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THE COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

HAS BEEN HOLDING FORTH IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING SINCE LAST SATURDAY—CLOSES TO-DAY.

HON. R. B. COUSINS ADDRESSES THE INSTITUTE

Session Well Attended From all Over the County—Discussions are Very Interesting and Entered Into by a Large Percent of the Teachers. Attendance of Outsiders Light.

Since Saturday it has been busy times around the High School building, the occasion being the County Teachers Institute which met according to former announcements Saturday at 9:00 o'clock with a good attendance present.

Prof. P. F. Brown delivered the welcome address instead of Judge Geo. R. Bean, who was absent from the city at the time of the opening of the session. Prof. R. L. Showalter responded in his usual easy going manner, after which followed the enrollment and organization of the body. Judge Jno. R. McGee, who is County Superintendent of Public Instruction, then addressed the Institute, after which the general program was entered into and carried out with a few changes, and the session is said to be one of the most interesting that has ever been held in this county. The attendance has been good by the teachers from the various schools of the county, regardless of the very unpleasant weather that has continued almost through the entire session. This is probably responsible for the very small attendance of the patrons of the school. The discussions have been very interesting and instructive and greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

Hon. R. B. Cousins, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was here Wednesday and addressed the Institute at 10:30 a. m., which was a very greatly appreciated part of the program. Mr. Cousins has been scheduled for Lubbock several times before, but was always unavoidable detained.

The teachers will, after this week enjoy the Christmas and New Year holidays, and take the needed rest that their busy minds so much need. Lubbock County schools are doing splendid work and when the people raise the question that this country is short on public school, and that what we have are inferior do not know what they are saying. The Lubbock county teachers are progressive and a splendid set, which accounts for the splendid educational opportunities offered in this county.



Queer, isn't it? Don't get impatient about our railroad situation. Just because The Sentinel is not "ripping the air" with railroad news is no indication that the proposition is gone to the bad. As the cowboy says, "just stay in your tree." There will be something doing real soon and don't forget, The Sentinel will tell its readers all about it. The railroad prospects look mighty good and they keep looking "gooder" all the time. In the meantime get busy and prepare for a bumper crop for 1912. We'll have a railroad to haul it away. —Seminoe Sentinel.

super-human from the pen and brain of the chief pencil pusher. They cry for railroad news like a baby for castoria and if per chance the editor puts a railroad story in his paper the same fellows that howled "give us railroad news" are the first ones to find fault and say "its only a newspaper story and there may not be anything to it." Queer isn't it? However the average editor cares little for such and considers the source from whence it came.

A. & M. DEFICIENCY MATTER

Emergency Application up to Attorney General, Governor May Issue Mandamus Proceedings.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 18.—It was not until late today that Controller Lane sent the questions formerly to the Attorney General relative to the emergency deficiency application for the A. & M. College mess hall. It will be considered tomorrow by the Attorney General.

The form of the application and the Governor's certificate raise two questions. One is whether the money is immediately available, but the Governor disclaims any intention of attempting to provide the funds without legislative appropriation. However, his certificate specially calls for the immediate availability of the money. His explanation was that he was following an old form.

The point has been made that there was no pre-existing law upon which to base the deficiency, hence there could be no deficiency; that there must be an exhausted appropriation before a deficiency can be created. In this instance there was no exhausted appropriation. If the Attorney General advised that no deficiency can be created it is understood that the Governor's order would mandamus proceedings against the Controller to compel the issuance of emergency deficiency warrants. That would test the question.

E. O. Patterson returned the first of the week from a visit to his wife and babies who are at present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf.

COUNTY SUES FOR \$432,617

Suit Filed in District Court at El Paso Against New County of Culberson

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 19.—El Paso county filed suit in the Thirty-Fourth District Court this afternoon against Culberson county to recover \$432,617, the amount claimed as Culberson county's liability on account of the creation of the new county by the Thirty-Second Legislature.

It is alleged in the petition that the act obligated Culberson county to assume its part of the indebtedness existing at the time of the creation of the counties as shown by the Tax Assessor's rolls of El Paso county March 10th, 1911.

It is declared in the petition that the assessed valuation of the property in El Paso County at the time was \$39,727,854, and of that part of El Paso County which was formed into Culberson \$2,950,054.50. Liabilities of El Paso County were then \$425,992.84, and since that time El Paso County has paid out \$6,624.16 interest on the bonded indebtedness. Therefore, El Paso County seeks to recover the amount first stated in the foregoing from Culberson County.

Change of Business

W. H. Walcott, a prominent ranchman, of Midland has purchased the interest of H. T. Holland in the firm of Martin & Holland, and the business will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Martin & Walcott. Mr. Walcott will likely move here early in the new year and make Lubbock his home.

SNOWFALL AND RAIN ON THE PLAINS

SPLENDID SEASON IN THE GROUND—BETTER THAN FOR YEARS. FARMERS ARE JUBILANT.

THE PRECIPITATION COMES AT GOOD TIME

Eight Inch Snow at Amarillo and Northern Pandandle—Melts as it Falls in the South Plains, but Wets the Ground Thoroughly Leaving it in Fine Condition for Early Plowing.

Last week we reported a diversity of weather, and this week there is very little change, especially the first three days of the week. It began early Monday to rain, later turning to snow, which melted very nearly as fast as it fell. The water most all soaking into the ground. Tuesday morning there was quite a bit of snow on the ground, enough to cover up all the grass and weeds, but it did not remain long, the temperature being too high for snow to have much chance to remain. The season now is better than it has been for a number of years at this stage of the game, and it is timely. It comes at a time that it will be of untold benefit to the farmers of this section, and not being severe on livestock, the ranchman is none the worse of the rain and snowfall. Fact of the business it will make it much better on the range for early grass.

Where there has been wheat sown in this section, this weather will put it in fine shape, and will keep it growing without a halt till the spring rains set in, even if there is no more moisture this winter, which condition, we hardly look for.

From newspaper reports we note that the rain and snowfall has been in a large measure general throughout the state. Especially is this true in the western part of the state and in the Panhandle, as will be noticed from the following dispatches to the daily press from this section of the state:

Amarillo, Tex., Dec. 19.—Amarillo and all this section of the Panhandle presented a covering of approximately eight inches of snow before midnight last night, with the precipitation still on. This precipitation was welcomed with gladness by the farmers of the Plains country, who state that there can be no doubt of an abundant harvest of wheat.

So mild was the temperature in connection with the snowfall that little or no suffering was experienced among human beings and live stock yesterday. The fall was steady and unaccompanied by wind. It is reported that not within the last six or seven years has a snow of

such uniform worth visited the Panhandle country.

All outdoor construction work was temporarily abandoned yesterday but traffic for the most part was held up at a rather lively clip. The various trains entering the city were delayed, but up to midnight last night no accident of consequence was reported.

Street car service in Amarillo was impeded by the heavy fall of snow in the early morning, but after this had been dissipated, a fair schedule was maintained until a late hour last night.

There was gladness among contractors having fresh concrete and mortar work exposed, when it became evident that the temperature would not drop extremely low. This included the pavers, and those having in charge the erection of a number of large brick buildings.

HEREFORD JUBILANT NINE INCHES FALL

Hereford, Tex., Dec. 19.—With snow measuring approximately nine inches, and still falling, farmers are jubilating over the good effects of the wheat crops in Deaf Smith and adjoining counties.

EIGHT INCHES AT CANYON

Canyon, Tex., Dec. 16.—Snow at this point measured eight inches at 7 o'clock tonight, with the fall continuing.

TWO INCHES AT PLAINVIEW

Plainview, Tex., Dec. 19.—Only about two inches of snow were shown by the gauge here today, though the precipitation melted about as rapidly as it fell. The moisture will prove of great benefit to wheat.

FIVE INCHES AT CHILDRESS

Childress, Tex., Dec. 19.—Childress and surrounding country were visited by one of the heaviest snows of the past several years today, the measurement showing five inches.

LIGHTER AT QUANAH

Quanah, Tex., Dec. 19.—While only about one inch of snow was shown here today, rain supplemented that showing, and much good will result to small grain crops.

17 Names on Pardon List

Austin, Tex., Dec. 18.—The Governor's list of Christmas pardons includes seventeen names, which list is much smaller than usual. However the Governor issued forty-seven pardons Thanksgiving Day and has been liberal with pardons all along. He says that he will now devote himself to other matters and that it will take urgent and meritorious pardon cases to get his consideration for some time to come.

Mrs. A. S. Hopper came in Friday from an extended visit to her old home at Bridgeport and other points.

Died

Mrs. A. C. King, mother of Mrs. W. D. Crump, died last Thursday evening, December 14th, at the home of W. D. Crump, 10 miles north west of town. Mrs. King we understand was 84 years of age at the time of her death, her birthday having been celebrated the day before her death.

The funeral services were conducted at the East Side Christian church, by Elder Liff Sanders and interment was made in the Lubbock Cemetery.

The Avalanche offers condolences to the bereaved.

KAFFIR AND MAIZE ALSO GRAIN OF ALL KIND

While the weather will not permit the gathering of cotton, bring in a few loads of heads. There is a ready market for them. We have a car enroute of cotton seed cake and meal and by this time we should have your order for your fall supply.

Glenn-Dillard Grain Company

HAPPENINGS IN YOAKUM

Items of Interest Gathered by The Yoakum County News

C. H. Burrus, of Lubbock, was here the first of the week looking after his interests in this county.

Word has been received here this week from Dr. A. T. Reed, of Honey Grove, Texas, that he will be here by January 1st, 1912, ready to commence the practice of medicine.

Lon Holleyman, who has charge of the Mule-Shoe ranch in Cochran county, was among his Plains friends Wednesday. He reports the range good and cattle doing extraordinarily well in their pasture.

W. R. Patterson received a telegram this week informing him that his brother, J. E. Patterson of Red River county had received a fracture of the skull from a fall down stair steps and was not expected to live. W. R. and his mother left yesterday morning for the home of the brother.

Mr. Henry White has traded for the Tingle building, now known as the Plains Hotel. Mr. White requests the News to state that he will take possession of the building January 1st and continue to use it as a hotel; that he proposes to keep a good house in every respect. He will furnish meals for 35 and beds for the same price. He solicits a good

share of the public patronage and will give everybody good treatment.

A. W. McEachern, of Callahan county, who recently traded for a section of the Carpenter land in the eastern part of the county, arrived last week with his family. He was in town Wednesday and informed the News that he will put a residence and other improvements on the land at once, preparatory to putting in a farm. Mr. McEachern, also, stated that his father, Mr. J. W. McEachern has bought one of the Clark sections near his own, and will move here next season.

Martin & Holland are headquarters for good things to eat.

No Refunds To Liquor Men

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—Controllor Lane has refused to make refunds to liquor dealers for unused portions of their licenses because the legislative appropriations provided such should be done under the "Baskin-McGregor" law. The Controllor says that the Robertson-Fitzhugh law superseded the Baskin-McGregor law, therefore the language used by the Legislature was erroneous and does not permit of refunds. The liquor men interested are now asserting that the Legislature used the correct language, as the Robertson-Fitzhugh law was merely an amendment to the Baskin-McGregor law, as indicated in its caption, hence refunds should be made.

SCHOOL LAND SALE

Commissioner's Court Decides to Offer County's School Land for Sale Again Jan. 8, 1912

At a meeting of the honorable Commissioners court of Collinsworth county this week, it was decided to again offer for sale the Collinsworth county school land, located in Lamb county amounting to 17712 acres, and which it will be remembered was sold in August 1909 to the highest bidder at \$12.50 per acre, but by some, "hook or crook" the purchaser fell down on the deal, and the land reverted back to the county.

We understand the court will not entertain a bid of less than \$10.00 per acre, and that each bidder will be required to put up \$5,000 or \$10,000 cash as evidence of good faith, and which will be a much larger sum than was required by bidders at the previous sale.

It is our belief that for the benefit of the school children of the present generation, this land should be sold now, and we believe it can be sold at a price that will please all and which will give Collinsworth county one of the best free school funds of any county in the state.

This sale will be advertised to take place Jan. 8th and will be looked forward to with much interest by the citizens throughout the county.—Wellington Times.

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A. C. Houston Lumber Company



Also Post, Stays Lumber Lime, Cement

Society Items

BY MRS. D. ROBINSON

Mesdames Priest and Summers were hostesses of the "Mery Wives" and Thursday Afternoon Club at the beautiful home of Mrs. Priest December 15 1911. One was made to fully realize that Christmas was near when they saw the jolly face of dear old Santa Claus peeping at them from the tally cards and saw the Christmas tree on each table. After a delightful evening spent at the favorite game of "Forty-two" in which Mrs. Fred Boerner won high score, refreshments were served consisting of fruit, salad, olives, sandwiches and coffee to those present who were: Mesdames Jim O'Neal, Slaton, Seitz, Murphy, Wood, Merrill, Jim Robinson, Rush, Benson, Rowe, Palmer, John Penney, Powell, Kimbro, Brown, Koerpel, Baugh, Cox, D. Robinson, Schenek, Eastern Wolf-

farth, Cosby, Downing, Mast, Thomas, Sowder, Boerner, Hinton, and Ghent. The ladies reluctantly took their leave declaring Mesdames Priest and Summers charming hostesses.

Buy your Christmas fruits from Martin & Holland.

Will Mackey, of Sweetwater was here the first of the week visiting his family. He returned to work in the shops at Sweetwater Wednesday.

Martin & Holland are headquarters for good things to eat.

It seems like old times now for the Lubbock Mercantile Company to be in business and have Miss Ona Webb with them again, as she was out several weeks before the burn on account of sickness. Miss Webb being such a favorite among the people of Lubbock has had several positions offered her, but she prefers to stand by the Mercantile through thick and thin.

Martin & Holland are running two delivery wagons this week in order to get your groceries to you promptly.

SPRING TRUCK IN WINTER

See me for all kinds of Vegetables three times a week. Sweet potatoes at all times at \$1.00 per bushel. I also handle fruits. Phone 364.

J. R. WHITELEY

LISTEN LITTLE CHILDREN

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE AT

THE RETREAT Saturday, December 23rd, 1911

and will give a big stick of candy to every child accompanied by its parents. Santa Claus is having this candy made now and you want to be sure and see him at the Retreat between the hours of

2:30 and 4:00 o'clock

Bring your letters to him and mail them in our letter box. Tell him what you want.

The Retreat has the largest line of home made candies that Lubbock has ever witnessed. Now on display for Christmas.

Come One, Come All

and see for yourself what we have to offer in the way of Sweets, Fruits, Nuts and Cigars in Christmas packages and put your name on the list for the five pound box of candy that is to be given away.

Don't forget to leave orders for Christmas day deliveries. We will take care of them and see that they are delivered as you want them to be.

BRING THE CHILDREN TO SEE SANTA CLAUS

THE RETREAT

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

I am showing a very select line of useful articles, suitable for Christmas Presents, and to show my appreciation for a good year's business, I am placing them before you at the closest possible margin of profit.

See me before making your Christmas purchases. My stock will offer many inducements that you will hardly find at any other place. You know about my full line of furniture and hardware and these lines were never in better shape. Come to see me.

L. BRAXTON WRIGHT

SPECIAL PRICE ON GROCERIES FOR CASH

From now until January 1st I will make a special price on groceries and dry goods, for cash. It must be cash over the counter

My grocery department is full of the best and the dry goods department is being filled from time to time, as occasion demands. This sale gives you a chance to get the best in dry goods and groceries at the lowest possible prices. See us before purchasing.

D. C. Worsham Supply Store

West Broadway

Phone 150

THE DIXIE COTTON PICKER

This Machine is Drawn by Horses or Mules and Seems a Practical Machine

Of late there has been much thought given the labor situation in this section of country. The cotton crop of the past season has brought this about to a great extent, and the proposition of getting the crops gathered have brought forward the cotton picking machines of different makes, which are receiving a great deal of attention among the farmers. Some months ago the Avalanche contained a lengthy account of the Price-Campbell picker, which is quite a big thing. It picks the cotton, but the objection that is almost invariably offered by the farmer that it costs too much and cannot be operated by horses or mules, thereby adding more extra expense of maintaining gasoline power to operate it.

The Dixie Picker is the one that is attracting the attention of the people in this section at this time. There is one in operation near Plainview at this time and seems to be doing very satisfactory work and promises to become a factor of considerable magnitude in the matter of gathering the cotton crop the coming year. From the descriptive pamphlet of this machine

we are able to furnish our readers with the following information concerning the machine.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MACHINE
The machine weighs 1470 pounds, is mounted upon two broad tired wheels and drawn by two horses. It has but one lever and that the driver uses for raising or lowering the machine.

On the inside of the frame is a cylinder, in which are mounted twenty columns, each column carrying seven spindles, or fingers, as they are sometimes called. These spindles are about 12 inches long and have each two rows of file teeth on opposite sides. As the cylinder revolves, it brings into action the columns, which in turn revolve the spindles as they enter the cotton plant, when the contact, combined with the rapid revolving motion, twists the cotton out of the hulla.

Under the machine is a set of grate bars, to prevent the stalks from working up into the machinery. The spindles begin revolving as they enter the front end of the grate and continue until they withdraw at the rear, when they cease revolving and pass through a revolving stripper. This stripper is so constructed that each spindle enters a space and cotton is thereby removed from the spindle. The cotton is then from the stripper by a aluminum beater somewhat

similar in design and action, which enters the spaces in the stripper and rakes out the cotton throwing it into a basket carried on a platform at the rear of the machine.

CAPACITY OF THE MACHINE
The amount of cotton which the machine will pick depends, of course, upon the character of the crop, both as to quality and quantity. In ordinary picking, it gathers on an average a bale per day of 10 hours.

To secure the best results, we would advise not beginning picking until the bushes are well white with cotton, or, in other words, the plant has fully matured.

VARIETY OF COTTON
We particularly recommend the growing of storm-proof cotton, as the machine does more satisfactory work in that variety; besides if, for any reason, the planter is delayed with his picking, he is not losing a heavy percentage of it through being beaten out by the weather, as is the case with the loose variety.

OPERATION
The machine is driven directly over the row and the plant is gathered in between the guides, and as the machine passes over the plant, it is compressed downwards to reduce it into compact shape, so as to secure to the spindles complete contact with all the cotton on the plant.

When the basket has been filled, the driver is notified by an automatic mechanism ringing a bell, when it must either be emptied or replaced by another.

COMPARISON WITH HAND PICKING
While the machine leaves some scattered cotton on the ground, it does not amount to much in weight, and, on the other hand, it gets a good deal that the hand picker does not, owing to its gathering from bolls not opened sufficiently for a man's fingers to get out the cotton. In tests made for comparison, the machine has gathered practically the same weight of cotton as hand pickers picking at the same time in parallel rows and in some cases, even more lint cotton than the hand pickers.

The following figures showing comparison of cost of picking by hand and picking by machine, on a crop of 50 bales, while estimates only, and, of course, subject to variation according to locality and conditions, will be of interest.

PICKING BY HAND
50 bales, 80,000 pounds of lint cotton, at 3-4 cents per pound \$600.00
Boarding pickers on an average of a bale a week per man equivalent to fifty weeks' board for one man 150.00
Total \$750.00

NOTE—The average picker does not pick over a bale per week, when you count the days he cannot work.

PICKING BY MACHINE
500 hours work at 40 cents per hour, for man and team \$200.00
Difference in favor of machine \$550.00
Now assume that the hand picker may get 10 per cent more cotton than the machine, 10 per cent would be 5 bales of cotton; 2500 pounds, say 9 cents per pound \$225.00
Less cost of picking 5 bales, 8,000 pounds, at 3-4 cents per pound \$60.00
Board, five weeks \$15.00
Total \$75.00

Taking this from the \$550.00 in favor of machine, you still have a saving of \$400.00 in favor of machine, but while the machine scatters some little cotton on the ground, yet it takes a less amount of machine picked cotton to make a bale than it does of hand picked cotton. We have known of a bale of machine picked cotton being made from 1300 pounds of seed cotton, while with the average hand picked it takes 1600 pounds. Again, sometimes, in picking cotton side by side with the hand picker, the machine would get practically the same as the hand picker.

In picking with the machine, it is customary to drive over the row twice—once forward and once back. In the late picking, the machine gets a good deal of cotton out of the bolls not sufficiently open to be gathered

by hand and which, with hand picking, would be lost.

ABOUT CARE OF THE MACHINE
The Dixie Cotton Picker is different from the general run of agricultural machinery, in that the working parts are finer and more delicately adjusted than those of the ordinary field machine and must not be left standing in the open, subject to weather, but properly housed and the spindles and smaller parts cleaned and all grit and dirt carefully removed after each day's operation and spindles and all moving parts thoroughly oiled. A machine without care will no more render satisfactory service than a man can work without food. Remember and follow carefully the instructions given. The Dixie Cotton Picker will amply repay the time and attention given it.

GENERAL REMARKS

Ever since the war, and ever before, time, genius and money have been expended in efforts to develop a successful mechanical cotton picker, but it has been a continuous tale of defeat, disappointment and loss of fortunes, until the advent of the "Dixie." Our success, however, has not been accomplished without like expenditure of time, brains and large outlays of money. This machine has been in course of construction, experiment and development for many years, but has not been generally offered to the public until it was determined that success had crowned our efforts. We confidently believe that the Dixie Cotton Picker will prove to be, for the South, the same prosperity developer that the Harvester has been for the North.

Martin & Holland are running two delivery wagons this week in order to get your groceries to you promptly. 24 1t

THOUGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

Meditation of the Approaching World-Wide Festivities Christmas.

A right round merry Christmas. Joy be with you, peace and good will.

A happy home, health and happiness be thine.

Where in all humanity is there greater longing, dearer expectation, sweeter hope than in the heart of a child on Christmas morn. But in all the earth there is no look so sad, no sob so stabbing as are called forth by the empty stocking.

Merry Christmas has brightened more hearts, has healed more grievances, has brought more happiness to the lives of men and women, has proved to be the talismanic sentiment for more home reunions than any other that has ever been heard in this old world.

The very name of Christmas seems laden with good things. There is a ring of joy in its tone and one can only associate it with pleasant thoughts and fond remembrances. Christmas to

the child is the brightest star in the year's firmament. It is the beacon light on which their little eyes and thoughts are ever fastened.

Christmas and Santa Claus go hand in hand. They are links in one chain. Without Santa Claus there could be no Christmas and certainly at no other time of the year would old Santa be allowed admittance by way of the chimney instead of the door.

Christmas is the same this year, last year and all the years before. It is old, yet 'tis new. It is a thing of the past, of the present and will be of the future until time immemorial. Who is there among us too old to remember the Christmas of his childhood? Is there one who does not look back upon it as the happiest day of his life?

Don't you know, Santa Claus is the spirit of Christmas, and ever and ever so many years ago when the dear little baby was born after whom we call Christmas, and was cradled in the manger out in the stable because there was not room in the inn, that Spirit came into the world to soften the hearts of men and make them love one another.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snowflakes at Christmas-tide. And beautiful is the year in its coming and its going—most blessed and beautiful because it is always the year of Our Lord.

The best part of the holiday season, perhaps is the opportunity it gives for home gatherings, and the family reunions that in these busy days are all too few. Many a young man finds time to get back to the old hearthstone and sits down in the dear home circle, who, if the holidays were omitted would be kept strictly at his tasks. All the schools are dismissed, boys and girls are at home, teachers likewise are off duty, and with no care pressing, in thousands of places parents and children have happy times together for which they may thank the festive season.

Christmas most truly belongs to the children. It celebrates the event of the Christ child, to whom the wise men brought gifts, and the shepherds came and worshipped. Would that every child in this land of abundance might receive the little portion necessary to fill the heart with joy and chase the sobs and tears away. It takes so little to open the founts of joy of a child, it would seem so small a portion might fall to the lot of every child. But alas, some will be burdened with gifts till they weary in counting them and others—what a disappointed Christmas it will be to them. Cannot we be thoughtful one of another and share our blessings with those less favored and thus make our Christmas more truly happy for ourselves and merry for many others.

Martin & Holland are running two delivery wagons this week in order to get your groceries to you promptly. 24 1t

GOOD CHANCE FOR COME MAN

Who owes on his land. We have 160 acres improved near Hooker, Texas county, Oklahoma. One mile from good school and church. Will exchange for half section Lubbock county improved land and will pay the difference in cash.

ROBINSON BROTHERS, LUBBOCK TEXAS

We Sell GROCERIES and FEED

Seitz Grain and Grocery Co.

We Sell BARS, WIRE and COAL

REMEMBER OUR STORE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS
DO YOUR SHOPPING THIS WEEK

Your time is now comparatively limited in which to secure Christmas requirements. But we are ready and anxious to serve you.

If you want a new suit, cloak, overcoat, dress gloves, fancy vests, suspenders, match set hose and ties, or any of the many useful and appropriate things needed, you will save time by coming direct to us.

Your attention is called to our special offerings for this and next week.

15 TO 20 PER CENT OFF REGULAR PRICE ON ALL SUITS, CLOAKS, OVERCOATS AND SKIRTS.

All Boys suits with straight pants only half price.

\$1.00 off the pair of all Crawford, Edwin Clapp, Dr. Jaeger and Lloyd Adams Shoes to close them out.

One lot of Stuff Bosom Shirts only one-third regular price.

Best Canvassing in quantities only 4 cents.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
JNO. P. LEWIS & CO.

Classified Ads.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished. Phone 349. Mrs. Dolph Robinson. 21-4tp

FOR RENT—Farm of 250 acres. Good house, barn and water, near Lubbock. Apply to Morton Smith, Lubbock, Texas. 22 tf

FOR SALE—Several head of good work stock. One good saddle horse. Apply to Malvin Harper. 24 It

FOR SALE—Two large heaters and one range. Ames and Company. Phone 325. 24 It

FOR SALE—A nice jersey cow, owner paid \$100 cash for her. Who wants her at a bargain. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building, Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A good piano, fine tone, in good shape, will take \$25 down \$10 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building, Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A nice little two room house, with well, barn, lot, storm house, fifty foot lot. A bargain at \$600. \$50 down \$10 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building, Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A nice three room house, close in on old town section, in good repair, good well no incumbrance on three lots. Price \$1200. \$100 down \$10 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building, Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A nice four room cottage, located three blocks west of the new school building on Overton Addition, being the South East corner, all fenced with pickets, house newly papered, water piped in, electric lights, nice milk house, windmill barn, and wash house. A bargain on easy payments, \$20 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building, Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—Twenty-six head of pure bred and high grade heifer calves. None better. W. D. Crump, range 10 miles northwest of town. 24 tf

LOST—Light brown overcoat, ten buttons, front, strap behind. Lost somewhere between the city well and the sanitarium. Suitable reward for return of same to J. R. Whitley, or this office. 23 tf

LOST—One Olive green blanket branded U. S. in center. One Navajo blanket, black and white stripe. \$5.00 reward for return to R. L. Slaughter, care of this office. 24 4tp

Buy your Christmas fruits from Martin & Holland. 24 It

The Colorado Record came to our desk this week in its Christmas clothes. It is a handsome edition, illustrated, containing many nice views of the city and country as well as some of the prominent men of the town. It is a very creditable piece of work editorially and mechanically. The Whipkeys are on to their job when it comes to printing and Colorado is fortunate in having them in the capacity in which they operate.

COTTON MILL AT POST CITY

Plant as Planned Will be Complete in Every Detail and Employ Two Hundred Men

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 16. —Believing that the economic problem attending the manufacture of cotton goods will be solved only when the cotton mill shall have been brought to the cotton field, C. W. Post of this city, and the founder of Post City, Texas, will enter the textile industry and establish a large plant at Post City.

The announcement was made here today that a mill of 10,000 spindles will be commenced this winter and the plant will be in operation in time to handle 1912 cotton. The initial cost of the factory will be about \$400,000 and it will be built in such a manner as to permit additions of machinery in case the project merits the extension.

This will be the pioneer mill in Western Texas, the nearest, other textile plant being 300 miles east at Itasca. It will be the first mill in the world combining every process of manufacture from fresh-picked ungned cotton to the finished sheetings under one roof.

The mill will employ about 200 men and the annual production of cloth will be in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 yards of sheetings, finished, hemmed, laundered and ready to be placed upon the bed.

H. W. Fairbanks of Dallas will have general supervision of the construction and operation of the plant.

Phone Martin & Holland for any thing you want to eat. 24 It

\$250,000 CHRISTMAS TREES

New York Will Use Nearly Half A Million, While Whole Country May Use \$40,000,000

New York, Dec. 18.—New York City will use nearly a half million for Christmas trees this year and the "ultimate" consumer will pay for them \$250,000 or an average of 50 cents a tree. West street, where the steamers from New England docks, smells like a balsam forest for the last three days, with the Christmas tree season at its height and thousands of small firs are piled up beside the boat landings waiting for distribution to the retail trade.

"There appears to be no falling off in the demand for trees," said a dealer who handles 30,000 or 40,000 of them every winter. "On the contrary, their popularity is increasing so that already there is a shortage in the supply. It takes from ten to fifteen years to raise a tree big enough to use, and those in the more accessible forests are fast being cut."

"The whole country, I understand uses about 40,000,000 trees every year. New York and New England alone account for about 1,500,000. The supply for this corner of the country comes principally from the hills of Maine and New Hampshire and from the Adirondacks, Berkshires and Catskills. The Middle West gets its trees, mainly from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. The chief item in the retail cost of a Christmas tree is handling and transportation. They take a lot of room when packed. For the small trees you buy on the street for 25 cents the wholesaler gets about 5 cents. The larger trees, used by Sunday schools and institutions, come as high as \$3 or \$4. For a tree above the average size, costing at retail a dollar, the farmer probably receives 10 cents."

Ribbon Cane Syrup
 Bring your jug and get a full gallon of pure ribbon cane syrup it is delicious. Barnett & Tomlinson. 24 It

Mr. Bernard Powell, who is teacher of the Acuff school will spend Christmas with home folks.

Church Notes

[We will be glad to make any announcements of Church Service, Programs, etc., in this column free of charge, where no revenue is received from the services.—Editor.]

SUNBEAM PROGRAM

Song—Christmas Bells
 Prayer—Rev. Arbuckle
 Exercise—Jesus the Wonderful by 14 girls.
 Recitation—Virgie Johnson
 Exercise—Joyful Tidings, by 14 children
 Recitation—Lonnie Alexander
 Exercise—The Christmas Story by 9 boys
 Recitation—Aline King
 Solo—Yancy Lee
 Doll Exhibit
 Recitation—Otto Anderson
 Song—Christmas is here
 Exercise—The Christmas Spirit by 10 girls
 Recitation—Mildred King
 Song—Jolly Santa Claus
 Offering for Buckner's Orphan Home
 Song—Onward Little Children.

The Baptist Sunday School will have a Christmas tree Saturday night. An appropriate program will be rendered and the public is generally invited to attend.

The Sunday School of the Cumberland church is preparing to have a very interesting program and Christmas tree at the Cumberland church Monday night of next week.

The Methodist Sunday School will have a Christmas tree Monday night of next week. A nice program by the Primary and Junior classes will be rendered in connection with the tree and will be a very enjoyable occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to visitors in the town to attend the Christmas festivities at this church. Congregations not having any program for the occasion are invited to be with us on this happy event.

Superintendent

Buy a nice tree from Martin & Holland. 24 It

The Avalanche is in receipt of the "Booster Edition" of the Naples Monitor, published at Naples, Texas, by Ed and Jack Laney. It is one of the neatest gotten up papers that we have seen issued out of any shop and it is a credit to the publishers thereof, and a real boost for the town in which it is published. The Laney boys deserve a good patronage at the hands of the people of that town, and from the number of good sized ads that this edition contained they are getting it.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Avalanche will place the names of candidates for the following offices at the rates given below. This carries your name up to the primaries and should you be the successful nominee your name will appear in the proper column up to the general election:

District Offices	\$20.00
County Offices	\$12.50
Commissioners	\$ 7.50
Justice of the Peace	\$ 5.00
Congress	\$25.00

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce J. H. (Hurd) Stander as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Lubbock and attached counties, subject to the action of Democratic Primaries of 1912.

We are authorized to announce S. C. Spikes, as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for Lubbock and adjoining counties, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, in 1912.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. K. Porter as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, (re-election) for Lubbock and attached counties subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, 1912.

FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce W. H. Flynn as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector for Lubbock and attached Counties, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, in July, 1912.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE
 I hereby announce as a candidate to succeed myself as Judge of the 72nd Judicial District subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July 22nd 1912.

W. R. SPENCER.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY
 I hereby announce myself as a candidate for District Attorney of the 72nd Judicial District of Texas to succeed myself subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July.

Dr. Cates Of Abilene

Dr. S. R. Cates, who has just returned from an extended trip over the western part of the of the states, comes home much improved in health. He will leave on Tuesday night's train to visit an only uncle, Judge Cates of Independence, Kansas, who is sick. While away he will also visit a brother at Wirefield, Kansas.

He hopes to be back by the first of the year ready to resume his practice. He desires his friends to know that he has no intention of leaving Abilene as has been reported by some one without authority.—Abilene Reporter.

I am going to Austin, have a fine Jersey cow with young calf to sell. I want a just of your land. FRANK BOWLES. 24tf

School Closing Program

The following program was rendered at the closing exercises of the Lone Star school, of which Miss Willie Burgess is teacher, when that school closed for the holidays:

PROGRAM
 Song School
 Concert reading "The Shepherd's Carol"
 Recitation "No body's child"
 Olive Micheall
 Recitation "Our Cow" Tom Swain.
 Recitation "Christmas" Earl Bradford
 Nursery Phymes School
 Recitation "The Puzzled Dutchman" Bradford Swain
 Reading "Dickens' Christmas Carol" Waldo Michael
 Recitation "Lochnivar" Harry Swain
 Recitation "The Convict's Christmas Eve"
 Song School.

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I. B. BROYLES, SCIENTIFIC MASSEUR

No drugs, no knife, nothing used but human hand. A trial will convince you of the merits of Massage.

CONSULTATION FREE

Massage Room located at J. D. Quick's Residence. Phone 15.

Grand Clearance Sale

FROM THIS DATE TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY 1st, 1912 We will conduct a special clearance sale both in dry goods and groceries

EVERYTHING IN THE HOUSE GOES

at wholesale prices and you will never have a better chance to get good goods cheap. Remember that everything goes. Nothing is held back. We are moving into the house formerly occupied by Greenhill Brothers and in order to get room we will have to reduce the stock. This means that there will be some real cheap offerings in high grade dry goods and groceries from now to January 1st, 1912 and those who have the cash will be the winners. See us for the best at the lowest prices.

JUDD & SON

WE HAVE A NEW YORK SHIPMENT JUST IN OF

The New Things in Ladies' Toggery

You will miss it if you miss visiting our shop for those useful holiday gifts

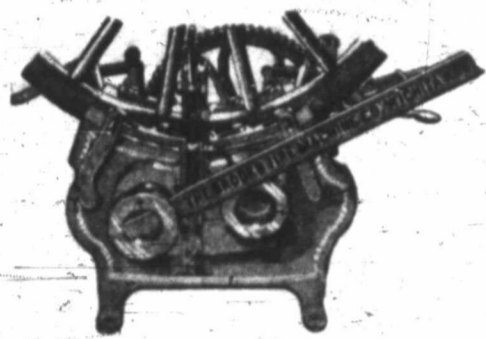
Wheelock's Dress Shop

West Broadway, Lubbock, Texas



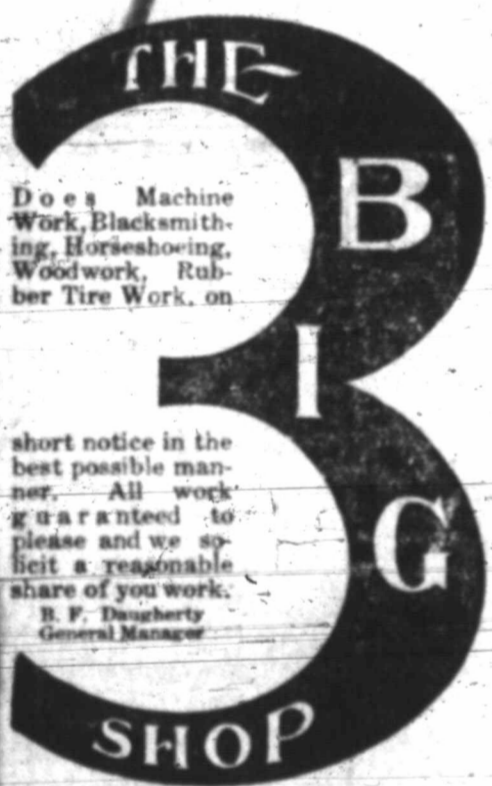
"Hy Style" hats. New things in hair and head dress.

IT IS NOW HERE



THE GOLD TIRE SHRINKER

one of the best on the market. It does the work without injuring the wheel in any way. With this machine, we are prepared to shrink any tire four inches wide or under. It is the only cold tire shrinker of the size of this part of the country. We want your business and guarantee every job.



Letters to Santa Claus Lubbock, Texas

Dear Old Santa: I am a little girl five years old. I wish you would bring me a little bed and some little chairs for my doll. I also want a ring and bracelet, but will be pleased with anything.

Your little friend Ruby Clark

Dear Old Santa: I am a little boy seven years old. I would be pleased if you would bring me a horn, a football and some candy and apples, but will be pleased with anything you may bring.

Your little friend Paul Clark

Buy your Christmas fruits from Martin & Holland 24 11

E. N. Twaddle, merchant at Slaton was here Wednesday looking after business matters.

Phone Martin & Holland for anything you want to eat. 24 11

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Phillips are going to spend the Holidays with relatives at Coleman.

District Court Very little has been done in the District Court since our last report. Following is the business that has been entered on the minutes: The case of the First National Bank of Canyon City, vs W. L. Handley went to the jury which gave the plaintiffs judgment for

Christmas Wine and Walnuts

At the Dinner. Last Christmas a certain minister was invited to a big dinner at the house of one of the leading men in the town. At the dinner table he was placed opposite a goose. The lady of the house was placed on the minister's left. Seeing the goose he remarked: "Shall I sit so close to the goose?" Finding his words a bit equivocal, he turned round to the lady, and said, in a most inoffensive tone: "Excuse me, my lady; I meant the roast one."

A Convenient Myth. "Why do you still keep up that absurd Santa Claus myth?" asked the cynic. "I should have thought you would have laughed at it."

OPPORTUNE. Mrs. Skinfint—Oh, John! Mary, the parlor maid, has just swallowed a quarter! What ever shall we do? Old Skinfint—Do? Well, I suppose we'd better let her keep it. She'd have expected a Christmas present, anyhow!

Orice Enough. "Christmas comes but once a year," said the cheery citizen. "No use in its coming twice a year," said the morose person. "Must give a man a chance to save a little money before he can spend it!"

Two Kinds. There are friends and Christmas tree friends. The latter take all the presents they can get and present you with beautiful boughs.

A MYSTERY. Dudley Nobs—Pa, there's one thing about Santa Claus I never could understand. Mr. Nobs—What is that, my son? Dudley Nobs—Why does Santa always leave valuable presents to rich folks and cheap ones to poor people? Why don't he even things up?



A Clean Sweep. Caroline—I've been in the stores all day. Pauline—So soon after Christmas, and still shopping? Caroline—Shopping! I guess not. I'm exchanging all my presents.

Cackling. Mrs. Gramercy—She must have been surprised when her husband gave her such an expensive present for Christmas. Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

Poor Man. Mrs. Caller—You surely don't give your husband a necktie every Christmas? Mrs. Athome—Oh, yes, I do! And the poor dear never seems to know that it is the same one!

\$2646.63. Mr. Handley was then given judgment for a like amount against J. J. Dillard. J. W. Tobin vs W. D. Benson and W. E. Frieze, judgment for defendants. J. W. Dalton was made special judge in the case of Cone vs Hudson which on a change of venue was transferred back to Yoakum county where the case originated.

HEARS ITALIAN PIANIST Signor Silvio Scinti Shows Great Mastery of Instrument

gle out the most artistic. As a technical master of the keyboard Scinti is pronounced to be without a peer. His delicately shaded selections from Beethoven were of the rarest beauty. The eminent artist displayed a reserve of dignity and strength that was marvelous—the crescendos were like distant thunder and the diminuendos like breathing whispers in a vast cathedral. The treat of the artist was a revelation and equaled anything of the kind that has been given

in Fort Worth. Some of our readers will enjoy reading this clipping from the Fort Worth Record concerning Mr. Scinti, the Italian pianist who was recently a guest of Mrs. J. Carl Roberts and delighted her music friends with his excellent interpretations from some of our great masters. Mr. Scinti is an artist and though quite young has created a great deal of notice in the music world. Martin & Holland are headquarters for good things to eat. 24 11



George—Ah, Lily, dear, this will be the jolliest Christmas I've ever spent. Now that we're engaged I think only of the future. Lily—Do you? Well, at this time of the year I think only of the present.

Christmas Thanks. When turkey's on the table laid, And good things I may scan, I'm thankful—that I wasn't made A vegetarian.

Trouble and Turkey. Brown was boasting of the fine turkey he had bought for Christmas. "Biggest bird I ever saw; cost me seven-fifty." "That's nothing to the turkey I had last Christmas," said his friend Jones. "It cost me \$150."

THE FIRST PRESENTS. The giving of Christmas presents was first introduced by the early Romans. They exchanged gifts freely, but in compliance with a sumptuary law they were never allowed to give anything very elaborate. The receiver of a present which was judged too expensive had to offer it up for auction, when it was knocked down to the highest bidder, and the money appropriated by the national treasurer of the period. Consequently, although the Romans continued to distribute their presents in great numbers, they had to confine their offerings to such trifles as jars of olives, napkins, jellyed fishes, boxes of toothpicks, candles, cloaks and sweetmeats.

SPEND YOUR MONEY AT HOME

And there is a chance that you will get to see it again. We have a line of goods that will compare in design, quality and price with any you secure at any market. Let us prove this to you the next time you want wall paper. Pictures satisfactorily framed.

South Plains Wall Paper Company

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SADDLES --- SADDLES

New fresh lines of one year guarantee saddles just received. Come and see them.

THERE'S ONE FOR YOU

We also have a large stock of Canton Sulkies. Too many for our stock. GET YOU A SUCCESS FOR \$42.50 and you will never regret your purchase.

STAR WINDMILLS AND PIPINGS

Neat line of 1847 Charter Oak design silverware. Some excellent Christmas presents in this line.

REMEMBER GOODS AT RIGHT PRICES AND GOOD QUALITY

R. A. RANKIN & SONS

When You Get Ready to Build, REMEMBER OUR LARGE STOCK OF LUMBER. We make prices that are interesting to the builder. We save you money. Phone 311 ALFALFA LUMBER COMPANY WIT/Cox, Manager

BATTLE & USLEAMAN

(Successors to the Lubbock Sheet Metal Works)

Phone 136

The new firm is now ready for business, and are prepared to do all kinds of Sheet Metal Work and Plumbing on short notice. We want you to know that we are here and prepared to take care of your wants and do the work under a strict guarantee. Let us figure the cost of building that stock tank or elevated tank or anything in the sheet metal line. We can do it and want to prove our work to be what we represent it to be. Stove repair work a specialty. Guttering done correctly. Estimates furnished on any sized job.

BATTLE & USLEAMAN

East Side Square

Phone 136

Lubbock, Texas

Pro and Con

Saying of our Pleased and Displeased Subscribers:

W. E. Batty: "Can't do without the best hustling paper of the Plains."

Mann & Simmons: "Send you a dollar subscription to the Avalanche? Well yes, here it is, and here is another one, date our subscription ahead. By George, you must be a dandy to keep up your enthusiasm and boost in the face of all this general slump. But may your tribe increase, for 'tis by much boosting that things are some times prevented from 'bustin' flat."

W. P. Owensby: "I can get all the wind and Prohibition bosh here without reading the Avalanche, and hope you will get

on ok without me. Stop my paper." (Yes, thanks to the hundreds of good people who appreciate good literature we can get along splendidly without you.—Ed.)

J. P. Cox: "You can stop my paper when the time is out. I would like to continue to take it if able as I think it is a clean, moral and religious publication, but I am an old confederate Vet—near four score, unable for manual labor."

H. M. Bandy: "I hand you herewith check for your paper, which I enjoy reading. You have, in my judgment a fine country, and I want to keep up

with your movements. I hope to be in that country some day. Texas is the greatest State in the Union, and the South Plains is a good part of Texas."

J. M. Smith: "Here is two dollars to keep the Avalanche coming. I am betting on the Lubbock country. I think you have a good spot of earth. Your pump or irrigation wells to bring relief when the clouds fail will surely save the country—rather doubles the chances."

B. K. Laurance: I am attaching my check in payment for the Avalanche, which I consider one of the best county papers anywhere. I always find it full of news."

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NEW RAILROAD IS PROJECTED

Pecos Guarantees to Raise \$75,000 for Line from that Place to Dawson Fields

Pecos, Tex., Dec. 18.—A contract was signed in this city between M. J. Healy, president of Panhandle, Pecos and Gulf Railway of Texas, and F. W. Johnson, Will P. Brady, J. G. Love, J. W. Moore, R. S. Johnson, T. Y. Casey, Sam Prewit, W. A. Hudson, A. H. Phillips and James Goode, constituting the executive committee of the Pecos Commercial Club and representing the citizens of Pecos, by the terms of which a line of railroad is to be built between this city and Dawson Fields, Colo., via Knowles, N. M., the contract calling for completion to Knowles, N. M., within eighteen

months from and after posting of \$75,000 cash penal bond by the said railroad. The citizens guarantee to raise, under certain stipulations, a bonus of \$75,000, which is to be given to the railroad company, together with terminal sites and other inducements. The railroad guarantees to locate shops, roundhouses and general offices in this city and to maintain same here for a period of not less than twenty-five years.

The road is projected between Pecos and Dawson Fields, Colo., a distance of about 350 miles, but the first link, and that provided for in the contract, is to be for ninety miles, or the building of the road between Pecos and Knowles, Eddy county, N. M. President Healy claims to have made all necessary financial arrangements and claims that the road will be built immediately

grading to start in this city within a short time. If the road is built, it will open up a new country of considerable possibilities.

Notice

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 20, 1911. The style of the firm of Martin & Holland is this day changed to that of Martin & Walcott. The new firm assumes all outstanding indebtedness and all accounts due Martin & Holland are payable to Martin & Walcott. The business will continue under the management of Raleigh Martin, as heretofore. The new firm very respectfully invites their many customers to continue trading right on with them and all the new ones who are so disposed to begin with us and give us a trial. Give us your Christmas orders and also your January grocery bill.

MARTIN & WALCOTT.
Raleigh Martin, Mgr.
24 11



No. 806—Combination China Closet and Buffet
Quarted Oak, Hand polished, only \$30.00



Reed Rockers—Reed Reception and 3 piece
Suits in Reed.

Substantial Christmas Presents

Why waste your money for presents of no value. Any article found in my stock will make a nice and serviceable present and will prove of value each day in the year for many years.

Shirtwaist and skirt boxes Matting covered at \$3 to \$12.50.

Pedestals and Tabourettes \$1.50 to \$3.

Magazine stands \$2 to \$5.50.

Music Cabinets \$7.50 to \$20.

Writing Desks in Mahogany, Bird's Eye, Golden Oak and Early English at \$7.50 to \$20.

Dressing Tables any finish \$1.50 to \$2.

Plate Racks—Clock Shelves—Wall Brackets—Chests—Baby Walkers—High Chairs.

A few hand Sewing Machines the new, new toys, but good articles at \$4.

Reed Rockers—Upholstered Rockers and all other kinds of Rockers—Morris Chairs and in any shape kind or color.

RUGS

Too many rugs and to reduce my stock, quote you the following prices for cash and cash only

9x12 Axminster \$27.50 value for \$23.50.

9x12 Axminster \$24 to \$25 value for \$20.50.

9x12 Seamless Velvets at \$22.

9x12 Mattings at \$3.15.

18x36 inch Axminsters at \$1.05.

18x36 inch Bath Rugs at \$1.15.

27x54 inch Velvets at \$1.35.

27x54 inch Velvets at \$2.50.

27x54 inch Axminsters at \$2.55.

27x54 inch Axminsters at \$3.90.

Art Squares and Rugs of different sizes and grades than shown above at prices proportionately cheap. I have too many rugs and must move them. Remember prices are strictly cash.

DATES OF SALE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY 2nd, 1912.

W. E. Robinson

MERRY CHRISTMAS TIMES

Comes to those who have provided against a rainy day. If your bank account is "healthy" you are in a position to be happy yourself and to also make others happy.

We do our part in these matters, by those who will give us an opportunity, and if you are not a customer it would be a good plan to start the new year by opening an account with us. It will be appreciated and you will be protected. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

The First National Bank

OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS

JNO. W. BAKER, Pres. C. D. LESTER, Cashier W. K. DICKINSON, SR., V. Pres.
C. E. PARKS, V. Pres. E. C. PRIEST, Ass't. Cashier F. E. CRAIG, Ass't. Cashier.

Society Items

BY MRS. D. ROBINSON

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB
The Twentieth Century Club entertained on last Tuesday

evening in honor of the Teachers Institute, which is in session this week.

At the door of the beautiful home of Mrs. James O'Neal, the guests were met by Misses Word and Crossett and given hand-painted introduction cards. Pro-

grams for a Tongue Dance were then distributed. A lively discussion followed. Many questions of vital importance were discussed; such as love, matrimony, mosquitoes, etc.

The refreshments of delicious fruit cake and coffee were then served. The following guests were present:

Mesdames Haynes, O'Neal and Sowder, and Misses Estes, Crossett, Watkins, Grantham, McGee, Nevels, McDonald, Murfee, Williamson, McGee, Brown, Robertson and Burns, and Messrs. Haynes, Sowder, O'Neal, Kimmell, Lester, Showalter, Wilson, Robinson, Hurt, McCrummen, Holland, Lewis, Vickers and Porter.

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"HEADQUARTERS"
FOR LIVE STOCK

A "JUICY SACK OF FEED" AND "PLENTY OF HAY" A VERY ACCEPTABLE GIFT

PHONE
WE WILL DO THE REST

Office Supplies

We have for sale in our office, office supplies of different kinds and we are in position to order anything that you want and will take pleasure in doing so, and will give the matter our careful attention.

We Have In Stock The Following Articles

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS

Densmore Visible, Densmore Invisible, Fox, Oliver, Remington Visible, Remington Invisible, L. C. Smith, other makes ordered

INK PADS: We have several sizes in stock and if we haven't what you want we will take your order for same.

MANUSCRIPT COVERS: Different grades and colors.

CARBON PAPER: Two sizes and two colors, any quantity you want.

ADJUSTABLE ENVELOPES for abstracts or legal papers of any kind.

Avalanche Office

A Song for Christmas

HANT me a rhyme of Christmas—
Sing me a jovial song,
And though it is filled with laughter,
Let it be pure and strong

Sing of the hearts brimmed over
With the story of the day—
Of the echo of childish voices
That will not die away.

Of the blare of the tasseled bugle,
And the timeless clatter and beat
Of the drum that throbs to muster
Squadrons of scampering feet.

But O, let your voice fall fainter,
Till, blent with a minor tone,
You temper your song with the beauty
Of the pity Christ hath shown.

And sing one verse for the voiceless;
And yet, ere the song be done,
A verse for the ears that hear not,
And a verse for the sightless one.

For though it be time for singing
A merry Christmas glee,
Let a low, sweet voice of pathos
Run through the melody.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

HER METHOD



Mrs. Flick—How did you cure Johnny of his habit of running away to attend ball games?
Mrs. Slick—By doing a little timely work with the stick.

PRISON REFORM IN CHINA.

"Today, in the street for the first time, I saw a chain gang, prisoners with spades and baskets, taken out by a police sergeant to do useful labor," says a correspondent of the North China Daily News. "They were clothed in red cotton garments, and most of the gang, about sixteen men and two boys, had chains on their ankles, but were otherwise free. They seemed to be in good condition, and it marks another most useful and necessary reform. It is a great thing for these men to get outside their prison walls, and breathe the fresh air, and spend some time in work, and the shame of being publicly seen in prison garb may help to awaken conscience and deter others from lawbreaking. This is so great a contrast to the past, when Chinese prisons were an unutterable horror, that, strange as it may seem, the appearance of a chain gang made one feel glad, which was not inconsistent with a thrill of pity for the men."

MILK POWDER.

In reducing milk to powder, a patented Swiss process evaporates about 85 per cent. of the water at a temperature of 50 to 60 degrees C. The milk is then exposed four seconds in a layer of an eighth to a quarter of an inch in depth on a surface heated to 105 degrees. The second heating removes 9 or 10 per cent. of the remaining water, and the resulting milk power is not only sterile, but the albumen is not coagulated.

AT HAND.

She—Let us drink in the beauty of the stars.
He—All right. There's the Great Dipper handy.

MORAL DISTINCTION.

"Pop, is it wicked to pay anybody hush money?"
"Not when a man gives his wife his power winning my son."
Martin & Holland are headquarters for good things to eat.

FROM BALBOA TO RODGERS

Two Dramatic Views of the Pacific Ocean, More Than 400 Years Apart.

When Balboa "gazed on the Pacific, silent upon a peak in Darien," he was the central figure of a wonderful moment. Something more than 400 years later another man gazed on the Pacific under quite as dramatic circumstances. This other man had come out of the air. He had left the other ocean 4,000 miles across the continent whose narrow extremity Balboa had crossed, and all the way he had traveled in the thin currents about the land and water.

Cal. P. Rodgers, of the unromantic name, has done that which "stout Cortez" and Balboa thought possible only to witches and night fears.
Our epics tell of heroes in small spaces—Achilles and Hector, Aeneas, Roland and Oliver and Arthur—even Ulysses, the wanderer, had a little earth and heaven. When our modernity shall be antiquity we, too, will have furnished epic incidents and persons moving on vaster planes.—Kansas City Times.

FOUGHT A DUEL WITH EGGS

Two Philadelphia Men Had Bloodless Combat but Used Up \$200 Worth of Estates.

Determined to fight a duel, but equally determined not to risk life and limb, Walter Hawthorne of Twenty-third and Tasker streets and Michael Cuddy of South Beechwood street, went to the freight yards of the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday morning and opened on each other with cakes of oleomargarine, butter and eggs. The missiles flew thick and fast, and upward of \$200 worth of estates had been spattered around when Railroad Detectives Williams and Campbell arrived on the scene.

The two duelists forgot each other for a moment, and opened fire on the two officers. They were finally arrested, however, and held under \$600 each bail for court, charged with breaking into a car and maliciously destroying the contents.—Philadelphia Record.

MEMORIAL TO TOM MOORE.

A literary shrine sacred to Tom Moore in the Vale of Avoca, situated in Wicklow, that county which is popularly described the garden of Ireland. It is now proposed to erect a memorial to the poet, and as the outcome of a public meeting the promoters of it consider that its erection in "the vale in whose bosom the bright waters meet" would be very appropriate.

It was while at Avoca that Moore wrote some of his latest known melodies. Nature herself has supplied until quite recently a memorial of the bard in the form of an oak tree, "Tom Moore's tree," under whose shade he did most of his writing. A remnant of it only now survives, owing to the desire of tourists to carry away portions of it as souvenirs of "the poet of all songs and the ideal of all men."—Pitt-Rivers.

List of Transfers

W. H. Flynn, to J. T. Wright lots 23 and 24 in Overton Addition.
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In sounding again a note of warning against the reckless dissipation of the coal-supplies of the British Isles, Sir William Ramsay makes an interesting comparison to show that, thanks to its coal, the people of England are, family for family, four times better off than those of Athens in its palmy days. Each Athenian family had, on the average, five helots, or slaves, to do its bidding. Now the "man-power" of the coal annually consumed in Great Britain amounts to 175,000,000, and displacing this by 2,000,000, the number of families inhabiting the country, we see that each of those families is working for it the equivalent of nearly 30 helots.—York's Dispatch.

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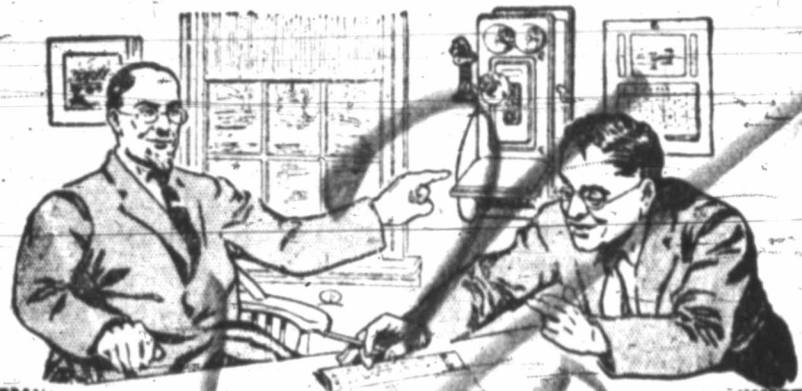
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Children and Christmas in Many Lands

THE little folks of all the world do not keep Christmas as the children of this country do. In fact each land has its own peculiar ways, and our people, being drawn originally from almost every clime, have introduced into our celebration of the day a bit of the Christmas features brought from mother countries. We have the Dutch Santa Claus, the German Christmas tree, the English plum pudding and carols and our own peculiarly lavish gift making.

The boys and girls of far distant countries are spending the day in such different ways that it may prove of interest to young and old to hear something of the distinctive Christmas customs.

THE English Christmas is not unlike ours, save that we do not have their pretty custom of "bringing in the yule." In almost every family in England the boys and girls gather about the burning log on Christmas eve to sing carols and tell Christmas legends. Often the children who live in the country assist at the dragging in of the huge log.

An English child would not feel it was Christmas if there was not a bit of mistletoe hanging in the hall, under which the unwary are kissed soundly. Little and big eat the rich and blazing plum puddings; and all join in the singing of Christmas carols and church-going.

CH RISTMAS in Holland is the gala day of the year for the children. They have a pretty custom of ushering it in. Just at midnight on Christmas eve, the men and boys dressed in fancy costume, march through the streets in long procession, holding aloft a brilliantly lighted star, as they chant the "Gloria in Excelsis." The little girls clad in white stand at the windows and bow to the star as it passes.

PERHAPS the finest Christmas of all, if not the most lavish, is spent by the children of Germany. It combines the Christ child—which we Americans are prone to forget—and Santa Claus. The whole day is full of cheer, families feast and go to church; presents are simple, but in every home is a blazing tree hung with cakes, colored candies and gifts. It is a pretty sight to see the children march in to see their tree, singing as they go, "O, Tannenbaum" (O, Fir Tree), to the air of "Maryland, My Maryland."

In many German towns just as the bells ring to usher in Christmas, every window in every house is quickly lighted. Then the children are up bright and early, even the tiny babies, to go to six o'clock church. Often each child bears a candle to illuminate the church.

The German Krisis Kingle has one

sorrid habit that our jolly old St. Nick would scorn. He generally leaves in the stockings a bunch of switches in case they should be needed before his next call.

THE Serbian children have a strange custom. On Christmas Eve the father of the family goes to the wood and cuts a straight young oak, which he drags into the room where the family awaits him, saying as he does so: "Good evening and a merry Christmas!"

Then the children shout back: "May God grant both to thee and mayst thou have riches and honor!"

With this they shower their father with corn and the tree is thrown on the fire to burn until Christmas morning, when it is greeted with pistol shots.

THE French children rarely have a tree. Sometimes they hang up slippers to be filled, instead of stockings, and there is great chanting of "Noel, Noel," the Christmas song.

Like the Scandinavian children, little French boys and girls never forget the birds, but instead of placing sheaves of grain on long poles, they are hung along the eaves of the houses.

THE children of Belgium on Christmas Eve are dressed in gay colors and form a procession, which marches through the streets, led by an orchestra and singing carols. Each child holds aloft either a Christchild in a manger or a crucifix.

AMERICAN mothers find one day of Christmas merrymaking distracting enough for their children, how would they like to live in Russia, where work is often suspended for a fortnight, while all the people keep holiday.

Even the poorest peasant has a tree and it is harvest time for beggars, for no one will refuse him anything.

In some of the country districts the boys dress as animals, and led by other boys as keepers, march through the streets headed by a band of boys making dreadful music with harsh sounding instruments. These processions go from door-to-door, pound until they are admitted, and all given food and drink, and two small pieces of money.

All over Scandinavia a week is given to merrymaking. Every one goes to six o'clock church on the dark Christmas morning, and in the evening every home in the land is illuminated. They have wonderful trees, around which grown people and children dance and sing. The Scandinavian child is very good to the poor on Christmas and takes gifts and food to poor families.

Bulgarian "Koleda." In Bulgaria "Koleda," as Christmas is called, is marked with many quaint ceremonies. One is called "Koledars," the name given to a band of boys, mostly, who go about proclaiming that the season of fasting is over, and heralding a reign of feasting and merriment. Each Koleda party numbers seven—the Old Man, the Old Woman, the Crumb Picker (who collects the presents and money, while the Old Man and Old Woman play the fool) and Four Singers, who carry out the Christmas songs. The attire of the Koledars is most grotesque, and their procession is joined by a huge crowd of townspeople, who take a great delight in the antics of the jesters.

AT RALLS

Things That are Being Brought About and Movements of Some People.

Ralls Banner:

B. B. Garrison, our enterprising groceryman, was seeing the sights in Lubbock Friday.

W. E. McLaughlin is making preparations to establish a private bank to be in operation by the first of January.

Rumor reports that within the next few days there will be fifteen business houses and resi-

dences undergoing construction in Ralls.

Mrs. R. N. Martin happened to the misfortune of slipping down Tuesday and spraining her arm. She is doing nicely at this writing and it is hoped that she will gain speedy recovery.

Mr. Buchanan, who is supervising the construction of the Baird building, was a pleasant caller at the Banner sanctum Monday. He visited home folks at Lubbock Saturday and Sunday.

Martin & Holland are headquarters for good things to eat.

A Chaparral Christmas Gift

By O. Henry



THE original cause of the trouble was about twenty years in growing. At the end of that time it was worth it.

Had you lived anywhere within 50 miles of Sundown ranch you would have heard of it. It possessed a quantity of jet black hair, a pair of extremely frank, deep brown eyes and a laugh that rippled across the prairie like

the sound of a hidden brook. The name of it was Rosita McMullen, and she was the daughter of old man McMullen of the Sundown sheep ranch.

There came riding on red roan steeds—or, to be more explicit, on a paint and a flea-bitten sorrel—two woodcocks. One was Madison Lane and the other was the Frio Kid. But at that time they did not call him the Frio Kid, for he had not earned the honors of special nomenclature. His name was simply Johnny McRoy.

It must not be supposed that these two were the sum of the agreeable Rosita's admirers. The broods of a dozen others champed their bits at the long hitching rack of the Sundown ranch. Many were the sheep's eyes that were cast in those savannas that did not belong to the flocks of Dan McMullen. But of all the cavaliers Madison Lane and Johnny McRoy galloped far ahead, wherefore they are to be chronicled.

Madison Lane, a young cattleman from the Nueces country, won the race. He and Rosita were married one Christmas day. Armed, hilarious, vociferous, magnanimous, the gowmen and the sheepmen, laying aside their hereditary hatred, joined forces to celebrate the occasion.

But while the wedding feast was at its liveliest these descended upon it Johnny McRoy, bitten by jealousy, like one possessed.

"I'll give you a Christmas present," he yelled, shrilly, at the door, with his 45 in his hand. Even then he had some reputation as an offhand shot.

His first bullet cut a neat underbit in Madison Lane's right ear. The barrel of his gun moved an inch. The next shot would have been the bride's, had not Carson, a sheepman, possessed a raised trigger some what well oiled and in repair. The guns of the wedding party had been hung, in their belts, upon nails in the wall when they sat at table, as a concession to good taste. But Carson, with great promptness, hurled his plate of roast venison and trifles at McRoy, spoiling his aim. The second bullet, then, only shattered the white petals of a Spanish dagger flower suspended two feet above Rosita's head.

The guests spurned their chairs and jumped for their weapons. It was considered an improper act to shoot the bride and groom at a wedding. In about six seconds there were twenty or so bullets due to be whizzing in the direction of Mr. McRoy.

"I'll shoot better next time," yelled Johnny, "and there'll be a next time." He backed rapidly out the door.

The cattlemen swept out upon him, calling for vengeance. But the sortie failed in its vengeance. McRoy was on his horse and away, shouting back curses and threats as he galloped into the concealing chaparral.

That night was the birthright of the Frio Kid. He became the "bad man" of that portion of the state. The rejection of his suit by Miss McMullen turned him to a dangerous man. When officers went after him for the shooting of Carson, he killed two of them, and entered upon the life of an outlaw. When he was at last shot and killed by a little one-armed Mexican who was nearly dead himself from fright, the Frio Kid had the deaths of 18 men on his head.

Christmas present I got to give. I'm going to ride over tomorrow night and shoot Madison Lane in his own house. He got my girl—Rosita would have had me if he hadn't cut into the game. I wonder why I happened to overlook it up to now?"

"Ah, shucks, Kid," said Mexican, "don't talk foolishness. You know you can't get within a mile of Mad Lane's house tomorrow night. I see old man 'Nen day before yesterday, and he said, 'Mad is going to have Christmas doings' in his house. You remember how you shot 'em the festivities when Mad was married, about the threats you made? Don't you suppose Mad Lane'll kind of keep his eyes open for a certain Mr. Kid? You plumb make me tired, Kid, with such remarks."

"I'm going," repeated the Frio Kid without heat, "to go to Madison Lane's Christmas doings, and kill him. I ought to have done it a long time ago."

"There's other ways of committing suicide," advised Mexican. "Why don't you go and surrender to the sheriff?"

"I'll get him," said the Kid. Christmas eve fell as balmy as April. Perhaps there was a hint of far-away frostiness in the air, but it tingled like seltzer, perfumed faintly with late prairie blossoms and the mesquite grass.

When night came the five or six rooms of the ranch house were brightly lit. In one room was a Christmas tree, for the Lanes had a boy of three and a dozen or more guests were expected from the nearer ranches.

The guests had arrived in buckboards and on horseback, and were making themselves comfortable inside. The evening went along pleasantly. The guests enjoyed and praised Rosita's excellent supper, and afterward the men scattered in groups about the rooms or on the "broad gallery," smoking and chatting.

The Christmas tree, of course, delighted the youngsters, and above all were they pleased when Santa Claus himself in magnificent white beard and furs appeared and began to distribute the toys.

"It's my papa," announced Billy Sampson, aged six. Berkly, a sheepman, an old friend of Lane, stopped Rosita as she was passing by him on the gallery.

"Well, Mrs. Lane," said he, "I suppose by this Christmas you've gotten over being afraid of that fellow McRoy."



"Oh, Thank You!"

McRoy, haven't you? Madison and I have talked about it, you know."

"Very nearly," said Rosita, smiling. "But I am still nervous sometimes. I shall never forget that awful time when he came so near killing us."

"He's the most cold-hearted villain in the world," said Berkly. "The citizens all along the border ought to turn out and hunt him down like a wolf."

"He has committed awful crimes," said Rosita, "but I don't know. I think there is a spot of good somewhere in everybody. He was not always bad—that I know."

Rosita turned into the hallway between the rooms. Santa Claus, in muffling whiskers and furs, was just coming through.

"I heard what you said through the window, Mrs. Lane," he said. "I was just going down in my pocket for a Christmas present for your husband. But I've left one for you, instead. It's in the room to your right."

"Oh, thank you, kind Santa Claus," said Rosita, brightly. Rosita went into the room, while Santa Claus stepped into the cooler air of the yard. She found no one in the room but Madison. "Where is my present that Santa said he left for me in here?" she asked. "Haven't seen anything in the way of a present," said her husband, laughing. "Unless he could have meant me."

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Conservation of Moisture

By J. W. Neill

Following is an address delivered at the Texas State Farmer's Institute by Mr. Neal, and we believe that it will be a help to the farmers of this section of the state who are readers of the Avalanche hence we reproduce it in full:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I certainly appreciate the compliment which Commissioner Kone has paid me and hope it is true that I have made good wherever I have gone. I have tried to uphold the hands of Commissioner Kone wherever I have been, because he presides over the most important department of our State Government.

"At this time I am going to confine my remarks to the preparation of the soil for the conservation of moisture, leaving the improvement of seeds, etc., to others.

"The most important question for the farmer is the preparation of the soil to conserve moisture. In this connection there are some

and others do it also?

"You need not get excited at the word 'science,' for it is nothing but the truth of a thing found out. In all the industries of the world we see the truths of science being discovered and applied. That is what has brought these industries to the front.

"One of the first things you must do is to prepare the soil in such a way as to hold the moisture. A great portion of Texas does not get rain fall when it is needed, nor as much as is needed. Therefore, we must learn how to hold it. We cannot make crops without moisture, so we must conserve it if we want to use it. How shall this be done? I am advocating early preparation of the soil, as early in the fall and winter as possible.

"I want to tell you how I prepare my soil, and how I suggest that you shall prepare yours. After I have begun breaking, before I go to dinner at noon, I hitch to a drag or a harrow and

it is of little service. We compute it now from September to September, and we want to commence storing it in the earth in the autumn. What falls afterwards adds, just that much to our supply. When the autumnal and winter rains go into the earth, the moisture begins to manufacture food for the plants by changing the chemical properties of the soil. The longer before planting this is done, the better.

"After it has gone into the earth, if we take proper care of it, it is there until it is needed for the plants. The question is, how can we store this water?

"If you have your soil prepared as has been suggested, and there comes an inch of rainfall, the moisture will go ten to fifteen times deeper than it would in unprepared soil. It will take the wind and sun ten to fifteen times as long to take it out.

"There are but two ways for moisture to come out of the earth. One is through plant life, and the other by evaporation. If we allow a hard crust to form it will cause this evaporation; but, when we place this soil mulch on the earth, it

as by a sponge.

"On the other hand, after the water is poured into the hole and disappears in it, drawn down by gravity, place in the depression loose soil or ashes two or three inches deep, and there will be no crust and little or no evaporation.

"So, if you pulverize the surface soil there is no doubt but it will protect the moist soil beneath from the sun's heat. As the soil begins to crust, the evaporation will commence; so, if you let the hard crust form over your prepared soil, the action of the sun will soon cause the soil to soon lose its moisture. That is as sure as the sun shines. When a mulch is created, a crust will not form and it stands there a non-conductor of heat and a protector of the moisture.

"Another question is, how long can we hold this moisture? In Wyoming, Dr. Cook is advising the people to conserve the rainfall from one year to another. We do not need to do that down here. If we conserve it for two or three months, what is accumulated will be sufficient to make a crop.

"All this suggests two

brought into use at the proper time it will destroy more insect pests than all the spraying machines can do.

"I will speak briefly, now, of agricultural methods. Why is it that each year the promises of rich yields in corn and cotton have not been redeemed? There are several reasons. One is that it is due to faulty cultural methods. I have found farmers, even some seventy-two years old, who have failed for this reason. We must watch the growth of the plants not only above, but also below, the ground. We want to adopt a plan of planting to prepare for the first cultivation.

"I believe in planting all grain as deep in the earth as we can to get a good stand. That brings up the different methods adaptable to different parts of Texas. We have a State with every variety of soil, and in which almost everything can be raised that can be grown in the temperate zone; therefore, we have more to study than have the people in any other State. I believe in planting as deep as you can to get a stand. Study your soil and climatic conditions and cover your seed as deep as

and then get out and think what a nice job he has done, not realizing what he has done to the corn. By hilling up, the roots are inclined upward and, when once they have been given that direction, they are set in the earth never to change. When that is done, the roots will be exposed to the hot sun in the summer time and can not collect and deliver plant food. Furthermore, they will be subject to destruction by the plough in any sort of necessary cultivation. To obtain a maximum corn yield the roots must grow in the right direction under such mechanical and other conditions as will enable them to secure a maximum food supply that the plant can manufacture into stalk, leaves and grain.

"In the course of my life I have torn the roots, not knowing what I was doing. But I have found out that the roots are what make the corn, and we must protect them.

"After we have inclined them downwards, every time the soil is worked we give them more protection from the hot sun. Corn will stand the drouth longer if it has all the roots to help out.

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things we have to learn. I do not mean he has to do this because I say so, but because necessity will compel him to do it. Back of the necessity is God. His laws are immutable. You may refuse to listen to me, but you cannot violate His statutes without having an empty corn crib. When we look over the great State of Texas and see the empty corn cribs we realize the need of some kind of improvement. When we see boys and many men who are working according to scientific methods, producing from forty-five to sixty bushels of corn to the acre even in these dry years, it is time to "come across;" and we will do it when we get tired of these empty corn cribs.

"I believe the day for scientific farming has come. It was here many years ago but we did not know it. I am one of those engaged in scientific farming and advising other people to take it up. If I have made a success with my farming, why not you

destroy every clod of dirt I have turned up during the morning. The next day it could not be pulverized as well, and, if you want to get the best results, you must do the right thing at the right time. So I prepare the soil as I go, and drag or harrow that which I have turned up in the afternoon before I go home. This puts on the surface a soil mulch which is intended to protect the moisture in the earth, and it does it.

"We do not always get the necessary winter and spring rains to put our land in proper condition, but often the fall and winter rains are quite sufficient. Let us store them as they come, for one inch of rainfall stored in the fall and winter is worth two or three inches in the spring and summer. Then, we do not always get rains in spring and summer when we want them.

"We no longer compute the rainfall from January to January for we find the heaviest rainfall comes in July and August, when

forms a protection to the moisture beneath. When a rain comes, you want to go over it and remulch the soil and thus set the trap for the next rain. As soon as you catch one rain, set your trap for the next. Destroy what would form a crust and allow the escape of the moisture already in the ground. Let me illustrate: Put a clod of dirt on your hand and then put a coal of fire on top of it. It will soon burn you. Now, pulverize a clod of earth, put the coal of fire on top of it and you can carry it all over the city. The hard clod is a conductor of heat; when you pulverize it, it is a non-conductor and will protect your hand from the fire above it.

"Dig out a basin in the earth, pour a bucket of water in it and let the water soak into the soil; place a skillet over the depression, build a fire in the vessel, and a crust will form and the moisture will soon be all drawn up and be absorbed by the air

thoughts. One is, we do not know how little rainfall we need to make a crop with, and another is how much we are losing. Some farmers think they must have a rainfall every few days, but that is not necessary. Last year taught us many valuable lessons. In one section English peas were harvested without having had one drop of rain. In other places corn has grown without rainfall. We have many such examples in the office.

"So, let us store the moisture and, when spring comes, we will find the earth full of plant food. It is the drouth which comes at the maturing period which hurts the worst. If, by any means, we can so handle the soil and so cultivate the crops as to tide them over that period, we will, in many instances, meet with success. A crust is a heavier tax on the soil than is the plant.

"Another reason for fall and winter cultivation is that insect pests spend the winter in the earth, and if the plough is

you can get a good stand.

"Let us take the corn plant for an illustration. We plant a grain of corn and it sends a sprout up out of the ground; but, until God gives this little plant roots to feed with, it is dependent on the mother grain from which it sprung for life. The farmer never lived who could feed that plant until it puts out its roots. Right here the farmer can make a mistake which will cost him all of his work.

"When the roots start out we must train them so they will be protected when the hot sun does come. Those little roots go out, and they need warmth from above, as well as moisture below. At this time I advocate going over the ground with a section harrow. We want to aerate that soil. By aerating, letting air and warmth in, we incline the roots downward. Then give a deeper plowing and, after that, plough shallow.

"The first thing the farmer usually does is to hill it up high

How can we expect the plant to stand a drouth if we have torn half of them out? I will not go further with this now. I usually discuss the subject of seed selection but I will not take that up at this time.

"I Thank you for your attention."

Miss Vida May Stalcup, of Kirk, New Mexico, who has been attending school at this place since the beginning of the present term, left Friday to spend the holidays with home folks.

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IGNORANCE-JEALOUSY

Mr. Hub G. Guinn arrived in Rusk last Wednesday from Lubbock, Texas. Hub looks and seems to feel natural on our streets again, and while he is simply here on a business trip, we believe there is a strong inclination on his part to come back to his first love. Should he forsake his wayward western habits and return to civilization, peace and plenty, we will give him the right hand of fellowship and welcome him back into the fold again. Hub was the originator of the Colt Show idea, and we need more of such men among us.—The Press-Journal.

We do not think that Mr. Guinn has any desire whatever to return to Rusk. So far as forsaking his wayward western habits, we wish to state to the Press-Journal right here that there is more morality and better social conditions in Lubbock and the Plains country than there is in many of the eastern towns, Rusk not excepted. The people here are civilized. They believe in all the principles of highly civilized government, and have more laws locally forbidding lawlessness than a great many of the towns, where they claim to be civilized. "Peace and plenty." This country has never been hurt by not having plenty of everything that the heart and physical body needs. "Peace" is the watchword of the entire country, and there is no more peaceful community any where on the face of God's green earth than in Lubbock, and the fellow that throws such rot as the above at us is simply feeding from the swillpool of ignorance and wallowing in the mire of jealousy.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Now, my dear friend, since you have unloaded this overdose of venom on us I hope you feel better, and the Press-Journal assures you that it is not the least bit mad. We had no idea that we were hitting the "bull's eye" so center when we wrote the paragraph about our mutual friend, Guinn. We have no idea of taking him away from you, for we have lots of the same kind here, and we know they are scarce in your section, and it would be selfish in us. We know your section is a great country—for blizzards. You have a magnificent people, and you take the dilapidated linen off the shrubbery when it comes to sand-storms. You have a most wonderful country; in fact its resources are marvelous, and we can say without fear of successful contradiction, without jealousy or spite, although with some degree of humiliation, that you can offer greater inducements to the immigrant and homeseeker—and deliver less than any other section on the face of God's beautiful, sun-kissed earth. But we will not fall out with you about it. If you will come over with Hub when he makes his next visit to his old home, we will send you a round-trip ticket (remember, we said round-trip), and we will show you a country where roses bloom in mid-winter, and you will imagine you are in the Garden of Eden. We will take

you driving and present to you a vision of beauty that will make you believe that you are in the Forest of Arden, and as you see the beautiful streams rolling and dancing down the mountain sides and over the mighty peaks of iron ore-rocks, you will imagine you are beholding the grandeur of Niagara. Come over and eat 'possum and potatoes with us—persimmons are ripe and the 'possums are fat. By the way, did you ever see a 'possum? Well, it's an animal without any hair on its tail, and the part that leaves the hen house last is as slick as a billiard cue; it grins when it's maddest, and plays dead when it's very much alive—contrary to the Lubbock country which plays alive when it's very much dead.

No, Brother Dow, we are not the least bit mad or jealous.—Rusk Press-Journal.

Just about what we expected. That old blizzard and sand storm chestnut that the people in the east have been dealing out to us for these many years. It is indeed strange that the newspaper man as well as numbers of others in various and sundry professions cannot get something new, probably their brain is like a large portion of the country that they represent, the soil is too shallow to develop other than a weakly (sometimes spelled weekly) sprout, which when encountered by the train loads of farm products that are being shipped from this section to eastern points this winter, it is wiped out of existence and there is nothing left but chestnuts. The Press-Journal jumps the track and never touches the subject that first brought about this controversy. He undertakes to belittle this country and the people by saying that we can offer "greater inducements to immigrants and homeseekers and deliver less than any other section on the face of God's beautiful sun-kissed earth." Now Press-Journal, you place much value on Mr. Guinn, so do we, and will take the liberty to say that this paper has never made a statement about the material resources and possibilities of this section of the country that Mr. Guinn will not verify, and we can name a dozen others who left that Eden of all Edens and come to this blizzard-sandstorm-drouthstricken-uncivilized country, and would not swap with dollars "to-foot" their surroundings here for those of the city where the "roses bloom in the winter" (parch in the summer) in the "Garden of Eden," in the "Forset of Arden" close to the rippling streams that dash down the mountain side and tear themselves in pieces over the "iron-ore rocks" that reminds them of "Niagara." No they are willing to remain in this, the south plains of Texas, where at least nine months out of the year the weather is delightful. The winters are short and not severe, where the summers are delightful, and one can sleep without being molested by the humming of the mosquito, where malaria is unknown, and the bloom of health is indelibly stamped upon the old as well as the youths of the country. We

like it. We only visit other section of the country to come back better satisfied than ever, that we are right. We will probably call upon you for the round trip ticket, (thanks for making it a round-tripper, for we would not accept any other kind) to visit that section at some future time, for we have no time to make unnecessary trips just now, just to eat 'possum, when we know full well just how they look and how they act—have killed hundreds of them.

The Press-Journal says that Lubbock is a dead one. Maybe it is, but we noticed not long since in the Journal, if we mistake not, that it stated that a town, to a great extent, was judged by its newspapers, and the patronage that they received at the hand of the business men, etc. This is an admitted fact all over the country, and the Journal can not dare contradict it successfully. Now for a comparison: The Press Journal Dec. 15, a four-page seven column paper, contained 425 inches of display advertising and 103 inches of reading matter, news and pay locals. Avalanche Dec. 14, a sixteen page six column paper containing 1056 inches of display advertisements and 864 inches of reading matter and pay locals. Now according to the above, which is the dead town. Phew! This east wind carries an offensive odor. Can it be that Rusk is dead?

BUYS BORDEN CITIZEN

Judge J. J. Good, of Gail is here today. He states that he has purchased the old Borden Citizen printing plant and is resuscitating the paper. He doesn't expect to run the paper himself but will control its policy. The Judge is a candidate for representative in his district.—Snyder Signal.

The Citizen has had many owners during its existence in that town. It has had a rocky road. Its editors and owners doubtless have had a still more rocky time keeping it up and going. The people of that town seem rather adverse to supporting a paper, though they at one time were very liberal in the days of this editor in that town. We hope the new management will make a greater success of it than the last few proprietors seem to have had. Mr. Good has an axe to grind however and we predict that he will do a good job of it.

The Avalanche wants its readers and those who are not readers of the paper to come in and see us when in town. Tell us what is happening around where you stay. We need the news to make the Avalanche a better county paper.

Lubbock is the logical point for an organization to be known as the South Plains Fair Association. Why not organize one right away?

If Santa Claus doesn't object we would like for him to bring us—Lubbock we mean, several blocks more of nice concrete side walks.

Its mud again this week. What do you suppose those east Texas editors would have to say if they were here now?

Lubbock is the easiest town boosted on earth. We have what we claim and claim nothing more than we have.

You can boost Lubbock without stretching the truth.

It costs no more to be kind than not. So be kind.

A merry Christmas to our readers far and near.

Monday is Christmas Day.

Remember the poor.

Talk Lubbock.

J. T. Bullock made a business trip to Plains the first of this week.

The Farmers Of Next Year HAVE BRIGHT HOPES

There never was a better season in the ground and everything looks good. How about putting some of that land on the market at a price that induces more farmers to come?

List it right and we will do the rest.

The Bullock Land Co.

Our Waste-Products

A press dispatch announcing that eastern capitalists at Alpine have established a factory for manufacturing the Chandellilla weed into products used in making phonograph records, insulation of electrical wires, underground cables, candles, etc., carries with it a message of importance to all sections of the state. In the utilization of our waste products lies a tremendous source of wealth. It was only a few years ago that cotton seed was considered poison, but an intelligent analysis and study developed a wide field of usefulness for the product and the annual crop today is worth \$33,360,000.

After all a weed is but an unused plant and in finding an occupation for this wild vegetation we have transferred a pest to a valuable asset.

Judge Geo. R. Bean spent several days of this week in Amarillo looking after legal business before the court of appeals.

CHRISTMAS

Round Trip Excursion Fares

via

The Texas & Pacific Railway

To

All Points in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas

Also to the SOUTH EAST, St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Memphis, Denver, Colorado Springs, and various cities in Mexico.

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Electric Lighted Sleepers, Chair Cars and Diners

Consult the Agent or Write



GEO. E. HUNTER
General Passenger Agent
Dallas, Texas

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM

I mean the fine line of Christmas offerings now on display in the First National Bank building

Those who have a taste for the artistic are especially pleased and they are coming in for their choicest purchases. I make the claim that there has never been a better line of jewelry, watches, clocks, silverware, etc., ever displayed in this city.

THE PRICES ARE CLOSE

And I am determined to reduce the stock and have had a poor chance to display same. It will pay you to come and inspect these offerings as you will be sure to find what you want and the prices will surprise you. All goods are of the best quality and you are urged to come.

CRAWFORD

"THE JEWELER"

First National Bank Building, Lubbock, Texas

EVERY HOME OWNER
Is a nation builder. Home owners are the hope of all nations.
WE HAVE THE MATERIAL
W. C. BOWMAN LUMBER COMPANY

TEXAS INDUSTRIES

Commercial Secretaries Compile
Weeks Operations Along
Commercial Lines

The creamery at Flatonia turned out 15,000 pounds of butter in November. This is said to be the second largest creamery in the state.

The early construction of a railroad is reported from Wellington to Memphis and thence to Spur on the Wichita Valley Railroad, giving direct connection with Abilene and Texas and Pacific railroad points.

Contract has been let for the construction of the new federal building to be erected at Mineral Wells at a cost of \$60,000.

A Sherman county farmer raised 200 bushels of sweet potatoes on one acre of land that were readily marketed for \$400.

Arrangements have been made in Galveston for the shipment of a cargo of 10,000 bales of cotton direct to Japan.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture the estimated cotton pro-

duction for Texas, 1911-1912, is 4,280,000 bales.

The State Experiment Station has employed a former tobacco expert of the United States Agricultural Department to take charge of the State Tobacco Experimental Farm.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas will give a short winter course in agriculture to farmers, January 8, to 20 1912.

The organization of hog and corn clubs, establishment of demonstration farms and the wonderful increase in the number of acres under irrigation are a few of the many things that indicate that the Texas farmer is marching in the front rank of progress.

Eight bales of cotton were harvested from two and three-fourth acres of land near Harlingen, Cameron county, this season.

Beaumont will vote on a \$60,000 park bond issue December 20th.

A party of 300 Nebraskan homeseekers arrived in the Brownsville country last week and will take up their residence

in different parts of the Lower Rio Grande Valley section. Ex-Governor Shallenberger was in the party.

Ground has been broken at Alpine for the site of the only combined wax, paper and soap factory in the world.

The Commercial Club of Waxahachie at a meeting held on December 12th, made definite arrangements for the erection of a \$100,000 hotel.

A \$200,000 school for girls has been planned for San Antonio.

The Abilene training school building has just been completed at a cost of \$10,500.

The sum of \$75,000 is the consideration for the transfer of 2,900 head of steers in San Angelo this week.

A Road bond election is ordered for Bryan, calling for the issuance of \$200,000, the election to be held on February 8th.

L. C. Robertson, of near Slaton was here Monday looking after business matters. He was a pleasant caller at our office while in the city.

Mrs. Scott, of Terry county, was here trading Monday.

TEXAS FARM VALUES
GAIN \$1,000,000,000

Population on Farms Increases
Nearly Half a Million.

We have on the tax assessors rolls of Texas 156,946,934 acres of land, leaving approximately 11,000,000 acres of land not on the tax rolls which is owned by the State, exempt from taxation, or assessed as town and city lots. The assessed value of land has increased from \$3.02 per acre in 1900 to \$6.51 per acre in 1910, making a total increase of \$550,000,000 in assessed land values and when we consider that land is assessed at probably less than 50 per cent of its true value, we find an actual increase in farm land alone of \$1,100,000,000. The Federal Census reports verify this estimate by crediting us with a net gain of \$1,130,939,000 or 163 per cent during the past decade.

According to the reports of our Railroad Commission we have built 3952 miles of railroad during the past decade and it is estimated that a mile of railroad will add \$64,000 per mile to adjoining property. Railroad construction alone has added a quarter of a billion dollars to land values. The facilities on all roads have been increased, enabling the products to reach the market earlier and in better condition, thereby increasing the value of production. The improvement of our public highways has had its effect in increasing values and the immigration agents are entitled to a large share of credit for our development.

Our rural population in 1900 was 2,488,838 and in 1910 the census reports give us 2,958,838, making an increase of 469,992 people on our farms. The wealth per capita of farm lands and buildings of our rural population in 1900 was \$160 and in 1910 it was \$347 per capita, making an increase of \$187 per capita or 117 per cent, which measures, in a way, the prosperity of the Texas farmer. We have opened up during the past decade 64,187 farms and now have a total of 416,477 farms in operation and the average size of our farms shows a decrease of from 357 acres in 1900 to 262 acres in 1910, or an average of 95 acres per farm, all of which has undoubtedly had a strong influence in increasing the wealth per capita of the Texas farmer.

TEXAS APPLES BRING
SPLENDID DIVIDENDS

NO PRODUCT PAYS ANY BETTER
TEXAS FIGURES SHOW.

5,000,000 TREES BEARING

The apple has always played an important part in the history of the human race. It was an apple rosy and red that attracted the attention of Eve and she gave to Adam, who according to Holy Writ, "did eat" and ever since that eventful day the apple has been a favorite diet of mankind. It was an apple falling to the ground that stirred the brain of Newton and he gave us the laws of gravitation. It was an apple tree upon which grafters first plied their vocation and so successful were their operations that the profession has since flourished so rapidly as to menace civilization. It was a Texas apple that was awarded the first premium at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904 and no State has ever been able to wrest from us this undisputed evidence of our superiority as an apple producing State.

It is the most obedient plant in the vegetable kingdom and yields implicitly to the genius of man; it will change color, size, flavor, maturity and durability at the touch of a master hand. It is undoubtedly the most universal, resourceful and profitable of commercial fruits.

The northern tier of counties has long been known as the banner section in apple production, but is now dividing honors with the Pecos country and the Panhandle.

Some idea of the increase in the apple industry in Texas may be gained when we consider that the number of trees in the State today is more than five millions, while in 1870 there were less than 300,000 trees. The following table, taken from the reports of the Department of Agriculture, shows the progress of the apple industry by decades:

1870	290,000
1880	550,000
1890	662,000
1900	1,485,000
1910	5,000,000

Texas offers to the orchardist a soil and climate that will give vigor and productive power to the trees, color and flavor to the fruit and an established reputation to the product.

MILLIONAIRES MADE
RAPIDLY IN TEXAS

ONE EVERY TWO DAYS RECORD OF
FATHER TIME.
PER CAPITA WEALTH GAINS

Father time, single handed, has been making millionaires of the Texas property owners at the rate of one every two days (or its equivalent) and his mint is running along with increased momentum. No gold mine ever poured forth its stream of wealth with such volume and perpetuity as that of the increased values of property in Texas, and no prospector can stake out a claim more promising than a Texas real estate investment.

The assessed value of all property has increased during the past decade from \$946,320,258 to \$2,388,500,124, making a net increase of \$1,442,180,866 or 152 per cent. As the assessed value represents probably not over 50 per cent of the true value of property, we find an actual increase in wealth of approximately three billion dollars during the past ten years. This remarkable increase in wealth must be attributed to either one of two causes; first, increase in property values, such, for example, as land worth \$10 per acre in 1900 and worth \$20 per acre or more in 1910; second, increase in property such as money, building material, live stock and movable property coming into the State. However, a careful study of the figures justify an estimate of \$1,770,000,000 as an increase in property values and \$1,230,000,000 as an increase in property.

The amount shown as increase in property values is pure cream and measures, with reasonable accuracy, the unearned increment on investments in property and shows a daily ten year average net increase in property alone of \$485,000. The amount shown as increase in property represents the flow of outside capital into Texas and gives a net daily ten year average of \$337,000.

In 1900 our assessed wealth per capita was \$310 and in 1910 it was \$616, making an increase of \$300 per capita or 97 per cent. Our population during the past decade has shown an increase of 27 per cent and our assessed wealth an increase of 152 per cent. No more forceful evidence of progress and prosperity can be produced than the above comparison and it speaks the dialect of every nation.

We Do Not Use Mules

To pull the Buick car in off long or short runs. This is more than some makes of autos can boast of. A mule team is a good thing to own, but Buick owners only use them for farm and road work. Catch the idea.

See us also for all kinds repair work, fittings, tubes, casings, oil, gas, etc.

Cass Auto Co.

HOW TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND
BRING PROSPERITY TO THIS SECTION

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY: That is to increase demand. To increase demand you must induce settlement and that can be done by pricing part of your holding at an attractive price and terms. We can sell your property if you will do this. Call and give us a list of what you have to sell or trade.

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PIERCE BROTHERS

OFFICE
CITIZENS'
BANK BUILDING

THAT MAIL LINE

It is Believed it Will be Established Early in 1912 Through the Popular Place.

Some two weeks ago, several of Plain's most prominent business men passed through town on their way home from Lubbock where they had been to confer with business men of the latter city in regards to the establishment of a Lubbock Bronco mail line via Meadow, Brownfield, Gomez and Plains. They reported to the editor of the Herald that the Lubbock men had promised to send a man to Washington, D. C. at once to take the matter up with the Postal authorities.

In last weeks issue of the Younkum County News, we notice that the Chief Route Inspector, of Austin, has written the Postmaster at Bronco to the effect that a special inspector will be sent in the near future to examine the route, which he says will be a big improvement over the old facilities.

He is right sure, for it takes as long to get a letter to Plains from Brownfield, only 30 miles distance, as it does to Chicago, Ill. With a route from a railroad connection east on through to Bronco, we will have a daily connection. — Brownfield Herald.

On account of the great rush in the express business at this place during the past week, Mrs. Henry has been assisting her husband with the office work.

Think it Over

The Palmer Rustler has struck the key-tone of the patronage of home industries in an article which appeared in a recent issue of that paper. We endorse it heartily and recommend that every man who reads it "think it over," as the Rustler suggests. It is as follows:

"Listen how this sounds and think what it would mean if carried out: Suppose the farmers were to quit trading in Palmer; suppose the people were to stop getting their money at the Palmer banks; suppose the patrons of this community were to haul their cotton to other points to have it ginned; suppose the merchants were to quit patronizing the draymen here and have a man do this work who lived

somewhere else; suppose all the citizens of Palmer were to send their children to some other school; suppose everybody should stop his paper and the merchants quit advertising. How long, O, how long would we all be able to stay in Palmer? What did you answer in this: Not Long."

R. L. Battles, of Post, arrived in our city the latter part of last week and will make this his future home. He is a tinner by trade, and has identified himself with the Lubbock Sheet Metal Works, as one of its owners. He has been over considerable part of this section of the State but likes Lubbock the best and has located here permanently.

A Long Auto Trip

R. Scott Cochran of Plainview, agent for the Vellie automobile, was in Abilene this morning, stopped at the K. P. L. garage and salesrooms for auto supplies, before resuming his homeward journey which has so far occupied three days. He left about noon.

Mr. Cochran is taking to Plainview two Vellie cars, one a forty horsepower touring car selling for \$2,000 and the other a thirty roadster selling for \$1,750 both fully equipped.

"I have been a good long time on the road" said Mr. Cochran, "but we have so far managed to pull through everything we struck. The roads are the worst I have ever seen, mud holes being axle deep for miles, any giving

no end of trouble."

Mr. Cochran stated that although there are three hundred automobiles owned and in use at Plainview that the business has not been so good of late. He expects, however, good sales of cars during the coming season. — Abilene Daily Reporter.

Mr. Neal, of Fort Worth, was here the first of the week in the interest of the Commercial Secretaries Association, which organization is accomplishing a great deal in the development of the resources of the State, through the literature they are sending out every week.

Mrs. H. K. Porter and daughter, Lata, are visiting in Rule this week, and will be absent till after New Year.

LIVE STOCK MUST HAVE FEED, AND PEOPLE MUST BURN COAL

We make a specialty of these articles and we also make a specialty of keeping none but the best and selling at the lowest possible prices. We prove it.

W. B. DOWNING & COMPANY "PRICEMAKERS"

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE

And if you want to keep in good spirits all the time it will pay you to see us for your groceries and racket goods. We also have a line of attractive Christmas offerings and you will do well to examine them before making purchases. Let us figure with you. It pays.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1911

FUNNY FOOLS

This week, a gentlemen and his family from Western Texas, were visiting in Alvarado. They had a young son about three years of age, and when rain began to fall he was greatly astonished. Finally he was convinced that rainfall was a natural occurrence of nature, but it was hard to make him believe so, inasmuch as he had never within his remembrance experienced such a sight.—Alvarado Bulletin.

This must be pure fiction if not intended to jolly West Texas. We have had three years of short crops, but if there is a county within one hundred miles of the

T. & P. from here to El Paso that has not had any rain within three years we have not heard of it. We have had short crops during that time as stated, so has Dallas county, so has Johnson county and nearly every black land county in Texas during this time. While crops have been short in Callahan county, most of our people are doing fairly well. When we received the Bulletin Saturday morning it had been raining for twenty-three hours, coming on top of a good rain that fell Tuesday night, when it rained all night, puts a fine season in the ground. West Texas is a big country, and we would like for the Bulletin to

tell us what county in West Texas that boy was born in.

We remember reading an account in the daily press of some town in Johnson, name not remembered, but think it was Venus, that the stores had to close about two years ago because of the long continued drouth. Nothing of the kind has ever happened in West Texas that we know of, at the same time we admit, as stated, we have had three years of short crops and stock water in many counties were scarce. We don't try to conceal anything, but newspapers in Central, North and East Texas that are knocking West Texas could, if they wanted to, find that crops in many parts of their own section of the State have suffered the last five years from drouth just about as much as West Texas.

We have lived in this and the adjoining county of Brown most of the time since 1860. We traveled through Johnson and other black land counties both before and since the Civil War and we have seen it just as dry in Tarrant, Johnson, Ellis, Hill and Navaro counties as it ever has been in this part of the State. The corn crop, what little there was in Brown county in 1861, was better than in any county from Brown South to Washington county. We know this from personal observation as to counties South of Baird, for we have traveled overland through them and heard others

talk of short crops in Hill, Johnson, etc. For five years before the Civil War crops were short all over Texas, and in many of the finest farming counties in Texas crops were almost a total failure. In Washington county, one of the best farming counties in Texas, the corn crop was almost an entire failure about the year 1858 or '59 and people had to haul corn from Houston on ox wagons. It was dry more or less all over Texas from 1855 or '56 to 1866, when for a period of ten years there was too much rain in most parts of the State. We have roamed over Texas quite a bit in our time and know that scarcely any section of the State has any right to throw bricks at other sections because of drouths.—Baird Star.

Some people do not display their ignorance more profusely than when they undertake to appear funny. They really portray themselves as "funny fools." It is ignorance pure and simple, if they really do not know better for newspaper men or newspaper readers to undertake to state that it has not rained in any town in the State either East, West, North or South in three years. We are sure that the Bulletin man is not talking about the Plains country, for we are making good crops this year, and have made good crops every year for the past six, for we have been here that long and have seen it with our own eyes.

A BITTER PILL

In all north and east Texas there has not been an editor who has "knocked" the Panhandle more persistently than Editor Jim Lowery of the Honey Grove Signal. He has used burlesque, ridicule and nearly every other means to belittle the west in order to keep people from his country from immigrating to this county, and has pictured them returning in a half-starved condition. But the worm has turned; last week a load of feedstuff was shipped from Plainview to Honey Grove, and doubtless now Editor Lowery is feeding his horse on Hale county milo or kaffir. The feed crop in that section this year has been almost a complete failure, while in the Panhandle the feed crops are bountiful, and the average shipments each day from Plainview alone is ten to twelve cars.—Plainview News.

It is no doubt a bitter pill. Those east Texas editors who seem inclined to ridicule the west are having to swallow some bitter doses this winter. It is worse than "lutts" and more bitter than quinine, but the doctor says they must take it, and they are having to swallow their bursted gall, which eruption was caused by their liver swelling to such enormous magnitude, brought about by the continual growth of egotism jealousy and fear that their best citizens would sooner or later leave the worn out farms of that country and seek broader fields in the plains of Texas, and now they will come in droves to the land where the western press boys have been telling them to come for a number of years. The maize and kaffir corn raised in

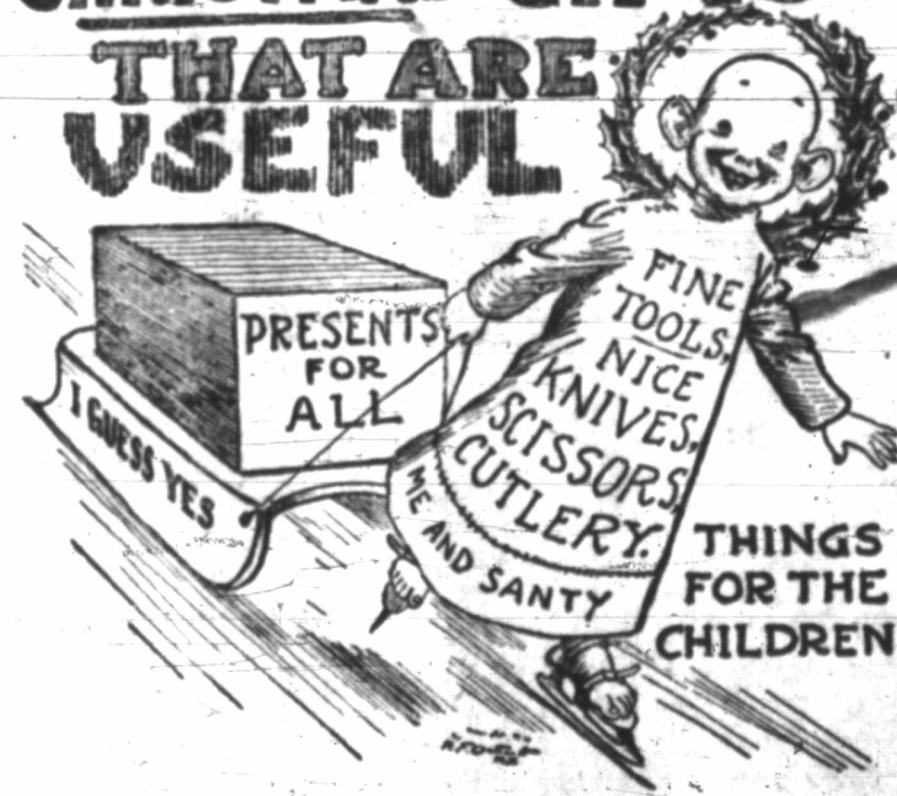
the south plains has an excellent flavor to the dumb brutes in that famine stricken country, and we are not sure that some of the editors of that section are not eating maize and kaffir corn bread at this time, if they are its good, its been tried and found to be excellent. We congratulate them if they are, but suggest that they tell it straight next time and not get so high up in the ladder of prevarication so that when they slip they will not have so far to fall.

Notice of Trustee's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Lubbock Whereas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, as trustee, named and appointed in a certain deed of trust, recorded in volume 427, of the Deed of Trust Records of Lubbock County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1910, by J. J. Dillard, for the better securing the payment of one certain promissory note for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, and more fully described in said deed of trust, executed by the said J. J. Dillard, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1910, and payable to the order of W. W. Dillard, at Lubbock, Texas, one year after its date, and bearing ten per cent interest per annum from date until paid, interest thereafter payable annually as follows, providing for the payment of ten per cent additional interest per annum, if placed in the hands of a collector, or collection, or if such a collector, or collection, is not appointed, the following described property, to-wit: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 1, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 2, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 3, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 4, and lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in block 5, all in the town of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, as shown on map of said subdivision recorded in vol. 18, page 575, of the deed records of Lubbock County, Texas. And whereas the said W. W. Dillard, is the holder and owner of said note and the said J. J. Dillard, has made default in the payment of said seven thousand five hundred dollar note above described, due one year after its date, and the same is now past due and unpaid, principal and interest, by reason thereof, and as provided for in said deed of trust, the said W. W. Dillard has declared said indebtedness due, and has herebefore notified the said J. J. Dillard, and, whereas, the said note is now past due and unpaid, now aggregating \$8500, and whereas, I have been requested by the said W. W. Dillard, to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1912, (the same being the 2nd day of said month,) at the court house door in the town of Lubbock, in Lubbock county Texas, the land above described, with all the rights, claims and appurtenances thereto belonging. Witness my hand this 6th day of December, A. D. 1911.

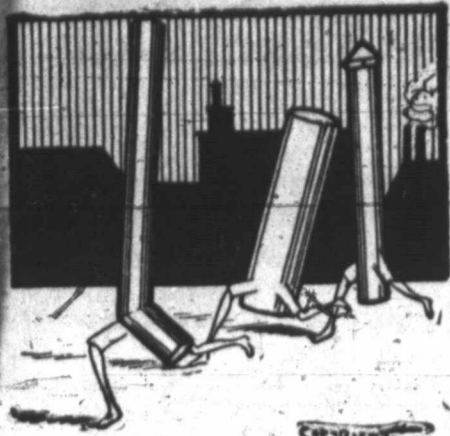
J. Harvey Moore, Trustee.

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\$10,000 IN A BUSTLE

Woman Who Recently Died in Maine Did Not Trust Modern Bank Methods

Hogdon Mills, Maine, Dec. 17.—Ten thousand dollars in currency, so faded and worn that it will be sent to Washington for redemption, has been found in a bustle that was worn for many years by Mrs. Mary Bassett, who died suddenly at her home in this town a few days ago.

None of the bills is of a more recent issue than 1886. Mrs. Bassett distrusted modern banking methods and always wore a bustle when away from home.

In a search of her house after her death, relatives had found about \$7,000 hidden in a hundred

places. One of the searches picked up the bustle and was about to throw it away when his attention was attracted by a rustling of paper.

Her three heirs are here and have engaged separate counsel.

C. L. Hite, whose home is in the San Jaun Valley, in New Mexico, was in Amarillo this morning en route home from Lubbock and Hereford. He is a plumber by trade and has been employed at Lubbock for several months during the summer. Amarillo Daily Panhandle.

S. W. Jarvis was in to see us several days ago, and stated that he had been unfortunate in the loss of twenty five head of fine calves this year by black-leg. He has got it stopped now, however, and does not anticipate any further loss.

Sowder Special Judge

Chief Justice A. B. Martin and Associate Justices B. M. Baker and R. R. Sowder, the special judges appointed by the governor to try the case of the Panhandle Telephone Company vs the city of Amarillo, are here today trying the case in the court of civil appeals.

The appointment of these special judges was made necessary because of the fact that the regular judges of the court, being legally considered parties to the suit, were disqualified to serve. Amarillo Daily Panhandle.

Our worthy county attorney has the distinction of having been appointed as one of the judges in this case and has been attending to duties in the case as per appointment the past week.

Adjoining County News

From Our Exs.

CROSBY COUNTY

Julian Bassett and J. C. Johnson have been spending some days at the Stock Growers Convention in Denver Colo.

Miss Lucile Leeman and Mrs. Geo. M. Hill, of Pecos, will leave for their home Saturday. They are visiting the family of N. H. White.

Dr. J. W. Carter tells us that he is having 100 acres of new land broken out on his place and that he may have even more new land than this broken out for the next year's crop.

James Hines, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hines, of this city, sustained some painful burns in the furnace room of the heating plant at the First National Bank building this week. At last reports however, he was getting along nicely.

HALE COUNTY

Monday night, following a drizzling rain, a two-inch snow fell in this section. It began to snow about 10 o'clock and continued through the greater part of the night, but owing to the damp ground, the greater part of it melted, consequently it is hard to estimate the exact precipitation. The greater part melted off Tuesday, but that night the ground froze solidly to a depth of several inches; and today (Wednesday) it is spitting snow mingled with some sleet. In fact, the prospects are fine for some bad weather. This snow and freezing is not altogether unwelcome. It is an ideal condition for wheat; and is placing all broken land in prime condition.

The season is just about closed for Hale Center's first cotton crop. So far the crop has been very successful, considering the country's inexperience in the growing of the "fleece staple". We have been informed by the owners of the gin here that, up to date, about 350 bales have been ginned, with about 150 yet to come in. Those figures dispel the element of experiment, and make cotton an actual and potent factor in Hale Center's resources.

TERRY COUNTY

Several of our freighters got stuck in the rain and snow at Lubbock, this week, and some of them have not returned yet.

Mrs. J. W. DeShazo, of Lubbock, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Moore, of this city this week. Mrs. DeShazo was formerly Miss Minnie Gore and was a general favorite when she resided in Brownfield a few years ago.

Carpenters Byrd and McPherson, have been out in the country this week remodeling and build-

ing a new residence for Lee Walker, but were run in by the bad weather.

The good people of Brownfield and Terry county were shocked Sunday morning when they learned by phone message that the family of C. L. Turner had been made homeless during the night by fire. It seems that a lamp exploded, scattering the oil all over the house, thus making it impossible to save anything even inside the house.

GARZA COUNTY

Mr. J. W. Williams, who has the contract for building the Methodist church, is expected back in a few days, and upon his return, work will begin upon the building.

A freight conductor was hurt last Monday night while getting ready to take out his train. The accident was due principally, to the fact that it was raining and very dark. The wound was dressed and he was able to go on with the train.

Last Monday night about nine o'clock a rain began falling in Post City and during the night it changed to snow. Tuesday morning the ground was covered but the clouds cleared off and the snow soon disappeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby Thomas left Tuesday for Dallas, where they will spend Christmas and New Year. Mr. Thomas makes his home town a visit once each year.

C. C. Boyd left Thursday for Whitney where he will spend the holidays with his daughter and family. Mrs. Boyd has been there several weeks and will return home when Mr. Boyd does.

Mrs. J. W. DeShazo and baby, who have been visiting in Brownfield the past few days returned home Monday, and the Avalanche bookkeeper is all smiles this week.

Mrs. R. A. Barclay and Miss Lillie, are visiting relatives in Monahans this week.

W hat care a few weeks ago...
 Phone 95

Women!

If weak, you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is made from gentle herbs, acts in a natural manner, and has no bad results, as some of the strong drugs sometimes cause. As a medicine—tonic—for weak, tired, worn-out women, Cardui has been a popular success for over 50 years.

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The Woman's Tonic

Mrs. Lula Walden, of Gramlin, S. C., followed this advice. Read her letter: "I was so weak, when I first began to take Cardui, that it tired me to walk just a little. Now, I can do all the general housework, for a family of 9." Try Cardui for your troubles. It may be the very remedy you need.

Mrs. Grady Webster, of Byers, Texas, arrived Sunday afternoon, and will spend a few weeks here visiting her mother, Mrs. Irvin.

Jess Black, of near Brownfield, was here Monday transacting business with our merchants.

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My Christmas Presents For Sale
 See the Great Demonstration
Beginning and Through Friday and Saturday of this Week Come all

The Folding Parasols "the best" from	5.00 to 7.50
Ties, Handkerchiefs and Sox to match sets, price from	2.00 to 2.50
Sox and Ties to match in holiday box	1.25 to 2.00
Tie Rings in colors, Bronze, Nickel, Brass, at	1.00
Laundry Bags with easy attachment for wall, two socks, at	2.00 to 2.50
Romeo bed room slippers for men, best felt, neat present at	1.75
Herkert & Weise hand bags with traveling sets inside, In black, Tan and Finished Kid	16.50 to 20.00
Leather Wallet with four linen handkerchiefs all color to match	1.50
Jersey Sweaters in colors, Men's and boys	50c to 5.00
All silk Mufflers in colors and all kinds at	50c to 3.50
Ties in Christmas Boxes "most beautiful" at	50c 75c 1.50 to 1.50
Beaver Hats the best present of all at	3.00 3.50 to 6.00

See my many serviceable and valuable gifts before you buy. Don't forget to come on Friday and Saturday. You will appreciate what you see.

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MRS. W. M. SHAW

THE END OF THE YEAR IS CLOSE AT HAND

and we want to impress the importance of getting what you need in the lines we carry, at the best place to buy. Let us figure your bills for Grain, Hay, Coal, Salt, Wire, Posts, Etc., and we will save you money. We handle only the best grades, buy in large quantities and guarantee satisfaction in every deal. When in the market look us up.

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FROM TUCUMCARI N. M.
Santa Fe is Making Preparations for Building of Line Through Texico to Lubbock

The following appeared under date line from Tucumcari, New Mexico, in the daily papers a few days ago:
Reports of new railroads are

again in circulation in this vicinity, it being said that the Santa Fe is making preparations to build from here to Texico, and thence to Lubbock, Texas, a distance of 164 miles, making an almost complete air line from Denver, Colo., to Galveston Tex., this line being shorter by two hundred and sixty miles than any other road running in the

same direction.
"The Santa Fe recently ran a survey southeast from Tucumcari over this route and in view of the fact that the directors of this road last month made an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for improvements and extensions on its lines during the coming year it appears plausible that this road will be built soon.

"This probability was declared by a vice president of the company a few months ago when the official was presented in Tucumcari, he state that the road would undoubtedly be constructed as soon as the company could find its way clear to do so. It is now thought that the time has arrived for active negotiations, especially as statehood seems near.

"It is known that a deal has been made with the Southwest for the use of its tracks between this city and French, New Mexico, and it is said that the latest folders and literature of the Santa Fe system indicate a proposed route between this city and Texico. It is felt in Tucumcari that a road south of here over the Plains would be a pay-

ing investment for both the railway and the city and hopes are high that the improvement will be made."

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GOVERNOR'S VETO RULED VOID

Supreme Court Settles—Once for All Matter of \$25,000.00 Appropriation

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—The Supreme Court today overruled the motion for rehearing in the case of Minor vs. McDonald and thereby adhered to its former decision that the twenty days allowed the Governor to pass upon bills following the adjournment of the Legislature includes Sundays and that his veto of the bill appropriating \$25,000 to pay the codifiers to continue their work was void. This is a final decision.

The effect of the decision is to revive the bill prescribing eight hours a day's work on all public

work, which had been vetoed by the Governor. It may affect other bills vetoed in the past. The El Paso Court of Appeals bill was affected and its status definitely fixed by the court in answering certified questions recently.

It is now expected that the former board of codifiers will resume their work where it terminated by the exhaustion of the first appropriation. The codifiers had revised and annotated the penal code and code of criminal procedure, but had not annotated and indexed the civil code. It is presumed that the board will now proceed to the annotation and indexing of the civil code, although its publication has been provided for by the printing board. The printing will probably halt, in view

of the final decision of the court. The board of codifiers consists of Brock Robertson of Beaumont, James G. Dudley, of Paris, and R. B. Minor of San Antonio.

Gov. Colquitt is Indignant

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 13.—Senator Hudspeth, who has been in Austin to confer with the Governor relative to the claims of citizens of El Paso for damages from Mexico for loss of life and property during the battle of Ciudad Juarez, returned today. He says the Governor is very indignant over the manner in which the claims have been ignored by President Taft and the State Department at Washington and will himself make a demand on President Madero, for indemnity. Copies of the claims will at once be sent Gov.

Colquitt, the authorities at Washington and the Texas members of Congress and the matter vigorously pushed.

I will give a liberal discount on all monuments to stock at Lubbock or Amarillo till January 1. Call me at my residence, 23-17 L. O. BURFORD.

M. J. W. Kelley, of Goldthwaite, Texas, was a prospector and business visitor in our city the latter part of last week. He expressed himself as being delighted with this country.

\$100 Reward, \$100.
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
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Books We will have the biggest and most up-to-date line of books that has ever been on display in Lubbock before and we want you to be the judge.	Toilet Sets You can get anything you want in this line in stag, ebony, silver, and many other designs.	Candies We have a large assortment of sweets for the sweet. You can find any size from 1-2 pounds to 5 pound boxes.	Toys A store full
Chinaware We have anything from a Salt Shake to Handpainted Tea set.	Jewelry We have a new and complete line of jewelry, such as, watches, watch chains, lockets, bracelets, neck chains, cuff buttons, collar buttons, stick pins, collar pins, hat pins, baby pins, rings, signet and sets rings, of all kinds and prices. Come see our line.	Silverware we will handle the noted Community and 1847 R. Wallace Hnes. They are guaranteed and we will stand behind the guarantee to the fullest extent. Kindly come and let us show you our line and prices. We are here to please.	Dolls THE BIGGEST IN TOWN TO BE GIVEN AWAY
Kodaks We have the noted Eastman line and carry a complete line of films and developing outfits.			Cut Glass We have the biggest and best line in town. Come and compare prices.

In conclusion we wish to extend to each and every one a cordial invitation to come and inspect our stock. You have all to gain and nothing to lose by seeing this display. You will find the store comfortable at all times, with polite and courteous salespeople to serve you. Remember, nothing too good for the patrons of

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An exchange says: "A prominent farmer paid \$400 for a pair of mules. He refused to pay \$300 for a pair of smaller mules because the larger ones could pull 150 pounds more be-

cause of their increased size. He refused to vote a bond issue for good road that would have enabled the smaller mules to pull one thousand pound more." Penny wise and pound foolish.

ON ONE FARM

What one Farm Produced This Year in Actual Money Crops, Besides Other Articles

Regardless of the fact that a large number of the people of the east imagine that they cannot make a living on a farm in this section of the country, this one farm in Crosby county has made more this year than hundreds of others located in that section of the state, where the same people "exist" rather than come to the blooming blossoming west and own a home and live independent of landlords, and three year grocery accounts. Read what the Ellison farm has done the past year:

"A. L. Ellison was a caller at the Review office this week and tells us that he was loading out a full car of cotton, all of his own raising. He is shipping this car of cotton to Galveston, and he sets a pace never before set by a farmer of Crosby county, by being the first farmer to ship direct to the warehouses a full car of his own cotton. He is not selling this cotton, but is storing it for future sales and says that he will not sell it for ninety days at least unless the price goes up to where he feels better justified in selling.

He stated that he would possibly not have shipped the cotton at this time, but the weather was not good for it at this time here, and he wanted to get it under good shelter.

"Mr. Ellison still has cotton in the field and says that he will have several more bales if he can get it picked.

"Mr. Ellison shipped a full car of oats of his own raising this summer, and has sold a lot of oats to the local dealers. He also tells us that he has two cars of headed maize that he could ship now, but that he thinks the price will advance to where it will pay him to hold it for a time at least. Some say that a farmer cannot make a living on the Plains, but if he will look at these figures from one farmer he will see that he can not only make a living, but he can make some good easy money if he manages right and diversifies.

Mr. Ellison is one of our best citizens and is devoting most of his time now to the development of the A. L. Ellison addition to Crosbyton, on which addition there has been four nice residences erected in the last sixty days, and he tells us that he will build three more right away. Truly he is a believer in what he does, and he makes it pay."—Crosbyton Review.

Resolution
On motion of C. E. Parks, seconded by N. R. Porter, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution determining the necessity of assessing the cost of improving North First Street and Broadway in the city of Lubbock by constructing and putting in fourteen foot concrete sidewalks in front of and abutting Lots 11 and 12 in Block No. 105; Lots 12 and 14 in Block No. 106; and Lots 9 and 10 in Block No. 107, on North First Street and Lots numbered 16 and 17 in Block No. 134 on Broadway against the owners of said property and their property and ordering a hearing of owners of said property, and notice thereof and fixing the time and place for such hearing:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lubbock, Texas:

Whereas, the City Council has heretofore, by resolution directed the improvement of North First Street and Broadway, by the construction of fourteen foot concrete sidewalks in front of and abutting Lots numbered 11 and 12 in Block No. 105; Lots No. 12 and 14 in Block No. 106; and Lots No. 9 and 10 in Block No. 107, on North First Street and Lots numbered 16 and 17 in Block No. 134 on Broadway; and whereas, thereafter plans and specifications were prepared by L. A. Hitchcock, consulting engineer, for said improvements, and advertisements were made for bids therefor, and thereafter bids were received therefor, and opened and considered by the City Council and thereafter the bid of Willmering and Mullen for the said work of improvement was adopted by the Council; and, whereas, thereafter said engineer prepared and filed with the Council his report, stating the total cost of such improvement and the proportion of such costs payable by each owner of said abutting property and the costs of such improvement per front foot of abutting property, and the names of the persons, firms, corporations and estates owning the property abutting on the proposed improvement, with a description of their property, and the total costs of such improvement to each parcel of property; and, whereas, said report was approved by the Council by resolution; and

Whereas, the City Council has finally determined to assess the cost of said improvement against the owners of the said abutting property and their property:

1. That it is finally determined hereby to assess the cost of said improvement against the owners of the property abutting upon said streets and their property, as herein provided. That a hearing shall be given before the city Council to the owners of said abutting property, their attorneys or agents, which hearing shall be held in the Council Chamber in the City of Lubbock, Texas, on the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m., and shall continue from time to time and day to day, until all persons interested in said property shall be fully heard, at which time the owners of said property or any person interested therein shall be entitled to a hearing as to the benefits of said improvements to their property or as to any invalidity or irregularity with reference to said proceeding, or as to any other matter of objection connected with the said proceedings, and at which hearing said owners or any other person interested in said property may produce evidence in support of any objections.

2. That, after said hearing, said Council will, by ordinance, assess against the owners of said property and their property, such sums as shall be determined to be just and equitable, and that said assessment will be made in accordance with the front plan and rule, as the frontage to each owner is to the whole fronting to be improved, provided if the said rule or plan shall be determined in any case to be unjust or inequitable, then

that the Council will adopt such rule of apportionment as shall be just and equitable, having in view the benefits to each owner and burdens imposed upon them, provided that no assessment shall be made against any owner or his property in excess of the benefits to said property in the enhanced value thereof by reason of said improvement.

3. That the total estimated costs of said improvements is the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Twenty-four Cents (\$678.24) and that the amount per front foot, which it is proposed to assess against each parcel of property and its owner is Three and 16-100 Dollars.

That the names of the persons, firms, corporations and estates owning property abutting said improvements, the description of their property and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of property and its owner is as follows, to-wit:

LIST OF PROPERTY ABUTTING SAID IMPROVEMENTS:
J. M. Gyeatt, Block 105, Lot 11-12, Front 50 Feet, Costs \$159.00. R. R. White, Block 106, Lot 12, Front 25 Feet, Costs \$79.00. Frank Bowles, Block 106, Lot 14, Front 25 Feet, Costs \$79.00. S. B. Norwood, Block 107, Lot 9-10, Front 50 Feet, Costs \$159.00. Mrs. M. G. Abernathy, Block 134, Lot 16-17, Front 64 Feet, Costs \$202.24.

4. That the city Secretary of the City of Lubbock is hereby directed to give notice hereof by publication of this Resolution, signed by him, which publication shall be by advertisement inserted three times in The Lubbock Avalanche, a newspaper published in said City of Lubbock, the first publication of which shall be at least ten days before the date of the aforesaid hearing, and such notice will be further given by the City Secretary, mailing a copy of hereof, signed by him, by registered mail to each of said owners at their addresses, if known, or if unknown, then to their agent or attorney, if known, which said notice shall be deposited in the Post Office of the City of Lubbock at least ten days before the date set for said hearing aforesaid.

5. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

On motion duly seconded the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor. 22-3t

Notice of Stockholders Meeting
Of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company, to be held Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to issue bonds, etc.

To the Stockholders of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company:

You and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 28th day of October, 1911, at special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the stockholders of said company to be held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, at the offices of the Company in Crosbyton, Texas, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof, to execute a mortgage upon the property of the Company and to issue bonds thereunder to an amount and for a period to be fixed by the stockholders at said meeting; and to authorize the directors to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue such bonds; and to take such further and other steps as may be necessary under the laws of Texas for the final approval by said Commission of said bonds; and to obtain the authority of said Commissioner to register said bonds when issued in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas.

Dated this 28th day of October 1911, at Crosbyton, Texas. 20 St [SEAL] R. M. BASSETT, Secretary

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As a man grows older his earning power dwindles away. So THE SAFE THING to do is to BANK money while young manhood lasts, and earning power is great. COMFORT late in life can come only from ECONOMY early in life.

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J. J. Reynolds

FLOUR FROM KAFFIR-CORN

Kansas Miller Finds Product Can Be Used In Baking

Wichita, Kansas.—That kaffir corn, heretofore used only as food for stock, can be ground into flour, suitable for flapjacks, waffles, muffins and breakfast dainties of other names, is proved here by a Wichita miller, who has solved the secret of grinding the product.

Millers began experimenting some time ago with kaffir corn to ascertain if it could be made into anything other than stock feed, and today one of them placed on the market kaffir corn flour in small packages.

One housewife, who has been experimenting with the new kaffir corn reports that she made excellent doughnuts by taking three-fourths wheat flour and one-fourth kaffir. Made up as Boston brown bread the result was not so satisfactory.

That Kansas miller is slow.

His brothers used (prior to the pure food law) to mix it pretty liberally with wheat and ship the mixture out as wheat flour, and under fancy labels. It was good flour, all right, but under the pure food law they would have to brand it "blend," "Kansas mixture," or something else, which stopped that mode of milling. Our folks didn't kick much at the kaffir-wheat combination, as it was good and wholesome, and after it played out many of our folks had kaffir ground into fine meal and used it in various forms of bread. It is especially fine made up and baked the same as graham gems, and is as palatable and as healthful.

Married in Dallas

Last Saturday in the city of Dallas, M. Q. Perdue, of this city and Miss Jessie Bozeman, of Rosebud, Texas, were united in marriage. This information came as quite a surprise to the majority of the people in Lubbock, when it was made known Sunday afternoon, when the couple returned home.

Mr. Perdue is well known here,

being a member of the firm of Wright & Perdue for quite awhile, before its Mr. Wright became the sole owner.

Miss Bozeman is a sister of Mrs. L. B. Wright and visited here last summer, forming the acquaintance of a number of the people of this city, and made a very favorable impression with her acquaintances here.

The Avalanche extends the newly wedded couple its heartiest congratulations.

Change of Firm Name

In this issue will be found the ad of Battle & Usleman. This firm is composed of R. L. Battle and M. R. Usleman, they are successors to the Lubbock Sheet Metal and Plumbing Company. They want your business and are anxious that you give them a trial order.

Mrs. R. P. Bonner, of Amarillo is visiting Mrs. E. J. Clark and family.

Rev. J. P. Callaway, of Abernathy, was here Monday looking after business matters.

FIGS A POPULAR FRUIT

EVE'S FAVORITE BECOMES GOLD IN TEXAS PROGRESS.

LARGEST ORCHARDS HERE

The fig was the early companion of man. Its leaves furnished the initial garments for our first ancestors, its fruit nourished early civilization and its foliage has shaded and sheltered man and beast since the beginning of time.

It has had more free advertising than any other fruit in the vegetable kingdom. It figured conspicuously in the episode that resulted in closing the Garden of Eden, the Savior used it in a parable and it is closely woven in ancient legends and in the history of nations. To mention the fig leaf makes mankind smile and to mention the fruit makes the whole world hungry.

It is the most sensational, romantic and popular of fruits. It threads its way through the literature of the world. It is a favorite with the sculptor and the painter; it is one of the most useful of medicines, and with the consumer it is the most popular fruit on the market.

The soil, climate and altitude of the coast country for one hundred miles inland is especially adapted to the hardy growth of the tree and the perfect maturity of the fruit and the skillful horticulturist has developed varieties especially adapted to natural conditions.

It responds generously to kind treatment, makes few demands upon its owner, its yield is reliable and abundant and the tree shows remarkable business instinct in making Texas its domicile.

The fig is the pioneer of Texas fruits and the numerous races of the tree have explored most every section of the State, but it has more thickly populated the coast country than any other part of Texas.

According to the Texas Almanac we have 3,710 acres now in commercial fig orchards on the coast country and the planting of an additional thousand acres is under contract. Galveston County leads in fig culture, having 1,225 acres. The largest fig orchards in the world are located in this county. The farm value of the annual output of one acre of bearing figs averages \$250 and the total value of the annual Texas output approximates \$1,000,000.

SURE GAUGE OF MAN'S AGE

Is Seen in Degree of Interest He Takes in Announcement of Opening of School.

A man may gauge how old he is by the degree of interest he feels in the announcement that school's open again. If he is still a young man, with considerable of the boy left in him, he will hear that boy exclaim in some recess of his outdoor-loving consciousness: "Gee, that's too bad." Minds in which there is not the least symptom of momentary regret that the long and delicious vacation is over are minds which have long been engrossed by the cares of the workaday world and in which not even a living memory of the romance of boyhood days remains. As for the children themselves, they have our sympathy. Also the teachers. For teaching an unwilling child is no child's play, and it takes some time to get the wheels of discipline running smoothly. And yet there is a great deal in school life nowadays that is almost delightful. It is at least interesting to wide-awake boys and girls, and the progress that they make in their studies after the seductive call of outdoors has been forgotten is the best evidence that they appreciate the charm which comfortable schoolrooms combined with intelligent and kindly pedagogical methods have contrived to instill into our modern public school education.

HER REPUTATION



Mrs. Clawem—So you're going to leave, eh! I suppose you will be asking me for a reference.

The Cook—No'm. If I tell anybody I worked for you for two months that'll be all the reference I'll need.

DOLLY UP-TO-DATE.

Little girls of the present day are said to have no love for dolls. It is, unfortunately true, that whereas once upon a time every small maiden was to be seen hugging a dolly or wheeling several in a perambulator, that sight is now rare.

In toy shops they tell you dolls are not popular.

However, one finds there is a certain kind of doll which wins its way to the heart of the woman in miniature. It is not the baby, but the model manikin who has her trousseau complete like mamma. She has her corsets, her gloves, her large hats, parasols, bags and furs, perfectly a la mode. Her coiffure can be changed; in short she is a lady turned out en regle.

Thus even fashions in dolls are changing with the times.

JUGS FOR FLOWERS.

The girl who likes a few growing things around her, no matter how simple they are, should not bother about procuring handsome vases. She should take up the new fancy for using old English beer jugs. They are made in America as well as in England, and have all sorts of pictures on them, from Westminster Abbey, in London, to the Independence hall, in Philadelphia.

The jugs are low and broad and have wonderful coloring. They come in purple, in green and in brown, and sell for reasonable prices.

VICTIMS OF FASHION.

Lady in Hobbie—Why, hello, Mary. How are you?
Lady in Hat—Oh, I'm out of sight. How are you?
Hobbie—Well, I can't kick—Scribner's.

WHAT SHE DROVE.

"And what do you drive?" asked the woman who came to the party in an electric runabout.
"Nothing but my husband," answered the other lady—Detroit Free Press.

TO THE POINT.

Elderly Aunt—I suppose you wondered, dear little Jack, why I left you so abruptly in the lane. I saw a man, and, oh, how I ran!

Jack—Did you get him?

LORD BYRON AND PREVESE

Poet Began "Childs Harold" at Town Where the Turco-Italian War Opened.

The Turco-Italian war is likely to provide the literary gossips with plenty of "reminiscences." For instance it is interesting to recall that it was at Prevesa, in the Gulf of Arta, where the first shot of the war was fired, that Byron landed for his tour through Albania and there also he began the second canto of "Childs Harold," which he finished, by the way, at Smyrna, another landmark in the present war, for an Italian squadron was reported in that quarter the other day. Prevesa is in the vilayet of Janina, where, it is recorded in the Hon. Roden Noel's biography of Byron, the poet was supplied by order of the pasha with a house, horses and all necessaries gratis, All himself being absent besieging Ibrahim in Illyria.

Readers familiar with "Childs Harold" will remember the very graphic description of the Gulf of Arta given by Hobbhouse in a note to the poem. It is a vivid account of a night scene round the camp fires, with a background of rugged rocks and Albanian soldiers dancing in the firelight and singing fierce bandit songs with the refrain, Klephteis pote, Parga! ("robbers all at Parga"). On leaving Janina, Byron went to Missolonghi, thence to Vostizza, where he caught his first glimpse of the heights of Parnassus.

FINE PARACHUTES OF NATURE

Canada Thistle-down and Silken Threads of Gossamer Spider Travel Far in the Air.

Careful examination has been made of the heads of Canada thistle-downs in order to determine their effectiveness as parachutes carrying the seeds of the plant to great distances through the air. The results of this examination are quite remarkable.

Calculation shows that a thistle-down starting from an elevation of 20 feet in still air would require two-thirds of a minute to reach the ground. With a wind blowing 20 miles an hour it would be carried on the average about a fifth of a mile. The total surface exposed to the air in an average thistle-down is, on account of the great number of hairlets, a little more than one-third of a square foot.

Another well known and very beautiful example of nature's parachutes is furnished by the light silken threads with the aid of which the little gossamer spider makes long aerial voyages.—Scientific American.

PAIN AND SWEAR WORDS.

The Washington man who advised his wife to seek relief from suffering through a resort to forceful language has received as a reward for his suggestion an additional item in the charges brought against him as grounds for legal separation. As in many other similar instances, this merely goes to show that the advocacy of any line of conduct, however admirable in the abstract, is likely to break down when put to the test of actual practice. It also proves, for once, the falsity of Josh Billings' maxim that advice is a very good thing—to give to the other fellow.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Nothing can take the place of athletic sports to develop strong, vigorous bodies in girls and young women. While formal gymnastics have both an educational and corrective value and lay the foundation for athletic sports, they cannot take the place of outdoor sports to develop organic vigor, physical and moral courage, self-reliance, judgment, self-control, decision and ethical training, a consideration for the rights of others, and a relaxation, particularly from mental work. Athletics are to youth what play is to children.

WAY OF THE MOTH.

"That young chap comes around to the stage door every night in spite of the fact that he hasn't the ghost of a chance to get in."
"Well, there's nothing remarkable about that. Did you ever see a moth bumping around an electric light bulb?"

Delivering The Goods

We are back at it again and we have a very select stock for your choosing. In Christmas goods we have the useful kinds, something that can be used every day and therefore a continual reminder of friendship.

It has been quite a task for us to get going again but we have many things to be thankful for and will be pleased to meet our old friends in our new place of business.

Come to see us for everything in the dry goods line and remember that every offering is new. All our stock is select and there is a full supply. Don't forget us and remember it is the same old

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TRYING TO WRECK ORIENT

Train Crews Between Altus and Sweetwater Having Serious Troubles

Employees of the Orient railroad have had some rather dangerous and unpleasant experiences during the past few months up the road in the neighborhood of Rochester and Truscott. Obstructions have been placed on the track, switches tampered with and other efforts made to wreck trains.

So far no serious damage has resulted to any of the men, but one day last week an engine turned over and several cars derailed. One or two of the men were more or less injured but not seriously.

They say that this kind of work has been going on several months and now every man on the run is constantly on the lookout when passing through that section. They are of the opinion that this dastardly work is being done by some unprincipled scoundrel who has a grievance of some kind against the road and is willing to sacrifice the lives of any number of men to get even with the road for a real or imaginary wrong.

Detectives will probably be placed on the case and a persistent effort made to apprehend and bring to justice the guilty parties.—Hamlin Herald.

W. P. Florence, teacher in the Slaton public school was here this week attending the County Teachers' Institute.

Prof. O. B. Powell, principal of the Acuff school attended the County Teachers' Institute here this week.

Misses Lena and Lois Stalcup visited in the city the first of the week.

A. M. Clayton is spending a few days on the ranch this week.

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