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A Letter to Bank Patrons.

To our friends and customers:

Believing that overdrafts are a form of credit inconsistent with good banking, and having been advised by the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington and the Commissioners of Banking and Insurance at Austin that overdrafts do not meet with the approval of their Department, and having their recommendation that the granting of same be discontinued, we are writing this letter to our respective customers to advise them that on and after February 1st, 1912, the undersigned banks of Snyder will discontinue the further granting of overdrafts in any form to any patron irrespective of his financial responsibility.

We are giving this ample notice so that those who are not now keeping up with their accounts may ascertain between now, and February 1st just what is their balance in the Bank.

The above ruling will in no way interfere with your present credit with the bank with whom you are doing business. Customers desiring accommodations will please anticipate their wants and arrange for same by note.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

By Robt. H. Curnutte, Cashier.

THE SNYDER NATIONAL BANK,

By O. P. Thrane, Cashier.

THE FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO.

By C. L. Ezell, Cashier.

WHITE MAN'S UNION MEETS

Association of Matagorda County Meets and Tracts Business

Bay City, Texas, Jan. 3.—The White Man's Union of Matagorda county met here today in the court room at 1:30 p. m. and the following officers were elected for the next two years: John V. Curren, president.

John Sutherland, president. L. J. Gartrell, secretary. The executive session immediately following the meeting was held under the white man's union which date later.

WILL INVESTIGATE CHARGES.

Safety Appliance Inspector Will Make Rigid Investigation of Charges Made by Strikers.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 3.—The charges made by certain strikers in Houston that the State laws are being violated by permitting the operation of locomotives by the labor commission, which has detailed Safety Appliance Inspector McKinley to investigate the situation.

When people who have been in the city for a few years are asked to compare the city with the next best thing, they are apt to be surprised at the progress made in the last three years.

Advertisement columns in the Signal are being filled with notices of various kinds.

write letters to that paper in answer to the questions: "Are women influenced in buying by newspaper advertisement?"

The lady who won the first prize wrote the following comprehensive letter.

"The daily newspaper goes into the home, it fills an intimate place in the everyday life of its readers; it is the cheapest most convenient, most popular source of general and special information for the public; it is an educator along all lines.

"It not only brings to our door the news of a busy world, its advertisements are the textbook of progress for every woman, be she the society devotee or the thrifty housewife. By these advertisements she is enabled to keep pace with advance ment, conveniences, economy, utility, beauty and style.

"Every advertisement bears fruit—some more others less; but all some. Much depends upon the advertiser, a great deal on the advertisement, but all on the medium by which publicity is gained."—Oklahoma City Oklahoman.

FOR FREE TEXT BOOKS.

Resolution Introduced Before Texas State Teachers Association at Waco

Waco, Texas, Dec. 30.—Prof. J. A. Brooks of the Dallas Public Schools this morning introduced a resolution before the Texas State Teachers' Association asking that the legislature pass a law, authorizing the school boards to provide free text books for children who are too poor to buy them.

This was properly referred. Mrs. Nannie Curtiss, president of the W. C. T. U. of Texas made an offer of \$50 to the teacher who would write the best essay on narcotics and their effect on the human system.

Notice! Notice!

We want all parties owing us that can pay, to come in promptly and settle. All that can't pay come in and settle by note or in some way. We mean business.

Drs. Scarborough, Whitmore & Johnson. w3t

STORE BURNED AT DUBLIN

Origin of Dry Goods Blaze is a Mystery—Cleburne Man Owned the Building.

Dublin, Jan. 3.—Fire destroyed a stock of dry goods and clothing of the J. F. Lewis company Monday morning shortly after three o'clock.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss of stock and fixtures is about fourteen thousand dollars. Insurance on Stock \$10,500, on fixtures \$2500.

The amount of the insurance on it is not given. Heat from fire broke one of the large plate glass windows of the Overton Drug Company.

Mercantile Business Deal.

The McCullough Hardware Company have sold their business to the Blackard Brothers and they have been busy there for several days taking stock.

That is one of the big mercantile concerns of West Texas and the McCullough company have made money there.

The Blackard brothers came here from Dunn and are well acquainted in Scurry county.

They are all enterprising young business men and will make a success of their business.

The Signal's social and business relations with the retiring company have been pleasant and we hope to have equally pleasant relations with the new company.

Mr. W. F. Johnson who has been with the house for several years will remain there and invites all his old friends to call and see him.

Republicans

The election year and it is our duty as citizens to pay our poll taxes. It is necessary that it be done in January that we may be a legal voter then.

I request you to urge that all Republicans in Scurry county make plans to show our strength in November.

FARRIS, Chmn. Scurry county Republican Ex. Committee.

TRAGEDY AT DALLAS

ALLEGED HUSBAND OF TWO WOMEN INJURED BY YOUNGER ONE

CLAIMS IT WAS SELF DEFENSE

Girl Who Did Shooting is Only Eighteen Years Old—Says she Married Saunders in November—Former Wife Was Witness.

Dallas, Jan. 3.—A three cornered domestic difficulty in which two women claim to be the wives of J. A. Saunders, musician, was culminated here at one o'clock this morning when one of the alleged wives shot Saunders. He is expected to die. His assailant is only eighteen.

The girl who did the shooting claims that she married Saunders in November but the police do not know her maiden name or former residence.

Saunders was living with his alleged former wife when shot and his other wife was a witness. The young assailant claims self defense.

Harriman Strike Nears Crisis.

Houston, Jan. 3.—With Robert McKinley state inspector of safety appliances on railway in the city, Vice President W. P. Hannon of the International Machinists, due here from Chicago on Friday, and engineers of the Harriman lines, expecting some of their chief officers at any time, and conductors and trainmen, with new contracts pending with the Harriman roads in Texas and Louisiana, and reports of peace negotiations still circulating, renewed interest is manifested in the railway strike.

The presence of McKinley is due to charges lodged by strikers that laws were being violated and lives endangered.

Hannon is said to be directly from Chicago headquarters of the Harriman lines and his action in coming to join Vice President Wilson here is regarded as further confirmatory of peace negotiation reports.

PENSION AMENDMENT.

No Attempt Will Be Made to Doctor Sherwood Bill Already Passed

Washington, Jan. 3.—The Senate pension committee will not attempt to amend the Sherwood pension bill which was passed in the house.

An entirely new bill will be reported and Senator McCumber probably will offer it as an amendment to the McCumber law of 1907 which recognizes the age of 62 years as total disability and makes certain veterans entitled to its benefits.

The Senate Committee's experts have compiled figures from the department of the treasury and the pension bureau to show that the Sherwood bill would increase the present rolls 66 per cent.

The Senate bill would carry an annual expenditure of not more than thirty million dollars.

A poll of the senate on the Sherwood bill is said to show not more than ten democrats and about twelve republicans ready to vote for it.

POSTAL SAVINGS BONDS

Depositors of the Postal Savings System may exchange the whole or a part of their deposits on January 1, 1912 for United States registered or coupon bonds in denominations of \$20, \$100 and \$500 bearing interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum payable semi-annually and redeemable at the pleasure of the United States after one year from the date of issue, both principal and interest payable 20 years from that date in United States gold coin.

Postal savings bonds are exempt from all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by or under State, municipal or local authority.

Conversion of Deposits.

Applications for the conversion of deposits into bonds on January 1, 1912 must be received before December 15, 1911 by the post master at the depository offices where the certificates were issued.

The conversion of deposits into bonds at a date less than one year after the certificates began to bear in-

terest on the deposits as in the case for withdrawal for any other purpose.

Postal savings deposits are converted into bonds are not counted as a part of the maximum of \$50 allowed one depositor and there is no limitation on the amount of available postal savings bonds which may be acquired finally by a depositor.

Postal savings bonds can be procured only by the conversion of postal savings deposits and will not be issued to persons who are not depositors.

Registered and Coupon Bonds

The depositor's application must indicate whether bonds are desired in registered or coupon form. Coupon bonds are preferable for a depositor who intends to hold them for a short time only and who has ample facilities for their safe keeping.

Registered bonds are preferable for persons intending to hold them for a considerable period. They differ from coupon bonds.

Payment of Interest on Bonds

Interest on registered bonds is paid by checks drawn at the Treasury department in favor of the registered holder. These checks are sent by mail to the post office address of the holder and the holder of a registered bond should notify the Secretary of the Treasury (Division of Loans and Currency) of any change in his post office address at least fifteen days before the interest falls due.

Bonds Lost or Destroyed

Payment on registered bonds that have been lost or stolen may be stopped by notifying the Secretary of the Treasury (Division of Loans and Currency) at Washington. If coupon bonds are lost, the government does not undertake to protect the owner against the wrongful holder, but recognizes the bearer only. The owner has recourse only to such means as he could use to recover any other valuable property.

Information Relating to Ownership

United States bonds are issued, transferred and redeemed under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Requests by holders for additional information after the delivery of the bonds should be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury (Division of Currency), Washington, D. C.

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK
Postmaster General.

CONVICTS ARE MISTREATED IN STATE OF ARKANSAS

Governor Declares He Will Pardon Every Prisoner or Remedy Conditions

Little Rock, Jan. 3.—Branding the conditions that exist in the county convict camps of the state, as appalling, Gov. Donaghey declared that he will pardon every prisoner in every convict camp in the state if necessary to bring about a reform in the treatment of the State's convicts under the contract system.

The announcement of the Governor was made, after hearing the story of Charlie Piper, a negro, who claimed to have been brutally beaten while a prisoner in a convict camp in DeSha county.

The negro's body was covered with wounds which he declared were inflicted while being beaten on the bare flesh with a strap.

The governor declared that he had received many complaints, from different parts of the State and he had determined that some drastic action must be taken.

He asserted that information that he had received led him to believe that inhuman methods are being employed all over the state by contractors to whom the convicts and their families are brought in if the conditions are not changed.

Saves Mother's Life.

New York, Jan. 3.—Bertha Reinor a fourteen year old girl threw herself in front of a revolver in the hands of her stepfather, George Benz, a salesman and received in the temple two bullets which following a quarrel had been intended for her mother.

The girl died in an ambulance a half an hour later. The mother was uninjured.

Benz fled down the street but was captured.

FREIGHT RATES TO BE REDUCED

On Products Going to Fort Worth and Oklahoma City Stock Markets

Washington, Jan. 3.—Radical reductions of existing freight rates on livestock packing house products and salt were today prescribed by the interstate commerce commission to apply to all western and Southwestern railroads.

The livestock rates from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma to Ft Worth and Oklahoma city were declared too high and packing house freights to those cities were declared unreasonable.

The reductions will average eight per cent. Railroads have until February 1 to make the new rates effective.

KATY MEN MAY STRIKE.

Trainmen on the M. K. and T. Have Troubles Over Their New Contracts.

Differences between the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad and its men are said to have reached the acute stage once more, A. A. president and W. A. Durbin, General Manager have at Dallas from St. Louis.

It is said that a meeting held in Dallas with the official representatives of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Enginemen and Order of Railway Conductors.

The four organizations have new contracts with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad with the officials, it was given out that the contracts could not be made with the organization for the entire system, but would have to be made with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, and Missouri, Kansas and Texas of Texas separately. The men say that the contracts can be made for the entire system and do not have to be divided as the company officials say.

At the meeting to be held in Dallas the matter will be threshed out. The company insists on dividing the organizations it is not improbable that a strike of the four organizations concerned will be called, involving a hundred men on the Katy system.—Houston Chronicle.

TO CUT EXPENSES

To Lop Off Several Juicy Sums From the Next Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Democrats of the house, plan to eliminate from the next Sundry Appropriation bill \$225,000 from the President's Tariff Board; \$75,000 for the economy commission and \$25,000 from the President's travelling expenses.

The sundry civil bill will be ready for submission in Jan. The course which the party will take in seeking to eliminate these items will be that the principal tariff board is un-Democratic and the economy board a waste of time and money, while the president's travelling expenses is nothing in fact except Democracy furnishing Taft ammunition with which to fight them.

About Tax Payments.

A reporter for the Signal in conversation yesterday with Deputy Tax Collector Pat Johnson has given some figures in regard to the collection of taxes for the next year. Up to date there has been paid into the office \$7,907.08. Something like \$56,577.34 to be paid up to last night 298 poll taxes have been paid while there is a large amount of the books of about 1900.

On the same date last year there was something like \$1000 to collect which seems to show that the people are a little better about paying this year.

One reason for the seeming negligence, is expected by the continuing bad weather.

We are of the opinion however, that it will be worth while to do with our making a bumper crop this coming season.

SCURRY COUNTY--PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE VIEW

Brief Review of Material Growth and Evidences of Future Possibilities. Homes for Thousands in Easy Reach. Grand Opportunities for Civic and Social Independence.

There is so much prejudice in the eastern country against West Texas as that many people thereby influenced are being kept away from opportunities to become independent. There are thousands of people back there who are making a bare living cultivating other people's high priced farms and coming out of one year after another with no advancement in material affairs.

Those people have been told of droughts and sand storms in West Texas until they are filled with an unjust prejudice against Western country and they ignorantly believe that they would starve to death if they should leave the "fleshpots of Egypt and migrate even to the land of the most choice grapes.

It is but proper and a real service to those people to tell them that West Texas is destined to be the greatest region in the State.

We are not disposed to boom conditions, but we do feel free to boost for a country that holds so much promise to people who will tear away from the old haunts and seek better conditions in the fertile and rapidly developing west.

Scurry county is capable to sustain a population of 75,000. There are now possibly fifteen thousand people here and these are all white.

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The rainfall here is not always what is desired, but the average for a series of years, is after all not so far below that in eastern counties and it has been noted that when other sections of the State have heavy rains, the western country gets a fair share of it.

It is true that Scurry county and all west Texas has suffered from dry weather for two or three years, but then what section of Texas has not? Just now the cotton crop here and elsewhere is being rounded up and Scurry county has harvested about 13,500 bales while the Eastern counties, a country of solid farms has grown a large cotton crop, yet the farmers in the West have gathered a large feed crop while the eastern farmers are forced to pay out their cotton money for corn.

As proof that the so-called drouthy years have not stranded West Texas let the candid observer note the constant progress in material advancement, and be assured that the spirit of improvement is still in active force. What may be said of Scurry county is true also of practically all of West Texas.

Since the coming of the Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific railroad, the town has made rapid progress and with the coming of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, the conditions have gone forward to even grander achievements. Within the past two years, there have been more than a hundred residences built in Snyder, ranging in cost from seven or eight hundred dollars to ten thousand dollars.

There have been a great number of substantial business houses built including the solid north side block and half of the west side, besides others on the square and the magnificent three-story Scarborough building on the Southeast corner.

The finishing up of the Court House gave to Scurry county one of the best and most perfect temples of justice in the State, outside of the large cities.

The county is just now finishing a cozy, comfortable and well constructed brick jail at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars. The City of Snyder has just completed systems of sewerage and waterworks at a cost of \$44,000.

These improvements, together with

a model new opera house, railroad buildings, three splendid brick school buildings, oil mill, planing mill, electric light and power plant and numerous other business concerns places Snyder far up to the head of the list of progressive cities and had crop conditions been more favorable there is no knowing how much further the list might have been extended.

The city has 9 grocery stores, 5 drug stores, 7 large dry goods stores 2 furniture stores, 2 gent's furnishing stores, 3 hotels 3 banks, 3 barber shops, 3 grain and commission houses, 2 large lumber yards, six hardware, machinery and implement houses, one planing mill.

Several restaurants and tailoring establishments and numerous other commercial and industrial concerns. The Baptists, Methodist, Presbyterian, Christian and Protestant Episcopal churches are all thriving.

The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Woodmen all have good lodges and the morals of the people attract favorable comment from all who make a study of conditions.

The same conditions prevail in other parts of the country proportional to the population.

There are 42 schools in the county outside of Snyder with fifty two teachers and a scholastic population of nearly 3000.

The towns of Dunn, Hermleigh, Knapp, Fluvanna, Dermott, Camp Springs and Arah are all thriving places surrounded by fine farming and stock raising territory. All have good schools, successful merchants, progressive farmers and moral, enlightened and honorable people.

Complimentary to Snyder Lady The Society column of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of last Sunday contains the following item.

"To" compliment Francis Ralston of Snyder, Miss Mary Goldthwaite gave a pretty dinner party yesterday at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Goldthwaite on College Avenue. Covers were laid for Misses Ralston, Blanche Gage, Margaret Lightfoot, Gertrude Adams, Irma Cates and Mary Goldthwaite.

Will Aid the Farmers Ft. Worth Texas, Jan. 1.—The Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Associations has joined in the movement inaugurated by the Farmer's Union for the reduction of cotton acreage and is sending out to the local clubs, a copy of resolutions adopted by the cotton conference at Dallas.

The State Association the local clubs to co-operate with the county judges and others in carrying out the proposed plans.

Three First Days. Today is First Monday, the first day of the month, the first month of the year and according to part of the world the first day of the week. There have been lots of people in town, some to sell cotton, some with feed some to trade horses, but most of them to see the people. The quality of stock offered here today are in good condition and show up well.

The day of the bucking broncho is about gone and the lank, lean sagetail pony has almost been relegated and good blooded American stock constitute the rule.

A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, removing gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo. Send for Texas testimonials.

Very few people in Snyder know that we have a good brass band, and they practice weekly. We must encourage these musicians and when we want music at home or for picnics, we will have a band of our own to be proud of, and won't have to send to our neighboring towns for it.

Dr. Farris came in Saturday from a several visit in Cuthbert, in Mtche.

NEGROES FLEE FROM MULDROW

Following Lynching of Wilbur Turner for Murder and Assault.

Muskogee, Oklahoma Jan. 1.—Following the lynching of Wilbur Turner for the murder of George Cason and an assault on Mrs. Cason, the negroes have been warned to keep off the streets of Muldrow, where the lynching occurred and out of Sallislaw, the county seat.

There has been no demonstrations whatever since the lynching occurred.

No efforts have been made thus far to determine who composed the mob that lynched the negro.

The crimes for which Turner was lynched were committed on Saturday.

Why Not Grow Broom Corn?

The Signal believes that the time will come when broom corn will be reckoned as one of the money crops of West Texas.

Experience has demonstrated that it will grow to perfection in West Texas. Certainly there may be years when the season's do not suit it and there may be an occasional failure. For that reason it is not wise for a farmer to devote all of his land and energy to broom corn or any other one crop but the farmer who will plant plenty of feed crop and then some cotton and some broom corn is almost sure to raise something that will bring him money.

Broom corn is no harder to grow than other crops and gathering time comes at a time when the farmer is not rushed and usually at a time of the year when there is little danger of rain to spoil it.

There is a growing demand for the corn and it always commands good prices.

Only a short time ago a representative was in this and adjoining counties looking for broom corn for a factory as Haskell and he stated that he could not find as much as his factory needed.

The same is said of the factory at Wichita Falls. They have drawn on Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas for material to keep their factories going and fill their orders for the brooms and have not been able to get all they needed.

This proves that our farmers could find a ready market for a large acreage in broom corn and certainly now while we want to reduce the cotton crop, it would be the part of wisdom to grow a crop for which there is so much demand.

It should be borne in mind however, that the farmer who undertakes to grow broom corn, must study his subject.

The same methods used in growing cotton may not apply to broom corn. Thoughtless or haphazard farming is never profitable in any line and guess work in undertaking a new crop is apt to be a failure, loss and consequent disgust.

There are men who can give valuable information in broom corn culture and it is well for the farmer to get all the information possible from the A. and M. college, from the agricultural department through the Farmers Union and the Farmers' Institutes and make a careful selection of suitable land, then prepare, plant and cultivate, according to approved methods and we may rest reasonably sure of satisfactory results. It is surely worth trying.

Dick Sampson Improving

A recent dispatch from Spur states that Dick Sampson, who is undergoing treatment at the Alexander Sanitarium is rapidly improving and is soon expected to be recovered from the gun shot wound he received a few days ago.

The bullet has not yet been removed; Dr. Standifer deeming that such an operation would be wholly unnecessary.

Land Deal at Polar.

W. B. Rogers has recently purchased one hundred and eleven acres of improved agricultural land in the Polar community from Henry Stokes for a consideration of \$1050. Mr. Stokes has accepted employment on the Fuller Ranch in Scurry county and will move there at an early date.—Kent County News.

220 acres adjoining Maryneal, Texas, half tillable, 75 acres in cultivation cheap. 3 room house, horse and cow sheds, well and windmill, all fenced. Price \$30.00 per acre would take one-third in house and lot balance cash or notes.

J. H. Hamlett, Maryneal, Texas.

Amarillo reports zero weather on Saturday.

Letter to Lot Purchasers

DEAR SIR:

I take pleasure in informing you that the work on the well begun by the Snyder Development Co., several months ago, has been resumed, and will be pushed night and day until the well is completed. While it may have appeared to you that the Snyder Development Co. was not exercising the diligence it ought in putting down this well, such was not the case. For months the Company has been trying to overcome the obstacles placed in its way by a stringency in the money market, and it is only recently that they were able to close up a deal which would guarantee the well being completed. I have entered into a contract with the Snyder Development Co. wherein they put the matter into my hands, and in turn I have made a contract with the American Well and Prospecting Co., of Corsicana, one of the strongest concerns of its kind in the world who have put up a sufficient guarantee that the well will be completed according to the original contract with lot purchasers. This contract has been signed and work has already begun, the drill running night and day. We hope to complete the well within the next 60 or 90 days.

In view of the bright prospects for oil and gas the Snyder Development Co. secured a gas franchise of the city of Snyder to run for 20 years. As each lot in the oil field carries with it a unit's interest in the well, each lot owner will thus have a share in the profits should there be any, accruing from this franchise.

Experts who have examined the formations gone through speak very encouragingly of the prospect and say they are very much like the Petrolia oil field.

In connection with this contract the Snyder Development Co has turned over to me all of the unsold lots, and I have put a portion of them on the market at the same price the first ones sold for. Any one desiring to purchase lots can do so by writing me.

In conclusion, I desire to say that all the resources of the Snyder Development Co., as well as my own are behind all contracts and agreements and we propose to carry out faithfully every promise made the lot purchasers. We trust those who have lots in the Snyder Oil field will appreciate this and lend us every assistance they can, as we are all mutually interested and success for us means success for every lot purchaser.

I will be glad at any time to furnish you with any information regarding the well. After January 1st I will be found upstairs in the Cade building, southeast corner of the square, Snyder, Texas, and I will be glad to have you call and see me.

With best wishes, I am yours very truly,

W. L. GROSS

Loan Farmers

Farmers need loans sometimes. It is therefore a plan for the farmer to deposit the bank when he has money on hand.

The farmer who handles his affairs in a business like way and keeps a satisfactory balance on deposit, builds up a credit at the bank which enables him to expect and to receive the help of the bank when needed.

We furnish you beyond question

Safe Place

to deposit your money, and when time comes to make a crop, our customers are who we loan to first.

We invite all to open an account with us.

GUARANTY FUND BANK

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO.

For Coughs and Cold's use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by all druggists.

Misses Cora and Alice Lindsey who have been spending the holidays with the homefolks left yesterday for their home in Houston to resume their duties in the public schools in that city.

Released on Bail.

Frank Irwin who is charged with murdering Bug Sampson and painfully wounding Dick during a serious shooting affray on the night of December 13 at the home of Bob Goodrum, near the Double Mountains has been released by the Stonewall Co. officials on \$2750 bail to await the action of the grand jury next year. For the murder case Irwin's bond was set at two thousand dollars and for shooting Dick, an assault to murder at \$750.—Kent County News.

Cotton on the Market.

Quite a lot of cotton has been brought in from Scurry county farms this week. There was a train of wagons drawn in Monday evening from the Sharon community.

Mr. Thompson holds 31 bales, Mr. Jones 9 bales, Mr. Miner 3 bales and E. H. Burditt, one bale.

This lot was stored at the yard. Another lot came in today from the western part of the county and the offers ranged from six and seven eighths to 8.80. In this lot C. R. Berrier of Knapp had three bales; W. B. Seaburne of Bethel four bales; L. H. Lockhart of Knapp 3 bales, H. A. Cannon of Arah five bales, and T. F. Bradley, one bale.

To wash away the poison entirely, apply a simple remedy known as D. D. D. Preparation for Eczema. D. D. D. is generally sold in one dollar bottles, but for 25c we can now give you enough to prove that the very first drops soothe and heal the inflamed skin as nothing else can.



PROTECTED

Bank Account

GUARDS AGAINST THE INVASION OF FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

No man however wealthy he may be, should be without a **READY CASH RESERVE** for some quick business stroke which may yield him quick fortune.

No business is a profitable business from which a man may not draw out some money and bank it.

Make Our Bank Your Bank

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

SNYDER, TEXAS

The New Year here and we want to reduce our stock by that time

If you need anything to eat it will pay you to see us.

Harvest Queen flour \$3.65 per 100 lbs
Ribbon cane syrup in barrels, 55c per gallon

Denson & Smith

Southside Square

To Oklahoma—Not Kansas. Brother J. A. Arnold left this afternoon for Oklahoma City to reside. Owing to misinformation the Signal said yesterday that he was going to Kansas. The preacher called around before leaving to ask for a correction. He said he was not going to Kansas to live now, or at any future time. He never did live in Kansas and never expects to live there.

Successful Farming. Messrs. Jim and George Pagan, two successful young farmers of the Lone Wolf country were in Snyder Monday and paid the Signal a friendly call. They are men who take a practical view of the business conditions and they say that they are going to diversify in crop growing and do their best toward a reduction of the cotton acreage.

Yeggs at Work. Hillsboro, Dec. 3.—Burglars blew up the safe in a way at Leroy last night and got only \$100. They made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the bank at Leroy but the loss of nitroglycerine only a hole in the floor. The men then turned their attention to other things.

If you have young children who have been afflicted with disorders of the stomach, this you will find Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Depend on getting a fruit crop. Then they are practical horticulturists as well as farmers and cultivate their trees intelligently and can always depend on getting a fruit crop. Then

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

---and---

A Happy, Prosperous New Year To You All

Is our wish and this is to remind you that we want your trade this year :- :-

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Woodrow Wilson's Position

The following letter from Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey to Prof. R. H. Babney of the University of Virginia is published in the Richmond Times Dispatch.

My dear Heath—We did not have a chance when I was with you to have our talk about the initiative, referendum and recall, it may be worth while, therefore in view of the importance of the subject, for me to summarize somewhat more formally what I said to you in scraps.

In the first place with regard to my own state of mind. I surrendered to the facts as every candid man must. My whole pre-occupation—my whole reasoning—was against these things. But when I came in contact with candid, honest, public spirited men who could speak (with regard, for example to Oregon) from personal observation and experience, they floored me flat with their narrative of what had actually happened. I found in these men who had advocated these things, who had put them into operation, and who had accomplished things by them, not critics or opponents of representative government, but men who were eager to restore it where it had been lost, and who had taken—successfully taken—these means to recover for the people what they had unquestionably lost—control of their own affairs.

In short, they were not trying to change our institutions. The initiative, referendum and recall were to their eyes (as they are to mine) merely a means to an end—that end being the restoration of the control of public opinion. Where opinion already controls, where there is now actual, genuine representative government, as I believe there is in Virginia and in the South in General, they are not necessary. Each state must judge for itself. I do not see how it could be made a subject of national policy. The people will, in my opinion, demand these measures, only where they are manifestly necessary to take legislation and the control of administrative action away from special, hopelessly entrenched interests. There are no general nor universal panaceas.

The recall of judges, I am absolutely against, and always have been. It is a remedy for a symptom, not for a disease—the disease being the control of the system by influence by which general opinion has ceased to control.

It interested me very much to find that even in Oregon literally no one thought of these new methods of action as a substitute for representative institutions, but only as a means of stimulation and control. They are as devoted to the idea of our representative institutions as we are—and are bent upon realizing these ideas in practice. That is their conscientious object.

As for the recall, it is seldom used outside the municipalities. I do not remember an instance of its use on a State officer. It is merely a "gun behind the door."

Faithfully yours,
WOODROW WILSON

If you know of an old Federal soldier anywhere who is not drawing as much pension as he wants, will you report the case to Speaker Champ Clark and let him fix it up.

The liquor laws of Texas present a striking example of how courts are inclined to look through colored glasses. There have been so many cases in the higher courts which have been looked at in one way by two of the judges and the other may be the third.

If the men who own large bodies of land could be induced to put one half of their holdings on the market at such prices as will induce buyers, the county would soon be more thickly settled up with good farmers and the other half of the big pastures soon be worth more than all of it now.

To prevent pneumonia, a cold settled in the lungs should be attended to at once. Put a HERRICK'S RED PEPPER POROUS PLASTER on the chest and take BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP internally. It is a winning combination. Buy the dollar size Horehound Syrup. You get a Porous Plaster free with each bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Suffering With Broken Arm.
Mr. B. F. Hargrove who went several weeks ago with his boys to county to pick cotton, got seriously hurt on December 16. The hack in which he was driving was turned over and Mr. Hargrove sustained a broken arm.

On account of the shock and the continued bad weather he has not been able to return home. Mrs. Hargrove had a letter from him today saying that he will be at home as soon as conditions will permit.

J. W. Smith of Post City who has been visiting friends in the city for the past few days went home this morning.

A Socialist paper published in South Texas, says that the McNamaras were democrats. That was a turn that neither Gompers or Debs thought of at first. Anyway, any Democrat that will start out to destroy lives and property, as they did, ought to be in the penitentiary.

GOOD NEWS

Many Snyder Readers Have Heard it and Profited Thereby

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Snyder are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands upon thousands of people are telling the good news of their experience with the old Quaker Remedy. Here is an example worth rading:

D. G. Pool, of Abilene, Texas, says "My kidneys were disordered and the secretions became irregular in passage. There was also a dull heavy ache around my loins which caused me great misery. However, as soon as I used Doan's Kidney Pills I was able to sleep better and on arising in the morning felt refreshed.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c Foster-Milburn Co. Buffalo, N. Y. sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Court House Items

The trial of the damage suit of J. C. Erwin vs. Scurry county occupied the attention of the county court and the case went to the jury soon after noon. The court then took up the case of Newt Farris, charged with violation of the local option law.

District Clerk, Walter Adamson stated that there had been 488 delinquent tax suits filed on the District Court docket. Mr. Adamson stated also that he has been reliably informed that the now famous suit of the City of Sweetwater vs. The Orient railroad has been transferred to the District Court of Scurry county and will come up for trial here in March.

If you don't sleep well at night, are nervous and low spirited, you need a system purifier. HERBINE is a powerful liver stimulant and cleansing medicine. It quiet the nerves, promotes energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c, sold by all dealers.

J. C. Erwin, E. E. Erwin, A. A. Bynum, B. E. Wagner, M. M. Jones and J. L. D. Jones are here from Cuthbert attending County court.

E. N. Reifels has been here for a few days visiting friends and leaves this evening for El Paso.

Charles Durham, Lovington, Ill., has succeeded in finding a positive cure for bed wetting. "My little boy wet the bed every night, clear thru on the floor. I tried several kinds of kidney medicines and was in the drug store looking for something different to help him, when I heard of Foley Kidney Pills. After he had taken them two days we could see a change and when he had taken two thirds of a bottle he was cured. That is about six weeks ago and he has not wet in the bed since."

Snyder Drug Company.

Go ahead and make your new year resolutions, even you do break them. You will feel better to be good for only a few days.

Governor Colebitz proposes to see that the Alamo is preserved and is kept sacred as a memory of the struggle of the early days in Texas.

Judge Ramsey contends that our laws are alright but the trouble is they are so often wrongly construed and poorly enforced.

F. M. Cornelius and family are moving into their new home, the Samples place near the Central High school building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Tax Assessor—
JOE MERRITT
D. E. BANKS
A. (Pat) JOHNSTON

GLENN'S

Sing me a song of sadness,
Sing me no song of woe,
Life has enough of sadness,
Let all your dirges go.
Cheer me with merry laughter,
Rouse me with songs of glee,
Leave for the long hereafter,
Wailing and misery.

Never a song bird swinging
Out in the apple tree,
Wastes ever a moment singing,
A sorrowful melody,
Always the notes are cheery,
Always his songs are glad,
Sing not your dirges drear,
Sing me no song that's sad!

For life has enough of weeping,
And life has enough of rain,
And many a soul is keeping,
A grief that's akin to pain.
So sing not a song of sorrow,
That starts up our tears again,
But sing of the bright tomorrow,
And gladden the hearts of men.
—Detroit Free Press.

The Danger of La Grippe

Is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kansas says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of lagrippe that threatened pneumonia. A friend advised Foley's Honey and Tar compound and I got relief after taking the first few doses. I took three bottles and my la grippe was cured. Get the genuine in the yellow package. Snyder Drug Company.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

A \$75,000 trust company has been organized by Seguin business men to begin operations soon after January 1st.

Plans are being made to build an inter-state highway from Tahoka to for bond issues.

T. R. James & Sons of Fort Worth filed an amendment changing its name to the James-Mickle-Schow Company and increasing its capital stock from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Arrangements have been made all over North Texas and Oklahoma to concentrate hides and wool in Fort Worth for direct shipment from their to the tanners.

During the past week there went forward from Texas points more than 100 cars of mistletoe, 50 cars of hollydayberry and evergreen leaves, over 500,000 turkeys and equally as many ducks, geese and chickens to help brighten the Christmas tables of the East and North. About 100,000 cedar Christmas trees were also shipped.

Lightning in the Winter.

Is a queer phenomenon, but there is nothing queer about the quick relief given to rheumatism by Hunts Lightning Oil. John Coffman, Route 2, Shawnee, Oklahoma says: "My wife is over 66 years old and had rheumatism in her neck and the first application did the work, and we will keep it on hand always. 25 and 50 cent bottles.

See Jas. R. Welch for a farm loan at low rate of interest. Office over Lockhart's Barber Shop.

Richmond Pearson Hobson

America's Greatest Young Man.

Warrior, Orator, Statesman.

Court House, January 6th, Seats sale at Snyder Drug Store.

To The Public

We have sold our stock of goods to Blackard Brothers, retaining all notes and accounts due us, and will pay all indebtedness of the firm.

In retiring from business we desire to thank our friends and customers very kindly for their very liberal patronage during our stay in business and hope our business and our treatment has been satisfactory and pleasant to everyone.

We have endeavored to conduct our business on that broad plan of fair treatment to everybody which has merited your liberal support.

We are very anxious to get all our outstanding indebtedness closed up, and all persons indebted to us for any amount, either on note or account are requested to call at once and make satisfactory adjustment.

We will greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this matter, thus avoiding further delay and expense.

Yours very truly,
McCULLOUGH HDWE CO.

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is a reliable family medicine. Give it to your children and take it yourself when you feel a cold coming on. It checks and cures coughs and colds and croup and prevents bronchitis and pneumonia.

Snyder Drug Company.

A bunch of keys, either on the road to or in Fluvanna or between there and Justiceburg. Finder of these return to W. W. Nelson, Snyder, Texas and get pay for your trouble.

system regulator is a medicine strengthens and stimulates the kidneys, stomach and bowels. Pr ly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of the brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits.

There is not a county in West Texas that can skin Scurry county on the supply of good water.

Do not allow your kidney and bladder trouble to develop beyond the reach of medicine. Take Foley's Kidney Pills They give quick results and stop irregularities, with surprising promptness.

Snyder Drug Company.

Mrs. Eugene Ainsworth and Mrs. J. E. Jones returned today to Fluvanna after a visit with friends in this city.

Miss Jennie Lewis of City the city the day at her Mrs. Willie V. Lewis.

DRY GOODS SALE

High Class Goods Now at Very Liberal Reductions

Men's Overcoats, 7 to \$8, now - - - \$5.00
 Men's Overcoats 12 to \$15, now - - - \$10
 Men's and Boy's Suits in proportion.
 Men's Sweaters 75c grade, now - - - 50c
 Men's Underwear, 50c grade now a garment 42 1-2c
 Boys' Underwear, 35c grade now a garment 27 1-2c
 Men's Hats 3.50, now for - - - \$3.00
 Men's Hats 2.25, now for - - - \$2.00

Men's Hats 1.75, now for - - - \$1.50
 We have a few out sizes in Boots from 8 to 21, we are closing out at cost.
 30 pr. Men's \$4 and \$5. Shoes at - - - \$3.00
 Ladies Underwear 35c grade at per garment - - 25c
 Ladies' sweaters 3.50 for 2.25
 Ladies sweaters \$2.00 for \$1.50
 Ladies cloaks and shirts at great a discount. These Prices hold good until January 15th.

These Prices Hold Good Until January 15, 1912
T. L. McMillan & Company

ELECTION YEAR 1912

The People Will be Called Upon to Say Who Shall Serve Them in Official Capacity.

The year 1912 is election year throughout the length and breadth of our country. There are many offices of varying degrees of responsibility and emolument to be filled but all these positions are of equal honor. As to the faithfulness of service and the loyal patriotism of American citizenship one of the beauties of our country is that every free man has an inherent right to stand for election to office place, our laws make no discrimination as to the rights of men. It is a good point in our laws that we have provided for an election every two years thus giving to the people a right to change offices periodically and to keep account of how the public affairs are handled.

This is the first week of the year and all our country and precinct officers are to be filled. Fortunately we have lots of worthy, competent citizens and some of these are aspiring to office place.

Mr. Joe Merritt comes before the people of Scurry county as a candidate for County Tax Assessor, subject to the democratic primaries. He is an honest, industrious farmer and well qualified to discharge the duties of the office. See his announcement in this paper.

Pat Johnson for Assessor.

Among the first bunch of patriotic citizens to enter the Signal's announcement column this week is A. (Pat) Johnson, who comes before the Democrats of Scurry county asking to be nominated for the office of County Tax Assessor.

Pat Johnson is so well and favorably known to the people of this county that it is hardly necessary to introduce him to the public.

He has had several years of active experience in assessing and collecting and is familiar with the duties of the office. He is an honorable, courteous and reliable man and fully capable to handle the business of the office to which he aspires.

If elected he will do his whole duty without fear or favors. Consider his claims and fitness when you go to vote.

D. E. Banks for Assessor

D. E. Banks comes before the people of Scurry county this week, seeking the Democratic nomination for the office of Tax Assessor. Mr. Banks is well and favorably known throughout the county as a sober, conscientious and capable business man.

He possesses the qualifications necessary for a reliable, public officer, namely, honesty, integrity, capability and a disposition to do his full duty.

If elected he will give his faithful energies to the discharge of the duties of the office. Consider his aims.

Read his announcement: the voters of Scurry County—I am announcing in this issue of the Signal for the office of Assessor of Scurry County. I am here in this county for twenty-one years and am with most everyone that are very long and I am

A Letter

To our friends and customers:

The old year with its joys and sorrows has gone. The new one, 1912, is born to us with new hopes and anticipations. We wish for you that your efforts may be crowned with success, and your reward be bountiful. We are thankful to you for your liberal patronage, your kind assistance and many favors in making our business as successful as it is. We have made every effort to be of service to you and please you in every detail, and by way of greeting, we wish to assure each and everyone of you that during the future it shall ever be our aim to treat you as courteously as we know how, sell you our goods as cheaply as is consistent with good merchandising, and be ready at all times to make our word good to the letter about any and all transactions that it may be our pleasure to have with you. We do not claim to be infallible, but we do claim to be manly enough to correct errors and mistakes when called to our attention and feel grateful toward you for correction.

Our efforts toward success in this business have been crowned with phenomenal success, conditions considered. If thrift, energy, fair dealing, and an ordinary amount of judgement and common sense, will bring continued success, it is ours.

We thank you one and all, and wishing you a prosperous and happy 1912.

Yours for bigger and better things,

BOREN BROTHERS,

Proprietors of The Arcade.

willing for you to say whether I am the one to fill this place or not and if you entrust it to my care, I shall try my very best to make you an efficient officer and shall look after the duties of the office to the very best of my ability. I propose to attend to the making out of the tax rolls and to all other duties of the office in a business like way and shall try to treat everyone with the degree of courtesy due him. I have always voted the Democratic ticket and will run subject to the action of the July primaries. I hope I may have your support and if elected I will show my appreciation by giving the very best service I can.

I am very truly,
D. E. BANKS.

Joe Merritt For Tax Assessor.

To the voters and citizens of Scurry county.

I take this method of announcing my candidacy for the office of Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

In this announcement I wish to state that I have been a citizen of

Scurry county for better than six years, coming to this country to get a home. I bought a little piece of land five miles south of Snyder partly on the credit and grubbed me out a little farm and have there resided every since, and have tried to live a life worthy of being called an honest man and shall make this race on my own merits and not on the demerits of any one, promising if elected to give every tax payer a square deal.

I shall endeavor to see every voter in the county before the election but I will be compelled to make a crop and of course that will call for a good portion of my time at home on my cultivator, but shall ask a thorough investigation, if you find me worthy, I will appreciate your vote and influence.

Respectfully yours
 Joe Merritt.

When you have a bad cold you want the best medicine obtainable so as to cure it with as little delay as possible. Here is a druggist's opinion: "I have sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for fifteen years," says Enos Lollar of Saratoga, Ind., "and consider it the best on the market." Sold by all dealers.

"In a word," says the Houston Chronicle "the south can be the richest agricultural region on the globe without growing a single lock of cotton. Of course, it will not do that, and will we believe, each year abandon this wonderful crop. But produce more corn, meat, milk, butter, fruit and garden truck, thus placing its farmers in position to demand at all times a fair price for their crop instead of being as it is now too often, a sole dependance and a broken staff." To this the Waco Times-Herald adds its amen in the following comments: "That's the right talk. Were the southern people shut up to cotton as their one crop, their might be some reason in devoting to it so much labor and care. But southern soil and southern climate will yield practically every product for the sustenance of man and beast and hence it is supreme folly to put so much dependence on cotton. The call of the hour, insofar as the south is concerned is greater diversification on the farm. The all-cotton farmer plays a losing game 365 days in the year.

GOOD ADVICE FOR SNYDER PEOPLE

People in Snyder, who have constipation, sour stomach or gas on the stomach should use simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc as compounded in Adler-i-ka, the new German Appendicitis Remedy. A single dose brings relief almost instantly because this simple mixture antiseptically cleanses the digestive organs and draws off the impurities.

Snyder Drug Company.

Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press.—United States Constitution.

Well Rig for Sale.

I have a Number 4 well rig and an International Gasoline engine for sale at a bargain. Will take some trade.

S. L. JOHNSON.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed, you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for Circulars free.

F. J. CHENEY and CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

H. B. Goodrich, a consulting geologist and expert examiner of petroleum lands, whose home is in Allston, Massachusetts is here looking into the Snyder oil field. The splendid oil prospects here are attracting lots of strangers to Snyder and as the interest grows, the influx of strangers will increase. Snyder is apt to be known as the Oil City of West Texas.

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound "Cures in Every Case."

Mr. Jas. McCaffrey, Mgr. of the Schlitz Hotel, Omaha, Neb., recommends Foley's Honey and Tar Compound because it cures in every case. "I have used it myself and I have recommended it to others who have since told me of its great curative powers in diseases of the throat and lungs." For all coughs and colds it is speedily effective.

Snyder Drug Company.

Coal and Wood

We have the exclusive Agency of the celebrated Sunshine Maitland Fancy Lump Coal that we guarantee to be free from dust or sut and all to burn up, with 5 per cent white ashes. And to last longer pound for pound than any other coal on the market.

We also have good DRY OAK wood CUT and SPLIT to suit our customers Phone us, 262, your order and we will do the st.

Snyder Fuel Co

Foley Kidney Pills

always give satisfaction because they always do the work. J. T. Shelnut of Bremen Ga., says: "I have used Foley Kidney Pills with great satisfaction and found more relief from the use than from any other kidney medicine and I've tried almost all kinds. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers of kidney and bladder trouble.

Snyder Drug Company.

When you want to buy some good machinery at a low price, I will have a lot at my place next Saturday and Monday, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1, one mile west of Snyder.

D. D. DANIELS

Look 100 coaches pulled by Santa Fe engine

No need that, but look for the F. U. Gin Co's ad in this paper each week. We will gin Monday the 10th, Wednesday the 12th and Friday the 12th of next week.

F. U. GIN CO.

CONDITION FINE IN WEST TEXAS

W. C. Forbess, of Texas Traction Co. Makes Statement in Fort Worth.

That West Texas is in far better condition than it has been for years is the statement of W. C. Forbess, assistant General Manager of the Northern Texas Traction Company, who on Monday returned from a week's visit in that section of the country. "That country has had an unprecedented heavy rainfall and there is plenty of stock water and a good season in the ground. The farmers are optimistic and look for a great year," Mr. Forbess said. —Fort Worth Record.

Southward Trend of Empire York World:

The speaker of the national house Mr. Clark, makes the prediction that the stream of migration, southward in this country would soon be come as great as that which poured into the West during the past half century. He clearly anticipates for the Southern States a density of population equal to that of the most favored East and West Belt of the North.

If climatic extremes explain the comparatively thin population of the equatorial latitudes, they do not explain the like thinness of population in the whole Southern hemisphere. While the north temperate zone has a population averaging probably forty to the square mile throughout and 100 through a broad central belt the South temperate zone has a population averaging much less than ten per square mile.

Half of South America still has a population no larger than at its discovery by Europeans. Africa which holds the remains of the oldest known civilization, is to a very great extent as thinly or more thinly populated than many centuries ago.

Australasia with all its recent occupation by Caucasians, has a population of less than 2 per square mile. European migration to the more favored regions of South America is increasing markedly, but the stream is still small as compared with the westward flow from Europe.

The weight of opinion in anthropology still holds the old belief that the race has a common origin, and that its cradle was somewhere in southern Asia. No one locates it below the equator and some locate it in the far north where the earth first became habitable in the cooling process.

The facts as given strengthen the theory of a northern point as a man's original habitation. He has been disposed first to fill up that half of the earth where the race first found itself.

But the time cannot now be far distant when the great westward trend of human migration will give way to one southward more pronounced than any history has yet known, and the region which will gain first and most from it is our own Southland, which after all is no very far South.

Zero weather with rain or snow was billed for Fort Worth Saturday night. The Panhandle was already tied up in a blizzard. Come to West Texas.

TO CUT THE APPROPRIATIONS

Democrats in the House to Eliminate \$325,000 President Taft Wants.

Democrats of the House of Representatives plan to eliminate from the next Sundry civil appropriation bill the \$225,000 appropriation for the President's tariff board, the \$75,000 appropriation for the economy commission, and the \$25,000 appropriation for the President's travelling expenses.

Democratic members of the Appropriations Committee are understood to be unanimously in favor of this elimination programme and they believe the cutting out of the expenditure of \$325,000 all of which is under the direction of the President will meet with the approval of the majority party in the house.

The sundry civil bill will be ready for submission to the House in January and the democrats plan to defend the denial of the quarter of a million dollars appropriation on the tariff board on the ground that the very principle of a tariff body under the supervision of the President is undemocratic. They further will point out that the Constitution gives to the House of Representatives the power of initiative, in revenue legislation and will contend that a presidentially controlled tariff board practically amounts to a usurpation of this power.

The House Democratic members have an economy plan of their own and will insist that the maintenance of the economy commission is a waste of money and time. They will argue that the House Expenditures Committee for the various departments of the Government can take care of any economy that may be needed if members of the cabinet fail to discover extravagancies of administration.

As far as the President's travelling expenses are concerned, the Democrats feel that the annual appropriation of \$25,000 for that purpose is being used against the Democratic and they propose to cut it off for that reason.

These eliminated, it was certain to provoke lively discussion when the sundry civil bill is reported.

MENINGITIS IS IN DALLAS AND WACO

Schools are Closed in Dallas on Account of Dreaded Malady.— Many Cases

Abilene Reporter: Miss Lockett who is spending the holidays here and who is a teacher in the Dallas city schools has decided to remain here for the rest of the week on account of the fact that the schools are closed in the city of Dallas, pending developments in the meningitis epidemic which is said to be very serious there among pupils of the schools.

The disease is raging in Waco according to a telephone message last night received by Mrs. Geo. Morse, from her sister, Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Morse says that there are twenty five cases in the city of Waco and the newspaper reports from Dallas give an equal number of cases there, while in Oak Cliff seventeen cases are reported in a letter from there received by a lady of this city from a friend residing there.

The disease is in a very virulent form at both places and is always of a serious nature.

Eve, the Model Mother.

Chicago Tribune: In spite of the fact that Adam and Eve raised Cain, they were cited as model parents for the mothers and fathers of Oak Park in a sermon by Prof. William C. Hermann of the Lutheran Institute at the Evangelical Lutheran church. His topic was "Adam and Eve Model Parents."

If modern parents were as good Christians as Adam and Eve, the children of today would be better," said the speaker. "Our first parents reared their children for the world to come. The tendency of parents today is to train their children for this world alone. Adam and Eve lived a quiet and retired life, after their expulsion from the garden of Eden. They devoted their time to teaching their children Christianity. Eve was so imbued with the spirit of Christianity that when her first child was born she considered him to be the Savior that had been promised to the world, and therefore named him Cain, meaning a gift from God."

"But in spite of their Christian teaching, Adam and Eve failed to keep both of their sons on the right path. Cain did not gain favor in the sight of God, because he became a genuine sport.

Who can wonder that a great many honest and patriotic men have been led, after unsuccessful efforts to render timely service to the people, to stop short with the inquiry, "What's the use." Why should a man risk his fortune and his life in effort to improve the conditions of people who are unable or unwilling to appreciate good government. The people of Mexico are being misled by demagogues and taught to expect impossible blessings. Madero is being roundly abused for not giving to both the demagogues and their dupes all they desire in offices, honors, sinecures and pensions. The people are said to be sorely disappointed. Many of them have found it quite easy, even during the past year, to live by raiding and robbery. Many of them are wholly averse to settling down to orderly industrial life. They have been worked up to the fighting point by ambitious leaders for whom rich offices have not been found by the Madero Government.—Dallas News.

There was an exodus of mop dealers from Snyder this week. Charlie Cooper goes back to Sweetwater, Oscar Jackson and Med Ellis will go to Knox county, Tom McMillan, E. B. Barnes and Charlie Barless have gone to San Angelo and the other boys are scattered about other fields.

The people who have been reading up on weather forecasts are expecting rough weather throughout January and February. The prognosticators include lots of snow and rain in their schedule and West Texas people feel very hopeful that this is the meaning of a good crop year.

A couple of small boys got out in the rear of the East Side Cafe today and were throwing rocks and breaking out windows. City Marshall Kelly captured them and was about to lock them in jail, but Mr. McGee proprietor of the place pleaded with the officer to not be hard on them. They promised to be good and were let off for the time, but if they ever do such mischief again, Mr. Kelly will not be so easy on them.

We should begin right today, and not even wait until tomorrow to lay plans for our Dallas Fair exhibit next fall. We can begin now and our display can be made the biggest end of the Fair.

LYNCHING RECORD FOR 1911

Sixty Persons Lynched in United States During Year.—All But Two Were Negroes.

The lynching record, during 1911 shows a distinct, though slight improvement over the records of previous years. The number of persons lynched since Jan. 1, sixty—is less than that of any other year, slightly.

All but two of the sixty persons lynched were negroes. Of the fifty eight negroes, one was a woman.

The crimes charged against these victims range all the way from insult to criminal assault and murder. Georgia leads with the most lynchings, seven lynchings occurring in thirteen states. All of these were Southern or border states, except Pennsylvania which furnished the only instance of the year where the victim was burned at the stake.

Contrary to the record of previous years the majority of victims were not accused of crimes against women. The victims accused of attacks on women numbered 18 while 31 were accused of murder. Two negroes were lynched for insulting white women, 4 for attempted murder, one for threatened murder, one for highway robbery and one for persistent stealing. Two were charged with plain assault and one was being held as a suspicious character.

In several instances race riots were reported in which both whites and blacks were killed. These are not included in the record of the year. In the general record, the word "lynching" has been held to apply only to the summary punishment inflicted by a mob or by any number of citizens on a person alleged to have committed a crime for which in the ordinary courses that persons would have been tried by law.

Here is a woman who speaks from personal knowledge and long experience, Mrs. P. H. Brogan, of Wilson, Pa., who says, "I know from experience that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is far superior to any other. For croup there is nothing that excels it." For sale by all dealers.

Misrepresentatives.

A bill is now before Congress to pay all old Federal soldiers who served during the civil war, a pension of one dollar a day whether they need it or not. The Congressmen are falling over themselves to support it. It is a bit of sop for the old soldier's vote and is outrageous.—Hall County Herald.

A large majority of the Democratic Congressmen voted for that shameful grab. They did it frankly to secure the benefit in the "doubtful States" next year. What shall it profit a Democratic people to gain all the offices and lose their own democracy? Why commit the Democratic party to class legislation so gross that even its apologists have to defend it on "policy grounds? Why should anybody have any confidence in a party that votes the tax payers' money away to clamorous applicants merely in order to secure the votes of the clamorers? Isn't self respect of some value even in a political party with a long string of cowardly evasions to its discredit? As far as the Republican party is concerned nothing better was expected of it.—State Press in Dallas News.

The South has carried the burden of an increasing pension roll for Union soldiers and had hoped to be rid of it some time, but it is growing on us. This last stunt is a bald piece of demagoguism and is just as reprehensible in Democrats as it ever was in Republicans and the Signal doesn't propose to apologize for it.

The local paper is the only one identified with home interests. It takes note of every happening in your town and you will find a weekly record of everything of interest transpiring in the place. It furnishes a complete compendium of its history, and the longer it continues the more are its interests interwoven with yours. It gives your town notoriety and reputation abroad and puts it in close relation with the outside world. It is a living indicator of your daily business and a chronicle of all that transpires from day to day and year to year. Stand by it and encourage it to go on improving and adding to your prosperity during the year 1912.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Prof. L. H. Hubbard of Belton in an address before the State Association of Teachers, in Waco, advocated the elimination of second grade certificates and allowing the holders of first grade certificates to teach. That would take a great number of our best teachers out of the ranks. A good second grade teacher can do just as good work in our country schools as a College professor with a long string of big letters to his name.

WAS IN QUANAH.

Rev. Chas. Brewer, Implicated in Dynamiting, Could Not Have Been In It.

Kansas City, Kas., Dec. 2

congregation in Quanah, Texas, hereing Rev. Chas. M. Brewer preach a sermon on "practical Christianity" at the time of the blowing up of the government bridge at Fort Riley, Kansas in which the pastor was implicated through the confession of private Michal Quirk according to a statement made here today by Rev. Mr. Brewer. The minister was passing through the city on his way from Olustee, Oklahoma, to his home at Fort Riley where he says he will investigate conditions leading up to his arrest and demand that the government officials make an explanation.

Mr. Brewer stated that his sole mission in Quanah was to clear his name of the charge made against him which he says is absolutely unwarranted. Several officers found out after they had made a quick investigation, says he wants to know who is responsible for mixing his name with it.

The minister declared there must be some person mixing his name in the matter, says that he does not know private Michal Quirk.

Brewer, who was formerly army chaplain, was held under arrest for three days and when the government authorities failed to send for him after he had telegraphed the federal authorities at Fort Riley that he was ready to go there, he was released. Now he is going to Fort Riley on his own accord.

SCARBOROUGH IMPROVED

Snyder Man Says He is Contemplating Building a Third Store to the Campbell Store.

Abilene Reporter:

While in our city a few days ago Dr. A. O. Scarborough in talking to a reporter of this paper, indicated his intention of building a third story to his building now occupied by T. C. Campbell, the dry goods king of Abilene, as Mr. Campbell has manifested his desire for an enlargement of the building in order to take care of his ever enlarging business.

Dr. Scarborough says he is building another brick block at Snyder despite the hard times and that he is not afraid of his investments in Abilene.

He thinks that he knows the country will come back and that right away.

Objects to Story.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson objects to the picture of her husband as presented in "The Long Roll" by Mary Johnston. She quotes a friend of General Jackson as saying of the frontispiece that it is featureless and mor like the likeness of some brutal prize-fighter of physically fine figure for all animal and without one spark of mental illumination. Mrs. Jackson says that she herself never knew the "old forage cap" nor the habit, sucking lemons attributed to General Jackson, and harped upon so much by Miss Johnston. The widow also traces her husband's ancestry back to the best Americans, denying that he was descendant of plebeians and boors, as she says the story intimates.

Figure With Us . . .

BECAUSE we are headquarters for anything in building and Fencing Line. Our prices are right, and in quality we excel. Full line of the Sherwin-Williams Paints.

THE SNYDER LUMBER CO.



There is a structure which every institution builds for itself. It is called character, and every act is a stone in this structure. An institution in order to have a good character, must think honestly, act honestly, breathe honestly. The people soon determine between the genuine and the counterfeit. They know the ring of the true metal and the base. —L. M. Jones . . . On this the whole structure of our bank is based. The increasing business is a guarantee that it is appreciated by depositors. Accounts of companies and individuals solicited. Every facility given consistent with conservative banking.

Snyder National Bank

JIM DAWSON

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in

Colorado, McAlester, Texas New Mexico and Smithing Coal.

WOOD ALWAYS IN HAND

No. 272

Signal \$1 a year

Higginbotham-Harris & Co.

Dealers In

Lumber, Wire, Posts, Paints and Oils. Screen Doors and Wire Cloth.

Snyder,

Texas

D.E. Banks

The Up-To-Date Saddle and Harness Man

I make any kind of shop made goods that you want and at the right prices. If you don't want to buy, bring something around and trade me for a new set of harness or saddle.

SHOE SHOP IN CONNECTION

Prize Offer To Users of Newbro's Herpicide

We are very enthusiastic about the virtues of NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE. It is our candid belief that if every citizen of Snyder to try HERPICIDE for a little while, that the vast majority of them will be so pleased with the result that they would feel obligations to us for calling their attention to it.

To encourage this trial in Snyder, we have arranged to value premiums to the first thirty persons who bring the coupon in this advertisement to our store and purchase a \$1 size bottle of NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE.

The first six buying a \$1.00 size bottle will receive a dollar FREE—Two bottles for the price of one.

The second six will be given a fifty cent size bottle FREE.

The next six will be presented with a box of Gallogly's delightful weed cream. This cream is made by the Herpicide Company and is very superior for the skin. It sells for fifty cents everywhere. You get a box FREE.

The following twelve people are given a cake of Herpicide Aseptic Tar Soap, the usual price of which is 25 cents. This is a very fine soap for shampoo purposes, having none of the injurious effects, so frequently experienced. If among the lucky twelve you get a cake FREE.

Save and Beautify the Hair

For preserving and making the hair beautiful, nothing is superior to HERPICIDE. It destroys and removes dandruff which is a deadly enemy to nice hair. Regularly applied this wonderful remedy makes the hair healthy, prevents its coming out, and causes it to become light, fluffy and beautiful. The itching stops almost instantly.

The one dollar size bottle of NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE is positively guaranteed by us. Your money back if not satisfied.

OWL DRUG STORE

Special Agent.

This is the coupon entitling you to premium. Cut it out now—don't wait until tomorrow—make sure of a bargain—buy today.

COUPON NO.

Received from the OWL DRUG STORE as premium with my purchase of one dollar size bottle of Newbro's Herpicide as follows: ONE

- Dollar Size Bottle of Newbro's Herpicide.
- Fifty Cent Size Bottle of Newbro's Herpicide
- Box of Gallogly's Sea Cream.
- Cake of Herpicide Aseptic Tar Soap.

Name
Street
City State

Indicate your premium Received by drawing pen through the others.

Snyder Barber Shop
Satisfaction. Our work motto: "Keep Clean."
Snyder, Texas

Men in Snyder go to
STRAYHORN
for
Bringing Plows, Harness, Saddles
All Kinds of Leather Goods
Fine line of Buggy Whips and Lap Robes
East Side Square Successor to Stimson Bros.

Couldn't Walk!

"I used to be troubled with a weakness peculiar to women," writes Mrs. Anna Jones, of Kenny, Ill. "For nearly a year, I could not walk, without holding my sides. I tried several different doctors, but I grew worse. Finally, a druggist advised Cardui for my complaint. I was soon better, my weight was 115. Now, I weigh 163, and I am never sick. I ride horseback as good as ever. I am in the health at 52 years."

TAKE CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

We have thousands of such letters, and more are coming in daily. Such earnest testimony from those who have tried it, surely proves the great value of this vegetable, tonic medicine, for women.

Cardui relieves women's sufferings, and builds weak women up to health and strength. If you are a woman, give it a trial. It should help you, for it has helped a million others. It is made from pure, harmless, herb ingredients, which act promptly and surely on the womanly organs. It is a good tonic. Try it! Your druggist sells it.

For Ladies' Attention Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 58

Woody-Smith Oil Field.
The new Woody-Smith Oil Field contract, three and a half miles South of Snyder on Deep creek is now open to the public and the following is the subscription contract terms: The State of Texas, County of Scurry:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, the undersigned agree to purchase and pay for, the number of lots set opposite our names, out of the Woody-Smith Oil Field, which is to be on the west side of Section No. 127 in block 3, H. and G. N. R. R. Co. survey in Scurry county Texas, and which is to be divided into lots 30x40 feet, less 300 ft square, on which there is to be a well sunk, as deep as the Snyder Development Company's will be sunk.

To bring in a paying well; all lot owners are to have and own, a 1-2 unit interest in the net proceeds of this well, a unit being a lot, all lots to be sold at \$25.00 twenty five dollars per lot. This subscription is a condition; that if within thirty days after the Snyder Development Company's well is brought in a success, and Oil and Gas is realized in paying quantities, each of us agree to and with the said Woody-Smith, Trustee, same being H. B. Patterson, to pay at Snyder, Texas; the value of the number of lots placed opposite our names, either in cash or in satisfactory notes, due as follows, to wit:

Six months after date without interest, or 12 months from date with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

All cash payments to receive a 10 per cent discount, if paid within 30 days from date of purchasing said lot or lots.

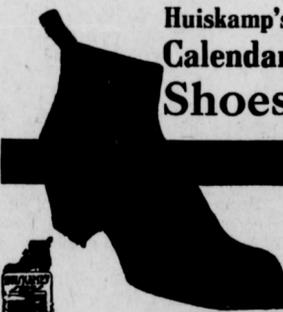
Referring to the foregoing, I desire to state that terms will be made by which any honorable person may own a lot in this oil field whether he can make a bankable note or not.

Take Notice—The binding force of the foregoing contracts depends upon the success of the Snyder Oil well. If that proves a success, then the Woody-Smith contract becomes in full force and intent. Should the Snyder well prove of no value, then the Woody-Smith contract will be null and void and no subscriber will be held liable.

E. K. SMITH,
General Manager of the Woody-Smith

A Word
To the good Widows of Scurry and adjoining counties:
In case the Woody-Smith oil field is put upon the market I will be able and it will be my pleasure to guarantee to you at least one or more lots, so you can be in condition to fight the wolf.

I was once a poor working widow myself. So subscribe to the Woody Smith fund.
I will take care of you.
Yours faithfully,
MRS. E. K. SMITH,



Huiskamp's Calendar Shoes

efforts of the shoe-maker's art. There is nothing better on the market at any price for quality, style and comfort.

For service they lead all others. Instead of selling for \$5.00 and \$6.00 like other fine shoes, Calendar Shoes sell for \$4.00.

Every pair of these shoes has a calendar attached so you can mark the date of purchase and see for yourself how much better and longer they wear than any shoe you ever had on your feet.

DAVIS & NATION

A Box Top.

A box top was found near the railroad track this morning with the regulation express marks on it, together with other marks to indicate where the box came from, and the number of quarts it contained.

The name of the consignee had been carefully and completely rubbed out. The people who saw the box top were disposed to wonder what any one man could want with so many bottles of booze, till one man said that it indicated to him that there had been some bootlegging.

Lester Stimson is in Snyder for a few days.

COUNTY COURT IN SESSION

Many Cases on Criminal Docket Taken Up This Week and Disposed Of in Order.

County Court is busy this week on the criminal docket and the following cases have been disposed of.

John Pearce, giving liquor to a minor, dismissed.

Glen Smith, giving liquor to minor, not guilty.

Clarence Brown, vagrancy, continued.

W. B. Vaughan, aggravated assault, dismissed.

W. B. Vaughan, carrying pistol, fined \$100.

Gen. Monte, aggravated assault, fined \$25.

John Gladson, aggravated assault, fined \$25.

Bob Gray, simple assault, fined \$10.

H. F. Dollman, aggravated assault, fined \$25.

Temple Thompson, giving liquor to minor, fined \$25.

The case of J. O. Brooks charged with gaming is on trial this evening.

The following is a list of the petit jury for the week.

- C. L. Ezell.
- L. D. Grantham.
- Joe Carter.
- J. L. Parsons.
- J. P. Watts.
- J. C. Maxwell.
- S. T. Elza.
- J. M. Pagan.
- L. M. Deavours.
- J. W. Stewart.
- Joe Merritt.
- John Browning.

Must Pay Poll Tax Before Feb. 1st.
To Entitle To Vote Poll Tax Must Be Paid Before Feb. 1.

County Tax Collector W. M. Curry desires that special notice be taken of the following ruling of the Attorney General, sent out some days ago from Austin relating to payment of poll taxes. This is a matter of vital importance to all good citizens. It says:

Austin, Texas, Dec. 22.—Following this ruling that special Deputy Tax Collectors can not go about over the country collecting poll taxes indiscriminately, Assistant Attorney General Mead has ruled that it will be unlawful for a Tax Collector to issue any poll tax after Feb. 1, even though the payment for it was made prior to that time and within the period fixed for the payment of poll taxes; that is, the receipts may be issued but they can not be used for voting purposes.

In times gone by the collector accepted the payments before February 1st, but owing to the rush, he did not issue the receipts until after that date and mailed them out dated prior to February 1st. Such receipts may satisfy for taxing purposes, but they can not be used for voting purposes, Mr. Mead rules.

Prominent Leaders Aare Arrested.

Three Prominent Leaders are Arrested Charged With Dynamiting Plots.

Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 31.—After the indictment and arrest of three prominent western labor leaders in this city today on a charge of being connected with the alleged nationwide dynamiting conspiracy, the Statement was made public by Oscar Lawler, special government prosecutor dictated before his departure from this city.

Notwithstanding the emphatic protests of the so-called labor leaders of their opposition to the dynamiting practices indulged in by the McNamaras, not one of them has lifted a hand to aid the officers of the law to discover the truth. On the contrary there has been a decided disposition to impede such efforts.

The name of organized labor has been prostituted by a band of criminals and they who assert that have been deceived by the McNamaras, unless they come forward and make a full and complete exposition of their dastardly operations, doubts as to the good faith of such assertions are amply justified.

New Year's Night Revelry.

There was a reasonable showing of jubilation Sunday night to usher in the New Year. The ringing of bells and blowing of whistles announced that the hour had come.

The old Methodist church bell was swung on the Faught street bridge and was made to do good service.

Dr. Joseph Daly is here professionally from Abilene.

BELL-FICKAS WEDDING

Two Popular and Worthy Young People Joined in Holy Wedding.

Mr. Roland Bell and Miss Ethel Fickas both of this city were married at eight o'clock Thursday night at the First Baptist church in the presence of a large congregation of friends and neighbors.

It was a pretty arranged church affair and every appointment was faithfully observed.

The church was decorated in pink and white with a background of ferns and lilies. The altar was supported by four white columns, twined about with cedar, while over the altar place was suspended a large, white wedding bell touched with pink.

Mr. G. G. Hazel and Mr. Olin Hardy officiated as ushers and when the guests had been seated, Mrs. Tom Logan at the piano and appropriate wedding number while Miss Lizzie Watkins very charmingly sang "With You."

Mr. and Mrs. Logan then rendered the wedding march as the wedding party approached the altar. The ushers led the way down each side aisle, on the left came in order, wearing pink messaline costumes, carrying pink prayer books and foregline-nots, Misses Vela Bell, Lela Porter and Lenora Bibbee, while on the right in white costume, came Misses Lyda Huffman, Dannie Lee Sears and Lizzie Eubank.

These passing the altar place and up the center aisle, formed a double line near the entrance.

Then came the little flower girls, Erma Taylor and Ernestine Rosser, followed by the bride, supported by her sister, Mrs. Joe Taylor. Simultaneously, from the rear entrance, came the groom, attended by Mr. J. M. Patterson as best man.

The company formed an attractive group at the altar where in a forceful and impressive ceremony, Rev. M. S. Bishop, in official and pastoral capacity, placed the seal of the State and invoked the blessings of God upon the union of these two lives and hearts.

The bride was dressed in white Princess lace over messaline, cut entrane with flowing bridal veil and carried Bride's roses.

The groom wore the conventional black.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Fickas. She has lived here most of her life and is held in high esteem for her many excellent qualities of heart and mind.

The groom has lived in Snyder for about two years and is foreman of the Signal newspaper and job printing business. He is a young man of sterling character, honorable, conscientious and industrious.

The Signal feels an especial interest in this young couple and extends hearty congratulations and wishes for them, an abundant share of happiness and prosperity.

After the wedding the bridal party went to the parental home where refreshments were served and a pleasant hour was spent in congratulations and inspecting the abundant collection of beautiful and useful wedding gifts from friends here and elsewhere.

Other presents and telegrams have been received today.

Packers Fined if Found Competing Asserts Witness.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Forty cents a hundred pounds was the penalty assessed against members of the old packers' pool who overshipped their allotment into any particular territory and the amount was distributed among the members discriminated against.

The amounts were paid by check every week immediately after the meetings at which the packers reviewed the shipment of the preceding week.

This information regarding the inside workings of the pool in the period between 1893 and 1896 was given by Henry Veeder when he resumed his testimony in the trial of the ten Chicago packers before United States District Judge Carpenter today.

As members the witness mentioned specifically, Armour and Company, the Armour Packing Company, Cudahy and Company, G. H. Hammond and Company, Morris and Co., and Swift and Co.

The witness gave a detailed description of the method used in figuring the percentages to be shipped by each member into the different territories.

As the people start in to farming this year they might plant out and feed stuff and broom corn and thereby find that they do better than to grow so much cotton.

RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED

Judge Smith in His Administration of School Affairs as Well as His Entire Administration

At the closing of the Scurry county Teachers Institute recently held at Hermleigh, the following resolutions were adopted thanking the people of Hermleigh for their generous hospitality and the various means adopted for entertainment, and also expressing endorsement of Judge Smith's administration.

The resolution is as follows.

We your committee on resolutions beg to report the following: That whereas the Scurry county Teachers Institute assembled at Hermleigh, Texas, December 18 to 22nd, inclusive, that the good citizenship of Hermleigh have thrown open their homes to the members of this institute and have shown in every way possible their willingness to contribute to our welfare and happiness while among them.

Therefore be it resolved that we offer to them our sincere thanks for their hospitality shown us while here.

Be it further resolved that we extend our thanks and appreciation to the people of Hermleigh for their splendid reception given in our behalf on the evening of December 20th, also to the young ladies of Hermleigh for reviving our drooping spirits with their excellent readings and to Mr. Jaeggli for sending Santa Claus to visit us.

And be it further resolved that whereas, our county superintendent Fritz R. Smith, by his untiring energy has not only contributed to the success of our Institute by his presence and timely suggestions but has in every way possible been of untold value to the teachers and schools of Scurry county,

Therefore be it resolved that we do indorse his past administration in its entirety.

And be it further resolved that we extend our thanks to the President and Secretary for their patient and noble service rendered us during this Institute.

Respectfully submitted
Miss Minnie Taylor.
E. A. Hankins.
O. L. Howell.

Committee

Transcontinental Service.
Transcontinental Service Will be Started by Santa Fe After the Opening.

Star Telegram.

The Santa Fe has commenced to build a system of Harvey eating houses along the new Coleman-Texico cutoff and will probably start the new trans-continental train service from New Orleans to the Pacific coast as soon as they are completed.

This will be some time in the summer. Local service, however will be started at once.

The Harvey eating house service now has a temporary restaurant at S. Wetwater and is building a permanent house at Slaton.

The service already has a house at Temple and there are restaurants operated by private parties at Lampasas and Brownwood and the Company will build an eating house at Coleman.

There are restaurants now at Clovis, Vaughan and Albuquerque and with the string of eating houses along the line trains from New Orleans to the coast will stop for meals on the road.

The trans-continental train will leave New Orleans in the afternoon, and arrive at Houston the next morning and at Temple in the afternoon. It will stop probably at Brownwood that night for supper and arrive at Amarillo the next morning.

Wrote Poem And Died.

Los Angeles Jan. 2.—After writing a New Year's poem, Dr. Silas B. Black, known as "Nature Poet" became ill. He died at his home here today. He was 60 years old. Before coming to Los Angeles three years ago Dr. Black was a physician at Decatur, Ind., and a lecturer on medical subjects.

Dr. Cooper Dead.

Mr. Joe Strayhorn received a telegram today announcing the death of his uncle, Dr. T. D. Cooper, which occurred this morning at Lillian, in Johnson county.

Dr. Cooper was an uncle of the Strayhorn family of Snyder and was the father-in-law of Mr. Mason McPherson, who lived west of Snyder and was the father of Mrs. Mae Howe of Hermleigh.

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We carry School Books.
We fill Prescriptions carefully.
We deliver goods anywhere in the City.
Telephone 221.
We appreciate your business.

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"The Busy Place."
F. V. CLARK, Druggist

Personal and Local

From Monday's Daily:

Will Black is here today from Ennis.
R. W. Ramage is here today from Ennis Creek.
Miss Iriss Amick of Dallas is visiting Mrs. Zee Bridgeman.
Born—in Snyder, Dec. 29, 1912, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Graham, a girl.
If a plurality nomination is good for a governor it is just as good for Snyder.
Miss Vela Bell will leave Sunday for San Marcos where she is teaching.
Matrimonial business has been fairly brisk in Scurry county this winter.
Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic.
Editor Joe Pickle of the Roscoe Times is in the city today and paid the Signal a fraternal call.
It is said now that the people of Canada regret the rejection of reciprocity with the United States.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Norris of Roscoe, who came up to attend the Bell-Fickas wedding went home yesterday.
A. T. Morris of Commerce, who has been visiting his brother-in-law Marvin Wood left for his home yesterday evening.
We had a magnificent prospect for a snow this morning but the sun is shining below the clouds this afternoon.
Miss Lela Grantham, who has been visiting the family of A. J. Grantham, left for Slaton this morning where she is teaching.
Joe Strayhorn came in this morning from an extended visit to Jefferson and other points in East Texas.
Dad Elkins who has been in East Texas and Oklahoma for the past several weeks came in this morning.
Mrs. H. R. Miller has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hunter-left for her home at Cisco yesterday.
Mr. H. M. Nesbitt and Miss Eunice Sewalt, both of Fluvanna were married in that town Sunday by Justice J. D. Letcher.
County Court convened today in regular session. There were several pleas of guilty entered and other cases set. The jury will be on hand tomorrow.

Carl Rupert, an insurance adjuster was here today fixing up a damage claim, caused by a fire some weeks ago in the Barnes building.
All the pastors in Snyder are especially anxious that the people start into the new year with renewed interest in the mid-week prayer meeting service.
600 acres of choice land near Crowder. 170 acres in cultivation, two residences, balance in pasture. Good well of water. Also 172 acres near Ira, 100 acres in cultivation.
Misses Blanch and Mary Ely who have been spending the holidays with home folks, left yesterday to resume their duties in the public school at Burkburnett and Llano, Texas, respectively.
Now, young ladies, it is up to you. Leap year is here and there are about a half a dozen well-to-do bachelors in Snyder who would probably be willing to change their manner of living, but they are short on courage. You might relieve their loneliness by a word of encouragement.

Suppose that one of our New Year resolutions be regular church going and attendance upon the mid-week prayer service. We will feel lots better for it.
Col. Roosevelt says he will not, hereafter, give out the names of his callers and yet he was one of the originators of the publicity idea.
Mr. A. C. Morton was in town today with a coop of blooded chickens which he sold at one dollar a pair. He had a pair of Rhode Island Reds and a pair of B. Plymouth Rocks.
There is an enormous crowd in town today. The fence around the court house is full to capacity with hitched vehicles and horses and streets are crowded with conveyances of farmers. This is first Monday and New Year's day.

Rev. J. A. Arnold, who has been pastor of the First Christian church in this city closed his services in that capacity Sunday and will return to his home in Kansas. He is quite a pleasant gentleman and a good preacher and it has been a pleasure to know him.
Jas. R. Welch can make you a farm loan at the lowest rate of interest. See him at once over Lockhart's Barber Shop.
Rob Strayhorn leaves this evening for Waxahachie where he is attending Trinity University.
Lee Stinson has returned today to Fort Worth where he is attending the Medical University.
J. S. Hart was a pleasant caller at the Signal printery today and moved his date up another year.
Mr. S. P. Smith, cashier of the First State Bank of Fluvanna is here today.
S. B. Davidson and wife left for Fort Worth Sunday to be gone for several days.
Ralph Noble, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Noble, left yesterday for Dallas and McAlester.
Mac Taylor and family came in today from a holiday visit to relatives at Denton.

From Tuesday's Daily:

A. J. Ray of Sweetwater is in the city today on business.
Hardy Boyd came in from a business trip to Colorado this morning.
Horace Wilson is in the city today from Abilene.
Squire J. D. Letcher of Fluvanna was a cash caller at the Signal office today.
C. R. Fellmy a prominent merchant of Arab spent first Monday in Snyder.
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From Wednesday's Daily:

Jack Elkins is here today from Polar.
Tom Francis is here today from Ira.
J. L. Dargitz of Fluvanna was here last night.
Mr. Yawls is here from Hermligh today.
O. F. Darby made a business trip to Fluvanna today.
Joe Aury of Kaufman county came in today on his annual visit.
Born, Jan. 2, to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brasher, in Snyder, a boy.
Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman of Post City visited in Snyder.
Mr. Ernest Grimes who has been with the J. H. Sears and Company store has accepted a position as book keeper in the First National Bank.
Mrs. M. B. Pearson who has resided on her farm east of Snyder has moved to Roscoe to reside with her daughter.
All persons having tools borrowed from us are requested to return them at once.
McClough Hardware Co.
Don't fail to see Jas. R. Welch about your farm loans. Office over Lockhart's Barber shop.

E. J. Anderson came in this morning from an extended trip to Shreveport, La.

Miss Francis Ralston of Snyder, Texas is visiting Miss Blanche Gage.—Ft. Worth Telegram.

Mrs. R. L. Bell left Sunday with Miss Vela for San Marcos and they will reside there together during the school term.

S. D. Irwin, a Runnels county farmer was burned to death in a hotel fire at Ballinger on December 28th.

The banks are all closed today observing the legal holiday, occasioned by the advent of a new year.

Mrs. R. A. Barkley and daughter, Miss Lillie who have been visiting George W. Johnson and family left for their home this morning.

S. W. Grimes and wife and Ernest Grimes and wife came in this morning from a several days visit to points east.

Some of our old settlers say that they look for this long, continued cold spell to break up with a big snow.

A. E. Fagan of the south part of the county has come to town to put in a few weeks working at the oil mill.

FOR SALE—Good bicycle for sale cheap. See Will Doak, Superintendent of Water works.

Uncle Dick Shotwell and wife entertained some of their friends Monday at a new year turkey dinner.

Saturday in response to a telegram to the effect that his brother at that place was dangerously sick with meningitis.

Suppose that one of our New Year resolutions be regular church going and attendance upon the mid-week prayer service. We will feel lots better for it.

Col. Roosevelt says he will not, hereafter, give out the names of his callers and yet he was one of the originators of the publicity idea.

Mr. A. C. Morton was in town today with a coop of blooded chickens which he sold at one dollar a pair. He had a pair of Rhode Island Reds and a pair of B. Plymouth Rocks.

There is an enormous crowd in town today. The fence around the court house is full to capacity with hitched vehicles and horses and streets are crowded with conveyances of farmers. This is first Monday and New Year's day.

Rev. J. A. Arnold, who has been pastor of the First Christian church in this city closed his services in that capacity Sunday and will return to his home in Kansas. He is quite a pleasant gentleman and a good preacher and it has been a pleasure to know him.

Jas. R. Welch can make you a farm loan at the lowest rate of interest. See him at once over Lockhart's Barber Shop.

Rob Strayhorn leaves this evening for Waxahachie where he is attending Trinity University.

Lee Stinson has returned today to Fort Worth where he is attending the Medical University.

J. S. Hart was a pleasant caller at the Signal printery today and moved his date up another year.

Mr. S. P. Smith, cashier of the First State Bank of Fluvanna is here today.

S. B. Davidson and wife left for Fort Worth Sunday to be gone for several days.

Ralph Noble, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Noble, left yesterday for Dallas and McAlester.

Mac Taylor and family came in today from a holiday visit to relatives at Denton.

Mrs. M. B. Pearson who has resided on her farm east of Snyder has moved to Roscoe to reside with her daughter.

All persons having tools borrowed from us are requested to return them at once.
McClough Hardware Co.

Don't fail to see Jas. R. Welch about your farm loans. Office over Lockhart's Barber shop.

Born, five miles northeast of Snyder to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walden, Jan. 2, a girl.

J. L. Abbott, on the D. T. 1 place has a fine Poland China mare ready for service. See R. H. Bynum.

Born, five miles west of Snyder, Jan. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hays, a girl.

O. L. Jones has moved in from Route 1 and will engage in farming just north of town.

Jim Massey who has been in the Northern country for a year and a half came in today.

Rev. J. W. Hunt who has been quite sick for several days is able to be up and out again.

The Maybelle Fowler Company tonight in "As Told in the Hills" Advance sale at Snyder Drug Company.

Some choice milk cows for sale. Will milk without calf.—W. T. Thompson. 193-2t

One four and six room house on West side of town at a bargain. See Jas. R. Welch at once. 194-4t

Dr. Bannister went up to Kent county to be gone several days on a hunting trip.

Press reports say that there have been sixty cases of spinal meningitis in Dallas this winter.

For Sale or Trade—I have a good study work horse for sale or trade, will take feed stuff. Call at Snyder Fuel Co. 31-2t

The publishers of the Daily Signal will appreciate their attention being called to any failure to receive the paper every evening.

G. K. Crawford joins the great family of Signal readers and will also read the Dallas semi-weekly News.

The Signal job presses will print for you right now and the job will be done to suit your taste.

Joe Caton returned Sunday from visiting in South Texas. Mrs. Caton is on a visit in Tarrant county.

Mr. Jesse Harris of Haskell is here for a few days on a business and visiting trip.

The school children had a week of fun and have gone back to school full of new energy.

Send the Weekly Signal to friends in other sections and let them read the truth about West Texas.

Good automobile for sale or trade. See Jas. R. Welch

FOR RENT—I have some well improved sandy and black land farms for rent. See me at once.
W. A. McCULLOUGH

A car load of Coloradoans, engineered by Mr. Fred Harris came to the city last night and proceeded to Post city today.

Some good northeast Texas farm and timber land to trade for Scurry county farms or unimproved farm lands.
JAS. R. WELCH,
Office over Lockhart's Barber Shop.

LOST—On streets small open face gold watch, Elgin movement, 20-year case, leather fob. Liberal reward offered. Return to the Signal or L. W. Evans, Ira, Texas.

Dr. Sed. A. Harris and family returned Wednesday from a holiday visit with relatives at Hico.

Our Thanks and Greeting 1911-1912

We Want

you to accept our hearty thanks and appreciation for your patronage, and hope for your continued good will.

The New Year

has many good things in store for you, and may it be of peace and gladness and may your joys multiply as your years increase.

May the Sun of Prosperity

bless your efforts in every direction. Wishing you most happy and prosperous New Year, we are

GRAYUM DRUG CO
(Established 1890)
The Rexall Store

From Thursday's Daily:

Work is rapidly progressing at the oil well and we fully expect a gusher.

The ladies of Snyder are urgently requested to send the Signal their society news and any other items of interest to the reading public.

Joe Strayhorn has returned from a trip in East Texas. He says that on last Thursday night he read a newspaper by an old time pine knot light.

F. Aucutt is here this week.

Well, why not pay your poll tax?

Watch old West Texas grow—Come to Snyder.

John A. Stavely spent last night here from Fluvanna.

Something good at the Opera House TONIGHT—Don't fail to go.

Two more railroads this year is our slogan.

Something good at the Opera House TONIGHT—Don't fail to go.

The Signal is prepared to turn out candidate cards in big or little lots.

Chas. Manville and May Belle Fowler at the Opera House Tonight.—Extra good.

If you have a visitor, phone No. 88 and tell us about it.

Chas. Manville and May Belle Fowler at the Opera House Tonight.—Extra good.

Commercial job and book printing, embossing and engraving. Give the Signal the next order for that line of work.

Something good at the Opera House TONIGHT—Don't fail to go.

Lumbago and Rheumatism.

A quick relief from Lumbago and rheumatism is had by the application of Hunt's Lightning Oil, the quick acting liniment. A friend writes: "We have been using Hunt's Lightning Oil for 13 years and deem it above all others." Mrs. J. T. Nevels, Gordon, Texas, Rt. Box 31, 2c and 0c bottle. All dealers.

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Remarkable Remedy for Sore Throats

While we were living in Mexchriste, Texas last winter and spring we had a severe breaking of colds that made us get up out of bed at night. We put on some of Hunt's Cure and only had to use it on a few times until it was cured. H. Mendenhall, Audubon, Iowa. Positively guaranteed. No cure no pay. Price 50 cents. All dealers.

Quite a number of Odd Fellows are planning to go to Dunn Friday night to a meeting of the County Odd Fellows Association.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator cures permanently.

Mrs. W. H. H. Lindsey accompanied by her daughter, Miss Maud went up to Post City today to visit for a few days.

The Daily and Weekly Signal job printing department have today issued from their presses the new 1912 year book for the Altrurian Club.

FOUND—A pair of old rimmed spectacles, which owner will get by calling on Mrs. B. F. Letcher, paying for the advertisement.

Don't forget to pay this month. If your poll tax receipt for either Coilquit or body else.

Mrs. J. L. Jennings who have been spending with her parents, Mr. W. Johnson left over this morning for the nadian.

E. K. Smith has closed today by which he is Merritt's 200 acres of south of Snyder as a position. It is believed the Snyder field has a sue that the development will extend south in the vicinity of the creek.

Mr. Thomas feels like he had been jilted by the Southern cotton planter because they did not hurry to accept his proffer to take the cotton and advance a part of its value, but the farmers just couldn't make up their minds to thus mortgage their cotton for half its value.

Dr. Kirkpatrick was called some days ago to Dermott to see a Mexican section hand who had gotten internally hurt under a hand chisel. He sent the man to Topeka and is sending a letter from the hospital saying that the man is pretty badly hurt.

Severe Rheumatism.

Grove Hill, Ala: Hunt's Lightning Oil cured my wife of a severe case of Rheumatism and my friend of toothache. I surely believe it is good for all you claim for it.—A. R. Striker, 2 and 50 cent bottles. All dealers.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. BALLARD'S SNOW LIME MENT is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly, it relieves the pain, relaxes the muscles and patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25, 50 and 100 cent bottles. Sold by all druggists.

I will crush material at my coal yard on Thursday of each week.

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No Alum—No Phosphates

Be on your guard. Alum Powders may be known by their price—10 or 25c. a lb. or one cent an ounce.