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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Should not over look **THE BIG STORE** They are showing a great many useful and beautiful things that will make valuable and acceptable presents.

Ladies and Men's HOUSE SLIPPERS

There is nothing more acceptable than a pair of house slippers. We have them in all styles and colors for men, women and children. They come in all colors and are being sold at very reasonable prices.

Some Here for the Men.

We are showing a line of Xmas suspenders. They range in price from 50c to \$2.50. Nothing can make a more practical Xmas present. In looking for something for the men, these will fill the bill.

HOLIDAY TRUNKS.

Nothing can make a more useful gift than a trunk. We are showing a line of trunks that will meet every expectation.

Among them will be found the extremely popular and practical **DRESSER TRUNK**. This trunk is especially nice for ladies. Five compartments arranged in this trunk, enabling the owner to put away any article of wearing apparel and keep it in nice condition.

For traveling we show a small Steamer Trunk that will fill a long felt want in every home.

Don't overlook our Trunks. They sell from \$30.00 to \$5.00.

New Line of sweater Coats

We have just received a new line of Sweater Coats. These are beautiful garments and are moderately priced.

ALEXANDER MERCANTILE CO.

THE BIG STORE.

of a beautiful social function on Thursday afternoon, December the ninth, when Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Earl Cogdell entertained in honor of Miss Dollie Wheeler.

At the door, with little Maxine Bullock so daintily dressed in white to hold the tray, stood Mrs. Scott Key in a pretty blue silk trimmed with real lace, who in her own charming way announced the guests to Mesdames Alexander and Cogdill and Miss Wheeler, all handsomely dressed in gowns in different shades of old rose. Miss Annis Fields in a beautiful princess of light blue silk with lace trimmings had charge of the guest book, and as the callers registered she invited them into the dining room where a salad course was served by Mrs. Joe Irby who wore a creation of champagne mull; Miss Julia Winn gowned in an exquisite costume of white silk voile; Miss Annie Lida Hughes in a beautiful lavender messaline; Miss Jessie Wright wearing a most dainty gown of shell-pink mull and Miss Lucille Hughes in a most becoming blue crepe de chine with cream lace. The decorations in the dining room were beautiful. Arranged on the table were exquisite pieces of drawn work and in the center was a tall cut glass vase holding a shower bouquet of white and pink carnations and ferns. Streamers of rose tulle were suspended from the electrolier and were held in place at opposite corners of the table by cut glass compots filled with white and pink mints. From the dining room the guests passed into the hall where a coffee table was placed with Mrs. Will McGregor presiding and Misses Barker and Frankie Terrell assisting. Mrs. McGregors costume was in lavender tones, Miss Barker wore a beautiful gown of old rose while Miss Terrell's dress was a rich corn colored messaline. More than one hundred callers left cards during the afternoon.

The Self Culture Club gave a surprise shower to Miss Dollie Wheeler at the home of Miss Mamie Meadors on Thursday evening of last week. The gifts were presented in a most unique way and after an enjoyable hour or two Miss Meadors opened the doors of the dining room where a most delicious repast was served. Hand painted violet place cards were used and the violet color scheme was carried out in decorations.

At the Christian Church at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening the fourteenth inst. occurred the marriage of Miss Dollie Wheeler and Mr. E. Elwood Street.

Several beautiful selections were rendered by Miss Vera Neathery before the arrival of the bridal party. Mrs. H. R. Jones very sweetly sang an appropriate solo after which Mrs. Chas. Irby played Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the party appeared. The bridesmaids were Misses Annis Fields, Julia Winn, Jessie Wright and Lucille Hughes and the maid of honor were Miss Maggie Hattie Williams of Dallas. Mr. Guy Street, brother of the groom, was best man. Miss Wheeler was led to the altar by her uncle, Mr. Killebrew Collier of Wichita Falls. Rev. Randall McDonald very impressively

Suggestions For Christmas SHOPPERS.

SOMETHING FOR MEN.

A Watch.
Chain.
Fob.
Charm.
Cuff Link.
Stick Pin.
Ring.
Tie Clasp.
Gold Collar Button.

FOR WOMEN.

Brooch Pin.
Waist Set.
Collar Pin.
Necklace.
Locket.
Bracelet.
Fob.
Stick Pin.
Set Ring.
Watch.
Cut Glass.
China.
Fancy Clocks.
Gold Mounted Bracelets.
Silver Knives and Forks.
Cold Meat Fork.
Sugar Shell.
Cream Ladle.

If you want Jewelry and Silverware where quality is the first consideration, come to Evans.

Finest line of China ever seen in Haskell. Hawkes Cut Glass every price stamped in the glass. Our prices are low, but the quality is High.

GUS EVANS

COGDELL'S DRUG STORE.

performed the ceremony. The ushers were Messrs. Harry Brewer and George Peterson. At the door stood Miss Docia Winn with the guest book.

The Mother's Club will entertain the Teacher's Institute, Tuesday, Dec. 21st, from 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock p. m., in the Magazine Club room.

About seven o'clock Tuesday evening Drew Day's team ran away with him, threw him out of the wagon and cut a long gash in the back of his head, also one above his left eye, hurt his side and sprained his left ankle. This happened about a mile and a half out on the Rayner road. Owing to the fact that he was sitting on the coupling pole he had no support and could not control the horses. Mr. Day was discovered by J. T. Miller lying in the road, and received prompt assistance. He is now convalescing.

NOTICE

Rev. Ranald McDonald will speak to the Teachers Institute at the Court House Sunday night. Everybody invited.

It is a well known fact that the CLUB HOUSE brand goods is the best on earth. If its Shrimp and Mushrooms you are looking for call at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Wallpaper half price.
Norman's

CLUB HOUSE means perfection.

SOCIETY AND CLUB NOTES

The Magazine Club met with Mrs. Fred Sanders at the library on Saturday afternoon, December the eleventh. For roll call the members gave topics on "Colonial Life and Customs," and after a well planned lesson with Mrs. Lewis Ellis as leader, a most interesting paper on "Early American Fireside and Home Life," was read by Mrs. H. S. Wilson. Mrs. S. W. Scott will be hostess at the next regular meeting.

The rural district people are urged to call at the library on "First Mondays" for magazines and other reading matter. It is the purpose of the ladies of the Magazine Club to distribute the

many magazines and other literature among the people living in the rural districts. The library will be open from 10 to 12 on "First Mondays."

A great deal of interest is being taken in the Book Reception which is booked for January first. A cordial welcome is extended to all. The hours are from three to six in the afternoon.

One of the most charming little affairs of the season was the breakfast planned and given on Saturday morning, the 11th inst. at nine o'clock in honor of Miss Dollie Wheeler, by one of her bridesmaids, Miss Annis Fields.

The Fields home was decorated

in pink and white, La France and Bride roses being used in profusion. The soft glow of lights on the dainty china, silver and cut glass on the table lent a charm to the picture that was hard to surpass. From the ceiling was suspended a large wedding bell, with hanging ribbons, at the end of which were six pretty hand-painted place cards in the shape of wedding bells, bearing pictures of cupids. Little squares of wedding cake with fortunes enclosed were laid at each plate. The bride's chair was designated by an artistic bow of pink.

Seven courses were served and with an appropriate toast by the hostess a beautiful set of coffee spoons was presented to Miss Wheeler from her brides-

maids. Places were laid for Misses Dollie Wheeler, Julia Winn, Lucille Hughes, Jessie Wright, Maggie Hattie Williams, Lettie Taylor. Miss Annis Fields was assisted by Mrs. Hollis Fields.

The Mother's Club will hold a reception in the library room on Tuesday afternoon, December 22nd, in honor of the teachers of the county.

Never was a young lady the recipient of more social favors than Miss Dollie Wheeler, who on the 14th became the bride of Mr. E. Elwood Street.

The home of Mrs. Henry Alexander, corner of Bradford and Lamar Streets, was the scene

HASKELL FREE PRESS

OSCAR MARTIN, Publisher

HASKELL, TEXAS

How severe was the cold you got?

Why should a good barber want to pose as a writer?

Soon they'll be cracking jokes about the fellow that rocks the airship.

New York hotels are crowded. No wonder champagne has gone up.

King Manuel of Portugal is looking for a wife to help keep his throne from rocking.

Uncle Sam now possesses the fastest big battleship in the world, but feels as peaceful as ever.

Don't be lazy this winter, else you may be seized and put under a machine that detects hookworms.

What if butter does soar if one has the money to buy it and the bread to spread it on? Everything is looking up.

A super-super Dreadnought is to have a displacement of 30,000 tons. It may soon be necessary to widen the ocean.

It is claimed that life can be sustained in New York city on 13 cents a day, but few are willing to test the matter.

Late returns from New Jersey indicate that the mosquitoes carried the entire state in spite of the cool weather.

An astronomer says Mars is surrounded by a "gloomy veil." What a striking resemblance to the push headquarters!

The turbine type of engine seems to have scored a great triumph in the builders' trial test of the battleship North Dakota.

The taxicab is now up against the jirickish in Japan, and it is not winning so easily as it did in the contest with the horse.

The camera is conscienceless in the hands of a conscienceless man, whether he be on the top of a mountain or in the depths of the sea.

The three-year-old Boston boy who has mastered the primer in two weeks will be in Browning before his playmates are out of pinafores.

The railroads have the honor to report that there are no longer any empty freight cars standing on the sidings. Prosperity has "come."

Women who wear big hats find little satisfaction in the declaration of a teacher that men have a right to laugh at such pieces of headgear.

An English workhouse has transferred all its snoring contingent to the deaf dormitories. The humanitarian movement is widening on all sides.

The secret society man who gave the sign of distress to the jury which was trying his case, has rightly now an opportunity to test the same upon a jailer.

The queen of Holland has invented an improved baby carriage. Over in Holland the best people continue to regard it as worth while to raise babies.

This country never did dread any foe that it might have to face, so that its possession of the greatest Dreadnought ship is typical of its characteristic attitude.

A Chicagoan has won the title of a model husband. Doubtless he did the thrashing of the children himself, instead of throwing the burden on an overworked wife.

Something surely is doing in this country when one of the New York trunk lines of railroads finds its traffic for September and October greater than in any two months of its previous history, and is able to expend \$85,000,000 for new equipment and betterments.

The new tennis court at the White House occupies a place near the large fountain on the south lawn and a perfect view of it may be obtained at all times from the portico and windows of the White House. Thus if the president plays, Mrs. Taft can sit in a rocking chair at the window with her sewing and watch him nimbly hopping around to meet the ball.

The announcement that the Culebra cut is half completed foreshadows the finish of the Panama canal. The cut is through "the backbone of the hemisphere," the ridge which passes down and connects the "three Americas." The work there has been steadily pushed under the supervision of the American engineers, who took up the task the French excavators left undone. Assurance that the cut will be completed in four years strengthens belief in the assertion that the canal will be ready for operation by 1915.

Will South America never learn that the revolutions are a dangerous foe to its progress?

The curative properties of radium have been for sometime recognized, but the expense involved has placed the treatment far beyond the reach of the average man. Every encouragement, therefore, is to be given the movement undertaken by scientists to establish such treatment under charitable auspices. It will be another step forward in ameliorating the ills of humanity.

MANAGUA MOBS DENOUNCE ZELAYA

DISLIKE FOR RULER IS VIGOROUSLY SHOWN BY CROWD. POLICE POWERLESS.

CHEER FOR UNITED STATES

Nicaraguan Ruler's Violation of Armistice and Massacre of Revolutionists Incites Riots.

Managua, Dec. 15.—The people of Nicaragua are in open revolt against Zelaya without check from the police. They are crowding the streets and give vent to unrestrained denunciation of the administration. Shouts of "Long live the liberty!" "Long live the United States!" "Long live Mexico!" "Long live Estrada!" are heard on every side.

The street demonstration began last night following denunciatory speeches in Congress, and the temper of the people was madly excited by the report that a battle had been fought and won by Vasquez, commander of the Zelaya forces around Rama, and that Vasquez had massacred a large number of revolutionists.

With this report came the rumor that Vasquez had violated the armistice, and it was not considered likely that he would do so unless under instructions from Zelaya. The reports lost nothing in passing from mouth to mouth.

As the Mexican Minister was the guarantor of the armistice, it is stated that that official will ask for his passports unless satisfactory explanations are made.

BOY FARMERS REWARDED.

Secretary of Agriculture Presents Diplomas of Merit to Youths.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Diplomas of merit Tuesday were presented by Secretary Wilson to Dewitt Lunday of Mississippi, Elmer Haller of Arkansas and Ralph Bellwood of Virginia, under 18 years of age, for special proficiency in agricultural pursuits. The recipients are among 12,500 engaged in the boys' demonstration work in the Southern States. Each planted one acre of corn and cultivated it under instructions from the department.

Shoots Woman to Death.

Dillsboro, N. C.: Because, as he alleges, they were trespassing on his property and used obscene language in the presence of his family when ordered away, Elijah Children Sunday shot and killed Miss Belle Frizzle and seriously wounded her companion, Cole Bard.

Vanderbilts Join Goulds.

Wichita, Kan.: Cornelius Vanderbilt announced here Tuesday that the Vanderbilts have become financially interested in the Missouri Pacific Railroad, a Gould road, and confirmed the rumor that he has been made a director in that company.

Love Resigns; Hawkins Succeeds.

Austin: The Government Tuesday received the resignation of Thomas B. Love, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, to become effective Feb. 1, 1910, and immediately announced that he would appoint William E. Hawkins to the vacancy.

Seven Lives Lost.

Cincinnati, Ohio.: Seven persons lost their lives, seven others were injured, two probably fatally, and about fifty others had narrow escapes from instant death in a fire which destroyed a four-story tenement and lodging house Tuesday.

Rev. Snyder Stabbed to Death.

Stephenville: Rev. R. L. Snyder was stabbed Tuesday, from the effects of which he died on the spot where the altercation took place. This trouble was near Hockabay, about twelve miles north of here.

Start Harmon Campaign.

Washington: Well defined and well supported plans have just been made in Washington to start the campaign of Gov. Harmon of Ohio for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

San Angelo Public Building.

Washington: W. G. Perry, Superintendent of Construction of Public Buildings, has been ordered from Dalton, Ga., to San Angelo, Texas, to assume charge of the construction of the \$120,000 building at San Angelo.

King of Belgium in Serious Condition.

Brussels: King Leopold, who has been seriously ill the past fortnight, but who was believed to be convalescent, suffered a sudden relapse Sunday and his condition is very grave.

U. S. Ships at Corinto.

Washington: The cruiser Albany and the gunboat Yorktown have joined the gunboat Vicksburg at Corinto, on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Their arrival has been announced to the Navy Department.

Five Hundred Bales for \$36,000.

Marshall: W. T. Twyman Tuesday made a sale of 500 bales of cotton to B. C. McElroy for over \$36,000. This makes about the third large cotton deal in Marshall in the past few days.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The first dirt on the Paris and Mount Pleasant Railroad was broken Monday in Paris.

Rain fell generally over the state of Texas Thursday and Friday, according to reports.

The bond election at Rochelle Friday carried, 75 to nothing. It provides for the issue of \$10,000 worth of bonds for erecting a school building.

The President Monday nominated Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Robert Weems, 17 years old, of Harlingen, fell into a vat of boiling syrup at the syrup mill Friday at Brownsville, and was probably fatally injured.

The infant child of T. H. Laster, living near Broadway, Lamar county, was choked to death Friday by swallowing a pecan kernel, which lodged in its windpipe.

A disastrous fire occurred Monday in the city of Valdivia, Chile. Eighteen blocks of buildings were destroyed and thousands rendered homeless. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

J. W. Powers, of Gainesville, a cotton buyer, Tuesday loaded 500 bales of cotton for export, selling it at \$14.25c.

During the month of November 66,000 cars were handled in the Katy yards in Denison, which is 9,045 in excess of the cars handled during November, 1908.

The 14-month-old son of J. M. Richardson, of Sherman, was seriously burned Tuesday, the infant's clothing catching fire from an open grate. Recovery is doubtful.

The Attorney General at Austin Monday filed a motion in the Waters Pledge Oil case to have the Court set aside \$74,000 to be paid to the State of Texas as tax on gross receipts.

The first really cool weather of this season was experienced at Athens Monday night and Tuesday morning, when the thermometer registered between 20 and 35 degrees.

In a street duel with knives at Little Rock, Arkansas, a town located near Little Rock, Saturday, Miss Nora Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk, and died within a few minutes after the cutting.

The engineering corps of the Memphis, Paris and Gulf Railway reached Clarksville Monday, and are now camped in the southern suburbs of the city working on south and west toward Sulphur Springs and Dallas.

Wildcats are reported numerous in the Warsaw community in the southern portion of Kaufman county. J. R. Randolph recently killed a large wildcat within 200 feet of his home. These cats have been catching many chickens in that vicinity.

The November bulletin of the Texas State Board of Health, which shows that during the month of October there were 1,022 deaths in Texas with 4,159 births. Of the births 2,935 were males, 2,124 females 3,874 white, 287 black, 4,046 alive, 113 stillborn.

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Schley & Davis, patent attorneys of 401 Main street, Dallas, Texas, announce the issuance of the following patents to Texans for the week ending Dec. 4: E. M. Buckingham, Sulphur Springs, plow; W. H. Dunn, San Antonio, device for sharpening razors; E. Englund, El Campo, land-roller; J. M. Godoy, San Antonio, automatic switch; J. N. Young, assignor to S. W. King, Dallas, oil burner. Trade-marks: National Coffee Co., Ft. Worth, coffee.

J. H. Aiken, a prominent Mason, aged 58, who came to Waco to attend the grand lodge, died of heart disease Tuesday. The remains were sent to Salado, Bell County, his home, with a Masonic escort.

More than 25,000,000 deposits accounts are carried on the books of the banks of all classes in the United States and insular possessions, according to statements contained in the annual report of Lawrence Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, laid before Congress Friday. The aggregate deposits on April 28 last were about \$14,425,165.

Col. James Wilson, for many years Southwest passenger agent of the Chicago and Alton, has just returned to Fort Worth from a hunting trip in the Davis Mountains of West Texas, where he killed a black bear weighing 300 pounds.

The Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway company Monday had an amendment to its charter approved and filed at Austin providing for an extension from Lometa, on the San Angelo branch, through San Saba and Brady to a point in Concho county, a distance of 103 miles.

The heaviest snow at Gainesville in three years covered the ground Wednesday half an inch thick. It froze on the ground, making travel slow and dangerous. Wheat growers are glad.

Thousands of letters bearing the Red Cross stamps are being sent to the Dead Letter Office in Washington, or held at postoffice for postage. Notwithstanding the plain instructions issued in connection with the sale of the Red Cross stamps, quite a number of letters are being mailed bearing these stamps in lieu of regular postage.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE ENTIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS.

CONDENSED AND IMPORTANT

Carefully Prepared for Those Who Desire to Keep Thoroughly Posted on Events.

One of the largest cotton deals made in the county was made in Marshall Wednesday. The State Bank sold to W. E. Ross of this city 1,000 bales of cotton for \$75,000.

The report is current in Managua, that there has been a severe engagement, near Rama, between the Government troops, commanded by Gen. Vasquez, and the revolutionists, with heavy loss of life.

William Bowner, a young man about 21 years old and a hand employed on the farm of Bob Blythe, four miles east of Decatur, was crushed to death Wednesday beneath a large tree which he had cut down upon himself.

In caucus Wednesday, in Washington, the Democrats elected Senator H. D. Money of Mississippi as minority leader of the Senate, to succeed Senator Culberson of Texas, whose resignation was presented Tuesday.

That the Controller of the Currency is an agent of the Government, with power to examine into the affairs of National banks, was decided in favor of the Government by the Supreme Court of the United States Monday in Washington.

According to Assistant Attorney General Henshaw, of Oklahoma, of the State Corporation Commission, no attempt is being made by the State to compromise the 2c fare litigation by accepting a passenger fare of 2½c per mile.

The Department of Agriculture at Austin Thursday issued a ginners' report for November showing 2,084,403 bales of cotton ginned in Texas up to Dec. 1, this year, as compared with 1,998,946 bales reported up to the same time last year.

Senator Bailey introduced a bill in Congress Tuesday, asking \$200,000 for a Federal building at Amarillo. Representative Smith introduced bills to appropriate \$100,000 for a public building at Ballinger and \$100,000 for a building at Stamford.

Organizers have begun to work in New York to recruit members for an international union of stenographers and typewriters. The organizers say that there are 500,000 stenographers and typewriters in the United States and Canada eligible for the union.

It has been decided by the classification committee of the Postoffice Department at Washington, that the words, "not to be opened until Christmas Day" or other similar inscription may be written only on such parcels as bear postage at first-class rates.

The North Pole observations of Dr. Cook arrived at Copenhagen Wednesday on board the steamer United States. Extraordinary precautions were taken to make sure that the long-heralded data was delivered safely to the university authorities.

When hogs sold at \$8.40 a hundred at the stock yards in Kansas City, Tuesday, a record for twenty-seven years was established. In July, 1882, several car loads of hogs sold at \$8.80. This was due to a cholera epidemic that had passed through the country.

In the United States Circuit Court, Friday, in New York, Judge Noyes granted a stay of ten days to Charles Morse, convicted banker, facing a term of fifteen years in a Federal prison on conviction of misappropriation of National bank funds, and referred counsel's motion for a new trial for Morse to Judge Hough, who originally tried the case.

The explosion of two gas tanks in the so-called Kleinsbrook, on the Elbe front at Hamburg, Tuesday, was followed by an extensive fire and the loss of many lives. The explosion was due to a leak in a new gasometer.

Conclusive evidence is said to have been secured by the military court of inquiry into the "shooting-up" of Brownsville Wednesday, that members of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, colored, who were in the fort, fired upon the town at the time their companions were racing through the streets of the Texas town, shooting right and left.

A new trunk line railroad from St. Louis to Texas, Arkansas and Oklahoma points in the project announced by G. F. Moore, president of the recently organized Manufacturers' Railway of St. Louis.

The seventy-fourth annual grand communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas began Tuesday in Waco. Address of Grand Master J. J. Davis of Galveston made it evident there had been wonderful growth in the Masonic order in Texas, and not a single lodge in nearly one thousand is delinquent in dues or failed to report.

The citizens' committee to raise \$100,000 bonus to secure the Memphis, Paris and Gulf Railroad for Terrell, are at work making a general canvass of the city. The citizens are subscribing liberally.

The aeroplane which the army has purchased from the Wright brothers is to be sent to Texas this month for a series of winter flights, to be given at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio. Thomas Mitchell, a well known stock raiser of Sweetwater, died Monday morning at St. Paul's Sanitarium, in Dallas.

Seven persons are dead and several others injured as a result of a tenement house fire Monday in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The record price for hogs was again broken on the St. Joseph market Friday when a top of \$8.50 per 100 was paid.

Diamonds and jewelry valued at \$300,000 were stolen from the apartment of Mrs. John William Jenkins in New York Sunday.

On the main street of Eufaula, Okla., Wednesday, a man named Spake was shot and killed. Five shots struck Spake, who died almost immediately. After reading the accounts of two local murders and suicides, Daniel B. Groff killed his wife and himself Friday, in Oakland, Cal.

Two immigrants were killed and three men and woman injured in an accident to a northbound Chicago and Northwestern passenger train in Chicago Sunday.

It was announced Saturday that J. M. Alderick, a prominent farmer of Ellis County, had received an offer of 12½c per pound for his entire cotton crop next year.

The first flight in a heavier-than-air aerial craft ever attempted in Mexico will be made early next week near this capital by Alberto Braniff, who has just returned from France.

Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Adana, Turkey, Sunday in connection with the April massacres. Great crowds witnessed the executions.

Charles K. Hamilton in the Glenn Curtiss aeroplane at St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday, during a snowstorm, made two and one-half miles in 3½ minutes.

The turkeys of Central Kentucky were pooled and sold at auction in Louisville, Ky., Friday, 18c a pound for the fowls alive being paid by a local packing firm.

Charles B. Withington, inventor of the first automatic grain binder and known as the "father of the grain binding industry," died Monday at his residence in Janesville, Wis.

For the month of November all the railroads in the United States thus far reporting, show total gross earnings of \$38,668,812, an increase of 10.5 per cent over November last year.

Dr. Rushing, in a statement in the DeSoto (La.) Parish Medical Society Friday, announced a new theory, that pellagra springs from a mouth disease of dogs.

The Nicaraguan legation in Washington is no more. Big vans have carried off the furniture and the other appurtenances of the house in O street, where President Zelaya's representatives once were domiciled.

Hundreds of cattle have died and the value of a much larger number has been impaired by the present cold weather and snow in Oklahoma, according to J. D. Lindamood, a prominent cattleman of Tecumseh.

Many firemen overcome by smoke, 300 hotel guests driven scantly clad into the icy streets and property valued at approximately \$750,000 destroyed in the work of a fire Tuesday night, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

For the second time within a week the record price on hogs was broken in Ft. Worth Wednesday when a car load marketed by the Farmers' Union Gin and Elevator Company of Hinton, Okla., sold for \$8.50 per 100 pounds.

Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is soon to be the scene of army flying machine tests, according to advices received from Congressman Slayden, who has just had an interview at Washington with Gen. James Allen, chief of the Signal Corps.

Another \$10,000 land deal was closed in Denton Tuesday when Abe Reynolds purchased the 285-acre farm of G. P. Davis, ten miles north of that city in the Green Valley community for \$10,697.

Thirty-five passengers on a street car were injured, none fatally and few seriously Wednesday night in Indianapolis, Ind., when the car was struck by an inbound Pennsylvania passenger train crossing and hurled thirty feet.

Mrs. N. O. Curtis and Mrs. Copeland were thrown from a buggy Friday in Palestine, and Mrs. Curtis received fatal injuries, Mrs. Copeland sustaining a fractured arm and other injuries.

"The Jeffries-Johnson bout will be held in Salt Lake City, and it will be no fake," was Tex Rickard's positive declaration in Boston Thursday.

Complaining that the routine of getting a state pension each quarter was more trouble than the pension was worth, one of the Confederate pensioners has requested the Comptroller at Austin to strike his name from the rolls. His request was complied with.

Press dispatches show that the cold wave continued Wednesday. A farmhand near Marion, Ohio, froze to death, as did another man at Oklahoma City and one at Chicago.

A severe earthquake occurred in Guam Friday, causing considerable damage, according to a cablegram received at the Navy Department in Washington.

As a promise of activity in the interest of legislation, Senators in Washington Friday introduced more than 350 bills and resolutions, covering a variety of subjects.

Antonio Fernandez, an aviator, met death Monday at Nice, France, while flying for the first time in a machine of his own invention.

Bulger Wilkerson, a well-to-do farmer of near Greenville, and a pioneer settler of the county, accidentally killed himself Wednesday by drinking wood alcohol.

Will Ford, a Cotton Belt barkman at Tyler, who, in attempting to step on the pilot of an engine while switching, had both of his legs broken about eighteen months ago, has received a check from the company for \$20,000.

A Busted Illusion.
"A thing of beauty is a joy forever." "I used to think so." "Don't you think so now?" "Nope; I have seen her in curl papers and house-cleaning rags since then."

Men and Morality.
All the great ethical teachers from Aristotle and Plato down to Sidgwick and Spencer have been "contemptible" men. Man, and not woman, has created that immense moral force, a public conscience.—Harold Owen, in London Chronicle.

The Difference.
When we are young we make up our minds to try and get what we want; when we have arrived at years of discretion we decide to try and want what we can get.—Jerome K. Jerome.

Information.
"You may never have heard of it," said Mrs. Lapaling, "but it's a fact that they teach fishing in some of the English colleges. I've often heard Prof. Studymann, who used to live in London, tell of the time when he was a senior angler."

Idea an Old One.
In using dogs as aids to sentries, the Italian army, as a Roman newspaper points out, has merely revived a custom prevalent among the ancient Greeks and Romans.

Hard to Find Rest.
One of the leaders in New York's business world, who is also a conspicuous philanthropist, writes from a vacation resort, where he went to rest: "There is no rest in the country for a man who receives mail."

Boomerangs of Celluloid.
Boomerangs are now made of celluloid and hard rubber. Celluloid is better than cardboard because it is waterproof, light, very hard to break and can be worked into the peculiar curve and twist so necessary to give the boomerang its singular properties.

Cat's Peculiar Actions.
There is a black cat on Railroad street, Thomaston, Conn., that makes a point of escorting women and children home. When the party reaches its destination the cat returns to its place and escorts other persons in the same way, keeping up this strange action until about 10 o'clock at night.

Ronde D'Amour.
Wife (to her husband who runs around her, watch in hand)—"Good gracious, Karl; are you mad?" Husband—"I was only just finding out how long it took to run round you so that I should know if you were any slimmer when you came back from Marienbad."—Fillegende Blaetter.

No Extra Strain.
Highbrow (to prospective butler)—"Seventy-five dollars a month? Why, that's all I pay my bookkeeper!" Butler—"But he doesn't have to associate every day with your family, sir!"—Puck.

Problem of Salem Housewives.
The board of health of Salem, Mass., has passed an ordinance forbidding any factory, store or private residence to blow or shake dust out of the doors.—From the Circle.

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For County Treasurer

EMORY MENEFFEE

Judge Higgins wound up his docket Monday and adjourned court.

In this connection we wish to say that during Judge Higgins' term of office we have never heard him criticised, nor have we heard his motive impugned for any action he has taken. He has impressed us as being one of the few lawyers who have been elevated to the bench, who had the proper conception of the duty and responsibility of a judge, and who modestly and justly exercised the great power of the judiciary so as not to oppress anyone. He has been uniformly polite and courteous to the bar, litigants, witnesses and jurors and his administration with another exception has been free from threats to fine and send everybody to jail having any business in his court. He possesses a high sense of justice and while firmly adhering to the law as it was given him to see it, he has at all times regulated his rulings and deportment with profound discretion. So far as we know few men in the judicial history of Texas has stood higher in the estimation of the bar and people of his district.

We have been informed that Judge Higgins has declined to run for re-election. This we very much regret, but since he is not going to be a candidate, we hope the man who succeeds Judge Higgins will emulate his example, for to be his equal, he will have to be a good lawyer with the instinct of a gentleman, and must be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of democratic institutions and the spirit of American constitutions and laws.

The Fire Works Ordinance.

Reads as follows:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city Haskell. If any person shall discharge any gun, pistol or any fire arms of any description or shall discharge any fire cracker or torpedo on or across any public square street or alley in the city of Haskell, he shall be fined any sum not exceeding ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Introduced Nov. 24, 1908.

Approved Nov. 24, 1908.

T. E. Matthews, Mayor.

Attest.

LEON GILLAM, Secretary

Mrs. W. C. Wilson died at her home in the northeast part of the County Tuesday and was buried here Wednesday. She leaves her husband and three children who survives her.

RULES FOR THE PICTURE PUZZLE CONTEST.



We have endeavored to make the rules perfectly plain to our little friends but the Mammias can aid greatly if will read them over with each little Miss and aid her in applying these instructions to her work.

First, the little lady will need a pair of scissors, some pasteboard about 15 x 20 inches square. With her scissors she must cut along the dotted lines around each separate piece of the puzzle, doing so with great care, a little mistake on a piece or two and they will not fit correctly. Then lay out puzzle on the pasteboard have it laid out correctly and complete before attempting to paste in place. When she has the pieces all correctly placed, paste each piece neatly on to the cardboard just where it belongs, then write her name and address and age where indicated on the puzzle.

Now on a separate piece of paper tell us the five best reasons why your papa and mamma should patronize the store that give you this little book. Each little girl entering this contest must be under fourteen years of age. To the little girl who hands in the neatest correct picture puzzle Contest, together with the neatest and best "five reasons why slip" we will give this beautiful little Junior Range. Let all the girls try. Contest will end December 20, 1909 have your Picture Puzzle in by that time.

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Spur, a rapidly growing town, is the terminus of the new extension of the Wichita Valley R. R., Burlington System. All Spur lots were sold on the first day, excepting a few reserved for the company. 24 Firms now open for business. New \$46,000 Bank and Office Building, also \$30,000 Hotel being erected. 16 Residences built and occupied and as many more under way—all in 26 days. 1600 Bales of cotton bought there in 26 days. State of Texas has chosen "Spur" for experimental farm station to demonstrate wonderful possibilities and great varieties of products adapted to this region.

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At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott of this city Sunday p. m. at 4 o'clock, was the scene of a pretty double wedding when Rev. W. M. Scott spoke in his impressive manner the words that united the lives of Mr. J. U. Welch and Miss Kate Gilstrap and Mr. J. H. Stodghill and Miss Viola Macon. There being present several of their friends and relatives.

Both couples live near McConnell and are of highly respected families, having lived out in this western country for several years they have won many warm friends that join us in wishing

them much happiness and sunshine through their journey in life. A Friend.

Mrs. F. L. Meadow of Hamlin is visiting her relatives, Miss McCollum and her brother, Mr. B. F. McCollum of this city. Rev. Meadow has been licensed to preach, and is pastor of the M. E. Church at Hamlin, he having been assigned to that charge by the last Annual Conference of the north-west Texas District.

Mesdames J. H. Cunningham and Cude of the north side, were in town shopping Monday.

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Our Great Xmas Sale is on

Gift buyers will find our stock of Xmas goods larger and more suitable than ever before. For every member of the family. Come and let us explain how to get the big doll which we give away on Christmas Eve night.

Ticket with each 25c Purchase.

Collier's Drug Store

We are not too busy to attend to your Drug wants.

NOTICE TO LUTHERANS.

On Sunday the 19th instant, Christmas services shall be conducted in Haskell at Mr. J. J. Steins residence at 3 p. m. and east of Haskell at Midway school house at 8 p. m.

The confirmation class of the latter place is requested to meet on Monday for instruction.

Yours truly,

F. A. Bracher.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

- Miss Ellie Guyer
- Mrs. Ora Smith
- Lesette Meyer
- J. F. Wright
- Andy Cox
- C. J. Smith
- Ben Cates
- Elmer Jones
- E. C. Moore
- J. W. Walker
- George Box
- W. B. Butcher
- V. W. Foster
- Abe Greer
- J. E. Hill
- M. E. Mahors
- Minadie Taylor
- D. R. Adams
- J. W. Rodgers
- J. D. Turner
- Josh Jennings

PROGRAM

For Jr. B. Y. P. U. Sunday, Dec. 19th, 1909.

Leader—Elbert Alvis.

Subject—True Manhood.

I. Scripture Reading by the Leader, 8th Psalm.

II. Song.

III. Prayer.

IV. Song.

V. True Manhood. (Paper)—Hellen McFatter.

VI. What is womanliness? (Paper)—Maggie Hill.

VII. Song.

VIII. Brutal Manliness. (Paper)—Herbert Arbuckle.

IX. Nobility of character Possible to all. (Paper)—Katie Clough.

X. Song.

XI. Business, if necessary.

XII. Dismissal.

The famous CLUB HOUSE brand of baked beans at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Pictures! Pictures! up-to-date pictures selling cheap. Norman's.

Wanted—A small family to pick cotton and clear land.

Kate Snyder,

Eight miles south-east of Haskell, on Albany road.

Mrs. J. H. Camp who has been away visiting has returned home.

Big reduction on Wall-paper buy now. Norman's.

Try a can of those red pitted cherries at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Pictures going at cost. Norman's

The only pure mince meat is to be found at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Want of space crowded out several items and communication this week.

The Haskell band went to Go-ree to play for a lot sale Friday.

Bottled Olives and bulk Olives will be found at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Don't bother about preparing desserts, buy CLUB HOUSE brands at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Pictures framed on short notice, have your Xmas pictures framed. Norman's

Did you put up preserves last summer? Alexander Merc. Co. can supply you, just like home canning.

There was a large attendance of the teachers institute yesterday.

Call at the Big Store and look at the INDESTRUCTO trunks, suitable for Xmas gift.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS WORTH WHILE.

Big Assortment of **Holiday Goods** on display, including **gifts suitable for everyone.** Come and see our line before you buy elsewhere.

SPENCER & GILLAM DRUGGISTS

Middle North Side Square.

Locals and Personals.

Bring us your green hides for highest market price.

Palace Market.

We are informed that W. H. Parsons has traded his store building for a farm. The consideration was about \$1100.00.

Burns up to a clean white ash. What? The Coal that comes from Hambers Coal Store.

Mr. G. E. Ross, who left here about two years ago and went to Ky. is back on a visit.

I will place a few loans from \$1000.00 to \$5000.00 on good and well improved farms at 8 per cent interest. See me before it is all gone. M. Pierson.

Mr. Geo. Meyer of Manor has moved to Haskell County and will be one of us in future.

200 bushels of milo maize for sale. See or phone

Lee Pierson,
Haskell, Texas.

There has been several Real Estate deals conducted this week there have been many farmers

We have money to loan at 8 per cent on farm property in Haskell and Knox Counties.

Scott & Key,
Haskell, Texas.

Trading for good homes in Haskell where they will have the advantages of the Public School facilities.

Tobasco Sauce at Stephens & Smith's.

Mr. W. P. B. Tucker has traded his home for a farm.

Mr. Z. T. Lloyd is now getting the Free Press he, having handed us his subscription a few days ago.

Fresh shipment of Candy just arrived. Stephens & Smith.

Mr. J. J. Martin is one among our new subscribers.

Street has several good horses for sale.

Mr. and Mrs. U. T. Stodghill were in the city this week, and Mr. Stodghill renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

New pickles, the best on earth. Stephens & Smith.

BOOST DON'T KNOCK

Send me your orders,
Phone 157 Chambers.

Mr. J. A. Creaser gave us the glad hand Wednesday, that contained a dollar on subscription account.

The best coal is the cheapest. Try an order and be convinced from Chambers.

W. M. Oglesby and wife who have been cruising the Plains in a prairie yacht, for the past three or four weeks have returned home.

Queen Olives and Grape Juice, fine stuff.

Stephens & Smith.

Mr. Geo. Murfee a real estate man of Lubbock is in the city. Mr. Murfee is a Haskell boy and son of J. E. Murfee Ex-County Treasurer of this County, now residing at Lubbock. Mr. Murfee's many friends are glad to meet him since he has grown to man's estate.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from
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Bring your eggs to Jacks & Buchanan and get the highest cash prices.

Can insure country tenement dwellings property, as well as nearly anything else against fire and tornadoes. H. M. Rike. tf.

Jacks & Buchanan will give you the highest market price for eggs.

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Chancellor & Johnson.

Have you sold your eggs? If not, bring them to us.

Jacks & Buchanan.

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200 bushels of milo maize and thirty thousand bundles kaffir corn for sale. see or phone, Lee Pierson, Haskell, Tlxas.

We handle only the best Eupion oil. Stephens & Smith.

We have anything in the way of fruits, cranberries, nuts, raisins, currants and citran. Get them while they are plentiful. Alexander Merc. Co.

Mr. Vernon Cobb has returned from Abilene, where he was operated upon for appendicitis. Mr. Cobb is convalescing rapidly and is able to be on the streets.

Pictures framed up-to-date at Norman's.

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We love to please our customers, try us and see.

Jno. B. Lamkin & Co.

We have just put in a bone grinder and can supply you with chicken feed, the best in the world to make hens lay

Palace Meat Market.

Jno. B. Lamkin & Co. will do your work as cheap as any one, the quality of work considered.

List your land with Ramey & French. They will sell it for you.

NO GLINKERS, NO SOOT

in E. A. Chamber's Coal.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study 10 a. m.
Preaching 11 a. m., 7 p. m.
Song Practice, 3 p. m.

Go to Jno. B. Lamkin & Co's. to have your horse shod or plow fixed right.

Messrs Mauldin and Warbritton have purchased Mr. Walker's barber shop on the north side.

Mr. and Mrs. Guinn of Sayles were in the city Tuesday.

Now is the time to put out shade trees phone no 167.

C. W. Ramey.

Mr. Vontress Roberts of the north-east side was in the city Monday.

500 Tons of the best Colorado and McAlester Coal to begin the winter. E. A. Chambers.

Fresh barrell kroust at the city Grocer Co.

J. S. Fouts of Sayles was in town Monday and renewed his subscription to the Free Press.

Get a pair of suspenders for your husbands Xmas present at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Mr. Jas. W. Robertson, who has been residing in the Vontress community, has moved to Haskell.

Chicken tamales Pork and Beans at 5c can at Alexander Merc. Co's.

Miss Maggie Hattie Williams of Dallas is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Collier.

All kinds of CLUB HOUSE canned goods at Alexander Merc. Co's.

C. B. and W. B. Adshire left Thursday night for Grandview where they will make their home. These gentlemen have been residents of Haskell County the past few years.

"Money to loan on improved farms at 8 per cent interest," "and Vendor's Lien notes bought and extended."

Jas. P. Kinnard, Lawyer,
Haskell, Texas.

Mr. R. C. Montgomery, cashier of the Farmers National Bank, left Wednesday for Glory Okla., to consult a specialist concerning his health. He was accompanied by Dr. A. G. Neathery, his physician. We learn that Mr. Montgomery probably has a mild case of appendicitis.

Geo. N. Crook, Esq. of Crockett, Texas, was in attendance upon our district court last week. Mr. Crook has been a subscriber to the Free Press for some time.

Bananas fresh at Cude & Gardner's.

Elder J. D. Tant of Macon, Tenn., will preach each night next week, at the Church of Christ, beginning Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock p. m., and continue over Sunday.

Lost—A ladies gold watch on the streets in Haskell. Finder return and get reward.

51-2tp Annie Joslett.

Oranges the best at Cude & Gardner's.

The cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Grady L. Webster to Miss Maud Lillian Ervin at Lubbock, Texas. The wedding will be on the 22nd instant at the Baptist church of that city. Mr. Webster is well known at Haskell and has many friends in this city.

Best candy at Cude & Gardner's.

MATCH THIS

250 Acres, 150 in cultivation, 5 sets improvements, 5 wells free stone water, 1 running spring, 8 acres Bermuda Meadow, 8 acres in peach orchard, 1 Elberta's and 4 miscellaneous, one-fourth mile to church, 1 mile to school, on Rural Route. All of this land can be cultivated, Oak Timber, 4 miles from town, 16 miles south of Tyler. No incumbrance. Will trade for land in Haskell county. SEE

Texas Land Co.

B. M. WHITEKER, Mgr.

BANK NOTICE

To our customers the following banks will close Friday, December 24th at 12 o'clock sharp.

Haskell National Bank.
Farmers National Bank.
Haskell State Bank.
Haskell, Texas.

Mr. Jno. R. McCrary of Jud was in the city this week visiting his brother, Joe McCrary.

We have purchased the Walker Barber shop on the north side. We want to thank our friends and patrons for past favors and request a continuance of their patronage and desire to serve the old patrons of the shop in the most satisfactory way.

Respectfully
Mauldin & Warbritton

Xmas sweetmeats at Cude & Gardner's.

The suit of C. V. Hill vs. A. H. Alexander and others tried at last term of our district court in which the jail question was involved has been affirmed by the court of appeals at Fort Worth. After some further delay the matter will be finally settled.

NOTICE

HASKELL NATIONAL BANK
STOCK HOLDERS
MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stock Holders of the Haskell National Bank will be held at the office of said bank, in Haskell, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 11th day of January, A. D. 1910, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such meeting.

G. E. Langford, Cashier.

COAL

CONSUMERS NOTICE.

McALESTER FANCY LUMP
GEM MAITLAND
RUGBY NIGGERHEAD
HUERFANO LUMP from Walsenburg district. Phone 157 Chambers.

Estrayed—One black white face shoat, will weigh 75 or 80 pounds. Finder please notify W. P. Whitman.

Lloyd & Company

Druggists

Haskell, - - Texas.

Successors to D. M. Cogdell, Jr.

We are here for your health and feel a personal interest in the welfare of every man, woman and child in Haskell County and besides the mammoth stock of goods we bought from Cogdell Drug Co., we have added and are still adding almost daily new and fresh Drugs Sundries, & etc.

We are also headquarters for Santa Claus and have the finest, biggest and best assortment of Xmas goods ever offered and at prices in keeping with the short crops.

We have a kind feeling for everybody who has ever been a patron of the house and would like to have them continue their business with us and would invite new customers. Especially would we be glad for ALL to come and partake of our many bargains in fresh new Xmas goods. Full and fresh line of

Lownlys Candies For Christmas Gifts.

CHRISTMAS A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

CHRISTMAS a hundred years from now will be the same old Christmas, no doubt, but it will be celebrated under such vastly different conditions that if you should go to sleep now and wake up a century later you would think you were in a different world.

The Christmas spirit will be the same. But whether it is a hundred years from now or a thousand we may be sure that when the Christmas season comes the world will be full of the Christmas spirit. Little children and grown men and women still will be made happy by giving and receiving, grudges and grouches will be forgotten, enemies forgiven and good will prevail. Nothing can kill that. The golden motto: "Peace on earth, good will

to men," will be just as sacred and as new to the hearts of men as it was nineteen hundred years ago. Everybody will give everybody else a present—but the presents will be different.

Little Johnny will not covet a railroad train. Real cars on a real track pulled by a real locomotive that makes smoke will not seem a wonderful thing to him, as it does to the little Johnny of to-day. The lad of the next century will want a model of the latest airship in his Christmas stocking. He will expect a working model, too—one that will sail through the flat like a live bird, and perhaps carry his own weight.

Within the last hundred years steam and electricity have been developed and it is entirely reasonable to imagine that within the coming century men will travel through the air as commonly as they now travel over the land. The automobile, the trolley car, the railroad train, and the horse as a draft animal—all will be gone. Men will use the earth, as the birds do, for a resting place for their homes and the principal source of food supply; but when they want to move from one place to another, they will mount into the ether, even as the birds do, and fly swiftly and safely to their destination.

It is probable that there will not be a wheeled vehicle of any kind on the streets of a great city on Christmas day, in the year 2009. Our tunnel system will have developed until the vast subterranean net work of bores, chutes and pneumatic tubes will carry on the heavy traffic of the city without noise or confusion. The streets will be given up to pedestrians—to those who walk for pleasure or wish to travel short distances. The sidewalk as it is now will be no more, but the entire width of the street will be given up to foot passengers. There will be neither car tracks nor moving vehicles to annoy.

The suburbanite who does not fly to work in 2009 will be shot through a pneumatic tube, traveling the five, ten, or fifty miles of distance in a space of time that may be only a few seconds, and certainly cannot be more than a few minutes. It may be that few people will walk anywhere in the year 2009. When man learns to fly he will scorn walking as too slow a means of progress. Perhaps our great-grandchildren, who no doubt will live in immense apartment buildings towering a half mile from the ground, may go for weeks at a time without setting foot to the earth.

With the passing of the Christmas sleigh there will be no longer any need for reindeers for Santa Claus. He, too, will travel by airship, and while the old Santa Claus will be a myth, the new Santa Claus will be as real as the bewhiskered and be-furred boys who now entertain the children in the department stores.

It is not hard to imagine that the big stores will develop the Santa Claus idea to the point that Christmas purchases will be delivered on Christmas eve by an airship driver made up to imper-

sonate Santa Claus. A hundred years from now, if you want to avoid the rush and do your Christmas shopping in your own apartments, the scientists probably will have provided for you a combination of telescope and moving picture machine by means of which you can connect your room with the toy department and see the display by wire—or perhaps by wireless—and at the same time you get prices and leave your order with the clerk by telephone.

But perhaps the woman of 2009 will enjoy the mad rush of the shops as much as she does to-day during the holiday season, and then she will go to the big store and order her toys and presents. The store could deliver them through the pneumatic package tubes which will go to all parts of the city, but it will be more poetic to have them delivered by Santa Claus.

Christmas eve a score or a hundred Santa Clauses will set out from the various shops with their airships laden with Christmas gifts to be delivered at the various addresses. It will no longer be necessary to "deliver all goods in the rear" of the big apartment building, but whether you live on the twentieth or two hundred and twentieth story of the big house you will have your own private airship landing, and while the family is gathered at the door to receive Santa Claus the airship will settle on the landing and the cheerful "Merry Christmas" of the aeronaut will greet you as he hands in the packages.

The Christmas tree of a hundred years from now will be an electrical marvel. Festoons and wreaths of rainbow colored lights and "chasers" will scintillate from its green branches. But the presents that hang on it will be even more wonderful.

There will be dolls as large as the little girls who will receive them. There will be dolls that can walk and with the improved phonographic arrangements of another century there will be dolls that can talk and others that can sing beautiful songs. Some of them, no doubt, will be able to dance gracefully and to do tricks that would seem miraculous if performed by an automaton to-day.

The mechanical toys of 2009 will be marvels of perfection. The most imaginative man cannot possibly conceive of the new things that will be invented in the way of machinery, but it is safe to assume that the wireless transmission of power will be perfected. Wheels will spin without any visible motive power. Power may be taken from the sun's rays or wireless power stations may be operated by the waves, the waterfalls, or even the winds. Before the coal supply is exhausted the need for coal, either for warmth or power, will have passed away.

And whatever triumphs men make in the industrial world they impart to their games and

recreation. So it is certain that the Teddy bear and the toy dog of the coming century will be mechanical marvels. The "Rover" dog that the little boy gets will be life size. He will prance about on his four furry legs and lie down and roll over at the bidding of his master.

Perhaps the most wonderful feature of all in our Christmas in 2009 will be the changed methods in our daily life. The housekeeping arrangements of that time would seem incomprehensible to the woman of to-day if she could picture them in her mind. The lack of com-

TRY GYROSCOPE CAR

Coach on Single Rail Tested in England.

Inventor's Idea is to Carry Passengers on the Principle of a Spinning Top—First Trial a Success.

Manchester, Eng.—A 22-ton railway car, 40 feet long, 13 feet high and 10 feet wide, mounted not on regular trucks but on one single line of four wheels, with not a support but that line of wheels. That's the first thing to picture. Then put 40 passengers inside the car and run the whole combination around on a single rail at 25 miles or more an hour, and you have the spectacle that was presented before the Royal Society of England several days ago on the war office grounds near Chatham. It was the first public demonstration of the full sized working model of the new gyroscope car, first made public before the Royal Society on May 8, 1907, by its inventor, Louis Brennan, C. B.

The demonstration was successful even beyond expectation. The car ran smoothly and without vibration taking curves and irregularities in the track with perfect safety and absolute stability, loaded or empty, fast or slow. There never was the least tendency on the part of the car to leave the rail, so perfect was the gyroscope control. Two gyroscopes were used, weighing three-quarters of a ton each, and making 3,000 revolutions a minute in a vacuum. A gasoline engine furnished the motive power through the means of an electric dynamo. Mr. Brennan was overjoyed at finding that the stability of the gyroscopic principle was even more marked in a full-sized model than in a smaller one.

The principle of the gyroscope is that of a spinning top. Some thirty years ago Mr. Brennan, who was then in Australia, became beset with the idea that this principle could be applied to railroad construction and operation in a way which would revolutionize land transportation all over the earth.

It has always been known that on an ordinary two-railed track friction and jarring prevent the use of any but 12 per cent. of the total power de-



The Gyroscope Car.

veloped by a locomotive. The two-railed track is also dangerous in that it has a safety limit of speed at about seventy-two miles an hour, after which spreading of rails and breaking of wheel flanges become not only possible, but probable, except in those cases where the equipment is kept at its highest state of perfection. It was this that led to the development of the monorail, a single-railed overhead track from which the cars were suspended. Not only was a great deal of friction thus overcome, but many of the common dangers were entirely done away with. Nevertheless, the suspended type of monorail was not perfect. It had dangers of its own, and besides this the cost of construction was immense.

It was figured that if a single rail could only be laid on the ground and a car or train run over it railway construction would almost be made perfect. With a rail on the ground, however, the center of gravity would necessarily be above the line of support, and gravity was on a thing which man had never yet successfully overcome. Slowly the idea of the spinning top and then of the gyroscope worked itself out in the mind of the inventor.

Louis Brennan was the inventor of the Brennan torpedo, controlled by the British war department, and as he had been through some practical mechanical experience he started in to develop the gyroscope car. And in May, 1907, he made his invention public.

Golf.

Golf, the game of presidents, has penetrated even to Bagdad. Where the Caliph Haroun once walked in mufti with his visier, prosaic Germans and Englishmen now swear and shout "Fore!"

At Chinking, on the Yangtze river, there is a golf course covered with strange oval bumps. These are graves, and they make splendid hazards. The course is an abandoned Chinese cemetery. Benin, Zanibar, Bangkok and Peral all have their golf clubs.

OFF DUTY.



Miss Smith—Oh, doctor, do you know you look perfectly killing this evening?

Doctor—Thank you, but I am not. I'm off duty, you know.

AGONIZING ITCHING.

Eczema for a Year—Got No Relief Even at Skin Hospital—in Despair

Until Cuticura Cured Him.

"I was troubled with a severe itching and dry, scurfy skin on my ankles, feet, arms and scalp. Scratching made it worse. Thousands of small red pimples formed and these caused intense itching. I was advised to go to the hospital for diseases of the skin. I did so, the chief surgeon saying: 'I never saw such a bad case of eczema.' But I got little or no relief. Then I tried many so-called remedies, but I became so bad that I almost gave up in despair. After suffering agonies for twelve months, I was relieved of the almost unbearable itching after two or three applications of Cuticura Ointment. I continued its use, combined with Cuticura Soap and Pills, and I was completely cured. Henry Searle, Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 8 and 10, 1907."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Stated in Cold Figures.

It costs on an average about \$250 to cure an incipient consumptive or to care for an advanced case of tuberculosis until death. If he is left in destitute circumstances without proper attention he will surely infect with his disease at least two other persons, and possibly more. Considering that the average life is worth to society in dollars and cents about \$1,500, the net loss which would accrue to a community by not treating its poor consumptives in proper institutions would be, for each case, including those who are unnecessarily infected, at the very lowest figure, \$4,250. On this basis, if the poor consumptives in the United States who are now sick were segregated from their families, and either kept in institutions until they died, or else cured of their disease, the saving to the country would be the enormous sum of \$1,275,000,000.

The Vacant Chair.

What sad memories linger around the old vacant chair. Sitting in middle of the floor, with a plaintive look about its frayed and seemingly weary back, it brings back a tumultuous riot of sad recollections that time can never efface. Volumes of bitter anguish come to me when I arrive home in time to catch the milkman swiping the loose furniture around the place, and take off my shoes to avoid publicity, and strike my best toe against the rocker of the old vacant chair. Then, forgetting for the moment my unclad feet, I kick the chair on the other rocker. That is when the sadness and suffering that lingers around the old chair comes out with an extra edition and great chunks of gloom settle over me like a herd of ill-natured flies.—Oregon Journal.

Safe Place for the Author.

"In a small town where the audience calls for the author of the piece to come before the curtain, he always feels better if the curtain has a lot of local advertisements on it," said the manager.

"Why so?" asked his friend. "Why, the people in the audience are not going to throw eggs and take a chance on spilling their own advertisements, are they?"—Yonkers Statesman.

HABIT'S CHAIN Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break.

An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will power necessary to break a life-long habit would, if it could be transformed, lift a weight of many tons.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains of a perniculous habit than to lead a forlorn hope in a bloody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From my earliest childhood I was a lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic, suffering terribly at times with my stomach."

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and yet I could not deny myself a cup of breakfast. At the age of 28 I was in very poor health, indeed. My sister told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drunkard."

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast, although it kept me constantly ill, until I tried Postum. I directed to make it properly according to directions, and now we can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing for coffee."

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, do not have spells of suffering with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee."

Look in pkgs. for the little book, "The Road to Wellville." "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Resinol in Three Weeks Does What Other Remedies Failed to Do in Four Months.

My baby's face was like a raw and bleeding piece of meat. I was at my wits' ends what to do. Medicine from three physicians and ointments recommended seemed to make the Eczema worse. Then another mother spoke of Resinol which I procured at once—remember I had no more faith in it than in all the rest I had tried—but I thought it would be wasting only 50c more. Never did I spend 50c to better advantage, for the first and second days I noticed a remarkable change, and now at the end of the third week I have my pretty blue eyed, rosy cheeked, cooling baby well again. I am safe in saying he is perfectly cured and the cure was surely something remarkable. Your Soap and Ointment did in three weeks what everything else I tried failed to do in four months. My baby was positively disfigured, now his complexion is all right again.

Mrs. H. F. Clemmer, Sunbury, Pa.

Method in Their Madness.

Why do so many otherwise clever women write silly letters to men? "They're probably making a collection of the answers they get."

For Colds and Grip—Capudine.

The best remedy for Grip and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

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Constipation causes and seriously aggravates many diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Peppermint. Tiny sugar-coated granules.

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Cleanses the System Effectually.
Dispels colds and headaches due to Constipation.
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Berlin Messenger Girls Can Tend the Baby, Cook, Sew or Act as Secretary.

Berlin.—The servant problem has been solved in Berlin.

Call up the messenger service and then—pedaling up to the house comes a pretty, uniformed girl on a bicycle. She is qualified to cook, mend, sew, take care of the baby, scrub, write letters, read the latest books to the reclining mistress, run errands, feed the furnace, drive the neighbor's chickens out of the back yard and serve as caddy on the golf links.

It may all sound too good to be true, but the dream, the ideal has materialized. The scheme was evolved by a



The Messenger Girl.

German hotel keeper who had the servant trouble in its most aggravating form. To maintain good help in all the departments of the hostelry seemed impossible. Then he dreamed what a sweet place the earth would be if there were no servants—or rather if there were servants who would stay on the job.

In his dreaming the scheme came to drill girls into every sort of work about the hotel and change their occupations before they had time to grow tired. Thus the cook of one week might be the floor maid of the next and so on. The scheme went great. So much that his total gained fame as "the hotel of the happy family."

He became the envy of the less fortunate men who began drawing away his help by offering increased wages. This put the innkeeper to thinking again. The result was the regularly launched messenger service, where, for a reasonable price, one may get a maid of all work and a messenger combined.

A school was established that the girls might learn to keep their balance and temper on bicycle. Thus messenger service was added to the many advantages.

To-day these uniformed girls go whirling about the streets on bicycles with a speed the mere sight of which would strike terror to the A. D. T. boy of America.

WILL TACKLE WIRE MERGER

Oria E. Harrison is Selected by the Government to Fight the Telegraph Trust.

Washington.—The federal investigation of the billion dollar merger of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company is the most important trust inquiry undertaken under the administration of Attorney General Wickersham. One of the principal agents of the government in this



Oria E. Harrison

work will be Oria E. Harrison, assistant attorney general. Mr. Harrison is only 37 years old. His home is in Greenville, O. He has been a member of the Ohio senate and for several years was special counsel in the office of the attorney general of the Buckeye state.

Oil Production in America. During the last two years the oil production has doubled in America. The production is \$16,000,000 greater in value than the output of gold and silver in the United States.

SAVE THIS RECIPE FOR COLDS

"Mix half pint of good whiskey with two ounces of glycerine and add one-half ounce Concentrated pine compound. The bottle is to be well shaken each time and used in doses of a teaspoonful to a tablespoonful every four hours." Any druggist has these ingredients or he will get them from his wholesale house. The Concentrated pine is a special pine product and comes only in half ounce bottles each enclosed in an air-tight case, but be sure it is labeled "Concentrated." This is one of the best and quickest remedies known to science.

HE DID HIS BEST.



Merchant—What? You were robbed of everything on the way?
Messenger—Yes, but don't worry. They gave me a receipt.

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How Relief from Distressing Kidney Trouble Was Found.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wolf, 388 W. Morgan St., Tipton, Mo., says: "Inflammation of the bladder reached its climax last spring and I suffered terribly. My back ached and I could hardly get around and the secretions were scanty, frequent of passage and painful. I was tired all the time and very nervous. I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and after taking a few boxes was cured and have been well ever since."

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The consul in London of a continental kingdom was informed by his government that one of his countrywomen, supposed to be living in Great Britain, had been left a million of money. After advertising without result, he applied to the police, and a smart young detective was set to work.

When a few weeks had gone by his chief asked him how he was going on. "I've found the lady, sir."
"Good! Where is she?"
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The little girl was acting naughtily before company. Her mother warned her sharply.

"If you do that again, I'll smack you," she said.

"No you won't," replied the pert daughter. "I'll sit down on myself and then you can't."

Coming to Terms.

Possible Hoarder—Ah, that was a ripping dinner, and if that was a fair sample of your meals, I should like to come to terms.

Scotch Farmer—Before we gang any further, was that a fair sample o' yer appetite?

Described.

Miss Giddigosh—Oh, uncle, have you seen the Willamesses' baby? Do describe it to me.

Uncle Snark—Description! Um!—ah! very small features, clean shaven, red-faced, and looks a hard drinker.

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GOOD WORK IS LOVED WORK

And Therein One Should Find the Contentment That is Chief Part of Life.

If a man doesn't love his work, he had better get something else to do. But the trouble is that such people will hardly love any kind of work. The trouble is in them. They lack intelligence. If they knew enough to know good work, they would soon learn to love it. The manual-training scheme has this in view—to surround the job a man is doing with such intelligence and taste as will make it attractive to him.

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A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco is the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c. Lewis' Single Binder coats the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis' "Single Binder."

Fishing Extraordinary.

Representative Flood of Virginia tells a good story in which one of the characters was Gen. Reuben Lindsay Walker of the confederate army. On one occasion the general was waiting for his breakfast, and his faithful negro servant had gone to catch some fish for the feast. When the servant was away an unusually long time the general called to him impatiently:

"Why don't you come here with that fish, Sam?"

Sam in the meantime had caught a flounder, which is white on one side, with a whiteness that looks like raw fish meat.

"All right, Massa Reuben!" called out Sam. "Ise comin' des ez soon ez I kotch de uvver half o' dis here fish."

—Washington Times.

Slow Recovery.

"Is the editor out?" asked a visitor to the office of the Ridgeville Banner.

"Yes, sir," answered the editor's small assistant. "He's gone out to put away a jug of icker left by a subscriber."

"Do you think it will take him long to put it away?"

"Now, sir, it won't take him long ter put it away, but after that he won't be able ter do nuthin' fur a week."

Indorsing Shackleton's Claim.

Grimm—I'm inclined to have considerable confidence in Explorer Shackleton.

Primm—Why?

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Lady (to her sister, a doctor)—There—I cooked a meal for the first time to-day, and I made a mess of it. "Well, dear, never mind, it's nothing. I lost my first patient."

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The newly instituted camp of Royal Neighbors met at the W. O. W. hall Saturday night, Dec. 11th, and rendered quite a nice program. After singing their opening ode.

Mr. Gus Evans our capable and efficient townsman acting as program-master called the following program:

Welcome address by Dr. Robertson.

Music. Floral Queen—Mrs. Gus Evans.

Little Miss Versie Coslett recited a nice little poem on Woodcraft.

Mrs. Gus Evans rendered the poem "Lady Maude-Outly" in a very touching and impressive manner.

After an address on Woodcraft by B. F. Smith the W. O. W. team by invitation from the Royal Neighbors, put on their drill in contest with the drill team of the ladies of the Royal Neighbors. It was hard to tell which did best, the ladies just having drilled a few times. After the drill by the ladies, five young ladies out of the team dressed all in white, posed in a tableau representing the five graces of the Order: Faith, Modesty, Unselfishness, Endurance and Courage. Flash lights being used it certainly was quite effective and beautiful.

After the drills—Mrs. Emma Beagland, district deputy and organizer, recited a reading entitled, "The Jiner," in a very beautiful and impressive manner.

After the program refreshments of ham sandwiches, pickles cake and coffee. After quite a jolly time eating and talking the W. O. W. as visitors were called upon to give the camp honors, the M. W. A. responding, then last but not least the Royal Neighbors about thirty-five strong responded with their camp honors ending with the Royal Neighbors yell.

After singing the closing ode followed by prayer by Neighbor Evans the exercises closed at the eleventh hour, all having spent an enjoyable evening.

H. M. NOTES

The Haskell H. M. Society is planning to hold a Rally on Jan 11th, and invite the societies from the neighboring towns to join with us. Mrs. Bloodworth, our conference Pres. and Mrs. Patillo, our District Secretary, will be present.

The business meeting on last Friday was well attended and arrangements were made for a social afternoon on Dec. 27th with our president, Mrs. Morris. All ladies of the church are invited to come and join with us in the Christmas thanks offering which will be made on that day.

The Home Mission Tree which was used in the last study meeting brought the great work more clearly to mind. One not acquainted with the work does not realize its extent.

At the last annual meeting of the General Board of the W. H. M. Society, a memorial was prepared for the General Conference which meets in Asheville, N. C. next May—asking that the women be accorded the full rights of the laity in the church. About two-thirds of the membership of the Methodist church are women and they are asking now that they may be allowed a voice in all church affairs and hold any office in the church to which the laity are eligible. These rights and privileges have been accorded women of other denominations.

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Vest Chains.
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Emblem Pins and Buttons.
Watch Boxes.
B. P. O. E. Card Cases.
Tie Clasps.
Eye Glass Holders.
Collar Buttons.
Emblem Rings.
Signet Rings.
Set Rings.
Fountain Pins.
Pocket Files.
Emblem Chains.
Safety Razors.
Hat Brushes.
Clothes Brushes.
Military Sets.
Cigar Jars.
Watches.

FOR WOMEN

Diamond Rings and Bracelets.
Bracelets
Locketts
Belt Pins.
Hat Pins.
La Vallieres.
Waist Sets.
Collar Pins.
Cuff Pins.
Brooches.
Cuff Links.
Seal Rings.
Set Rings.
Barrettes.
Mesh Bags.
Fancy Chains.
Chatelaine Pins.
Ladies Watches.
Purse Pencils.
Ladies Fobs.
Crosses.
Pockets Files.
Puff Boxes.
Jewel Cases.
Glove Cases.
Toilet Sets.
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All our household effects and furniture of all lines, kitchen outfit, chickens. Two houses and lots, one in Highland Addition with 4 rooms. One in north part of city, 3 rooms, nice lot, 13 1/2 acre tract of land in S. E. Haskell, will sell as a whole or in 3 acre blocks, for fair values.

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I will trade for house and lot in Haskell, one fine harness and saddle stallion, six years old, color solid black, fine form and action. For further particulars call at the office of the Free Press.
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on land at 8 per cent and 9 per cent interest also to buy Vendors Lien Notes. If you want a loan come and see us,

Sanders & Wilson,
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THE RACKET STORE



For many years, the Racket Store has provided bargains for the people and has provided toys and novelties that has brought the joys of Christmas morning to the juvenile hearts in many homes.

The stock this year, as in the past, for the most reasonable out lay, will supply your necessities, and brings the pleasure and joys of a Christmas morning to your home.

Soule Elliott & Co.

Haskell, Texas.

KILLING WOLVES

A Cunning Way To Do It.

Mr. J. A. Creaser, manager of the X Ranch, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Creaser complimented the town on the splendid brick school building in the east side.

In conversation with Mr. Creaser he told us how an old man at his ranch had killed about fifty coyotes the past three weeks. The old man is named Arch Williams, who has taken a small cows horn and fixed it so he can make a noise resembling that made by a rabbit when caught by a dog. Mr. Williams armed with a twenty two target rifle secretes himself behind a bush and with his horn makes a noise like a rabbit as stated. Every coyote that hears the noise rushes up to the hunter and in this way he calls up a pack of three to four wolves sometimes and succeeds in killing all of them. Shackelford and Throckmorton Counties pay a bounty of fifty cents a piece for the scalps, and he gets about a dollar a piece for the furs. The ranch also pays him to hunt the wolves.

The method of Mr. Williams might be adopted by others. We suppose that any imitation of a rabbits squeak in the vicinity of a wolf will attract that beast of prey. Mr. Williams ought to get in communication with Mr. Roosevelt and let that distinguished hunter try the experiment on the lions in Africa. It would be wonderful indeed if by imitating the cry of distress of the victim of the lion, that monarch of the forest might be destroyed by the ingenious discovery of a Texan.

We have often heard that the Texan had more originality about him than any other race of men, especially West Texas, where Larry Chittenden, the cow boy lyric poet was inspired to write his poems, "The Cow Boys Christmas Ball" and "The District Judge" and where the huntsman Williams has matched his cunning with that of the most cunning of all beasts, the coyote.

Try a bucket of our Gee Whiz Butter Scotch Flavor Syrup.
Stephens & Smith,

SHERIFF'S SALE.

State of Texas.
County of Haskell.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, on December 7th, 1909, and by virtue of a levy thereunder on the hereinafter described property on December 7th, 1909, I, M. E. Park, Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas, will proceed to sell at public auction at the Court House door of the County Court House of Haskell County, Texas, on the first Tuesday in January, 1910, it being the 4th day of said month, the following described real estate:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land in Haskell County, Texas, and being out of the Peter Allen Survey, Abstract No. 2, Certificate No. 136, Survey No. 140, patented to the heirs of Peter Allen on Dec. 31, 1866, by Patent No. 365, Vol. 17, and more particularly described as Lot No. 3 in Block No. 5 of the J. W. Meadors Addition to the town of Haskell, Texas, as shown by a map or plat of said Addition recorded in Vol. 32, page 79 of the Deed Records of Haskell County, Texas.

Said property being levied upon as the property of D. B. Boyd to satisfy a judgment in favor of the Skandia Furniture Company rendered on the 6th day of July, 1909, in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, in the sum of \$318.05 together with costs amounting to \$8.90, against the said D. B. Boyd. Witness my hand on this the 7th day of December, 1909.

M. E. Park,
Sheriff of Haskell County, Texas.
By J. H. Meadors, Deputy.

NOTICE

Positive I forbid any more hunting at the Hemphill Lake. If you do you will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

M. R. Hemphill.

5,000 OYSTERS 5,000

Will be served at the Haskell Opera House Tuesday evening Dec. 21st, from 6 to 12 o'clock. Everybody come, enjoy eating Oysters, meeting your friends and stay as long as you wish. 50-3 t p