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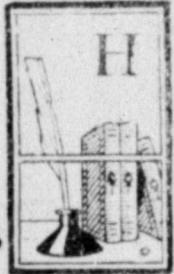
The Bride of Bandera Pass,

A Thrilling Psychological Romance,

BY GEORGE BOWLES,

Author of "Strange Enough to Be True," "Headless Horseman," Etc.

CHAPTER I INTRODUCTION



HISTORY, no matter of what country or section it may treat, is very closely allied to romance.

No State of the American Union, perhaps, has a more intensely romantic history than Texas. So comparatively new is the State that none of the remarkable incidents that have occurred within its borders have fallen into that oblivion, brought about by the swift changes attendant upon the march of modern progress. Especially is this true of those counties on or near the boundary of the "Sister Republic," Mexico. It is not the intention to attempt in this work what is known as a "modern historical romance," but merely to fix in the mind of the reader a certain historical occurrence, of almost international consequence, that he may more fully understand and appreciate the story.

It is well known that the conquest of Mexico by the Spaniards, was actuated by greed of gold, and during the entire time from the conquest, which was consummated in 1519, up to the winning of independence by the republic of Texas in 1836, small armies, or scouting parties of Spanish soldiers and adventurers traversed the rough broken country along the Texas border, from time to time, prospecting for gold and fighting the Indians. On one of these incursions into the new territory, about the year 1745, a party of Spaniards about four hundred strong, led by one Don Sylvestre Espada, a daring and intrepid spirit, were surprised by the Indians in a narrow defile in the mountains about 200 miles northwest of La Bahia. This section of the country at that time, was the strong hold of a tribe known as the Arapahos Indians, who were an exceedingly fierce and warlike people. In this fight, the Spaniards, whose numbers and prowess the savages had misjudged, completely routed their enemy, and after the fight planted a flag on the mountain top on each side of the pass and named it "La Puerto de los Banderos" or the door of the flags. When Texas became a republic and was settled by English speaking Amer-

icans the name was Anglicised into "Bandera Pass" and is so known to day, a county and county seat having taken the same name.

In 1811 on the 3d day of May, Jack Hayes, a famous Texas ranger and Indian scout, was leading a party of pioneer troops through Bandera Pass, when they were attacked by Indians both front and rear. In fact an ambushade had been laid for them, and the very mountain sides swarmed with the fierce mountain Comanches, who at that time held sway in the Mountains of southwest Texas, from which they took their name. Here was fought one of the bitterest engagements of pioneer warfare of the State. The rangers were finally victorious, but it was a dearly bought victory, and many of their number were buried at the south entrance to the Pass, while a far greater number of painted braves were buried at the north entrance, where heaps of stones still mark the spot where they passed their probationary state between the earthly life of hunting and fighting in the beautiful valleys, and their entrance into that happy hunting ground where all truly brave warriors hoped to go at death.

So far I have dealt with plain authentic facts of history. This has not been told because of a probability that it was not generally known, but in order to refresh the mind of the reader on this particular matter since it has an immediate bearing upon the narrative that shall follow.

Not long ago I was travelling across the United States upon one of the great transcontinental railways when a washout caused a stoppage of traffic for several hours. The train upon which I travelled was held for 36 hours at the bank of a stream from which the bridge had been swept by the freshet. It happened at that time, as is sometimes the case, that only a few passengers were on the train, but in the coach where I rode was one who attracted my attention very much. He was a rather tall spare man, with dignified and stately bearing, and yet no show of ostentation. His face was an index to strong character and a very high order of intelligence, while his thoughtful brow and deep, sober eyes bore evidence that he was a student and a thinker. His black hair was thickly shot with gray, and his general appearance showed that he was not physically strong. He was a man with whom, on first

sight, one would instinctively want to get acquainted.

When I walked out from the dining car to the observation that evening after supper, this gentleman was sitting on a stool, gazing intently out across the plain where the sun had just set, and its departing rays looked like spears of light that had been driven into the ground and broken off. I approached him, and offering him a cigar, which he graciously accepted, I introduced myself. He arose and proffered me his hand, telling me his name. He handed me a card upon which I read, "Mr. Ralph Griswold, Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Miss."

We sat down and entered into conversation. We talked of the various states and the peculiar characteristics of their people. Finally Mr. Griswold asked me if I had ever been in Texas. I told him that my present home was in that state. He studied the twilight landscape for a moment, then said: "I had a peculiar experience in Texas once that I have never mentioned to anyone."

He was a delightful conversationalist, and I begged him to tell me of his travels in my homestate. After a moment's hesitation he took a plain briar root pipe from his pocket, and filling it with tobacco, lighted it, carefully put out the match, and proceeded to relate his strange experience.

After four years of arduous work at Harvard College, said Mr. Griswold the summer of 1893 found me elected to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church in a thriving town in Mississippi. I left college worn out from continuous study, but I expected that the pleasant labor of my charge would keep me out of doors a great deal, and that I would regain my strength. Such, however was not the case. I went from bad to worse, and in March, 1900, my physicians advised an outdoor, camping life. Accordingly I set out early in March of that year to take an overland trip to Las Vegas, New Mexico. I took the same loitering, uneventful trip that many others had taken before me. Traveling alone, I had ample opportunity to commune with nature, and observe the peculiar characteristics of the country through which I passed. I was especially interested in Texas, of which I had read and heard much, but had never before seen. On April the first I entered the state at Shreveport, and passed out of it on July the first at El Paso. Some undefinable caprice impelled me to leave the natural course across the fine rolling country of Central Texas and the plains of the northwest, and travel by way of the historic Alamo and other ancient missions and through the rough broken country for 200 miles between San Antonio and the foot of the plains towards New Mexico. It was while traveling in these mountains that I, though a Presbyterian minister, and little given in spiritualistic dogmas, heard a strange tale that came near converting me to belief in the materialization of spirit, and, though I have fought against admitting my weakness, though I knew that none on earth besides me knew it, it has recurred most vividly to my mind, often in hours of solitude, and I shall give you just as I had it from the lips of the bridegroom

himself, the story of the Bride of Bandera Pass.

CHAPTER II.

THE PREACHER AND THE HERMIT

"The first day of May, 1900, will ever be a memorable day to me. From my camp in a peaceful valley in the mountains I started early, and made a long day's drive. I do not know why I did it, but destiny seemed urging me forward to meet some peculiarly indefinite engagement. I remembered afterward that though my team was badly fagged, and though I passed many splendid camp sites, I never thought of stopping until I reached the place where I camped for the night.

"He who has never been in the mountains of that section in May has missed much. I had travelled all day through steep passes, 'neath towering crags and down long slopes. The scenery was as changeable as a kaleidoscope. Great rugged peaks looked down at me like frowning giants when clouds obscured the sun, but when the clouds were broken and the sunlight kissed their brows, they seemed to smile, and wish me pleasant paths of peace. Varicolored wild flowers bloomed by the way side, and when the soft spring winds blended their crimson faces in glorious waves of color, they looked like blushes chasing one another across a maiden's cheek.

As I reached a summit, after climbing a toilsome slope, I looked across the shoulders of two stalwart hills that seemed to stand a little way apart that I might have a better view so typical of western hospitality and as I gazed between these friendly peaks, the golden sunlight streamed athwart a landscape scene that no canvass of the world's greatest master in art could halfway match in beauty. I had seen the sunset kiss the rippling waves and burnish them with gold, while white winged ships, like angels of commerce, rode gracefully upon a molten sea, but never before had I looked upon so great a picture as I then beheld painted by the hand of God with the mystic brush of nature, upon the rough, brown earth.

"Blue, hazy mountains loomed large in the dim distance, while a shining river ran below me in the vale. Ripe wheat, ready for the sickle, waved in golden glory to the water's edge on each side of the stream, and from my vantage point, the scene looked like two strands of gold and one of silver had been woven by some subtle into a field of deepest emerald. Amidst this bright color steep crags and bluffs showed gray and brown and added to the wonder of the picture. Bluebonnets bloomed in little vales, and meek-eyed daisies looked askance from hill side and from dale, and algerita bushes lent their flaming red to color the scene, like crimson spots upon a richly tinted page. A chapparral bird ran down the road in front of my team, a quail was whistling to his mate in the field, in open defiance of hawk that nung quivering in midair. I have travelled much, in many beautiful lands, but that May day in the Texas mountains will live while my memory lasts.

"As the day drew to a close, and the shadows of evening cast grotesque figures from hill and crag

and giant tree upon the matchless carpet of beauty, I stopped at a noisy, prattling mill and prepared to spend the night. I turned my tired horses loose to graze upon the succulent grasses, kindled a fire, and began to prepare my evening meal. The coffee pot was singing a song of joy, and sending forth that delicious aroma, so gratifying to one who leads an outdoor life.

"As I sat over the fire frying some slices of bacon, I heard footsteps, and glanced up, saw an old man coming along the road. When he drew near, I greeted him, and invited him to partake of supper with me. He accepted, and said he would bathe his face in the stream that flowed near. He removed his broadbrimmed hat and laid it on a stump, and while he was performing his ablutions, I had time to observe him narrowly.

"As my guest bent over the little streamlet and bathed his face in the clear cold water, I observed in his actions a peculiar grace that did not comport with my idea of a child of the forest. He was old, very old, but there was still about him an indefinable something that told me he had not been always in his present condition. His hair, now sparse and snowy white, was fine and smooth, and though hanging to his shoulders, showed evidence of careful keeping. His once powerful frame was bent with age, but the weight of years could not disguise the fact that he had once stood more than six feet tall and a very giant in his youth and prime. As the rays of the setting sun fell through the delicate tracery of vines about us, it lit up the scene, and showed to me the old man's form and face in strong relief. I had never seen a more powerful profile, strong chin and resolute mouth. He carefully brushed his scanty locks back from a broad, high forehead, and as he turned to me disclosed the fact that age had not dimmed the fire of his fine dark eyes, which now glistened in the sunlight, displaying the true index to unimpaired intelligence.

As he returned to where I had spread the wholesome meal of simple camp fare, I observed that though his clothes were coarse and somewhat travel-stained, he was neat and clean. He seated himself upon a fallen tree, and talked but little at first, eating with the relish, seemingly, of a youth. As the meal progressed, he asked a few commonplace questions, as to what part of the country I was from, how that country compared with my expectation of it, and other questions, such as any stranger might ask a traveller. Somehow the old man's courteous manner seemed to invite confidence. I had been much alone, and I suppose was rather anxious for human companionship, and so before I knew it, almost, I was telling him, as people in ill health often do, all about where I was from and why I was traveling. In my talk, I mentioned that my physical condition, I thought, was largely due to overwork at Harvard. When I mentioned the name of that grand old seat of learning, so dear to the hearts of hundreds of men, scattered as they are throughout the civilized world, my aged guest straightened himself up on the rustic seat, and his dark eyes glowed in the dusk, while the color rushed to his withered cheek.

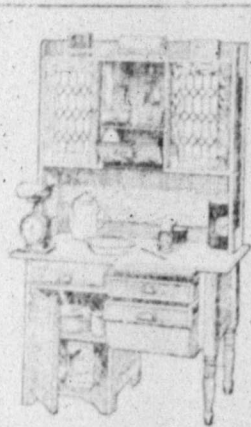
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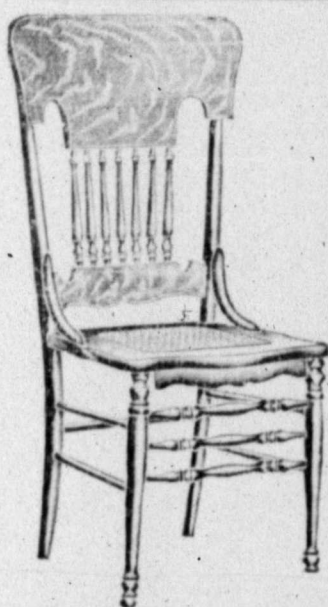
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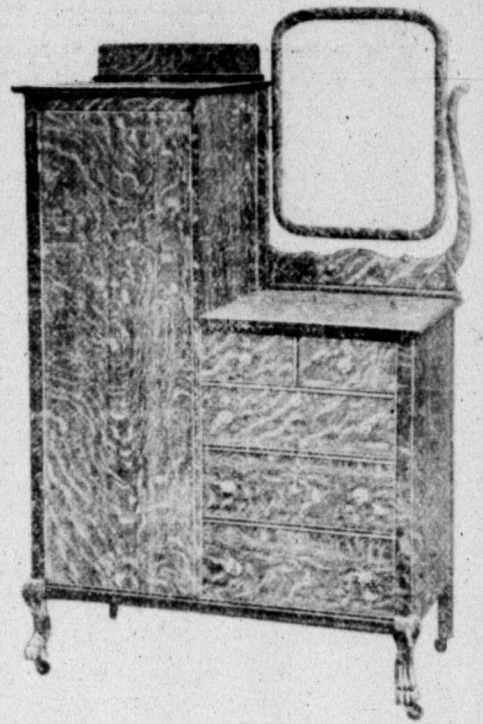
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HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

J. G. Burney and wife, of Austin, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. Burney's parents, Judge and Mrs. H. M. Burney, left Wednesday for home.

Misses Lena Griffith and Lena Harrison, of Junction, were guest at the Hutchison Tuesday night. They had been home for the holidays and were en route to San Marcos to re-enter college.

Miss Hattie Garrett, who is teaching at Wichita Falls, spent the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. G. Garrett, of this city. Miss Garrett returns to Wichita Falls today.

WINTER TERM. Alamo City Commercial and Business College, San Antonio, opens January 4, 1909. Send now for illustrated catalog free. Address Shafér & Downey, Proprietors, San Antonio, Texas.

G. A. Stowers and Frank Lange of San Antonio, and M. R. Strickland, of Houston, were guests at the St. Charles last Saturday. They were en route to the Stowers ranch at the head of the Guadalupe for a few days hunting.

A. C. Schreiner and two sons, Scott and Junior Schreiner, Earl Scott, of San Antonio, Dr. R. H. Coke, Dr. E. E. Palmer, and W. H. Rawson left the day after Christmas for the "big woods" on a hunting trip.

The Kerrville Buggy and Machinery Co., under the management of W. T. Leavell has prospered and is beginning the New Year in new quarters occupying one of the store rooms in the big Lowry Building.

Musicals.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal church, this city, gave a very creditable and highly entertaining musicale at the parish house, Thursday evening. The program comprised a number of well rendered solos, quartettes and other musical features, including recitations.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be used to help toward paying for the new parish house.

New Year's Ball.

The New Year's ball at Pampell's hall, Thursday night was an all round success. About 30 couples. The dancing began at eight o'clock and continued until the end of the year.

For Sale Cheap—First-class wind mill 40 ft. 4 post, steel tower and 106 Bbl. cypress tank, galvanized hoops and patent lugs, all new goods.

FRISCH'S RACKET STORE.

Hutchison House arrivals:

Jim Amberson, London, Tex.; Sadie Highsmith, Rock Springs; A. T. White, Rock Springs; Ben Barnes, Leakey; E. A. Hill, San Antonio; Jas. McDannel, Hye; Lon Young, Japonica; Harry Wells, Mountain Home; Chas. Stone, Mountain Home; A. F. Hatch, Japonica; Enoch Hatch, Japonica; Arthur Merritt, Lula; W. T. Nicholson, Harper; Roy Halbedl, San Antonio; H. G. Stockings, Lakin Kaes; Miss Williamson, Lan Marcos; J. W. Griffith, Red Oak Iowa; J. R. Bowen, Waring; Jim Alexander, Prbie; R. C. Whichter, Peble; J. H. Burnes, Dallas; W. R. Berry, St. Louis; W. D. H. E., A. B. Hope, B. M. Ford and wife, Japonica; W. T. O. Holman, Sonora; W. C. Thrailkill, San Antonio; Lena Griffith, Lena Harrison, Junction.

Married.

Rev. A. T. White pastor of the Methodist church at Rock Springs, and his bride were guests of Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Barton, at the parsonage Wednesday night.

Rev. White was married to a young lady at Corpus Christi, whose name we could not learn, on the 23rd of December.

Mr. and Mrs. White left on the stage Thursday morning for Rock Springs.

Changes in Bank Officials.

E. L. McElroy has severed his connection with Chas. Schreiner bank, having made other business arrangements for the ensuing year.

J. A. Smith, who has been with the bank for several years is now teller and head book keeper, W. T. Kuesel, first assistant book keeper, L. A. Enderle second assistant book keeper. F. J. Brady collector.

Dr. Frediek Nye will continue as private secretary to the president.

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APPALLING DEATH LIST.

SOUTHERN ITALY IN RUINS FROM EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Lives Were Lost.

Dispatches from Rome state that a terrible earthquake shock has laid southern Italy waste and that the death list will reach 100,000. If this estimate is not exaggerated the annals of history do not record such a frightful disaster. The calamity fell on the morning of the 28th inst., when the people were fast asleep in their homes. Houses crumbled like toys in the hand of a giant. Whole families were caught in falling structures and killed as they slept.

The whole world is appalled, and help is being offered from every city as consequence in the world.

The American Consul at Messina, Sicily, is thought to have been lost.

Some towns along the coast were smothered by the seismic disturbance and afterward inundated by a tidal wave. To that was added a fearful down-pour of rain which lasted the entire day. The geography of the country of both sides of the Strait of Messina is completely changed. The city of Messina, which has a population of 90,000, was the center of the affected area. Two-thirds of that city is said to be destroyed, and approximately 50,000 of the population dead.

The heart of the terrible upheaval seems to have been at Mount Aetna, Sicily, from which place it spread in all directions.

southern Europe since the fall of Pompeii, in A. D. 79, 1830 years ago. Aetna is about 150 miles south of Mt. Vesuvius and the ancient city of Pompeii.

First reports of such calamities are usually exaggerated, but it is hopeless that the horror can be reduced by later reports to anything less than one of the most frightful occurrences in the world's history.

Married.

Mr. Ed Schmidt, Jr. and Miss Ella Real were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Real, on Turle Creek, Christmas day. Judge Lee Wallace officiating.

These young people have spent their lives in Kerr county, and a large circle of friends will wish them joy.

Miss Ella Koester, the obliging assistant postmaster, left Thursday morning for San Antonio to spend New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Koester.

Letter is Received From Taft.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 28.—The following letter was today received by the Dallas Commercial Club from President-elect Taft:

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 21, 1908. Dallas Commercial Club, Dallas, Texas.

Gentlemen: I am greatly complimented by the invitation which you and your colleagues sent me to visit Texas. I am able to say that nothing would give me greater pleasure than to accept it. I fear, however, that a visit cannot be made before my inauguration, but I look forward to making such a visit to your great State early in my administration and hope that the fact of postponing the date will not change the attitude of the hospitable signers of the invitation. I may note the pleasure I have in the beautiful form in which the invitation is couched and sent.

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and pass thee o'er;
May Trouble's nother never pile drifts
at thy door.

And when you follow life's long trail,
round cliff and bend,
May strangers make the Injun sign that
means, "A friend."

And when you make your evening camp,
may 't come to pass
You find yourself near Peaceful Creek,
and on good grass.

And when the final roundup ends, some
Autumn day,
May your mark in the Book of Brands,
be this: "O. K."

—New Orleans Times-Litocrat.

NEW YEAR'S.

Just how New Year's came to be a festival there is no history to state. The custom is of very ancient origin, and is the chiefest day of festivity of all the 365 in China, Japan and some other oriental countries. In early Christian times the church forbade its members having anything to do with New Year's, but later made the day a Christian festival. New Year's, in most civilized countries, is on January 1, though less than 200 years ago it was March 25. In Persia it is still March 21, and in some other heathen countries the year dates from other days.

The general impression seems to be that New Year's Day was invented so people could have an opportunity to make resolutions. Sometimes we think resolutions are poor things, and they are, but the good impulse that causes us to make them is a good thing, even if the resolutions are soon broken. Making New Year's resolutions is like cutting beautiful flowers from the stein; they are beautiful, but most of them soon wither. Still, a fellow is better for the flowers he plucks in life, although he may not be able to keep a fresh bouquet on the table all the time.

We can wish others a "Happy New Year," but in most cases a certain degree of happiness, a certain number of flowers are growing along the pathway. We promise you nothing, and in wishing you happiness for 1909, we only wish that you may pluck the flowers of beauty and happiness that grow beside the way, and show them to others, that they may be happy too.

The city of Austin, at an election held on the 29th, adopted a commission charter. That is a little step of progress, but what Austin needs more than anything else is one of two things: About a million barrels of high life to be put on her citizens, or some benevolent individual to erect a nice white picket fence around it, paint the tips of the palings black and put a sign over the entrance gate, "Here o Stay."

A headline says, "Fighting is Fatal Among Venezuelans." It is not a new thing for some one to get hurt when two armies clash in a trial at arms.

SO MAY the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many more whose happiness depends on you.—So may each year be happier than the last.
—Dickens, "The Chimes."

Thirty-six men were entombed in a mine at Lieb Branch, West Virginia, on the 29th.

There is only one man on earth in a worse predicament than he who tries to substitute dignity for brains, and that is the man who has neither of the two.

The Comfort News came out in a handsome colored Christmas cover and was otherwise replete with entertaining reading matter and paying advertising.

The legislature will soon meet at Austin, and that ancient and historic city is even now rousing itself from twenty months of hibernation, to quit sucking its own paw and go to pulling the other fellow's leg.

The Beeville Picayune came to the front with a very creditable Christmas number. The cover was illustrated and the paper well filled with neatly printed advertisements and interesting reading matter.

The Sun will not present a petition for Kerr county road bond election to the commissioners' court until the May term. This is to give the people ample time to discuss the matter pro and con before an election is held.

Worth S. Ray, poet, philosopher, statesman and patriot, publisher of the Texas Quill, which is an infant of five months, and Representative of the 77th District, states editorially that he will carry a great sheaf of bills to Austin with him next week. If Mr. Ray's sheaf of bills shows as much shrinkage during the legislature as the Quill has shown since it was born, he will not long be burdened.

G. J. M. Simons, editor of the Amsterdam Telegraaf, and a well known Dutch traveler and journalist, recently made a trip to Hayti to study conditions existing there touching the sociological and economic affairs of that small republic. Mr. Simons wrote a very interesting article for Munsey's, and after discussing at length the various phases of life in Hayti, including a character sketch of President Nord Alexis, he sums up the whole matter as follows:

"On the whole, Nord Alexis is probably a fitting representative of his people, who are as yet unfitted for any other sort of government, whose cities are cesspools, whose prisons are too horrible to describe, and who, nevertheless, are naturally good tempered, amenable to kindness, and suffering only from what seems to be the hopeless incapacity of the African for better things."

At the Churches.

As stated in the Sun of last week, a Christmas tree was had at the Baptist church on the night of December 23. The Methodist church had a Christmas tree on Christmas eve, the Presbyterians one on Christmas night, and at St. Peter's Episcopal church, on Tuesday night of this week a fat and jolly Santa Claus made the folks happy. The trees were all well loaded with gifts and the entertainments were most enjoyable.

GOOD ROADS MASS MEETING TO BE CALLED FOR JANUARY 16.

At a called meeting of the Kerrville Business Men's Club, held on December 17. It was decided to hold a Kerr county good roads convention during the term of district court. Saturday, January 9, was suggested as the date. The meeting was to be called by petitions circulated in the different commissioners' precincts. The matter of preparing petitions was left to President Carpenter. The holiday rush came on and everybody has been busy, so the matter has not been given proper publicity and Mr. Carpenter sent the petitions out calling the convention to be held on Saturday, January 16, the second week of the court. It is regrettable that the impression exists that the meeting is to be on the 9th, but is best that all the people be given an opportunity to learn of it, meet together and fully discuss the good roads propaganda. The meeting will, therefore, be held January 16, as above stated and as stated in the various petitions.

Heimann-Bernhardt.

At the home of the Bride's Parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Heimann, Sr., on Christmas eve, Miss Meta Heimann and Mr. August Bernhardt were united in marriage, Rev. John H. Green performing the ceremony. There has been no nuptial event in Kerrville for some time where such abundant hospitality was lavished. It was the beginning of the Christmas festivities and Holly vied with Orange Blossoms in a battle of joy.

After the marriage ceremony the guests were invited to a feast such as is rarely seen in these days of "jelly waters luncheons." It was a wedding supper and the table fairly groaned beneath a most abundant spread of everything that man could desire in the way of eatables.

After the supper the hours were spent in dancing, singing and happy pastime. The Kerrville Concordia rendering some excellent vocal selections, while the Mountain Sun band furnished instrumental music.

As stated the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Heimann, Sr. She is a most estimable young woman, and Mr. Bernhardt is truly to be congratulated upon having secured such a prize for a life partner. The groom was formerly a resident of Kerrville, but has for several years been a book keeper for the Carter-Mulhally Transfer Company of San Antonio, which position he still holds. The newly wedded pair carry with them the good wishes of a host of friends to their future home in San Antonio.

In Hotel Business.

An impression exists, in fact a report has gained currency, that the City Hotel, formerly known as the Steagall house, is not open to the general public. That is incorrect. The City hotel is open to the public. It is equal to any dollar-a-day hotel in this part of Texas. I have been in the hotel business in Kerrville several years and I take this means of advising my friends, out of town, who have stopped with me before, that I shall be pleased to have their patronage at the City Hotel.

Mrs. A. E. NORTHCRAFT.

The Officers and Directors of the FIRST STATE BANK, of Kerrville

Send greetings and best wishes of the New Year. They hope it will be a prosperous one for you, and that they may enjoy your confidence and patronage.

January 1, 1909

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FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

BILLARDS, POOL AND BOX-BALL

PRIVATE DOMINO ROOMS

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HOME NEWS.

Interesting Items From Town and County.

T. J. Moore, the Ingram merchant, was in Kerrville Wednesday.

S. M. Yates, of Center Point, was among the visitors in Kerrville Wednesday.

J. D. Leavell left Saturday for Marquez, Texas, on a business trip.

FOR SALE: A nice young driving mare; gentle for lady to drive. Apply to Rev. T. N. Barton.

County Commissioner Hugo Wiedenfeld, of the Cypress creek community, was in Kerrville Wednesday.

Mrs. Herman Schulze, of the Cypress Creek Community, was a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Enderle, Christmas day.

Dr. Edward Galbraith,



Dentist

Office Next to Rawson's Drug Store
Kerrville, Texas.

Mrs. Kate Dewees, of San Antonio, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. T. S. Gammon, at "The Oaks."

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Starkey and children, of Greeley, Colo., are visiting relatives in and near Kerrville. Mr. Starkey is a former Kerr county boy, but is now a prominent business man of Greeley.

Miss Mabel Day, who is teaching at Lockhart, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Davey, of this city; Miss Davey leaves today for Lockhart.

Suits Cleaned

and Pressed.

All kinds of altering and repair work promptly done. Ladies' skirts cleaned.

S. FRIEDMAN, Tailor.

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
Mountain Street, Opp. Court House
Kerrville, Texas.

Deputy County Clerk John Leavell, Louie Pfeuffer and Ben Leach went out the first of the week to search for game.

J. M. Hendricks arrived in Kerrville Monday to attend the funeral of his sister, Emma, who died at the home of her parents, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mattie Wilson returned on Wednesday of last week from a short visit to Corpus Christi.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Fordtran spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hughes, on the divide.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dietert, of Del Rio, who have been visiting relatives in Kerrville for the past two weeks, leave today for home.

Dr. J. S. Eddins, of the Mountain Home community, was a visitor in Kerrville Tuesday. Dr. Eddins reported his section of the country in fine shape, and things moving along nicely.

R. L. Boekman, formerly of Kerrville, but now living at Goldfield, Nevada, has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Henry Nurenberge, and his brother Wm. Boekmann, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Partee, and children, of San Antonio, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Partee's father, Capt. Chas. Schreiner, of this city.

B. F. Frensley and wife, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, are guests at the Tivy House. Mr. Frensley is a pioneer citizen of Ardmore, having gone to that place when it was a city of tents. He expresses himself as being well pleased with the Mountain City, and will probably remain here some time.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

The following is the list of winners in the fish drawing contest conducted by J. L. Pampell, in regular order. Winners can get their fish by applying at Pampell's store.

1. B. M. Hixson, Kerrville.
2. Miss N. Smith, Kerrville.
3. V. J. Stokes, Camp Verde.
4. Peter Menges, Harper.
5. Miss S. Robinson, Ingram.
6. Jas. Starkey, Kerrville.
7. W. L. Council, Kerrville.
8. H. A. Jennings, San Antonio.
9. Leona Smith, Kerrville.
10. Adam Morris, Japonica.
11. H. B. Beckman, Kerrville.
12. Victor Lee, Ingram.
13. Ray Kemp, Kerrville.
14. B. M. Hixson, Kerrville.
15. Sadie Lawson, Kerrville.
16. P. H. Gibbs, Kerrville.
17. Ivy Burney, Kerrville.
18. Leona Smith, Kerrville.
19. R. S. Newman, Kerrville.
20. Aug. Henke, Kerrville.
21. E. H. Gibbs, Kerrville.
22. J. R. Scott, Kerrville.
23. Mrs. Geo. Morris, Kerrville.
24. Luey Sing, Ingram.
25. Jennie Joy, Japonica.

Leap Year Ball.

Among a long list of very pleasant holiday entertainments, the Leap Year ball given by the young ladies of Kerrville at Pampell's Hall Monday evening, was the crowning event of the week of festivities. The music for the occasion was furnished by a full orchestra from San Antonio. In addition to dancing, refreshments were served, and a general good time was had. The ball was a kind of "Last Chance" proposition for the benefit of young women who had let the Leap Year get almost entirely away without "landing anything." The programs were handsomely hand painted were heart shaped, and bore a legend which made it pretty plain that "men were wanted." There were about forty couples present. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Real leading the grand march and all stated that the only reason they did not have more pleasure was because no greater amount of happiness could be crowded into that short space of time.

On the whole, this was not only the ranking social event of the season, but was one of the happiest occasions that the Kerrville social world had known.

The invited guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rawson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morris, Dr. and Mrs. Coke, Mr. and Mrs. Adkins, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pampell, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Schreiner, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Schreiner, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Schreiner, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schreiner, Dr. and Mrs. Fordtran, Mr. and Mrs. Scholl, Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Morelock, Dr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. H. Renschel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Renschel, Mr. and Mrs. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Real, Mesdames Aimee Magee, Ada Robinson, Matthews and Dorth.

Misses, Hattie Garrett, Mary Rawson, Leila Corkill, Lallah Goodman, Ella Koester, Temie Gardner, Hazel Hamilton, Ada Bessan, Thorne Renschel, Helen Scott, B. Weir, Mary Johnston, Ruth Robinson, Sadie Lockett, Alida Scholl, Nannie Allen, May Rees, Nellie Gantner, Eugie Myers, Whitaker, Sandridge, Clara Herzog, Nellie Smith, Myrtle Thode, of Long Beach, Cal., and Rammel, of San Antonio.

Messrs. Galbraith, Paech, Halbedl, Rammel, Thompson, Clyde Coleman, Shelburne, Chester Granville, Dick Eastland, Howard Davis, Skinnie Eastland, Maurice Granville, Henry Scholl, Douglas Motley, Joe Davidson, Will Garrett, Chas. Rawson, Ed Koester, Ross Irvin, Frank Brady, Scott and Junior Schreiner, Louis Enderle, Henry Burney, Chester Nimitz, Joe Gardner, Will Leigh and Sellers, Center Point.

House Party.

A jolly house party arrived at "The Oaks," the pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. S. Gammon, Wednesday evening. The party is composed of Misses Annierne Townsend, Mona Chapman and Kate Dewees, and Mr. Irving McCracken, of San Antonio, Messrs. Chas. Dewees, of Falls City, and Ivy Burney, of Kerrville.

The party extends through the holiday season, breaking up Saturday, when the guests return to their respective homes.

Capt. Chas. Schreiner has sold the Pecan valley ranch, on the Medina river, Bandera county, to A. M. Arthur, of Jennings, La. The sale was made through Thomas & Russell.

Happy New Year

We
Extend
the
Season's
Greetings.

To our friends and customers, and wish them all a prosperous and a Happy New Year.
The least sorrow and the most pleasure.

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Has Doubled its Stock of Furniture in the Last Month and is now offering Most Excellent Values on everything for Cash Money. Many Snap Bargains in both New and Secondhand Furniture.

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Will pay cash or exchange goods for clean secondhand furniture, stoves, etc.

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A 20 year Boss case, fitted with 7 jeweled Elg. or Walt. movement for \$13.00. 12 size, same in 20 year Wadsworth case for \$11.00. Above are hunting cases.

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LOCAL and PERSONAL

— BY SUN REPORTERS.

Max H. Hopf, of Harper, was a guest at the St. Charles Monday.

Miss Dora Wilson is in San Antonio visiting.

G. A. Barnes is visiting his parents at Minden, La.

G. W. Williams and wife of Medina, were in Kerrville Thursday.

J. G. Caywood after spending a week in Kerrville returned to San Antonio Monday.

S. Eastland left yesterday for Mississippi for a visit to his old home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jeffers, of San Antonio, spent Christmas day with Capt. Chas. Schreiner.

The winter term of the Kerr county district court meets Monday January 4.

You can't afford to miss the QUALITY bargains from Monday to Saturday at Prisch's Racket Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morris of Morris Ranch, spent last Sunday visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Rosa Enderle is paying a holiday visit to her brother, Prof. E. L. Enderle, at Pflugerville.

Louie Enderle visited in San Antonio, on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. King, of Laredo, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor.

Leroy Garrett returned Wednesday from a months trip to Rock Springs and other points west.

Miss Katherine Watson, of Junction, is spending the holidays with Miss May Davey, of this city.

USE "GOLDEN CROWN" FLOUR

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W. S. Ross a well known Medina city land man was in Kerrville Thursday.

Mrs. Marsha Morris, of Morris Ranch, is visiting her son, George Morris at the St. Charles hotel.

Miss Leah McNealey, who is teaching at Rio Frio, spent Christmas with Mrs. A. B. Williamson of this city.

Miss Ola Colbath, who is attending the Baptist Academy at San Marcos, spent the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Colbath.

No. 243 was the Number that drew the doll given away Dec. 25. Little Miss Pearl Dubus held the number and received the doll.
Rock Drive Store.

F. S. Watson and wife of Chicago, arrived in Kerrville Wednesday night to spend the remainder of the winter.

Col. and Mrs. Ike West, of San Antonio, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mr. C. A. Schreiner Jr.

Chas. Flickinger, purchasing agent of the government, and stationed at Fort Sam Houston, was a guest at the St. Charles Monday. Mr. Flickinger was en route home from Kimble county

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rigsby, of San Antonio were guest at the home of Capt. Chas. Schreiner on Christmas day.

Albert and Sol West, of San Antonio, spent Christmas day with their sister, Mrs. C. A. Schreiner, Jr. of this city.

Miss Blanch Self, who is teaching in Edwards county, spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Self.

Cosby Vining, of the Panhandle, country, who had been spending Christmas with relatives here, left the first of the week for home.

Julius Noll, who is attending college at Galveston spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Noll.

Henry Barney, of San Antonio, spent Christmas with his parents, Judge and Mrs. R. H. Barney of this city.

Notice!

Will run our gin on Saturday, January 2nd and Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9, for the last time this season.

Chas. Schreiner.

Wm. Jung, of the Harper community, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Grona, Monday.

Racket! Racket!! Racket!!! One week only 25 per cent discount on all articles in display window at Prisch's Golden Rule Racket Store.

J. L. Vining and Otto Dietert, who had been in Mexico on a business trip returned home last week to spend Christmas with their families.

Herman Harper, of Harper country, was among the visitors in Kerrville Monday. Mr. Harper says everything is moving along smoothly in his bailiwick, and the fine open winter has so far left stock in excellent condition. A good rain is needed he says on small grain, but general conditions were never better.

Church Notice.

Next Sunday Morning at the Methodist church the pastor will discuss an important phase of church work, there will also be some special musical features. Every body invited.

T. N. BARTON.

Stolen.

At Kerrville, Texas, Sunday night, Nov. 15, one dark bay horse, ten years old, 15 1/2 hands high, bridled "padler E" on left hip. Right hind foot white and old scar on same from wire cut. Reward of \$25 will be given for recovery of animal.

J. T. MOONS, Sheriff,
Kerrville, Texas.

Cards of Thanks.

We sincerely thank the many kind friends for the kindness shown us during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Emma Hendricks. We especially thank the kind friends for the many floral offerings; they will

Bied.

Miss Emma Hendricks died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hendricks, Sunday, December 27, after a short illness, age 14 years. Deceased was a beautiful and lovable young girl, who will be greatly mourned by her class mates in the Tivy High School, and many other friends who will join the bereaved family in sincere sorrow at her untimely death. The funeral took place Tuesday, interment being made at Glent Rest.

Misses Willie and Susie Dykes spent several days in Kerrville this week.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

The State of Texas, County of Kerr. To those indebted to, or holding claims against, the estate of S. E. Harris, deceased. The undersigned, having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of S. E. Harris, deceased, late of Kerr county, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 16th day of October, 1908, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate, to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate, to present them to him at his residence near Kerrville, in Kerr county, Texas, where he receives his mail. This the 16th day of November, 1908.

J. M. HARRIS, Administrator of the estate of S. E. Harris, deceased.

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Will trade 125 good shearing mutton goats for nannies. Must be good grade angoras—Apply at this office.

For Sale

Or will trade for weaning or yearling colts one of the best bred Polled Durham bunch of cattle in the State. 10 head registered, 20 head good grades. All solid red and muleys. See or address.

Geo. E. MEEKS,
Center Point Texas.

Trespass Notice.

I will prosecute any persons found hunting or otherwise trespassing in my pastures on head of Turtle creek and West Creek.

81-21 WALTER REAL.

Trespass Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have leased the hunting right in my pastures to Mr. L. A. Schreiner. All promises heretofore made to persons in regard to hunting in same are hereby repealed and trespassers will be prosecuted.

11-21 J. C. BAXTER.

**Use Golden Crown
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Notice is hereby given that any person found trespassing by hunting in my pasture on Campmeeting creek will be prosecuted.

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Cedar for Sale.

Buy your cedar from E. J. Kirkland, Mountain Home, Tex. and cut out middle man's profit.

NOTICE.

I will prosecute anyone hunting with dogs or gun in the Reservoir pasture, North of town.

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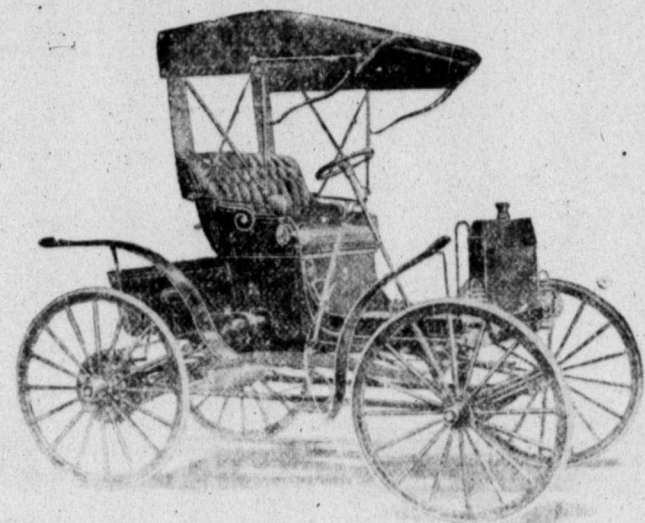
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Get Ready for Cold Weather

Are you going to let the cold weather take you unawares? And are you going to wait with your winter purchases until your stock, which is at present complete in every department, has been relieved of its best bargains? Right now it is easy to select your winter needs, as the store isn't particularly crowded as yet. We need not go into detail about the goods we are showing. You have learned to depend upon our store for the best in everything at most moderate prices, and this year will be no exception. We hunted through all the great outdoor fields until we have brought to this store an array of reasonable merchandise such as we never had shown before. May we expect to sell you today? When you are in the store, ask the members of our Show Department to show you the latest styles in "SELZ" and "STAR BRAND" shoes. Let us sell you a pair of 'em. You'll enjoy "Walking on Stars."

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Boy Accidentally Kills Himself.

Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 28.—Ira Oden, a young boy of this place accidentally shot and killed himself here while returning from hunting. The gun was discharged in some manner and the boy was instantly killed.

Last Veteran in 1950.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Veterans of the Civil War will be extinct in 1950, according to Post Commander G. F. Bassett. "There will be 347 veterans alive in 1930," he said, "and ten years later the number will be reduced to twenty-three. The last survivor will die in 1950. This is the conclusion of men who are competent to estimate the length of human life."

Lame Shoulder.

This is a common form of muscular rheumatism. No internal treatment is needed. Apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely twice a day and a quick cure is certain. This liniment has proven especially valuable for muscular and chronic rheumatism, and is sure to give quick relief. Chamberlain's Liniment is also most excellent for sprains and bruises. Price, 25 cents; large 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

Death Rate Has Been Light.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—This city has supplied during the last week a tangible proof of the fallacy of the old adage, "A green Christmas makes a fat graveyard."

No Christmas has been "greener" than the one which has just passed, yet the death rate—11.5 to the thousand—is the lowest ever recorded for a week in December.

Bank Changes at Boerne.

Boerne, Tex., Dec. 22.—H. J. Graham, who has been in the banking business in Boerne since 1878, has sold out to the Union Trust Company, which will operate here as a branch of the Union Trust Company of San Antonio. The change was made today.

The Union Trust Company here starts with G. P. McCorkle, formerly of Center Point, as vice president, and L. W. King of Boerne as cashier.

Don't Take The Risk.

When you have a bad cough or cold do not let it drag along until it becomes chronic bronchitis, or develops into an attack of pneumonia, but give it the attention it deserves and get rid of it. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you are sure of prompt relief. From a small beginning the sale and use of this preparation has extended to all parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. Its many remarkable cures of coughs and colds have won for it this wide reputation and extensive use. Sold by all druggists.

Give Play at Comfort.

Comfort, Texas, Dec. 28.—A German play called "Der Pariser Taugenichts," was played here at the Rock Opera House to a packed house on Saturday night. Among the performers were: Mrs. M. Stolte and daughter, Miss Paula

Stolte, L. F. Lafrentz, Paul Rocks, E. Behles and P. Baum, all of San Antonio. After the theater a grand ball took place.

The Pure Food Law.

Secretary Wilson says: "One of the objects of the law is to inform the consumer of the presence of certain harmful drugs in medicines." The law requires that the amount of chloroform, opium, morphine, and other habit forming drugs be stated on the label of each bottle. The manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have always claimed that their remedy did not contain any of these drugs, and the truth of this claim is now fully proven, as no mention of them is made on the label. This remedy is not only one of the safest, but one of the best in use for coughs and colds. Its value has been proven beyond question during the many years it has been in general use. For sale by all druggists.

Flea Transmits the Plague.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—Dr. Carroll Fox of this city, who has been investigating the bubonic plague situation in San Francisco, has discovered a new species of flea, according to word that reaches medical men here.

During his work on the coast he found in his experiments that fleas on the bodies of rats infected with the plague were the medium of transmitting the disease to human bodies. This discovery led to close scrutiny of the flea, and the physician was surprised to discover a new species, without eyes and having a row of six teeth.

Engineer Ketched a Possum.

As the mixed train from San Antonio was climbing leisurely up the mountains toward Kerrville last week, Engineer Miller spied a fine fat possum on the right-of-way. Now, Miller seems to have a special tooth for possum and later at Christmas time, so he stopped the train, caught the possum and then went on his way, merrily whistling a tune to the throbbing engine and thinking of the feast he would have on Christmas day.

Uncovering an American Pompeii.

Washington, December 23.—Charles B. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, in his annual report, indicates that an American Pompeii is gradually being brought to light in Arizona. At Casa Grande, near Florence, excavations are now being made by Dr. J. Walter Fewkes under a special congressional appropriation. Already several structures have been discovered, the largest one excavated during the year being a building 200 feet long with eleven rooms, the massive walls inclosing a plaza. In the central room there is a seat called by the Pima Indians "the seat of Montezuma."

DEATH OF MRS. ELIZABETH MARTIN, AT FREDERICKSBURG.

Fredericksburg, Tex., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, nee Arhelger, died at her home here last Saturday and was buried yesterday. Mrs. Martin was 82 years old and was a pioneer of southwest Texas, having come from Germany to America, and to Fredericksburg in 1846. Mrs. Martin is survived by a large family of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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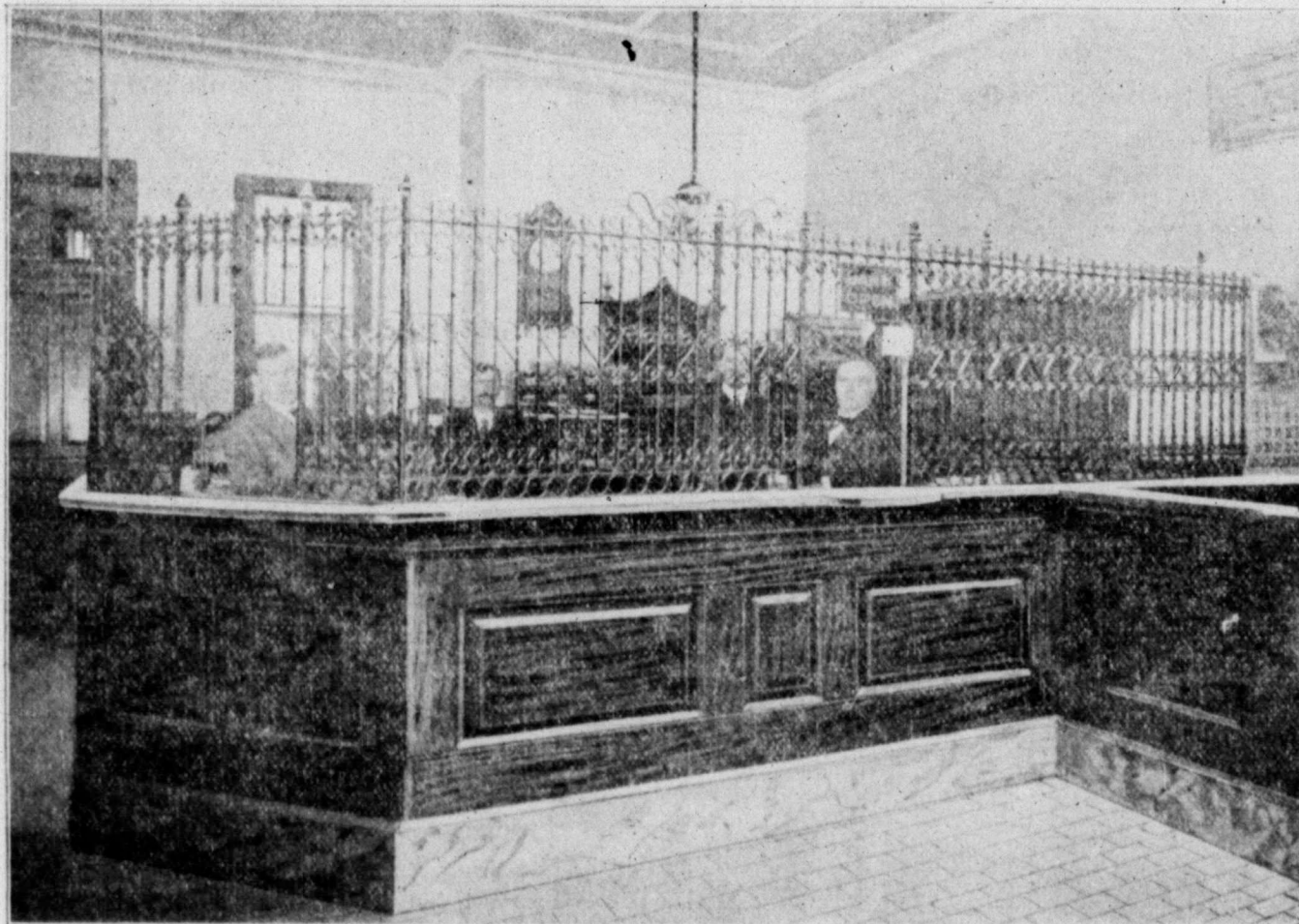
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This is Our Banking Room; Make It the Place Where You Account Says

Merrie Christmas, 1908

In thousands of homes the Yule log is on the great irons of the old fireplace, and the green leaves and crimson berries of the holly add beauty to the merry scenes of homelike Christmas happiness. These things are beautiful, and are fit recognition of a time honored and ancient custom, but they are only symbols of that kindly feeling that the season of Yuletide engenders in the hearts of men.

We desire to extend the season's greetings, not only to those who have come in and gone out of our establishment in a business way in the past year, but to all the people of southwest Texas. We trust that this Christmas may find no board in all this broad land unsupplied with abundant cheer for the full enjoyment of the occasion; and that sorrow, which must in time come to every human heart, will put away its poignant darts, until the holly branch has withered.

Happy New Year, 1909

New Year's days are mile posts, that mark epochs in the lives of men and things. New Year's Day, 1909, is the fortieth mile post of this bank. It was established in 1869. Many people have come and gone in the business world of this section during that time. In those four decades many banks have been established in Texas. Some have prospered, some discontinued, and some have failed in the fierce battle for existence. We are proud of our record, and in offering The Season's Greetings to our friends and customers, we wish to say that our methods, and our policy will remain unchanged.

We extend to all our best wishes for a Happy and a Prosperous New Year, 1909. There can not be a year in which no sorrows and misfortunes will come to anybody, but we wish for you the maximum of pleasure, and the minimum of sorrow. We wish you all that you deserve, and that were wishing you much.