of the law to shoot them on the streets, and you might be arrested and fined for doing so. It is all right to have your fun, but in having it, be careful that you do not burn a house. In the meantime, let all the boys be warned not to set off fireworks on the streets nor within 200 feet of a building.

The young ladies of the Philathea Class have been trying to raise money with which to pay for the piano which they recently bought for the Baptist church. As a joke, someone suggested that they ask Sears, Roebuck & Co., and other mail order houses to help them. The girls took the suggestion in dead earnest and sent in an appeal, and, to the great surprise of the would-be joker, they received a handsome check from Sears, Roebuck & Co., Montgomery Ward & Co., and the National Cloak Co., respectively. Girls may be unsophisticated, and all that, but one of them is worth a regiment of boys when it comes to gathering the shekels. This incident also proves that the "soulless" corporation is a thing which existed in a past age.

DAM THE CONCHO

Until the natural resources of the North Concho and the rich valleys are developed, the owners of these lands and the people residing near them will never know what permanent prosperity means. According to the State Board of Water Engineers, this can be done by building a system of dams across the channel to hold back sufficient water to irrigate thousands of acres of the richest lands in Texas.

The present method of pumping water from natural pools in the river is both harmful and wasteful. The user soon finds himself scarce of water at a time when his crops need it most, while the river below him goes dry to the detriment of the owners of the land.

The past season should be an object lesson to our people who are interested in this matter. Thousands of fine pecan trees have died because the water failed, while myriads of fish have died from the same cause. If people continue to waste that which nature has so abundantly endowed this country, the Concho will soon lose its fame for beauty and utility, and the people will suffer loss accordingly. Steel and concrete are too cheap to let this waste go on.

The best and wisest engineers of Texas have come here, noted the waste and pointed out the remedy—dam the Concho. Some of our wise ones near the head of the river have their dams already in, and they are the ones who have their barns and silos full of good feed-stuffs and can sleep soundly while their less fortunate neighbors are in fear for the lives of their animals.

Who will take the lead to dam the Concho and save it from ruin?

Workman Dry Goods Co.

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Some of Santa Claus' letters sent in care of Workman's

Sterling City, Nov. 30, 1916 I will close now, dear Santa Claus Dear Santa: Jessie May Whitt.

I am going to write you a letter. Sterling, Texas, December, 1916.

I want you to bring me a doll and some firecrackers, and some candy and some apples, oranges, bananas and a doll bed and some little dishes. I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I go to school too. I have one big brother and two little brothers. Dear Santa Claus: I am going to write you a letter. I want some candy, apples, oranges and nuts. If you got a gun, you sen me on. Just any kind. Joseph Bryan Whitt.

We have gift you SHOULD buy

Our Christmas Greeting

To the readers of the News-Record: Ere another issue of this paper, the anno domini will be written "1917" for we shall forego the pleasure of our next issue, due the 29th, inst., in order to celebrate the holidays—and clean up the back yard while we are resting.

Most of you have been mighty good to the News-Record and its force during the past year, and we are truly grateful to you for it. While all of us have not agreed on politics and religion, yet, through your tolerance and forbearance, not one of you has shown a spirit so narrow as to have us drop your name from our subscription list, which goes to show that we are growing broader minded and more tolerant in our ways toward our fellow man. In other words, we are learning that horses are not all seventeen feet high and that bats are not blind.

Now, that 1917 is at hand with all its joys and sorrows in store for us, let us join hearts and hands for the betterment of each other, as well as for our land and country. Let us strive for the upbuilding of Sterling and surrounding country, and ere 1918 rolls around, let the wings of time bear the stamp of our improvement. Let us spend the Christmas days in making each other happy, so that we, ourselves, may be happy.

We wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A Great Trip

A. L. Springer returned Monday from a trip to Toledo, O., where he had been attending a meeting of the Overland automobile salesmen.

Mr. Springer reports that he had the time of his life on this trip. He says that the Texas delegation was several hundred strong and each was rigged out in cowboy costume and carried a regulation .45 Colt sixshooter, which he let off whenever they passed through a town. He said with only one exception, the people took it all in fun, as it was intended. While the train was passing thru Oklahoma, some of the delegation let off a blank cartridge and was "pinched" for it. Mr. Springer saps the Overland factory is the biggest concern he ever saw.

Posted All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, drive stock or otherwise trespass upon any lands owned or controlled by us. 1-815 W. R. McEnnam & Son

OUR SCHOOL CREDITED

Mr. W. F. Taylor, inspector of public schools for the University of Texas, was here last Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of making an examination of the work being done in our public schools; also to make recommendations for bringing the standard of the school up to where it would be given the fullest credit for its work at the University.

After having met with faculty and Board of Trustees, and after making a thorough inspection of the school work, Mr. Taylor gave the assurance that our school would be recommended for a credit of 9/10 units at the University of Texas. The subjects included in this affiliation are: English, mathematics, history and physics.

We are proud of our school, for in three years it has come up from a school without any recognition to one recognized as a school of the first class by the State Board of Education, and now recognized by our great University.

Let us remember that this was brought about by an able, energetic faculty and school management who have their whole heart in the work of making educated men and women out of our boys and girls; and that by giving them our unreserved support we shall soon have full recognition with every institution of higher learning. Let us keep the good work going.

WEDDINGS

BOONE-RAY

Last Sunday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ray, Mr. Calvin Boone was married to Miss Curtis Ray, Rev. W. B. Everitt officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Ray, whose many graces and splendid traits have endeared her to a host of warm friends whose good wishes follow her beyond the marriage altar.

The groom is a well known stockman whose industrious habits and personal integrity has merited the esteem of all who know him.

RAY-EDWARDS

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. Bolton Ray was married to Miss Pearl Edwards at San Angelo.

The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Edwards, of this town. Her splendid accomplishments, education and qualities of heart and mind have won for her a large circle of friends, whose best wishes for success and happiness go with her all the days

of her life.

The groom has spent most all the days of his life in and around Sterling, and there are none who do not wish him and his bride that measure of prosperity and success that is the portion due to an honest, manly man and his chosen lifemate.

AUGUSTINE-PEA

On Sunday, 17th, inst., at the home of the bride's parents, near Edith, Coke county, Mr. Will D. Augustine was married to Miss Addie Pea.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Pea, and we are told that she is one of Coke county's sweetest and best girls, whose graces many good qualities have won the esteem of all who know her.

The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Augustine, of this county, and is a young man whose sober and industrious habits and manly bearing have gained for him the good wishes and friendship of all who know him.

Teachers' Institute

The Sterling County Teachers' Institute convened last Monday in its annual session with the following teachers present:

R. A. Collins, M. W. Comfort, Misses Bennie Belle Roberts, Janie Kellett, Irene Carson, Amboline Tyson and Fanny Ledbetter, faculty of the Sterling City schools; C. C. Cross, of Divide; Buckner Harris, of Sterling Creek; Mrs. A. L. White, of Jolathe; Miss Myrtle Hill, of China Valley; Miss Neva Burt, of Morrow; and Miss Juanita Durham, of Kellis.

The program, which is a very interesting one, has been carried out almost to a letter. Much good work has been done, many new ideas exchanged, and it goes without saying that not only the teachers themselves were benefited, but that the entire county will profit by this week's work.

COMMITTEES FOR CHRISTMAS TREE

The following committees were appointed for a Christmas tree at the Methodist church Saturday night December 23:

To procure and erect tree: J. T. Davis, J. E. Minyard, D. P. Glass.

Program: Miss Ethel Foster, A. N. Braeuer, N. L. Douglas.

Glass, George Braeuer. Distributing: N. L. Douglas, F. P. Glass, R. P. Brown, Hill McWhorter, Homer Pearce. A welcome to all. Santa Claus will be there in all his glory for the children.

Greetings

We wish you and yours a Merry Christmas—the happiest in all your life—and that each succeeding one will excel the last in its contributions to you of the good things of the world. We should not expect you to think of our store on Christmas day, but if by chance this should catch your eye you will know that Lowe & Durham Store wants you to consider it your friend in success or adversity. A Merry, Merry Christmas.

Order For Prohibition

Be it remembered, that, at the Regular November Term of the Commissioners' Court of Sterling County, Texas, Hon. B. F. Brown, County Judge, presiding, and all of the Commissioners of said county being present, except E. F. Atkinson, together with Dee Davis, Sheriff, and D. C. Durham, County Clerk, and on the 18th day of November, A. D. 1916, there came on to be canvassed the returns of a Prohibition election for Sterling County, Texas, ordered by said Commissioners' Court, on its own motion, at the Regular October Term and on the 9th day of October, 1916, which election was held on the 7th day of November, A. D. 1916, at all the regular Election Precincts in said Sterling County. The Court opened the polls and counted the votes as shown in the returns from all the Election Precincts in the county and found that 155 votes were "For Prohibition," and 57 votes were "Against Prohibition."

It appearing to the Court that the notices of said election required by law had been duly posted; and it appearing further to the Court that said election had been legally held in all respects at all the Election Precincts in the said Sterling County, and the returns of said election have been made according to the requirements of the law; and the said returns, as above stated, show that 155 votes were "For Prohibition," and 57 votes were "Against Prohibition."

Now, therefore, the Commissioners' Court of Sterling County, Texas, does now and hereby declare that Prohibition received a majority of 98 votes in said Prohibition Election in said Sterling County, Texas, and the said Commissioners' Court, therefore, does now and hereby absolutely prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the bounds of Sterling County, Texas, except for the purposes and under the regulations specified under this title, until such time as the qualified voters of said Sterling County, Texas, may, at a legal election held for that purpose, by a majority vote, decide otherwise.

And it is further ordered by the Commissioners' Court that the County Judge of said Sterling County, Texas, shall have this order published for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper published within Sterling County, Texas, and the fact of said publication shall be entered by the County Judge on the Minutes of the said Commissioners' Court, and a copy of the said newspaper containing said order and certified under the hand and seal of the Clerk

of the County Court of Sterling County, Texas. B. F. Brown, County Judge. Sterling County, Texas.

C. W. Cocking shipped a car of sheep to Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Snow, who have been residing at the W. B. Atkinson ranch, left this week for Winsboro, where they expect to reside in the future. Before leaving, Mr. Snow ordered the News-Record to follow him to his new home.

Miss Lula Atkinson, of Knickerbocker, accompanied by her brother, C. T. Atkinson, visited relatives and friends here last Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Atkinson recently returned from California, where she went for the benefit of her health, and her many friends will rejoice to know that she is now enjoying excellent health.

BELIEVED GABRIEL HAD COME

Kentucky Colonel Tells of an Incident That Occurred When Ballooning Was a Craze.

A number of gentlemen drifted together in the smoking room of a Washington (D. C.) hotel and got to talking aviation. "Every time I hear flying mentioned," said a white-haired Kentucky colonel, "I think of Uncle Josh, an old colored man, who lived in my state, and who owned a little stump patch which he called a farm. 'Ballooning' was then a great craze, and a daring aeronaut attempted to take the all-air route from Cincinnati to Louisville. Something went wrong on the way, and he came down in Uncle Josh's stump patch. 'Uncle Josh, who had never seen a balloon, nor even heard of one, was engaged in tickling with a single shovel plow the earth about the hills of corn wedged in among the stumps. When the old mule hitched to the plow saw the balloon it got in a big hurry for the first time in its life; in fact, it ran away and tore up the plow. 'The balloon struck about fifty yards away and a being strangely garbed disengaged himself from the tangle. 'At the same time Uncle Josh's knees smote together and then collapsed. He was so scared he couldn't walk, so he pulled off his hat and started crawling to meet the stranger. The aeronaut was surprised at first, but he understood the cause of the worshipful approach when Uncle Josh greeted him: 'How yo' all do, Mars Gabriel! How yo' lef' yoah folks?'"

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Our natural gas industry is yet in its infancy and many new fields are being discovered.

Notice Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg (the latter being better known as Mrs. J. E. Douglas) scientific Masseuse, chronic diseases a specialty. Prof. Kellogg has had 14 years' experience in this science, and Mrs. Kellogg has had 10 years' experience in the science. So if you have any trouble that medicine has failed to cure, be sure to give us a trial, for we are going to stay in Sterling City and want your patronage, and we promise to give you good service and treat you right. Respectfully, Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg

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NO FISHING—Anyone found fishing or otherwise trespassing on any lands controlled by me will be prosecuted.—D. M. Brown.

WE WANT TO SELL—Our property in San Angelo, or trade it for property in or near Sterling City.—S. Kellogg, Sterling City.

TRESPASS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that hunting, fishing, hauling wood, gathering pecans, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is strictly forbidden, and will be prosecuted. This means YOU. 9 8 16 C. N. Crawford

CHICKENS WANTED—Bring your chickens and turkeys to the O.K. Feed Yard. Ben will buy them at any time. Phone 92.

POSTED

Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted. You'd better keep out. 10-17-17pd W. J. Mann

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution. E. F. Atkinson

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Economy. Looks—Judge it on
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to the severest tests, the most
exact service. Ask anything
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SOME THINGS APPROPRIATE

THINGS "SHE" WOULD LIKE

JEWELRY—Perhaps there will be no more popular and appropriated article in the jewelry line this season for the ladies than a gift of one of the new Bracelet Watches. We have an unusually attractive line, in several makes, ranging from \$12 to \$20. Diamond Lavallieres are always acceptable—more especially to the younger ladies. We have them from \$5.50 to as much as you want to pay. Diamond Rings are always staple. Let us save you money on your diamond. Diamond Brooches are still very popular, and are a most appropriate gift for any lady, whatever be her age or relationship. We have them from \$3.00 up. Diamond Bar Pins are a necessary article to every lady. Come and make your selection from our excellent line. Other Settings:—We also have Brooches, Lavallieres, Rings, Bar Pins, Stick Pins, etc., set with other precious stones and cameos, should you not care for the diamonds. Ear Screws and Pendants:—Have you seen the latest in these articles? Come in and let us show you the beauty of them. **SILVERWARE**—Butler Drug Company has always been recognized as the place to find

the best selection of the best Silverware, and we are living up to that reputation. We can supply you with anything you want in sterling or plate silverware. **CUT GLASS**—Did you know that there is no article that goes into your home which has a more lasting value than cut glass? Brokers will lend more money on it, in proportion to original cost, than any other article on your table, side board or dresser. We have all kinds of cut glass. Be sure to see our line if you are looking for something very appropriate and of lasting value. **Hand-Painted China**:—We have a good show in many useful articles in this much coveted ware, both in sets and single pieces. **FRENCH IVORY**:—You will find the largest line of this popular material at our store that has ever been brought to this town. Clocks, Dressing Sets, Manicure Sets, Puff Boxes, Hair Receivers, Clothes Brushes, Hair Brushes, Combs, etc. You will not pass us if you want anything in French Ivory, for we have it—and you can't find anything that would be a more suitable, useful, enduring and appreciated gift than Ivory. It's a thing of beauty, as well. **EVERY LADY** would appreciate a box of Fine Stationery, a Book, a case of Toilet Articles, or a box of Nunnally's Candies. We have all of them.

SOMETHING FOR "HIM"

JEWELRY:—Every man, whether young or needs a Watch, and no gift pleases him more than the gift of a good watch; and a good watch does not necessarily mean an expensive one. We can sell you a GOOD WATCH for \$14.50. Cuff Buttons are a necessity, likewise Collar Buttons, Tie Clasp and Watch Chain. Has "he" a supply? Krementz are the best buttons made. An Emblem Charm or a Stick pin would be nice. **Diamonds**:—We can supply "him" with any piece of jewelry set with any priced diamonds. **Gold Pin Knife and Chain**:—You will not find a better selection of this useful and popular article than at our store. **MERSCHAUM PIPES**:—Every man who smokes a pipe loves his Merschbaum. If he smokes, get him a Merschbaum for Xmas. **CUTLERY**:—We have a splendid line of Razors and Pocket Knives—things that he must have. **"HE" WOULD LIKE** a Book to read; a good Clothes Brush, Military Brushes, Travelers Set, a Purse, or a box of Cigars. **EASY** to find something that just suits him when you visit our store.

Don't think we have told all, for when you come there'll be things unheralded.

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BUTLER DRUG CO.

Fort Worth Record, \$4.25 per year for daily and Sunday; \$3.25 per year for daily without Sunday.—Christian Aid Society.

J. R. Morrow, of Hatfield, Ark., came in Wednesday to look after his real estate interests here, and to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Graham, of Coke County, were visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Sidney Munn was among our welcome callers Wednesday.

Cadet Lee Reed is expected home for the holidays.

Messrs. and Mesdames B. Snell and A. A. Gamble returned last Sunday from a visit to relatives at Hamilton and Marlin.

The Dixie will show every night during the holidays.

D. L. Slaton and V. E. Davis, who are attending the State University, are expected to arrive this evening to spend the holidays with the folks at home.

Jack Cole made a business trip to Coleman last Tuesday.

J. I. Hodges and W. L. Emery made business trip to Del Rio this week.

Miss Emma Head, who is teaching in the public schools at Mertzon, came in last Saturday to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Head.

A. H. Allard is the owner of a new six-cylinder, 40-horsepower Velle touring car.



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LOWE & DURHAM

While coming down the mountain grade on the Robert Lee road, six miles northeast of here, yesterday, the hack in which Mr. and Mrs. Neil Munn and children were riding was overturned, throwing them out among the rocks. Mrs. Munn received some painful bruises about the face, but the other occupants escaped unhurt.

Emory Latham returned this week from New Mexico, where he has been for the past several months.

LCST.—A red coral cameo out of ring. The owner prizes it highly. Finder please return to Allie Lyles.

Now is the time to renew your magazine subscriptions. Give them to the Christian Aid Society. They can save you money on all clubs, and give you the lowest rates on daily papers.

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NOTICE

Ozona, Texas, Nov. 24, 1916.
I have about finished my task down here and will return to Sterling City soon and take up my law and abstract business and will be glad to be of service to all those needing legal services or abstracting.
A. R. Pool

KELLEY BOOTS Let Q. Lyles take your measure for a pair of the famous Kelley Shop Made Boots.

If you wish to subscribe for any magazine, be sure to do so before January 1, as the price of many of the leading magazines will advance on that date.—Christian Aid Society.

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1. Nominations must be made before 5 o'clock, P. M., Sept. 25, 1916.
2. Nominations are free, 100 votes being given to each young lady nominated.
3. Beginning Sept. 25, votes may be cast at Butler's drugstore.
4. Votes will be counted each Friday at 5 o'clock, P. M., and a report given to the public.
5. Votes will cost 10 cents for 10 votes. Put the money and name of the young lady for whom the votes are to be cast in an envelope found on top of the voting box, seal and drop in the slot.
6. Contest closes 5 o'clock, P. M. Dec. 16, 1916.
7. The quilt will be given to the young lady who leads at the close of contest.

FOR SALE.—Six good resident lots, with three-room dwelling, windmill, barn and outhouses, within 3 blocks of the public square, at a bargain. Also, a wagon, harness and two horses are offered for sale.
Frank Bath

Charging The Batteries

Charging a battery during the Civil War was one of the most exciting, as well as the most terrible things a soldier could be called on to do. At Gettysburg Pickett's men were almost totally destroyed while charging a battery. Today, charging a battery has a very different meaning, and is a very safe and pleasant duty.
At the Brick Garage, an electric battery charging apparatus of the latest type has been installed for the purpose of charging run down batteries. If your storage battery is run down and fails to operate your starter and lights, take it to the Brick Garage people and have it repaired and filled with "juice." Terms reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

Try our special Sunday dinners. They are cheaper than you can serve them at home.—State Hotel.

Houston Chronicle till December 25, \$2.00. Best rates on all other newspapers and magazines.—Christian Aid Society.

