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## WE ARE STILL HERE

## THIS TIME WITH

# TOYS AND X-MAS TRIX

## LITTLE FOLKS AND OTHER FOLKS.

We have just received the bills for

### 700 POUNDS OF TOYS AND CHRISTMAS GOODS

direct from the importers and purchased at prices that will enable us to sell them so low that every child in the county can have a present this year.

### Santa Claus has made our Store Headquarters

From which the Christmas trees of Haskell and several other counties can be loaded.

These goods were not purchased on a blind order, but were selected piece by piece and there is no worthless trash in the lot.

COME AND SEE THEM, you will be pleased with the GOODS AND PRICES.

### CANDY, TOO, 650 POUNDS! THE PUREST AND BEST TO BE FOUND FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

We also have a complete line of seasonings, sauces, and materials for mince meats, fruit cakes, etc. Don't Forget after all this that we still have as complete a stock of staple and fancy Dry goods, gents furnishing goods and clothing as can be found in this country.

### PRICES DOWN?

It is getting late in the season and we have determined to cut prices down so as to clear our store and prepare for a big spring stock.

COME AND LET US PROVE IT TO YOU.

WE ESPECIALLY INVITE the attention of the gentlemen to our large stock of gents furnishing goods at cut prices

GET IT AT OUR STORE—anything you want—we've got it.

Yours for business,

## T. G. CARNEY & CO., Haskell, Texas.

#### Professional Cards.

**F. G. FOSTER, S. W. SCOTT**  
**FOSTER & SCOTT.**  
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law.

Civil practice exclusively, with special attention to land litigation.

Practice in all the courts and transact a general land agency business. Have complete abstract of Haskell county land titles. Office at Office.

**H. G. McCONNELL,**

Attorney at Law,  
HASKELL, TEXAS.

**OSCAR MARTIN,**

Attorney at Law,  
HASKELL, TEXAS.

**E. E. GILBERT,**  
Physician & Surgeon.

Office at McLeMores' Drug store.

**J. E. LINDSEY,**

PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,  
HASKELL, TEXAS.

**GOOD NEWSPAPERS**  
At a Very Low Price.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS (Galveston or Houston) is published Tuesdays and Fridays. It consists of eight pages. There are no advertisements for the farmers, the ladies, the boys and girls, besides a world of general news, illustrated pictures, etc. It is the only NEWS that is published for 12 months for the low price of 50 cents. It gives you three papers a week, or 105 a year, for a ridiculously low price. A year's subscription at once. This low price is for 90 days.

THERE are 2,800 widows of soldiers of the war of 1862 on the U. S. pension rolls. If that rate holds good for the late civil war our posterity will be paying pensions to about 280,000 widows in 1950.

IN THE recent elections in Mass., N. Y., N. J., Penn., Md., Va., O., Ky., Ia. and Neb., the net aggregate pluralities of the republicans was only 141,025 votes. In 1896 McKinley's net aggregate plurality in these same states was 929,673 votes, and yet the republican papers are trying to twist these figures so as to show a republican victory and an endorsement of republican measures. But in nearly every state the fight was made squarely on the silver question, so that it looks to us like the white metal is climbing rapidly—gaining over lots of "cranks" and "fanatics" to vote for it in 1900.

PEOPLE who read General Miles' report of his visit of inspection to Europe the past summer will perhaps not feel so confident in making the not uncommon assertion that the United States can whip all of Europe combined or by sections.

While General Miles saw only about 400,000 of the more than 3,000,000 men composing the organized armies of Europe, and some 100,000 more engaged in the construction of war material, he was strongly impressed by what he learned of the immense military organization and armament of Europe. "There was never," he says, "a time in the history of the world when so much energy, ingenuity and wealth were being devoted to maintaining great standing armies and formidable navies. Of the German and French armies he speaks in high praise. Germany, he says, is one vast military camp, and even Turkey, with her trained German officers, mobilized in forty-five days an army of 600,000 men.

The proper policy for the United States is to let the European nations do the fighting among themselves while we furnish them supplies from our cattle ranges, our farms and our manufacturing establishments.

Rev. R. C. Buckner, superintendent of Buckner Orphan's Home, announces that the home is now in need of money and supplies. He says that the home is not as well supplied with clothing, etc., now as it usually is at this time of the year and expresses the hope that friends of the institution will come to their assistance. With more than three hundred orphan children to provide for the expenses of the home are pretty heavy.

A WEEK ago this year's receipts of cotton at Galveston reached the earliest date on which this has ever occurred. In the big crop year of 1884-5 it was two weeks later before the million bale was reached. Reports from 31 interior towns up to Nov. 26th showed receipts amounting to \$64,342 bales against 397,356 for the week ending the date last year. This is rather a gloomy showing on which to base a hope of much rise in the price of the staple.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

**PARKER'S HAIR SALBAM**  
Cures itching scalp, dandruff, itching humors, restores hair to its natural color, keeps the scalp cool and moist, and is the best hair dressing.

### Parker's Ginger Tonic.

The best medicine known is combined in Parker's Ginger Tonic, into a medicine of such varied and effective powers, as to make the greatest Blood Purifier and Kidney Corrector and the Best Health and Strength Restorer Ever Used. It cures Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Nervousness, Headaches, and all diseases of the Stomach, Bowels, Liver, Urinary Organs, and all Female Complaints.

### SKIN DISEASES

Piles, Itching, Tetter, Burns, Chapped Skin, Blisters, Sores, Chills, Scald Head, Disfiguring Eruptions and all Skin Troubles cured by Greaves' Ointment, the best skin remedy in the world. See Ask your Druggist for it.



**2 CANS OF B. T. BABBITT'S PURE POTASH IS EQUAL TO 3 OF ANY OTHER BRAND.**

3 Cans of any Other Brands, 25 cts.  
2 Cans of B. T. Babbitt's PURE POTASH, 20 cts.  
SAVES THE CONSUMER, 5 cts.

INSIST ON HAVING  
**B. T. BABBITT'S Pure Potash or Lye.**

#### BUSINESS NOTICE

Your Notes and apes are past due, so you must settle at once as I am in great need of money.  
A. P. McLeMore.

An Uncertain Disease.  
There is no disease more uncertain in its nature than dyspepsia. Physicians say that the symptoms of no two cases agree. It is therefore most difficult to make a correct diagnosis. No matter under what disguise dyspepsia attacks you, Brown's Iron Bitters will cure it. Invaluable in all diseases of the stomach, blood and nerves. For sale by All Dealers.

**Young People.**  
PREPARED BY GOLD, Bicycle, Clock, Watch, Diamond Ring, or a Scholarship in Draughton's Practical Business College, Nashville, Tenn., Ga. A scholarship in most any other reputable business college or literary school in the U. S. can be secured by doing a little work at home for the Young People's Association, an illustrated semi-monthly journal. It is elevating in character, moral in tone, and especially interesting and profitable to young people, but read with interest and profit by people of all ages. Stories and other interesting matter well illustrated. Sample copies sent free. Agents wanted. Address Young People's Association, Nashville, Tenn. (Mention this paper.)

Advertised Letters.  
The following is a list of letters remaining at the Post office Haskell, Texas, for 30 days: Brookshire, Mr. J. J. Highland, Mr. R. L. J. Kitzman, Mr. E. T. J. Speaker, Miss Alice J. Stearns, Mr. L. A. J. Tomson, Mr. Charles J. ...  
If not called for within 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office.  
When calling for the above please see advertisement. Respectfully,  
B. H. DODSON, P. M.  
Haskell Texas Dec. 1, 1897.

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To the Abilene Reporter: What's the matter, we haven't seen you lately?

HAPPINESS IS WHAT WE ARE AFTER but we can't have it while we are sick. True the great pleasure of life is to have health, and Parker's Ginger Tonic has surprised many by bringing back the health they supposed was forever lost. Those who are weak and suffering grow worse by delay—therefore, use Parker's Ginger Tonic now—it reaches the vital parts, and when you take it you feel that every organ of the system is being spurred to real and vital action. Fatigue disappears, the nerves are soothed, cheerfulness returns. Sleep and digestion improve, and these good things come to stay—so say those who use it.

STOP THE FRETTING.  
Care, worry, dread, anxiety, whiten the hair too early. Stop fretting and use Parker's Hair Balsam and save both life and color to your hair.

Free tuition. We give one or more free scholarships to every county in the U. S. Write us. We will accept notes for tuition that can be deposited in any bank. The most thorough, practical and progressive schools of the kind in the world, and the best addresses are in the South. Indorsed by bankers, merchants, ministers and others. Four weeks in bookkeeping with us are equal to twelve weeks by the old plan. J. E. Draughton, President, is author of Draughton's New System of Bookkeeping, "Double Entry Made Easy."  
Home study. We have prepared, for home study, books on bookkeeping, penmanship and shorthand. Write for a free list "Home Study." Extract "Facts for Teachers"—learned book-keeping at home from your books, while holding a position as night telegraph operator. "C. H. LAYTON'S" book-keeping for Dyer & Pilsa, Wholesale Grocers, South Chicago, Ill. (Mention this paper when writing.)

### Next Spring

Travel will begin to the Gold Fields of Alaska, and it is suggested that those who intend going to the Klondike

Will find THE DENVER ROAD the most satisfactory route in every particular by which water transportation is reached. The reasons why your ticket should read via the Denver Road, are

### Shortest Route!

Quickest time! Grand scenery and a Through Tourist Sleeping Car Line between Colorado and Portland, necessitating but one change of cars between Fort Worth and Portland, reaching the Northwest Seaports with economy, luxury and comfort via

### The Denver Road

(Fort Worth & Denver City Railway.)  
ELI A. HIRSHFIELD, D. B. KEELER,  
A. G. P. A. G. P. A.

#### United States Marshal's Sale.

Sarah E. Tabor et al vs. Ellen Weaver et als. No. 109 Eq. By virtue of an execution issued out of the U. S. Circuit court, Northern district of Texas, at Waco, Texas, in the above styled and numbered cause, bearing date August 24th, 1897, and to me as United States Marshal of the northern district of Texas, directed and delivered, I have levied upon and will proceed to sell at the court house door in the city of Haskell, Haskell county, Texas, on the first Tuesday in December, being the 7th day of December, 1897, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., for cash to the highest bidder the following described real estate, pointed out as the property of defendant Ellen Weaver et al, to wit: The following tract of land lying in the county of Haskell, State of Texas, known as survey No. 52, on the waters of Paint creek, originally granted to J. E. Ellis and by letters patent No. 98, Vol. 17 of the record of 1st class headrights of the State of Texas, conveyed to said J. E. Ellis, to which reference is made, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at N. E. Cor. of H. Spinks survey No. 33 for the S. E. Cor. of this survey, from which a mesquite bears N. 24 W. 53 1/2 varas and do. Mrs. N. 17 1/2 E. 63 varas. Thence N. 35 1/2 varas a branch, 36 1/2 varas to the N. E. Cor., a stake from which a mesquite bears S. 23 1/2 W. 18 varas and do, Mrs. N. 18 1/2 W. 45 varas. Thence W. 226 1/2 varas to the N. W. Cor. from which a mesquite bears N. 72 1/2 E. 17 varas and do. Mrs. S. E. 15 1/2 W. 10 varas. Thence S. 365 1/2 varas to the S. W. Cor., a stake. Thence E. 228 1/2 varas to the beginning, bearings marked H. containing 35 of a league of land less an undivided interest of 337 acres conveyed by S. E. Norris to J. W. Wilkinson on 4th March 1889, as per deed recorded in Vol. 12, pages 169 and 170 of Haskell county deed records, and also less an undivided interest of 400 acres conveyed by S. E. Norris to Mary M. Wilkinson on 27th September, 1883, as per deed recorded in Vol. 6, pages 79 and 80 of the Haskell county deed records.

Levied upon as the property of the defendants named in the above mentioned execution; to wit: Ellen Weaver, Walter L. Church, Samuel S. Church, L. Samantha Brown and husband J. C. Brown, Jessie Stapleton and husband J. C. Stapleton, Lillian Stapleton and husband C. A. Stapleton, Keller Houston, Wm L. Devar, Ella Rutherford and husband Mack Rutherford, Elisha Ellis, T. J. Lemon, John Ellis, D. M. Trent, George and Kelley Hogg, T. B. Wheeler and Charles I. Evans. R. M. LOVIN, U. S. Marshal, Northern Dist. of Texas.









FOR WOMEN AND HOME

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Between the Dances. It all occurred, I took my chance. My richness is my worst of fashions. I fell a victim to her glances.

Green Which Are Striking. A novel dress of Venetian cloth in a soft shade of hussar blue is made with a puffed bodice, the basques, epaulettes, high collar and revers of which are edged with a band of black Persian lamb.

A Young Man's Intentions. Estelle is a puzzled young woman who comes for a few words of advice and counsel. She has for some time past been receiving some attention from a young man, but cannot exactly make out what his intentions are.

Ventilation of Bedrooms. It is sufficient attention paid in every household to the great importance of having bedrooms well ventilated, and of thoroughly airing the sheets, covers and mattresses in the morning before packing them up in the form of a neatly made bed.

Swiss Village Houses. Some of the village houses in Switzerland have quaint sundials upon the front, and where there are very fine there is not infrequently an inscription telling when the house was built and when restored, and perhaps a pious sentence in old German text.

In a Turkish Hamam. Mrs. Max Muller, in her "Letters From Constantinople," tells of her visits to the h-rooms of the great ladies and pays her respects to the wife of one of the ministers.

Rhoda, a Temperance Girl. Rhoda's mother died and left seven children, she being the youngest. Her mother's sister took her and brought her up as her own.

Conversion and Catchup. Odd mistakes sometimes happen in the making of a newspaper. Not long ago an article on the conversion of the heathen and a recipe for making tomato catchup stood side by side in the composing room ready to go into the form.

More elegant style of dress of all pink delaine made Princess fashion of the back, the opening over a loose front of cream-white delaine printed in a small pompadour pattern of rosebuds.

Two Stylish Evening Dresses. The dress worn with this bodice was of amberine cashmere, much gored and quite plain in front and over the hips, with a few deep pleats at the back, but commencing only about one-third down the skirt.

Phonies are also put on in this way on fashionable skirts. Thus a dress of green and white chine foulard is

sections of cream gauze. The sides of this bolero are completed by small boxes of black velvet ribbon drawn through tiny diamond buckles.

Queer Whims in Women's Hats. Fashionable women in New York have taken to decorating their hats with owls. The whole bird must be used, not the head and wings alone.

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together and arranged to form a number of points in the center of the front. The bodice is of brown velvet very finely embroidered with silk and striped with fine insertions, through which a white satin lining is daintily visible.

Another smart gown is of dark-brown cloth, the skirt trimmed with a sort of inland design of brown velvet. The bodice has a finely tucked vest of cream silk and a collar of eared with pink and trimmed with a wide in-

IN THE ODD CORNER.

SOME STRANGE, QUEER AND CURIOUS PHASES OF LIFE.

A Moorish Execution—How a Surgeon Was Put to Death for His Crime—An Odd Optical Illusion—In a Turkish Hamam.

Eileen Allanna. EILEEN ALLANNA, Eileen Allanna, Light of my soul, I love you evermore.

Patience. Patient I'll be to the coldest I adore, Eileen Allanna, Angus Asthore.

Eileen Allanna, Eileen Allanna, The ocean's blue waters wash by the shore.

God bless you, darling, I know you are true to the boy who would die for you.

A Moorish Execution. A correspondent at Tangier gives the following account of the execution of a native for the murder of Herr Hassenner, a German banker in December last.

Odd Optical Illusions. In the following figure one pair of lines look gray and the other pair black.

Another illusion of color, discovered by Mr. Shephard Bidwell, F. R. S., is produced as follows: Cut out the disk (figure 4) and mount it on a card.

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FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

SOME GOOD STORIES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

The Little Men and Women of Japan—That Country is a Paradise for Youth—How They Pass the Time—The Chestnut Tree.

The Chestnut Tree. BRIGHT, bright day and a white-sweet full moon.

Japanese Children. A French magazine lately published an article on Japan that would almost make the reader think that country a children's paradise.

More rational way than the American child, being both less strong and less combative. Wickedness seems unknown to him.

"The coolie child, with his brown face and bare legs, is always interesting. How many things he can carry on his back! \* \* \* Under his big straw hat you get a finely formed face, but it is almost always sad with the resigned expression common to children who suffer.

"But the child that attracts the most attention is the child of the sampan (boats). Each sampan is generally navigated with the aid of two heavy sweeps, managed by two children, of whom the youngest is often not more than eight or ten years old.

"Foreign firms also employ in their offices a certain number of Japanese children as clerks or errand-boys. It is said that all little Japanese, especially these messenger boys, have a special talent for whistling. They even whistle European tunes!

"In Japan people love children so much that when they have none of their own, they adopt one, and if a Japanese thinks he is too poor to support his child, he hastens to get it adopted by some rich family, which he always succeeds in doing."—Selected.

"Dare to do Right, Dare to Be True." Dear Boys and Girls: Did any of you ever visit a food fair? Yes, a few of you have. Is it not a fine place and in some parts very tempting to the appetites?

It is a charming spectacle to see the children in Yokohama, when they go, at the beginning of springtime, to look for shells at low tide. They come

in groups from all parts of the city, carrying with them baskets and boxes hanging from their backs.

bigger. I like to see the vegetables and fruit and tall stalks of corn and wheat. I like, too, to go and see the butter churned and the cheese made and the bread baked.

There is one place that always has a crowd around it and that is the elder mill. It made me feel very sorry to see the children and grown people all drinking, but when I inquired about it I found that it was not elder, but apple juice.

When poor people have good food they will not have to take so much strong drink. I hope you may all visit a fair like this one in Boston sometime.—Aunt Mary in Union Signal, Children's Department.

Beautiful Indian Superstition. Among the superstitions of the Seneca Indians was a most beautiful one. When a young maiden died they imprisoned a young bird until it had learned to try its powers of song and then, they loosed it with cords and messages, in the belief that it would not fold its wings or close its eyes until it had flown to the spirit land and delivered its precious burden of affection to the loved and lost one.

"What is unconventional, Uncle Jim?" "Unconventional? Well, it is being too good natured to get vexed with people who haven't any manners."

CHILDREN'S PAGE.

A Goat Alphabet.

A was an wolf, Appetite Possessed by William Goat.

B was Blue of whale which found One evening after dark.

C was a rubber Comb he ate. Which proved a trifle tough.

D was a much esteemed old Doll in petticoat and ruff.

E was a well-stuffed Egg with six acres of grass.

F was a fatter fellow fat in sticks of wood.

G was a Goat, near wise. Who said "You'll arrive."

H was the Hate in William's eye. Which made that goat retreat.

I was some Ink about a pint. Of quality was poor.

J was a Jug of pottery. In pieces, to be sure.

K was a Kite with pointed face. And many yards of tail.

L was five pounds of Licorice. Thought at an auction sale.

M was an old Monkey, found in a cotter Rabbit, which had scarce turned a year.

N was a pair of Nippers, blunt and rusted from a rain.

O was a Tip which many folk Had tried to spin, in vain.

P was a large Underalls, borne to William on a breeze.

Q was six acres of grass. With a paper bag.

R was a wadded Rag He next essayed to chide.

S was an essay to chide. He next essayed to chide.

T was a wadded Rag He next essayed to chide.

U was an essay to chide. He next essayed to chide.

V was a wadded Rag He next essayed to chide.

W was an essay to chide. He next essayed to chide.

X was a wadded Rag He next essayed to chide.

Y was an essay to chide. He next essayed to chide.

Z was a wadded Rag He next essayed to chide.

XY Z this Quarter of William Goat. Quince preserve first defeat. Whose taste was rather queer.

OF William Goat. did view. IN "YOUTH COMPANION."

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AN OLD MAID'S SONG.

THE boarders used to look across the boarding house table at the Old Maid with a keen, psychological sort of interest.

"Why should she look so happy?" the younger, who spoke of Art and Missions with capitals in her voice, would ask. "She can't regard her secretary to that lawyer as a noble calling."

And the wives of the boarding-house used also to puzzle over the Old Maid's joyousness. "For she has no husband," they said, "and at her age can hardly hope to get one."

But it never occurred to the gentle spinster's radiant face after we had heard his voice was enough to provide his bearers with a fund of inner joy for the remainder of their days, but because of the song he sang.

Now, the Old Maid had lived so long in the boarding-house on the square that it had become second nature for her to choose the less trite spoons in the holder and to avoid instinctively the top slices of bread on the bread plate.

Down-town the Old Maid was a stenographer in a law office, where prettiness was at a discount as a hindrance to unremitting toil. She did not realize that her chief attraction to her employers was the lack of distracting features and complexion.

Before the remote day when the Old Maid first came to the law office and the boarding-house she had lived in the country. Even yet, when the spring rains came down and drenched the grim pavements she had a swift, fleeting sense of late snows melting by the rim of the brooks and of timid flowers pushing through the soft earth.

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OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

Some Good Jokes, Original and Selected.

Wanted to Take His Choice—Stage Kissing—Some Good Darkey Stories—Her Interest in the Game—Borrowed Laughing Stock.

A Resurrection. "Love is dead," she said. "Flown through the open door!"

He heard a sigh. Sweet and low. Her heart beat high. She forgot her woe. And the glad wind blew.

The Real Thing. "Do you think kissing right to be allowed on the stage?" "Well, I think the lips are preferable." "Leslie's Monthly."

Good Darkey Stories. A Georgia man who had made a flying machine offered a negro \$10 to make a trial trip in it.

When the rope was loosened the machine took a sudden slanting course towards earth and plunged into an adjacent millpond.

Disappeared with the negro beneath the water, while the terrified inventor stood shrieking for assistance.

Nowell's "Life of Johnson," as every one knows, is the finest biography in the English language.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear.

When Gardner and Griswold were in the Superior Court during the trial of the pickpockets the resemblance was noticed by Detective Cowles.

Overheard by the Wooden Indian. Byer—What kind of a cigar do you prefer?

In Duplicate. "What's this?" "Two of 'em, sir." "Good Lord! what am I to do? I say, nurse, can't I take my pick?"

Historian of the Boulevards. A curious character in Paris is a man who makes his living by strolling along the boulevards and making wagers at the cafes.

Result of Low Water. Somebody in Columbia, Ky., has sent out and got printed a story that Green river at that place has been so low lately that swine have taken to wallowing in it and catching and eating fish.

Bachus claims more victims than Neptune.

Backus claims more victims than Neptune.

SHYLOCK'S DEMAND.

Shylock's exacting for money lent Antonio was a forfeit "for an equal pound of your fair flesh to be cut off and taken in what part of your body pleasest me."

Wanted to Take His Choice—Stage Kissing—Some Good Darkey Stories—Her Interest in the Game—Borrowed Laughing Stock.

A Resurrection. "Love is dead," she said. "Flown through the open door!"

He heard a sigh. Sweet and low. Her heart beat high. She forgot her woe. And the glad wind blew.

The Real Thing. "Do you think kissing right to be allowed on the stage?" "Well, I think the lips are preferable." "Leslie's Monthly."

Good Darkey Stories. A Georgia man who had made a flying machine offered a negro \$10 to make a trial trip in it.

When the rope was loosened the machine took a sudden slanting course towards earth and plunged into an adjacent millpond.

Disappeared with the negro beneath the water, while the terrified inventor stood shrieking for assistance.

Nowell's "Life of Johnson," as every one knows, is the finest biography in the English language.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear.

When Gardner and Griswold were in the Superior Court during the trial of the pickpockets the resemblance was noticed by Detective Cowles.

Overheard by the Wooden Indian. Byer—What kind of a cigar do you prefer?

In Duplicate. "What's this?" "Two of 'em, sir." "Good Lord! what am I to do? I say, nurse, can't I take my pick?"

Historian of the Boulevards. A curious character in Paris is a man who makes his living by strolling along the boulevards and making wagers at the cafes.

Result of Low Water. Somebody in Columbia, Ky., has sent out and got printed a story that Green river at that place has been so low lately that swine have taken to wallowing in it and catching and eating fish.

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Are the Inhabitants Descendants of the Huns?

Some notes on the population of the Anniviers valley in Switzerland are given by a German authority.

The Lost Way. Grief over the death of her husband caused a Chicago widow of 22 to drop carbonic acid.

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## LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. M. S. Pierson has returned.  
—Mr. R. D. Smith visited Abilene this week.  
—Mr. Charley Donohoo and family have returned to Haskell county.  
—Just come to see me with your cash if you want LOW prices.  
S. L. ROBERTSON.  
—Miss Edna Ellis opened her school this week in the Clifton neighborhood.  
—The past week has been one of steady winter weather with indications at the close of rain or snow.  
—Dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hats, &c., all CHEAP at S. L. Robertson's.  
—Mr. S. W. York is slowly recovering from the effects of a severe fall given him by a refractory horse about a week ago.  
—Cast your eye over the new ad of Messrs. T. G. Carney & Co. on our first page. They are making a big Christmas talk.  
—Do you want a Mitchell wagon best made; if so see W. W. Fields & Bro., who will sell it to you at Abilene price.  
—The present cold snap has been death to fat porkers. Scores of them have been transferred from pens to smokehouses.  
—Mr. Eugene Griffin now sleeps in our store and in cases of emergency will wait on customers at any time of night. T. G. Carney & Co.  
—We have heard of quite a number of new settlers coming in during the past week or two, whose names we could not learn in order to make mention of them.  
—Ladies come and see our millinery department, its only First-Class ever here; its private and nice.  
T. G. CARNEY & CO.  
—Judge J. M. Baldwin and wife went to Abilene Wednesday, from whence Mrs. Baldwin proceeded to Arkadelphia, Ark., for medical treatment.  
—The marriage of Mr. John Fortenberry and Miss Minnie Brock is reported as taking place at the home of Rev. R. M. G. Eiland on last Wednesday night.  
—Mr. Tom Sipard of Erath county, who purchased the Bean place in the north part of the county some time since, arrived this week with his family.  
—If you owe me and can raise the money please don't wait for me to ask you for it. I need it, in fact, I must collect. Respectfully,  
S. L. ROBERTSON.  
—Mr. Jud Jones is now selling goods for Messrs. T. G. Carney & Co. He says tell all his friends that he will appreciate it as a favor if they will call around and trade with him.  
—Capt. W. W. Fields and son Earnest and Mr. M. A. Clifton went out on the Brazos hunting this week and, besides some smaller game, killed a fine stag. We saw the splendid set of antlers that were taken from him.  
—Say boys that little play made on men hats last week don't go. We can knock that play to pieces. Come and see us. T. G. CARNEY & CO.  
—Judge J. A. Fisher of the north side was in town this week. He says his section is getting a fair share of the new settlers. He mentioned six or seven new families already located there and knew of several more that are coming.  
—A full meeting of Woodmen of the World is desired on the second Tuesday night (14th inst.) in this month for the purpose of electing officers. This is an important matter to certificate holders and they should not fail to attend.  
—Figure with us if you want low prices. We don't mind losing a few dimes if we can get your love, influence and tongue to going our way.  
T. G. CARNEY & CO.  
—Mr. T. D. Carney and family arrived the first of the week from Hill county and will make Haskell county their future home. We are glad to welcome such accessions to our county. Mr. Carney is the father of our townsman, Mr. T. G. Carney.

## Church Notices

Our First Quarterly Conference will convene the 12 and 13. There will be preaching Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, and sacramental service Sunday at 11 o'clock,—let every member be ready for this service.  
A full attendance of the official members is urged. Those who put it into their plans to attend the business of the church, can arrange to attend her calls. Let us as officials in the church begin with larger faith and greater zeal to do our best year's work.  
The stewards are earnestly requested to meet in the parsonage study next Tuesday (the 7th) evening at 7 o'clock. Let every member of the official board meet with the stewards. Something special, and of interest to each member. Don't fail to come.  
Preaching at the Methodist church every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7 p. m.  
Devotional League service every Sunday afternoon. All Leaguers are earnestly requested to be present at every service. Why should our religious duties be secondary—"Seek first the Kingdom of God,"—let all things else be secondary.  
The election of officers will take place at the first business meeting in January for the 1st half of 1898.  
M. L. MOODY, Pastor.  
—The various Sunday schools should make their plans tomorrow for their Christmas trees, so that there will be plenty of time for the committees to get everything in order and avoid confusion at the last. In this suggestion we assume as a matter of course that there will be one or more Christmas trees. The little folks expect it; it adds but little trouble and expense to the giving of the presents, while it surrounds the giving with an interest that adds greatly to the pleasure of the children.  
It occurs to us, however, that for each school to have a tree would divide the crowd up too much and think it would be best for them to unite on one or two trees. This would also reduce the expense somewhat, or, at least allow of a more elaborate decoration of the fewer trees. By all means let us have a Christmas tree.  
**Dentistry.**  
Dr. C. E. Stephens takes this means of announcing that he will be here Dec. 5th to 12th, inclusive, prepared to do all kinds of dental work. All work done under guarantee.  
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The prairie dog presents a question of no little interest to the people of west Texas. Every year these utterly worthless little animals do damage in Haskell county alone amounting to thousands of dollars. It is an admitted fact by stockmen and others that one acre of land that has not been occupied by prairie dogs is worth for pasturage four or five acres in an old dog town—and as a matter of fact, much of the land that has been infested with the dogs for several years is almost worthless for pasturage. In other words the range would support fully four or five times as much stock as it does now if the dogs were exterminated, or it would support the stock now on it in far better condition and leave a reserve of grass for stock in winter or for it to be concentrated on near water in times of drouth. Besides the damage to the range by them—they depredate on nearly every growing crop in the country, doing an amount of damage to each farmer that would in one year pay for the expense and labor that it would require to rid his premises of them, to say nothing of the money that is nearly as bad as wasted in individual efforts to get rid of them. Now this is but a brief reference to evils the country is suffering from the prairie dogs and if what we have said is true—and every person who knows anything about the situation will readily agree that the pest is worse than we have pictured it—it would seem to be unnecessary to say that the destruction of the prairie dog is a matter of vital importance to every citizen of this country and, equally unnecessary to urge the people to abate the nuisance—to do a thing of so much personal interest to each one.  
We now come to our object in writing this article, which is to urge the cooperation of every man in the county in putting an end to the prairie dog curse. We believe that nearly every one is and has been willing to do his part, but has neglected it because he realized that but little good would result from killing

the dogs out on one tract of land while they remained all around it. The next two or three months will be the best time for killing the dogs and we suggest that the people get together—hold a county convention if necessary, and come to an understanding and go to work. Those who do not want to engage in the actual work should assist by subscribing to a fund with which to buy poison.  
The late Seymour papers say that Supt. J. V. Goode was there a few days ago and set the work in operation on the telephone line from that place to Haskell via Throckmorton. When the subsidy was subscribed by the three towns the understanding was that the line would be completed to Haskell by December 1st. It is explained that the delay was unavoidable and occasioned by a lot of poles delivered for the line not coming up to contract. Now however satisfactory poles have been procured and they with other material are being placed on the ground, so that we may expect the completion of the line by Christmas, if there is not too much bad weather.  
A LATE decision by the court of civil appeals holds the law authorizing the forfeiture by the state land commissioner of sales of school land for non payment of interest unconstitutional. This decision is based on the constitutional provision (both federal and state) that no person shall be deprived of his property or rights without due process of law, that is, without being cited before a court and given an opportunity to present any legal or equitable defense he may have.  
If there had been a provision in the law under which the land was sold, to the subsequently defaulting purchaser, reserving to the state the right through her land commissioner to declare forfeitures under certain contingencies, then, such forfeiture would have been valid and binding for the reason that such right in the state was a part of the contract of sale, agreed to by the purchaser at the time of purchasing, but as there was no such stipulation in the law we believe that the decision of the court of civil appeals will stand in the higher courts.  
IF MAYOR VAN WYCK carries out the programme he laid down for his guidance in the letter he published immediately after he received the news of his election, Greater New York will have no just reason to regret the triumph of Tammany. He talks like a true Jeffersonian democrat. But, granting that he has the inclination to carry out his professions, we opine that he will find it a herculean task with the Tammany wreckers on his back.  
THE Baltimore Manufacturers Record notes the growing importance of Galveston as a shipping point in the following item: During the period from September 1st to October 22, 110 steamships, representing 210,952 tons register, arrived at Galveston, Texas. There is an increase of twenty-four vessels over the corresponding period of last year, and fifty-four vessels over the corresponding period of two years ago. On October 22 sixty-nine steamships, having a carrying capacity of 500,000 bales of cotton, were in Galveston harbor. These figures, it is claimed, place Galveston at the head of the cotton exporting cities of America.

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## Last year was a hard year

and you did not make enough to pay your accounts (many of you) and we did not worry you with a continual stream of duns, but just bore the load ourselves and have carried you another year and, as fortune has smiled on us and our lands have brought forth a good harvest we now ask you to lift the burden from our shoulders by settling your accounts promptly by Dec. 1st to 15th, that we may in turn make ourselves at ease.

## Now Don't Say, Alex., carry me another

year, for we bore a heavy load under your failures last year and took all the risk for this year, and there may be another year like last year and then will be time to sing the old song and have it heard.

## Now Come, Friends and Customers

and lets settle up and make a new start. Don't force us to call on you in person, for be sure we will see you after the given date if you don't see us before.

## Yours in the true bonds of friendship,

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Per Alex.

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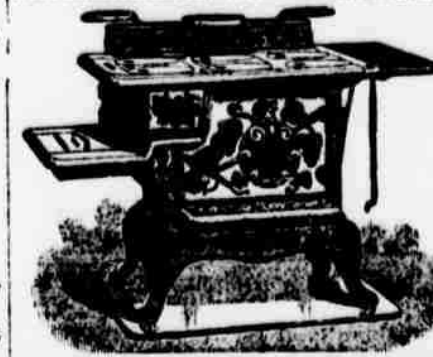
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