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STOCKMAN'S ASSOCIATION MAY BE ORGANIZED HERE

A meeting of Sutton County ranchmen will be called by Roy Hudspeth at the Court house here tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. The purpose of this meeting will be to organize what will be known as the Sutton County Stockmen's Association.

Mr. Hudspeth believes that such a meeting, working in conjunction with the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association of Texas, combating the thieves, the blow fly, predatory animals, etc., would, in his estimation prove to be very valuable to this section of West Texas. This association would not, he added, act in discord with other organizations of the ranchmen. Another object of this association would be to advertise the product of the ranchmen and of West Texas in general.

Mr. Hudspeth, through urgent requests of various ranchmen, will call the meeting to be held at the court house tomorrow (Saturday). He invites every ranchman and every business man of the entire county to be present at this meeting.

Hubert Balkum Weds San Angelo Girl

Hubert Balkum, employee of the City Garage, became a victim of cupid's dart Sunday when he and Miss Ruby Lee Vinson of San Angelo were married there at the Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a large formed Sunday morning by Rev. M. S. Epperson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in the presence of a large crowd. The ring ceremony was used. Relatives of the bride who reside in San Angelo, Big Spring and San Antonio were present as well as friends of the groom from Sonora who were: Roy Hoggett, best man; Lawrence Mullins, Miss Barbara

John Kring Injured When Struck by Car

John Kring, who is employed by the State Highway Department, of this place, was injured Wednesday afternoon when a new Ford car, driven by a young Sonoraan, ran into him on the highway on the Junction road out twelve miles east of town.

Mr. Kring was checking gravel at the time the accident occurred. He was unaware of the approaching car until it hit him and then ran over his leg. He sustained no serious injury, but was bruised considerably. Dr. A. G. Blanton was called immediately and dressed his wound.

This morning he was resting well, however he was sore from several bruises.

Mr. Kring is the father of Mrs. "Bustie" Halbert.

Mr. and Mrs. "Dock" Friend were in from the ranch the first of the week shopping. "Dock" reports a "healthy" crop of oats on the ranch.

Swanson and Ben Mittel.

Mrs. Balkum is the popular and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Vinson of San Angelo. She is a graduate of the San Angelo High School and spent two years at Texas University.

Mr. Balkum is a valuable employee at the City Garage. He came here over a year ago, and during this time has made a host of friends. He is a young man of sterling character.

They are residing in their new home here.

The News, together with their many friends, wish this popular young couple all the happiness and success in life.

THREE-DAY SCOUT "LEADERSHIP" SESSION BEGINS

Beginning tonight with an evening session at the First Methodist Church and continuing with an evening session Saturday night and an outdoor meeting on Sunday afternoon the course in Boy Leadership sponsored by the local Troop Committee of the Boy Scouts will attempt to bring to the men of Sonora the latest methods of boy's work, boy psychology, and how to properly deal with the younger generation to the end that they shall possess qualities of character and citizenship. The first meeting will begin at seven-thirty and all men interested in boys are welcome.

Promising three meetings filled with genuine action and a goodly mixture of fun with the more serious phases of the work, the meetings should prove of special interest to fathers of boys, Scout Leaders, school teachers, and Sunday School teachers of boys classes.

"Learning by doing," the Scout method of education is an inviting slogan, and the procedure of the course will not follow the usual lecture method but rather will be a course in which each man will learn by taking a definite part in the things offered. Game leadership, first aid, songs, signaling, exhibits, a score of stunt, patrol projects, and a profitable time for every man who attends.

The men will be organized into a typical Boy Scout troop, with Patrol leaders and other officers, selected by the group. Competition in games and contests will be kept between these patrols. No boys are to be admitted to this course as it is primarily a leadership schedule, being open only to men eighteen years of age or over.

"There is no obligation to any man taking the course," said Mr. Aldwell, "nor is there any charge. The Concho Valley Council is furnishing all the necessary equipment as well as leadership, and we are

TWO MEN HERE LEAVE; FORGED \$180 IN CHECKS

Sheriff Hutcherson has posted \$50 reward for the arrest of Ray Freisman and J. F. Moore, charged with forging checks aggregating \$180.

Freisman had been in the employ of the Stites Motor Company and Moore was a waiter at the Hill Cafe. Saturday evening after banking hours, these men, it is alleged, stole blank checks from Stites and Hill, and had the E. F. Vander Stucken Co., J. W. Trainer, Sonora Motor Company, W. Hightower & Co., and the Stites Motor Company to cash them. Neither of the business houses knew of the forgery until Monday morning when the checks were presented at the First National Bank for deposit.

The two men, about twenty years of age, left in a 1928 Ford roadster, bearing Kansas number K 306694.

Little hope is entertained for their arrest, but Sheriff Hutcherson immediately notified officers in surrounding counties. They have had 36 hours in which to make their get-away, and for this reason their capture will be difficult, it is believed.

Mrs. Byron Newby of Del Rio has been here this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hi Eastland.

Miss Francis Adams has returned from a visit to San Angelo of two or three weeks duration.

Clem Dunn and wife of Denton County are now located in Sonora. Mr. Dunn is employed by the County on road work. He is an old friend of W. T. Hart, proprietor of the Highway Service Station.

anxious that the outstanding men of Sonora will grasp this opportunity to learn more about boyhood and its problems."

The course will be run by the Field Executive, who has just completed a similar course at Eldorado where

SANTA FE PLANNING DEL RIO TO SAN ANGELO EXTENSION

AUSTIN.—Officials of the Texas Railroad Commission, far from being surprised at the statement given out in New York by W. B. Storey, president of the Santa Fe that extension of the Orient from Presidio to the west coast of Mexico is being seriously considered, declared Saturday that the Santa Fe likewise is planning to extend from San Angelo to Del Rio. This information came from several Santa Fe authorities, although announcement of definite plans is likely until new surveys are run.

Both projects will be immediately beneficial to Texas, Lon A. Smith, C. V. Terrell, members, and L. A. Gueringer, chief engineer of the Railroad Commission, declared. The Alpine-Presidio-Topolobampo line will reduce haulage of West Texas products by 400 miles, and will shorten the distance for Mexican shipments going to Eastern and Northern States by 700 miles. The present route takes such shipments around through New Mexico, Arizona and northeast through Kansas and Oklahoma.

The San Angelo-Del Rio construction will carry rails for 250 miles through Tom Green, Schleicher, Sutton and Valverde Counties, just touching the northwest corner of Edwards County. Arthur Stilwell, who first dreamed, then built the Orient, had planned this extension, the World War preventing him from carrying it out.

Rich Mohair Country
While the section is sparsely settled, its future is assured when the extension is built, for already it is one of the richest mohair and wool growing and cattle raising counties in the United States.

"I have been all over the route," Smith asserted. "Sheep, goat and cattlemen out there are now getting rich. The demand for and prices of wool and mohair have put that section

in splendid condition. Yet all ranchers are compelled to ship stock by trucks at heavy expense. It is 80 miles from Sonora to San Angelo, the nearest railroad point. With the Orient going through, these ranchers could accomplish much more and do more developing, for their profits would be larger. There is no question but what the Santa Fe will extend from San Angelo to Del Rio, opening up for settlement an entirely new section in Texas. Why, I have seen trucks there loaded with 60 yearlings. That costs money."

Eldorado and Sonora are the only towns on the proposed line, but several others are not far away. At present shipments have to be hauled either to San Angelo or to Del Rio. If a rancher sends a load of cattle to the Fort Worth market he trucks a distance of 50 to 100 miles to San Angelo.

Scrap With S. F. Likely.
There the stock is loaded on the Santa Fe and then makes a round-about trip via Brownwood and Temple to Fort Worth. Shipments from hauled to Del Rio and then loaded hauled to Del Rio and then loaded upon Southern Pacific cars.

The Orient already has its permit to build to the Rio Grande. No railroad parallels or bisects the route. It is a country without rail service of any kind, served exclusively by trucks and buses. Cattle drivers are still in vogue there, but to save time haulage frequently is necessary.

Storey's announcement that the Santa Fe is making surveys for the Mexican West Coast project was so definite that the Texas commission attaches much significance to it. It means, so Smith says that the Santa Fe is going ahead with construction, improvement and extensions wherever tonnage may be found, the usual Santa Fe policy in Texas.

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GOODYEAR

One Outstanding Fact

Sift the Bunk from present day Tire Advertising—more miles, better made—purer rubber—secret processes, and so forth. Generalities anyone may claim!

In paying out money for tires, you want Facts. One is so overwhelmingly outstanding no intelligent buyer can overlook it:

More Cars Run on Goodyear Tires than on any other kind

Goodyear Tires have been proved best by millions—proved best on the road where claims are judged by results.

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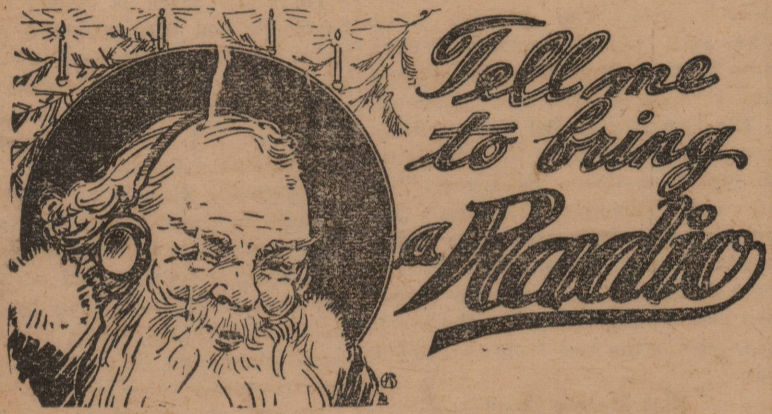
— AND —

PIPES WILL BURST THIS WINTER

Call a plumber to dig up that old valve and put it in working order. Do not call the water company to work on valves or repair bursted pipes. Please do not use the valve at the meter as you are wasting time, because it is not a drain valve.

Sonora Water Co.

J. D. EATON, Manager



THE BEST GIFT Money Can Buy!

The gift most sure to be appreciated is the gift of an AJAX Electrical Radio Set. It's the best gift money can buy—and it doesn't take so much money either. At least, not at our store.

COLEMAN GASOLINE STOVES with the instant generators would be a nice gift and a useful one. We invite you to our store and see what we have that would make lasting and useful gifts—gifts of the best quality, too, coupled with fair prices will please.

West Texas Lumber Co.

Sonora Abstract Co.

J. D. LOWREY, Mgr.

Efficient land title service on Sutton County land.

We represent several of the old line fire insurance companies.

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INSURANCE: Any Kind—Life, Fire, Automobile, Plate Glass, Burglary, Hail, Rain, Tornado, Golf, Accident and Health, Indemnity Bonds, or any other kind of insurance written. We have it.

RANCH LOANS: Unlimited Funds to Lend on Ranches at 6 per cent, 5 to 33 years' time.

Auditing: Complete Auditing and Income Tax Service.

We Appreciate Your Business.

Culling the Ewe Flock—Does It Pay?

(Digested Report of Experimental Work at Ranch Station for Distribution at the 1928 Roundup. J. M. Jones, Chief, Division of Range Animal Husbandry. W. H. Dameron, Superintendent, Substation No. 14; O. L. Carpenter, in Charge of the Flocks, and S. P. Davis, Wool Specialist).

There is a rather wide range between the maximum fleece weights produced in the average flocks of Texas. Therefore, when sheep owners sell surplus animals, it would be well for them to bear in mind that the average fleece weight of the flock can be materially increased within a few years time by selling the off-type and light fleece producing ewes. Mature sheep (two to six years old) under normal range conditions have a tendency to produce approximately the same amount of wool each year, however, the heaviest fleeces are as a general rule produced by a three-year-old animal.

Sheep should not be culled before they are one and one-half to two years of age, since one cannot reliably cull stunted lambs which have been raised on short range during a period of drouth. If the average fleece weight of a given flock for example is about 9 pounds, the culling standard might be set at seven pounds the first year and 7.50 pounds the second, and possibly 7.75 or 8 pounds the third year depending on range conditions and the number of surplus sheep on hand. Points to be taken into consideration in culling are type (including body conformity) length of staple, quality of fineness of fiber, and character or crimpiness of the wool.

In order to demonstrate the importance of culling, two pens of Rambouillet ewes have been placed in adjoining pens in the sheep barns. Pen 1 was selected for high wool production, while pen 2 represents a group of ewes producing fleece weights considerably below the average of the Ranch Experiment Station flock. You are invited to visit and study these two groups of ewes.

The high wool producing ewes in pen 1 yielded an average of 2.6 lbs more clean wool per head in 12 months than did those in pen 2. Valuing clean wool at \$1.00 per pound

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Hoggett of Mertzon were here Sunday visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Hoggett is a partner with R. A. Halbert in the ranching business west of Mertzon.

Steve Strumberg and Frank Steen, representatives of the E. B. Chandler Company, loan firm of San Antonio, were here Monday on business. They were guests of the Lions Club at their regular Monday noon luncheon.

G. G. Stephenson, Ed Hollmig and E. C. Fambrough left Tuesday for a hunt in the Big Bend country.

Alfred Schweining was among business visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Schweining says that range in his section of the country is in excellent condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bond were in the city Monday with Mr. Bond's mother, Mrs. Edith Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vander Stucken were Monday visitors in town the fore part of the week.

John A. Ward, prominent sheep and goat man, was here from his ranch west of town Monday afternoon.

A seven and one-half pound girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Merck at San Angelo Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Merck have a ranch near Sheffield on the Pecos River.

Giles P. Hill, prominent ranchman, was in town visiting with his family Thursday evening.

J. W. McDaniel, local truck contractor, and Giles P. Hill returned the fore part of the week from the Big Bend country where they had been hunting deer. They report poor luck.

R. L. Bricker was here from his ranch Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hunt were in the city this week, shopping and visiting Mrs. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Savell.

The ewes in pen 1 returned \$2.60 per head more for wool this season than those in pen 2. Due to the lower shrinkage shown, the wool produced by the ewes in pen 1 was worth 44.5 cents per grease pound as compared with a value of 34.8 cents for the heavier shrinkage wool produced by the pen 2 ewes.

440 Pound Groper Caught in Australia



The monster groper shown in this picture, weighing 440 pounds, was caught in the Clarence River at Grafton, New South Wales, recently. A large man is showing the comparison between his and the fish's length. Not all devotees of Izak Walton can boast of a fish like this one!

Dudley Westbrook, manager of the local West Texas Utilities plant, attended business in Eldorado Thursday.

Ira Green was among business visitors in town this week.

While in San Angelo last week, Mrs. Robert Halbert had the misfortune of losing her suit case filled with clothes and a diamond brooch. She was shopping when the thief nabbed the valuables from her car.

NOTICE, EASTERN STARS!

There will be a meeting the night of the 18th. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Juliet Driskell, W. M.
Mrs. Edith Babcock, Secretary.

We sell WILD CATS exclusively—they're built for style and wear. Have you seen them? E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

A NEW Auto-Oiled Aermotor Mills

For Our Deep Well Customers We can now supply you with a 20-Foot Auto Oiled Aermotor Built just like the smaller sizes and guaranteed to give the same satisfaction. If you have a deep well or any special place that requires a large mill see us for further information. Estimates will be gladly furnished on any kind of an installation.

Crowther Supply Company

Gigantic Christmas Sale

— OF —



Every Toy and Doll in the House will be sold at One Half of the Regular Price

This sale includes every mechanical toy, doll carts, doll cedar chests, toy furniture, children's story books and A. B. C. books all go at one-half price. Come early and make your purchases while the stock is complete.

A large assortment of Gift Merchandise is specially priced for this great sale and is grouped with price cards showing the reduced prices.

One lot of Gift Merchandise, your choice, priced at	49c
One lot of Gift Merchandise, your choice, priced at	98c
One lot of Gift Merchandise, your choice, priced at	\$1.49
One lot of Gift Merchandise, your choice, priced at	\$1.98

In these four groups you will find values up to ten dollars and Gift Goods never sold in Sonora at such low prices.

We also have some beautiful 42-piece Dinner Sets and Overnight Cases all at special low prices.

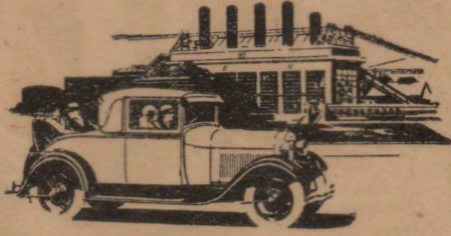
SHEAFFER and PARKER LIFE-TIME PENS AND PEN SETS.

Remember every day from now until Dec. 24 is a sale day and the earlier you come the larger selection you will have from which to choose.

SONORA DRUG COMPANY

"The Orange Cross Store"

The utilities of a city are combined in your motor car



YOUR automobile is something like a miniature city. There is an electric light and power system, a water system, a fuel system.

In the new Ford, you will find each of these systems of the latest design and best materials. Every part has been made to serve you faithfully and well at a minimum of trouble and expense.

Take, for example, the generator—one of the most important parts of the electrical system which supplies the current for lighting and for engine ignition.

In the new Ford, the generator is of the power-house type and is distinctive in many features. It has been specially designed to prevent most forms of trouble. Oiling is necessary only once a year. About the only thing you need do is to have the charging rate changed as the seasons change.

Closely allied to the electrical system is the ignition system. It, too, is of new mechanical design in the new Ford. There is but one high tension cable and that connects the coil with the distributor. Even cables from the distributor to the spark plugs have been eliminated. Special care has also

been taken to make the distributor water-proof, thus preventing short circuits from rain, etc.

The entire electrical and ignition systems of the new Ford are so simple in design and so carefully made that they will give you surprisingly little trouble. Yet that doesn't mean they should be neglected. Certain little attentions are needed from time to time.

The storage battery should be given water and the connections kept clean. The generator charging rate should be changed as indicated. Spark plugs should be cleaned at regular intervals. Distributor points should also be kept clean and the distributor cam given a light film of vaseline every 2000 miles.

These are just little things, but they mean a great deal to your car. You can have them looked after at very small cost by the Ford dealer when you take the car in for oiling and greasing.

A thorough checking-up at regular intervals will lengthen the life of your car and give you many thousands of miles of carefree, economical motoring.



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Makes Liberal Advances on Sheep, Goats,
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That we have the best and most reasonably priced stock of Christmas Gift Goods ever brought to Sonora.

FREE!

Every \$1 Cash purchase entitles holder to one chance at several prizes. Ladies' prize—ORIGINAL HAINES SEALY MATTRESS; Man's Prize—SMOKING STAND; Child's—AEROPLANE. Cash on account same as purchase.

Gilmore Hdwe. Co.

Hunting License for Sale Here.

TO THE SAVINGS DEPOSITORS:

Not only to the savings depositors of the First National Bank of Sonora, but to savings depositors of other banks as well, we wish to call your attention to the laws of National banks.

Under the amended law of savings departments, you will find in Section 5, under No. 1, the following:

"The pass book, certificate, or other similar form of receipt must be presented to the bank whenever a withdrawal is made."

This makes it mandatory on the National Bank that pass books must be presented whenever there is a withdrawal. If you are away from home kindly attach your pass book to your checks. Frequently we have people present checks on savings accounts and fail to attach their pass book and the checks are dishonored. Consequently the same will happen to those who are away from home and check on their savings accounts in this bank or other banks unless their pass book is attached to the check.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
Sonora, Texas

Have your dead batteries and tubes replaced before Christmas. O. K. Rankhorn, endorsed by N. R. I.

John Eaton spent several days on the Frank Eaton ranch near Kerrville hunting this and last week. He intended to stay until the season closed or bag a deer. He was called home by his father.

Every Dollar Paid

We have paid every dollar that we have claimed due our customers when they have suffered a loss by fire in the eleven years that we have been agents for fire insurance companies in Sonora. We represent the very best of fire insurance companies.

We kindly ask that you assist us in eliminating every necessary hazard about your homes and business buildings that you possibly can, thereby eliminating the risk which will help you to get a cheaper rate.

Write, phone or better still better come to see us and let us insure your property in a good reliable company.

T. L. Benson

G. C. CROSBY HAS MODERN, BEAUTIFUL RANCH HOME

G. C. Crosby, who ranches twenty-eight miles east of here on the Menard road, has finished a modern native stone ranch home. Built-in feature, bath, hot and cold water, lighting plant, and other up-to-date features, make this one of the most beautiful and comfortable ranch homes in West Texas.

G. E. Ellis, of the Radio and Victor Shop, was at the Crosby ranch this week, and stated that this was one of the ranch homes in this part of the country of which any man would be proud to own.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitehead and children were in from the ranch this week visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McKnight were visitors from the ranch the first of this week.

Willie B. Whitehead and wife were Sonora visitors Tuesday afternoon from the Whitehead ranch south of here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Hunt visited friends and attended to business in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simmons were here from the ranch the fore part of the week visiting friends and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hull were among business visitors in San Angelo Tuesday.

Joe Hull, who has been attending the Tyler Commercial College in Tyler, has finished his course there and is now at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hull.

Sam Martin was seen in town Tuesday mingling with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Powell, prominent young ranch people of Menard, visited Mrs. Powell's father at the ranch last week-end. They also spent a few days with Mrs. Powell's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McKnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shurley were among visitors in town the first of the week.

John I King, popular young ranchman, was in town this week visiting with friends and attending to business.

Get your Christmas candies from Mrs. J. A. Leach. Order early. 4t. c.

Yuletide Pageant at Christmas Stores

Not many days remain until Christmas and so that gifts may be chosen with the least trouble we have planned a special selling of articles particularly appropriate for gifts. They are conveniently grouped for your selection and offer a wealth of suggestion to the late shopper. Prices are in many cases much lower than usual for merchandise of this type so there is every advantage in choosing now.

CHRISTMAS SALE OF COATS AND DRESSES

make the gift problem easy to solve.

Cox-Rushing-Greer Co.
THE HOUSE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY.

San Angelo's Best Department Store

"March Brothers' 38th Anniversary Sale"

Thursday, December 13th

We start our 38th Anniversary Sale which will continue through Christmas Eve.

It has been our policy for years to celebrate our anniversary during December. At this time we offer our entire stock at a great sacrifice. One of the greatest advantages of this sale is that it comes just in time for you to do your Christmas shopping, which means great savings to all for our holiday merchandise is included. We realize that to reduce our stock to its normal size, we must make drastic reductions throughout each department. Owing to the extreme warm weather during the early Fall, the sale of Winter Merchandise has had a tendency to move slowly, therefore our Christmas Sale has caught us heavily stocked. Seriously and thoughtfully, this sale is not to make money, but is a determined effort to move goods, to make new friends and to show our appreciation of your patronage and solicit a continuance of same. Our buyers have not searched the markets for Merchandise to offer at a special price during this sale for we are well aware of the fact that quality remains long after the price is forgotten. For the past 38 years of successful merchandising, we have always had one view in mind in buying our goods and that is "to consider the Quality first and then the price. Quality has always and always will reign supreme at March Brothers. All prices are reduce'd from 20 to 50 per cent.

March Bros.

OPPOSITE THE ST. ANGELUS HOTEL

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WELCOME SANTA CLAUS

Do you remember, in those days "way back when—" how you used to pencil your little notes to Santa Claus, asking him for this, that and the other thing and assuring him that you were a "real good boy" and loved your father and mother?

Santa Claus is fast approaching. And just as you welcomed him as a kid, you should welcome him now. Remember that Santa Claus is a symbol of generosity, loving-kindness and virtue. At this time, with his advent is so near, check up on yourself. Have all your actions been worthy? Kind? Intelligent? Have you progressed or fallen behind in your work and in your spiritual growth?

Correct your faults, resolve to live to the highest in you, and when Santa Claus comes you will be able to welcome him properly, knowing that you have lived in such a manner as to merit the benefits that he showers upon you.

In this way you will receive, in addition to the love and respect of your friends and neighbors, a feeling of self-respect that, once acquired, will dignify and enable your entire life, putting it on a higher plane and bringing it nearer to the Divine.

Welcome Santa Claus!

ANNOUNCE GENERAL TARIFF HEARINGS

Preliminary to general tariff revision, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives announces to all concerned that it will hold hearings at Washington D. C., beginning January 7, 1929.

The distribution of time among the various schedules will be as follows:

- Schedule 1. Chemicals, oils, and Faints January 7,8,9.
- Schedule 2. Earths, Earthenware, and Glassware Jan. 10,11.
- Schedule 3. Metals and manufactures of Jan. 14, 15, 16
- Schedule 4. Wood and Manufactures of Jan. 21, 22.
- Schedule 5. Tobacco and Manufactures of Jan. 23.
- Schedule 7. Agricultural products and provisions Jan. 24, 25, 28.
- Schedule 8. Spirits, wines, and other beverages Jan. 29.
- Schedule 9. Cotton and manufactures of Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1.
- Schedule 10. Flax, hemp, jute, and manufactures of Feb. 4, 5.
- Schedule 11. Wool and manufactures of Feb. 6, 7, 8.
- Schedule 12. Silk and silk goods Feb. 11, 12.
- Schedule 13. Papers and books Feb. 13, 14.
- Schedule 14. Sundries Feb. 15, 18
- Schedule 15. Free list Feb. 25.

Hearings will be conducted in the hearing room of the committee, room 321, House of Representatives, Office building. Sessions will begin at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., unless otherwise ordered.

Oral testimony—Those desiring to testify should apply to the clerk of the committee at least one day prior to the date of the hearing in order to be assigned time on the program for that day. The following information should accompany the application: name; permanent address; in Washington; person, firm, corporation, or association represented; paragraphs of the act concerning which testimony is to be given; and the amount of time desired.

So far as practicable, the committee will seek to recognize witnesses who are qualified to give first-hand information. In order to avoid duplication of arguments and to conserve time of the committee and witnesses, it is suggested that those interested in the same items, and having the same problem to present, agree, if possible, upon one representative to present their views.

All briefs and other papers filed with the committee should have indorsed thereon the name and address of the persons submitting them and the numbers of the paragraphs of the present tariff law to which they relate.

See the 1928 Christmas Card Samples at The News Office.

This Week



WELCOME, JUPE CULOTTE RAT-BITE FEVER THE BEST BUY—A HOME ONLY A COFFIN LEFT

The Jupe Culotte is coming. The French word jupe means "skirt" and culotte means "trousers" Paul Poirer, who knows fashions says that jupe culotte will soon cover the lower half of lovely woman from Peking to Palm Beach. It will be a sort of compromise between trousers and skirt. A partition for each leg.

Woman will be like the Ornithorynchus, the animal half way between bird and mammal.

You might think she would go from the jupe culotte all the way to real trousers, but you don't know her.

She will flounce back in all probability to hoopskirts on her legs and waterfalls on her head as like as not.

A new disease is called "rat-bite fever." Widespread, and one of many carried by rats, the disease comes from bite of a rat, or of a dog or other animal that has come in contact with rats.

If men would stop killing each other for a few years, devoting their killing energies to rats, mosquitoes and other dangerous pests, this would be a better world.

An end to rats, alone, would produce savings great enough to offset the billions lost in the last year.

What are you going to buy for Christmas? Do you own a home of your own, for your children when now, or for your children when you get married and have them, a home for your old age, A PIECE OF THIS EARTH WHICH IS YOURS?

If not, the best thing to do with Christmas savings is to buy a home, or start buying one. Buy only what you are sure you can pay for. There are ten thousand good investments in this country, but no investment is as good a money invested in a home of your own.

Thomas F. Ryan, who left not less than one hundred millions of dollars and probably several hundred millions, owns nothing now but the coffin that holds him. Funeral services were held in the beautiful Church of St. Jean Baptiste that he built in New York. His body will rest in the cathedral he built at Richmond, Va., not far from the spot where he lived as a poor orphan boy.

"Where does he live now?" an official at the funeral service whispered to the undertaker.

"Have you the men ready to carry it?"

"It" is all that is left of what once controlled wealth and power.

Tears on the cheeks of many at the church, servants, friends and relatives, showed that the dead man had been generous and kind.

The American Federation of Labor, ably led by President Green, will join the National Society for the Prevention of blindness in a national campaign.

There are in the world at least 6,000,000 totally blind. To know how great is the affliction, stop reading for a moment, close your eyes and ask yourself what life would be like if you could never open them.

Ignorance increases blindness, and disease born of vice, and superstition increases it. In Egypt, today, you may see infants with flies attacking their eyes, the mothers afraid to hurt them, because it is sin. Your grandmother's spirit might live in one of the flies. That superstition alone has caused thousands of Egyptian children to lose their sight.

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He May Have A Hard Time Laughing That Off — By Albert T. Reid



"It's the funniest thing, Cy - you know I could have sworn we would be able to take up your relief matter this session, but the appropriation bill, the cruiser bill, Boulder Dam and the tariff are going to take up all my time and I'll be dog-gone if I can see now how I can get around to you before next September"

It will be only a short time before the widening of the road of Highway 28 will be completed east of Thalia in Wilbarger county. It will then be ready to settle for the concrete, the pouring and hardening of which will require several months.

Sonora is now enjoying an era of prosperity. During the past year that town has seen a wonderful transformation both in the business and residential sections.

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Alice Day and Mat Moore with Lillian Tashman and Edmund Burns
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A CARL LAEMMLE PRODUCTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17—

"ANNAPOLIS"

John Mack Brown, Jeanette Loff, Hugh Allan and William Bakewell
PATHE NEWS REEL

TUES.-WEDNES., DEC. 18-19—

"OH KAY"

With Colleen Moore, Lawrence Gray, Allan Hale and Ford Sterling
Metro-Goldwyn Comedy—"PAS THE GRAVY."

THURS.-FRI., DEC. 20-21—

"TWO ARABIAN KNIGHTS"

United Artists with John W. Considine, Jr., and Howard Hughes
PATHE NEWS REEL. Also "Collegians Running Wild."

SATURDAY, DEC. 22.—

"RUN, GIRL, RUN!"

"ANYBODY HERE SEEN KELLEY?"

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Popular Sonora Couple Married in Mertzon

Saturday at Mertzon, Miss Iris Chalk of this city became the bride of Dave Locklin. The ceremony was performed by Rev. McFall, Methodist minister of that place.

Miss Chalk is the daughter of R. H. Chalk, prominent ranchman and commission man of Del Rio, a sister to Gao. D. Chalk of this city, and a granddaughter of G. W. Stephenson, prominent sheep and goat man of this place. She is one of the most charming young ladies in Sonora and has a legion of friends.

Dave is the son of A. D. Locklin of Del Rio. He has many friends here and in West Texas, and is young gentlemen in every respect.

This paper wishes them all the joys of life.

The happy young couple is making their home at the ranch, twenty miles west of town.

Expects to Double Sale of Goat Coats

J. U. Rieck, a brother of Captain H. W. Rieck, was in Sonora Saturday in the interest of the famous Rieck goat coats.

Mr. Rieck has already sold 9,000 of the coats and expects to double that amount within a few weeks. 100,000 of these coats were in use last spring, and all users are well satisfied with results obtained, Mr. Rieck said.

These coats are being manufactured in San Antonio and retail for 90 cents for the kid coats and \$1 for the nannie and mutton coats.

"These coats will be used like cottonseed cake" Mr. Rieck said, and the goat man is realizing the benefits of the coat. R. A. and B. M. Halbert of this city are users of the coat.

Christmas Dances Have Been Planned

The Mickey Rathbone Orchestra has been engaged to play for the Christmas dances, it being planned to have a dance on Christmas eve and Christmas night. Both dances will be at the Sonora Club hall.

A group of young married ladies here are forming the organization of a dancing club to be composed of married couples and single boys. They propose to have the Club hall repaired and made comfortable and to have dances at regular intervals. They hope to bring more attraction and civic interest to Sonora and to bring the young people closer together through this form of diversion.

Cliff Johnson, wife and baby were visitors from the Aldwell Bros., ranch the first of the week.

NOTICE, STOCKMEN!

I hereby call a meeting of the stockmen of Sutton County, residents and non-residents, to meet in Sonora, at the court house Saturday, December 15, 1928, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the advisability of the organization of a Stockman's Association for Sutton County.

This, we believe is of vital interest to every Stockman in the county, and we would be glad to see every ranchman and owner of livestock attend this meeting and take part in the discussions.

The motive of this call for this organization is not in the least in any way in discord to our other Live Stock Associations of this county, for we heartily endorse their actions for their inestimable services, they are performing but we are working to bring ourselves in closer co-operation with these Associations to the end that we may be in better position to combat the organized chain of truck thieves that we understand have been active in some of our sister counties.

Yours, to serve,
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Engaged to Joie Ray



Pretty and shapely Alice Eldridge, famous Boston swimmer, has become engaged to Joie Ray, famous marathon runner.

Sonora Lost Two Football Games

Sonora lost two football games last week, the High School team losing to the Rocksprings High by the lopsided score of 33-0 and the town team bowing to the Rocksprings town team by the score of 13-0. Both were played at Rocksprings.

The school team only had eleven men present who averaged 15 years of age and averaged 120 in weight. Rocksprings has a powerful team averaging over 145 pounds the man and displayed exceptional team work in bringing about the one-sided score.

Sonora started the town game with only six men, borrowing five from Rocksprings until the second quarter and using two Rocksprings men through the game. The game was more or less a comedy throughout. Sonora's best players were the two borrowed men. Dan Kircher and B. Placker.

Both games were carried out in a clean manner without any dissention.

Who's Who TODAY



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BRUTONS TO MENARD

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bruton left for Menard this week where they will make their home. Mr. Bruton had been in the employe of the Stites Motor Company, local Chevrolet dealers here for the past several months. He

will serve in the capacity of parts man with the Menard Chevrolet agency.

Their many friends here regret their leaving Sonora, but wish them well in their new domicile.

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If interested, write or phone, E. W. BILLINGS, Del Rio, Texas.

TRESPASS NOTICE

This is to inform the public that any hunters or trappers caught trespassing on my ranch will be prosecuted. Heed this warning. Marion Stokes. 12t. pd.

POSTED

All of my pastures twelve miles southeast of town are posted according to law, and anyone caught hunting, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing will be prosecuted. A. F. Clarkson. 10-4-29, pd.

POSTED

My ranch, twenty-four miles east of Sonora is posted according to law, and anyone caught trespassing will be prosecuted.—Ira C. Green. tf.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS — phone Mrs. Collier Shurley. 2t. c.

Steen Has Purchased New Drug Stock

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Steen returned last week from Waco and Dallas where they had been to purchase a brand new stock of drugs for the Corner Drug Store which will be operated in the new Murphy building where the post office now stands.

Mr. Steen states that his entire stock is ready for shipment soon as the new building is completed. His stock includes everything handled by a modern drug store. Only the best and widely advertised goods will be handled, he said.

A registered pharmacist, or probably two, will be employed in the new store. Mr. Steen will also be assisted by his wife who is well acquainted with the drug business.

They hope to have their store in tip-top shape and be doing business on or before the first of February.

Mr. Steen is well known in Sonora, having been engaged in the drug business at the Sonora Drug Store for several years.

TO THE TAX PAYERS

All state and county taxes in Sutton County may be paid now. A penalty of ten per cent will be added if taxes are not paid prior to January 31st. Your taxes have to be paid, so why not do it early and avoid a penalty.

B. W. HUTCHERSON, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County. 2t. c.

POSTED NOTICE

This is to notify the public that my ranch, 25 miles southeast of Sonora, in Sutton and Edwards counties, is posted according to law, and any person caught trespassing will be prosecuted according to law; officer in charge. Oscar Appelt 4-15-28

POSTED NOTICE

Any person caught hunting, trapping or trespassing on my land will be prosecuted. Take warning. Merton Shurley. 11-1-28. c.

See the 1928 Christmas Card Samples at The News Office.

POSTED

Any person caught hunting, trapping or in any way trespassing on my ranch will be prosecuted. J. N. Ross. 6t. pd.

LUNCHEON FOR MISS CAUTHORN AND BRASHER

Misses Dorothy Baker and "Babe" White were hostesses at a luncheon at the Hotel McDonald last Sunday morning, honoring Miss Mae Cauthorn, student in the Baptist Academy at San Marcos, and Junior Brasher, student at T. M. I. at San Antonio.

The honorees each were presented with a lovely box of candy. Those enjoying this delightful luncheon were: Misses Mae Cauthorn, Dorothy Baker, Babe White, Messrs. Junior Brasher, Edwin Sawyer and Preston Prater.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

This is to notify all automobile and truck owners of Sutton County that new 1929 license plates are now at my office and can be had anytime. 1928 license plates can be used not later than January first, after which time a penalty of ten per cent will be charged for plates. It is a violation of the law to use old plates after January 1st. Please get your new plates before January 1st and avoid any penalty or trouble.

B. W. HUTCHERSON, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County. 2t. c.

SONORA CHAPTER NO. 351

R. A. M.

Meets 1st Tuesday night in each month.

S. L. MERCK, High Priest
J. D. LOWREY, Secretary

Justice Adams Weds Girl in San Angelo

Justice Adams, native son of Sonora and who lived here until some few years back, was married to Miss Wanda Hanks of San Angelo early this week. The affair was quite elaborate and of much interest for both parties are very popular in San Angelo as well as over most of West Texas. The bride is well known here where she has many friends.

Mr. Adams is the son of T. B. Adams, former sheriff of Sutton County, and is a brother of Mrs. Paul Turney and Miss Francis Adams of Sonora. He is known as one of the most successful young ranchmen of West Texas. Mrs. Adams is the daughter of Dan Hanks, prominent sheep raiser of San Angelo, and is known to be very pretty and accomplished.

After an extended wedding trip to Cuba, they will make their home on the Adams ranch near San Angelo.

Christmas is coming. Have your Radio Okeyed by O. K. Rankhorn.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

This is to notify all persons that on account of Headlighters depredate in my pastures in Sutton and Crockett counties, having killed two head of cattle for me in last two winters, am putting my pastures under the game preserve and I warn hunters, trappers and trespassers to remain out.

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This giant Alaskan wolf hound, owned by William Strother of Nome, Alaska, is 6 feet 2 1/2 inches high and weighs 190 pounds. Miss Josephine Harrison of Cincinnati, O., is shown comparing her size with the big boy. The dog answers to the name "Blak," meaning "I like You" in Alaskan.

Del Rio recently celebrated the big event of the season there when the new Roswell hotel was formerly opened with the Hawaiian Welcome Ceremony. F. L. Clids, general manager, sponsored this unique entertainment.

Finishing work is being done on the basement of the new Methodist church at Woodson. The basement is

At the La Vista Theatre Next Week

More and better pictures are being brought to the La Vista Theater for next week. A big picture, "Phyllis of the Follies", with Alice Day and Mat Moore will be shown tomorrow night.

Monday—"Annapolis," with John Mack Brown, Jeanette Loff, Hugh Allen and William Bakewell. Pathe News reel.

Tuesday-Wednesday — "OH Kay," a Metro-Goldwyn special, with Coleen Moore, Lawrence Gray, Allen Hale, Ford Sterling and Claud Gillingwater. Comedy—"Pass the Gravy."

Thursday-Friday—"Two Arabian Knights, a United Artists production, with Howard Hughes, and John Considine, Jr. Comedy for Thursday is "Run, Girl, Run," and Friday, a Pathe news reel, also "Collegians Running Wild."

Saturday—"Anybody Here Seen Kelley?", with Bessie Love, Tom Moore, Kate Price and Tom O'Brien. Also "Collegians Running Wild." Comedy—"Shooting the Bull."

divided into seven rooms, including kitchen, assembly room, and classrooms. Gas connections are in every room.

Plans are being made in Goree to install a sewerage system. If present indications mature, work will start on the system about the first of the year and it will be ready for use the earlier part of the spring.

U. S. CAPITOL

By William P. Helm, Jr.
Washington Correspondent of The News.

Washington.—Calvin Coolidge will not be laid on the shelf—not yet. He told the world last week that he is still President of the United States and will remain President till 12 o'clock of March 4, 1929. Oftimes a lame duck President gentles the reins of government gradually into the hands of his successor. Taft did, and Wilson; but not so with the stern son of Vermont who sits today in the White House.

One may read his bulky messages to congress last week from cover to cover and, closing the book, remember on Coolidge policies. No word of Hoover, no hint of what President elect wants done, is found in all the tedious flow of words. Coolidge economy, Coolidge suggestions, Coolidge ideas alone make up the meat and muscle of those messages. The old sovereign still rules; the King is not dead. The laurels and vivas and salutes to the new ruler must wait awhile.

The President's messages, as usual, are vibrant with his own personality. From them one knows that Coolidge policies will be enforced, rather than Hoover policies, during the next three months. To those enthusiasts in congress who want to jump into the future and turn the Hoover furrow now, the messages come as a check and a ramper. Not that Hoover and Coolidge policies conflict, for they do not. They differ, however in detail. And there is a vast difference in the modes which these two men select to tell their wishes. That difference is stamped on their papers: the Coolidge stamp is smudged all over his latest messages.

Coolidge himself performs the labor of writing those annual messages to congress. The idea has grown up mistakenly that he leaves this task to subordinates in large measure and merely approves and adopts as his own the writing of those who really do the work. This is a mistake. Coolidge has no ghost writer. The first of his messages dealing in general with affairs of the State is the labor of many weeks. The second, or budget, message dealing wholly with financial affairs is based wholly on the reports of the budget bureau to the President, but the words are Coolidge's, not Director Lord's.

They tell a story here, now that the campaign is over and gone, as to why Coolidge did not choose to run. It is a circumstantial story, but it bears an honest face, like a truthful man on the witness stand. The tale is to the effect that nearly two years ago those high in Republican councils came to the conclusion that Coolidge could not hope to win as a third-term candidate. Popular though he was, these outstanding Mentors of Republicanism feared he would be beaten.

They saw plainly then the handwriting on the wall. They foresaw that the Democratic standard bearer would be Alfred Emanuel Smith. They knew and feared Smith's winning ways with the multitude. They were afraid, so the story goes that Al Smith, in popular jargon, would eat him alive. Coolidge, no tyro in politics, recognized the power of their argument. He wanted to be President again—who, in heaven's name, wouldn't?—but he did not want the ignominy of defeat. And so, like a good soldier, he went along with the plan. Such is the story.

But Coolidge did not help his party colleague, Hoover, toward the Presidency. Nor did he hinder. He kept his hands off during the fight for the nomination and his voice was mute, save once, during the campaign. Had Hoover been beaten, Coolidge would have emerged, head and shoulders above the others, as the man to lead the Republicans to victory in 1932. With Hoover a winner, none of the

Coolidge dignity is impaired, none of his hold on the party leaders lost. He can look to 1936, if he wishes. He will be 64 then, still in his prime. Why not? And if this tale is true, would it not help explain why Coolidge should intend to remain President now until the last minute of his elected term?

There was not much of news in the President's message. Prosperity, he said, still abides with us and will continue to abide. Extravagance—now like the Coolidge of old—still threatens and must be checked. There is a veiled hint of a veto for any undue spending authorized by congress. No financial joy-riding will be permitted during the next three months. The treasury will not be spendthrift congress.

Peace with all the world via the Kellogg treaties; a batch of 15 cruisers to add majesty to the American navy; oil conservation; continued immigration restriction; the same old farm relief plan; enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment—these old time recommendations are renewed. For Muscle Shoals and Boulder Dam, a friendly word of caution that the power by-product must be turned over by appropriate lease, to private interests. The government has no

business in the business world, he holds.

These, with many subordinate proposals, constitute the Coolidge message. It is virtually the only kind of message Coolidge is capable of sending. It news to the well-marked line of caution, safety and conservatism. In the realm of finance, the President asks congress to appropriate nearly \$3,800,000,000, exclusive of postal serviced requirements. Those requirements run to about \$700,000,000 more, but they are met, almost in full, by postal receipts.

For veterans, more money. That is as it should be, leaders of both parties agree. The burden of caring

for the veterans is a happy burden, a sort of first mortgage on the country's honor. And how far back the roll goes. There are today about 500,000 names on the pension rolls. Widows of veterans of the War of 1812 still live. The oldest of this little group celebrated her birthday last week. She is 102.

Hoover still moves from one triumph to another in the Southern hemisphere. The Republican party nears the Rubicon; it probably will take the step soon to cut loose entirely from the negro. A white man to replace the present collector at New Orleans is one of the signs.

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SANTA FE

(Continued from first page)

But there also is possibility of quite a little scrap with the Southern Pacific, for that line not only runs from San Antonio west through Del Rio to Alpine and on to California, but in the last two years it completed a long line serving the Mexican West Coast, even running through Tobolobampo. But there is no real tape about rail permits in Mexico. The Orient already has its authority

to build. Insurrectos alone interfere with projects and at present all the insurrectos are in peaceful pursuits.

West Coast Is Rich

The total distance from "Topo" to Wichita, Kan., terminus of the Orient, is 1,500 miles. The gap between Alpine and Presidio is 90 miles. Down in Mexico there is another gap between Sanchez and Fuerto, 210 miles long. That makes 200 miles of construction necessary before shipments can be routed from "Tobo" to Texas points, a job that likely will require two years, for the country is rugged, different from the level Texas plains, which has witnessed so much construction in the last few years. The Mexican leg will go through Chihuahua, one of the most important cities in the republic, and from Chihuahua to Presidio it is 196 miles. After the Furto-Sanchez gap is completed it will be but 62 miles further to the port, to develop which a large fund will be expended.

The Mexican West Coast section

abounds in minerals, fruits and agriculture practically none of which Texas has at present. Silver and gold abound in the mountain district.

The Southern Pacific leg runs from Tucson, Ariz., to Guadalajara, Mexico, Guadalajara being the show city of the country and offering climatic advantages. It is quite a Summer resort, its altitude being high, and is close to a large lake.

Years ago Gurringer was offered the position of engineering the construction of this line, the plan falling through when its president died.

The Alpine-Presidio branch of the Orient will open up new territory, abounding in cinnabar, silver, nitrates, other minerals and plants which are good as stock feed. It is a picturesque country, seldom visited by the tourist, due to lack of transportation. One of the unusual sights is the canyons of the Rio Grande, that rise 2,000 feet high near Presidio.

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