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# Many Novelties For Christmas Presents

Things that make memories of all rejoice and particularly the little folk and Younger Set.

## SEE OUR SPECIAL CLOTHING LINE FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN, ESPECIAL VALUES

The Housewife who makes all the guests and children happy with a good dinner will also make pleasant the man who pays the bill if ordered from the

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### Devil's River News.

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SONORA, TEXAS, December 12, 1911.

#### Notice To Members Of Sonora Club.

Dances will be given by the Sonora club on the nights of December 27th and 29th, same being Wednesday and Friday of Christmas week.

#### Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, winter is a season of trouble. The Frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Bruises, Eczema and sprains. Only 25c at Nathans Pharmacy.

#### Important Notice.

A meeting of the Sonora Club will be held on Thursday, December 21, 1911, for the purpose of passing on applications for membership in said club, and all contemplating becoming member of said club should file their applications with Fred Simmonds, Secretary, prior to that time. The initiation fee will be \$5.00 until January 2, 1911. This is a special meeting and will be held in order to let any new members take part in the Christmas dance.

#### Lightning Kills Few.

In 1908 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at Nathans Pharmacy.

### Christmas Program.

Arrangements have been made for a Christmas program at the School building Friday evening Dec. 22.

The exercises will consist of an appropriate program under the direction of the school, followed by a tree, the arrangements for which will be looked after by a committee of ladies in conjunction with the Business Men's Club. Uniform presents will be provided for all children under 12 years. Presents by friends for all children regardless of sex will be accepted for distribution from the tree. The country children are invited to participate in the occasion with the children of the town.

The committee on arrangement consists of Mesdames Halbert, Worrell, Cope, Vander Stucken, Ward and Meckel. Mrs. Vander Stucken is chairman of the committee.

General Committee—Joe North, J. B. Blakeney, E. F. Vander Stucken.

Committee on Grounds—W. A. Pullen, R. H. Martin, S. E. Gilbert. Committee on Racing, Tournament, Roping, Etc.—J. A. Cope, Theo Savell, Joe Trainer.

Dance Committee—Max Vander Stucken, Bart. C. DeWitt, John S. Allison.

Reception Committee—Mike Murphy, J. B. Blakeney, E. F. Vander Stucken, R. E. Aldwell, Fred Simmons.

Committee to Conduct Poultry and Live Stock Show—B. F. Bellows, A. H. Nathan, Steve Murphy. Monday Christmas Day, Dec. 25 1.30 p. m.

1st—Tournament—Purse 1st \$15 2nd \$5. Entrance fee \$1.

2nd—Goat Roping—Purse 1st \$10, 2nd, \$5. Entrance fee \$1.

3rd—"Thread the Needle" Race Purse 1st \$10, 2nd, \$5. Entrance fee \$1.

Big Free Dance Monday night at Court House.

Tuesday Dec. 26. 1.30—Horse Races

1st. Cow Pony Race, 250 yards for Sutton County horses. Purse 1st \$20, 2nd \$5. Entrance fee \$2.50 Three to start.

2nd. Free-for-All, 1-4 mile race. 1st \$40, 2nd, \$10. Entrance fee \$5. Three to start.

3rd. Cigar Race (open to all) 1st. \$7.50, 2nd. \$2.50. Entrance fee \$1. Third man saves entrance fee.

Big free dance Tuesday night.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The News rates for announcements are: Congressional, Legislature and Judicial Districts \$5. County officers \$10. Precinct officers \$2.50. All advertisements are payable in cash in advance. The Devil's River News is authorized to announce.

### SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

T. B. Adams as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

### TAX ASSESSOR.

Geo. J. Trainer, as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

### Tax Assessor.

James Pharis as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

### COUNTY TREASURER.

C. S. Holcomb, as a candidate for election to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

### Sheep For Sale.

900 ewes one to five years old and 600 lambs for sale. Good sheep. The reason I am selling these sheep is I want to go into the mutton business.

GILES HILL, Sonora.

### Town lots in Sonora are for sale

by the Martin Commission Co. Buy one now and get in on the ground floor. Do it now before prices advance. The new maps are being made and the dedication of the streets and alleys will be made as soon as possible. Perfect title. No trouble to show you. See Martin Commission Co.

### Lost

A brown fur boa on the road between Sonora and the Thos Bond ranch about October 1st. Finder will be rewarded by return of same to this office or the First National Bank.

MAKE YOUR GARDEN YIELD ITS LIMIT

Plant thoroughbred seeds. Thoroughbred seeds do not happen. They result from long and intelligent breeding. They produce big crops of the best vegetables. Use Ferry's.

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THE SONORA RESTAURANT,  
FISH & OYSTERS IN SEASON  
SHORT ORDERS.  
Fred Jacobson, (Old Butch)

To Whom It May Concern.  
To all interested in the Shuttle Double Acting pump device for deep wells; Be it known that I have appointed T. D. Newell sole agent for the Counties of Sutton, Schleicher, Crockett and Tom Green. Mr. Newell will be ready to show the advantages of this pump over any other pumping device on the market as a water getter.  
O. S. HARPER,  
by J. D. Smith, Eagle Pass, Texas.

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AND COMMISSION MERCHANT  
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A General Banking Business Transacted. Solicits Accounts of Merchants and Stockmen.

Martin Commission Co.,  
THE LAND AND LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MEN,  
SONORA, TEXAS.  
Is offering for sale a number of ranches, and has on his list Cows, Stock Cattle, Steers of all ages, Sheep and Goats.  
In fact if you want to buy or sell anything in the "Paradise" give me a call or write me.

## BUILD NOW.

Lumber at San Angelo at San Angelo prices or at Sonora with freight added from the wagons. From the yard in small quantities the cost of handling is added. Let me figure on your bill.

## B. F. BELLOWES,

Lumber, Sonora, Texas.

## Pilsener BEER

WHO CAN BEAT IT?  
SAN ANTONIO BREWING ASSN.



**SHOES.**

We have the strongest line of Mens shoes in the country. In the latest styles and cuts. Lace boots at a Bargain.

Come and see the latest in Ladies shoes. Just arrived. White Kid Button. White Canvas. Black Velvet and Tan. Children Shoes in all styles. We have lots of shoes to be sold at a bargain.

Let 1. Close out at 0.50  
Let 2. Close out at 1.00  
Let 3. Close out at 1.50.  
These shoes have been sold from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per pair.

**Ladies Underwear**

0.35 vests will close out at 0.25  
0.65 do do do do do 0.50  
0.75 do do do do do 0.60  
1.35 do do do do do 1.00  
0.35 ladies pants do do do 0.25  
For Misses and Childrens union suits will make the same reduction.

**Wool Dress**

will be closed out at 50 c, 85 c & 1.25

This is your chance

to buy a dress

**CHEAP**

Regular 12 c

Percals at 10 c

5.00  
7.50  
on Mens  
5.45  
4.95  
4.35  
3.25  
4.00  
2.30  
3.00  
2.50  
of boys  
We also have a nice line Knickerbocker pants. Boys overcoats will be at half price. Come and get the first choice. 12 to 15 years.

Big Bargain in Hats "Odds and Ends" At Less Cost.

A large assortment of Men's Dress

Shirts just arrived.

See them, Every-

thing in latest

stripes and checks.

Men's Wool Shirts

\$1.25 to 3.50

**PHONOGRAPH RECORDS, For Ladies, Men, Children**

\$3.50 will close out at \$2.95  
3.00 do do do do do 2.65  
2.50 do do do do do 2.15  
2.00 do do do do do 1.65  
1.50 do do do do do 1.20  
1.25 do do do do do 0.95  
0.75 do do do do do 0.50

**Toques and Aviation Caps**

\$2.50 Caps will close out at \$1.95  
2.00 do do do do do 1.65  
1.50 do do do do do 1.15  
1.00 do do do do do 0.75  
0.75 do do do do do 0.65  
0.65 do do do do do 0.50  
0.35 do do do do do 0.25

**Floor Mattings** worth 35c at 271-2

**A CAR OF FURNITURE, STOVE, Household Goods, Etc. E. F. VANDEBROCKEN CO.**

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SONORA, TEXAS, December 16, 1911.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

(By J. A. Woodford)

So far this term the attendance has been excellent. But few cases of protracted or repeated absence has been reported from any grade. Parents are learning that regular attendance is what counts, and there are but few children whose record for attendance is good who do not do creditable work.

We are certainly gratified at the interest manifest in the use of the school material already provided. It means a decided step forward when your child learns to investigate a question under consideration for himself. He is learning Telling is not teaching, and the child who waits to be told by another, and to have his tasks prepared by the aid of another is not learning. It's the boy who can take hold of the new problems as they arise and with his own direction bring them into harmony with the principles which govern them.

"Don't do for the child what he can do for himself." is an educational maxim as old as Socrates and applies to the parent in the home as truly as the teacher at school. Children often complain because the teacher does not help them and such complaints are carried home and taken up by the parents. Rarely is such a complaint based on facts. It results from the child's false idea as to what constitutes help. Doing the work for the child is not help, it is a positive injury, and no teacher will do it, but reasonable and proper suggestion which will help develop the right line of thought is truly the teacher's province, and his skill and tact in this line make

the real teacher. Recently several parents have bought reference books for their children. This is wise. Now encourage their use and train the child to investigate and form conclusions upon various subjects for himself.

True education, consists not in storing the mind with a fund of facts, but in learning how to think, how to draw conclusions, how to form judgements. Here's the test—Can your child talk intelligently upon the lessons of the day, and the thought developed in the class? Can he express himself in clear forcible language on such subjects? If so, he's learning; if not he is probably memorizing, if he is making any preparation at all.

A father recently lamented that he could not help his child with the school work. This child is a leader in his class. In fact in the school. He has learned self-dependence from this very condition. Parents mean well, but very few can really help their child in a beneficial way. Their help renders the child dependent rather than independent. He needs to be taught to think. Encourage discussion on his part give him subjects to consider, enter into conversation with him to develop expression, but let him think. In one of the grades, a child recently bought a written lesson to the teacher, which he admitted was prepared and written by a sister. This sister meant to help and was not aware that she was doing the child a serious injury. He was learning to depend on others. This is not help. Self help is best after all.

When your feet are wet and cold and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by All Dealers.

B. B. Dunbar was in from the ranch Thursday.

**Texas Leads in Mules.**

Texas has captured the championship honors from Missouri in the race for the honors as the real home of the mule. Not only has Texas distanced the Show Me state but she tops the list throughout the country, and the meek and lowly mule is entitled to have his name in upper case type when it comes to listing the real resources of the state. The mule is a great asset.

Director Duand, of the census bureau has chased the mule from Maine to California and has accorded him a niche in a big rack where the little cards, all punched full of holes, are kept, reciting the record of his discoveries. And according to the census man, Olin James impassioned tribute to the patient plodding mule contained no exaggeration whatever. The dweller in the large cities of Texas who has dodged a mule hitched to a wagon and urged forward by the shrill whistle of a negro driver has failed to appreciate the value of that quadruped, but the Texas farmer and the man who uses draft animals well knows the worth of the longeared Texas osary bird.

In summing up the product of great value in Texas there are few who would list the mule in this category, and yet the total value of these animals in the Lone Star state reaches the surprising figures of \$73,781,000. This is exactly one-seventh of the total value of all the mules in the entire United States. Texas, not Missouri, is the greatest mule state in the union, despite the abundance of advertising the latter state received through the suggestion that Speaker Champ Clark drove down Pennsylvania's avenue behind a team of Missouri mules, on the day that he was installed as speaker of the house of representatives. Indeed Georgia excels Missouri as a mule center. The mule crop of Georgia was valued at a total of \$43,873,000 last year, while the best Missouri could do was to land third with a total valuation of \$43,362,000.

**Dr. King's New Life Pills** The best in the world.

**A Wife's Love**

A woman in California recently threatened to divorce her husband. Her husband promised to bargain. He signed the following ten commandments of his wife's making and which were filed with a notary public:

I am thy love, thy wife; thou shalt have no other love but me.

Thou shalt not take unto thy heart any stenographer or any other love pirate.

Thou shalt not promise to love me in vain.

Remember thou come home on the Sabbath Six days mayest thou wander but not at night; nor the seven days which is the day of thy life.

Honor thy father-in-law, that thy days may be long in the land of love.

Thou shalt carry a latch key. Thou shalt return to thy happy home every evening at the morning.

Thou shalt be as true as the sun in the day.

Thou shalt not button my shirt even if they be buttons.

Thou shalt not covet the sweet temper of thy neighbor's wife.

Mrs. Frederick L. Douglas of Macou, Ga., was attracted attention by the unusual features of a connatal couple existing between her and her husband. She promised to live within her husband's allowance and not to wait for an automobile; she agreed to restrict her right to two novels a week; she gave her word to direction, she contented not a gad and she about every day in the week; no to pay bridge more than thrice in seven days; not to in his act in seven days; she threatened to go home to mamma once a month.

**To The Public.**

My new lumber yard near the corner of Oak street and Crockett avenue, diagonally opposite my residence, has been fitted up for your convenience and mine.

I carry a full stock of lumber and can make you satisfactory prices, as good as you can get anywhere according to the size of the bill and will be pleased to have the opportunity of giving estimates. Appreciating the favors you have given me in the past I wish all those indebted to me to call and settle their accounts before December 30, as I must close my books on January 1st.

B. F. BELLOWS

The Sonora Cotton Gin will close down for the season after this week having ginned 144 bales.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nathan entertained the High Five Club Saturday night.

Bora at Talpa, to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Day on Wednesday December 6, 1911, a boy.

W. J. Nogueas real estate and live stock agent of Durango was a business visitor in Sonora Wednesday.

W. C. Byson who ranches 16 miles south of Sonora was in town Thursday for supplies. Wee says the rain in his neighborhood was about 2 inches and good enough to do good.

Dick Eastland was in from the ranch this week on a visit to his family. They are occupying the J. N. Ross residence in East Sonora. Dick says J. O. is getting along fine and will be ready for the Christmas holidays.

W. L. Locklin and son Dave returned last week from looking after their sheep on the Pecos. They found the flock fat and doing nicely. Mr. Locklin stood the trip well and his physical appearance gives evidence that his health is better than for many months, and his friends are pleased to note the fact, as he was in a bad way and it looked like he could not get a start on the road to recovery. —Merizon.

**OR SALE**  
One of the best stallions in West Texas fully guaranteed. For price see or phone.

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Is running a service car. Day or night.

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**THE SONORA RESTAURANT,** FISH & OYSTERS IN SEASON. SHORT ORDERS. W. J. Merriman, Pro.

**A Terrible Blunder**

to neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at Nathans Pharmacy.

The wool concentrated at Del Rio has been purchased by A. Cohen & Co. of this city, but the price is withheld at the request of certain parties to the deal. It is reasonable to presume, however, that the price was around the 12 1/2 cent mark, the price at which the holdings elsewhere have changed hands. This finishes up the wool holdings with the exception of about 160,000 pounds held in Uvalde.—San Antonio Express.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by All Dealers.

A man has planned to start a cat farm for the cat furs. He states that white cat skins bring 10c apiece, while black ones are worth three-quarters of a dollar. A rat farm adjoining is to supply the cat with meat. In turn when the cats are killed and skinned their bodies are fed to the rats, to feed more cats—an endless chain of feeding skinning and taking in the cash for cat fur. Why not raise all black cats and become a millionaire within a year, and haul the cat hides to market in an automobile? If every farmer would go to raising cats on this plan the world would soon be clothed in cat skins.—Journal of Agriculture.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K.



# A MERRY CHRISTMAS

**HEADQUARTERS OF SANTA CLAUS**  
**To the Good Children of the Sonora Country, GREETINGS:**  
 Tell your Father and Mother How Good You Have Been and That

## The Corner Drug Store

HAS JUST THE THING YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS also says that the

**CORNER DRUG STORE is Useful, Pretty and Handsome**

Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Stepmother or Friend. Tell them all to go to **BLAKENEY'S** for Gifts and Presents.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF SONORA, TEXAS.

**CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00**  
**SURPLUS - - 34,500.00**

The Oldest Bank in the Devil's River Country.

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**Vice Pres; C. J. Allison, Will Whitehead, E. E. Sawyer.**

**W. L. Aldwell, Cashier.**

We pay 4 per cent on saving deposits.

**No Substitutes-- YOU GET WHAT YOU CALL FOR at the**  
**CORNER DRUG STORE**

**J. B. BLAKENEY, Proprietor.**

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(The place where you get the best for your money.)

Exclusive agent for Jacob's Candles (The best in the South.) Eastman's Kodaks (the only Kodak.) Mulford Pharmaceutical (the World's Highest Standard.) These combined with courteous treatment, experience and conscientious scruples, make it worth your while to let him do your drug store business.

A pretty line of **Diamonds, CUT-CLASS, JEWELRY**  
 and **WATCHES** always on display.  
**A. H. NATHAN, Proprietor, Sonora, Texas.**

Judge L. J. Wardlaw and family have moved to the Taylor place in South Heights.

A discount on all Gold and Silver trimmings, headings and millions at Vander Stucken's.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis were down from the ranch Tuesday.

R. E. Taylor one of Suttons assistant bookmen who resides on the Orest right of way 12 or 14 miles south of Sonora was in town Thursday.

D. K. McMullan who ranches 25 miles South of Sonora was in town Thursday enroute to the ranch after a visit to his family in San Angelo.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by All Dealers.

Mr. Matthew Lee and Miss Martha Wilkins announce their marriage on Tuesday December the fifth nineteen hundred and eleven San Antonio, Texas. At home after January the first Kirkland, Arizona.

Doc Karnes was in town Thursday. He wanted to know what was going to be done Christmas but the girls had read all the news out of the News before it got to him.

Ed Fowler who claims to have made more money out of goats than any other animal since he was in West Texas, was in town Thursday. Ed will be with us during the holidays.

A nice line of furs for misses and children at Vander Stucken's.

Most all of the boys attending school in the cities will be in dear old Sonora for the holidays. The News has received cards from many of them to that effect.

Mat Karnes who ranches 20 miles South West of Sonora was in town Monday to see the "wife and babies." We cannot tell how things are going with Matt he's just the same rain or no rain. He never complained even while his range had not had what you would call a rain in three years.

Mr and Mrs W. F. Deaker spent three days this week visiting Jack Buckannon on the J. L. Davis ranch. Don't forget girls 1912 is less year. The boys also should remember this and arrange now.

Presiding Elder Matthis of the Methodist church is in Sonora for quarterly conference.

The ladies of the Baptist church are preparing a Christmas box for Rev. Holland of Christoval.

Will Herriman has leased the Sonora Restaurant and will run it in first-class style.

It has been suggested that the ladies take charge-- after the grand march-- of the New Year's night dance.

Loss Carmichael of Denison, is in Sonora to join his family. It is probable that Loss and family will spend the winter in Sonora.

Come and select a fur for your wife, sweetheart or friend. Furs and muff to match. Just the thing to please the ladies and fine Christmas gift at Vander Stucken's.

### Report of the Condition OF THE First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora,

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, December 31, 1911.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$202,833.82
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	7,188.15
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	99.00
Banking house, Furniture and fixtures	1,000.00
Due from National Exchange Bank	100.00
Due from State and National Banks and Bankers Companies, and Trust Companies	100.00
Due from approved	100.00
Other assets	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$302,320.97</b>

LIABILITIES.	
Capital	100,000.00
Surplus and undivided profit	34,500.00
Less expenses	1,000.00
Circulation	65,912.44
Deposits	2,908.53
Due to U. S. Treasurer	100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$302,320.97</b>

Mr. and Mrs. McCone were in Sonora Thursday from the camp in Ira Wheat's pasture.

Read carefully the statement of the condition of the First National Bank in this issue.

Operating capital now almost \$3,000 and 70 miles from a railroad.

A well informed business man offered to bet one of the New men on the Orient that it would be running through Sonora by January 1, 1913. Of course we didn't take it because we are of the opinion that it will be doing so sooner.

W. L. Aldwell, Cashier of the First National Bank of Sonora, Texas, is in town because of the serious illness of his brother, Mrs. Aldwell, who is there. At last account we hope for Mr.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

For a short time at the Gallery on Corcho Avenue. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. Will call at your home and take the picture if you like. We also do developing and finishing for amateurs. We can finish up your work before Christmas. Call and see us. **Congdon Photo Co.**

Chas. Fitzhugh was in Sonora Friday on business. He wants to rent a small house until he can get a house of his own.

White's children made White's Vermifuge. I not only dewormed my children, but also a strong being tonic for stomach and bowels. Price per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

W. L. Lacey of Sheffield was in Sonora this week. Will recently sell his five section ranch near Sheffield. He also sold a sheep for \$3. There were 100 head of sheep on the ranch.

My family has had good results from Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all these ailments. Sold by all Druggists.

Barth C. DeWitt Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1; President of the Sonora Club, and all around bright young man, left on Thursday for Brackett to spend all or part of Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe DeWitt. Bar had not been home for Christmas in four years.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is Chamberlain's Snow Liniment. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

The wonderful resourcefulness of the Sonora country which is today, probably, in better shape financially and physically than any section in West Texas may well be wondered at, when the rain fall for the five years, from 1903 to 1908 averaged 28 inches and then 1909 falls down to 17.65; 1910 to 13.52 and 1911 at the last of November had only 10 inches of rainfall to its credit. And yet the Sonora country raised cotton and sold all kinds at stock this year. It must be in the atmosphere.

Hemorrhoids is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by all Druggists.

The sporting editor of the New York Times has selected Gwin Henry of Eden for all-American in the 100 yards dash. Now that going some for West Texas and as Gwin has had some offers to sprint against Sonora boys--the Sonora boys may feel thankful--although we will have to wait for Henry's out come.

will be dismissed Friday 22 and re-convene January 2

Owing to recent fires the A & M has suspended until January 4

Miss Marjory Aldwell returned from a visit to San Angelo Wednesday

Mr and Mrs. Claud Steele have gone to house keeping in the L. J. Wardlaw residence

Bi Eastland has moved his wife and child to town for the winter and to put the little girl in school they have rooms with Mr. and Mrs. Steele

The Bazaar given by the ladies of the Methodist church Thursday and Friday was great success. Its said the receipts amounted to over \$100

D. B. Chapin charged with the murder of Oscar R. Quatre was found, not guilty by the jury at Victoria

Don't be surprised if something begins moving in railroad matters at Sonora in February. An Antonio and the Sonora the Gate.

B. M. Halbert returned Friday from San Angelo where he has been attending the annual meeting of the wool growers central storage Co. Mr. Halbert was re-elected one of the directors.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented. Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible if you would avoid a bilious attack. Herbine is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 10c. Sold by all Druggists.

Walker Stansell the O land grade contractor was in Sonora Wednesday enroute via Dal Rio to the Medina dam work thence to San Antonio where Mrs. Stansell is now keeping house. Mr. Stansell had just returned from an inspection trip on the West line in company with Vice President E. Dickinson and W. W. Colpitts the Chief Engineer.

### Down Along the Frisco.

E. F. Tillman, livestock agent for the Frisco road, was on the road today.

pertaining to the increased shipments of livestock over his line to this market. Mr. Tillman is not a talkative man, but does business, and when seen by a representative of this paper he shut up like a clam, but admitted that conditions in the Menard district, both from a livestock and agricultural standpoint, are brighter than they have been in four years. He admitted also that they had had good rains down there, and in the San Angelo district, which came in time to make the farmers that had wheat that was looking like tuberculosis of the spine, look like 15 to 20 bushels to the acre next year. He further admitted that the best grass fed cattle that come to this or any other market out of the Menard district and bring the highest price. Mr. Tillman would not talk more, but as he passed on that his section of the country, a big the Frisco, from a livestock and agricultural standpoint, looks like a beautiful rose in May for next year--For West Texas Report

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### Goos Crazy White Hunting.

A party composed of Jim Jensen, J. R. Mitchell, James Mitchell and Darzy Sheen all of Merz, were hunting in the Juno country last week when Darzy Sheen became mentally unbalanced.

was out on a scout when he shot a Mexican sheep herder and three of the latter dogs. On his return to camp his action and the remark that he had killed a wolf aroused the suspicions of his companions and two of them left camp to phone for an officer, after some time the other camper made his escape and Sheen is supposed to have wandered about. He shot several times at a Mexican freighter but fortunately did not hit him. His next stop was at Cully Brotherton's ranch house. It is reported that he told Brotherton he was Darzy Sheen and asked if he (Brotherton) was a whiteman or a Mexican. The reply was not pacify him as he began pumping the load at Brotherton and into his house. Brotherton fired three shots and then going into his home for more cartridges took four more shots at Sheen from a different position but all without effect. Sheen was hiding behind a post. Sheen then started on a run toward Juno and Brotherton phoned to that place to warn them and a party went out to meet Sheen. In answer to the posse Sheen said he was Darzy Sheen the man who had been lost for four days and proceeded to shell up the party. One of his bullets struck Walter Edwards of Comstock on the shoulder and back of the neck, but fortunately this also was only a flesh wound. The posse returned the fire wounding Sheen in the hip. When Sheen fell the posse jumped out of the car seized and tied Sheen and took him to Juno. The shooting at Brotherton and the capture occurred about dark Tuesday evening. The officers sent to Comstock for a doctor to attend the wounded men and a number of ranchmen and towns people hunted the country to see what damage Sheen had done. It is claimed to have killed three men. Steve Cooser, ranch boss for Claud Hudspeth found the Mexican herder dead in the road and when Mr. Brotherton went to Juno Wednesday morning and looked at the prisoner the latter said "I thought I killed you last night" so the presumption is that Sheen thought he had also killed the Mexican freighter, which would account for the three men.

The second son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Sheen of Christoval, is married and has ranch interest near Merizon, his wife is a sister of Fletcher Treadwell the cattle inspector of San Angelo.

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