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Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court met Monday, Dec. 11, 1916.

Present: D. I. Durham, County Judge; I. A. Bird, J. L. Scott, D. I. Fields, W. R. Brock, Commissioners.

Ordered that Sam Mims be appointed Trustee for Common School District No. 25 of Walnut, until the next general election.

Ordered that I. A. LaRue be appointed Trustee for Common School District No. 1, of Powell until the next regular election.

Ordered that the bond of J. A. Wimberley, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 3, be approved.

Ordered by the Court that the bond of G. S. Arnold, County Attorney of Coke county, be approved.

Ordered by the Court that the bond of A. L. Carlile, Constable of Precinct No. 3, Coke county, be approved.

Ordered by the Court that S. C. Parsons, be allowed the sum of \$118.75 for 11 7/8 acres of land out of the west part of the north one half of section 415, same being a strip of land taken for road purposes, on the Sanco and Robert Lee public road. The Clerk is authorized to deliver a warrant against the road and bridge fund when deed is delivered.

Ordered by the Court that Alfred Meek be appointed Trustee for Common School District No. 8, Edith, until the next general election of Common School trustees.

Ordered that J. L. Scott be allowed \$18.00 for six days supervising public roads.

Ordered by the Court that J. L. Scott be allowed \$15.00 for five days supervising public roads.

Ordered that W. R. Brock be allowed the sum of \$9.00 for three days supervising public roads.

Ordered that D. I. Fields be allowed the sum of \$21.00 for seven days supervising public roads.

Ordered that I. A. Bird, J. L. Scott, D. I. Fields, W. R. Brock and D. I. Durham, be each allowed the sum of \$9.00 for three days service as Commissioners.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring, would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Eschling, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter, my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

Ladies Please Notice!

When you go to San Angelo to buy dolls, toys and Christmas goods. Don't fail to buy them at the Beggs Bargain Bazaar, the cheapest 5c, 10c and 25c Store in San Angelo.

Mrs. F. A. Green and daughter, Miss Ozella, will leave this week for Randolph, Oklahoma, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Green's son, W. B. Green and family.

This is the Last Week OF THE SALE!

Now is the time to do your trading as everything is going higher. We can fill most of the orders yet. This is the time to buy

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

As they are cheaper now than they will ever be again.

ALL PARTIES OWING ME ON ACCOUNTS PLEASE CALL AND SETTLE BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR SO WE CAN BALANCE OUR BOOKS AND START NEW ONES.

W. A. D A Y,

MAIL AND PHONE ORDERS FILLED PROMPTLY.

The Christmas Spirit

The most beautiful sentiment in the world today is the Christmas spirit, which is best exemplified by the exchange of gifts from friend to friend. How happy we are when we are remembered at Christmas times by our friends, and how good we feel to know we have made a friend happy by a remembrance gift.

The most sensible gift is the one that can be used every day in the year, and no gifts are more useful and acceptable than some nice piece of Furniture or Hardware.

Below we make some suggestions for appropriate gifts for all.

FOR HIM	FOR THE KIDS	FOR HER
A GUN	VELOCIPED	SET SILVERWARE
A CASE SHELLS	EXPRESS WAGON	MANICURE SET
A SADDLE	DOLL TRUNK	PERCOLATOR
A SAFETY RAZOR	POCKET KNIFE	SEWING MACHINE
A KNIFE	DOLLAR WATCH	A NICE ROCKER
A MONEY PURSE	TENNIS BALL	OIL STOVE
A FLASH LIGHT	RACKET	CARVING SET
A FANCY BELT	FIREWORKS	ALUMINUM WARE

All these gifts are sensible and lasting. They will cause you to be remembered every day in the year.

Be sure and remember your friends with some Gift, and be sure it is a useful gift--BE SURE YOU BUY IT HERE.

Robert Lee Hardware Co.,

GOOD GOODS AT FAIR PRICES.

Beautiful Home Grounds.

You get tired of sounds and odors and tastes, but never of a beautiful view or landscape.

Make your home grounds beautiful, comfortable and valuable by planting long lived trees, shrubs, evergreens, vines and bulbs in natural groves, masses and borders with open front and lawn. We have 140 sorts of shrubs and perennials alone—the very best for your section and the desirable shades.

Our evergreen hilly from Chili is truly a wonder. Just plant it anywhere; it will do the rest.

The climate proof native shrubs of west Texas, that we are introducing are welcomed and admired with enthusiasm, wherever planted. They will make us famous and you happy. Some new ones from Japan, China, Africa and Palestine.

Our sure bearing fruits and berries are unsurpassed.

Catalogue free. We pay express or postage. 400 acres. 42nd year of doing nothing but grow trees in Texas.

F. T. Ramsey & Son, The Austin Nursery, Austin, Texas.

R. L. S. B. League Box Supper

At Court house, Tuesday night December 26th.

Everybody come to the Box Supper, Tuesday night, December 26th, at Court house, under auspices of R. L. S. B. League. Big, generous boxes, a short, interesting program, lots of Victrola music. Out of town girls and ladies urged to come. There will be boxes prepared for you already here. Come, help us out and enjoy Christmas good cheer, as well as boxes filled with Christmas goods.

R. L. S. B. L. Reporter.

You Should Feel 100 Per Cent Today

You cannot meet the day's work cheerfully feeling bilious. Dull headache, coated tongue, bad breath are signs that indicate your liver is over-worked or loafing. In either case you need Po-Do-Lax, Nature's liver regulator, derived from the May-apple. By stimulating the flow of bile, Po-Do-Lax makes work easier for your liver, and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog the intestines. At all Drug-gists, 50c. Advertisement.

Arthur Sugg has been employed to run the City Water Works. He will relieve J. L. Morrow, who will rest up, awhile.

For Sale cheap. A Second hand hack, good as new. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Will Move to Lubbock

J. H. Burroughs, ex-sheriff of Coke county, was here the latter part of last week. He is having improvements placed on his section of land west of Lubbock, and expects to move here with his family within a short time.

Mr. Burroughs has been serving the people of Coke county for about twelve years in the capacity of sheriff and deputy and is now going to devote his time to his private affairs.

The Avalanche is pleased to have such men as Mr. Burroughs come to make their home in our county, for he will be a good citizen, and will make good—Lubbock Avalanche.

Deep seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of BALLARD'S HORE-BOUND SYRUP, you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a HER-RICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER for the chest free with each bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson. Advertisement.

Christmas apples, \$2.25 per box at W. M. Simpson's.

The Observer.

GEO. COWAN, EDITOR

Entered in the postoffice at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR.

Stock Law Election Justice Pre. No 3

On the 15th day of November 1916, came on to be considered the petition requisite number of freeholder of voting precinct No. 3, of Coke county, Texas, same qualified voters thereof praying for an election to be held in said voting precinct, as defined by the order of this Court, creating said voting precinct for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of such voting precinct to determine whether hogs, sheep, and goats, shall be permitted to run at large, in said voting precinct.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and said election is hereby ordered to be held in said voting precinct on the 23rd day of December 1916.

The polling place is hereby designated to be at Fort Chadbourne, in said voting precinct at the public school building in said town.

The following officers being qualified persons under the law are hereby appointed to hold said election, to wit:

J. D. Vanzandt, Presiding Judge.

J. Madera, Associate Judge.

I. N. Billingslea, Clerk.

L. W. Carlile, Clerk.

And they shall make due return of said election as required by law.

All qualified voters being freeholder of said voting precinct, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The polls of said election shall be opened at 8 o'clock A. M. and shall be closed at 7 o'clock P. M.

Voters desiring to prevent the animals designated in this order from running at large shall place upon their ballots, the words:

"For the stock law."

And those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large shall place upon their ballots:

"Against the stock law."

It is further ordered by the Court, that the County Judge of Coke county, give public notice of said election, by publication of this order in some newspaper published in Coke county at least 30 days before the day of said election.

D. I. Durham,
County Judge.

Stop That Cough

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains you dry and gets worse if neglected. Your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. B-t-c-e-t that cold at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsams heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist. 50c. Adv.

Clocks at the Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Baker Hemphill's Stocks Offer Hundreds of Practical Useful Gifts for Christmas.

The practical gift giving is growing. Give something that has the personal touch, something to wear, something that will give substantial pleasure.

Every section of the store is extending invitations to Christmas shoppers to inspect the many beautiful and useful gift suggestions now on display. Great varieties are here. No member of the family seems to have been forgotten in this unusual collection of Christmas merchandise. Father, mother, sister, brother—all can be satisfactorily provided for from our varied stocks. Don't worry about the gift problem. We have settled that for you. Just come and inspect the hundreds of gifts here, as the result of our efforts.



REDUCTIONS NOW IN FORCE

WOMEN'S SUITS, COATS AND DRESSES

Women who have delayed the buying of their winter apparel will gladly take advantage now of these important reductions. Suits worth \$17.50, \$17.50 to \$75.00, now on sale \$13.45, \$19.75 to \$39.85

Coats worth \$12.50, \$20.00 to \$35.00, now on sale \$9.85, \$17.45 to \$29.85

Dresses worth \$12.50, \$15.00, \$20.00 to \$45.00. On Sale now \$9.85, \$12.45 to \$34.85

PRESENTS FOR WOMEN

WE SUGGEST—Set furs, silk waist, gloves, cap and scarf set, table linen, silk hosiery, silk or wool dress pattern, counterpane, wool or down comfort, Ivory ware, Hand Bag, Mesh Bag, Jewelry items, coat suit, dress, coat, skirt, kimono bath robe, etc.

FOR MEN

Suit, overcoat, hat, suit case, hand bag, new ties, gloves, mackinaw, auto gloves, bath robe, smoking jacket, traveling set, silk shirt, etc.

FOR BOYS

New suit, cap, pair shoes, shirts, hat, warm underwear, gloves, knitted cap, silk shirt, ties, silk handkerchief, cuff buttons, tie clasp, etc.

FOR GIRLS

Set furs, fur muff, mesh bag, hand bag, new waist, parasol, Ivory jewel case, brush, comb, etc. Gloves, silk hosiery, handkerchiefs, shoes, etc.

SAN
ANGELO,
TEXAS

Baker-Hemphill Co.
BUY EM FOR LESS—SELL EM FOR LESS

SAN
ANGELO,
TEXAS

WANTED—Industrious man with team and wagon, capable of earning \$100 and over, per month, selling Rawleigh's 129 Household Products—Medicines, Extracts, Spices, Toilet Articles, Stock and Poultry Preparations, Gasoline Engines, etc., to farmers. Must give good references, and furnish contract signed by two responsible men. Also men and women to sell in Cities and Towns. For full particulars, address, giving age, occupation and references, The W. T. Rawleigh Company, Freeport, Illinois.

When in town, you should call at the Observer office, and let Mrs. W. H. Hamilton show you the sample Billy Sanday book—the most popular book of today. Mrs. Hamilton will be glad for you to look over the sample, whether you put in an order for one of the books or not.

Let us fill that next order for fresh groceries.
W. H. Bell & Co.

Please Pay Me.

All parties indebted to me, please call and settle. The amounts you owe are due and I need the money. No matter how small the amount you owe, I want it. Dimes, nickels, dollars. Walter Brown.

Children take BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP willingly because it tastes nice. There isn't a better remedy anywhere for children's coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a good medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson. Advertisement.

Strayed or Stolen.

Cow branded on hip and 76 on side, weight 800 lbs. Also two yearlings in some brand. Liberal Reward. Ben Rawls, Sterling City, Texas.

Notice Trappers!

Trappers! I want your furs. Will be in Robert Lee every Saturday. Will buy any kind of furs. Bring them to Green & Terry's and I will pay the highest cash price for them. E. T. Sparks.

Collection Notice.

All parties due me on accounts will please call and settle at once. We need the money. W. H. Bell & Co.

Whooping in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson. Advertisement.

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach the barber trade in a short time. Mailed free. Write, MOLER BARBER COLLEGE, Fort Worth, Texas.

—All kinds of canned fruits, for Christmas at Green & Terry's.

Lax-Fos, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Grip nor Disturb the Stomach. In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not gripe nor disturb stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c.

G. C. Wylie purchased from the dealer at Bronte, a new Overland.

—The bird season is on. Buy your shells from us: Black powder, per box, 50 cents; low base smokeless 75 cents per box high base smokeless 85 cents per box at W. M. Simpson's.

—B & H pear burners. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

\$250.00 REWARD

For the arrest and conviction or information leading to the arrest and conviction of party or parties stealing, killing or unlawfully moving any of our stock, brands 7 F on left side, 7 on hip.

HARRIS BROTHERS.

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Practice limited to disease of.....

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Big Springs, Texas.

I have an office at Colorado City where I may be seen each 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

The Good Things of Life

Originate in the Kitchen

Good Cooking Utensils keep the Cook in a good humor and enables her to prepare the meals with great facility.

This fact is appreciated by all modern housekeepers. Our showing of kitchen utensils, aids, helps, etc., is a joy to all careful house keepers. If you are looking for something new and up-to-date, call on us. We will be glad to show you.



Crowther Hardware Co.

"The Quality Store."

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Coulter's Arcade

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

We now have on display an immense line of

Holiday Goods

At the very lowest possible prices. We can save you money on your purchases, large or small. Visit our store and look through our stock. We can please you both in goods and prices.

COULTER'S ARCADE.

Ancient Abyssinia.

The Abyssinians are a race renowned for their courage and good looks. Of a deep brown in color, they are well formed and handsome, intelligent and fond of gaiety, too, but their needs are very simple, and they live in primitive fashion in rough circular stone huts thatched with grass. The history of Abyssinia dates very far back. Before Christ the country formed part of the ancient country of Ethiopia. The queen of Sheba was an Abyssinian queen, and the kings of Abyssinia claim descent from her.—London Spectator.

Sick Herrings.

"Why," said a youngster to his elder brother, "do herrings have so many more illnesses than other fish?" "Who says they do?" asked the youth addressed.

"Why," this book says that thousands upon thousands of them are cured every year."

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

—The finest line of fresh groceries, feedstuffs and confections can be found at W. H. Bell & Co.

Subscribe for the Observer.

—I am in Robert Lee for a short time. Let me do your mattress work while here. H. S. Weeks.

L. L. Halbert sold his pecan crop—of Pecan Mott this week for over \$300

Stoves! Stove pipe, window glass and putty. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Nervous Women.

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

The Angelo Restaurant,

THE PLACE OF

GOOD MEALS.

The most up-to-date and popular restaurant in San Angelo. Short Orders at all times. Regular meals 35 cents. Eat with us when in San Angelo.

The New Edison Phonograph.

Can you think of a thing your family would treasure more than an instrument which brings to them the literal Re-Creation of the voices and the instrumental performances of the world's great musical artists?

No talking machine can do this. But there is an instrument which can. It is Thomas A. Edison's latest invention, known as the New Edison. This is the instrument to which the New York Globe refers as "the phonograph with a soul."

We cordially invite you to visit our store and permit us to demonstrate that the New Edison is utterly different from any and all talking machines.

H. D. LEFFEL, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

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Sander's Furniture Co.,

On account of having to move to our new location 17 West Beauregard on January 1st we are offering special inducements on

Furniture Stoves Rugs Cedar Chests, Etc

In fact anything in the House Furnishing line. Many articles of real value will be found in our lines.

Sanders Furniture Company,

"SELLS CHEAPER"

11 West Beauregard.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

The Joy of the Beautiful Pine

The Story of a Municipal Christmas Tree
By THORNTON W. BURGESS

(Copyright by Thornton W. Burgess)

ONCE upon a time, long, long ago, the great-grandfather of Happy Jack Squirrel, whose name was Happy Jack, too, was scurrying along the Lone Little Path that comes down the hill through the Green Forest.

He was happy, very happy, was Happy Jack, which was quite as it should be, for there was everything to make him happy. His sides were fat with the good things he had to eat. He had a beautiful new coat to keep him warm when rough Brother North Wind and Jack Frost should come driving the snow clouds to make white the Green Meadows and change the Green Forest until the little people who live there only in the summer would never, never know it had they happened to have come back. But rough Brother North Wind and Jack Frost had not come yet, and Old Mother Nature was busy preparing the Green Forest for them and urging all the little people to hurry and make ready for them.

So Happy Jack scampered down the Lone Little Path and pulled over red leaves and yellow leaves and brown

self, and Happy Jack had saved her some trouble, for though he didn't know it, he had planted it for her.

It all came about just as Old Mother Nature had thought it would. Happy Jack never once thought of that particular little brown seed, for he had hidden plenty to eat all the long winter in the Green Forest. So the little brown seed lay just where he had hidden it, until gentle Sister South Wind came in the spring and with her soft fingers opened all the little brown blankets of the leaf buds on the trees which Jack Frost with his hard fingers had been unable to open. Then Old Mother Nature remembered the little fairy who was sleeping in the heart of it, and the name of the little fairy was the Fairy of Life.

So out from the warm earth sprang a tender green shoot, which really was a teeny, weeny Pine-tree.

Jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun, looking down from the blue, blue sky, saw it and smiled, and his smile made the teeny, weeny Pine-tree very happy, for it warmed the ground and comforted the little roots growing there.

Old Mother West Wind, hurrying past on her way to blow the white-sailed ships across the Great Ocean,



Once Every Year, Came Merry Children, and Older Folk, and With Laugh and Song Would Cut Young Pine Trees and Carry them Away.

leaves to see what he could find under them, and his heart was happy, for his stomach was full, and you know a full stomach, unless it be too full, almost always makes a happy heart.

Now, as he pulled over the red and yellow and brown leaves, his sharp eyes spied a little brown seed. It was a homely little seed which had fallen from a rough pine cone, and you and I would very likely not have seen it at all, or if we had we would have thought it of no account. But Happy Jack's eyes sparkled when he saw that homely little brown seed, for he knew that it was very good to eat.

Not that he was hungry. Oh, my, no! There wasn't room in his stomach for the least teeny, weeny bit more just then. But Happy Jack knew that there might come a time when his stomach would not be so full, and then that little brown seed would taste oh-so good!

Now, he had hidden a great many little brown seeds and fat nuts near the Lone Little Path, so when he picked up this particular little brown seed quickly he scampered over the dry leaves until presently he came to the edge of the Green Forest. He looked this way and he looked that way to see if anyone was watching him, and when he was sure that no one was, he ran out a little way from the edge of the Green Forest, dug a tiny hole in the soft, warm earth with his paws, dropped into it the little brown seed and covered it carefully.

"There," said he to himself, as he scampered back to the Green Forest to see what more he could find, "every-one knows I live in the Green Forest and no one will think to look out here for things I have hidden."

Old Mother Nature, who knew just what Happy Jack had done, smiled, for she also knew that it was more than likely that Happy Jack would forget all about that little brown seed, and if he did she had a plan to use it her-

self, and Happy Jack had saved her some trouble, for though he didn't know it, he had planted it for her.

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Old Mother West Wind, hurrying past on her way to blow the white-sailed ships across the Great Ocean,

And for a time the young Pine-tree was very, very happy. But after a while it began to feel lonely. All the other Pine-trees were in the Green Forest, and often it could hear them whispering together and it longed to whisper with them and could not, and so it sighed and sighed, and Peter Rabbit passing that way often stopped to wonder what made such a handsome young Pine-tree seem so sad.

So the years passed and the young Pine-tree became bigger than any of its neighbors in the Green Forest, and became known as the Beautiful Pine,

CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NOT STOP! MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES

"Dodson's Liver Tone" Is Harmless To Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels.

Tight Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with your bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all run out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous, I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your sluggish liver to work and clean your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. I guarantee that a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone will keep your entire family feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and it has no pleasant taste.

and was beloved of all the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows, and gave them shelter and was happy.

Once every year, long after the nuts had been gathered and all the world seemed drear and bare, came merry children, and older folk, and with laugh and song and happy shout would cut young Pine trees and young Hemlock trees and carry them away. At first the Beautiful Pine had pitied the young trees, but when it saw that it was the possession of these trees that made the children so happy, it began to envy them, and when Jack Frost told it of peeping in at many windows and seeing these little trees made beautiful with many lights, and hung with beautiful things to fill the hearts of little children with joy, it sighed more than ever.

"How," murmured the Beautiful Pine to the old stars, "I would gladly give myself so cut joy in the heart of just one little child, but, alas! I am too big. I am too big. No little child wants me because I am too big."

So Christmas after Christmas the Beautiful Pine would watch the little trees carried away and would murmur sadly, "I can give Christmas joy to not one little child because I am too big, too big." And the wandering Night Wind would carry that sad murmur through all the Green Forest, "I am too big, too big."

Then, one day, when the snow lay white on the Green Meadows and in the Green Forest, and the Beautiful Pine had watched the little trees for Christmas carried away with laugh and shout, as it had for so many Christmases, came men and boys, and then came sent shivers clear to its beautiful top, until its proud length lay stretched on the snow. And somehow the beautiful Pine cared not, for it so wanted to give joy to just one little child, and it was too big, too big.

It was carried into a great city, and there, in the very heart of the great city, the Beautiful Pine was raised until it stood as proudly as it had stood just beyond the edge of the Green Forest, and it was hung with many colored lights until it was quite, quite the most beautiful that ever was. And there came "not one, but a thousand little children, and they danced around the Beautiful Pine, and laughter was in their eyes, for joy was in their hearts. And they sang and their voices were joyous. And they shouted and their voices were merry. And they cried:

"It is the most beautiful tree in all the world, for it is our Christmas tree—the Christmas tree of all the children!"

Then was the heart of the Beautiful Pine, planted long, long years ago by the great-grandfather of Happy Jack Squirrel, filled with a great joy—the joy of giving, for it had given its greatest gift, the gift of itself, for the joy of many. And the spirit of Christmas, which is love for all mankind, descended upon it as sweet-toned bells chimed, "On earth peace, good will toward men," and the glad voices of a thousand little children cried, "Merry merry Christmas!"

A Sweet Revenge.

"I sent my present to Nellie Sly-pootie when she was at her club, and I knew all the girls and fellows would gather around to see her open it."

"Why, I thought you didn't like Nellie."

"I can't bear her. The present was a nice long hair switch."

Christmas

Luke II, 1-14

NOW it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinus was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same country, abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

And an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace good will toward men."

Annual Phenomenon.

"Now," said the magazine editor, "we'll have a cover design representing the old year as an aged man and the New Year as a smiling infant."

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Now, remember, I treat you on a positive guarantee. If I don't cure you, you are not even expected to pay me one dime doctor's bill. Do you know of any other doctor who will do that? They all expect their doctor's bill whether you are even benefited or not.

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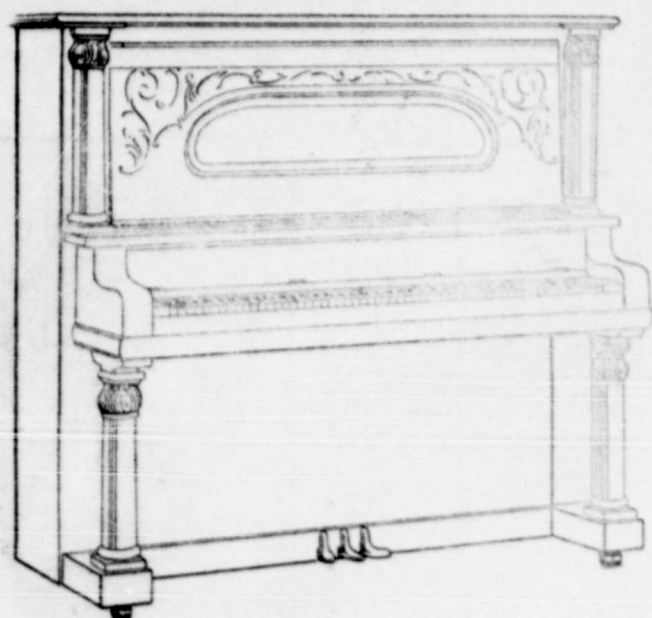
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A STRING OF SNAKES.

Anyone going along the Wild Cat road in the Harris pasture will see a novel sight. A string of 24 large rattle snakes hanging out of a cave in the mountains, killed them and hung them on the fence. There is a saying that for every snake killed and hung on the fence, there will fall at least half an inch of rain within a week. If this theory holds good we will have an extra wet winter.

The party dispatching these reptiles, has done so for a great good. John Murtishaw, who is authority on snakes in this section, says they were his snakes, and that he was saving them until the next fair at San Angelo when he expected to put on a natural history act entitled "Aesop" and make a fortune in one week, or at least make enough money to buy gasoline for his Overland to do a month and probably have enough of the fortune left to buy a couple of sacks of flour at the present price. He is much about his snakes being killed, and may bring suit against the party for damages.

—5 pounds best Peaberry coffee, \$1.00 at W. M. Simpson's.

—To have a joyous Christmas buy your Christmas groceries from Green & Terry.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groce's

The Old Standard Groce's Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the liver, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50 cents.

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—Candies, nuts, and fruits, for the Christmas festivals at Green & Terry's.

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—You will find all kinds of Christmas fruits and candies at Green & Terry's.

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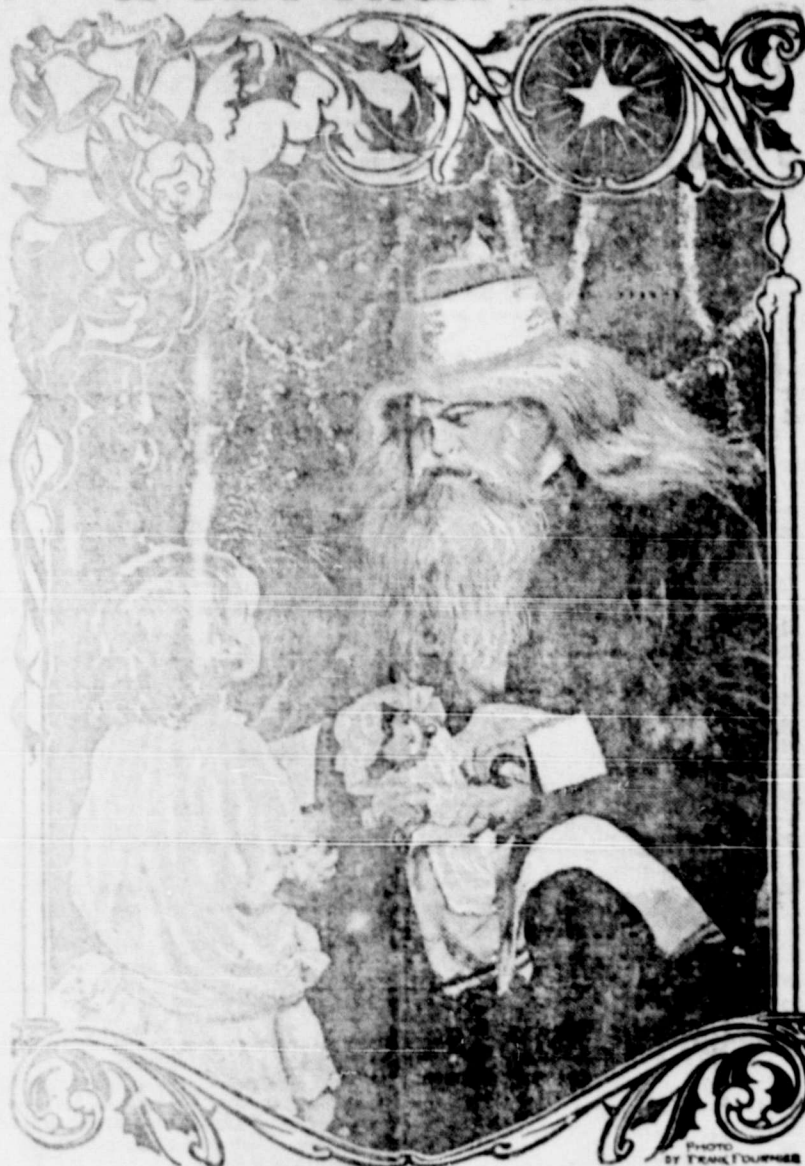
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The Christmas Spirit.
Let the spirit of Christmas time, "Peace on earth, good will to men," come into your heart and be merry and glad.

But in the midst of your merry-making and charitable thought, do not forget that there are many to whom Christmas will bring no cheer. These are the hopelessly ill in hospitals, the human driftwood in the reformatories, the tiny inmates of the orphanages. If you are able to bring a bit of cheer—practical cheer—into the dead life of someone confined in one of these institutions, do not think such an effort is a waste of time or out of date. Indeed, it will be the kindest act you can do at Christmas time—to think of someone who has lost his place, or is not yet able to take his place in the great world.

WHY NOT REVIVE OLD CUSTOMS?

By CASSIE MONCLURE LYNE.

AVE the customs of Christmas become more conventionalities? That is the rub. We do things like mechanical toys, without asking the why and wherefore. We follow the sharp leadership of some fashion fished who either has more cents and less sense than the average, because we are the slaves of custom. Christmas is the season for the Christ child—when simplicity and sincerity should dominate love of ostentation and all pretense. It is hard in this day of luxury to experience a new sensation; for children are sated on the threshold of life with gifts that would have astonished George Washington and taken away the breath of little backwoods Abraham Lincoln. It is no use telling your child to eat his red apple and suck his stick of candy with a thankful heart if little Bobbie next door owns a motorcycle and a real playship. Precious poor fun will your little Mary Jane find in her rag baby if Joan Dingle has a blooming French doll that can talk. And so we are happy or miserable—poor or rich by contrast; those comparisons that are obvious if not obvious.

Yule Log Is Gone.

The old-fashioned season of fun and frolic has been replaced by a meaningless, worthless celebration. The Yule log has gone out, and there is no fireplace for old Santa Claus to scramble down and leave his gifts of simple joys for unsuspecting childhood. The steam-heated home, the sterilized urban, the pure-food laws, all forbid the painted sugar cake and dogs whose squeal back would have put any parent to shame.

Yet how beautiful in retrospect is the memory of some Christmas of the long ago when, like Tiny Tim, who shuffled around the simple table and looked forward with joy to the home coming of all the family, the wonder of the change of scene and the loving revelation, "God bless us all!" That simple warmth such as no Scrooge could

possibly buy! That was the spirit which prompted Dickens to say, "Though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good, and I say, 'God bless it!'"

We Should Hang Garlands.

The singing of carols in English villages was a good old custom and ought to be revived, as well as the lighting of the Yule log on Christmas eve, for the memory of the English Christmas lingers ever in the British heart, wherever he may be. In the early days at Jamestown, Va., the cradle of English civilization on this western continent, John Smith says: "The extreme cold, frost, rain and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the savages, where we were never more merry nor had more good oysters, fish, flesh, wild fowl and good bread nor ever had better fires in England." Kipling, too, refers to the memory of Yuletide in his "Black Sheep" with the couplet, "At home they are making merry, 'twixt the white and scarlet berry." And so we should garland the house with trailing pine, hang the wreaths of holly in the window and the mistletoe 'neath the chandelier. It helps others if it does not help you.

Boston's Fine Example.

Last Christmas in Boston the mayor requested everyone in the city to leave their window shades up on Christmas eve to help light the city. Such a cheerful glow as it gave to old Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue! Down in the Public gardens the city was enjoying its municipal Christmas tree, a stately fir, bedecked with myriad colored electric bulbs, while the band played old familiar carols that veered into popular street songs before the crowd scattered. The scene was significant of Christmas now being a cosmopolitan festival holding the heart of Puritan New England, whose holy of holies has heretofore been Thanksgiving. This is right, and as it should be, since ours is a land of religious liberty and Christmas is the season of "peace and good will to all mankind."

A LITTLE BABY SISTER.



"Why don't you send your little friend a nice wax doll for Christmas?" "I don't think she'd care much for a wax doll now, auntie; you see, they just got a meat one at her house."

Evidently Not.

"Confound the luck! What did she want to slap me for? She was standing squarely beneath a bunch of mistletoe when I kissed her."

"Well?" "I suspect that you were not the man she was waiting for."

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill."

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

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Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

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When you telephone, Connections throughout the southwest.

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Good work at moderate prices.

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We have all the home necessities, and many of the luxuries, and the prices will more than compensate for your trouble. If you want to save on your purchases, don't act too quickly, investigate before you buy. If we can't save you money, we don't want your business. Ask the people who know. Will you honor us with your presence? Look at our stock, get our prices, and then buy where you get the best values. We want to help ourselves, and we can help you at the same time, our interest is mutual. Make us prove our statements.

**Make Your Dollars Get Full Value;
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In Woman's Realm
MRS. W. B. HAMILTON, EDITOR.

We would be glad to receive articles from our lady readers. Articles must be signed by contributor but their name will not be published except when requested by writer.

Enjoyable Social.

The most important social happening of the week, and one of the largest and most delightful parties of the pre-holiday season, was that of Saturday evening, December 9th, when Mr. and Mrs. Dick Coulson threw open their doors to the young people of Robert Lee, and entertained them with a Leap Year Party.

The girls knew it was time to get busy, making preparations for their future. Having learned that this was to be their last chance for four years, every

girl in town was hunting a "beau" for the evening. We can't say how successful they were, but judging from the earnest effort some of the girls made, and pleasant smiles they carried home, we surely think they received some encouragement.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulson are very popular among our young people, and always put forth every effort, in showing them a nice time while in their home.

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Sunbeam Band Program.

To be rendered December 17, 1916.

Subject—"Personal Service."
Song—"Help Somebody Today."

Prayer—"That God will show each Sunbeam the Somebody most needing help."

Scripture Reading, Matthew 25:34-40. Memorize verse 40.

"Meaning of Personal Service for Sunbeams" by Leader. Personal Service for Sunbeams:

(1) "In the Home"—Lois Denman.

(2) "At Hospitals"—Lois Presslar.

Reading—Lois Rhodes.

(3) "At Church"—Brady Turner.

(4) "At Sunday School"—J. W. Swafford.

(5) "At Sunbeam Band"—Claudia Warren.

(6) "At School"—Janie Escoe.

Song—"Make me a Channel of Blessing Today."

Closing Prayer.

Miss Eva Buchanan Entertains

Miss Eva Buchanan entertained a few of her friends Thursday night with a delightful social. Card playing and corn popping were the principal features of entertainment throughout the evening. Miss Eva is a charming hostess and all declared themselves as having been highly entertained. Those present were: Misses Inez and Iva Brown, Quilla and Jewell Warren, Messrs. Joe and Arthur Sugg, Chism Brown, Hugh Ten Eycke, Hubert Bachman and Mrs. Buchanan.

Orphan Cared For.

Mrs. G. S. Arnold's Class, No. 4, of the Methodist Sunday School of this place, gave a Bazaar Saturday evening, the proceeds of which will go to clothe one Orphan in the Methodist State Orphan Home. The amount made was \$12.00. This class of young ladies have provided for one orphan for some time, earning the required amount of money in various ways. This is certainly a good step, and if every Sunday school class in Texas would follow the example of these girls, many orphans would be well provided for—and in what more benevolent way can money be used for, than to provide for the orphan?

Home Mission Notes.

The Woman's Home Mission Society met Monday 11th, with Mrs. W. M. Simpson. After reading of Scripture and Prayer the Society entered into business affairs. As this is the end of the year, reports were given in and new officers elected. Seven new members were reported, \$55.40 raised of which \$50 was expended on M. E. Church here. Also one box of supplies raised and given to orphans. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Aubrey Ashley; Vice President, Mrs. S. W. Adams; Second Vice President, Mrs. Ashley; Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Durham; Secretary, Mrs. G. S. Arnold; Superintendent and Social Service, Mrs. W. H. Bell; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. Suggs; Superintendent of

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Once again the happiest and most welcome of all our holidays draws near. With the compliments of the season to all our readers, we ask you the question of the hour—WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS? The children are asking it with wondering and hopeful expectations of what Santa Claus is likely to bring them. The older people are asking it, not so much in speculation regarding the remembrances that Christmas will bring them, but rather as an inquiry as to how they are to provide suitable and satisfactory presents for relatives and friends without too heavy a drain upon their time and purse. May we help you to solve the problem and put you in the way of doing your Christmas shopping with pleasure, satisfaction and economy? Our Holiday Stock, this season, is a marvel of beauty and elegance; its new features are innumerable, and its variety almost unlimited. We are offering a stock that will meet the wants of everybody. High priced presents, low priced presents, useful, ornamental, practical or pretty; remember we have the best of the kind—and all kinds. We offer the advantage of selection that can only be found in a very extensive showing of first-class Holiday Goods. New novelties are everywhere, and the latest and best of everything is the predominating feature of our display for the Christmas season of 1916. We take the liberty of making a suggestion regarding the best time to do your Christmas shopping, and earnestly urge you to do it AT ONCE. There is much to lose and nothing to gain by waiting. Come early while the pick is the choicest, avoid the crowd and make your selections at leisure and in comfort, from a full and complete assortment. We know that a visit will convince you that we offer more and better inducements in quality, variety and reasonable prices than you can find elsewhere. We extend a cordial invitation to all to come in and see our brilliant array of Holiday Goods, without feeling that the slightest obligation to purchase is incurred. Hoping to see every reader at our store at an early date, and wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

BEYETTE'S RACKET STORE.

Publicity, Mrs. A. J. Taylor Jr.

The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. W. K. Simpson.

Supt. Publicity.

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How to Check That Cold.

When it is painful to breathe and fever sends chills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all druggists, 25c. Adv.



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LOCAL NEWS

—Nice stock of iron bedsteads at W. K. Simpson's.

W. C. Locke is in Alpine this week on business and looking around.

—P. & O. Plows, none better, few as good. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fretwell and son, of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Baker, Sunday.

—Christmas oranges, 25c to 50c per dozen, \$3.15 per box for any size, at W. M. Simpson's.

Miss Mae Sullivan, teacher of the Sand Springs school, was visiting her mother here Saturday.

—If you want something to plow with, come and see my line of implements. W. K. Simpson.

Sheriff L. J. Cowart was at Tennyson and San Angelo, Sunday and Monday on legal business.

—Fireworks! Buy your fireworks from the Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Mrs. Gerrarde and Miss Agnes Thornton, who teaches the Cedar Hill School, were here from Cedar Hill Saturday.

—Dr. J. L. Rice, Dentist, will be at the City Drug Store, from 7th to 8th each month.

Ned Walde was here the first of the week from Barnhardt, to visit his family, who are here. He will move back here shortly.

Christmas Candles—Fancy candles, 15c per pound, best chocolates, 25c per pound at W. M. Simpson's.

Bob Hall who is now employed as publisher of the Rankin Round Up at Rankin, Texas, was here Monday and Tuesday visiting his family.

—Several Avery wagons, yet on hand, at W. K. Simpson's.

New Fall Wearables!

COMPRISING ALL THE LATEST IN

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Here you will find substantial gifts for every member of the family. A nice dress pattern for mother or sister, a well tailored suit or overcoat for father or brother, a nice pair of shoes for any member of the family, a nice hat, cap, gloves, handkerchiefs. Give substantial gifts. Our house is filled with substantial Christmas Gifts.

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FOR CHRISTMAS

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Sloan's Liniment is first thought of mothers for bumps, bruises and sprains that are continually happening to children. It quickly penetrates and soothes without rubbing. Cleaner and more effective than musky ointments or ointments. For rheumatic aches, neuralgia pain, and that grippy soreness after colds, Sloan's Liniment gives prompt relief. Have a bottle handy for bruises, strains, sprains and all external pain. For the thousands whose work calls them outdoors, the pains and aches following exposure are relieved by Sloan's Liniment. At all druggists, 25c. Advertisement.

—N. H. Powers has several good places for sale. Also list your land with him.

Aubrey Ashley was a visitor to San Angelo Wednesday.

Our Holiday Gifts

DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

Here you will find gifts for the older ones as well as for the children.

We Have the Largest Line of Holiday Goods we Have Ever Handled

Our Goods are Moderate Priced

DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

City Drug Store.

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ROBERT LEE, COKE COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1916.

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Commissioners Court.

Commissioners Court met Monday, Dec. 11, 1916.

Present: D. I. Durham, County Judge; I. A. Bird, J. L. Scott, D. I. Fields, W. R. Brock, Commissioners.

Ordered that Sam Mims be appointed Trustee for Common School District No. 25 of Walnut, until the next general election.

Ordered that I. A. LaRue be appointed Trustee for Common School District No. 1, of Powell until the next regular election.

Ordered that the bond of J. A. Wimberley, Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 2, be approved.

Ordered by the Court that the bond of G. S. Arnold, County Attorney of Coke county, be approved.

Ordered by the Court that the bond of A. L. Carlie, Constable of Precinct No. 3, Coke county, be approved.

Ordered by the Court that S. G. Parsons, be allowed the sum of \$118.75 for 11 7/8 acres of land out of the west part of the north one half of section 415, same being a strip of land taken for road purposes, on the Sanco and Robert Lee public road. The Clerk is authorized to deliver a warrant against the road and bridge fund when deed is delivered.

Ordered by the Court that Alfred Meek be appointed Trustee for Common School District No. 8, Edith, until the next general election of Common School trustees.

Ordered that I. A. Bird be allowed \$18.00 for six days supervising public roads.

Ordered by the Court that J. L. Scott be allowed \$15.00 for five days supervising public roads.

Ordered that W. R. Brock be allowed the sum of \$9.00 for three days supervising public roads.

Ordered that D. I. Fields be allowed the sum of \$21.00 for seven days supervising public roads.

Ordered that I. A. Bird, J. L. Scott, D. I. Fields, W. R. Brock and D. I. Durham, be each allowed the sum of \$9.00 for three days service as Commissioners.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring, would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Leeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter, my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

Ladies Please Notice!

When you go to San Angelo to buy dolls, toys and Christmas goods. Don't fail to buy them at the Biggs Bargain Bazaar, the cheapest 5c, 10c and 25c Store in San Angelo.

Mrs. F. A. Green and daughter, Miss Ozella, will leave this week for Randolph, Oklahoma, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Green's son, W. B. Green and family.

This is the Last Week OF THE SALE!

Now is the time to do your trading as everything is going higher. We can fill most of the orders yet. This is the time to buy

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

As they are cheaper now than they will ever be again.

ALL PARTIES OWING ME ON ACCOUNTS PLEASE CALL AND SETTLE BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR SO WE CAN BALANCE OUR BOOKS AND START NEW ONES.

W. A. DAY,

The Christmas Spirit

The most beautiful sentiment in the world today is the Christmas spirit, which is best exemplified by the exchange of gifts from friend to friend. How happy we are when we are remembered at Christmas times by our friends, and how good we feel to know we have made a friend happy by a remembrance gift.

The most sensible gift is the one that can be used every day in the year, and no gifts are more useful and acceptable than some nice piece of Furniture or Hardware.

Below we make some suggestions for appropriate gifts for all.

FOR HIM	FOR THE KIDS	FOR HER
A GUN	VELOCIPEDE	SET SILVERWARE
A CASE SHELLS	EXPRESS WAGON	MANICURE SET
A SADDLE	DOLL TRUNK	PERCOLATOR
A SAFETY RAZOR	POCKET KNIFE	SEWING MACHINE
A KNIFE	DOLLAR WATCH	A NICE ROCKER
A MONEY PURSE	TENNIS BALL	OIL STOVE
A FLASH LIGHT	RACKET	CARVING SET
A FANCY BELT	FIREWORKS	ALUMINUM WARE

All these gifts are sensible and lasting. They will cause you to be remembered every day in the year.

Be sure and remember your friends with some Gift, and be sure it is a useful gift--BE SURE YOU BUY IT HERE.

Robert Lee Hardware Co.,

GOOD GOODS AT FAIR PRICES.

Beautiful Home Grounds.

You get tired of sounds and odors and tastes, but never of a beautiful view or landscape.

Make your home grounds beautiful, comfortable and valuable by planting long lived trees, shrubs, evergreens, vines and bulbs in natural groves, masses and borders with open front and lawn. We have 140 sorts of shrubs and perennials alone—the very best for your section and the desirable shades.

Our evergreen lily from Chili is truly a wonder. Just plant it anywhere; it will do the rest.

The climate proof native shrubs of west Texas, that we are introducing are welcomed and admired with enthusiasm, wherever planted. They will make us famous and you happy. Some new ones from Japan, China, Africa and Palestine.

Our sure bearing fruits and berries are unsurpassed.

Catalogue free. We pay express or postage. 400 acres. 42nd year of doing nothing but grow trees in Texas.

F. T. Ramsey & Son, The Austin Nursery, Austin, Texas.

R. L. S. B. League Box Supper

At Courthouse, Tuesday night December 26th.

Everybody come to the Box Supper, Tuesday night, December 26th, at Court house, under auspices of R. L. S. B. League. Big, generous boxes, a short, interesting program, lots of Victrola music. Out of town girls and ladies urged to come. There will be boxes prepared for you already here. Come, help us out, and enjoy Christmas good cheer, as well as boxes filled with Christmas "goodies."

R. L. S. B. L. Reporter.

You Should Feel 100 Per Cent Today

You cannot meet the day's work cheerfully feeling bilious. Dull headache, coated tongue, bad breath are signs that indicate your liver is over-worked or loafing. In either case you need Po Do-Lax, Nature's liver regulator, derived from the May-apple. By stimulating the flow of bile, Po Do-Lax makes work easier for your liver, and by its mildly laxative quality removes the impurities that clog the intestines. At all Drug-gists, 50c. Advertisement.

Arthur Sugg has been employed to run the City Water Works. He will relieve J. L. Morrow, who will rest up, awhile.

—For Sale cheap. A Second hand hack, good as new. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Will Move to Lubbock

J. H. Burroughs, ex-sheriff of Coke county, was here the latter part of last week. He is having improvements placed on his section of land west of Lubbock, and expects to move here with his family within a short time.

Mr. Burroughs has been serving the people of Coke county for about twelve years in the capacity of sheriff and deputy and is now going to devote his time to his private affairs.

The Avalanche is pleased to have such men as Mr. Burroughs come to make their home in our county, for he will be a good citizen, and will make good.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Deep seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of BALLARD'S HORE-BOUND SYRUP, you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a HER-RICK'S RED PEPPER POUCH PLASTER for the chest free with each bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson. Advertisement.

—Christmas apples, \$2.25 per box at W. M. Simpson's.

The Observer.

GEO. COWAN, EDITOR.

Entered in the postoffice at Robert Lee, Texas, as second-class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 PER YEAR.

Stock Law Election Justice Pre. No 3

On the 15th day of November 1916, came on to be considered the petition requisite number of freeholder of voting precinct No. 3, of Coke county, Texas, same qualified voters thereof praying for an election to be held in said voting precinct, as defined by the order of this Court, creating said voting precinct for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of such voting precinct to determine whether hogs, sheep, and goats, shall be permitted to run at large, in said voting precinct.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said petition be and the same is hereby granted, and said election is hereby ordered to be held in said voting precinct on the 23rd day of December 1916.

The polling place is hereby designated to be at Fort Chadbourne, in said voting precinct at the public school building in said town.

The following officers being qualified persons under the law are hereby appointed to hold said election, to wit:

J. D. Vanzandt, Presiding Judge.

J. Madera, Associate Judge.

L. N. Billingslea, Clerk.

L. W. Carlile, Clerk.

And they shall make due return of said election as required by law.

All qualified voters being freeholder of said voting precinct, shall be entitled to vote at said election.

The polls of said election shall be opened at 8 o'clock A. M. and shall be closed at 7 o'clock P. M.

Voters desiring to prevent the animals designated in this order from running at large shall place upon their ballots, the words:

"For the stock law."

And those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large shall place upon their ballots:

"Against the stock law."

It is further ordered by the Court, that the County Judge of Coke county, give public notice of said election, by publication of this order in some newspaper published in Coke county at least 30 days before the day of said election.

D. F. Durham,
County Judge.

Stop That Cough

A hacking cough weakens the whole system, drains your energy and gets worse if neglected. Your throat is raw, your chest aches and you feel sore all over. Better than cold at once with Dr. King's New Discovery. The soothing pine balsam heal the irritated membranes, and the antiseptic and laxative qualities kill the germs and break up your cold. Don't let a cold linger. Get Dr. King's New Discovery today at your druggist. 30c. Adv.

Clocks at the Robert Lee Hardware Co.

The New Edison Phonograph.

Can you think of a thing your family would treasure more than an instrument which brings to them the literal Re-Creation of the voices and the instrumental performances of the world's great musical artists?

No talking machine can do this. But there is an instrument which can. It is Thomas A. Edison's latest invention, known as the New Edison. This is the instrument to which the New York Globe refers as "the phonograph with a soul."

We cordially invite you to visit our store and permit us to demonstrate that the New Edison is utterly different from any and all talking machines.

H. D. LEFFEL, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.
JEWELER AND DIAMOND MERCHANT.

Baker Hemphill's Stocks Offer

Hundreds of Practical Useful Gifts for Christmas.

The practical gift giving is growing. Give something that has the personal touch, something to wear, something that will give substantial pleasure.

Every section of the store is extending invitations to Christmas shoppers to inspect the many beautiful and useful gift suggestions now on display. Great varieties are here. No member of the family seems to have been forgotten in this unusual collection of Christmas merchandise. Father, mother, sister, brother—all can be satisfactorily provided for from our varied stocks. Don't worry about the gift problem. We have settled that for you. Just come and inspect the hundreds of gifts here, as the result of our efforts.



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REDUCTIONS NOW IN FORCE

WOMEN'S SUITS, COATS AND DRESSES

Women who have delayed the buying of their winter apparel will gladly take advantage now of these important reductions. Suits worth \$17.50, \$27.50 to \$75.00, now on sale \$13.45, \$19.75 to \$39.85.

Coats worth \$12.50, \$20.00 to \$35.00, now on sale \$9.85, \$17.45 to \$29.85.

Dresses worth \$12.50, \$15.00, \$20.00 to \$45.00. On Sale now \$9.85, \$12.45 to \$34.85.

PRESENTS FOR WOMEN

WE SUGGEST—Set furs, silk waist, gloves, cap and scarf set, table linen, silk hosiery, silk or wool dress pattern, counterpane, wool or down comfort, Ivory ware, Hand Bag, Mesh Bag, Jewelry items, coat suit, dress, coat, skirt, kimono bath robe, etc.

FOR MEN

Suit, overcoat, hat, suit case, hand bag, new ties, gloves, mackinaw, auto gloves, bath robe, smoking jacket, traveling set, silk shirt, etc.

FOR BOYS

New suit, cap, pair shoes, shirts, hat, warm underwear, gloves, knitted cap, silk shirt, ties, silk handkerchief, cuff buttons, tie clasp, etc.

FOR GIRLS

Set furs, fur muff, mesh bag, hand bag, new waist, parasol, Ivory jewel case, brush, comb, etc. Gloves, silk hosiery, handkerchiefs, shoes, etc.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Baker-Hemphill Co.
BUY EM FOR LESS—SELL EM FOR LESS—

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

The Good Things of Life

Originate in the Kitchen

Good Cooking Utensils keep the Cook in a good humor and enables her to prepare the meals with great facility.

This fact is appreciated by all modern housekeepers. Our showing of kitchen utensils, aids, helps, etc., is a joy to all careful house keepers. If you are looking for something new and up-to-date, call on us. We will be glad to show you.



Crowther Hardware Co.

"The Quality Store."

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Coulter's Arcade

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

We now have on display an immense line of

Holiday Goods

At the very lowest possible prices. We can save you money on your purchases, large or small. Visit our store and look through our stock, we can please you both in goods and prices.

COULTER'S ARCADE.

WANTED—Industrious man with team and wagon, capable of earning \$100 and over, per month, selling Rawleigh's 129 Household Products—Medicines, Extracts, Spices, Toilet Articles, Stock and Poultry Preparations, Gasoline Engines, etc., to farmers. Must give good references, and furnish contract signed by two responsible men. Also men and women to sell in Cities and Towns. For full particulars, address, giving age, occupation and references, The W. T. Rawleigh Company, Freeport, Illinois.

Please Pay Me.

All parties indebted to me, please call and settle. The amounts you owe are due and I need the money. No matter how small the amount you owe, I want it. Dimes, nickels, dollars. Walter Brown.

Children take **BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP** willingly because it tastes nice. There isn't a better remedy anywhere for children's coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a good medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson. Advertisement.

Strayed or Stolen.

Cow branded **R** on hip and 70 on side, weight 800 lbs. Also two yearlings in same brand. Liberal Reward. Ben Rawls, Sterling City, Texas.

Notice Trappers!

Trappers! I want your furs. Will be in Robert Lee every Saturday. Will buy any kind of furs. Bring them to Green & Terry's and I will pay the highest cash price for them. E. T. Sparks.

Collection Notice.

All parties due me on accounts will please call and settle at once. We need the money. W. H. Bell & Co.

Whooping in the lungs indicates that phlegm is obstructing the air passages. **BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP** loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson. Advertisement.

MEN—Our illustrated catalogue explains how we teach the barber trade in a short time. Mailed free. Write **MOLER BARBER COLLEGE**, Fort Worth, Texas.

—All kinds of canned fruits, for Christmas at Green & Terry's.

Lax-Fos, A Mild, Effective Laxative & Liver Tonic Does Not Grip nor Disturb the Stomach. In addition to other properties, Lax-Fos contains Cascara in acceptable form, a stimulating Laxative and Tonic. Lax-Fos acts effectively and does not gripe nor disturb the stomach. At the same time, it aids digestion, arouses the liver and secretions and restores the healthy functions. 50c.

G. C. Wylie purchased from the dealer at Bronte, a new Overland.

—The bird season is on. Buy your shells from us: Black powder, per box, 50 cents; low base smokeless 75 cents per box high base smokeless 85 cents per box at W. M. Simpson's.

—B & H pear burners. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

\$250.00 REWARD

For the arrest and conviction or information leading to the arrest and conviction of party or parties stealing, killing or unlawfully moving any of our stock. Brands 7 F on left side, 7 on hip.

HARRIS BROTHERS.

MRS. M. T. ROGERS,

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Doctor Buchanan

Practice limited to disease of.....

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

Big Springs, Texas.

I have an office at Colorado City where I may be seen each 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Ancient Abyssinia.
The Abyssinians are a race renowned for their courage and good looks. Of a deep brown in color, they are well formed and handsome, intelligent and fond of gayety, too, but their needs are very simple, and they live in primitive fashion in rough circular stone huts thatched with grass. The history of Abyssinia dates very far back. Before Christ the country formed part of the ancient country of Ethiopia. The queen of Sheba was an Abyssinian queen, and the kings of Abyssinia claim descent from her.—London Spectator.

Sick Herrings.
"Why," said a youngster to his elder brother, "do herrings have so many more illnesses than other fish?"

"Who says they do?" asked the youth addressed.

"Why," this book says that thousands upon thousands of them are cured every year."

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

—The finest line of fresh groceries, feedstuffs and confections can be found at W. H. Bell & Co.

Subscribe for the Observer.

THE PLACE OF

GOOD MEALS.

The most up-to-date and popular restaurant in San Angelo. Short Orders at all times. Regular meals 35 cents. Eat with us when in San Angelo.

The Angelo Restaurant,

Sander's Furniture Co.,

On account of having to move to our new location 17 West Beauregard on January 1st we are offering special inducements on

Furniture Stoves Rugs Cedar Chests, Etc

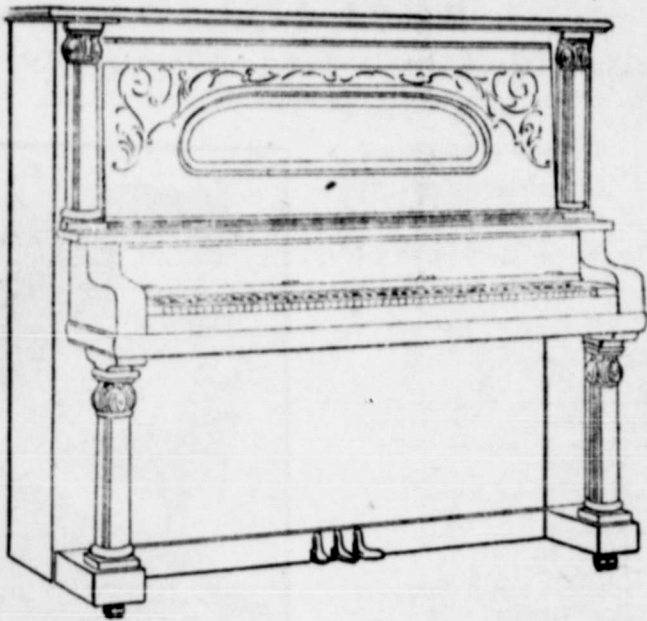
In fact anything in the House Furnishing line. Many articles of real value will be found in our lines.

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"SELLS CHEAPER"

17 West Beauregard. SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Character in Pianos



One of our Most Popular Pianos in
Distinctive Design
MAYNARD, STYLE 30.

Character has as much to do with Pianos as with People.

As character makes the man, so it makes the Piano, and in selecting an instrument the vital point is to consider not its price, but its character and reputation. And another vital point is to consider the character and reputation of the house you buy from. Our goods and our business methods will have established reputations and will bear the closest scrutiny and investigation. We sell on easy terms when desired, and all goods are sold under an absolute guarantee.

Established 1890 **GEO. ALLEN,** San Angelo, Texas

A STRING OF SNAKES.

Anyone going along the Wild Cat road in the Harris pasture will see a novel sight. A string of 24 large rattle snakes hanging on the fence. Someone dug them out of a cave in the mountain, killed them and hung them on the fence. There is a saying that for every snake killed and hung on the fence, there will fall at least half an inch of rain within a week. If this theory holds good we will have an extra wet winter.

The party dispatching these reptiles, has done that section a great good. John Murtishaw, who is authority on snakes in this section, says they were his snakes, and that he was saving them until the next fair at San Angelo when he expected to put on a natural history act entitled "Aesop" and make a fortune in one week, or at least make enough money to buy gasoline for his Overland to do a month and probably have enough of the fortune left to buy a couple of sacks of flour at the present price. He is mad about his snakes being killed, and may bring suit against the party for damages.

—5 pounds best Peaberry coffee, \$1.00 at W. M. Simpson's.

—To have a joyous Christmas buy your Christmas groceries from Green & Terry.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

—Silverware, Onelda Community silverware, 26 piece set for \$8.50. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

—Candies, nuts, and fruits, for the Christmas festivals at Green & Terry's.

Sickly children need WHITES OREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson. Adv.

—You will find all kinds of Christmas fruits and candies at Green & Terry's.

—Special price on steel traps, No. 1 1/2, \$2.25, No. 2, \$3.25, No. 4, \$4.25 per dozen. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

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REAL SERVICE

House for the Motorist

RACINE
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5000 MILES GUARANTEED.

All kinds of Supplies and Accessories for all makes of Cars

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

A GIFT FROM SANTA



The Christmas Spirit.

Let the spirit of Christmas time, "Peace on earth, good will to men," come into your heart and be merry and glad. But in the midst of your merry-making and charitable thought, do not forget that there are many to whom Christmas will bring no cheer. These are the hopelessly ill in hospitals, the human driftwood in the reformatories, the tiny inmates of the orphanages. If you are able to, bring a bit of cheer—practical cheer—into the dead life of someone confined in one of these institutions. Do not think such an effort is a waste of time or out of date. Indeed, it will be the kindest act you can do at Christmas time—to think of someone who has lost his place, or is not yet able to take his place in the great world.

WHY NOT REVIVE OLD CUSTOMS?

By CASSIE MONCLURE LYNE.

HAVE the customs of Christmas become mere conventionalities? That is the rub. We do things like mechanical toys, without asking the why and wherefore. We follow like sheep the leadership of some foolish friend who either has more cents and less sense than the average, because we are the slaves of custom. Christmas is the season for the Christ-child—when simplicity and sincerity should dominate love of ostentation and all pretense. It is hard in this day of luxury to experience a new sensation; for children are satiated on the threshold of life with gifts that would have astonished George Washington and taken away the breath of little Jackwoods Abraham Lincoln. It is no use telling your child to eat his red apple and suck his stick of candy with a thankful heart if little Bobbie next door owns a motorcycle and a real pigskin. Precious poor fun will your little Mary Jane find in her rag baby if Inez Dorris has a bisque French doll that can talk. And so we are happy or miserable, poor or rich by contrast; those comparisons that are obvious if odious.

Yule Log is Gone.

The old-fashioned season of fun and frolic has been replaced by a meaningless, joyless celebration. The Yule log has gone out, and there is no fire-place for old Santa Claus to scramble down and leave his gifts of simple joys for unsuspecting childhood. The steam-heated home, the sterilized urban, the pure-food laws, all forbid the painted sugar cats and dogs whose green backs would have put any parrot to shame.

Yet how beautiful in retrospect is the memory of some Christmas of the long ago, when, like Tiny Tim, who gathered around the simple table and looked forward with joy to the home coming of all the family, the wonderful dinner of goose and the loving greeting, "God bless us all!" That was a wealth such as no Scrooge could

possibly buy! That was the spirit which prompted Dickens to say, "Though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good, and I say, 'God bless it!'"

We Should Hang Garlands.

The singing of carols in English villages was a good old custom and ought to be revived, as well as the lighting of the Yule log on Christmas eve, for the memory of the English Christmas lingers ever in the British heart, wherever he may be. In the early days at Jamestown, Va., the cradle of English civilization on this western continent, John Smith says: "The extreme cold, frost, rain and snow caused us to keep Christmas among the savages, where we were never more merry nor had more good oysters, fish, flesh, wild fowl and good bread nor ever had better fires in England." Kipling, too, refers to the memory of Yuletide in his "Black Sheep" with the couplet, "At home they are making merry, twist the white and scarlet berry." And so we should garland the house with trailing pine, hang the wreaths of holly in the window and the mistletoe 'neath the chandelier. It helps others if it does not help you.

Boston's Fine Example.

Last Christmas in Boston the mayor requested everyone in the city to leave their window shades up on Christmas eve to help light the city. Such a cheerful glow as it gave to old Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue! Down in the Public gardens the city was enjoying its municipal Christmas tree, a stately fir, bedecked with myriad colored electric bulbs, while the band played old familiar carols that veered into popular street songs before the crowd scattered. The scene was significant of Christmas now being a cosmopolitan festival holding the heart of Puritan New England, whose holy of holies has heretofore been Thanksgiving. This is right, and as it should be, since ours is a land of religious liberty and Christmas is the season of "peace and good will to all mankind."

A LITTLE BABY SISTER.



"Why don't you send your little friend a nice wax doll for Christmas?" "I don't think she'd care much for a wax doll now, auntie; you see, they just got a meat one at her house."

Evidently Not.

"Confound the luck! What did she want to slap me for? She was standing squarely beneath a bunch of mistletoe when I kissed her."

"Son, I'm surprised at your obtuseness."

"Well?"

"I suspect that you were not the man she was waiting for."

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill."

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

SAN ANGELO

Marble & Granite Works

Desire to extend their thanks to their friends and customers of Robert Lee and Coke county for past patronage.

Shipman & Izard.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

The Long Arm of The Telephone

No town between ocean's far no one is out of reach of this great finder of men. When a situation demands quick action that is at once decisive, reach for your telephone. Ask the operator to tell you the long distance rates.

When you telephone, smile! Connections throughout the southwest.

SAN ANGELO

TELEPHONE COMPANY

FRED GREEN, Local Manager.

—Let us furnish you with your Christmas groceries at low prices. Green & Terry.

CARPENTER WORK

When you want carpenter work, painting, paper hanging, etc., I would like to figure with you. Good work at moderate prices.

J. E. GILBREATH.

DR. BOGER DENTIST

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Ford Cars Reduced

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On Improved Farms and Ranches

Lender's lien notes taken up and extended. No red tape; quick action.

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SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

The Joy of the Beautiful Pine

The Story of a Municipal Christmas Tree
By THORNTON W. BURGESS

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ONCE upon a time, long, long ago, the great-grandfather of Happy Jack Squirrel, whose name was Happy Jack too, was scampering along the Lone Little Path that comes down the hill through the Green Forest.

He was happy, very happy, was Happy Jack, which was quite as it should be, for there was everything to make him happy. His sides were fat with the good things he had to eat. He had a beautiful new coat to keep him warm when rough Brother North Wind and Jack Frost should come driving the snow clouds to make white the Green Meadows and change the Green Forest until the little people who live there only in the summer would never, never know it had they happened to have come back. But rough Brother North Wind and Jack Frost had not come yet, and Old Mother Nature was busy preparing the Green Forest for them and urging all the little people to hurry and make ready for them.

So Happy Jack scampered down the Lone Little Path and pulled over red leaves and yellow leaves and brown



Once Every Year, Came Merry Children, and Older Folk, and With Laugh and Song Would Cut Young Pine Trees and Carry them Away.

leaves to see what he could find under them, and his heart was happy, for his stomach was full, and you know a full stomach, unless it be too full, almost always makes a happy heart.

Now, as he pulled over the red and yellow and brown leaves, his sharp eyes spied a little brown seed. It was a homely little seed which had fallen from a rough pine cone, and you and I would very likely not have seen it at all, or if we had we would have thought it of no account. But Happy Jack's eyes sparkled when he saw that homely little brown seed, for he knew that it was very good to eat.

Not that he was hungry. Oh, my, no! There wasn't room in his stomach for the least teeny, weeny bit more just then. But Happy Jack knew that there might come a time when his stomach would not be so full, and then that little brown seed would taste oh, so good!

Now, he had hidden a great many little brown seeds and fat nuts near the Lone Little Path, so when he picked up this particular little brown seed quickly he scampered over the dry leaves until presently he came to the edge of the Green Forest. He looked this way and he looked that way to see if anyone was watching him, and when he was sure that no one was, he ran out a little way from the edge of the Green Forest, dug a tiny hole in the soft, warm earth with his paws, dropped into it the little brown seed and covered it carefully.

"There," said he to himself, as he scampered back to the Green Forest to see what more he could find. "Everyone knows I live in the Green Forest and no one will think to look out here for things I have hidden."

Old Mother Nature, who knew just what Happy Jack had done, smiled, for she also knew that it was more than likely that Happy Jack would forget all about that little brown seed, and if he did she had a plan to use it her-

self, and Happy Jack had saved her some trouble, for, though he didn't know it, he had planted it for her.

It all came about just as Old Mother Nature had thought it would. Happy Jack never once thought of that particular little brown seed, for he had hidden plenty to eat all the long winter in the Green Forest. So the little brown seed lay just where he had hidden it, until gentle Sister South Wind came in the spring and with her soft fingers opened all the little brown blankets of the leaf buds on the trees which Jack Frost had been unable to open. Then Old Mother Nature remembered the little brown seed, and she awakened a little fairy who was sleeping in the heart of it, and the name of the little fairy was the Fairy of Life.

So out from the warm earth sprang a teeny, weeny Pine-tree.

Jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun, looking down from the blue, blue sky, saw it and smiled, and his smile made the teeny, weeny Pine-tree very happy, for it warmed the ground and comforted the little roots growing there.

Old Mother West Wind, hurrying past on her way to blow the white-sailed ships across the Great Ocean,

CALOMEL WHEN BILIOUS? NO! STOP! MAKES YOU SICK AND SALIVATES

"Dodson's Liver Tonic" Is Harmless To Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels.

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with your bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish and "all knuckled out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated, or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tonic tonight on my guarantee.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a 50 cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous I want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tonic is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine; entirely vegetable, therefore it can not salivate or make you sick.

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Christmas

Luke II, 1-14

NOW it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment made when Quirinus was governor of Syria. And all went to enroll themselves, everyone to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enroll himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.

And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should deliver. And she brought forth her first-born son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same country, abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

And the angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest
And on earth peace, good will toward men."

Annual Phenomenon.

"Now," said the magazine editor, "we'll have a cover design representing the old year as an aged man and the New Year as a smiling infant."

"All right," replied the artist. "But it looks like nature-faking to me. Anybody knows that a smiling infant couldn't grow all those white whiskers in one short year."



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No wonder poor, unfortunate, afflicted women go from time to time suffering in silence, refraining from consulting the physician or surgeon, when the fear of the knife is ever in her mind. The hospitals and sanitariums have become nightmares to her. She remembers too well the sad end of others who have gone before. The great majority of those who get away from the sanitarium alive are rendered invalids for life, their misery making their life a living hell.

Ladies, don't be operated upon, but come to me, as scores of men and women of nearly every walk and condition in life have done, and be cured without the use of the knife.

Now, remember, I treat you on a positive guarantee. If I don't cure you, you are not even expected to pay me one dime doctor's bill. Do you know of any other doctor who will do that? They all expect their doctor's bill whether you are even benefited or not.

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If you have some long-standing, complicated disease that has cost you much suffering and hard earned money, having been under treatment of your home doctors, failing to be cured, and have about given up all hope of ever being cured. You had better make up your mind to make one more effort; that is, go and see this great specialist, who will give you a careful, thorough examination free of charge, and will tell you whether your case is curable. Dr. Crudgington has discarded the knife altogether; so have the best physicians in the world. The medicine is an ordered direct from the factory, where it is pure and fresh, and you don't pay one dollar doctor's bill until you say are scum and swell. All you are out until you are cured is the course of medicine you order, taken when you are well and satisfied in every way, you pay my fee. Is this fair? Treat and cure to stay cured Sick Headache, Liver and Kidney, Stomach and Bowels, Bladder and Dropsy, all skin diseases, Rheumatism, Malaria, Poisons, Piles cured without knife, all Female Troubles, Appendicitis, Paralysis, all kinds of Gout, all Tumors without knife, Gail stones, without knife; Cancer, I cure except Cancer of the Stomach; Consumption, I do cure it when other doctors fail to benefit. Treat successfully Whiskey and Drug Addictions.

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We have all the home necessities, and many of the luxuries, and the prices will more than compensate for your trouble. If you want to save on your purchases, don't act too quickly, investigate before you buy. If we can't save you money, we don't want your business. Ask the people who know. Will you honor us with your presence? Look at our stock, get our prices, and then buy where you get the best values. We want to help ourselves, and we can help you at the same time, our interest is mutual. Make us prove our statements.

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In Woman's Realm

MRS. W. B. HAMILTON, EDITOR.

We would be glad to receive articles from our lady readers. Articles must be signed by contributor but their name will not be published except when requested by writer.

Enjoyable Social.

The most important social happening of the week, and one of the largest and most delightful parties of the pre-holiday season, was that of Saturday evening, December 9th, when Mr. and Mrs. Dick Coulson threw open their doors to the young people of Robert Lee, and entertained them with a Leap Year Party.

The girls knew it was time to get busy, making preparations for their future. Having earned that this was to be their last chance for four years, every

girl in town was hunting a "beau" for the evening. We can't say how successful they were, but judging from the earnest effort some of the girls made, and pleasant smiles they carried home, we surely think they received some encouragement.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulson are very popular among our young people, and always put forth every effort, in showing them a nice time while in their home.

Every one declared themselves as having spent a very pleasant evening with them on this memorable occasion.

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Sunbeam Band Program.

To be rendered December 17, 1916.

Subject—"Personal Service."
Song—"Help Somebody Today."

Prayer—"That God will show each Sunbeam the Somebody most needing help."

Scripture Reading, Matthew 25:34-40. Memorize verse 40.

"Meaning of Personal Service for Sunbeams" by Leader.

Personal Service for Sunbeams:

(1) "In the Home"—Lois Denman.

(2) "At Hospitals"—Lois Presslar.

Reading—Lois Rhodes.

(3) "At Church"—Brady Turner.

(4) "At Sunday School"—J. W. Swafford.

(5) "At Sunbeam Band"—Claudie Warren.

(6) "At School"—Janie Escoe.

Song—"Make me a Channel of Blessing Today."

Closing Prayer.

Miss Eva Buchanan Entertains.

Miss Eva Buchanan entertained a few of her friends Thursday night with a delightful social. Card playing and

corn popping were the principal features of entertainment throughout the evening. Miss

Eva is a charming hostess and all declared themselves as having been highly entertained.

Those present were: Misses Inez and Iva Brown, Quilla and Jewell Warren, Messrs. Joe and Arthur Sugg, Chas. Brown, Hugh Ten Eycke, Hubert Buchanan and Mrs. Buchanan.

Orphan Caree For

Mrs. G. S. Arnold's Class, No. 4, of the Methodist Sunday School of this place, gave a Bazaar Saturday evening, the proceeds of which will go to clothe one Orphan in the Methodist State Orphan Home. The amount made was \$12.00. This class of young ladies have provided for one orphan for some time, earning the required amount of money in various ways. This is certainly a good step, and if every Sunday school class in Texas would follow the example of these girls, many orphans would be well provided for—and in what more benevolent way can money be used for, than to provide for the orphan?

Home Mission Notes.

The Woman's Home Mission Society met Monday 11th, with Mrs. W. M. Simpson. After reading of Scripture and Prayer the Society entered into business affairs. As this is the end of the year, reports were given in and new officers elected. Seven new members were reported. \$55.40 raised of which \$50 was expended on M. E. Church here. Also one box of supplies raised and given to orphans. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Aubrey Ashley; Vice President, Mrs. S. W. Adams; Second Vice President, Mrs. Ashley; Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Durham; Secretary, Mrs. G. S. Arnold; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. W. H. Bell; Superintendent Soap Sales, Mrs. Suggs; Superintendent of

BEYETTE'S RACKET STORE,

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Once again the happiest and most welcome of all our holidays draws near. With the compliments of the season to all our readers, we ask you the question of the hour—WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS? The children are asking it with wondering and hopeful expectations of what Santa Claus is likely to bring them. The older people are asking it, not so much in speculation regarding the remembrances that Christmas will bring them, but rather as an inquiry as to how they are to provide suitable and satisfactory presents for relatives and friends without too heavy a drain upon their time and purse. May we help you to solve the problem and put you in the way of doing your Christmas shopping with pleasure, satisfaction and economy? Our Holiday Stock, this season, is a marvel of beauty and elegance; its new features are innumerable, and its variety almost unlimited. We are offering a stock that will meet the wants of everybody. High priced presents, low priced presents, useful, ornamental, practical or pretty; remember we have the best of the kind—and all kinds. We offer the advantage of selection that can only be found in a very extensive showing of first-class Holiday Goods. New novelties are everywhere, and the latest and best of everything is the predominating feature of our display for the Christmas season of 1916. We take the liberty of making a suggestion regarding the best time to do your Christmas shopping, and earnestly urge you to do it AT ONCE. There is much to lose and nothing to gain by waiting. Come early while the pick is the choicest, avoid the crowd and make your selections at leisure and in comfort, from a full and complete assortment. We know that a visit will convince you that we offer more and better inducements in quality, variety and reasonable prices than you can find elsewhere. We extend a cordial invitation to all to come in and see our brilliant array of Holiday Goods, without feeling that the slightest obligation to purchase is incurred. Hoping to see every reader at our store at an early date, and wishing one and all a very Merry Christmas, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

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Publicity, Mrs. A. J. Taylor Jr. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. W. K. Simpson.

Sept. Publicity.

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When it is painful to breathe and fever sends chills up and down your back, you are in for a cold. A timely dose of Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey will stop the sneezes and sniffles. The pine balsam loosens the phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes, the honey soothes and relieves and relieves the sore throat. The antiseptic qualities kill the germ and the congested condition is relieved. Croup, whooping cough and chronic bronchial affections quickly relieved. At all druggists, 25c. Adv.

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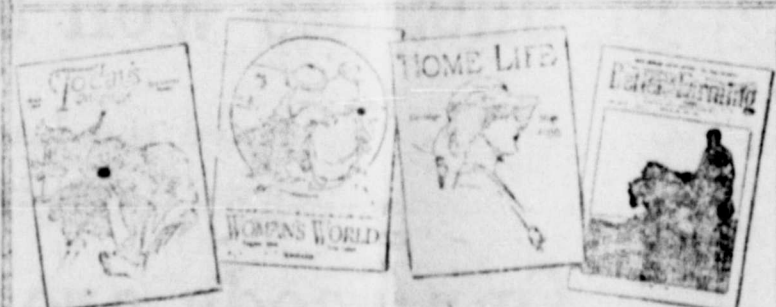
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LOCAL NEWS.

—Nice stock of iron bedsteads at W. K. Simpson's.

W. C. Locke is in Alpine this week on business and looking around.

—P. & O. Plows, none better, few as good. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fretwell and son, of San Angelo, visited Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Baker, Sunday.

—Christmas oranges, 25c to 50c per dozen, \$3.45 per box for any size, at W. M. Simpson's.

Miss Mae Sullivan, teacher of the Sand Springs school, was visiting her mother here Saturday.

—If you want something to plow with, come and see my line of implements. W. K. Simpson.

Sheriff L. J. Cowart was at Tennyson and San Angelo, Sunday and Monday on legal business.

—Fireworks! Buy your fire works from the Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Mrs. Gerrard and Miss Agnes Thornton, who teaches the Cedar Hill school, were here from Cedar Hill Saturday.

—Dr. J. L. Rice, Dentist, will be at the City Drug Store, from 7th to 8th each month.

Ned Walde was here the first of the week from Barnhardt, to visit his family, who are here. He will move back here shortly.

Christmas Candies—Fancy candies, 15c per pound, best chocolates, 25c per pound at W. M. Simpson's.

Bob Hall who is now employed as publisher of the Rankin Round Up at Rankin, Texas, was here Monday and Tuesday visiting his family.

—Several Avery wagons, yet on hand, at W. K. Simpson's.

New Fall Wearables!

COMPRISING ALL THE LATEST IN

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rodway and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brannon, of Silver, came in from San Angelo Wednesday in Mr. Rodway's new Dodge car, which he purchased at San Angelo.

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—N. H. Powers has several good places for sale. Also list your land with him.

Aubrey Ashley was a visitor to San Angelo Wednesday.



PRACTICAL GIFTS

FOR CHRISTMAS

Gifts possessing a practical value not only convey to the recipient the real Christmas spirit, but because of their usefulness, are appreciated more than the ordinary gifts representing even a greater intrinsic value.

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