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GET-TOGETHER BANQUET, JAN. 6

Snyder Chamber of Commerce Have Placed Large Number Tickets For Occasion.

One of the most encouraging indications of good-fellowship existing in Scurry county has been thoroughly convincingly demonstrated by the fact that there has been such a demand for tickets to the great get-together banquet under the auspices of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, which will be served by the Missionary Society in the basement of the Methodist church in Snyder, Thursday evening, January 6, 1916, beginning at 8 o'clock, sharp.

Arrangements have been made to seat 200 men, the church basement being the largest auditorium in the city, and it is necessary that the number of tickets be limited to two hundred, most of which have already been taken.

President E. J. Anderson and Secretary J. P. Chambless, assisted by Wm. Pearn, are active in the plan of arrangements and have assurance of the co-operation and presence of some imported orators who will deliver addresses, preceded by a local program. The following message explains itself:

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec 27, 15
Mr. E. J. Anderson, President
Snyder Chamber of Commerce,
Snyder, Texas.

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Answering your letter of December 21st:

I will be very glad indeed to accept your invitation to the banquet to be given by the Chamber of Commerce January 6th, 1916, and will respond to any subject that you may see fit to give me.

Thanking you for the invitation and wishing you a very Happy New Year, I am,

Your truly

J. F. HENDERSON,

Division Commercial Superintendent.

Through the courtesy of the Snyder Concert band, the speakers program will be interspersed with excellent band music. Those holding banquet tickets will assemble in the main auditorium of the church prior to 8 o'clock while the band renders a brief concert on the lawn. The body of men will then be escorted to the dining room on the basement floor.

Following is an outline of the

MENU

Oyster Cocktail
Nuts Olives Pickles Celery
Consomme with Rice Balls
Interiel Sticks
Turkey with Trimmings
Fruit Custard Cake
Coffee

Following program has been announced

Host Master—E. J. Anderson, president Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Object of the banquet.—Wm. Pearn. Necessity of Organization.—Geo. Northcutt.

Snyder as a County Seat.—Spencer Smith of Fluvanna.

Bankers and Banking.—C. I. Jaegle, of Hermleigh.

Inland Towns.—J. C. Beakley, of Dunn.

Discussed by A. Rhoades of Ira.

Commercialism and Progress.—W. W. Hamilton.

Developments in Western Texas.—J. F. Henderson, Division Commercial Supt., Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Co.

Two other out-of-town speakers are expected, however at this writing their presence cannot be assured.

The Snyder Concert band will supply appropriate music at intervals during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Parkhouse and son George of Kyle are here to visit their daughter, Mrs. E. B. Barnes.

NATURE STUDY AS BASIS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.



Photo by American Press Association.

At the largest high school for girls in the world, the Washington Irving, in New York city, the students are given a thorough knowledge of flowers and garden truck as a basis for their higher studies. Twice a year the teachers and students write to their friends in the country to send them tagged specimens from the soil. These are exhibited and properly explained.

CAPTURED BY SNYDER OFFICERS

Suspects Captured Here May Be Yegg Men Who Operated at Marble Falls.

Two or three weeks ago two suspicious looking strangers came into Snyder over the R. S. & P. It was just a few days after the Post office robberies at Roscoe and Sweetwater and there were points about the two strangers that caused detectives to look into their maneuvers. Sheriff W. A. Merrell and City Marshal Pack Wolfe, who usually sleep with one eye open, got into the game and took the men in hand. One said his name was John Miester and the other said he was Newt Reeves.

They were taken to Sweetwater as safe blower suspects. Pictures were made of them and later the people at Marble Falls believe they are the men who robbed a bank and killed a cashier in that town some time ago. They believe it so strongly that they have taken the prisoners to Burnett county to answer for the Marble Falls affair. It is understood that rewards amounting to \$1000 have been offered for the capture of the Marble Falls robbers and it is now believed that Sheriff Merrell and Marshal Wolfe have earned the reward, as well as saving this and other towns from two expert safe blowers.

Catching Coyotes and Cats.

Mr. E. F. Rylant was here this week from his home north of Fluvanna. He lives in the brakes near the cyp rock where varmints are plentiful. He and his boys have lots of fun at trapping skunks, bob cats and coyote wolves.

They get from 30 cents to \$1.10 for hides and his boys pulled down county warrant at Post City the other day for \$24, as bounty on coyote and cat scalps.

Mr. Rylant says they catch skunks in steel traps but a different kind is required for the larger varmints.

The traps are baited with rabbit or birds. When a coyote is caught he submits quietly to execution, but a cat will always fight. The coyote is more shy however about human enemies. In visiting the trap, a man must go on horse back for if one goes on foot the wolf will not venture there for several hours.

The bob cat is different. He will run right over a man's tracks no matter how fresh.

Cotton Ginnings of Two Years.

The government ginning report up to Dec. 13, for this year and last has been furnished the Signal by Mr. J. C. Maxwell and is as follows:

For the United States:	
1915	10,303,482 bales
1914	13,972,229 bales
For Scurry County:	
1915	16,190 Bales
1914	20,778 Bales

OZ SMITH DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Mr. Oz Smith, a well known pioneer citizen of Snyder country, died suddenly with heart failure about 2 o'clock last Saturday at the home of Mrs. J. M. Smith in Kent County. Oz Smith was one of a large family of brothers who have been identified with the cattle and ranching business here since the days when this was a frontier territory. They had accumulated much property in Scurry and Kent counties.

Oz was about 45 years old and unmarried. For two or three years he has been living in Kent county and managing Mrs. Jack Smith's ranch near Clairmont.

It is said that after being out looking after his business Saturday he went to the house and complaining that he didn't feel well, went to his room and lay down. A member of the family went to the room about 15 minutes later and found him dead.

Messages were sent to Snyder to relatives and friends at other places. His brothers, Babe, Deck and Elza Smith arrived Monday morning from Lampasas. The funeral services were held Monday at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. W. P. Garvin, of Merkel, a friend of deceased in other years. Interment in Snyder Cemetery.

The active pallbearers were Joe Strayhorn, Lon Graham, T. D. McMillan, C. L. Harless, C. B. Alexander and Joe Lee.

Wreck at Sweetwater.

Mr. J. P. Chambless returned Tuesday from a Christmas visit to the home folks at Cleburne. Mrs. Chambless and Dorothy will return later in the week.

Mr. Chambless was in a wreck early Tuesday morning a half mile east of the T. & P. depot at Sweetwater, when their train struck some freight cars that were switching in the Sweetwater yards. He says he thinks some of the passengers were hurt to some extent, but he and others didn't wait to see. They hoofed it to town and procured a jitney transportation to Roscoe in time to catch the train for Snyder.

Boy Accidentally Shot.

A young man named Ross, son of O. W. Ross, in the northeast part of town was accidentally shot with a target gun about 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The ball entered at the right hip, struck the bone and lodged in the muscle of the right thigh, inflicting a flesh wound. It is said they don't know who fired the shot and that it was a stray bullet. It is thought that some boys were in a room nearby, cleaning up their targets and possibly one was accidentally discharged.

Baby Girl Died.

Verba Shirley, two years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Shirley on the Curry farm east of Snyder died last Monday with pneumonia.

RECEIVERSHIP ASKED FOR T. & P.

Dallas, Dec. 27.—Receivership for the Texas and Pacific Railway Company was asked in a petition filed here today by the Bankers Trust Company of New York, through their local attorneys. Default in payment of interest on bonds is alleged.

Hearing of the case was set for Jan. 31, by Judge E. R. Meek in United States court for the Northern district of Texas.

Attorneys for the railroad served notice that they would contest the receivership. The petition also included the New Orleans Railway Company, a Texas & Pacific property. The petition alleged default on interest and principal of \$14,000,000 second mortgage bonds, issued originally in 1888 for \$25,000,000 and since reduced. George J. Gould is chairman of the Texas & Pacific, which operates mainly in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

Suit Surprises Officials.

The Texas & Pacific operates under Federal charter. The road was constructed in the seventies, and its main lines extend from New Orleans to El Paso. Officials of the road here said the filing of the suit was a complete surprise to them.

Nine railroads already are in receivership, as follows:

Missouri, Kansas & Texas, St. Louis and San Francisco, Trinity & Brazos Valley, Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf, International & Great Northern, San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf, Kansas, Mexico and Orient, Fort Worth & Rio Grande, Gulf Coast Line.

Wedding at Dunn.

At the beautiful home of the bride on Dec. 19th, at 6 o'clock in the evening, Rev. W. P. Edwards said the beautiful words that united Mr. Fred Bowers and Miss Laura Bell Richardson in the holy bonds of matrimony. Only a few close friends and relatives were present.

The bride wore a beautiful cream satin with lace over dress. The groom wore conventional black.

After congratulations we were invited into the dining room where a delicious wedding dinner was served. The bride received many nice presents. After an hour of enjoyment, the crowd departed, wishing them the greatest success in life.

—Contributed.

REBEKAH LODGE

ELECTS OFFICERS

Snyder Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, elected officers last Monday night as follows:

Miss Maggie Lee Hull, N. G.; Miss Eulalia Smith, V. G.; Mrs. J. E. McConnell, Secretary; Mrs. Willie Farmer, Treasurer; Miss Maude Pryor, Representative; Mrs. J. E. McConnell, Alternate; Mrs. Sam Hull, District Deputy;

THE CHRISTMAS POSTAL ACTIVITIES

Heaviest Volume of Business Ever Done Here. Bundles of Love Sent and Received.

The postoffice force were worked last week to the limit of endurance. For two or three days before Christmas, men, women and children could be seen at all hours of the day carrying parcels to be mailed out to friends and loved ones at distant points.

On Friday and Saturday the people began to receive their parcels and apparently there were as many received as had been sent away.

When Saturday came the force were well fagged out and the office was kept closed most of the day. By Sunday morning the storage rooms were stacked full and Postmaster Barnes, in order to accommodate the public engaged extra help and kept the parcels post window open pretty well all day and crowds surged about the lobby like buying tickets to a circus.

Mr. Barnes says:

"Heaviest mail during holidays that the local post office ever handled in its history. Mail dispatched was equally as heavy as the receipts. To avoid congestion and in order to handle the mail it was necessary to keep the parcels post window open all day Sunday. Contrary to the postal regulations, some unusual packages were received, among them being a cate sent to — Blackard. The feline was received in good shape and promptly delivered. Others that will not be mentioned are being held to await instructions from proper authorities. The stamp sale will surpass that of any previous month, while the money order business was not quite so large as that of November.

FIRE AT TAHOKA LOSS \$40,000

Almost the Entire Town Burned Thursday. Property Loss is Estimated at \$40,000

Tahoka, Texas, Dec. 30.—The most destructive fire ever known in the history of this place broke out this morning in the City Bakery at 9 o'clock. When first discovered it had gained too much headway to be controlled as the city is with out any fire protection and all that could be done was to try to save the stocks of goods and furniture that were in the buildings.

The entire north side of the square was destroyed and the loss is estimated at from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

The following buildings were destroyed: Hotel Lynn, recently built by A. D. Shook of this place at a cost of about \$15,000, total loss, partially covered by insurance. The stock of furniture owned by Ed Myers partially destroyed, covered by insurance. Thomas Bros. store total loss, stock partially covered by insurance. S. N. Weathers, tailor shop total loss. Barber shop owned by Summer Clayton partial loss, law office of C. H. Cain total loss covered by insurance. Broken Dollar store owned by D. A. Parkshurt total loss, covered by insurance.

Stock of gents furnishings owned by Stalter total loss. Land office of Bargain Land Co., total loss.

Cousin Killed at Yoakum.

Mrs. T. J. Thompson received a letter and a newspaper clipping yesterday telling about the tragic death late Friday evening of her cousin Lawrence Rhodes, aged 35 years at Yoakum, Texas. He was driving a delivery wagon for a local store, delivering Christmas goods and expecting to celebrate Christmas day with his wife and baby son, which was his ninth wedding anniversary.

He was thrown from his wagon onto a barbed wire fence and a barbed wire artery and he died in a short time.

BAPTIST CANTATA WELL RENDERED

The Shepherd King, Delightfully Presented Sunday Night at the Baptist Church.

One of the most splendid social events of the Christmas season in Snyder was a cantata rendered on Sunday night by the excellent choir of the Baptist church. The other churches in the city abandoned their evening services in order to attend this musical feast, and the spacious Baptist auditorium was crowded to its capacity. The Cantata is entitled "The Shepherd King," and is a magnificent sacred composition. There were thirty-five voices employed in the rendition and it was truly a high class entertainment greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the large audience.

Mr. J. M. Denson was director and Mrs. W. I. Hargis presided at the piano. They had taken great pains in preparing for this public rendition and every member of the choir was in full accord and harmony.

The choir and the leaders are being complimented for their splendid work.

At one point in the program the singing was stopped for a few minutes while Brother Tucker, representing the choir and members of the church presented, in a nice speech to Mr. Denson and Mrs. Hargis a handsome Christmas present tokens of esteem and appreciation.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY STINSON TO RETIRE FROM OFFICE

The Anson Western Enterprise states District Attorney James P. Stinson authorizes the Western Enterprise to say that he will not be candidate for the nomination and for re-election to the office of district attorney next year. Mr. Stinson is serving his sixth year and third term as prosecuting attorney, and when his present term of office expires he contemplates entering the general practice of his profession, opening an office in Anson.

When he retires from the office of attorney Mr. Stinson will have served the people of Jones county the capacity of a public official for fourteen consecutive years, having filled the office of county attorney and county judge for a combined term of eight years.

That he has made a capable and efficient official is attested by his election by a substantial vote every time he has offered for election. Other evidence, if needed as to the manner in which he has discharged the duties imposed upon him as a public servant, is presented in the fact that no one has announced an intention to make the race for district attorney in the event Mr. Stinson offered for re-election. Since the announcement has been made that the present incumbent would not offer for re-election it is believed that not less than four lawyers in other counties of the district will enter the race for the office.

In the retirement of Judge Stinson the State will lose one of the strongest prosecutors that ever served the commonwealth.

In the retirement of Judge Stinson the people of Scurry county and the entire 39th district are losing the services of a faithful, honorable official.

Mr. Stinson has been a vigorous yet considerate prosecutor. His democratic disposition brings him into close personal touch with all the people alike and he is popular with everybody.

Masonic Watch Night.

The first Masonic watch night in Snyder will be held in the local lodge rooms Friday night, participated in by various lodges of the county and a number of other lodges which will be largely represented. A varied program has been arranged for the occasion and much interest is being taken in the event. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening and special music will be supplied.

\$10,000 For 1,000 Words or Less

For an Idea For a Sequel to "THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY"

The American Film Manufacturing Company's Picturized Romantic Novel in Chapters.

This contest is open to any man, woman or child who is not connected, directly or indirectly, with the Film Company or the newspapers publishing the continued story. No literary ability is necessary to qualify as a contestant.

You are advised to see the continued photo play in the theaters where it will be shown—to read the story as it runs every week, and then send in your suggestion. Contestants must confine their contributions for the sequel to 1,000 words or less. It is the idea that is wanted.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A feud has existed between Colonel Arthur Stanley and his cousin, Judge Lamar Stanley, over an heirloom, the diamond from the sky, found in a fallen meteor by an ancestor. Also, the succession to the Stanley earldom in England may come to an American. When a daughter is born to the colonel and the mother dies, the colonel buys a gypsy boy and substitutes him. Three years later the gypsy mother, having had no part in this bargain, steals the girl, being reared in secret, and leaves her son undetected as the heir. The gypsy has obtained possession of the diamond from the sky, and a document with the Stanley secret. When Esther is grown a beautiful young girl, Hagar, now gypsy queen, returns to Virginia with her, Dr. Lee, the late Colonel Stanley's friend, adopts Esther, but demands that Hagar turn over to him the diamond from the sky. Arthur Stanley, son of Hagar, falls in love with Esther and so does his companion and cousin, Blair Stanley, rightful male heir of Stanley. In stealing the diamond Blair causes the death of the doctor. Outside in Arthur serenading Esther, Blair, escaping, infers that he has left Esther's room. Arthur forces him to fight a duel in which Blair is only stunned. He tries, with the aid of his mother, to place the blame for the murder on Arthur, who now has the diamond. The sheriff attempts to take it, but he eludes his pursuers and Hagar who reveals his identity and his aim for his wild life. Needing money, he pawned the diamond in Richmond, and he, too, to a pawnshop. The two are seized by each other. At a ball, Esther, a supposed New York belle is introduced to the diamond on the visitor. She is recognized by Hagar who has borrowed it from a gypsy. Hagar's gypsy guard, Luke Lovell, Hagar's gypsy guard, takes the diamond and to avoid detection puts it into a mail box. A sheriff tries to arrest Arthur on the murder charge, escapes from Richmond on a freight train. The diamond passes into a mail bag, which is lost from a wagon and is picked up by Quabba, an organ grinder. Quabba's monkey steals the diamond and leaves it in a nest in a tree. Arthur is robbed by robbers, who leave him in a farm. He seeks work at a farm. Hagar takes Esther to the bank. An old time tournament is held. Arthur attends it disguised, proves himself the best knight, defeating Blair, but is betrayed by the latter to the sheriff. Quabba, in jest, handcuffs the sheriff and Blair. By daring horsemen up Arthur escapes. Later he leaves the farm. Tom Blake, a detective hired by Hagar, produces fingerprints proving Blair guilty of the death of Dr. Lee. Blair and his mother quarrel about Vivian. Hagar proposes silence to Mrs. Stanley as the price of Hagar's and Esther's being received in Fairfax society. Blair notices Hagar and steals the fingerprints and money from his mother. The diamond is pawned by a negro boy.

CHAPTER XV.

A "Give me my child!"

BELL, aching resentment burned in the bosom of Blair's mother as with a voice hoarse to her own ears she called to summon Blair to make his part of the bargain with the implacable visitor, who waited for them in the somber living room upstairs, with the photographs of the guilty thumb prints of Blair.

No answer was returned to her call, and Mrs. Stanley remembered again the bitter quarrel she had had with Blair over Vivian Marston.

With a bitter sigh the realization came to her again that all the stern, persisting ambitions that had embittered her life—the desire for the earldom and the great diamond for her most unworthy son—were not worth the heartache and tragedy that had darkened her life.

It was with a fierce resolve, in a sudden revulsion of desperation and despair, that Mrs. Stanley returned to the living room to tell her strange visitor, Hagar, to do her worst, let the consequences be what they might.

For herself the austere Mrs. Stanley resolved to strive no more for the sake of her dissolute and desperate son.

"I will make no bargain with this woman even to save Blair from the gallows," was her grim thought. "Neither she nor the strange girl who was Dr. Lee's ward and whom she now mothers at Stanley hall shall have social countenance from me."

But as she ascended the stairs to make known her resolve she heard the slam of a door and the sound of hurrying feet from the living room to the chambers at the back of the house.

She opened the door from the stair landing to the living room. The center table was overturned, and there were other signs of a struggle, but the room was empty.

Then a muffled groan, a low moan of pain, fell upon the ears of Blair's moth-

er. The sound came from near the floor, behind the fireplace.

Mrs. Stanley pressed the spring, and the wall with the fireplace turned out, and there in the semidarkness of the "Tory's hiding place" lay the unconscious figure of Hagar. It was manacled with the sheriff's handcuffs that Vivian Marston had brought to the house after the tournament in mockery of Blair.

The form of Hagar lay half reclining against the riddled family strong box. Mrs. Stanley picked up the key of the handcuffs, lying near, and unfasted the manacles on the wrists of the dazed and unresisting Hagar.

Then the judge's widow realized that here was the culmination of the wicked deeds of the son she had inculcated with a lawless desire for things that were not his.

She raised Hagar, dragged her out into the room and closed the hiding place. She was not surprised to note that the photographs of the thumb prints were gone. She revived Hagar and regarded her stricken visitor, prepared for a harsh defiance with no thought of compromise.

But the whole expression of Hagar had softened to a pathetic, cowed wistfulness. Her face seemed younger, her eyes moist and pleading.

She turned to Mrs. Stanley with outstretched arms and murmured, "Give me my child!" And then Blair's mother saw that the blow her son had dealt the strange visitor had deprived her of all realization of the present.

The stricken brain of Hagar Harding was cognizant of no recent happening. Her mind was in the past. But the judge's widow was not aware that the disordered intellect of the woman before her dwelt only on the great tragedy of Hagar Harding's life, the sale of her son to be foisted as the male heir to the earldom and the diamond from the sky, nearly twenty years ago.

Mrs. Stanley had no suspicion of the import of Hagar's words, but she realized the crazed woman was no menace to either herself or her son, and she led her downstairs and to the door, where she set her on her way to Stanley hall.

At Stanley hall in the gathering twilight Esther waited for Hagar. It was a sad homecoming. The dull eyes of Hagar gleamed with recognition of the portals of Stanley hall. But the face of Esther, the gentle, loving Esther, was the face of a stranger to her.

Alarmed and weeping, Esther led the moaning woman she deemed to be her mother up the broad steps and into the wide hallway of Stanley hall.

Here a fierce, wild change came over Hagar. She sprang to the door of the library and threw it open.

"See, he is in here!" she cried. "They have him in there, the child they stole and sold from me. See the diamond that blazes on his little breast! Take off the diamond! There is a curse on it for all our race! Take off the fine raiment! Give him back his rags! He is my son!"

As it had been with Blair Stanley's austere mother, the wistful Esther sensed no importance in the wild pleadings of Hagar.

Now, too, even the crazed mind of Hagar seemed to realize the library was empty and unoccupied, for she gave a wild cry and fell sobbing on the breast of Esther.

Summoning the servants, Esther had Hagar carried to her chamber. The

missing the scowling Lovell, and beg the humble hunchback to stay.

"Do not leave us," she whispered. "Something tells me you will be a friend, and we have no friends now save perhaps our gypsy people." And even as she spoke Esther recalled the scene in the grand stand at the tournament and how this hunchback wanderer had warned Arthur that he had been betrayed.

At this juncture a carriage drove up to Stanley hall. From this a strange figure alighted, the figure of a tall, lank, serious, side whiskered Englishman wearing a plaid suit with a heavy mourning band on the arm and a glistening white tropic helmet. This strange individual had a rifle in the carriage.

At the sight of Quabba's chattering monkey the lank Englishman grew wildly excited. "Some of their native wild beasts!" he exclaimed and rushed back to the carriage for his rifle.

It took some effort on the part of both Esther and Quabba to reassure the excited visitor that Clarence, the monkey, was not at all a wild beast of the Virginia jungle, but simply an itinerant organ grinder's friend, companion and collector of external revenue.

Then the stranger made known his name and errand.

"I am Marmaduke Smythe, barrister, of London, England, solicitor and agent of the estate of the earls of Stanley of Stanley castle, Warwickshire," he said. "Lord Stanley died there a month ago from the infirmities of old age, leaving no heir in England, the succession falling to the eldest son of the elder branch of Stanleys of this place, Stanley hall.

"I remember it well, for I was here to verify the American heir nearly twenty years ago. And a beastly experience I had, my dear young lady. I was ambushed by croaking savages and fell off a horse and was thrown—not off the horse, but figuratively thrown into the midst of a terrific and bloodthirsty feud between Colonel Stanley and Judge Stanley, both rip snorting, bally fire eaters, as you Yankees way down east in Virginia say.

"So my errand, young lady, in these wild parts of the American border is to notify young Arthur Stanley, both Colonel Stanley and the judge being dead, that he is the Earl of Stanley, and the title and estates await him in Warwickshire."

And then it was Esther's painful task to tell the strange caller of the accusations against the young man he sought, of his wild flight and disappearance.

"My word!" exclaimed the embarrassed London lawyer. "What a dreadful way you wild Yankees have of tomahawking each other, don't you know! If the American earl is a criminal in hiding I must notify the next of kin, the late judge's son, whom I distinctly remember as a vicious little beggar who bit me severely.

"In case his lordship, as I must call him, the fugitive, is captured by your white cap chaps he will undoubtedly be lynched, as is your invariable custom on the American frontiers here, I believe. Hence the son of the late judge will be the Earl of Stanley.

"That is, provided, of course," the London lawyer added, "that this Hon. Blair Stanley, as he would be called with us, has not outgrown his vicious propensities as a child. For I assume if he bites your prominent border ruffians he will be tomahawked or lynched or put an end to in some unpleasant manner. So you must excuse my taking leave, as I must notify the next of kin."

And he raised his tropic helmet politely and walked in a wide circle around the chattering monkey, Clarence, as though he rather doubted the alleged harmlessness of the animal he deemed a denizen of the local jungle.

At the gloomy threshold of Mrs. Lamar Stanley's house the London lawyer received further confirmation of his personal belief that Blair Stanley, whose vicious propensities he remembered, would never outgrow the sanguinary propensities of his childhood.

In the bitter mood that now obsessed her Blair's mother informed the startled lawyer that her son, now next in line for the proud Stanley earldom, had fled, no one knew whither, and she hoped to never see his face again.

All she would say in reply to the barrister's nervous pleadings—for he dreaded a long search for the heirs of Stanley in barbarous America—was that Blair might be found at the home of Mrs. Burton Randolph, his cousin, in Richmond. And for that place the lawyer took the first train from Fairfax.



Marmaduke Smythe, Lawyer, Gets His Gun.

ger, compelling desire, a desire that held her in provincial Richmond, was her desire for a star—her desire for the diamond from the sky.

Once in all its blazing magnificence it had shone upon her breast. Vivian Marston longed to again hold and possess the diamond. Her thoughts were upon it by day, and at night her dreams were bright like gold and red like blood.

She had heard its story and knew that, after Arthur, Blair was next in claim for its possession.

Vivian sank her head upon Blair's breast beneath the wistaria bough. She tempted him with languorous glance and alluring lips. "Get and give me the diamond and I will be yours," she said.

That night Quabba slept with his monkey beside him at the threshold of Hagar's van. Inside Esther had sunk in exhausted slumber on her cot beside the fever dream afflicted Hagar. Quabba's light slumber was broken by the crunching of a pebble beneath a heavy foot. Quabba roused and drew his knife, and the menacing figure of Luke Lovell slunk back from the accusative moonlight into the shadows and was seen no more.

That night at this same hour Arthur Stanley, a fugitive and a wanderer, a stranger in a strange land, by his smoldering campfire in a far western desert, dreamed a wild dream that roused him with a shriek. He saw the fear struck face of Esther and near her the sinister Luke Lovell, with his great gnarled hands stretched as though to clutch and crush her.

One who is in society in Richmond may forget unpleasant things in a ceaseless round of new frivolities.

Mrs. Burton Randolph returned from her stay in Fairfax to find her friends in an attitude of delighted commiseration toward her. She confided to her dearest friends that her life seemed fated to be one of turmoil and tragedy. But instead of finding herself pitied in society in Richmond Mrs. Randolph found herself envied as a social heroine in these "delightfully dreadful affairs."

So as the beautiful wistaria was enveloping her house and grounds Mrs. Burton Randolph announced a wistaria fete, and all Richmond society was nervously expectant of more delightfully dreadful occurrences.

But, although the wistaria fete was a wondrously brilliant affair, according to the society columns of the Richmond papers, no untoward event occurred to mar the pleasure of the day, somewhat to the disappointment of society.

Blair Stanley, with plenty of money, but keeping seditiously away from Mr. Abe Bloom's temple of chance, turned up in Richmond in pursuit of Vivian Marston, with whom he was still infatuated. He knew the risk he took, for it was evident some one in Richmond had secured from Abe Bloom the check that, besides being worthless, had the fatal print of his thumb upon it. For the photograph of this check and thumb print, together with photographs of his thumb prints taken from Dr. Lee's study, had been in the possession of Hagar Harding when he had struck her down.

But such was his fierce passion for the luxurious and beautiful Vivian Marston that Blair walked in the shadow of death for her sake.

He intimated as much to her when he had led her aside beneath the bow-



Applies the Barrel Stave to the Bent Over Negro Lad.

whispered. And Blair, much as he had longed for the baleful jewel himself, now longed more for this woman.

"I shall never rest till I get it for you!" he replied fiercely. And he would have kissed her to seal the contract, but she drew herself from his arms, and he knew that her caresses were only to be purchased by the diamond, the price of the diamond lives, souls or honor.

But the luxurious and vivacious Vivian was a practical person. She did not depend upon the romantic, if desperate, efforts of a lover alone to secure for her the star of her desire.

She consulted the businesslike and equally eager brothers Bloom. To the gape mouthed Abraham and Isaac she confided the romantic story of the diamond and the confirmation of its great intrinsic value, which she had learned from Blair Stanley and others while in Fairfax.

"The diamond from the sky, as they call it, disappeared in Richmond, torn from your neck by the hands of an unseen thief, the night of Mrs. Randolph's ball," said Abe Bloom, the gambler. "The chances are a hundred to one it is still hidden in this town. Whoever stole it will want money on it. That's reasonable enough to assume. It will turn up."

"It is enough to make a man put a thimble in his wind with thaying 'Highly Pritheth Paid For Big Diamond and No Questionous Athked,'" remarked Mr. the Bloom, who hisped when he was excited, and excited he was when he heard the romantic history of the diamond from the sky and its price. But especially did its price excite him.

"It shan't thip through my hand again if I get hold of it," he added. "I wouldn't lent it to the queen of Thpain." And as he said this he gave his brother's "lady friend" from New York, as he called her, a meaning glance.

"Let bygones be bygones!" Abe Bloom snarled at his brother. "VI didn't lose it on purpose. I have telephoned for Tom Blake, whom I consider the smartest detective in this country. He does what you pay him to do and keeps his mouth shut. If the diamond is in Richmond Blake will find it."

In a few moments the suave and reticent Mr. Blake arrived. Placed in possession of all the facts the Blooms and Vivian could give him, he remarked that he would do his best, and the first and last meeting of the syndicate to find the diamond from the sky broke up and the detective departed.

He was followed shortly afterward by Miss Marston of New York, whose Richmond society friends would have been shocked beyond expression did they know she paid an occasional secret visit to the establishment of Abe Bloom.

Meanwhile where is the diamond from the sky? It is not a pearl to be cast before swine, nor is it fated to remain the tinsel plaything of a negro lad who is a herder of swine.

In the frayed and dirty dress suit, all the dirtier for its jail stains, Mr. Strap McGee makes across country, cursing his luck. He pauses by a pig pen to play a grim and intensely practical joke on a negro boy bent over the sty. Mr. Strap McGee picks up a barrel stave and applies it to the person of the bent over negro lad.

Then Mr. McGee notes the boy, in sudden pain and fright, has dropped some bauble plaything into the swirl of

the swine. Mr. McGee is not fastidious. He fishes out the bauble.

It is the diamond from the sky!

And it looks good to Mr. McGee, and he flees with it at his best speed, followed by a shower of rocks from the colored pig boy, bereft of the sparkling thing he found in an owl's nest.

Richmond is not far away, and Mr. Strap McGee has some loose change he won at gaming in the jail. He proceeds to imbibe, biding his time to dispose of the bauble hidden in his rags.

But when he drops into the curio shop, opium den joss house maintained by Chinese acquaintances, his tipsy vanity impels him to show the bauble to the crafty Hung Li, priest, den keeper and tong leader.

It is a fatal thing to do, for luck has been bad with Hung Li and his friends. The police have closed their gambling joint and shut down on opium smoking. Hung Li believes that the god of the sky, the great god Lung, needs propitiating, and then he will bring back good luck in plenty.

Has word from the diamond from the sky traveled to China and back? The effigy of the great god Lung is in its sanctuary in the next room, and Lung is the god of the sky. The body of a strangled tramp is dropped through a trap door, and the diamond from the sky is hung about the neck of the great god Lung.

This night Mrs. Burton Randolph would a slumming go. Blair and Miss Marston are all the little party, and Tom Blake, the detective, is to be their guide. A significant glance of caution and silence passes between the detective and Miss Marston when they meet again.

The Chinese quarter, with its joss house, is the first place they visit. The wily Hung Li wishes no visitors to the inner sanctuary of his joss, the great god Lung, but Blake will not be denied.

He says his friends have come especially to burn incense for good luck before the great god Lung. And so they enter the sanctuary and behold on the breast of Lung the diamond from the sky!

Detective as he is, and, possessing great and evil powers in the eyes of Hung Li, Blake and his friends are forced from the place. The ladies, Mrs. Randolph again in a "state of nerves," are sent home, and Blake from the nearest telephone summons Abe Bloom and his brother.

Meanwhile an English lawyer has arrived at the Randolph house seeking Blair Stanley. Determined upon his quest, the lawyer gets directions and arrives at the joss house. Hung Li and his confederates will have none of the London lawyer.

But the exasperated Marmaduke Smythe will not be denied. He says he knows the persons he is searching for are inside this beastly Chinese place.

Here now he is, re-enforced by the excited and money proffering Abraham



Hung Li Examines the Diamond From the Sky.

and Isaac Bloom and the equally urgent but more self controlled private detective, Tom Blake.

The investing allies, English, Irish and Hebrew, surge in upon the entrenched Chinese. The struggle of the invaders to gain the sanctuary and get for money or by force the diamond from the sky is now at its fiercest.

But all the while a desperate man is climbing the fire escape at the back of the Chinese den. He has noted a curtain draped window behind the joss. A crash of glass is heard within.

The frenzied Hung Li breaks from the invaders and rushes into the sanctuary, followed by the other Chinese, the two Blooms, the detective and the bewildered Englishman.

A hand through the broken glass behind the idol has torn the diamond from the sky from the neck and breast of the great god Lung. With a demonic scream the frenzied Hung Li seizes a keen Chinese sword at the foot of the idol and aims a swift blow at the disappearing hand.

Voe and bad luck forever for the unfortunate Hung Li! The blow has missed the despoiling white hand and has severed the head of the great god Lung!

Another slash in excited frenzy and down comes the burning altar light, and the flimsy furnishings of the sanctuary and the whole den itself are a roaring blaze of fire!



"I have gone to the foot of the gallows for you, Vivian!"

er of the purple blossoms at his cousin's wistaria fete. "I have gone to the foot of the gallows for you, Vivian!" he whispered to her.

For he realized that this beautiful, languorous woman was one to whom an unscrupulous and desperate deed would appeal. He felt that she, too, had a past and that in wickedness they were well matched, and for that the desperate Blair loved her all the more.

For herself, Vivian Marston had lingered in Richmond, leading an existence that was puritanical and galling to her in the vapid restraints, as she deemed them, of conventional southern racial restrictions. Her one strong, ca-

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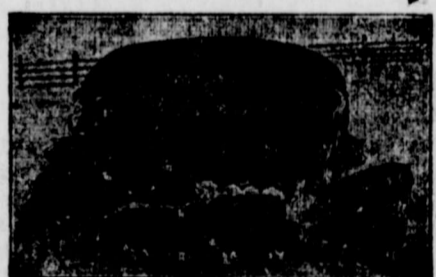
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ood organ at a bargain, at A. P. MORRIS.

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A few choice pigs for sale from Capital Giontess, No. 179548, big bone Poland China. C. B. Alexander, Snyder, Texas.

CORD WOOD—For sale at \$5.00 at the ranch while it lasts. See Dr. R. G. Davenport or call fifteen. 29tf

WANTED

WANTED—To buy a small curly dog. Leave word at Signal office. George Webb. 27

WANTED—Rooms for light house keeping. Apply to W. W. Griffith at barber shop next to Manhattan hotel.

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FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, will take either transient or local people. J. W. Templeton.

SMALL BUSINESS room for rent. Inquire at Smith's Confectionery. 19tf

FOR RENT—One quarter section of deep sandy land, near Ira, good two room house, well and wind mill, 90 acres in cultivation, to be rented for standing rent. See M. E. Rosser. 1f

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—On Friday night the 24th, on Clairmont road north of J. S. Hart's, several small packages. Finder will please return to E. A. McMath at Farmers Union Gin. 1f.

LOST—Ladies No. 6 size, gold watch, hunting case, Elgin movement, no fob or chain. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to this office. 29p

FOR SERVICE

FOR SERVICE—Two registered Jersey Bulls at my barn. Phone 290. E. E. Brumley, owner. 19

Mrs. N. B. Moore is sick with grip.

"Figaro Preservative," the scientific preservative for fresh meats. Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Miss Cora Lindsey has moved to her ranch in Jones County.

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Warning.

Hunters and trespassers in my pastures will be prosecuted, no exceptions. Leaving gates open, cutting fences are serious offenses. Take warning. R. G. DAVENPORT.

Mr. and Mrs. McCall and Jake of Fort Worth, are here to visit Dr. and Mrs. Davenport.

Changes in Business.
J. L. Stinson has retired from the Thompson Drug Company and will engage in stock raising. Mr. Lee Stinson has purchased stock in that company and will assume charge of the prescription department tomorrow. The Signal wishes both gentlemen unbounded success in their new vocations.

R. W. Nelson has sold the Arcade to P. W. Lemons who assumes management of the business January 1. Mr. Nelson will move with his family to Brownsville, Texas, where he will re-enter business.

For Sale or Trade
We have some extra good second hand Buggies that we will sell at a bargain or trade for young horses and mules. 27tf
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ATTENTION

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Snyder National Bank
SNYDER, TEXAS

Gin Notice.

Brice-Burnett Gin Company will gin on the following dates: Friday, December 31, 1915, and Saturday, January 1, 1916. Customers will please take notice.
Brice-Burnett & Co., Ginners.
Snyder, Texas.

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FORECAST OF FASHION AMONG THE WOMEN

This item has been handed to the Signal:
"Telegraphic dispatches, and general fashion notes in the leading publications of the world, supplying information from centers of creation of ladies wearing apparel, proclaim the tidings that short, very short, loud skirts will be worn during the summer season. This information will be received with gleaming eyes and much delight by Jim Lowrey of Honey Grove, Mayor J. Z. Noble of Snyder and Editor J. S. Hardy of the Signal, but please don't say anything about it.

For Trade

We have some extra good buggies to trade for young horses and mules. 24tf
Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Jim Dawson, the coal man was riding with Will Arnold Thursday and in stepping from the car in motion he fell and a wheel passed over his foot. That's why he is limping.

Mr. I. D. (Pete) Scogin is reported quite sick with erysipelas at his ranch in Kent county. He was reported some what better Thursday.

Ward Osborne has gone to Abilene to enter school.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

F. A. Vanderlip
On The Business of Banking



The farmers of this nation to come into their own must study business. We must, as a class, understand the fundamental principles that underlie every industry, its functions to society and its relation to agriculture for there can be no intelligent co-operation without understanding. Mr. F. A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank of New York, when asked "What is a Bank?" said in part:

"The first and most familiar function of a bank is that of gathering up the idle money of a community, small sums and large, and thus forming a pool or reservoir upon which responsible persons may draw as they have temporary use for money. It is evident that this makes large sums in the aggregate available for the employment of labor and the development of the community. But much more is accomplished than the use of the money actually deposited in the banks, for by the use of drafts, checks and bank notes the efficiency of money is multiplied several times over. A very large business, for example one of the great beef packers, may use very little actual money; on one side of its bank account will be entered the checks and drafts it is daily receiving from everywhere in payment for meats, while on the other side will be entered the checks it draws in payment for cattle, etc., its only use of money being for small payments, to labor and otherwise.

If there were but one bank in a community and everybody paid all bills by drawing checks on that bank, and everyone receiving a check immediately deposited it in the bank, the amount of money in the bank evidently would not change at all and the entire business of the community would be settled on the books of the bank. And the situation is but slightly changed when there are several banks, for they daily exchange among themselves all the checks they receive on each other, which practically offset themselves, although the small balances are paid in cash. This is called 'clearing' and in every large city there is a 'Clearing House' where representatives of the banks meet daily to settle their accounts with each other.

A bank is constantly receiving from its customers, particularly those that are shipping products to other localities, drafts and checks drawn on banks in other cities, which it usually sends for deposit to a few correspondent banks in the central cities with which it maintains permanent accounts. In this way these scattered credits are consolidated and the bank draws upon these accounts in supplying customers with the means of making payments away from home. As each local community sells and buys about the same amount abroad in the course of a year, these payments largely offset each other. It is evident that the banks are very intimately related to the trade and industry of a country. The banker is a dealer in credit much more than a dealer in money, and of course his own credit must be above question. He exchanges his credit for the credits acquired by his customers, and lends credit for their accommodation, but he must conduct the business with such judgment that he can always meet his own obligations with cash on demand. This is the essential thing about bank credit, that it shall always be the same as cash."

Mr and Mrs. W. D. Sims, Miss Wil- reported sick with grip at the Sims lie Joe Sims and Miss Farrar at all home in East Snyder.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

F. C. Howe
On The Advantages of Free Ports



Mr. F. C. Howe, Federal Commissioner of Immigration, who is one of the best American authorities on marine commerce, in discussing the relation of free ports to the development of sea trade said in part:

"Ships will go hundreds of miles out of their way to avoid ports surrounded by a tariff wall. The only way, therefore, for a country with a tariff to compete in the shipping world with a free trade country is to establish free ports at strategic points along its coast line. Germany has done so, and in a comparatively short period has built up a carrying trade which before the war was seriously threatening England's supremacy. Hamburg, one of the three German free ports, now ranks as the second greatest seaport in the world, its total foreign commerce in 1913 being only \$6,000,000 under that of New York.

The free port would offer great opportunity for financial operations, now made possible by the recent currency act. It would stimulate international banking, and would tend to shift the financial center of the world to this country. And America, by the logic of events, has become the natural center for the world's financing, just as London became that center several centuries ago, when it shifted from the cities of the Netherlands. But the financial center will only move to this country when it becomes a clearing house of goods as well as of money. For credit the world over is created by currency created wealth in transit or change so that even our financial expansion is dependent upon the opening up of American ports to the clearance of the wealth of the world. A port should not operate to yield a return on the investment, but to develop the prosperity of the country." In recapitulating the advantages, Mr. Howe brings out the importance of the free port in developing our shipping, and linking us with South America, Asia and Africa, and then concludes:

"The most important gain is the direct gain to America. It will cheapen commodities by bringing great quantities of goods to our doors for importation or export, as trade needs demand. It will stimulate the growth of exporting houses, which can hold goods for an indefinite period without the payment of tariff dues (often equal to the cost of the article itself) for disposal to meet the trade demands of the whole world. It will rebuild international credit, and shift to America an increasing and ultimately a predominant share in international exchange.

Finally, America is the natural country to be the counter of the world. Its seacoasts face every other continent; it is the greatest of all reservoirs of raw materials and foodstuffs. In iron and steel and standardized production it is in a position to compete with the world. But international trade (and this is always overlooked) must be reciprocal. It cannot be one-sided. And credit balances cannot for an prolonged period be paid in gold. They can only be paid by exchange of wealth."

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Henry N. Pope
On Where is the Money?



The bankers of this state have undertaken the patriotic duty of providing money to relieve the distress of the present cotton crop. Conventions have been held, committees appointed and resolutions adopted which make a good beginning.

Most every kind of information has been given out on the subject except the amount of money available and rate of interest demanded on the cotton fund. The farmers would like to hear this phase of the subject discussed by the bankers. The crop is beginning to move, where is the money?

Will the bankers, who are willing to lend money, at the rate of six per cent per annum, on cotton stored in an interior warehouse the loan to terminate at the option of the farmer, please state the amount they have available for such purposes. We are fast approaching the time when the Texas bankers must fish or dig bait, and the farmers of this state want to know what they can depend upon.

I recall the \$135,000,000 cotton pool of last year that spent its energies in discussing plans, organizing committees, hurrying across the continent, sending telegrams and giving out newspaper interviews but no money was available for lending purposes. Cotton is the thing and a movement that exhausts itself before it gets the money to the farmer had better never be started. A broken promise is worse than a drought. I am not questioning the integrity of that movement but the results were disastrous to the farmer for the cotton was held down to a low price until it left the hands of the producer and every effort should be made to prevent repetition of that calamity.

Lending money on cotton at a low rate of interest is as much the part of the warehouse system as the warehouse itself. Building warehouses will not solve the problem and warehouses without money would be of little use to the farmers. The purpose of the warehouse is to make the loan of the banker more secure. If a banker would lend money to a farmer on cotton held on a farm there would be little necessity for a public warehouse except as a safe and convenient means of storage.

The farmers will patronize the warehouse if it is to his interest to do so. The interest rate, storage and insurance charges will determine largely whether or not he will store his cotton. What are the rates? We now have on deposit in the banks of Texas about \$200,000,000. Is any part of it available for handling the Texas cotton crop?

It is time to get down to business. How much money have the bankers available for cotton loans and what do they want for it? That is the question and its answer determines the prosperity of the farmer of the South.

The farmers are depending upon the Texas bankers to handle this year's crop and I have no doubt they will do so for they have announced a willingness to do it and are thoroughly capable of the task, but the danger of all public movements is that we urge and expect the other fellow to put up the funds, hence the question where is the money?

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

C. E. Schaff
On the "Katy" Paying Her Bills.



When the "Katy" pays her monthly accounts, she reaches down in her stocking and pulls out a roll of bills large enough to burn up a wet mule. If she paid off her annual accounts in silver dollars and stacked them one upon the other they would reach sixty-eight miles high, would fill sixty-three box cars and weigh one thousand two hundred and fifty-two tons. Lying side by side along the track of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, they would reach from Galveston to St. Louis, and double track from St. Louis to Sedalia. When she opens the pay car door twenty thousand men struggle to "touch the hem of her garment," and when she pays her other expenses as many more smile upon her. Her money speaks every language, visits every clime and is changed into the coin of every nation.

Mr. C. E. Schaff, President of the M., K. & T. Lines, when asked to give the disbursements of his road, during the past year, said in part:

"Comparatively few people appreciate what tremendous sums of money are distributed by the railroads of the country. Last year the 'Katy,' for example, paid out in wages of employes alone over twelve million dollars, and disbursed for material and supplies nearly three million. The locomotives handling our last year's business consumed coal to the value of two million nine hundred and thirty thousand dollars, and the tax gatherer came in for the neat sum of one million three hundred and twenty-two thousand dollars; other operating expenses aggregated over three million dollars. Interest amounting to nearly six million five hundred thousand dollars was paid to thousands of bond holders.

There were millions of transactions involved in the receipts and disbursements and there is hardly a bank in the world which did not handle some item in connection with the M., K. & T. business last year.

Consider for a moment the millions of people outside of railway employes who are indirectly benefited if not entirely dependent upon the greatest of all industries of the United States."

WOLFE ANNOUNCES FOR CITY MARSHAL

The Signal is authorized this week to announce O. P. Wolfe as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal and ex-officio tax assessor and collector. Uncle Pack does not need any introduction to the people of Snyder, for everybody in and around the town knows him.

With the exception of one term he has been City Marshal ever since the town was incorporated, and he has a reputation at home and away of keeping the cleanest town in Texas. He is always on the job and after any loose papers or trash, and besides that he is all the time on the alert for any crooks who may be prowling around.

Mr. Wolfe is honest and straight and takes a pride in doing his whole duty and doing it well. Remember him when you go to elect a man for the head of the department.

Missionary Auxiliary Officers.
The Missionary Auxiliary of the Methodist church elected officers this week as follows:

Mrs. Robt. H. Curnutte, president.
Mrs. Olin Hardy 1st V-Pres.
Mrs. W. M. Curry 2nd V-Pres.
Mrs. J. S. Hardy, Supt. Pub.
Mrs. J. W. Couch, Supt. Supplies.
Mrs. Joe Strayhorn, Supt. Social Service.
Mrs. W. W. Hamilton Recording Secretary.
Mrs. T. L. McMillan, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. C. C. Higgins, Parliamentarian.
Mrs. Ed Curry, organist.
Mrs. A. O. Scarborough, Treasurer.
Mrs. W. T. Manry, treasurer local church fund.
Mrs. Sed. A. Harris, Agent Missionary Voice.
Mrs. E. E. Grimes, chairman finance Committee.
Mrs. Guy E. Paxton, chairman Social Committee.

The next meeting will be at 3 p. m. January 3rd. A full attendance is urged as there is business of importance.

W. T. SKINNER ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

The Signal's announcements column this week presents the name of Mr. W. T. Skinner as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Scurry county, subject to the Democratic primaries.

Mr. Skinner has made the county a faithful, careful, accurate and efficient clerk and knows the intricate duties of that office from bottom to top. He keeps the records in good shape, convenient for the public and is courteous and accommodating toward all the people who have business with his department.

He appreciates the support extended to him in past years and if re-elected will take pride and pleasure in giving to the duties of the office the same constant attention that has always been his custom. It is his ambition to be even a better official than ever before. Consider his claim and qualifications when you come to vote for a county clerk.

Preserve your meats with "Figaro Preservative," the liquid smoke that smokes.
Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Mrs. Fred V. Clark and children left Thursday evening to visit at the old home at Kosse.

Walter Curry says tax collections have been pretty good all thru December.

Leonard Cotton is reported sick with pneumonia at the home of his father, Taylor Cotton east of Dunn.

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J. W. Hendryx has returned from a Christmas deer hunt and is now enjoying venison.

A. H. McCord, a newspaper man of large experience is here this week looking over West Texas.

GET YOU A FORD AUTO WHILE THEY LAST. JUST RECEIVED A CARLOAD OF TOURING CARS AND ROADSTERS. SEE US AT ONCE.
FRED A. GRAYUM AUTO CO.

Born in Snyder, Dec. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harless, Jr. a fine boy.

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To All Our Customers

We trust you have had a Merry Christmas and wish for you a

Happy New Year

and HOPE the coming year may prove both happy and prosperous.

We will try as in the past, to be entirely at your service,

Coates Merc. Co.

The Fuller Gin will gin Saturday the 8th of January, 1916.
H. L. WREN, Mgr.

General snowfall reported in North Texas. We are ready for ours. The little flurry here Tuesday morning was not enough to count. Thermometers got low down in the twenties, but the moisture was almost nil.

"Figaro Preservative," the scientific preservative for fresh meats.
Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Barnett of Ira, returned Thursday from a holiday visit at Dyersburg, Tennessee. Born, Dec. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Lockhart, northeast of town, a girl.

Preserve your meats with "Figaro Preservative," the liquid smoke that smokes.
Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hart returned Thursday from a holiday visit in Johnson county.

Ginning Notice.
The Farmers Union Gin Co. will gin Wednesday, Jan. 5th and Friday Jan. 7th, next week.
Farmers Union Gin Company.

The Signal and The Semi-Weekly News \$1.75.

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OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Ralph Peters
On Railway Mail Pay



A controversy has been raging in the columns of press between the railroads and the Federal Post Office Department over the question of proper compensation for handling the United States mails. Mr. Ralph Peters, Chairman of the Railway Mail Committee, when asked to state the railroad side of the controversy to American farmer, said in part:

"The railway mail pay question will be settled—settled permanently and with justice to all concerned as soon as the American people realize that the subject, while seemingly complicated and technical, breaks down to a few simple points of fair business deal which no one need be a rate expert to understand.

The first is that the Post Office Department weighs the mails, and adjusts the pay of the railroads, only once in four years. This compels railroads to carry the increase in the mail tonnage during the intervening years without pay—manifestly an injustice in the case of a rapidly growing business. One consequence has been that last year the railroads carried half the parcel post for nothing.

A second point is this: In addition to carrying the mails, the railroads are required to operate many travelling post offices for sorting and distributing the mails while in transit. But the Post Office Department pays for such post offices only where they occupy whole cars, and pays nothing in the many cases in which it merely requires the use of post office apartments in combination cars, although such apartments differ from full railway post office cars only in size. More than 4,200 apartments of this character have been fitted up, and are maintained for the exclusive use of the Post Office Department. Failure to pay for them has been an especial hardship to the smaller roads on which the Department does not find it necessary to utilize whole cars.

One last point: In thousands of instances (though not in all) the Post Office Department requires the railroads to carry the mails back and forth between railroad stations and post offices, but pays them nothing for this extra service beyond the rates covering the rail transportation. Railroads have no choice but to perform this additional service gratis, or to fuse to carry the mails at all.

Now for the remedies the railroads ask: They do not ask to have mails weighed daily, or to have each shipment weighed and paid for separately, as is done in the case of private shippers. They merely ask to have the mails weighed, and the pay of the railroads adjusted, at least a year, instead of once in four years. They also ask that apartment office cars be paid for, at reasonable rates, according to size. Lastly, they ask that the Post Office Department cease to require of them free messenger service between stations and post offices, and either relieve them of that service or pay fairly for it. These are the reforms the railroads ask of Congress. They gladly lay these reforms before the public, confident that it will appeal to the common sense and fairness of American voters."

FOR HEAT WITHOUT SOOT GET CHANDLER

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and take this method of extending sincere thanks to our many customers for the liberal patronage accorded us during the past and respectively solicit a continuance of same. The passing season has truly been a bountiful one, which encourages us to make even greater strides to meet the demands of the people of the golden west in the lines of merchandise we represent, therefore we wish to assure you that we are at your command in any available manner.

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Snyder, Texas

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION.

In the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, of Scurry County, Texas: THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Scurry

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1 of Scurry County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 26th day of October A. D. 1915, for \$46.73, with 10 per cent interest thereon per annum

from date and costs, in favor of O. L. Wilkison Lumber Company, and against Samuel Herrington, No. 1877, on the docket of said court, I did on the 7th day of December A. D. 1915, at 11:10 o'clock a. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land, situated in the county of Scurry, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Samuel Herrington, to-wit:

Abstract No. 2323, Certificate No. 43-5606, survey 207, original Grantee J. M. Smith, containing 160

acres, same being N. W. 1-4 of said survey:

Abstract No. 2539, Certificate No. 43-5605, Survey No. 206, E. Fenton Original Grantee, containing 160 acres, same being the N. E. 1-4 of said survey:

Lot No. 10, Block No. 49-50, McDowell subdivision of the Cody Heights Addition to the town of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, known as the Samuel Herrington lands, all of above described tracts of land being located in Scurry County, Texas.

And on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1916, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the Court House door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at Public Auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Samuel Herrington in and to said property to satisfy the aforesaid judgment in favor of O. L. Wilkison Lumber Company for \$46.73, interest and costs.

Dated at Snyder, Texas, this the 7th day of December, A. D. 1915.

W. A. MERRELL,
Sheriff, Scurry County, Texas

Was Sick in Cleburne.

Mr. George T. Nunn, brother of Tom and Jim Nunn, has been seriously sick at Cleburne with pneumonia. Tom went down a few days ago to nurse him through and bring him back to Snyder. They arrived here Thursday.

For Trade

We have some extra good buggies to trade for young horses and mules. 24tf Townsend-O'Jham & Co.

Weather Bulletin.

Courtesy Western Union Telegraph Co.

December 29.

Sleet and snow storms prevailing from Chicago eastward and south to the gulf. Business for the east will move slow account heavy shortage of facilities.

Mr. J. K. Walling of Amarillo was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Green.

Mrs. Billie Raiston was called to La-Mrs. Billie Raiston was called to La-serious illness of her brother.

County Institute Resolutions.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 23, 1915.

We, the teachers of the Scurry county Institute herein assembled at Snyder, Texas, do hereby offer the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, that it is the sense of this Institute that the Scurry county Teachers' Institute should be held about the middle of November and that the schools of the county should begin immediately thereafter.

2. Resolved that we favor the contribution of \$1.00 from each teacher in the Institute to pay for professional service to be secured by the County Superintendent and program committee and we hereby pledge ourselves to make such contribution for next Institute, if we teach in this county.

3. Resolved, that we express our deep appreciation for the able addresses of Dr. McKee of Fairmont Seminary, Hon. R. S. Binnion Chief Clerk in the Department of Education and Prof. Guenther, member of the faculty of the West Texas Normal.

4. Resolved, that we express our sincere appreciation for the able and impartial manner in which Supt. C. R. Buchanan, has conducted the sessions of this institute, to the trustees of the Snyder Schools for their liberality in tendering to us the use of the High School building, to the people of Snyder as for their courteous treatment while among them and especially to Mesdames Barnes and Hutcheson for their most excellent programs, rendered for our benefit.

Adopted.

C. R. Buchanan, Co. Supt.
O. L. Howell, Secretary.

"Mr. Geo. Northcutt and party report excellent luck on their hunting trip. They expect to return between now and Monday.

For seed wheat and Rye go to C. S. Perkins Grocery Company. 22tf

Mrs. Hugh Boren is reported on the sick list this week.

HIGH GRADE COAL AT THE ICE PLANT ONLY \$8.00 CASH PER TON.

Messrs. P. E. and O. F. Davenport spent Christmas with relatives in Ranger, returning home this week.

CROWDER.

Everybody cut this way is suffering on account of colds and lagrippe.

The people of Crowder school community had a nice Christmas tree on last Christmas eve and had a nice tree, everyone enjoyed it. They had a fine Santa Claus.

Mr. Tom Hodge and wife are visiting in the east for a while.

We have been having some cold weather for lagrippe.

Mrs. White is still ailing from a long spell of lagrippe.

People are on the move this week to their new homes in this community.

Mr. J. A. Stringer returned last Tuesday from Erath County, where he had been to the bedside of his sister. He said he left her some better.

Otha Busby said he was returning to Hermleigh this week where he will enter school for the remainder of the term.

—TOP KNOT.

We can repair your broken furniture or stoves. A. P. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Black of Miami, Texas, were guests this week of Mrs. S. C. Porter and family in Snyder. They paid the Signal a pleasant visit and contracted to "keep it coming."

Prof. F. P. Guenther of Canyon Normal Faculty was the guest last week of Superintendent E. A. Watson and made an address before the Teachers' Institute Thursday. These gentlemen are old-time friends.

You can get seed rye at Perkins' Grocery Company. 19

Mrs. W. W. Echols and baby are visiting at Hermleigh.

W. W. Griffith of Chillicothe has arrived in Snyder and purchased the barber shop next door to the Manhattan hotel, and is having same remodeled and otherwise improved.

Santa Claus Goods Found.

Mr. W. A. Johnson has brought to the Signal office a basket of fruit, nuts and Christmas things which he found on the Clairemont road north of town. Some man had started home with these things and the end gate had lost off of his wagon and these things intended for the children dropped out along the road. Don't you know his little ones were disappointed. Mr. Johnson has left the stuff at the Signal office for the owner.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White visited at Eastland

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Smiths' Confectionery

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Chamber of Commerce
Banquet
Will be held in the
basement of the
Methodist Church
Thursday, January 6th

CHIMING BELLS.

New Subscriptions and Renewals for
1916.

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A. M. Johnston, Dunn,
J. N. McDonald, Snyder,
Fred Walters, Rt. 2.
D. M. Roberts, Fluvanna,
Walt Smith, Polar,
Roy Teague, New Mexico,
J. K. Blackard, Snyder,
W. R. West, Soash,
Mrs. H. E. Best, Glob, Ariz.
Rev. M. T. Tucker, Snyder,
A. W. Howell Rt 2.
T. J. McEntyre, Route 1,
Mrs. W. T. Farmer, Dallas,
W. J. Evans, Ira,
J. W. Gladson, Snyder,
J. F. Crowder, Dunn,
Tom Faught, Wastella,
T. F. Haley, Gorman,
H. H. Jeffress, Snyder,
J. R. G. Millner, Snyder,
M. L. Hill, Ira,
R. L. Burditt, Snyder,
C. O. Wilson, Snyder,
H. F. Clark, Knapp,
P. M. Pruitt, Itasca,
E. H. Teague, Rt 2,
J. C. Murphree, Snyder,
J. L. Murphree, Alabama,
J. C. Martin, Quanah,
B. B. Conroe, Fluvanna,
N. H. Durham, Dunn,
W. H. Kimsey, Pyron,
J. Q. Richardson, Illinois,
J. S. Bailey, Rotan,
Walter W. Davis, Sweetwater,
H. L. Williamson, Rt. 2,
C. P. Shafer, Snyder,
E. A. Morrow, Rt. 5
J. C. Seabourn Route 1,
W. H. Seabourn, Snyder,
S. M. Kemp, Hermleigh,
J. M. Doak, Rt. 2.
John Myers, Snyder,
R. G. Grantham, Muleshoe,
Townsite Co., Fluvanna,
W. A. Leuder, Hermleigh,
F. E. Pearson, Rt. 2,
Mrs. B. V. Tillman, Miami,
J. W. Haney, Rt. 3,
O. P. Wolfe, Snyder,
W. H. Wolfe, Lampasas,
Mrs. R. E. Clark, Bay City,
Luther Garner, Gorman,
W. A. Pitte, Snyder,
J. B. Johnson, Camp Springs,
Mrs. Abb Peck, California,
M. H. Plunkett, Dermott,
R. N. Miller, Gail,
W. W. Griffith, Snyder.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Scurry

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Taylor county on the 3rd day of December, 1915 by J. Fuller, Clerk of said Court for the sum of one hundred, seventy eight and 30-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Ed. S. Hughes Co. in a certain cause in said court, No. 3451 and styled Ed. S. Hughes Co. vs. W. M. McLaury, et al., placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Merrell, as sheriff of Scurry county, Texas, did on the 6th day of December, 1915, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Scurry county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 4, Block No. 6 and lot No. 10 in Block No. 14 in the Provident Heights addition to the town of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas; and on lot No. 9 and block No. 20 in the J. B. Chambers addition to the said town of Snyder, Texas and levied upon as the property of W. M. McLaury and C. A. McLaury and Nellie McLaury and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1916, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door of Scurry county in the town of Snyder, Texas between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. M. McLaury, C. A. McLaury and Nellie McLaury.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Snyder Signal, a newspaper published in Scurry County.

Witness my hand this 7th day of December, 1915.

W. A. MERRELL,
Sheriff, Scurry County, Texas.

Miss Pearl Edmonson of Big Springs is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Laura Nation.

Mrs. Bob Whitaker is visiting at Fluvanna.

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The car that climbs the hills and goes through sand where others fail, no better motor made.
Four-35, five passenger touring car, or roadster \$885.00
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See this beautiful high grade, classy car before you buy.
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Calls Answered day or night within fifty miles.
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Opera House Theatre.
The Opera House Theatre is selling turkeys at 5c a least, they did so last night. The shows are attracting the usual large crowds and the people seem to enjoy them. Many exceptionally good attractions are booked for the future.

Lyric Theatre.
The Lyric Theatre is giving some excellent programs each night and this afternoon and tonight they present Theda Bara in "Lady Audley's Secret," which is a most interesting story. Don't miss this picture.



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needles and repair parts for any make of machine, or a fine machine at a reasonable price.

I sell the Standard and White, two of the finest machines made.

J. D. BOYD
South of Post Office

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I have just opened an up-to-date Barber Shop in the rear of Smith's Confectionery.

New outfit, modern equipment.

Good service guaranteed.

Your Patronage Solicited

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Snyder, Texas.



**Farm Telephone
Saved Child's Life**

One of the Children fell into a water tank and was rescued unconscious and apparently lifeless.

The frantic mother telephoned to the doctor six miles away, and he started at once. In the meantime his assistant telephoned instructions and the mother restored the child to consciousness before the doctor arrived.

The telephone service saved the child's life.

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**We Help Those Who Try to
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C. W. Post Home Farms**

We are building up a community of actual home owners and are anxious to interest good, dependable men in our undertaking. We will sell raw land on which we will place improvements and charge against the land. In other words should you buy 160 acres, we will improve the same with a 4 or 5 room dwelling (with water piped into the kitchen), well and windmill, sheds for chickens, hogs and stock, and a silo if wanted. These improvements will cost from \$1500 to \$1700. We will not sell land unless it is to be farmed—no speculation.

One can buy 160 acres 10 to 15 miles from Post City, but near a school, at \$20 to \$22 an acre, plus the improvements mentioned above. We will sell you the land and improvements for a payment of \$2 per acre (\$320) down and \$1.75 an acre (280) per year at the unusually low rate of four per cent interest. Notes on or before. Payments cover both land and improvements.

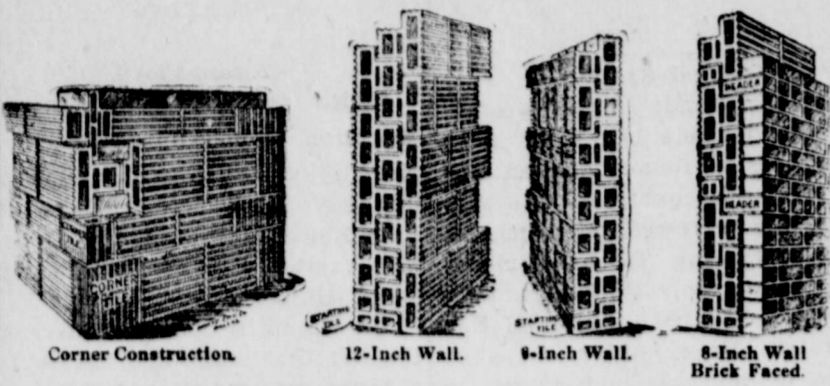
Farms on the plains will be sold during 1915, to be occupied early in 1916, for \$2.00 an acre down and terms as above. Interest does not start until you go on the land. Next payment Jan. 1, 1917.

Also have just classified and put on the market the breaks, or grazing land. These lands will sell from \$6.00 to \$12.00 per acre. \$1.00 per acre cash, 50c per acre per year until paid out at 6 per cent interest. This goes in tracts of 640 acres and up.

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IRA NEWS ITEMS.

Last Saturday evening, December 18, 1915, Mr. J. D. Bullard and Miss Jessie Crow, were married at the Methodist Church.

We started the new Methodist parsonage at Ira, last Monday morning, Dec. 20th, and the work is moving very nicely.

It is believed that more of the boys in this community are trying to get married. We wish them success.

Miss Pearl Lewis and Mr. John R. Cole were married this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Lewis, parents of the bride. This is a very promising couple and we wish for them success and true happiness. The marriage ceremony was performed at 4:45, immediately after which an excellent dinner was served, both in quality and quantity. The writer and his wife attended the wedding and were very much impressed by the splendid hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, and predict success for the bride and groom, as they are both young, good looking and promising.
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Feather beds made into folding feather mattresses.

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DR. ROSS ELECTED GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.

In the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas which closed yesterday at Waco, Dr. A. A. Ross was elected Grand Junior Warden by a vote of 1217 to 567.

About thirty Masons were present from Lockhart and probably as many more from the other lodges of the county.

Dr. Ross is one of the best informed Masons in Texas on the work, the history, usages and laws of the order. His election to office by a landslide is a just recognition of his zeal and fidelity.

As Grand Junior Warden, he is in line for Grand Master, an office regarded among Masons as more honorable than any that might be bestowed by king, prince or potentate.

Dr. Ross is the first man, so far as we know, from this county to hold this exalted position in the order and his honor exalts Lockhart and Caldwell County Masonry in Texas.

The foregoing is copied from the Lockhart Post. Dr. Lockhart is a brother of Mrs. R. W. Cunningham of Snyder, has visited here and is known to many prominent men of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harrington visited at Roscoe.

THE VOICE OF NOW!

It is the present, the today, the NOW in which we are interested. Shakespeare wisely says:

"Tomorrow never yet

On any living mortal rose or set."

It is the printed page which deals most intimately and with the greatest detail in the movements of the present. It is THE VOICE OF NOW proclaiming to the world the things that are happening today. The government of the United States is NOW gravely concerned in certain aspects of the war in Europe and has had thrust on it several serious international problems which are NOW in process of solution. The American farmer is NOW interested in this titanic struggle, for his interests are being affected by it today and will be tomorrow, and he wants to keep in close touch with it NOW.

EVERYBODY is interested in the cotton crop from the time of its planting to the days of its harvesting and marketing. They want to know "the NOW" in all that pertains to the great Southern staple; they want to know "the NOW" of all other agricultural markets, the latest in modern farming, the facts of the warehousing problem, and all else that pertains to the progress of the time in every theater of life.

The tens of thousands of men and women who know the Semi-Weekly Farm News know it is "THE VOICE OF NOW," telling in direct and positive tones of what is going on at home and abroad.

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Now is the hour."
THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS
A. H. Belo & Co., Publishers
Dallas, Texas

FRICK MAKES GOOD CHRISTMAS MONEY OF 41,000 CHILDREN

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24.—H. C. Frick, millionaire coal magnate, announced late today that he will pay in full as a Christmas gift all the accounts of the 41,000 school children depositors in the Pittsburgh Bank of Savings, which closed here last Wednesday by order of the State Department of Banking. The deposits amount to \$167,136.68, and payment will be made in cash, probably about Jan. 3.

The school savings fund was started many years ago. Through an agreement with the city Board of Education, bank collectors visited the 132 schools in the city weekly. Penny by penny the deposits of the children increased. Then, a few days before Christmas, announcement was made that the bank had been closed.

When Mr. Frick, who is in New York, was informed that the thousands of school children were depositors, he communicated with H. E. McEldowney, president of another local bank, and announced that he would take care of the fund in such a way that the school children would not lose a cent. The proposal was submitted to G. H. Getty, receiver of the closed institution, who secured the approval of State Bank Commissioner, W. H. Smith and Attorney General Frank S. Brown to assist in carrying out the plan.

Mr. Frick specified in his proposal that the children were to receive their money without delay and arrangements were made with officials of the Pittsburgh Bank of Savings and the Union Savings Bank to formulate a plan for the paying of the 41-

000 accounts just as soon as State banking officials can complete their canvass of the books of the closed institution.

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When a new buggy, new harness, and new saddle will be in demand. Maybe your old harness needs to be overhauled. We can do it the Guaranteed Way.

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Everything in a First-Class
Leather Establishment
NORTH SIDE

A Family Reunion.
Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bannister have hosted a Christmas family reunion this week. Mrs. Bannister's parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Caperton, of Sweetwater, accompanied by Tom, Rose and Jee Caperton, also Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cook of Temple and Mrs. Lee Pollard and baby of Medford, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hardin have returned to their home at Quanah after spending a few days here with their father, Mr. W. B. Hardin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings of Spur spent Christmas with Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart. Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Stewart are sisters. Mr. Jennings is a lumber dealer at Spur.



Edison Phonographs

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This will please all and will be a source of constant pleasure.

Come in and hear the new machines.

GRAYUM DRUG CO

J. C. Murphree of Rote 5 called pleasantly on the Signal Saturday and moved his own date up and that of another.

Gen. Villa used his advantages up to the last moment of power. He had thirty Americans in prison in Chihuahua. He wanted permission to come into Texas and bargained as a consideration to liberate his American prisoners. It worked.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill Gross have moved back to Snyder from Ranger. Mr. Gross will go with the Grayum Drug Company on January 1st.

SOCIETY PRINTING, MONOGRAM stationery, wedding invitations, club year books and other classes of printing that requires typographical ability. The Signal.

Why Lose

time and drive your team to the Railroad when you can buy goods as cheap at home.

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NOTICE.

I am exclusive agent, of Scurry County, for the Post Home Farms and Ranches now being sold in Garza County, and I would like for all LIVE agents to get in touch with me at once. This land is selling very fast and any GOOD LIVE WIRE can make some nice business very easy. We have sold over 200 of these farms and the people are on them. Come up and let us show you what we have. There never was a proposition in Western Texas like this and probably never will be another. We want good people on this land and to do this we must have good agents. For further particulars write or phone,

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If you have any rough Trashy Cotton to gin try THE FARMERS UNION GIN.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of The Snyder Signal, will be gladly corrected if called to the attention of the editor.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Obituaries and notices of charitable or church entertainments, where admission is charged, will be charged for at the rate of 2 1/2 cents per line.

Snyder, Texas, December 31, 1915.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For City Marshal and Ex-officio Tax Assessor and Collector:
O. P. WOLFE.

COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For County Clerk:
W. T. SKINNER,
(Re-Election.)

J. H. Hilliard, a merchant at De Leon died from blood poison.

It is said that Henry Ford has been forced to quit his peace party in Norway, because of sickness.

Five provinces in China are in revolt against the change of government from republic back to empire.

The county clerk in Dallas issued 71 marriage licenses in two days, Dec. 23 and 24.

Tom Mather while playing Santa Claus at a Christmas tree at San Angelo got his whiskers burned off.

William N. Bonner, 28 years old, has been appointed a district judge at Wichita Falls.

A moonshine distillery being operated by negroes in Smith county was discovered last week and captured by officers.

John Cobb, a farmer at Lufkin, was stabbed and killed last Thursday. George Waldrip, a neighbor surrendered.

Sparrow hawks are among the most helpful of all birds. They eat almost nothing but mice and grasshoppers, two extremely harmful forms of life.

The action of H. C. Frick, millionaire coal magnate, in making good the deposits of the school children of Pittsburgh is generous and will be applauded by at least those school children.

The City Marshal at Colvin Oklahoma, was forced by robbers to stand and watch the post office safe blown open. The robbers then left for the Kiamitia hills and have not been captured.

A small T. & P. Bridge at Escota was burned out one night last week, thus causing another delay in the train service on that road and again disappointing us Snyder folks in the matter of mail arrival.

Since the Ford peace party got into a row over the matter of endorsing President Wilson's policy of preparedness. Rev. Aked of the party appeals to the American newspapers to save the party. The newspapers didn't start the foolish project and why worry about the outcome?

W. L. Warren, owner of a hotel in Fort Worth was found dead last Thursday near an unfrequented road at Benbrook. It is believed that he went out in a car with a man and two women and that he was killed by them. Five shots entered his body. The police are looking for a grey car with bullet holes and blood in it.

The slate-colored junco or snowbird is a common visitor over great areas of Texas at this time. This little bird, like all the sparrows except the English sparrow, is a weed-seed eater. This group, with the help of the doves, meadow larks and

quais, are busy constantly trying to eat up all the weed seeds before spring planting begins. What an enormous task for such small birds!

A NEW ENOCH ARDEN

Emil Dubois, a French soldier, left his wife at Lyons and went to the war. A report was sent home to the lady that Emil had been killed in battle. She mourned awhile, then married another man.

Emil recovered from his wounds and came home the other day to find himself lamented. The question is what should he do about it. A wife who will quit mourning so soon for a fellow, is not worth much to him.

COMMON PEOPLE AND WAR TAXES.

There is said to be a growing sentiment of opposition in congress to the plans of the administration for raising war taxes. Some of the congressmen insist that since the foreign war has made it possible for manufacturers of munitions to grow immensely rich in a few months, it would be right to have them pay the bulk of the war tax, instead of forcing the rest of us to put revenue stamps on bank checks and legal documents. It is rather a peculiar situation, anyway, that the American common folks are forced to pay war taxes while our country is at peace.

WITH OUR EXCHANGES

A headline in the Dallas News asks "Are we over indulging Criminals?" Before answering, let us ask: Are we not allowing too many criminals, big and little to get away?

The miser who is not content with anything and can not be happy himself should seize upon this timely opportunity to make somebody else feel good.—Dallas News.

Tom Campbell is probably wondering whether or not S. P. Brooks does not work a single barrel self-acting eliminator very effectively and O. B. Colquitt is laughing at the discomfiture that is said to be in evidence about Palestine.—Austin Statesman.

Meanwhile, friends of Joe Bailey in Texas and about Washington are trying to get him into the 1916 race. If he succeeded there will be laughable consternation otherwise than at Palestine.

Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts says he has no present intention of being in Chicago in June at the time of the Republican convention. For a candidate for a presidential nomination, Senator Weeks is very coy. Timidity is a characteristic of the New England politician.—Fort Worth Record.

He will keep his ear to his telephone in Boston so as to be there in case his country calls him and then say that "it came like a thunder clap from a clear sky."

The Roaring Springs Echo hands the business men of that town this bit of taffy:

"Roaring Springs is filled with as fine set of business men as can be found in the state."

Then after getting their ear proceeds with this query: "Do you expect other men to advertise and cause people to come to your town and then you take advantage of their advertising to pick up a few dollars at their expense? ask yourself, is it fair?"

Don't you Villa will be a spell-binder on the American forum.—Ferris Wheel.

He might start as fielder in a baseball team, or as rough rider in a wild west show, but he would cut a poor figure on a lecture platform since Utrecht says he knows only two English words, "yes" and "hello". He could soon learn to say "you bet", "give us a rest," and other characteristic American expressions, but he will continue to do his cussing in Spanish because he can make it stronger.

Christmas Papers. Never has State Press seen so many beautiful newspapers in Texas as during the two weeks last past. There have been dozens and scores of special Christmas editions, every one of them a gem and a triumph of editorial, mechanical and commercial astuteness. Never was there so much newspaper advertising, never such good advertising, as at present. And this very fact accounts for the diffusion of good business the whole country over. When the country mer-

chant wakes up to the necessity of protecting his own field as the city merchants protect theirs, then has come the beginning of his redemption from sloth which threatened to engulf him. Business is good in Texas and newspaper advertising has played an incalculably important part in making it so.—State Press in Dallas News.

LITTLE SIGNALS

Snyder needs a better fire-fighting equipment.

The subject of street paving is being favorably discussed.

Why not revive the oil well project in Snyder? Indications are favorable.

The county campaign is popping open. The woods are full of candidates.

Note the menu and program of the Chamber of Commerce banquet in today's Signal.

Visitors to Snyder during the holidays were loud in their praises of the indications of prosperity. Come to Texas and on to Snyder.

The Snyder Concert band will furnish music for the Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday evening, January 6th.

Prof. B. D. Black is busy on an Animal Husbandry movement and the agricultural out-look is encouraging in the vicinity of the Central school building.

A great volume of tickets have been placed for the Chamber of Commerce banquet which will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church, Thursday night, January 6. Be on hand at 8 o'clock.

FLUVANNA.

Xmas has passed and business has again opened up. Nothing happened during the holidays that would be of much interest in the way of excitements. Everything was put in force to keep everything in law and order. Only a few celebrated in the old time way and taking everything into consideration everybody seemed to have a good Christmas, especially the children as fine weather prevailed and Santa did not get water or snow bound and from the reports that could be seen and heard, he must have had an extra supply of fire works this year. Two Christmas trees were given, one at the Presbyterian Church and the other at the First Baptist Church. The program at each was well rendered and many were made to feel the enjoyment of the celebration by receiving and giving many valuable presents. Taking all in all we had the best Christmas we have had in many years.

A number of people from a distance spent the holidays here with friends and relatives. Among them was Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wren of Rotan, Mr. Cross and daughter of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Sewall of Lovington, N. M., Mr. Milton Knight of Elida, N. M., Mr. and Mrs. Crutchfield of near Lovington, N. M., Mr. D. A. Snellings who is attending the State University at Austin, Wallace Jones of Trinity University at Waxahachie and many others.

Among the ones that spent the time abroad is Mr. and Mrs. Edd Sneed are visiting at DeKalb, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Smith, Rule, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hicks at Hermleigh, Mr. A. V. Taylor at Dublin, Texas, Mrs. M. L. Long, Mineral Wells and many others am unable to mention account of space.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith on the 25th, a boy, all doing well.

J. J. Belew is reported sick with Lagrippe at this writing.

Mike Spears of Buckburnett, Texas is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Spears.

A. M. Weems was appointed to the night police force of our town and will act during the holidays in that capacity.

Miss Willie Slover and Miss Caterina Boudon, are spending the week at their respective homes, Tahoka and Post City.

Mr. Armstrong of Kaufman came in with his family last week and will make this their home.

Mrs. A. A. Freeman is visiting in Kaufman this week.

The cool norther that came up Sunday night made the atmosphere a little too cool to be pleasant here Monday and Monday night enough snow fell to cover the ground. Tuesday morning indications are that the worst has passed.

Mr. D. A. Jones lost a few acres of grass by fire Saturday night. Several of their neighbors had gathered

to shoot fire works and in some way after the party had broken up the grass caught fire with the above result.

Miss Fannie Erwin is spending the week with home folks at Rising Star. Mrs. Browning of Kaufman, Texas is spending the week with her son, J. W. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Starns returned Monday from Hermleigh after a few days visit.

THERA BARA IN 6 REELS—LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET—LYRIC THEATRE—TODAY, MATINEE AND NIGHT.

The Monthly Magazine Section of the Snyder Signal Will be Issued Friday, Jan. 7th.

The contents are as follows: "When Honor was at Stake," A tale of Football, by S. S. Gordon.

"Army Life on the Texas Frontier," Diary of H. H. McConnell, Sergeant of Sixth U. S. Texas Cavalry, from 1866 to 1878.

"Texas Factory Development," By W. N. Beard.

"Silence when Battle Rages," An American attaché at the Western Front, Notes Strange Experiences.

"Indian Raides in Texas," by E. L. Deaton, A Texas Pioneer.

"A. & M. College Department," Edited by the Staff of Experiment Co-operative Extension Service of A. & M. College, College Station, Texas.

"Texas Farm News," General News Items of the Farm.

"Stories for the Boys and Girls," Peculiar Ways of the Chinese, etc.

"Women's Department," Latest Patterns and January Fashion Letter. Housekeeping Helps, etc.

For Trade

We have some extra good buggies to trade for young horses and mules. Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Misses Annie and Laura Hunter and J. J. Jr., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Miller, at Cisco.

Mrs. A. M. McBurnett, of Brownfield, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Fickas, for several weeks, returned home this week.

Cleared \$1100.

While Mr. Frank Taylor was interviewing farmers last week as to crop records he found one man who came to Scurry county about a year ago. He had borrowed \$25 to pay expenses of moving. He has finished gathering his crop. He has paid his bills, paid back the \$25 and had \$1100 left. He is saving out \$100 to live on and has put \$1,000 in bank. In the face of such reports as these we hear mean saying that farm tenantry is increasing and that farmers are falling further and further behind. The reports published this week show that with such results a man can pay for a farm in three years with the money he pays out as rents.

Farmers Union Men Take Notice.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Scurry county Union will meet at the Court House in Snyder, on Thursday, Jan. 6, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m. All members are urged to attend as there are some very important matters to be attended to.

Respectfully,

A. J. HORTON,
Pres. County Union.

J. P. Chambless and family spent Christmas with the home folks at Cleburne. Mr. Chambless returned to Snyder Tuesday and Mrs. Chambless and Dorothy will arrive here Saturday. They will go to house-keeping in the Chapman home on the West Side. Mrs. Chapman and Miss Minnie are moving to Sweetwater, where Miss Minnie enters the millinery business.

BARRING ACCIDENTS WE ARE BEGINNING TO GET OUR EQUIPMENT IN SUCH SHAPE THAT WE CAN RUN REGULARLY. The Electric Power will be on 23 hours each day, the plant being shut down one hour at noon from 12 to 1 and all day Sunday.

—Snyder Ice & Electric Co.

An infant of N. F. Robbins at De Leon, fell into a tub of water and was drowned.

Full line climated nursery stock, Pecan trees 15c and up. Send for price list.

CLYDE NURSERY,
Clyde, Texas

While the Primitive Baptist congregation were worshipping Sunday morning at the north ward school building, Mr. Bill Tatum and Miss Lucy Floyd, both of Snyder drove up in a car and were married by Eld. W. J. Hull.

Mr. Tatum is connected here with the Bruton Garage and the bride is a young woman of splendid character. The Signal joins their friends in congratulations.

Overland Purchasers

Try a sack of Oriole Flour, the best sold in Snyder at C. S. Perkins Grocery Company. 22tf

Mr. Wm. Pearn returned Monday night from a Christmas visit to his family at Paducah and is rushing the sale of tickets for the Chamber of Commerce banquet to be given here January 6th.

HIGH GRADE COAL AT THE ICE PLANT. ONLY \$8.00 CASH PER TON.

Mr. W. L. Jolley, manager for the Townsite Company at Fluvanna is here this week and ordered the Signal sent to his address.

THERA BARA IN 6 REELS—LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET—LYRIC THEATRE—TODAY, MATINEE AND NIGHT.

D. A. Snellings of Fluvanna was in Snyder Tuesday. He is a student in the State University at Austin and is at home this week for the holidays.

Neimon Kincaon a student in the Southern Methodist University at Dallas has been here for the holidays with the home folks.

Mrs. A. M. McBurnett of Pride, Texas spent a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Fickas, and left Sunday to visit at Roscoe before returning to her home.

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THE NEW YEAR

With the dawn of the morrow we enter the year 1916 with a feeling of Good Will to all fellow-man.

We have enjoyed the most phenomenal growth ever experienced in our business career and we would indeed be very ungrateful were we to let pass this opportunity of expressing our thanks to every one. We attribute our wonderful growth and success to the liberal patronage and loyal support of our many friends and customers who have so loyally stood by during the past year.

We have built up our business to its present immensity through gaining the absolute confidence of this people on our one standard, "HONEST DEALINGS WITH ALL," and on this account you never see a dis-satisfied Townsend-Oldham customer.

During the year 1916 we promise that we will as in the past, give to you that same courteous treatment for which this store is noted and extend to you every accommodation that is consistent to good business.

We wish for everyone, one of the Happiest and most Prosperous years you have ever enjoyed. Meekly soliciting a continuance of your valuable patronage, we are,

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish You a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year

As father time moves the dial up to the year 1916, it is with great pleasure that we wish each and every one of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

In Closing Our Past Year's Work

we wish to say that we have enjoyed a fine Business, starting less than a year ago in a small way and building it up to almost double, of which we are very proud. This we could not have done without your liberal support, which we appreciate and feel as though we have been well paid for our efforts to please for which

We Promise In the New Year

to make greater efforts to please, be more courteous and appreciative and at all times offer you a New and Better Grade Goods For Less Money.

Respectfully,

MATTHEWS "The Quality Shop"

Rev. J. W. Burkhart of Sweetwater preached in Snyder last Sunday for the First Christian church. Eld. Burk hart has been here before and has hosts of friends in Snyder.

MONUMENTS.
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Ira, Texas, Dec. 23-15.
To the Publishers of Snyder Signal, Snyder, Texas.

Gentlemen:
Please accept my congratulations on you Christmas Issue of the Signal. One cannot read it without being impressed with the fact that back of this issue are many hours of thought and toil. It seems to me that it would be hard to read this issue without thinking more of the World's Redeemer.

Sincerely yours,
C. C. TYLER.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE SNYDER NATIONAL BANK:

You are respectfully notified that the annual meeting of the shareholders will be held in the banking rooms of the above institution on the second Tuesday in January, 1916. At this meeting directors for the ensuing year will be elected. It is hoped all stockholders will be present or represented.

O. P. THRANE, Cashier.

Four Sunday Schools in Snyder conducted nice Christmas trees and the hearts of the little folks were made glad.

It is believed that there was not a child in Snyder that was not made glad by a visit from Santa Claus.

Bride of a Week Poisoned.
Waco, Dec. 24.—Ptomaine poisoning which resulted from something she ate on Wednesday night of last week, the date of her marriage, caused the death of Mrs. Hallie Williams, 21, here today.

OVERLAND ITEM

A most unique test of the endurance and stability of Overland construction occurred recently along the Florida coast, when a Model S3 Overland touring car, after being buffeted about all night in a raging surf, was found to be only slightly damaged when rescued the following morning.

The owner of the car, together with a party of four people, was driving along the beach at low tide when he ventured too close to the water's edge. The first inkling he had of impending danger was when the car slowed up suddenly and began to settle in the rear. Then he realized that he had driven into a pocket of quick sand and the party barely had time to jump for safety before the water surrounded the car.

The incoming tide and the danger connected with the work, made it impossible for a rescue party to render much assistance. By the time it grew dark, the surf was breaking over the top of the Overland.

At the full height of the tide, the car was in ten feet of water with the waves pounding and beating it from one side to the other. The breakers would smash into it and stand it on end, leaving it sometimes on two wheels, sometimes on its side and at other times completely upside down, with the body and radiator grinding into the sand.

The following morning at low tide a wrecking crew managed to haul the car up on the beach. After the sand and seaweed was cleaned out of it, the owner began an investigation as to the extent of the damage. He was amazed to find that with the exception of a broken top, smashed windshield and loss of paint, the car was as good as ever.

The terrific pounding it had been subjected to during the night had not even bent the fenders. The radiator was not damaged and with the exception of sand scratches the body was in excellent shape. In fact if the magnet had not been soaked, he could have driven the car home under its own power.

Spectators declare that the manner in which the Overland withstood the buffeting of the high seas, left no doubt as to the ruggedness of its construction.

INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS CONVENTION, JANUARY 15, 1916.

With both farm prosperity and general prosperity for 1916 depending upon the cash crop being surplus, or a profit above the farm living expense, the Texas Industrial Congress will make its annual convention, to be held January 15, 1916, an inauguration of a general campaign for the home-grown living on the farms. The program is being prepared with this end in view, and every man who is interested in putting a firm foundation under his business during 1916, is urged to participate. The purchasing and paying power of the average farmer is limited, not only by yields much lower than his land is capable of producing, but because he lives too much from the tin can and the paper sack and the ownership of his crop passes from him before it is ready to harvest. The business interests of the state suffers also from this cause.

Following the convention, the Congress invited correspondence from Commercial Secretaries and public-spirited business men everywhere with a view of co-operating with them in working for such a diversity of the 1916 cropping system in their sections as will bring about the production, to the largest possible extent, upon each farm of:

1. Food for the family, including a garden, meat, butter, milk, and

eggs.
2. More live stock, and a year's supply of feed for it.

3. Enough grain crops so that the year's income may not depend so largely on cotton.

This is the most vital issue in Texas because a general return to cotton-growing, or "putting all our eggs in one basket," is probable following the better price this year.

15,000 ACRES farming land sold in 1-4 blocks up. Situated from 2 to 20 miles from Lamesa, Dawson county. \$6.25 to \$20.00 per acre. \$1.00 cash and 50 cents a year. Write for list. J. D. Cunningham. 32

CALOMEL DYNAMITES

A SLUGGISH LIVER
Crashes into sour bile, making you sick and you lose a day's work

Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea.

If you feel bilious headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a 50c bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It's harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it. No 13

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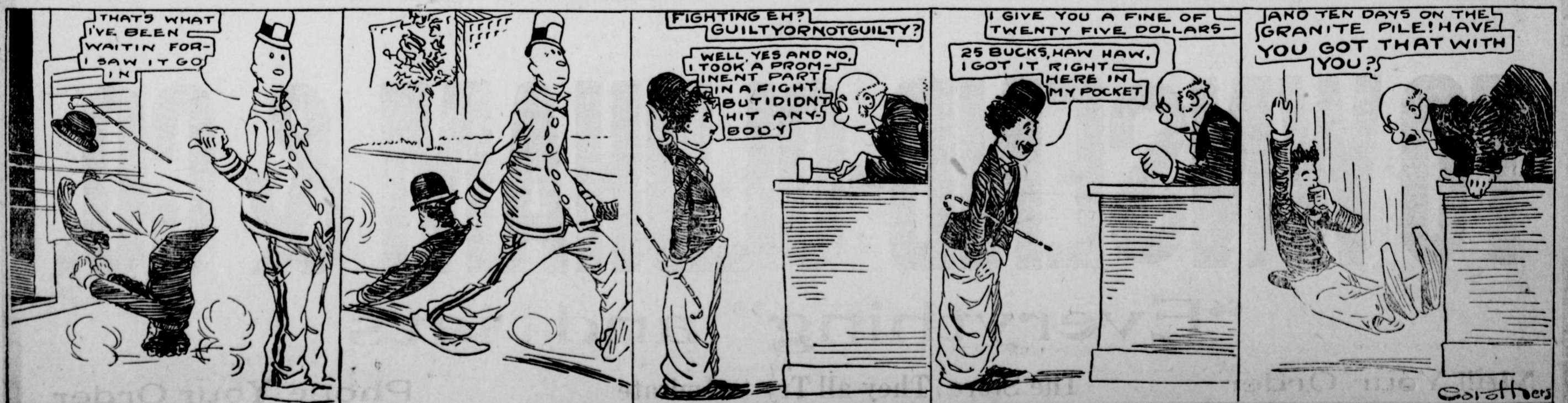
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THE CHASE OF THE PINNATED GROUSE.

When the autumn sun was sinking slowly in the golden west And the denizens of our village were coming home to rest. Three bold nimrods who'd been planning for the weeks that had gone by To chase the prairie chicken while the plains were good and dry, Started out with buoyant ardor, in a rapid motor car To bring us back the chickens from their prairie home so far.

II.

'Twas the day before Thanksgiving —when we kicked the turkey breast— That the choo choo benzine wagon drank the zephyr from the west. They exchanged congratulations that each one was a scout And had made their preparations for two nights camping out. They had bought one pair of blankets and just one cover lid And said, from Jack Frost's coming we will be securely hid.

III.

They swept smoothly o'er the prairie until the darkness of the night Made them take the left hand road when it should have been the right. They made inquiry at each house that chanced upon their way, Were told at least a dozen times, the road, and not to stray. There was one who did the driving and he would stop and wait, While the other two would fight the dogs and hallo at the gate.

IV.

But when the midnight's stilly hour enveloped them all round, They drew the blankets from the car and spread them on the ground. The gentle zephyr from the West increased before the morn, And from the least suspected thing had made a great sand storm. It swept the gravel on their bed like heavy drops of sleet, And whipped the cover like a rag, about their icy feet.

V.

They huddled, shuddered, froze some more, it was too cold to grin, Two nimrods on the outside edge, and one tucked in between. The bed grew hard, the grassy lumps in their sore ribs did grind, Yet none complained the price assessed was a joke on him who whined. The norther then whooped up again and blew an awful blast, One nimrod on the outer edge said, I'll give it up at last.

VI.

My nose is freeze, so are my toes, my tongue is almost thick, I'm afraid to lie there in the cold for it will make me sick. The other two lay very still just like they hadn't woke Nor missed their old companion, nor heard him when he spoke. He took a brick from out the car and said he'd make some heat With gasoline from the auto tank to warm his icy feet.

VII.

He dashed it down a prairie-dog hole and chugged the brick in too, And hid his face from the great sand storm 'hat blew and blew and blew. When the gas flashed up the other two in over coats and shoes, For they had not removed a garment when they lay down to a snooze— Arose and like a milk shake shaker, when the shaker is making a shake.

VIII.

And said the chilblains played down our back until we had to wake. They arrived in the city quite early and to keep their real mission down They priced some farms in the country and several lots in town, But they soon located their quarry and over the broad plains they sped, To chase the wild prairie chicken and bring back some of them dead. But the sandstorm never bated, the

northern had increased its play And before they had found a wild chicken it had ruined Thanksgiving day.

IX.

And the dirt—I cannot tell you if you never saw it rise— How it fills your ears and nostrils and filters in your eyes. One called the other a graveier, he retorted, chimney sweep, The third was a coal hauler with soot so black and deep. But lo! just then what happened was such a pleasant thing To see the prairie chickens rise up on frightened wing.

X.

They each fell to, like regulars and banged and fired away A part of eight hundred shells they'd brought along that day, But when the birds had ascertained they really meant them harm They rose up high and sailed around and lit beyond the farm. The rain came down and soaked them through the wind still blew a gale, The sleet cut in their faces like heavy lumps of hail.

XI.

They drifted in to see their wives whose hearts were racked with pain, To think their darling nimrod boys were caught out in the rain, Said the darkeyed on, "You'll all be sick, you cannot go again." "I think so too," said the grey eyed one, "you give me such a pain." "Tis alright with me," said the newly wed, whose eyes were liquid blue. "You can go about and be a scout, if that's what you want to do." CULLEN C. HIGGINS.

Miss Alice Mangum, teacher in the Iowa Park, Texas, public schools was a holiday guest of her relatives, Prof. and Mrs. B. D. Black of this city.

Miss Mable Meador of Malone, Hill county, visited the family of Mr. Luther Garner. Miss Meador is a teacher at Malone.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Snyder Readers Have Heard It Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the many bad back suffers in Snyder are glad to learn where relief may be found. Many a lame, weak and aching back is bad no more, thanks to Doan's Kidney Pills. Our citizens are telling the good news of their experience with this tested remedy. Here is an example worth reading:

Marvin Wood, stone mason, Snyder says: "About eight years ago I used Doan's Kidney Pills for lame ness in my back and irregular actions of my kidneys and they proved perfectly satisfactory. I think Doan's Kidney Pills are the best of kidney medicines and advise anyone to get a box at the Thompson Drug Co., if troubled in that way."

Price 40c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Wood had. Foster Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

Villa's Family to Cuba.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Francisco Villa, wife of the Mexican revolutionary leader, and her party, twenty persons in all, sailed late yesterday on the United Fruit Company steamer Atenas for Havan, Cuba.

In the party, besides Mrs. Francisco Villa and her two small sons, were Mrs. Hipolito Villa wife of the General's brother; M. E. Gonzales, Villa's secretary; a sister of the general and several women members of

the Rubio and Rodrigues families, relatives of the Villas.

Dr. Merrill and wife of Ira, Texas are visiting the family of Dr. I. H. McCoy this week. Dr. Merrill was a college friend of Dr. McCoy.—Lynn County News.

Neimon Kincanon, a student in the Southern Methodist University, at Dallas, is at home for the holidays.

IN OLD INDIA



ALTHOUGH the railroads run up and down the length and breadth of India, and autos are not unknown, the rough cart drawn by the sacred bull is still a common sight. Occasionally we are obliged to call upon one of these picturesque primitive conveyances to deliver TEXACO Oils.

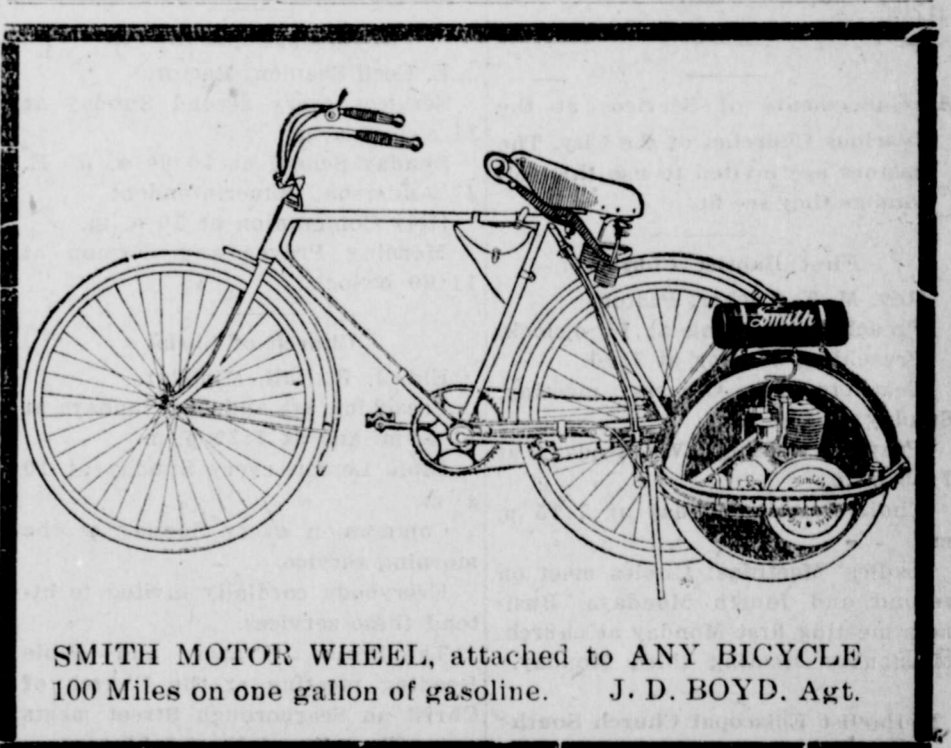
Our business in India includes not only the sale of large quantities of burning oils to the natives, but the supply of lubricants to the big cotton mills and other industries, and a great many other oil products.

This distant business is held by the quality of TEXACO Products. They must pay their way in such markets by their economy.

That is why TEXACO Petroleum Products are in demand the world over. That is why your neighbors ask for them and why you should use them.

There is a TEXACO Agent near you. Let us serve you through him.

The Texas Company
General Offices: Houston, Texas
Agents Everywhere



SMITH MOTOR WHEEL, attached to ANY BICYCLE
100 Miles on one gallon of gasoline. J. D. BOYD, Agt.

The First State Bank & Trust Co.

SNYDER, TEXAS

Invites you to open an account with them.

Your deposits in a state bank are protected by the depositors' guaranty fund. A fund of two million dollars protects your deposits in our bank.

Not a cent has a depositor lost in a state bank since this law went into effect. Come in and let us tell you about this plan. We are glad to answer questions.

P. BRADY, Pres.

C. L. EZELL, Cash.

J. C. STINSON, Asst. Cash.

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To serve you in 1916 than at any previous time, we solicit and will appreciate your business in Drugs.

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REMEMBER

That our store is as convenient to you as your Telephone. Phone us your orders. Goods sent postpaid.

OUR DRUG STORE

Service is prompt, efficient economical—and we think you will find none better.

**Give Us Your Drug Business In 1916
OWL DRUG STORE**

George Massey and family have returned to Sweetwater. George has accepted a position in the Santa Fe yard office at that place.

Once used, always used, "Figaro Preservative."
Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Corsicana will pave three miles of streets.

Jim Curnutte, a student in A. & M. College, is at home this week for the holidays.

Mrs. Joe Caton is away this week for a holiday visit with her home folks at Crowley, Texas.

A. M. McPherson and son Hermon are on a holiday visit in Cleburne.

Clyde Boren, who is attending the A. & M. College, is at home this week for the holidays.

Ernest Richardson, a student in the T. C. U. at Fort Worth, is at home this week for the holidays.

Joe Caton has been celebrating Christmas this week by nursing a case of grip.

J. P. Billingsley and Charlie Palmer, were here Wednesday from Dunn.

Precinct No. 1 in Henderson county voted to issue \$100,000 road bonds.

We repair any old thing and stand behind the job. A. P. Morris.
Binding twine, 10 cents a pound.
J. W. TEMPLETON.

Miners from Mexico are exploiting now in Western Texas.

We have some extra good second hand Buggies that we will sell at a bargain or trade for young horses and mules.
271f
TOWNSEND-OLDHAM & CO.

Belton will use electric power to pump city water. Snyder has been doing that for several months.

THERA BARA IN 6 REELS—LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET—LYRIC THEATRE—TODAY, MATINEE AND NIGHT.

Bell county will build 17 miles of lateral good roads to connect with the main roads already built.

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Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Coleman capitalists will build a new hotel.

Marlin is going to have a creamery.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lykes and Dock visited at Roscoe.

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Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Elland of Ira are away on a holiday visit at Greenville.

First Time In Snyder.

H. L. Tomlinson of Milam county arrived in Snyder Thursday. This is the first time he was ever here. He is prospecting in the west and likes to general appearance of Snyder and the country and will probably locate here about.

Once used, always used, "Figaro Preservative."
Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Mr. P. R. Owens of Merkel visited friends in Snyder.

Miss Nina Perkins is visiting in Sulphur Springs.

Miss Anne Yonge returned Sunday to Abilene where she is attending school.

Misses Ilene Harpole and Winnie Winston who are attending school at Denton are at home for the holidays.

A good organ at a bargain, at 5 ft
A. P. MORRIS.

Jaiska and Julius Tucker have returned to Abilene.

Mrs. J. L. Robinson is at home from visiting on the plains.

Mrs. E. J. Anderson and baby daughter are visiting her parents at Crowell.

Leroy Johnson and family of Sweet water visited in Snyder this week.

Mr. T. T. Smith has been on the sick list this week.

J. F. Hays of Grayson county is prospecting here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith and sons are here from Lockney for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Adamson and daughter visited this week at Colorado.

Miss Claudia Curnutte of Pest City visited the home folks in Snyder.

Mrs. Fred Wagner is here from Amarillo to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Clark.

New Year Greetings

We want to thank you for the nice business you have given us during 1915 and ask you to remember us during 1916 when you need anything in the Drug line.

Our aim is to please our customers.

Thompson Drug Company

**Dr. PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING POWDER**

Sixty Years the Standard

Adds to the healthfulness of the food

CONTAINS NO ALUM

A Fair Proposition

The manufacturers of Meritol Rheumatism Powders have so much confidence in this preparation that they authorize us to sell them to you on a positive guarantee to give you relief in all cases of Rheumatism of refund your money. This is certainly a fair proposition. Let us show them to you. Warren Bros. exclusive Agency. Price \$1.00.

A pile remedy that is entirely different from anything else both externally and internally acting on the blood as well as the disease, a remedy without a superior. It is Meritol Pile Remedy, made and guaranteed by the American Drug and Press Association. Price \$1.00. Warren Brothers, agents.

Alex Davis is here this week from Toyah to sell a car load of mules. He considers Snyder one of the best towns in the west.

LEARN SHORTHAND

It will pay you well. It is an assured means of good employment. It is more than that. It is an invaluable personal accomplishment—a time and labor saver throughout your life.

BENN PITMAN PHONOGRAPHY

is taught in reliable schools everywhere. Let us recommend one to you. Or we will advise you about self-instruction or lessons by mail. Write to

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CINCINNATI, OHIO.

Benn Pitman, Founder.
Jerome B. Howard, President.

YOUR LAND TITLES.

THE SCURRY COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY.

Will be glad to abstract your land titles and assist in perfecting same. The time to do this is NOW, while the necessary papers may be secured. Charges as low as are consistent with first class work. See us in the Court House Basement.

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See our line of genuine L. E. Waterman, Geo. S. Parker and Conklin Pens. Self filling fountain pens, \$1.00 up.

H. G. Towle

CHURCHES

Announcements of Services at the Various Churches of the City. The pastors are invited to use this column as they see fit.

First Baptist Church

Rev. M. T. Tucker, Pastor.
Preaching morning at 11 o'clock. Preaching, evening at 7:00.
Teachers and Officers meeting, Sunday at 4 p. m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:15 p. m.
Choir Practice Friday at 7:15 p. m.

Ladies' Meetings: Circles meet on second and fourth Mondays. Business meeting first Monday at church. Missionary Meeting third Monday.

Methodist Episcopal Church South

R. A. Stewart, Pastor
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. by the pastor.
Sunday School begins at 9:45 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15.
Everyone invited to all our services. Strangers cordially invited to attend our service while in the city.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Rev. J. C. Bigbee, Pastor.
Preaching at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and again at 7:15 in the evening by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Bigbee.
You are invited to worship with us.

First Christian Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Communion Service at 11 a. m.

Ladies' Aid meets Monday afternoon at the church.
Prayer Service Wednesday evening.

Grace Episcopal Church

E. Cecil Seamon, Rector.
Services every second Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. E. J. Anderson, Superintendent.
Holy Communion at 10 a. m.
Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 o'clock.

Church of Christ

Eld. J. P. Nall, Minister.
Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m.
Bible Lesson every Sunday at 10 a. m.
Communion every Sunday at the morning service.
Everybody cordially invited to attend these services.
The Praise, Prayer and Bible Reading meeting at the Church of Christ on Scarborough Street meets every Thursday night at 7:30 p. m.
Everybody come.

Luther Garner

who has had charge of the Hardware and Implement Department of the Townsend-Oldham Company, left Wednesday afternoon for Gorman, Texas, where he will have charge of the implement department of the same firm's store at that place. His family will follow him to their new home in a few days. Before leaving he handed us a dollar for the Signal.

Gin Notice.

Brice-Burnett Gin Company will gin on the following dates: Friday, December 31, 1915, and Saturday, January 1, 1916. Customers will please take notice.
Brice-Burnett & Co., Ginners.
Snyder, Texas.

PROMINENT CITIZEN TESTIFIES FOR VITONA

The following expression, from a prominent Scurry County man, fully explains itself:
Hermleigh, Tex., Oct. 18, 1915.
Eld. M. M. Melton:

Dear Sir:
I write this to let you know that I have been greatly benefitted by the use of VITONA and can recommend it as being all that you claim for it. I am 86 years old and feel better than I have felt for several years.
Respectfully,
N. M. LESLIE.

Vitona can be had at the Signal office or address P. O. Box P., Snyder Texas.

All the Boys Here.

Dr. and Mrs. E. J. King have had all their boys together in their home this week, the first time in 14 years. They are E. W. King of Coleman county, C. L. and R. E. King of Midlothian and I. L. King of San Angelo, besides Porter, who has never yet left the parental home.

J. H. Myers of east of town visited this week in Dublin.

R. A. Irving has gone back to his railroad duties in Fort Worth. Mrs. Irving will visit here for awhile with her parents.

W. J. Grantham of Snyder, Arkansas arrived here Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Grantham.

Rev. M. T. Tucker spent Christmas in Abilene.

Rev. T. F. Kelley who has lived at Ira for many years is moving to Abilene to educate his children at Simmons College.

W. L. Forrester has been laid up this week with the grip.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

Whereas, the Great and Supreme Ruler of the universe has in his infinite wisdom removed from among us our worthy and esteemed friend, Mrs. Henderson Holley, mother of our sovereign Horace Holley, and

Whereas, the long intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in the W. O. W. Camp, makes it imminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him,

Therefore be it resolved, that the sudden removal of his mother from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all of the members and friends of this order and will prove a serious loss to the community and the public,

Resolved, that with deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that the life of the mother while upon the earth may prove a living benediction to her children leading toward a life where the dark shadows flee.
—Committee.

Marriage License Record.

Bill Tatum and Miss Lucy Floyd.
R. A. McAfee and Miss Fannie Hitch.

Ray Huckabee and Miss Velma Seabourn.

J. Lanse Suits and family are here from Lockney to visit Mr. W. T. Baze and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Burch visited in Dallas.

Robert Welch who is teaching at Luzon is here for the holidays.

Mrs. J. B. Coleman and two children of Corpus Christi, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Austin Erwin and left Wednesday to visit at Post City.

Card of Thanks.

To our Snyder Friends:
This is to express to you our most sincere thanks for the nice tokens of love and sympathy received from our Snyder friends, whom we have loved so long. Wish we had the language to express to you the exact feelings of appreciation. Such loving expressions have encouraged us to try to take up the broken threads of life and press on with our Christian duties.

May God's richest blessings attend each of you and may the New Year with its broad field of opportunities for doing good, bring to you much success and happiness.

Yours truly,
MRS. A. J. GRANTHAM,
AND FAMILY.

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 forever; 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.

P. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

George Riley Boren, aged 82 years a native Texan, died last week in Ellis county, where he had lived for 63 years. He was a relative of Ike and Hugh Boren of Snyder.

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GREETING**
to
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