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READ OUR LARGE AD

in another part of the paper.

It means a great saving to you.

Our line of Queen Quality shoes for women are in a class to themselves. We have them in all the late styles--let us show you a pair.

Attend our sale and you will profit by it.

D. EGGER & SON

"HAVE IT FOR LESS"

HASKELL, TEXAS.

Laying of Corner Stone.

The corner stone of the new building of Haskell Lodge No. 682, A. F. & A. M., will be laid at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, Dec. 22. Masons are requested to meet at the hall over Fields Bros. Store on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

It is expected that several prominent Masons from abroad will be here to assist in the ceremonies and that there will be some speaking at the building if the weather permits,--if not, adjournment will be taken to the court house.

The public generally is invited to witness the ceremonies and to hear the speaking.

LONG TENNESSEE FIGHT.

For twenty years W. L. Rawles, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklin's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the swelling and soreness to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

STEAM LAUNDRY.

The FREE PRESS learns that Mr. F. N. Chapman has arranged, in connection with other parties, to put in a steam laundry at Haskell. We are informed that they expect to have the laundry in operation in about a month. This is a needed and welcome enterprise in our town.

Hart's Honey and Horehound is nature's own remedy, gives immediate relief and cures Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung troubles by removing the cause. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

Finest line of Gift Books and Fancy Stationery at Racket Store.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. C. E. Terrell, Special Agent.

Santa Claus

—AT—

TERRELL'S

THE RIGHT GIFTS FOR

EVERYBODY

The Best Of Everything For

CHRISTMAS

COME AND SEE FOR

YOURSELF

Our Stock is New, Bright fresh and Clean.

Come early and make your selections.

You are especially invited to inspect our Jewelry, Cut-Glass and Fine China Departments.

GOODS RIGHT,

VALUES RIGHT

PRICES RIGHT.

Santa Claus Invites Everybody

—TO—

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Haskell National Bank.

HASKELL, TEXAS.

FARMERS

You are now getting your Cotton on the market; we solicit your account and offer you a bank service that is

Safe, Sure and Accurate.

M. S. PIERSON, PRESIDENT. G. R. COUCH, CASHIER.

LEE PIERSON, VICE-PRES. M. PIERSON, ASST. C.

Christmas Trees and Ladder.

The Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools are each preparing to have Christmas trees at their respective churches on Christmas eve.

The Baptists, however, have a new scheme and instead of a tree will have an immense ladder, appropriately decorated and hung with Santa Claus' offerings to the little folks. All the children and grown folks, too, affiliated with the church are requested to attend and bring their friends with them.

Mr. R. H. Crow, who recently moved to our county from Bell county and located near Pinkerton, was in Tuesday and called and had the address of his FREE PRESS, which had been going to him in Bell county since last February, changed to Pinkerton.

Dr. Sledge of Stamford was in our city Thursday.

Take a double dose of Hart's Honey and Horehound before retiring at night and three or four doses during the following day and you will be certain of curing that Bad Cold and the Cough will disappear. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

A good many of the people who purchased land in Haskell county during the past summer and fall are now moving in from Central and Eastern Texas and taking charge of their new possessions. From the number who have already come and who we understand are yet to come, it is evident that there will be a very large increase in the farm acreage in the county next year. We think and hope that the move will be alike good for them and this country.

Mr. F. K. Fisher, a real estate man of Taylor, was in Haskell this week with a party of prospectors.

In Justice Court.

Justice Lamkin's docket shows the following cases disposed of:

The State vs. B. H. Oliver, charged with disturbing the peace, two cases. Plea of guilty in both cases and fine of \$1 in each case.

The State vs. Ed Stoffers, charged with drunkenness in a public place. Plea of guilty and fine of \$1.

The State vs. Arthur Winchester, charged with gaming, two cases. Plea of guilty in both cases and fine of \$10 in each case.

The State vs. Pick Owen, charged with gaming. Plea of guilty, fine \$10.

KING OF ALL COUGH MEDICINES.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. Service for about sixteen years; says: "We have tried many cough remedies for croup, but Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is king of all and to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after-effects." For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

THE USE OF CHECKS

Ninety per cent of modern business is transacted without actual money passing hands at all, and all by means of checks.

A owes B a hundred dollars and gives him his check for it. B endorses it over to C in settlement of an account. C deposits it in the bank to his own credit. The actual cash has never left the bank. In this way payments are made more conveniently and each party saves the risk of losing the actual cash. A lost check, if not endorsed, is valueless to any but its owner, and if lost to him it can be replaced with a little trouble.

Every man who wants to transact his business in a modern manner and protect himself against loss, should open a checking account in the

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

and then pay all his bills etc. with checks. It is not only safe but it is so convenient that once tried will never be discontinued.

OPEN AIR CONCERT.

The Haskell Concert band announce that they will give an open air concert on the court house square on Christmas day, beginning at 2 o'clock p. m. The object is to let the public see what progress the band has made, and everybody is invited to come out. While the band has been organized only a short time it is already making some good music, from the fact that there are several good musicians and experienced band men in it. The band is quite an addition to the town and is calculated to be of benefit on various occasions and we hope it will receive hearty encouragement from the public.

NEW CURE FOR EPILEPSY.

J. B. Waterman, of Watertown, O., Rural free delivery, writes: "My daughter, afflicted for years with epilepsy, was cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills. She has not had an attack for over two years." Best body cleansers and life giving tonic pills on earth. 25c at Terrell's Drug Store.

Contract Let for Odd Fellow's Hall.

The Haskell I. O. O. F. Lodge let the contract this week to Mr. J. N. McFatter for the erection of their building on the north side of the square. The building is to be thirty by one hundred feet, two stories high with a basement story thirty by sixty feet. It is to be constructed of native brick. We understand that the contract price is but a few dollars under \$9,000. The second story will be used by the Odd Fellows as a lodge room and the lower and basement stories will be rented for stores, etc.

NO OPIUM IN CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

There is not the least danger in giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to small children as it contains no opium or other harmful drug. It has an established reputation of more than thirty years as the most successful medicine for colds, croup and whooping cough. It always cures and is pleasant to take. Children like it. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

FLOUR, Big "M" FLOUR

The Best on Earth.

ELECTED



ELECTED. If a vote were taken on the most famous flour, our Big "M" Flour would receive a handsome majority. It is the choice of bakers and house-wives who KNOW, because it goes farther and gives better results than any other flour ever milled.

C. C. MILL, ELEVATOR and LIGHT CO.

SEYMOUR, TEXAS.



THE SYSTEM PURIFIER

Drives Out That Bilious, Lazy Feeling. Makes You Bright, Active and Cheerful.

CURES CONSTIPATION

SOLD AT DRUG STORES - PRICE \$1.00 PER BOTTLE

Special HOLIDAY Sales

always create excitement and interest and we propose to participate in it in a way that means much to the buying public. As an old saying has it "Money saved is money made," and we'll give you an opportunity to save some of yours.

We have the most complete stock on this market, and you will always find us right when quality is taken into consideration, so don't be led off by some low prices on cheap quality goods. We can and will meet any competition that is legitimate. We call attention below to some of our offerings:

<p>LADIES DRESS GOODS.</p> <p>We intend to close our fall and winter line out before the season for them is over, so come along and be first to select and get what you want—a very good assortment yet on hand and</p> <p>THE PRICES ARE RIGHT.</p>	<p>FASCINATORS AND SHAWLS.</p> <p>Our stock is quite complete in this line and consists of the most stylish designs and patterns on the market. Don't buy before you look them over.</p> <p>They are Money Savers at Our Prices.</p>	<p>LADIES FURS.</p> <p>Our stock of these is not excelled in this section. Prices range from \$3 to \$6.50.</p> <p>Buy From Us and Save Money.</p>	<p>LADIES CLOAKS.</p> <p>We have just received a new lot of ladies' and children's cloaks for the Christmas trade. If you haven't already purchased, it will pay you to call at once and be fitted up in style at our</p> <p>Greatly Reduced Prices--\$2.50 to 12.50.</p>
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Ladies Skirts.

We have kept this line constantly filled in and it is consequently complete at this time. If prices will interest you you won't pass these by without a purchase, as they must go now

Regardless of Profit to us.

Clothing.

SCHWAB'S IS THE BEST.

You can't afford to pass us if you are in need of a stylish and up-to-date suit, as we intend to run our stock of fall and winter weights out.

Come right along and let us talk to you about it; we'll interest you.

PROFITS CUT TO BED-ROCK.

Overcoats.

We still have a few good ones left and others not quite so good, and both kinds go at

Prices That Can't be Beaten.



STAR BRAND SHOES

LEAD THE WORLD.

We don't ask any one any odds when it comes to shoes, as we claim to sell the leading and most up-to-date shoes on the market. We guarantee our line--the "Star Brand," there are none as good. Try them and prove it. We especially recommend the "Patriot" for men and the "Society" for ladies.

WEAR OUR SHOES AND SAVE MONEY.

S. L. ROBERTSON & CO.

HEROES, SAID REAGAN.

One of Them, a Citizen of Haskell—Four Messmates Living.

"In the official proceedings of Hood's Texas Brigade association held at Somerville, Texas, June 27, 28, 1906, a letter was read by Hon. D. C. Giddings of Brenham written by Hon. Jno. H. Reagan, in which he gives a bit of interesting history connected with Hood's Texas Brigade wherein a number of Gold Stars were sent by the ladies of Texas to Richmond, Va., to be given, one each, to the bravest men who had distinguished themselves in battle." Continuing Judge Reagan said, "I would rather have been able to say that I had been a worthy member of Hood's Brigade than to have enjoyed all the honors which have been conferred upon me. I doubt if there has ever been a brigade or other military association in the history of the world that equaled Hood's Texas Brigade in the heroic valor and self-sacrificing conduct of its members and in the brilliancy of its service." Such words of commendation, coming from the pen of our immortal Reagan, were received with great applause by the battle-scarred veterans.

"Among the list of fortunate ones to receive the stars is the name of Jake Hemphill, who was a sergeant in Co. H, 5th Texas. Mr. Hemphill is the father of Mrs. Emma Steadman of our city and is justly proud of the distinction. The four mess-mates so intimately associated during the entire four years' siege were: Jacob Hemphill of Haskell; Matt Ross, for years a citizen of Taylor; E. K. Goree of Huntsville, now president of Hood's Texas Brigade association, and Sanford Waters of Tennessee, all of whom are still living, but not without scars. The brave Old Confederate veterans are gradually passing away. Their deeds of valor and heroism will yet grace the pages of Southern history and which will be greatly prized by their lineal descendants."—Taylor Daily Democrat.

The Courier reproduces the above article from the Democrat, because it will be interesting to the old soldiers, and because a son of one of those grand old men, lives in Tyler. S. W. Hemphill is a popular engineer on the Cotton Belt and well and favorably known by our citizens. He is a worthy man and a useful citizen. His father, Jacob Hemphill, was

wounded in four battles in the civil war; four bullets are still in his body. He lives in Haskell, Texas, and is now about 67 years of age. The son, Mr. S. W. Hemphill, wife and three children, Grover, Pettus and Katie, live in North Tyler, on Albertson St.—Tyler Courier.

The FREE PRESS reproduces the foregoing article believing that the people of Haskell county will be pleased to know of the incidents related in the life of one of our citizens. Quiet and unassuming, as most brave men are, Mr. Hemphill makes no parade of his record as a Confederate soldier, and, although he has resided in Haskell county for eight or ten years pursuing his quiet life on a farm, we have never heard him recount his exploits and doubt if many others have.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DISAGREE.

Husband and wife often disagree about some matter that concerns each other, and frequently the husband finds that his wife's judgement is the better. The case of Mr. John W. Young of Lincoln, Ill., is, however an exception. He says: "My wife and I both had a severe cold and we decided to get some kind of medicine. I bought for myself a bottle of Hart's Honey and Horehound, and taking it as directed, was well in a short time. She wanted another kind and with the result that she still has a bad cough. I advised her to take Hart's Honey and Horehound and think she will have to do so if she gets well this winter." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

Electric Lights Turned On.

It was a new thing in the history of Haskell when at 6 o'clock last Saturday evening the switch was turned in the power house of the Haskell Electric Light, Ice and Water Co. and scores of electric lights flashed out, lighting many residences and the business houses around the square with a brilliance they had never known before, and giving them, as viewed through the plate glass show windows, quite a city like appearance. The plant is now giving regular service.

Mr. G. W. May, the Real Estate man, was in Haskell Wednesday and the FREE PRESS supplied him with business blanks.

JOIN THE RUSH.

Students are pouring in from all parts of Texas and many other states to take advantage of the practical course in Telegraphy in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, the most thorough, practical school of Telegraphy in the world, the only one having a trunk line railroad guaranteeing its students a station at a minimum salary of \$90 per month, with 20c per hour for overtime, as soon as their course is finished; the only one that has a train order wire enabling its advanced students to receive from practical operators on a trunk line railroad; the only one being able to secure full and complete forms and blanks for both station and telegraph work of different railroad lines, also the Western Union Telegraph Co. blanks and records.

Should anyone doubt our having these advantages and that the Cotton Belt Railway system will employ our graduates as soon as they have passed our examinations, which are the same as required by that road, may write Mr. W. E. Green, Vice President & General Mgr., Tyler, Texas.

The cost for this course is only \$45 for life scholarship, \$5 for books and material; average time for completing the course four months. Board and lodging in private families from \$10 to \$12.50 per month. You can readily see that your first two months' salary would more than pay you back all you spent for tuition, books and board. Last month, the least station on the Cotton Belt R. R. paid including overtime, \$80 month, the largest \$191.50. Other roads are asking for our graduates, also Cotton Exchanges and Western Union Offices.

Young friend, give this matter careful consideration, for there is no other occupation or profession open to you today that will give you such an increased salary on so small an expenditure of time and money. Think of it. Only about four months time, and \$100, and the certainty of a position at from \$80 upwards. Can you beat it? If you can not, make your arrangements to enter with us at once. You may also take Book-keeping or Short-hand in connection with Telegraphy, if you so desire. These subjects are also taught successfully by mail.

YOU NEED NOT WAIT.

Students ready to enroll in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, may do so at once, as their stay will be made pleasant and profitable and they will receive instructions

through the Xmas Holidays, with the exception of Xmas Day. Students who prefer to spend Xmas week at home will be given permission to do so.

OUTWITS THE SURGEON.

A complication of female troubles, with catarrh of the stomach and bowels, had reduced Mrs. Thos. S. Austin, of Leavenworth, Ind., to such a deplorable condition, that her doctor advised an operation; but her husband fearing fatal results, postponed this to try Electric Bitters; and to the amazement of all who knew her, this medicine completely cured her. Guaranteed cure for torpid liver, kidney disease, biliousness, jaundice, chills and fever, general debility, nervousness and blood poisoning. Best tonic made. Price 50c at Terrell's Drug Store. Try it.

LETTER TO G. E. BALLEW, Haskell, Texas.

Dear Sir: Here's a tale with three or four tolls to it. Professor Irvine has an Academy, Mercersburg, Penn. He paints the floors in summer vacation. It used to take 90 gallons of paint. There were two paint stores there, and he used to buy (one year of one, next year of the other) 90 gallons year after year.

Now he paints Devoo; 60 gallons; and the difference is a saving of \$150 a year. H. C. Fallon was one of those dealers, good man; but he wouldn't take up Devoo; so we turned to the other, Boyd. But Fallon has found it necessary to get good paint to compete with Devoo. He got one of the eight honest paints. He has a big hardware store and is doing an excellent hardware business; but Boyd, of course, has the run on paint—he's a little hardware man.

We don't care how little or big a man is, if he wants good paint and is active and sound.

Yours truly,
F. W. DEVOO & Co.
New York.

P. S. McNeill & Smith sell our paint.

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition of the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. C. E. Terrell, Special Agent.

Rebekahs Organize.

A committee composed of W. T. McKuley, Jr., W. M. Bell and J. N. Campbell have been at work several days to organize a Rebekah Lodge at this place and last Wednesday night was the appointed time for organization. Meedames H. R. Jones, W. E. Sherrill, J. S. Keister and Miss Maud Isabell of Haskell were present and did the organizing. Sixty-five members were received and the following officers elected and installed:

- Mrs. M. E. McKinley, N. G.
- Miss Clemmie McElreath, V. G.
- Miss Lena Glasgow, Sec'y.
- Mrs. W. H. Cousins, Treas.
- Mrs. Wm. McKinley, Jr., Warden.
- Mrs. R. S. Ragsdale, Conductor.
- Miss Will Glasgow, R. S. N. C.
- Miss Lillie Howard, L. S. N. G.
- W. A. Earnest, R. V. G.
- R. E. Bell, L. V. G.
- Mrs. R. E. Bell, Inside Guard.
- W. S. Campbell, Outside Guard.

This lodge will be known as Monday Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 118, and organized with the largest membership of any lodge of that order in the state of Texas. They will meet on Thursday night of each week hereafter, in the Old Fellow's hall over Fisher and Clark's drug store.

Prospects are indeed very flattering for a flourishing and enthusiastic lodge of this ancient and honorable order in Monday.—Monday Times.

THAT'S IT!!!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c 1.00. Sold at Terrell's Drug Store.

Mrs. M. F. Miller of the east side was in town shopping Wednesday and we learned that she will leave today on a Christmas visit to her mother at Pittsburg Texas.

CURE FOR SORE NIPPLES.

As soon as the child is done nursing, apply Chamberlain's Salve. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this with the best results. Price 25c per box. For sale by Terrell's Drug Store.

W., M. W. & N. W. R. R. A GO.

Work on Extension to Begin in this Month.

The Mineral Wells Index is authority for the statement that the long looked for extension of the Weatherford, Mineral Wells & Northwestern Railroad westward from its present terminus at Mineral Wells has been definitely determined upon and that work will begin on it this month. Referring to the claim of the Stamford Tribune that the road would go to Stamford, the Index says:

"As to this we cannot say, for the simple reason that we are not advised as to the exact route of the new road. We are in position to state, however, that the actual work of construction will begin within the month. This is positive." Further on it says that its information is from high authority, "one of the big ones" and "we can say with assurance that it's a go, and it's 'On to the Northwest!'"

The route for this extension was surveyed the past summer from Mineral Wells through the town of Haskell and on across the plains into New Mexico and, as the railroad company has never surveyed any other route, it appears to the FREE PRESS that Haskell's chances are extremely good.

CHILDREN'S.

favorite tonic is White's Cream Vermifuge, the cure for worms and all children's diseases. It not only kills the worms, but removes the mucus and slime in which they build their nests. Its action on the child is mild and leaves him in a healthy condition. Joe Daniel, Surmac, Tenn., says "he gave one of his children White's Cream Vermifuge when the doctor thought it had colic, and from the first dose the child passed 73 worms. For sale at Terrell's Drug Store.

STONEWALL County Section Bargain LIST

Stonewall makes more cotton to the acre in 1906 than any one adjoining counties.

If any one of the following properties fail to come up to our description of them as given here, we pay you back your expense money when you have come to look at them; EVERY SECTION offered here is a bargain, the like of which you cannot buy in West Texas for the money. Read:

No. 1. 640 acres, unimproved, 225 acres good agricultural land, located 3 miles from Aspermont; fine grass and timber; \$5.00 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years at 8 per cent. Purchaser assume \$1.00 due State.

No. 2. 654 acres, 450 acres finest agricultural sandy loam (the golden yellow mellow kind,) 125 acres in fine state of cultivation, all fenced, large lake containing abundant water, 2 room house, fine grass, good timber, on public road, 9 miles from Aspermont, in good neighborhood; price \$10 per acre and purchaser assume \$1.00 due State in 31 years at 3 per cent., 1/2 cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years. There is no better farming land in Texas than on this tract; let us show it to you.

No. 3. 640 acres, unimproved, 480 acres fine level agricultural land, 2 1/2 miles from Aspermont at \$8.00 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance in 1, 2, and 3 years at 8 per cent. Note the near location to county site.

No. 4. 664 acres, 9 miles from Aspermont, 65 acres in good state of cultivation, 125 acres tillable land, balance fine grass land, good two room house, tank of good water, all fenced, cribs, pens, etc; a fine stock farming proposi-

tion. Price \$6.50 per acre, \$1.00 of which goes to the state in 34 years at 3 per cent interest, the remaining \$5.50 per acre can be paid at \$650 cash, balance in 1, 2, 3 and 4 years at 8 per cent. It will pay for itself on these terms.

No. 5. 656 acres 9 miles from Aspermont, the very best EDGE OF THE SHINERY sandy loam (no deep shinary, but just scattering shinary brush among the mesquites), 122 acres in fine state of cultivation, 585 acres best mellow agricultural land, TWO GOOD FREE-STONE WELLS OF WATER, tank, three room house, cribs, pens, etc., all fenced, on public road, in good neighborhood, good roads to town (no rivers to cross). Price \$10 per acre and purchaser assume \$1.00 due state in 30 years at 3 per cent. Terms 1/2 cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years.

No. 6. 640 acres, 500 of which is good mesquite tillable land, 65 acres in cultivation, the best grass in Stonewall County, good two room house, well, tank, all fenced, 6 3/4 miles from Aspermont (no rivers to cross). Price \$7.00 per acre, 1/2 cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years at 8 per cent interest. A fine bargain; the kind that we love to show.

WE ARE THE EXCLUSIVE AGENTS FOR THE ABOVE LANDS--No Other Agents Can sell Them.

Men of good common sense know that the above tracts of land will sell quickly; only last week, we offered you three sample bargains--now two of them have been sold by us; we have sold \$20,000.00 worth of land in the last three weeks. Why do we sell more than all others together? Because we only offer bargains, and KNOW our lands when we offer them. Come direct to our office, and lets do business in a business way.

RESPECTFULLY,

HOLCOMB & ALLISON,

ASPERMONT, STONEWALL COUNTY, TEXAS.

Haskell Telephone Company.

Has Long Distance Connection with All Points, and Direct lines to the following local places.

Ample, Aspermont, Broach Ranch, Shinnery Lake, Marcy, Brazos River, McDaniel Ranch, Pinkerton, Cliff, Irby Ranch, Throckmorton, Stamford, Rayner, Orient, Gathin, Munday, Seymour.

Local Exchanges at Haskell, Aspermont and Munday. Telegraph messages received and transmitted.

J. F. POSEY, Manager, Haskell, Texas.



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MARSH & ENGLISH, Propr's.

Your Patronage Solicited.

We Keep all Kinds of Fresh Meats Obtainable in Their Seasons.

OPERA HOUSE STABLE

HASKELL, TEXAS.

DAILY HACK TO RULE--Leave Haskell 7:25 Meets northbound train at Rule at 10:58 a. m.

We will furnish good rigs to all surrounding points. Charges Moderate.

TRY US FOR PROMPT BUSINESS

SIMMONS BROS.

READ THIS

I have a nice line of clocks, watches, solid gold, plain and set rings, spectacles, etc., at 40 per cent. discount. Eyes tested and glasses fitted perfectly. Clocks 55 cts. to \$3.50, Seth Thomas. Spectacles 15 cts. to \$2.00. Best Elgin watches \$5.00 to \$12.00. Don't Miss these bargains. Call at my residence.

We make a specialty of repairing fine watches, rings, spectacles and all kinds of jewelry. Bring them when you come.

Many thanks to the Haskell people for their liberal patronage the past twenty years. Respectfully,
W. H. PARSONS,
Resident Jeweler.

Mr. Bob Steel of Del Rio is here on visit to his father.

Mr. J. B. Clark of the south side was in town Tuesday.

Married on last Sunday, the 16th inst., at the residence of Rev. M. M. Beavers, Mr. J. L. Howard and Miss Maggie Green, Rev. Beavers officiating.

When the people of Haskell awoke Sunday morning they were surprised to find the earth covered with a mantle of snow, as it seemed hardly cold enough for snow on retiring Saturday night. The snow continued to fall in great flakes until about 10 o'clock, but melted rapidly and by night most of it was gone, and all of it disappeared by noon Monday.

County Attorney J. E. Wilfong filed in the county court Tuesday two informations charging A. M. Cowles with unlawfully selling intoxicating liquor in local option territory.

Mr. G. W. Hutto, one of the prosperous and progressive citizens of the northwest part of the county, was doing business in Haskell Tuesday.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

To All teachers of Public Schools in Haskell County, Texas:

The Teachers Institute for Haskell county has been called for the first week after Christmas, beginning on Monday, December 31, 1906, and ending Friday, January 4, 1907.

The school laws require me to call this institute, and provide that the certificate of any teacher who has a school in this county may be cancelled on account of their failure or neglect to attend such institute.

Therefore, each and every teacher who expects to teach school in this county after January 1, 1907, and for this term, must attend said institute for the time above mentioned.

JOE IRBY,

E. O. County Supt. of Public Instruction,
Haskell County Texas.

A TEXAS WONDER.

There's a Hill at Bowie, Tex., that's twice as big as last year. This wonder is W. L. Hill, who from a weight of 90 pounds has grown to over 150. He says: "I suffered with a terrible cough, and doctors gave me up to die of Consumption. I was reduced to 90 pounds, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Now, after taking 12 bottles, I have more than doubled in weight and am completely cured." Only sure Cough and Cold cure. Guaranteed by Torrell's Drug Store. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Haskell National Bank of Haskell, Texas, will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 1907, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the office of said bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for transacting such as may properly come before such other business meeting.

Haskell, Texas, Dec. 14, 1906

G. R. Couch, Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

To the voters of Haskell County, Texas, and especially the election officers thereof:

I have just received proclamation by his excellency, the Governor, calling a special election on Thursday, January 10, 1907, for the election of a representative from the 104th district (of which this county is a part) to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of B. T. Dimmitt, who was elected representative from said district at the late general election, and has since his election died. JOE IRBY, County Judge, Haskell County, Tex.

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A BUSINESS QUESTION

We read an article the other day discussing the panicky condition of the Eastern money market which always occurs during the Southern cotton marketing season. It was stated that the habits of the Southern farmers are so different from the Western grain farmers in the matter of handling money and transacting business that it requires a vastly larger amount of money to handle a cotton crop than to handle a Western grain crop of equivalent value. The Western farmer, it was said, rarely demands the cash on his checks from the banks, but instead takes a deposit slip and transacts his business with checks, thus leaving the money in circulation, while, on the other hand, the Southern farmer generally draws the cash on his checks and takes it home with him, thus holding a large amount in the aggregate out of circulation, and helping to create a money stringency and forcing the Southern banks to draw heavily from the Eastern money centers in order to keep business moving and furnish money to handle the cotton crop. The FREE PRESS is not posted as to what extent this practice of withdrawing money prevails among the Southern farmers, but it is probable there is ground for the statement in the article referred to. If such is the case, is it not probable that the stringency thus created in the money market affects the cotton market and helps to depress the price. The individual farmer will think that the small amount he takes out of circulation for a few days, weeks or months is of no consequence in the great business world. But let a thousand farmers take out \$50 each and we have \$50,000 out of circulation, or a hundred thousand farmers pocketing \$50 each would withdraw from circulation and the channels of business a total of \$5,000,000. Merchants and business men generally, instead of taking the money they receive in the transaction of their business out of circulation, deposit in bank each evening the money received by them during the day.

It occurs to us that this question is one that the farmers should consider. We would also suggest that the Farmers' Union might take it up with advantage.

The large stocks of goods carried by Haskell merchants, the competitive prices at which they are selling and the fact that they always pay the best possible price for cotton, combine to make this one of the very best trading points in West Texas.

The Sweetwater Reporter of last week stated that Sweetwater this season had received 20,000 bales of cotton from all sources. We understand that to include cotton going there for shipment from several counties northward as well as that grown in Mitchell county. But even with this construction the figures present evidence of a wonderful change and progress in agricultural development in a section of country which only a few years ago was a great open cattle range and which was not thought fit for agriculture. "Westward ho, the star of empire takes its way."

Who is going to be the representative of this district in place of Mr. Dimmitt, deceased? So far we have heard of no announcement.

The Christmas Proposition IS EASILY SOLVED.

Only a visit to the STORE WITH THE GOODS is required. There you are sure to find the appropriate thing. No need to worry about what to give, we have such a variety of nice, new things that you are certain to find something that will appeal to you, something that will make an excellent gift.

SIDE BOARDS These were once a luxury, now they are an almost necessity. Nothing adds to the attractiveness of the dining room more, nothing will make a better gift. We have a new shipment.

PRICE--\$22.00 to \$40.00

PICTURES. Our selection of pictures is unequalled and the people say they are the best values they have ever seen. PRICE, 25c to \$3.00.

LINENS What nicer? There is nothing that would be more acceptable, nothing that adds more to the social side of the meal, nothing that tends to make the repast a genuine pleasure. Our selection is new and large. PRICE PER YARD 40c to \$1.75.

SHOES. It must be remembered that the greatest satisfaction and pleasure, what is more useful than a good pair of stylish shoes. They are quite a popular Christmas gift now days. Just issue an order on us for a pair of shoes, and let the receiver come do the selecting.

Art Squares, Carpets, Rugs. We have made a reputation on art squares this season. Every one says they are the prettiest they have seen. We have just received a new lot. Some one would appreciate one for Christmas. Also a Carpet or Rug would be appropriate.

Art Squares, \$10 to \$25, Rugs, \$1 to \$5.

We have too many nice things to mention them all here. Just come down some day and let us show you through, you are certain to find something you want.

HUNT & GRISSOM,

THE STORE WITH THE GOODS

The "bucket Shops" and dealers in cotton futures in Texas, were dealt a severe blow by a decision rendered by the supreme court a few days ago. The case originated at Belton, where J. L. Norris et al. sued W. R. Logan, agent for a brokerage firm, for \$6,640 for failure to keep a contract on "futures." Norris won in the district court but the court of civil appeals reversed the judgment in his favor and he appealed to the supreme court and it sustained the civil court of appeals, holding in its decision that dealing in futures is a wagering contract and contrary to public policy and the penal code. This decision leaves the brokers and bucket shop dealers "on honor" among themselves, like any other set of gamblers, with no law or court to enforce their contracts and will necessarily go a long way in discouraging the business. In the opinion of the FREE PRESS the decision is timely and eminently correct in principle.

I especially invite my many friends in Haskell and surrounding country to call after Dec. 12th and see my line of cut glass, silver ware, diamonds, watches, etc., etc., before buying Xmas gifts.

A decision by the supreme court of the United States Monday knocked out the National cattle quarantine line established by the Agricultural Department under the act of congress passed in 1903.

Senator Bailey claims that he has enough votes personally pledged to him by senators and representatives to make his reelection certain. He claims twenty-three votes pledged in the senate and eighty-three in the house and says ten other representatives have expressed themselves in his favor, making a total of 116 out of a total vote of 164 in the house and senate.

Miss Dalin Fields has returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Wills Point and Kaufman.

Mr. John Thomason, son of Mr. Z. B. Thomason, has returned home to spend Christmas. He has been in the United States army and has been located at Fort Sam Houston. He has procured an honorable discharge, which speaks highly of his character and deportment while in the service.

Dr. J. D. Simmons returned a few days ago from a visit to Antonio, where he made pleasant acquaintance with his friends and they will receive instructions.

An astonishing and palpable error was discovered the other day in the methods of the postal department by the correction of which it is thought ten million dollars a year may be saved to the government. It is the custom of the postal department at stated periods to have the mail going over each system of railroads weighed for ninety days, but instead of dividing the total by ninety to get the daily average the practice has been during the last thirty-three years to drop out the twelve Sundays and divide by seventy-eight. Thus the railroads have been paid 16 per cent more than they should have been paid, which it is said amounts to about ten millions a year. The postal department has been making strenuous efforts to have congress raise the rate on second-class matter because there has been an annual deficit of several millions, but the correction of this glaring error—or graft—will eliminate the deficit and remove the plea for raising the rate of postage. It would seem that a school boy should not have made so palpable an error, if error it was, much less the head of a government department.

Just before going to press we were told by a friend of Judge H. R. Jones that the Judge will run for representative of this the 104th district. It was too late for us to see Judge Jones and get a confirmation of the report. Judge Jones has made an excellent record as judge of the 39th judicial district, from which he is just retiring, and we feel sure that he would receive an almost unanimous vote for representative should he stand for the position. He has been a citizen of this part of the state for many years and is thoroughly conversant with its needs.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Wood of Stamford are visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Johnson.

Mr. J. C. Peace has purchased five acres in the southeast part of town and will build a residence and move to town with his family.

Mr. B. F. Moore, who purchased land of Mr. Garnier east of town, was hauling out lumber this week to improve his place.

Plain and ornamental shades and fixtures for electric lights can be had at the power plant. Persons desiring anything in this line call at the power house and inspect them.

Mr. Toke Blair returned Tuesday from a trip to New Mexico, where he purchased a home to which he expects to move in a few weeks.

Nothing in the fancy goods line ever brought to Haskell equals those genuine imported Japanese vases and odd pieces at the Racket Store.

By one of those oversights which will sometimes happen in even the best regulated newspaper offices, we failed last week to note the change in the ownership of the Herald, which has been purchased by Messrs. Durham and Shepard, Mr. Atterberry taking the Knox City News, formerly owned by Mr. Durham. The new management are getting out a new, well printed paper and the FREE PRESS hopes there will be business enough to keep us all hustling and doing good work for the town and country.

Drop in at the Racket Store and see that new opalescent glassware and those Bohemian glass water sets.

Mrs. Jacob Hemphill was in town Thursday shopping.

Mr. D. W. Fields of the Marcy community was in town Thursday.

See Collier & Andrus Co's. Christmas stock before you buy.

A fine picture or beautiful plaque free with purchases amounting to \$5 at Racket Store. You also get tickets in the voting contests.

Mrs. D. B. English left Thursday to spend Xmas with friends and relatives in Eastern Texas.

Dr. E. E. Gilbert and little sons, Morris and Carl, left Thursday to visit the Doctor's old home in Kentucky.

You'll make a mistake if you pass the Racket Store when you are hunting Christmas presents.

See the Stonewall County land ad of Holcomb & Allison.

The FREE PRESS presents its readers an attractive illustrated Christmas page this week.

Mr. C. H. Stonesifer dropped in yesterday and set his subscription figures up a notch.

Mr. Burk Young of Fort Worth is visiting his brother, Mr. Frank Young at this place.

Mr. Frank Stephens made a business trip to Anson Thursday.

A new line of fancy and plain lamps, very cheap, at the Racket Store.

It will be worth your while to drop in and see those handsome pictures at the Racket Store—no cheap chromos, but real productions of art.

Mr. H. C. Helton went down to Comanche to hear Senator Bailey speak and returned Thursday highly elated with Mr. Bailey's defense.

Clarke Dennington is helping do things in the FREE PRESS office.

Our job department has been giving us all we could do lately in turning out stationery, circulars, etc.

The many friends in Haskell of Miss Mamie Kelley were saddened Thursday on receipt of the news of her death at her home in Belton.

Mr. R. H. Davis, one of Haskell's enterprising real estate agents, returned from Stonewall county a few days ago, where we understand he closed some satisfactory deals.

Don't miss Miss Day's entertainment next Thursday night. From what we have seen of her on the stage and from scores of highly commendatory press notices of her ability and success as an entertainer, we feel sure that those who fail to attend will miss a treat.

Mr. S. W. Scott, one of our leading exponents of Blackstone, made a professional visit to Anson this week and returned Thursday.

We still have plenty of money to loan at 8 per cent on land and to buy Vendor's Lien notes. Sanders & Wilson.

Mr. H. N. Frost and family of Mineral Wells arrived in Haskell yesterday to spend Christmas with Mr. Frost's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Frost. Mr. Frost used to reside in Haskell and has many friends here who are always glad to see him.

Mr. F. M. Morton went out on the train yesterday to his ranch in the north part of the county.

Mr. M. A. Hughes, a substantial farmer of Knox county, has moved to the southern part of Haskell county. Haskell county is catching 'em from far and near.

FOR SALE CHEAP—2 Good lots close to square. Terms are good. Apply at this office.

Now is your opportunity to purchase bracelets, lockets and locket chains at Terrills and save just about one half the usual price. No such values in all kinds of jewelry ever offered in Haskell.

Miss Olive Leaman McClintic, an elocutionist of national renown, will give a recital at the court house in Haskell on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Mr. J. E. Hubbard of the Cliff community met his brother, Mr. J. R. Hubbard and family, who were moving to this county, from Denton county in Haskell Tuesday.

Little girls, you'll find dolls, the sweetest kind, at the Racket Store.

See the Christmas goods at Collier & Andrus Co's, before you buy.

Mr. Lee Pierson was in town yesterday and said to the reporter that he was preparing to build a good tenant house on every hundred acres of his place six miles west of town. As he has three and one-half sections, that means twenty-two houses.

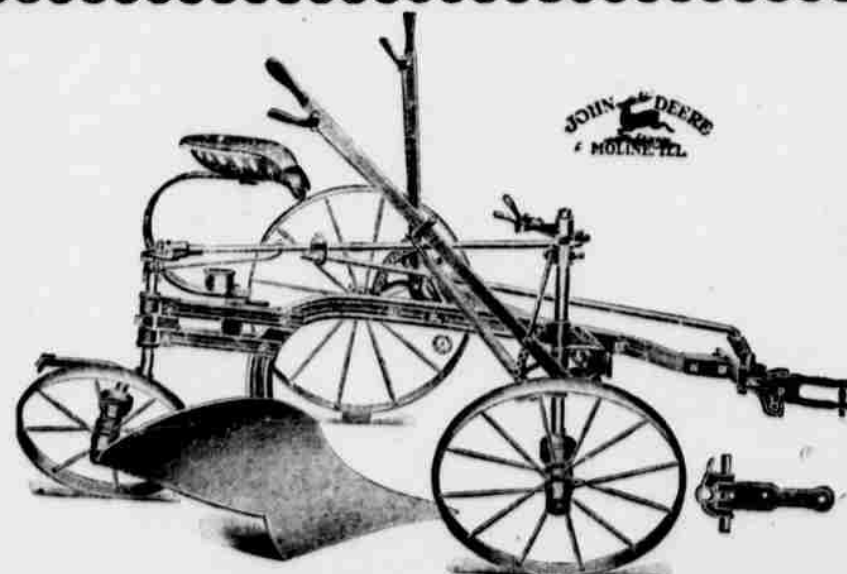
Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

200 cords of wood for sale at my farm nine miles northeast of Haskell. J. D. Roberts.

Mr. R. H. Darnell, one of the progressive farmers of the south side, was doing business in Haskell yesterday. In conversation with him we learned that he had in cultivation this year 275 acres and will add 75 acres more next year. He is erecting a six room tenant house on his place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roberts were in town yesterday interviewing Santa Claus.

Mr. R. R. Davis is building a residence in town.



THE JOHN DEERE, the time tried and approved line of farm implements will be found in our stock.

THEY ARE BEST

OUR FURNITURE

department is now very complete, carrying a full assortment of about everything needed in any home, at prices to suit any purse and taste. We call special attention to our line of

Bedroom Set in Solid Oak at \$20 to \$100
Veneered Oak at

PARLOR SETS, 3 to 5 pieces at \$20 to \$40
Rocking Chairs \$1.50 to \$12.50
Bed Springs 2.00 to 4.50
Cane and Dining Chairs 55c to \$3.50

SEE OUR ROLL TOP OFFICE DESKS \$20.00 to \$25.00

In Hardware

we carry everything from tacks to cooking stoves, cutlery and carpenters tools and have full stock of

Corrugated Iron Roofing

Our line of Implements, Wagons and Buggies is unsurpassed. We lead with the John Deere Sulkey, which experience has proven to be the plow for this country.

CASON, COX & CO.

Locals and Personals

When you want to go to the depot ring No. 25 for Simmons' Wagonette.

Stonewall County land men—Holcomb & Allison, Aspermont.

Judge J. W. Evans was up to see his Haskell friends this week.

Mr. J. E. Lankford has gone on a trip to Coleman county.

Mrs. Josie Simmons of Yellville, Ark., is visiting T. C. Linville.

Mr. W. A. Neal of Ennis, Ellis county, has moved to Haskell.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs. North side of square.

Dressed turkeys for Christmas at Marsh & English's market.

Constable T. J. Lemmon made an official trip to Munday last Saturday.

Mr. Vernon Cobb was in town Thursday.

Mr. Jim Davis of the west side was in town Munday.

Don't fail to see the fine Japanese china at Terrells.

See Collier—Andruss Co's. Christmas goods before you buy.

Mr. D. M. Graham of the Jud community was in Haskell Wednesday.

Mrs. McCowan was in town shopping Wednesday.

Come all ye that are heavy laden and burdened with whiskers and I will give you ease. C. R. Peters at the Haskell Barber Shop.

Mr. L. D. Blackwood who has been working in Mr. H. C. Wyche's carpenter shop left Friday for Kansas City.

Mr. J. P. O'Donnell has rented Mr. M. R. Wallis' residence, which he will occupy until Mrs. Wallis, who is in Waco for her health, returns.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kemp were in town Thursday doing some trading.

The Brownwood Nursery made a delivery of about 1200 fruit trees here this week.

The record was broken in Justice Lamkin's court Monday by the trial and disposition of five cases.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

Mrs. Atchison of the northeast part of the county was in Wednesday with cotton and doing some shopping.

When you want a well, cistern or storm house dug, see Alfred Leavitt, Haskell, Texas. (51)

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morgan of Emma are visiting Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Boone.

Mr. Z. M. Marcey, a former citizen of this county but now residing out in the plains country, is visiting relatives in this county and was in town Wednesday shaking hands with old friends.

Mrs. Thornton was shopping in Haskell Wednesday.

The Wichita Valley brought in seven cars Saturday loaded with immigrants and their effects, all from Bell County.

I have taken the front chair in the Haskell Barber Shop, where I will be pleased to meet my old friends and customers. C. R. Peters.

See the splendid line of Holiday goods at Terrells.

Mr. J. C. McWhirter and family left Friday to spend the Holidays with friends and relatives at Lampasas, Texas.

Ladies and children, one and all, call and see me at the Racket Store, Santa Clause.

If you want anything in Stonewall County, see Holcomb & Allison at Aspermont.

Mr. G. H. Cobb, who was in town Thursday, told us the prairie fire in his section last week burned all of his grass. He said the fire started in the pasture four miles south of his ranch and extended five miles north of it.

Mrs. Loper of Runnels who has been visiting the family of Mr. Halmark returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Andruss of Dublin are visiting the family of their son, Mr. G. W. Andruss, Jr., of this place.

Take your jewelry to Craig, the jeweler, for repairs.

You'll find the largest and prettiest line of genuine cut glass at Terrells ever shown in Haskell.

Leave your order at Marsh & English's market for your Christmas turkey.

For ten days the Texas Land Co. will sell lots and small tracts close in at bargain prices.

Mr. J. L. Robertson made a business trip to Stamford Wednesday.

Mr. Grover Simmons returned home Thursday from Fort Sam Houston, where he has been soldiering in Uncle Sam's army, from which he has been honorably discharged by the procurement of his father, Dr. J. G. Simmons.

It is pay day at Terrells, please call in and settle your account, we need the money you owe us.

Mr. G. A. Draper of the west side had business in the county capital Tuesday.

Complaint has been filed and warrant of arrest issued for the arrest of C. H. Holt on a charge of selling mortgaged property (a pair of mules) without the consent of the mortgagee. Holt, it is said, has left the county and the officers are looking for him.

Mr. C. W. Wilkerson of the east side was doing business in town Tuesday.

Strayed—One turkey with red string on wing, want him by Xmas! T. J. Lemmon.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery likes to remember his friends at Christmas, so last Christmas as an appropriate present and one calculated to edify the recipient for a whole year, he had the FREE PRESS sent to Mr. E. H. Morrison of Graham, and he has renewed the subscription for the coming year, so that the paper will continue to be a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, who have numerous friends in Haskell whom they will no doubt like to see mention of from time to time.

R. M. Craig, practical watchmaker, north side of square.

Mr. W. S. Fouts, our popular ex-commissioner, was circulating in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Will Gilbreath from Sulphur Springs has moved to this county and located near Weinert. He is related to Mr. I. N. Furr of this county.

Several of the leading merchants of Haskell are making clean-up sales and are selling some mighty cheap goods. The news has gone abroad and lots of people are coming from a distance and carrying away the bargains.

The friends of Mrs. M. R. Wallis will be pleased to learn that her health is improving rapidly and she expects to come home by Jan. 15.

We learned from Capt B. H. Dodson the other day that his son, Rev. B. W. Dodson, is now located at Colorado City. While it has been several years since he visited Haskell his friends here are pleased to know that he has made quite a success and stands high in the ministry.

The nearest approach to genuine cut glass is found in "Press Cut" glass. Some beautiful four-piece sets, berry sets and water sets in this goods at the Racket Store.

There is considerable talk of incorporating the town, and the sentiment in favor of it seems to be growing. Mr. H. S. Wilson suggests that we ought to incorporate for the purpose, at least, of building gravel or plank sidewalks. He thinks also that there should be a good walk laid from the square to the school house.

Presents!

Most Complete Line of HOLIDAY - GOODS

EVER EXHIBITED to the Haskell trade. Something suitable for presents for all the family from the baby to the grandmother and for your sweethearts too.

We can't begin to enumerate all that we have, but will suggest that we have

Handsome Toilet Sets, Medallions,
Fine Albums, Work Boxes,
Baskets, Vases, Etc.,
and a

Fine Line of Hand Painted China.

JEWELRY and SILVERWEAR.

Just call in and take a look around and you are sure to find something that will please you.

COLLIER-ANDRUSS CO.

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE CO'S. BIG CASH SALE CONTINUES

This has been and will be as long as it lasts, the only
Genuine Bargain Sales Haskell ever had.

Everything in our entire Dry Goods Department going at a Bargain. If you have not yet visited us during this sale, you should do so between now and Monday night. We will be open at night until after the Holidays and you can make your purchases at night, if your business will not permit it during the day.

our many friends and customers have our hearty thanks for the good business we have enjoyed during this year and they have our best wishes for a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and **PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

Our 1907 Calendars

are very pretty and we want you all to have one. They are ready and will be given you at our office.

Alexander Mercantile Company

HER HIGHNESS

The Story of a Christmas Peacemaker

By A. M. CONSTANTINE

Her Highness jumped off the piano stool and ran to him eagerly. "You are very late, sir knight," she said, reprovingly. "Oh, two—three hours late!"

"Fate is the offender, Your Highness," the young fellow replied, with a deprecating wave of his arm. "My train was delayed two hours, and—in the accident several people were killed. So I'm fortunate to be here at all."

"Oh!" murmured the child.

"But I trust your highness is in good health," he added, with grave courtesy, "and all your royal brothers and—her majesty the queen?"

Then he kissed the outstretched little fingers with great dignity and laid a small package in one palm and a handful of bonbons in the other. And then he wished Her Highness a very merry Christmas and again added his courteous felicitations for all the royal relatives.

Her Highness cooed delightedly, and ohed and ahed very softly, and when she had feasted her eyes on the tiny golden pin and had read several times the inscription "To Her Highness, from her devoted subject," she relaxed her royal gravity and threw two little arms around his neck and

"Oh thank you very much, sir knight!" she lisped, "and thank you, too, for your good wishes."



Stroked Her Golden Hair.

When she sat herself on his knees and looked unendingly at the dainty box and its golden pin and nibbled her bonbons in great content.

"Um—" said he, presently. "Isn't her majesty at court today?"

"No," Her Highness answered, positively. "She—she went out for a drive in the park. Everybody rides there in the afternoon, don't they? And—she's going to dinner at auntie's."

"Indeed," breathed the knight, standing very rigidly. After a time he sat down again. The silence lengthened until it became oppressive to the child. She observed that the bonbons were all gone, but he seemed lost in a reverie, so Her Highness begged his pardon, and told him again that they were "all gone."

He fumbled in his pocket, and absently handed her another tribute, and apologized, and then he gulped and told her highness that she mustn't forget him when he was many miles across the ocean.

"And—and you will be away a long, long time? Away in London and Paris—away off in Europe?"

"Yes," he murmured.

"And nobody will bring me presents," sighed the child. "But, then," she added, "I don't want anybody to bring me presents till you come back."

The knight stroked her golden hair affectionately.

"I don't think," he said, slowly, "that I'm coming back."

The child looked up with wide eyes.

"Never!" she demanded, wonderingly.

"Never."

"Never—any more?"

"No, dear."

Her Highness regarded him with mystification.

"Never—comin'—back? And I won't see you any more ever—and—and—she won't see you any more?"

"No."

"But I want you to—" she faltered.

"Cause—" Then the tears came, and he gathered her in his arms and kissed them away and told her that she mustn't cry, since she made him feel badly, too, and he didn't wish to go away feeling badly.

"Besides," he added, soothingly, "somebody else will come and bring you presents, and you can call him your knight."

"I won't," declared a stifled small from his shoulder. "Only you knight! Only you!"

"She said this he held her more than ever and tried not to cry, but he made such a failure of the effort that the child detected the break, and sobbed harder.

"You must—come—back," she wailed. "You—must—promise."

He gritted his teeth, and forced the lump, and then, he kissed her and put her down on the ground and smiled at her reassuringly.

MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS

By SUSAN HUBBARD MARTIN

There were three girls of them, all merry, light-hearted and thoughtless, but this evening a new seriousness was upon them. For one thing, mother had gone to bed with a sharp neuralgic attack that somehow was becoming, of late, a too frequent occurrence. Another was that father had just given them their Christmas allowances, for it was the 15th of November, and they had already begun to plan for the great day.

"Girls," he had said, as he handed each one a crisp \$10 bill, "this year you must really make this do. Don't spend it and expect more, for it will not be forthcoming. Times are hard, money not easy to get, and necessary expenses must be met, so remember that while we all love Christmas, as indeed we ought, yet we are not expected to give more than we are able. 'Peace on earth, good will to men,' means more than a mad rush at bargain counters, when one endeavors to make \$10 do the work of \$25."

He had put on his overcoat and gone out, and Mag, Joyce and Fan sat and looked at one another.

"I've simply got to give Bess a more expensive present than I did last year," said Mag, gloomily, gazing at the fire. "Just imagine my humiliation Christmas day when she sent me that beautiful watch fob, and all I had given her was a little picture in a plain oak frame. I blushed now at the thought of it."

"Don't say a word," broke in Fan, tragically. "I suffer mortification of the spirit a hundred times when I think of the little I can give. Ten dollars and 27 friends and relations to make presents to."

Joyce looked up. Joyce was the

mother," she whispered, "how white her cheeks are, and her hands, too, how thin. I wish I might kiss them. I'm glad she's gone to sleep. Perhaps when she wakes the pain will be gone."

She turned to go away, but a pair of slippers sitting side by side at the foot of the bed arrested her. She stooped and picked one up, stroking it softly. Joyce was always the affectionate one of the family. Then she looked at it. The sole was pitifully thin, and there was a little break in one side. Mother's wrapper lay carefully folded over the back of a chair, where she had put it, even in her pain. Joyce looked at it also. The sleeves had been patched, the collar mended. Joyce remembered with a sudden pang it was the best one mother had.

She swept the wrapper off the chair and took up the little worn slippers, then she went down into the sitting-room. Mag and Fan were still there.

"Girls," cried Joyce, dramatically, holding up the old wrapper, "do you think we girls ought to make Christmas presents when our mother has to wear clothes like this? See how she's patched the sleeves, and the collar, too, and just look at these slippers!"

Fan wiped a tear away, so did Mag. Joyce's eyes were already full.

"If we don't take better care of mother, perhaps we won't have her very long," said Joyce, solemnly.

"Girls," she added, "let's do something. Say we put five dollars out of our ten away for her, and fix up her things. I will, anyway. I'm going to get her a handsome pair of Julietts all trimmed in black fur, and stuff enough to make her a pretty dressing sacque. Mag, will you make it?"



On Christmas Morning.

youngest, and she wore a brown school dress. Her chestnut curls were tied with scarlet ribbons. "I say," she began quickly, "that's time the Christmas reformation began in this family. Three girls, Fan 17, Mag 16 and I 14. Not one of us able to earn a penny, and all straining every nerve to make it harder for father and do something we can't afford. I'm like dad. Christmas don't mean a mad rush at bargain counters to buy things for people who half the time don't care for 'em when they get 'em. Useless and impossible articles, too, most of 'em are, but we poor misguided mortals will take 'em just because they're marked down from \$1.15 to 49 cents. The facts in our case are these, father's poor, he works hard, and mother isn't well. I say it's time to stop. I shall simply tell Bell and who has a dearer friend than she is, I'd like to know) that all I can give her is a set of mats for her dressing table. I'll make 'em as pretty as I can, and there'll be lots of love to go with 'em, but there I'll stop."

"But she'll give you something handsome," put in Mag.

"Can't help it," replied Joyce, "her father's rich and mine isn't. If she thinks any the less of me for it, why she'll have to do it. Last year we spent all we had and didn't have one cent left to remember mother with, and I went up to the attic Christmas afternoon and cried about it. That reminds me. I'm going up to see how she is."

Joyce crept softly into the room, and she made pleasant to them, and they will receive instruction into her tender and loving

Mag sprang up. "Yes, I will, Joyce," she cried, "and I will give \$5 too. I never realized that mother was wearing quite as poor clothes as these."

"I'll give five," said Fan, slowly. "We haven't money enough to go round anyway. Let us be brave and tell our friends so. Perhaps in the end they'll thank us for it."

When mother came downstairs that Christmas morning, she gave a start of surprise. A gay little wreath of holly hung by the window. Attached to it was a large white card which bore these words:

"MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS."

May She Have Many of Them."

A pretty brown wrapper with velvet collar and cuffs hung over the back of her favorite chair. A dainty pair of house shoes lay beside it, trimmed in black fur. Near them was a dressing sacque, soft and warm, of some gray material finished off by a touch of scarlet and a bow of ribbon. A shawl of white and blue hung over one arm of the chair. Two pairs of kid gloves lay across it. On the sofa was a handsome comforter of pink silk-lime artistically knotted with blue. This was Fan's gift, and had been bought with a portion of her money and made over at Aunt Rachel's so there could be no danger of detection. There were aprons, too, and handkerchiefs sheer and fine. Father had given these.

Mother stood still, then seeing the new expression in her children's faces, she took a step forward. "Praise the Lord," she sang in her heart, but aloud she could only say: "My blessed, my blessed girls," as she gathered them one into her tender and loving

ALONE AT CHRISTMASTIME

By S. BARING-GOULD

Is there—can there be—a man more lonely than one returned from a far country, who has been out of his home land for 20 years, and comes back when his parents are dead, his old friends dispersed, and the old nest has passed to other occupants? And can his loneliness be more emphasized than when his return synchronizes with Christmas?

That was my condition when I revisited the mother country. With a beating heart and straining eyes I had looked for the first sight of dear old America after having left it as a lad, hardly a man, some 20 years ago.



"You Are Very Good."

I had done well in the other land, and had returned, not a rich man, but with a competence.

It had been my wish, my ambition, to settle in the village about which clung all my sweetest and holiest thoughts: to buy there a little land, to tread the old paths, ramble in the same woods, look upon the same scenes, dwell among the same people, re-make a home in the same place. But now—? Could it be?

As I walked back to my lodgings, through the street and by the market place, folk were hurrying in all directions, some with bunches of holly in their hands, a girl or two with a sprig of mistletoe slyly hid in her muff, a man wheeling a Christmas tree on a barrow, butchers' boys carrying joints for the morrow's dinner. Plum puddings and mince pies were displayed in the confectioners' shops. The chemist, the hairdresser, the seedsman, the draper had stuffed their windows with toys, toys, toys. He who had come to earth as a little child had filled every heart with thought of the little ones, and desire to make Christmas a day of joy to them. I had no tiny ones of my own, no little nieces and nephews, no small cousins for whom to provide anything. I was alone—utterly, desolately alone.

As I pursued my way I saw a tall, slim girl walking before me with a basket on her arm, and I noticed that the bottom had come out, and that the contents fell on the pavement. Of this she was unaware. I stooped and picked up a little woolly lamb, then—a something wrapped in paper—then a silver match box breaking out of its covering.

Gathering them together, I ran after the girl and stopped her.

"Excuse me," said I. "Are you a female Hop of my Thumb, dropping tokens whereby your track my be known?"

I showed her what I had collected. She colored and thanked me. Then I recognized her as the daughter of my landlady.

"You must allow me," said I, "to tie my handkerchief round the basket, and to carry it for you. I believe that we go the same way."

"You are very good," she replied. "We are about to have a Christmas tree for the children this evening, and I have been making some trifling purchases as presents for my brothers and sisters, and for papa and mamma, who must not be forgotten."

"There go the candles!" I exclaimed, as a cataract of red, yellow and green tapers shot out of the basket.

"And there's an orange!" said she, as one of these fruit bounced forth and fell, and rolled away into the gutter.

We were forced to stoop and collect the scattered wax lights, and then to tie my large handkerchief about the basket.

"What a fortunate thing," said I, "that I have got a good sized kerchief in place of one of the miserable little rags that do service nowadays. That is, because I cling to old customs, and when I was a boy my mother always gave me something like a dishcloth in my pocket."

"Shall you be dining out to-morrow?" asked the girl.

"I—oh, no! I have none to dine with. I know no one here."

"And this evening. Shall you be going anywhere?"

"I—oh, no! I have nowhere whither to go."

So we parted, and I ascended to my room. I made up the fire, and sat down and reread the newspaper. There was much in it about the approaching feast. I had the illustrated papers. They had issued Christmas supplements, with pictures of happy family gatherings, of Old Father Christmas, of waits and carol singers. I might perhaps hear the waits and singers. I should certainly hear the Christmas bells. That would be all.

I had done with my papers. I sat before the fire in a brown study, and my spirits sank lower and ever lower. I recalled the old Christmas I had spent at home with my parents. I remembered how I had looked into my stockings on the morning to see if Old Father Christmas had visited me in the night and had left there some presents for the Good Boy.

Alas! No Father Christmas would visit me now. All that was of the past—the utterly and irrevocably past.

I did not light my candles. I could read no more. I needed no light for my thoughts, they were too dark to be illuminated thus.

As I stood thus musing, I heard a tap at my door, and shouted: "Come in!" There ensued delay, and I called again: "Come in!"

Then the door opened and I saw some little heads outside, with golden curls and flushed cheeks, and a child's voice said: "Please, Mr. What's-your-name, will you come to our tree downstairs?"

"I—I—"

As I hesitated, the child said: "Please—Annie told us to ask you."

And then I saw the tall girl whom I had assisted draw back into the dark behind them.

"Most certainly I will, as you are so kind as to invite me."

So I descended, and there were my landlord and landlady, radiant with happiness, and the five children danced before me and said: "He is come; is it not nice?" Behind, presently, entered Annie, somewhat shyly, and pretending she had come from the kitchen.

I was witness of the delight of the little ones over their presents—the woolly lamb, a small cart, a cannon, a doll—the father over a pair of warm stockings of Annie's knitting, the mother over a shawl, also of her work; and I stood smiling and happy.



I Saw the Tall Girl.

when up sprang one of the children and plucked from the tree the silver match box.

"This," said the child, "is for Mr. What's-his-name. Sister Annie said it was for him."

I was moved more than I can say. So—some had been thinking of me, though I was only a lodger.

"Look here, sir!" said the father, "you're a stranger in the country, and at such a time as this there must be no strangers. You must really sup with us, and dine also with us to-morrow. I can promise you a good dinner, for it is of Annie's making."

All was changed. I was a stranger and they took me in; I was lonely and they made of me a friend.

Christmas day, 10:30 p. m.

I returned to my room upstairs, made up the fire, and seated myself before it. I had spent a very pleasant day, and a pleasant evening before that. I did not now feel so discouraged, so hopeless. That was a nice family, very friendly and considerate. And I began to build in the fire. I no longer saw only ruins. I saw, as it were, a pleasant home rise out of the coals, and a pleasing face looked up at me out of them—very much like that of Annie. Ah! if the old home was gone, might I not build one that would be new. I need no longer live in the past, but look to the future, and next Christmas, please God—I would not be alone, that is if Annie—but I cannot say—will consent to put an end to my loneliness and help in building up a future.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

are right here upon us and we find our shelves and counters loaded with too many goods for this time of the year. We take stock January 1, and from now until then we will give you the greatest opportunity ever offered you to purchase your needs. There will be a general reduction on Clothing, Dress Goods and many other items.

Ladies' and misses' skirts are reduced from 10 to 25 per cent; ladies' and misses' jackets are reduced from 15 to 40 per cent.

We expect to reduce our stock \$5000.00 in the next 10 days, and invite you to participate in our final 1906 sale. We will appreciate it if those of you who can will come early of mornings during these rush days, as many went away Saturday who we could not get to wait on. We are very sorry for this to have happened, but we could not help it, and hence we ask that you come early.

Every man's suit in our house will be reduced in price; all our \$25.00 and \$22.50 suits now \$20.00, all our \$20.00 suits now \$17.50; all our \$17.50 and \$16.50 suits now \$14.85; all our \$15.00 suits for \$13.50. On all clothing below this price including boys' and children's suits a general reduction of 10 per cent will be made. All odd pants reduced 10 per cent.

You may have had a greater reduction offered by some fictitious pre-arranged price cutting, we want to say on this point we will pay

\$100.00

to any charitable cause for any effort at such misrepresentations of this kind in the

"Egger Stores."

Dress Goods selling is on in earnest; Valdora Broadcloth sold wherever shown for \$1.25 per yard our price 89c. All short lengths of wool dress goods at a great sacrifice. Every piece of wool dress goods in the store not previously cut will go now at a reduction of 10 per cent. Many pieces of silks will go the same way.

Interesting Items for Women

Back combs at 10c. A great assortment of back combs in all ornamental designs ranging in price up to \$3.00. Hair brushes at 25c, 35c, 50c and \$1.00; Lamb's wool slipper soles for ladies in all sizes; Plenty of yarn in all shades at 5c and 10c a skein; Assorted needle books 15c and 25c; Ladies', misses' and children's yarn gloves and mittens at 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c per pair; Ladies' belts 25c, 35c, 50c and \$1 including all the latest novelties; Ladies' collars of the newest fads 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c each. One lot sample handkerchiefs worth from 10c to 25c each, now priced 8½c, 10c and 15c. We show many other items in notions that we have not the space to mention here. Royal worcester corsets the ideal corset, in fit and finish. We can fit all forms from this line at prices no higher than what is asked for those of cheaper makes. Parasols for ladies are shown at a range of prices from 50c to \$3.00. Bags and purses in every design of the season's production from 25c to \$5.00.

FOR MEN

Four in hand ties in all shades 25c, 50c and 75c, bow ties 15c and 25c, string ties in all colors at 25c, Ascot in black also white for \$1.00. Other items for the men found here include garters, belts, handkerchiefs, cuff buttons, cuff holders, collar buttons, etc.

We are showing the largest line of styles in John B. Stetson Hats

shown West of Ft. Worth. Other lines in boys' shown from 50c to \$1.50. For men we show you line from \$1.00 to \$7.50 the later price is for the best Stetson shown in Stamford. Boys' and men's caps for 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c and 75c.

50 Dozen

men's shirts and drawers sold in most stores at \$1.25 per suit with us now 95c. A big reduction in all wool underwear also in Wright's health garments which will be sold as low as \$1.85 the suit. We place on sale

65 Dozen

Ladies' shirts and pants at 23c, 43c and 48c, here is where you will surely be interested, Children's undergarments from 10c up.

In conclusion we offer all carpets, matting, art squares and rugs at cost. 20 per cent discount on all lap robes.

10 per cent discount on all blankets above \$1.00 per pair. 10 per cent discount on all quilts above \$1.75 each. When you prepare for the trip back to the dear old home don't forget our trunk or suit case line. We invite all interested purchasers to visit our store, we will help you to save money while you help us to reduce our stock.

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SENATOR BAILEY EXPLAINS TRANSACTIONS WITH PIERCE.

Says He Borrowed Money From Pierce and Paid It Back With Interest.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 7.—Senator Joseph W. Bailey yesterday gave to the press an open letter addressed to Attorney General Davidson replying to the open letter written by the Attorney General last week. This was done after a conference with friends and after an exchange of letters between the Senator and the Attorney General.

In his letter to the Attorney General, Senator Bailey asked for the privilege of seeing the vouchers and other documents which he understood the Attorney General claimed to have in his possession. Attorney General Davidson replied asking that Senator Bailey first reply to his questions and saying that if Senator Bailey would deny that he received money from H. C. Pierce he would, under proper conditions show the papers in question.

Senator Bailey, in his open letter, declares that the Attorney General prescribed an impossible condition. He reiterates his former statements that he has never directly or indirectly received any money from the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, but says that he has frequently declared in his speeches that he not only represented Pierce and others in the Tennessee railroad matter, but had represented Pierce in many other matters. He reiterates the propriety of these employments and that specifically answers the question of the Attorney General.

Senator Bailey answers the other questions. He criticizes the course pursued by the Attorney General and declares that certain large corporations whose interests he opposed in Congress are endeavoring to destroy him.

Big Blaze in Shoe Town.

Lynn, Mass.: The boilers of the P. J. Harney Shoe manufacturing company in this city blew up Thursday morning and at least twelve people are reported injured. A heavy south-east gale soon drove the flames beyond the control of the local fire department and in an hour two blocks in West Lynn district had been burned over, ruining the premises of P. J. Harney Shoe Company; Tufts and Friedmans Shoe Company; P. P. Hood Creamery; Boston and West Lynn railroad station, Jacobs Leather Stock company; M. J. Worthely Shoe company and twelve dwellings.

Railway News.

Dallas: Official notification has reached the employees of the Pennsylvania Lines in Texas that, effective on December 1, all salaries and wages are increased 10 per cent. The Pennsylvania has two men in Dallas, but others in Texas. It is stated that the advance runs down the line to office boys. Four years ago last November a 10 per cent raise was accorded the Pennsylvania men.

Vice President and General Manager M. Sweeney of the Trinity and Brazos Valley, is authority for the statement that the system will not enter Dallas until April. It was originally planned to have the road enter over the Katy rails from Waxahachie long before this date and later the date was approximated as Jan. 1. The cause of the delay is bad weather and delayed material and supplies. The road will not use Katy terminals in Dallas.

FOR SIX-YEAR TERMS.

Washington, Dec. 7.—A term of six years for the President and the Vice President of the United States is proposed by Senator Cullem in a joint resolution introduced yesterday, providing for an amendment to the Constitution. The resolution declares also that the President and Vice-President shall not be eligible for re-election.

A Brush in the Philippines.

Manila, Dec. 7.—A column of constabulary troops encountered a band of Pulajanes between La Paz and Torogona, on the island of Leyte, Dec. 5. In the battle that followed four soldiers were killed and eight were wounded. Among the wounded was Lieutenant Ralph P. Yates. His wounds are not serious. Thirty Pulajanes were killed and many were wounded and captured. No details of the fight have been received.

Right Down to Water.

Washington: Nearly a thousand delegates were in attendance at the opening session of the national rivers and harbors congress. Harvey D. Grouler of Cleveland, O., Speaker Cannon and Representative Burton, chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors, are among the speakers. The object of the convention is to secure an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 for systematic work in the improvement of the nation's waterways.

Miss Ada Thurman, of Dilley, near Cotulla, took strychnine a few days ago and died in a few minutes. Drastic anti-pass railway legislation passed from some quarters.