

ROSE CHAPEL

(By Lillie Cloer) Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henshaw entertained the young people of this community last Tuesday night with a "42" and play party. Everyone reported a very nice time. Miss Callie Cloer spent Thursday night with Miss Gertrude Rose of Foster. The party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Tyson's last Thursday night was well attended. Everyone reported a nice time. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rose spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rose of the Foster community. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henshaw with small boys spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Landess. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rose spent Christmas in the Elmo Phillips home. Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Webb and Verner Tyson returned Saturday night from their vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray entertained the young people Saturday night with a party. There was a large crowd present and everyone reported a very nice time. On account of the severe cold weather there was no Sunday School Sunday, but we hope to have a good attendance next Sunday. Bro. C. B. Stovall spent Christmas with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stovall. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Stovall of Wichita and several children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stovall. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barton and family returned Sunday from Stephenville where they had been spending the Christmas holidays. School began again Monday with several new pupils. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kendrick and son Ford and Odell Henshaw returned Monday from Winters and Roby where they have been visiting relatives. J. C. Peters returned with them.

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(By Mrs. Mary A. Blakeley.) Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ballard of Spur spent Christmas and the week end with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Love of Rule visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pinkerton Sunday. J. E. Patterson and family were in Austin last week. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Mitchell and daughter Jewel were in Abilene Saturday night and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jones and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Taft near Weinert. Thomas Bevel, his sister Cora and Verne Dean Wisenbaker spent Christmas with their uncle, T. J. Bevel near Stamford. N. C. Stogner of Munday spent Wednesday night and Thursday with Archie and Rayford Porch. Fred Pinkerton and Miss Ruth Malcolm of Weinert were married Saturday evening. Robert Patterson, who has been on the Plains for some time, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Martin spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. John Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Newberry spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Walker. Mr. Odie Brown and Miss Tessie Elliott of near Weinert were married Sunday afternoon. Henry Howard and family spent Christmas with his sister south of

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Haskell. Mrs. Norton, who has been visiting her son, J. J. Beason, left Wednesday for her home in Oklahoma. Will Lewis and Miss Audra Beason were married at the home of the bride Saturday evening and left for Waco Monday. Robert and Jack Hearne and families spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Strickland. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Riggins spent Christmas with their grandfather, Mr. Raeder at O'Brien. Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bean spent Christmas day with her father. Mr. and Mrs. Buck Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Greenwald spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Herring. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Riggins are visiting relatives and friends in Eastland county. Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Greenwood are moving to Stamford.

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to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Haskell County, a copy of the following notice: The State of Texas: To all persons interested in the estate of Samuel Hunter Deceased. S. R. Hunter, Sr. Administrator has filed in the County Court of Haskell County an application for an order to sell the following property of the said estate, situated in Haskell County, Texas, to-wit: 8.50 acres of land, Lot Five and Share "D" and 401.1 acres of land, Lot "Six" share "A" containing in the aggregate 410.30 acres of land as shown in Robert G. Watson, deceased, estate by commissioners sub-division report duly re-

corded in Vol. 3, page 222. Minutes of the District Court of Haskell County, Texas, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing the 1st Monday in January A. D. 1926, the same being the 4th day of January A. D. 1926, at the Court House thereof, in Haskell, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so. Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Haskell this 27th day of November A. D. 1925. (Seal) Emory Menefee, Clerk. County Court, Haskell County Texas.

PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK

FRIDAY, JAN. 1st— "THE KEEPER OF THE BEES" SATURDAY, JAN. 2nd— "BANDIT'S BABY" with Fred Thompson MONDAY JAN. 4th— "ZANDER THE GREAT" TUESDAY, JAN. 5th— "THE GREAT DIVIDE" WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6th— "WAGES FOR WIVES" THURSDAY, JAN. 7th— "THE ANCIENT MARINERS" HASKELL THEATRE

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At the Nation's Capitol.

Democrats Introduce Tariff Bill. Burleson's Anti-Information Bill Introduced.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The House's action in referring that part of the President's message relating to the regulation of life insurance companies to the Judiciary rather than to the Ways and Means Committee signifies, it is believed, that a majority of that body are quite convinced the Congress lacks authority to regulate them under the commercial clause of the Constitution.

This is the action taken some time ago by the Senate on motion of Senator Culberson, who passed a resolution directing the Judiciary Committee to report whether, in its opinion, Congress is authorized to exercise supervision of these companies. The question was referred to a subcommittee, and that subcommittee has not reported, but it is pretty well understood even now that its report will be in the negative.

Congressman Burleson's bill to prescribe a penalty for those who traffic in information which comes to them by virtue of their positions in the Government was introduced. It provides that any officer or employee of the Government who divulges or utilizes for his own profit any information gathered by the Government which may affect the price of a commodity or the securities of a corporation, may be imprisoned, not less than three and not more than ten years, and, in addition, may be fined in any sum not exceeding \$10,000. It provides the same penalty for him who speculates in any commodity or stock that may be affected by information procured by the Government.

A bill both of interest and importance to Texas was introduced by Congressman Smith. It seeks to appropriate \$25,000 to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture in experimenting to discover a means of eradicating or exterminating the ticks which infect cattle with splenic fever.

Mr. Smith also introduced his anti-trust act of the last session. It proposes, for one thing, to make violations of the law a penal offense, but perhaps a more important provision is that it would enable a more expeditious disposition of such cases, by giving them precedence on the docket over all other kinds of cases. It further provides that any restraint on violations shall be null and void.

There has been a formation to Democrats in the Senate, but however divergent their views on most other subjects, they could always get together in opposition to subsidy grants. They can not be held together in that consoling thought now, for it is estimated that at least two Democratic members of the Senate Committee on Commerce will not sign the minority against the ship subsidy bill.

The Republicans have made their report and the minority report has been drawn, but it has not been filed because three Democrats so far have not signed it. It is thought that one of these will, but it is doubtful if the other two will.

The Republicans have in a bill Representative Clark of Florida introduced an opportunity to extend to a few Southern planters whatever

benefits there may be in a protective tariff duty. The bill proposes that a duty of 10c per pound be levied against all Egyptian or other long-staple cotton imported in lint, and 4c a pound on all long-staple cotton imported in seed.

SEVENTY-ONE ARE KILLED.

A Mine Explosion Takes Place in West Virginia.

Bluefields, Va., Jan. 5.—Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion of mine gas in the shaft of the Copper Mine Company at Coaldale, W. V., at noon yesterday. Immediately following the explosion, which was heard for several miles, rescue parties set to work to explore the wrecked shaft. Some idea can be formed as to the force of the explosion when, several hours after the explosion, one of the miners, who could not be identified on account of being so badly mutilated, was found a distance of several hundred feet from the mine mouth, having been blown there, together with a mining car, by the explosion.

Chicago Banks Alleged Collusionists.

Chicago: Action which may materialize in prosecution of Chicago bankers in the Federal courts for violation of the anti-trust law was begun Wednesday by the Illinois Manufacturers' association. The manufacturers are aroused at the recent decision of the Chicago Clearing House Association that all its banks charge a tax for the collection of out-of-town checks.

Rio Grande Water Division.

Washington: The proposed treaty between this country and Mexico providing for an apportionment of the waters of the Rio Grande resulting from an international dam is perhaps now in the Mexican Capital, and if that Government should ratify it, as it is believed it will, a serious obstacle to the agricultural development of the country around El Paso will have been removed.

Prominent Citizen Dangerously Hurt.

Weston: James Helms, one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of this community, was shot and probably fatally wounded at his home, in Weston, Va., Thursday, Jan. 4.

He received the contents in his left side, mangle him frightfully. There physicians are trying to save him by an operation.

John Freeman, aged 87 years, an inmate of the Confederate Home, died from old age. He served in Company C, Thirteenth Texas Cavalry, Walker's Brigade. The remains were interred in the State Cemetery.

The Hall County National Bank, recently organized at Memphis with \$25,000 capital, opened its doors for business the 2nd inst.

A small cyclone struck Jacksonville Tuesday night and did considerable damage to property, but no one was seriously hurt.

Theodore Hunt, a young man from Illinois, but who had been there some time, was found dead at Karnes City. A loaded wagon ran over him, killing him instantly.

Poultrymen in Collin Get Busy.

McKinney: The Fine Stock and Poultry Breeder's Association has issued a circular calling upon the people of Collin County to assemble in a mass meeting, to be held in this city, on Saturday, January 13, for the purpose of organizing the Collin County Fair Association. This move is the outcome of the agitation started some time ago for a fine stock and poultry show.

In a difficulty over the transfer of negro laborers Frank Brownfield shot and instantly killed J. A. Hamilton Monday night on the latter's plantation near Mansfield, La. Both men are prominent planters and were born and raised in Deasoto parish.

In his annual address to the Salvation Army, General Booth attributes his robust health to the fact that for the past seven years he has been a strict vegetarian.

Mrs. Browning's Sufferings.

Mrs. Browning wrote most of her beautiful poems confined in a darkened chamber, to which only her own family and a few devoted friends could be admitted, in great weakness and almost unintermittent suffering, with her favorite spaniel as her companion.

No barber has a right to charge a man fifteen cents for natural gas that he does not want.

DEATH IN THE WINDS. CYCLONE SWEEPS TOWN.

Several Killed and Many Wounded in Georgia Town.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 4.—A tornado of terrific force passed over Albany at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, coming from a southwesterly direction and spreading ruin and desolation over portions of several blocks. Several persons are dead, others will die as the result of injuries, and many are more or less seriously hurt. The known dead are: Ben Jones, a negro machinist in the employ of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. Jake Johnson, a 9-year-old negro boy.

Among those whose injuries will probably prove fatal are: Luke Gladden, Jennie Davis, Anna Davis, Jessie Woodall.

The list is still incomplete, owing to the fact that much of the destruction wrought was well beyond the city limits. Reports from the tornado after it left Albany have not been received. Hundreds of negroes in this city are homeless and many of them lost their household effects. The injured are being cared for and efforts are being made to secure shelter for all. This is difficult, owing to the scarcity of all kinds of dwelling houses in the city.

Under direction of Mayor Ralston relief was secured and promptly furnished to those in the greatest distress.

It is difficult to estimate the property loss. The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company is the principal loser, its destroyed buildings and machinery being probably worth \$60,000. It is safe to say the total loss will exceed \$150,000. Very little of the destroyed property was protected by tornado insurance.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company is among the heaviest sufferers. Its lines were down in several parts of the city. Some little apprehension is felt for Pretoria, in the southwestern part of the county. The tornado came from that direction and as the telegraph lines were down nothing can be heard from there.

Judge Lynch's Record.

Lynchings in Texas, 1905 were: Two were burned and eight others hanged nine out of ten being negroes. Prompt action of officers saved several other lynchings, but in only one instance were troops called out, at Edna, where Monk Gibson would probably have been executed. The list is as follows:

It must be gathered from this county, that women to have been hanged in this county, criminal assault, three negroes hanged in Rock county; murder, Negro shot in Comal county; criminal assault, Negro shot in Bastrop county; criminal assault, Mexican hanged in Caldwell county; attempted criminal assault, Negro hanged in McLennan county; criminal assault, Negro hanged in Fayette county; criminal assault, This negro was evidently executed by one person as he was roped while in his cell and drawn up to the bars of the window, being strangled.

Only Cultural Methods Beat Weevils.

New Orleans: Prof. W. D. Hunter, who has charge of the boll weevil experimental work, says that the weevil was to be feared more at this time than ever before, although but little damage was done the past year. There is no successful way to combat the pest but by cultural methods, that is by raising early varieties of cotton which mature before the weevil begin their active summer campaign.

Penitentiary System Pays Its Way.

Austin: Texas penitentiary by the management of the different superintendents and the board of penitentiary commissioners, has been made self-sustaining, and in fact the reports of the superintendent and financial agent generally show that the receipts are more than the disbursements. There are on an average of 1450 confined within the walls of Huntsville and Risk.

Texas Cotton Growers' Association.

Austin: The Texas division of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association met Wednesday. They elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President R. T. Milner, Henderson; Vice-President, C. H. Jenkins, Brownwood; Secretary, R. B. Hudson, Waxahatchie; Treasurer, Ed Cunningham, Waxahatchie. About twenty-five delegates were present. It was decided to meet annually in Austin the first Wednesday in January.

Trouble Anticipated in China.

Chicago: A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says: The attitude of the Chinese toward foreigners and foreign interests generally has become sufficiently hostile to warrant preparations on the part of the various governments for the suppression of another demonstration such as that which occurred in 1900. The Oregon, preparing to return, has orders to remain in Asiatic waters.

PUTTING ON THE SCREWS.

Russian Government Using Stern Measures Against Revolution.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The Government is putting the screws tight and tighter. War Minister Rudiger has issued an order absolutely prohibiting officers, privates and employees of the Ministry of War from participating in any fashion in political societies or attending their meetings.

The use of the telephone between St. Petersburg, Moscow, and other points, which has been employed in communications between the revolutionaries, has been prohibited to private individuals except by permission of the authorities.

The number of arrests are increasing daily and the prisons are so crowded that the Naah Shish says rooms with air space for fifteen are holding sixty people. So far as ascertainable, not one of those arrested during the last three weeks has been released. The same paper says that the newboys who, since the imperial reform manifesto was issued had been crying the most sensational news in the streets, have been prohibited under pain of three months imprisonment and \$150 fine from even mentioning the names of the papers they are selling.

Prof. Paul Mitukoff's Narodnaya Svoboda, which made an appeal the day before yesterday, to the electors to prepare for the campaign and to organize meetings for the propagation of the program of the constitution democrats, has been suppressed.

The Commercial Gazette estimates that 90,000 Jews have emigrated to America since the last massacre.

Rojestvensky's Mouth Breaks Loose.

St. Petersburg: The remarkable allegation that a British fleet was held in readiness to destroy the Russian fleet if the battle of the Sea of Japan had gone in the Russians' favor is made by Admiral Rojestvensky in a letter published in Novoye Vremya with the permission of the minister of marine. Referring to the absolute secrecy of Admiral Togo in regard to the disposition of his forces, Rojestvensky declares that was even unknown to the admiral of the British fleet allied with the Japanese, who had concentrated his forces at Wei Hai Wei in expectation of receiving an order to annihilate the Russian fleet if this final object of Great Britain was beyond the power of the Japanese.

A brick making company is forming at Crisp with a capital of \$20,000. A large road clay having been found in that locality.

Ernest Wood, a farmer, was shot on his farm, near Hillside, about nine miles south of Waco. The bullet went through his left lung. A neighbor has surrendered to the sheriff.

The county commissioners' court of Lamar County, has let the contract for a two-story brick and stone building at the County Farm, to be used as a home for the inmates. The building will cost \$13,800 and will have dormitories and a place of confinement for epileptics and insane inmates.

An Important C. O. D. Ruling.

Dallas: Late Tuesday afternoon, Judge Edward R. Meek of the United States district court, filed in the office of United States Commissioner J. H. Finks a ruling to the effect that an act of the state legislature requiring express companies to return all C. O. D. shipments of liquor to local option points if not called for within seven days is null and void.

Cotton Threshing in Oklahoma.

Lawton, Ok.: Charley Brown, a farmer living in the south part of Green County, thrashed 2,000 pounds of half open cotton bolls in a wheat thrasher, had it ginned and sold it at 10c a pound. The bale weighed 513 pounds. Other farmers are going to thrash their cotton which the frost prevented from opening. This method of gathering late cotton will save the farmers of this community thousands of dollars.

Why Lumber Is High.

Ennis: J. D. Burr, president of the Burr Lumber Company, in speaking of the advancing prices on lumber, says: Many people think the railroads cause lumber to go up, but it is not the case. The freight rates are too high. The lumber manufacturer purposely create a shortage of stock and if the roads should reduce the freights the lumber trader would soon add on as much to the selling price as was taken off of freight.

Major T. C. Tibbs, a resident of Waco until eight years ago, when he removed to West, died in Waco Tuesday. He was a prominent citizen, engaged in the vehicle business for a long time, and was active in municipal matters.

The Frisco Examiner says that three regiments of United States infantry and two batteries of artillery and one squadron of cavalry are under orders to leave for the Philippines during this month.

KING OF CARIBBEAN ISLAND

Capt. C. C. Rivers is now absolute ruler of the island of Orchilla, in the Caribbean sea, says the Baltimore Sun. He threw out his lines and made fast there twelve years ago, and will probably make it his harbor the rest of his life—this though he is the only white man on the island, and though he has seen the members of his family, who live at 2163 Gough street, only twice in fifteen years.

Capt. Rivers is king and cabinet combined, and not one of his thirty West Indian negroes under his sway dare question his rule, but when he leaves Orchilla he leaves his royalty behind.

The captain is not a comic-operas kind. He doesn't wear birds of paradise plumes when he's on the throne, but down there in that lonely little spot, with the blue Caribbean about him and the tropical nights above, he superintends the gathering of guano from the coral reefs, which the sea is eternally uncovering. Boston capitalists first bought the product of Orchilla. They secured Capt. Rivers' services fifteen years ago. The island is now owned by a company of Baltimore. Other islands are to be acquired by the company, and the captain is here looking for a vicaroy to aid him in the management of his kingdom.

Do the cares of royalty wear heavily upon him? No; he simply sees that the men get out at their work at sunrise—there are no women on the island—and that they keep at it until sundown, save for the two-hour rest at noon. Need an army or courts of justice? The captain smiles. No; of course, there are times when discipline must be enforced, but then a man knows how to do that. The captain had not had twenty years of working for nothing before he took charge of the island.

"My greatest difficulty," he said, "is the fact that the men will get drunk. How do they get it? Easy enough. Orchilla is surrounded by a number of smaller islands. In the seasons when birds are there there are many men hunting their eggs. They always carry rum. Suddenly you find your crew drunk on you, and you know that somewhere out on the keys are the egg hunters. What amusements have they? Sleep. When they've been working from sunrise to sunset they want that.

"Of course you can't keep the men from their women and children all the time. They come from Bonaire, in the Dutch West Indies and once every six months I take the old crew in the footsteps of the father and grandson in the footsteps of the son. They are a quiet, easy lot."

OTHER TIMES, OTHER GIRLS

Oh, Time, from o'er the hill of shades
Bring back the little village church; bring
back the preacher, too,
There let me sit, as of old I did, and hear
The parson drone
Of man's first fall the judgment day, the
lightnings round the throne.
The winter days were cold I wot, but little
was the harm.
For he could paint a hell so hot it served
to keep us warm.
There let me yawn 'till 'sensibly' past, when
I heard our final doom,
Then let me haste to join the boys out in
the afternoon.
It was that afternoon, I fear, that led us
down to try.
For there we stood in stuffing rows, and
saw the girls go by.

I think I stood thus in that room some
seven times or more,
And each time saw some other chap
escort her from the door.
And every time that other chap was one
that I could like.
I tell you, men and brethren, it made me
mighty sick.
Yes, I could like him, and I knew; his
name was Willie Drew.
And I thought him once a week for, say,
a year or two.
And so I said, "Well, blame it all if that
boy has got a show."
I knew that I need only ask, and it will
be a go.
I'll ask her sure next Sunday night." How
right our schemes were,
I stood there like a leaden clump, and
saw the girls go by.

TEACHING THE YOUNG CHINESE

Writing of schools for Chinese children a resident of China says: "Usually the father teaches his sons the first rules of arithmetic, reading and drawing. But when his children are old enough to go to school, the teacher can be furnished with him. The school is in most cases the private undertaking of some better situated Chinese or of a small community; the government has rarely anything to do with it. The teacher, a former disappointed expectant official, does his best to pour into his scholars his own scanty knowledge. The value of such a school education is of course very small. In spite of this, many well-established Chinese merchants in the treaty ports have had no other school education and have attained at most only to some pigeon English, and yet they are in active and successful dealings with the Europeans, knowing well how to count and to hold their own. We have to admire the gift of perception and the business capacity of the Chinese under

such circumstances as these. School lasts usually from 8 o'clock in the morning till sunset, with one hour's break for the midday meal.

As much as possible about and among his schoolboys at home, then the primer and the slate, wrapped up in a cloth, are quickly laid on the ground when it is the time to give a cuff or a blow. We see boys enjoying the games of ball, blind man's buff, soldiers, robbers or horses, where the pigtail serves as reins, flying kites and many other well-known games.

"Girls as a rule are not sent to school; the mother superintends their training in housework. As soon as the girls are old enough they are taught to cook, sew, make and mend clothes and indeed to do all domestic work. But the enlightened Chinese sends his daughter to school when the nearness of a mission or some other school gives him an opportunity.

CALL FOR AN EXPLANATION

Now, what are you going to do with a story like this, when it comes from two dignified, veracious men, who solemnly declare it to be true?

David and Zebulon, bachelors, are old cronies—not so old that they have to tie their teeth in with brown yarn, you understand, but old enough to have settled down to the serious matters of life, such as hair invigorators and obesity belts. For a long time they have lived together, occupying adjoining rooms, between which the door is seldom closed. According to the testimony of both, neither of them is given to talking in his sleep.

The other night, however, Zebulon dreamed that he was telling a funny story to David. It seemed exuberantly funny to Zebulon and he was annoyed at David's apparent inability to see the humor of it, so he told it again, emphasizing the point of the joke so energetically that he actually spoke aloud, thus waking himself. He was sure he had spoken, for when he

was well awake the tone of his own voice still lingered in his ears. For a moment he lay, trying to recall the story, which on the instant of waking, had vanished from his mind, when suddenly David, in the next room, uttered a loud laugh, which, in turn, awoke him.

Zebulon hopped out of bed and went to David's room.

"What are you laughing at?" he asked.

"Did I laugh aloud?" David wanted to know. "I thought I did."

"You certainly did. Were you asleep?"

"Yes," said David; "I woke myself laughing at a funny story you were telling me." He then went ahead and told the story, which Zebulon recognized as the one he had dreamed of telling to David.

Now, then, ye psychologists and metaphysicians, get to work on that and see what you can make of it.—Brooklyn Eagle.

NOVELIST AS A DETECTIVE

Scotland Yard would no doubt scorn to take Sir Conan Doyle into its councils as an American detective consultant R. L. Stevenson, Arthur Johnstone, in his "Stevenson in the Pacific," tells the striking tale. As they sat together one evening in the veranda of an inn at Waikiki the detective confided to Stevenson a case of extreme difficulty he had in hand, and also his theory of its solution. As Stevenson hardly seemed to attend, for he sat looking dreamily at the sea, the detective left him to have a chat with the more responsive landlord. On his return to the veranda, however, Stevenson suddenly roused himself to say, "I think I have solved that riddle of yours. You see, it's just like writing a story. If you go at it right, it will work out right. Now,

your theory does not do at all, because it will never work out. Let me give you my theory of the case, and then tell me what you think of it." The detective did not at first think anything of Stevenson's theory of the case. It was daring even for a theory, and dangerous to work if it did not happen to come off. But on thinking it well over, with Stevenson's shining eyes fixed intently on his face, the professional began to believe there was something in it. When Stevenson at last asked, triumphantly, "Well?" he replied, "Well, sir, I shall try your theory; but if it don't win you and I will lose between us the \$1,000 fee I am to be paid for a conviction." At this Stevenson laughed and said, "Sir, if it doesn't win I will pay you the \$1,000 and throw you the theory for nothing." But it won.

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What is the Commercial club doing?

What are you doing to make Haskell the business center of the county?

The hare took a nap and the tortoise passed him and won the race, much to his astonishment and disgust. The people of Haskell would do well to pinch themselves and find out whether they are asleep or awake.

John D. Olytellow's last rake off of dividends was six millions of dollars. At Standard Oil prices it costs money to turn darkness into light.

A recent news item states that St. Louis capitalists have purchased 140,000 acres of land in La Salle and Dimmit counties, Texas, and are arranging to colonize it with 800 families from the north and northwest.

Remember that this is a general election year. Precinct, county, district and state officers are to be elected and if you don't pay your poll tax before the first day of February you will not have any voice in their selection.

A man without a poll tax receipt counts for no more in the government of this country than a Russian serf does in the government of Russia.

The County Judges' and County Commissioners' association will meet in Dallas on February 8 and 9th. It is said that a large majority of the county judges and commissioners are

ing the question of removing its headquarters from Omaha, Neb., to Texas. The action of Nebraska in levying a tax on the reserve fund of the order, which amounts to about \$3,000,000 and would require the payment of \$30,000 or \$40,000 in taxes annually, first led to the discussion of the question of removal from that state. The matter of the validity of the Nebraska tax law is now before the supreme court and should its decision be adverse to the order and require it to pay the tax removal is certain. It is said however, that the removal may be made in any event as the order has a much larger membership in Texas than in any other state, there being now about 80,000 Woodmen in Texas, as against 20,000 in Missouri, which has the second largest membership.

The Texas, New Mexico & Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at McKinney and which proposes to build westward through this immediate section of country, is a proposition with which Haskell should keep in touch. Overtures have been made by the company for right of way and bonus to build through the town. The enterprise has been brewing for a couple of years and for some time it was considered an exceedingly problematical scheme and was given but little thought by our people, who had more immediate prospects for a road in view and which materialized in a contract with the Wichita Valley to come via of Haskell with its extension from Seymour to Stamford.

It appears, however, from late reports that the Texas, New Mexico & Pacific is to become a reality. Its surveyors have been in the field locating a line westward and it was announced a week ago that the company had placed orders for 200,000 ties for the section of its road from McKinney to Denton. It is stated that the Rock Island (on-

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CLOTHING

Actual Cost.

Beginning on the 8th of January and continuing for 20 days, I will put my

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of men's, youths' and children's clothing on sale at actual cost for cash. I have a large stock of medium and heavy weight clothing and take this means of reducing it before the season for it is over. Here is the

Best Chance to Dress Up...
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This sale will be a money saver for all who take advantage of it. Don't miss it.

Come early and get first choice before the stock is picked over.

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Robert Patterson, who has been on the

speculation whether it is an independent proposition or will be an M. K. & T. or a Rock Island property. Haskell should keep an eye on it.

THE ELECTION LAW.

The Austin Statesman urges that there are several questions of greater importance in state matters just now than the correction of section 120 of the election law. One matter suggested is to set on foot some plan to raise enough money to pay current expenses.—Equis Daily Review.

We think the Statesman and Review, which seems to approve its idea, are mistaken. Section 120 of the election law was changed surreptitiously after its final passage by the legislature and amounts to a feigning on our statute book. It thus involves a principle, and a question of principle should always receive first attention. The change was no doubt effected by or at the instance of politicians who wanted the law in a shape that would allow a better play of their questionable methods in securing nominations. It may not make much difference in final results whether the law remains as it appears on the books or whether it is corrected to read as it did when enacted by the legislature. The gravity of the matter lies in the brazen effrontery that would seek to beneol the people by such a trick. Hence we say that the law should be speedily corrected and, if possible, the crime against the public rebuked and its perpetrators punished. Neither the Governor, the legislature nor the people should rest until it is done.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substance, is sometimes more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful and for coughs, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale at Terrell's drug store.

W. L. Fullerton, who has a farm on Turkey creek near Olustee, last year tried irrigation on a small scale and found that turnips, which will produce from fifty to sixty bushels on the un-irrigated, will produce 300 bushels on land irrigated; sweet potatoes, that produce sixty to seventy bushels on un-irrigated land, produced 400 bushels on irrigated land; one half acre of cotton produced a bale on the irrigated land and one acre produced a half bale on un-irrigated land, and other crops grew in the same proportion. The strength of the soil is unequalled in the world; California does not nearly equal it.—Fort Worth Record.

Oklahoma lands are practical of the same quality as those of Northwest Texas and whatever irrigation will do there it will do in this section of Texas.

Sickening Shivering Fits of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Munday of Henriette, Tex., writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Terrell's drug store; price 50c, guaranteed."

What Irrigation Does.

"Oklahoma soil irrigated is the finest in the world," said a gentleman yesterday who has been observing the progress of experimental irrigation in Southwestern Oklahoma. "When such fine crops are raised in Colorado, where they have no soil, what could be done in Oklahoma, where the soil is as fine as any in the world even without irrigation?"

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Stomach Troubles and Constipation
"Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are the best thing for stomach troubles and constipation I have ever sold," says J. R. Collins, a druggist of Potterville, Mich. They are easy to take and always give satisfaction. I tell my customers to try them and if not satisfactory to come back and get their money, but have never had a complaint." For sale at Terrell's drug store.

The RACKET STORE

Thanks you for your patronage in the past and solicits a continuance of your favors in the future.

We will keep "a thousand and one" things that are needed in every household from time to time and we propose to make prices on them that will induce you to buy of us.

Wishing you all prosperity and happiness,
Yours very truly,

W. H. WYMAN & CO.

At the Christian Church.
Sermon at the Christian church next Sunday 11 a. m. "The Year of Beginnings." This is the fifth sermon of the series of discourses I am delivering on the life of Christ. Subject at 7:15 p. m. "A Glimpse at the World."
PRAYER MEETING PROGRAM, JAN. 17.
Leader—R. D. C. Stephens.
Subject—Am I on Probation?

Duett—Mrs. Baker and C. Hunt. Paper—Miss Winnie Bevers. Discussion by all. Clippings from "Standard" by the young people. Benediction. J. H. SHEPARD.

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INVENTORY, WE WISH TO SAY TO OUR CUSTOMERS THAT, WE FIND ourselves contented with the success of the past year, and, we now start out upon the new year with the determination to make it better than the last both for ourselves and our customers.

We will say to all of our old customers and all the new ones who may come our way, that you may rely upon receiving the best of attention and a careful consideration of your every interest.

Fifteen years have sped by since we began business in Haskell and we have been gratified as, year after year, we have been able to reckon each of them a success. Our experience has shown us that it takes pluck and energy and a careful study of the wants of our customers to bring success, so we will make this our aim in the conduct of our business.

We extend a cordial invitation to all to come and see us in a business way, assuring you that we will do our best to make our business relations pleasant and mutually profitable.



Yours for the most successful year of your life.



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LOSSAM AND JETSAM

Edwin T. Brush, Magician, Jan. 20.
Mr. E. A. Johnson favored us with a renewal of his subscription.
Groceries without profit at Ballews, and they are new and fresh, too.
Comr. W. F. Waite of Sagerton was in the county capital yesterday.
Mr. W. P. Caudle of Sagerton was in town Friday.
A choice line of molasses and syrups at Williams'.
Mr. W. H. Day of the east side was doing business in town yesterday.
Mr. J. E. Irby was in the city Friday.
Mr. W. P. Whitford of the Cliff country was in yesterday with cotton.
Mr. W. W. Powell of Cliff was in the county capital Tuesday.
Mr. J. Cooke, late of Santo, has bought the Parsons barber shop.
Mr. T. B. Harris of Killene is prospecting here with a view to locating.
For quick loans—see West Texas Development Co., Haskell, Texas.
E. B. Groves of the west side was doing business in town Monday.
The next lyceum entertainment is due on the 29th of this month.
Mr. C. C. Scarborough of the Marcy neighborhood was in town this week.
Judge L. M. Bule of Stamford passed up the road Tuesday on his way to Munday.
Mr. O. E. Patterson of the new real estate firm spent several days at Munday this week.
Have you tried Gold Dust for your washing and kitchen cleaning—get it at Williams'.
Mr. Sam Pierson is moving to Stone-wall county to take charge of his ranch there.
Mr. T. P. Martin of the Pinkerton neighborhood was in town yesterday selling some corn. He told us that he gathered 700 bushels last year from 20 acres, which gives a yield of 35 bushels per acre.
A fresh and full line of pickles, preserves, jellies, sauces and seasonings at Williams'.
Mr. A. C. Hoyt was in yesterday with the last bale of his twenty-five bale crop of cotton last year.

Mr. J. E. Cloud of the west side was in the city the other day.
Messrs W. C. Lane and Wm. Helton of the Jud community were doing business in town yesterday.
Remember that groceries are cheap at Ballews because he is closing out his stock to quit business, on account of his health.
J. M. Abbott and Judge Welner and brother of Seguin, who own lands in this section, were here this week looking after their interests.
Mr. Frank Burris of the Sagerton neighborhood was doing business in town yesterday.
Mr. T. G. Marks of Cliff was down yesterday and remembered the FREE PRESS with some subscription money—a thing that always tickles the editor.
Mr. M. S. Shook has ordered the FREE PRESS sent to his son Roy, who is attending school at Fort Worth.
M. W. B. Underwood of the west side was doing business in Haskell Friday.
Mr. G. W. Pierce of the Marcy neighborhood sold cotton in Haskell yesterday.
The friends of Mr. Ed Couch, formerly of Haskell, and a brother of the Messrs. Couch of this place, will be interested in learning that he has been tendered and has accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Knox City. He has been engaged in teaching school in Lubbock the past year or so.
I am closing out my grocery business on account of failing health, and to do so quickly will sell anything in the house at about cost, and my store house will be for sale or rent on reasonable terms. G. E. Ballews.
Have all our correspondents forgotten how to write or lost their pencils? How about it Nelly Bly, Swamp Fox, Fritz, Mo., and the rest of you? Sharpen your pencils and tell the country what is going on in your neighborhoods.
Mr. W. T. McDaniel has purchased a lot near the jail and rumor has it he intends putting up a gin on it.
Mr. R. E. Sherrill returned a few days ago from a business trip to Abilene.
Mr. R. L. Peulok of Stamford was here Tuesday on his way up to Munday to look after his firm's business at that place.

Mr. Oliver Williams and wife have returned from Fort Worth and will make their permanent home in this county.
The time has arrived when Terrell needs the money you owe him. Call in and settle up and help us to help you.
Mrs. A. H. Day is visiting relatives at Sweet Home and Mr. Day is keeping back. He tries to smile and look pleasant, especially when prospectors are around, but it isn't hard to see that he feels lonesome.
Mr. J. A. Couch, Sr., of Munday, visited the families of his sons here several days this week. Mr. Couch gives a good report of the prosperity in the Munday country and complimented the FREE PRESS on its recent special edition. He thought it was very complete and gave a very fair presentation of the country.
If you have about gotten all your accounts settled with George and Alex, Sam, Peter and Paul, you might let Terrell have something, if nothing but a kick.
Apples, oranges, bananas, coconuts and all kinds of dried and canned fruits and pickles—in fact a complete stock of staple groceries are going at about cost at G. E. Ballews.
On Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Lindell hotel in this place, Mr. Carl F. Shaw of Jones county and Miss Cecil Florence Morgan of Stephens county were joined in wedlock, Eld. J. H. Shepard performing the ceremony.
Haskell people were somewhat surprised Wednesday morning when they arose from their beds to find the earth covered with about two inches of snow. The surprise was the greater from the fact that on the previous evening there was little or no indication of a snow fall and the wind was from the south—and was still there the next morning. The sun shone most of the day Wednesday and by night the snow was about all gone. Wednesday night was clear and crisp and Thursday morning there was on the ground one of the heaviest frosts we ever saw.
Mr. R. S. Tudor of Erath county has engaged with Mr. J. S. Fox, one of our leading builders, to do carpenter work.

The W. V. Railroad Co. has informed our Railroad Committee that the grading forces would soon be ready to take up the work on the division between Haskell and Munday and requested that the rest of the right of way be secured by the committee so that there would be no delay in the work.
Acting upon this the committee took the matter up and is actively at work. Mr. S. W. Scott and County Surveyor H. M. Rike, acting for the committee, went up the line Friday to see parties whose lands are affected.
Greatly in Demand.
Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Terrell's drug store, 25c, guaranteed.

GIN NOTICE.
Beginning next week we will run our gin only four days each week, that is, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week.
EARNEST & SANDERS.
Mrs. E. L. Adams left Thursday to visit her mother in the northern part of the county.
PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. C. E. Terrell, special agent.
Officers Installed.
The Haskell Camp of Woodmen of the World installed the new officers and had an oyster supper Tuesday night. This camp is quite a flourishing one, having about seventy members. The newly installed officers are: J. F. Collier, consul commander; L. V. Smith, advisor lieutenant; Joe Irby, clerk; R. D. C. Stephens, banker; Ed Ellis, escort; D. W. Morton, sentry and J. E. Wilfong, watchman.
A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach, and bowels. PRICKLY ASH BITTERS is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. C. E. Terrell, special agent.

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Road Notice to Non-Resident Land Owners.
THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Haskell. }
We the undersigned Jury of Freeholders, citizens of said Haskell county, Texas, duly appointed by the Commissioners' Court of Haskell county, Texas, at its August term, 1905, to view and establish a second class road from the Curtis school house in said county to the north line of the Thos. Dye Owing Sur. and having been duly sworn as the law directs, hereby give notice that we will, on the sixth day of January, 1906, assemble at the intersection of the northwest cor. of Sur. No. 13 in Bk. 1, H & T. C. Ry. Co. Sur. with said Owings Sur. and thence proceed to survey, locate, view, mark out and establish said road, beginning at said intersection of the said N. W. Cor. of said Sec. No. 13 in the south line of said Owings Sur. Thence north to the north line of said Owings survey in Haskell county.
And we do hereby notify S. C. Bascom who resides in Owingsville, Ky., and any and all persons owning lands through which said road may run, that we will at the same time proceed to assess the damages incidental to the opening and establishment of said road, when they may, either in person or by agent or attorney, present to us a written statement of the amount of damages, if any, claimed by them.
Witness our hands this 25th day of Nov. A. D. 1905.
J. D. STODGHILL,
R. E. LEE,
D. R. LAVINGOOD,
D. S. KERRON,
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And we do hereby notify W. J. Curtis and any and all persons owning lands through which said road may run, that we will at the same time proceed to assess the damages incidental to the opening and establishment of said road, when they may, either in person or by agent or attorney, present to us a written statement of the amount of damages, if any, claimed by them.
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