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PIER MAGAZINE CLUB CO. ENTERTAINS SAT.

The Magazine Club will give a New Years reception at the Library rooms, December 31, from three to five o'clock. A nice program has been prepared and will be rendered, and if you do not attend you will miss a rare treat.

The Library is just entering upon its second year of existence and it is hoped that a large crowd will be present, and in other ways show the Club that the people of the town appreciate their efforts.

Jenkins-Lemmon.

Last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, Miss Bess Lemmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lemmon, was united in marriage to Grey Jenkins of Buffalo Gap, Texas.

The wedding was a very quiet home affair. The simple marriage service of the M. E. church was pronounced by Rev. C. B. Meador in a most impressive manner in the presence of the family and relatives and a few intimate friends.

The bride wore a dress of cream chiffon over pale green messaline, most becoming to her girlish beauty.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal pair took their departure for their new home.

Miss Bess will be greatly missed in Haskell. She has resided here all her life and is greatly admired and beloved by a large circle of friends.

Mr. Jenkins was formerly connected with the Haskell Herald, and is now the popular editor of the Buffalo Gap Live Oak.

Calvin Buford and family moved here from Abilene this week.

Mrs. George Andrus of Rotan, was visiting relatives in the city this week.

Mrs. Morrison of Abilene, was the guest of Mrs. J. F. Pinkerton this week.

MISS NEATHERY ENTERTAINED

Honoring Misses Mary Carver of Farmersville, and Zoe McMill of Galesburg, Illinois, Miss Vera Neathery gave a girls' tea pouring at her home Thursday afternoon, December 29.

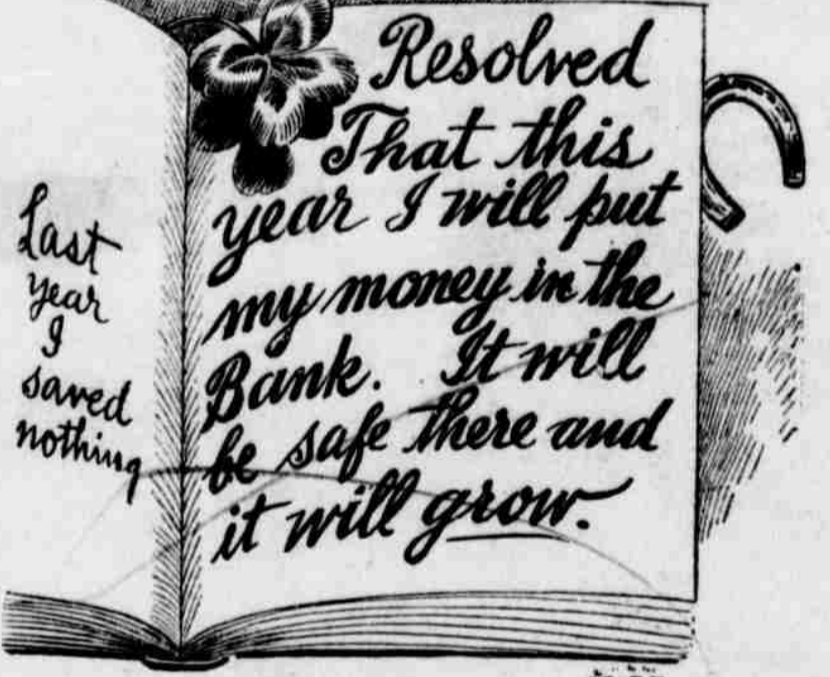
Chrysanthemums, Christmas bells, small red and green candles and other appropriate Christmas decorations were artistically arranged in every apartment.

Mesdames Henry and Wallace Alexander greeted the guests as they entered and the cards were presented to little Miss Elsa Neathery.

Misses Neathery, Carver, Terrell, McMill, Winn and Poole composed the receiving line, and Misses Deron Neathery and Hughes ushered to the dining room, where Misses Lindsey and Lloyd poured tea and Misses Alice Poole, Lucile Hughes, Fields and Wright served each a coursed luncheon, and Miss McConnell showed each to the reception hall.

About seventy-five guests enjoyed the hostesses' charming hospitality.

A NEW LEAF



PETER COOPER, who when yet alive, gave \$630,000 to found Cooper Union in New York City, earned only \$25 a year for the first two years he was in that city. He was an apprentice to a coachmaker. He SAVED \$20 the first two years and put it in the bank.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank.

THE HASKELL NAT'L BANK

Haskell, Texas.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE TO MEET HERE JANUARY 7

The undersigned desire to meet with all the farmers of Haskell county on January 7, 1911, at the court house in Haskell, who believe that there is room for the improvement of our methods of farming and who are willing to enter into the organization of a Farmers' institute for the systematic study of the ways and means of bringing about the desired improvements.

No set program will be announced for this first meeting, the subject for this time. While this is primarily a farmers' movement, a welcome is extended to all who feel an interest in the matter and desire to give it encouragement.

This is made in pursuance of the plan recommended by the Northwest Texas Dry Farming congress at its Haskell meeting.

R. E. SHERRILL,
F. J. CRADDOCK,
M. M. WEESTER,
PAUL ZAHN,
A. C. LEWIS,
GEO. E. GOURTNEY,
W. P. MCCARTY,
J. M. BLAKEMORE,
J. E. POOLE.

Robertson Bros. Co. will open full blast about January 12th.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED IN HASKELL AS IT SHOULD BE

Christmas was celebrated in Haskell as it should be, in a quiet and sane manner.

Particularly noticeable was the absence of any "rowdyism" or anything of the kind, and everybody respected the fire-works law, and the day passed into history without any accident of any consequence.

The record of the past Christmas celebration, it is hoped, will be the standard for future observance.

HAS RIPE STRAWBERRIES FOR CHRISTMAS

B. C. Dude, living in the north part of town, was in our office Saturday and showed us some ripe strawberries that he had just plucked from his vines. They were very large and looked real "tempting." The vines are only a year old and were blooming, while some of the vines were laden with nice ripe berries.

Mr. Duke says they grew without any water except what rain fell, and says he will plant several hundred more plants. Ripe strawberries in this country at this season are certainly quite a novelty.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Dennington of Dallas, are visiting the Walter Decker household. Mrs. Dennington is a sister of Mrs. Decker.

Say, You!



HOW about that printing job you're in need of?
Come in and see us about it at your first opportunity. Don't wait until the very last moment but give us a little time and we'll show you what high grade work we can turn out.

SYMPHONY CLUB RENDERED NICE PROGRAMME

What was announced by all who saw it the most pleasing attraction ever presented in the city, was the entertainment by the Schubert Symphony Club and Lady quartette, which was presented at the Haskell theatre on last Monday night. Each number was presented in a masterly and pleasing manner, and was well received, as was evinced by the repeated encores from the delighted audience. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the local Elk's Lodge and had been extensively advertised by the jolly antelers, which always assures a large audience. The lodge is to be congratulated upon securing for Haskell such a high-class company whose performance would have done honor to a city many times larger than Haskell and everyone would be delighted to have the Schubert Symphony Club and Lady quartette play a return engagement here in the near future.

PLEASANT PROGRAM GIVEN AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The program rendered by the little folks at the Baptist church Saturday night was a most pleasing one, and was received by a large and appreciative audience. The program was given just prior to the distribution of the presents at the Christmas tree.

Following is the program.
Opening Chorus
Joy to the World
Recitation, "The Blooming Christmas Tree"
Marion Ewing
Chorus, "Dear Little Stranger"
Recitation, "Zela Peters"
Duet, "Joyous Return"
Annie Eastland and W. Jones
Recitation, "The Krisinkle Surprise"
Versie Cosslet
Solo, "Cradle Hymn"
Mari Parnal
"The Angel and the Star"
Vivian Smith and Bessie Dean
Duet.
Maxine Bullock, Connie Griffin
Joy Bells
Chorus

Buy a pair of Dixie hose and get a box of colored crayon with 8 colors free. Hancocks'

Rev. R. C. McAdie, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mineral Wells, will preach at the Presbyterian church her next sabbath, January 1st.

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSED ALL DAY LAST MONDAY

Most all the business men in the city closed their places of business on last Monday in order to give their employes a holiday.

Most all the clerks and people employed about town either went hunting or visiting, and everyone seemed to enjoy the day very much, and all were back at their posts of duty Tuesday morning ready for business.

If You Want

RESULTS

YOU can get them by advertising in this paper. It reaches the best class of people in this community.

Use this paper if you want some of their business.

Use This Paper

THE HASKELL FREE PRESS

OSCAR MARTIN, Ed. & Pub.
Office Phone No. 70

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as Second Class Mail Matter.

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One Year \$1.00 (Six Months) .50c.
PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

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Display advertisements 10 to 15 cents per inch
Local notes, 5c per line.
Locals in black face type 10 cents per line
Obituaries and Cards of Thanks 5 cents per line
Special rates for page ads.
Special rates on legal advert's.

R. R. Time Schedule

EAST BOUND

No. 2 Due at 7:50 a. m.
No. 6 Due at 10:00 p. m.

WEST BOUND

No. 1 Due at 6:50 p. m.
No. 5 Due at 5:17 a. m.

The Free Press, a Quarter of a Century Old

With this issue of the Free Press, it completes a quarter of a century in the service of Haskell. The path way it has trod has been one continuous conflict with hate, malice, vindictiveness, sordidness, corruption and follies of humanity. We have gained the admiration of a few good men and women and have earned the hatred of many.

We number few vicious or dishonest people among our friends, though we may enjoy their respect. We believe that when we are called to final account, the things we have said and done to make the world better, happier, and to soothe the bereaved and unfortunate will show a credit at least in our favor as against the treatment humanity has accorded us—at least we have made an honest effort to have it thus.

To some perverted souls our efforts and the ideals to which we have striven are vain, and the professions of a saint are vain bratings of the egotist, for there are those who mock religion, mock virtue, mock honesty, gratitude, friendship, and even mock Deity.

In the half century we have lived we have often seen such despicable people fail in business, fail in life and have seen them friendless and alone, and disgraced as they approach the banks of the "River Styx" and left the world worse by having lived.

We may miss our ideals of life or we may fail to accomplish our desire, but it has been a controlling influence in our life to point to things higher and be just.

The greatest of attributes the races of men have attributed to their duties is justice. Without justice no people prosper nor do nations become permanent. When men pervert their ideas and love of justice, they sink below the level of beast because of a greater capacity for vice and crime. The perversion of justice has destroyed the great empires of the centuries of the past. The love of money, the root of all evil, begets graft, corruption, destroys justice, begets ingratitude, destroys filial affection, seals the formation of the heart, and destroys friendship and make of men and woman ingrate beasts.

It will be the policy of the Free Press in the future as in the past, to battle for those virtues and ideals that elevates society from on corruptions and corrupting institutions and to render the moral progress. We have witness-

ed wonderful changes in the course of a quarter of a century: we have witnessed and helped shape the policies and ideals of this new section of the west. Long years ago we took up the labor of the pioneer, and when we view results in the retrospect and see the progress made by a noble race of pioneers, we feel encouraged to continue the work we undertook almost in our youth. We felt then and feel now a responsibility seemingly beyond our capacity, but with the incentive of hope ever springing from a heart devoted to the cause of humanity we shall still strive to do our duty to our fellow man.

The Dallas News says it is a very foolish question to ask a man with egg-nog on his whiskers, if he enjoyed Christmas.

Several cases of Turko-stomachum have developed recently, caused principally by cranberry-saucicus.

The Dallas News says the failure of the Tafts to invite congressmen's wives to Miss Helen's debut party is another reason why women would like to vote.

The jury in the case of the State vs Overcash, were discharged by Judge Higgins because they could not agree on a verdict. There were some good men and good citizens on the jury who believed in enforcing the law against murder.

If you please don't pass the matter lightly but act seriously. Find my collector or the bookkeeper at the office and make us all glad. "Pay up."
S. L. ROBERTSON.

Mr. W. P. Stepp has just returned from a visit to his mother who lives in Wise county. He had not been home for three years. He went hunting when there and had several squirrels pot pies. Mr. Stepp gave us his subscription and also had the Free Press sent to a relative in wise county.

If my collector calls on you please don't turn him off empty handed. Pay up. Let everything end pleasantly in the closing of our long time business relation. Respectfully,
S. L. ROBERTSON.

The Episcopal ladies presented the editor of the Free Press with a beautiful hand painting in water colors by Mrs. G. E. Langford. We were taken by surprise, and as the present came as a token of appreciation of a small favor heretofore granted by the Free Press, we were more than pleased, by the recognition the same evidenced. The Press meets with so many hard knocks and so many adverse and severe criticisms, that it prepares us to fully appreciate the courtesy the cultured and refined ladies have shown us. We will be glad to serve these good ladies, in the future when we can, and while they are few in number we know their refining and gentle influence will be a great factor in developing the gentle instincts of womanhood in this community. May they prosper and their influence never wane.

Attend Ball at Stamford

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Alexander chaperoned a merry party of Haskellites to Stamford on Thursday night where they attended a ball given by the Drafsmats club. A most pleasant time was had, and everyone enjoyed the occasion very much.

Following is the party:
Misses McConnel, Lloyd, Terrell, Wright, Neathery, Lindsey, McDill of Chicago, and Carver of Farmeraville.
Messrs. Arbeckle, Long, Oates, and Baldwin.

P. & O. Success Sulky Plow

A Frameless Plow that Will Last a Lifetime



Simple Strong Light Draft Easy Running The Best in Every Way

This famous Sulky Plow has been the leading riding plow for nearly 15 years. No other plow made approaches it for simplicity. It has only two levers (one with a double adjustment) but it is just as flexible, and has all the advantages of plows requiring three and four levers.

No one ever made a mistake in buying the Success. It has every other plow on earth beaten for strength. The manufacturers have so much confidence in it that they back it up with an unqualified guarantee. You can't buy a better plow—they don't make them any better than the Success.

P. & O. CANTON PLOWS

McNeill & Smith Hardware Co.

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All Kinds of Up-to-Date Farm Machinery

For Sale

Nice one section home, near Stanton. Well improved. One half in trade. Address Box 162, Stanton, Texas

NEW YEARS GREETINGS

For the liberal share of patronage accorded us in the past, we take this method of thanking our many satisfied customers, and wish for them one and all a most prosperous and happy New Year, and earnestly solicit a continuance of your trade throughout 1911.

THE HUB

L. P. CARR & CO.

KINGS CHOCOLATES

Season's Greetings

We thank our many customers for the liberal patronage given us during the past year, and wish for them a successful New Year of happiness and prosperity, and solicit a continuance of your patronage during 1911.

West Side Pharmacy

Lloyd & Co., Proprietors

BEST LINE OF CIGARS

TOILET ARTICLES

PURE DRUGS

Pay Up Your SUBSCRIPTION

We need it to pay the Printer and paper house

We can't buy paper on long time and the printers have to have the money, so if you are due anything on subscription pay it by January 1st.

Don't wait for us to hunt you up for the dollar you are due on subscription. We have no time to chase anybody for a dollar. We have almost earned a dollar by printing and mailing you dozens of 8 page six column papers.

SPECIAL RATES

We are going to make the farmers a special rate on advertising of one cent a word. Write out the ad and count the words and you will know what it will cost for one insertion, and you can pay the cash in advance and save us book keeping.

If you have a farm, a cow, span of mules, a horse, hog, chicken, or if it is corn, oats, maize, kaffir corn, or house hold goods you want to sell, put an ad in the Free Press. The Free Press will find a buyer if there are any in the market. The Free Press will meet more people in one issue than you could chase down in years.

We want our customers to be prompt in the payment of their bills. We have to pay our bills promptly or we could not keep the plant going.

We are going to give good service. Our job department is equipped to turn out the finest work on the best paper. The work and the paper cost us the cash, so pay cash, when you can, or pay the bill when the bill is presented. We can't run hap hazard always. All the work we do we guarantee. If it is defective we do it over at our cost what ever it is, and we are entitled to prompt payment of the bills.

FINE STATIONERY

We can supply your wants in printed stationery. We have a stock of the finest papers and we can print nice letter heads in quantities that will cost little more, if any, than the blank paper would cost.

We have the following papers in stock: "Old Hampshire Bond," the finest bond paper made; "Ambassador Bond," linen finish, the joy of the Elite; "Oriole Linen," the best linen on the market; "National Bank Bond;" "Delhi Bond;" "Arabrian Bond;" and the finest rag papers, ruled and unruled. Envelopes to match. Also a fine line of cards, the best linen cloth finish and the commercial cards. On the shortest notice we can furnish the latest in wedding stationery. We can also furnish the latest in lodge stationery. Just as fine and up to date as they use in the cities. Invitations, menus and programs. The trade here will not warrant us in carrying a line of fancy stationery, but we can order the stock and print and deliver just as quickly as you can order them printed in the cities. We carry a large stock of flat writing paper, and will cut all the standard sizes used on typewriters from "6s" to "14" in legal papers.

THE FREE PRESS PRINTING PLANT

CHILDREN IN FICTION.

Among male novelists Dickens takes the lead as a delineator of children. All kinds and conditions of them flock through his books.

The city clerk of New York has received a letter from a gentleman in St. Petersburg, Russia, who describes himself as a Prince, gives a string of glittering titles and says he is fifty-seven years of age and without fortune.

When a mischievous boy takes snuff sometimes a great many others sneeze. At least this is what happened on a New York subway train.

The lawyer abbreviates perhaps more than any writer in his attempt to keep pace with the redundant phraseology of legal documents.

The population of Iowa has decreased during the past ten years. Some of the people of France might reciprocate by worrying a little about race suicide in this country.

Alexander the Great's route to India has been discovered, but the road is so badly in need of repairs that other conquerors will not use it for some time yet.

Even the hobble skirt has its value. A "lady" accused of kicking another "lady" in New York proved that she was wearing a hobble skirt at the time.

Modern inventions are causing trouble. The long distance phone interfered with the work of the Minnesota cops, and it has been taken away from them.

RIO GRANDE PROJECT MAY GET \$7,355,000

TEXAS-NEW MEXICO PROPOSITION IS IN SIGHT.

IT IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

Project Contemplates \$7,355,000, Covering a Period of Some Five Years.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Seven million three hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars is in prospect for expenditure within the next five years on the great Texas-New Mexico Rio Grande reclamation project.

It is estimated that between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 will be required for the completion of the work. The importance with which the special board of engineers was impressed with this particular project is indicated by the fact that although twenty-five projects were examined and about two-thirds of them were provided for out of the bond issue, the Texas-New Mexico project alone is to receive 22 1-2 per cent, or close to one-fourth of the entire bond issue.

A PROMINENT INDIAN IS DEAD

Green McCurtain Has Gone to His Happy Hunting Ground.

Green McCurtain was one of the most progressive men of Indian blood in the United States. He was 65 years old and was serving his second term as Governor of the Choctaws. For a number of years, too, he was treasurer of the tribe, and handled vast sums of money for the Indians.

Big Ranch Sold. Brownsville: H. L. Hilliard, president of the Central National Bank of St. Louis, acting for a syndicate, purchased the Las Mestenas ranch of 61,000 acres in Hidalgo County.

Three Collisions; 7 Deaths Tuesday. Near Parkersburg, W. Va., on Baltimore & Ohio railroad: Dead 4, injured 2.

Soil Survey of South Texas. Washington: The Department of Agriculture this winter will undertake an extensive soil survey in South-west Texas that will take in Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, LaSalle, Atascosa, Frio and Dimmit Counties.

Molsant Makes Record. New Orleans: John B. Molsant, president of the International Aviation Company, and one of the foremost of the aviators who will take part in the Dallas aviation meet Jan. 4-5, Saturday established world's aeroplane record when he flew over the city of New Orleans for 46 minutes and 10 seconds.

Ghostly Find in a Thicket. Brownwood: The unidentified body of a man was brought from a lonely thicket in a pasture, three miles west of Brownwood, where a youth discovered the body.

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NEW YEAR'S day among the Japanese is not only the day that begins a year, but it is, in the highest sense of the words, their "day of the year." Preparation for it begins early in December.

The specific preparations for the New Year begin about the thirteenth of the last month. Then, within every house in the empire, a general cleaning up takes place. A fresh, green branch of the bamboo tree, with its leaves and twigs to symbolize good fortune, is used as a duster in completing the thorough sweeping.

Among the most noticeable and significant objects ornamenting these doorway arches is a scarlet lobster, embedded among some branches of a bush whose old leaves remain unshed until after the young leaves have budded.

After busy weeks of preparation at last the closing day of the year comes. On New Year's eve the whole country is astir and every place that needs a light for use or beauty is brightened.

symbolism and of good wishes. The wine, too, is passed around, with the wish that everyone may drink along with the cup a long, long life.

Throughout Japan the New Year's day is the one complete holiday of the year. Soon after breakfast all the members of the families, dressed in their newest clothes, take to the gardens, parks and streets for characteristic pleasures.

Kite flying is another peculiar New Year pastime. And kite flying in Japan is a sight well worth going far to see. The variety of shape, the gorgeousness of coloring, the extraordinary size of many of these toys, is something peculiar to the Japanese.

But we may not pass by the old year parties of the New Year evening; the merriment of the night and the "January 1" party are not to be missed.

casts the other end over a screen. Hidden players attach some gift to the free end of the rope, whereby often the best of fun comes, because of the prizes drawn.

But this great day of beginnings for Japan, with its idling and many pleasures, at last comes to a close. On the second day of the year the duty of work is celebrated. In the home the children strive to show to their parents the best they can do in penmanship or in memory of things to be learned.

Toward the evening of the second day street peddlers, crying "Treasure ships for sale!" go about among the crowds. They sell rough drawings of the "Seven Gods of Happiness," afloat in a boat.

Indeed, all the days of the first fortnight of the new year are red letter days, until the fifteenth day comes, when seemingly a most comical ending of the whole festive season takes place. The people after that settle down to the commonplace order of regular daily labor.

Of course the Japanese New Year is today fast losing some of its old-time characteristic fascinations, but enough of its unique quaintness and charm remain to give it distinctiveness among the festivals of the nations, and to keep it an object for foreign tourists to enjoy.

To the New Year

Oh child New Year, on whom the mantle falls Of the departing year, who leaves to thee, The labor, tasks, the duties and the calls Which are the hallmarks of the past, to be A precious trust the heritage of time.

To the New Year and the Old Friends

The year which falls in the sky, And starts all blink for seeing, The old year is to die, And the new year to be born.

Notice of Trustee's Sale.

WHEREAS, T. G. Carney and wife, Lizzie Carney, by their Deed of Trust in writing, dated the first day of March A. D. 1905, and of record in the deed of trust record of Haskell County, Texas, in book 5, pages 415 et seq., did convey the real estate hereinafter described to Horace H. Cobb as Trustee, for the purpose of securing The W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Company, a corporation of Tarrant County, Texas, or its assigns, in the payment of a certain bond of even date with said deed of trust, for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), due March 1, 1910, together with interest thereon according to certain coupon there- attached, and certain interest notes. All more particularly described in said deed of trust.

And, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said bond whereby the power of sale given in said deed of trust has become operative.

And whereas, Horace H. Cobb, Trustee appointed in said deed of trust failed and refused to act as such after his appointment, and thereafter William H. Cobb was duly appointed under the powers and authorities given in said deed of trust as substitute trustee.

And whereas, said William H. Cobb has now failed and refused to further act as such substitute trustee, and the undersigned has been duly and legally appointed by the legal holder and owner of the above mentioned deed of trust and indebtedness as substitute trustee.

And whereas, H. M. McCelvey, Jr., is the legal owner and holder of the past due indebtedness under the above mentioned bond, coupons and notes, and has requested me to advertise and sell said real estate in the manner provided for in said deed of trust for the purpose of paying the amount due on said bond, together with the expense incurred and the other costs of this foreclosure.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that I will on Tuesday, the third day of January, 1911, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said day, at the court house door in Haskell in said county of Haskell, State of Texas, offer for sale and sell at public vendue or outcry to the highest bidder for cash certain real estate and property described in and conveyed by said deed of trust. The real estate to be sold is situated in the northwestern part of Haskell County, and is described as follows:

First Tract: Being survey of 265 1/2 acres patented to H. G. Bedford assignee of Nancy Iden, September 9, 1884, by patent No. 559, volume 5, abstract No. 835, being locally known as the Nancy Iden survey No. 20. However, a certain portion of said survey has, since the execution of said deed of trust, been released from the operation of the same, and the portion so released will not be included in said sale; and reference is hereby made to page 49 and 50 of volume 54 of the deed records of

Haskell County, Texas where said release is recorded for a full description of that portion of said survey which has been so released and which will not be sold.

Second Tract: 400 acres more or less, and part of the survey of 1267 acres patented to J. S. Bounds, assignee of Rebecca E. Farrow on May 4, 1887 by patent No. 582, volume 36, abstract No. 691, said 400 acres being locally known as Carney's part of said survey. However, since the execution of said deed of trust certain portions of said 400 acres have been released from the operation of the same, and these portions so released will not be included in the lands to be sold under this notice; and reference is here made to pages 436 to 448 of volume 5 of the deed of trust records of Haskell County, Texas, and to page 250, volume 39 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, and to page 161, of volume 6 of the deed of trust records of Haskell County, Texas, and to pages 49 and 50 of volume 54 of the deed records of Haskell County, Texas, where the releases of certain parts of said 400 acres are recorded, for a full description of the portion of said 400 acres which has been released, and which will not be sold.

Witness my hand at Haskell, Texas, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1910.

GORDON B. MCGUIRE,
Substitute Trustee.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING BEST

Scientific soil culture, or as it is erroneously called "dry farming," has made its greatest progress in those states which are in or border on what is loosely called the semi-arid region of the country. By the introduction of this system farms are being cultivated right now where for years it was regarded as impossible to grow anything but short grass and small brush, and the heavy yields coming from the so-called "dry regions" have attracted the attention of farmers in all sections of the country.

The illustrations given on this page are ample proof of the value of scientific soil tillage. (We are unable to reproduce the illustrations.) Through the courtesy of Mr. H. W. Campbell of this city, the "father" and pioneer of scientific soil culture, we are indebted for a brief explanation of the underlying principles of this system, which will be of interest to farmers everywhere and may be applied with success in any state in the union under all conditions. The photographs show Mr. Campbell in speering two fields of corn, of which No. 1 was grown on the Burlington farm near Holdrege, Nebraska, and No. 2 was raised on a farm across the road by what was considered a good farmer. An examination of both fields was made on August 1 by boring a hole three feet deep to test the amount of moisture in the soil. Field No. 1 showed abundant moisture below the loose mulch to a depth of over two feet, and field no 2 showed practically no moisture to a depth of over three feet, the soil being so dry that it was drawn out of the hole with difficulty. The difference in the two methods was an abundant yield of fine corn on the one hand and a total failure on the other, conditions being the same in both cases.

In discussing the reasons for the success of scientific soil culture in this demonstration, Mr. Campbell said:

"Scientific soil culture is simply a question of disking, plowing, harrowing, packing and cultivating the soil in such a manner as to be able to utilize the heat, air, water and light and

obtain the largest possible yield of the various crops.

"For the dry country the essential thing is to not waste, or permit the waste of moisture. My contention has long been that in most of this country and in nearly all seasons we have enough water if only we have not been wasteful and extravagant. This applies to regions that are regarded to be very humid. One great trouble has been that farmers have had all their training in regions where water is free and abundant and they have never had the idea that it may be necessary to conserve the moisture. This is one point which ought to greatly interest every farmer.

"While the conservation of the moisture is an important factor, it is by no means all. It is only one of the many vital things to be carefully considered if we are to reach the high limit of yield in all fields that now seems possible.

"The physical or mechanical condition of the soil is the all important factor, as it has more to do with the quantity and quality of the crop yield than any other one thing. If the seed and root bed is not properly prepared all the after cultivation can not bring the highest yield. No matter how much moisture you have conserved in the soil below or how completely you may keep the weeds out you can not reach the high limit of yield without close and closer attention to the preparation of the soil.

"Air is just as necessary an element in the soil as the water, but both must be there in proper quantities. If there is too much air and too little moisture nitrification ceases. If there is too much moisture and too little air the effect is the same. From experience and observation we have concluded that a certain chemical action must be practically continuous in the soil during the growing season if we are to grow the largest crops. The chemical action is unquestionably dependent upon a certain ideal or perfect condition of the soil—a physical condition that will carry in the soil just the ideal quantity of both air and water—and then as soon as the soil becomes reasonably warm nature's work begins.

"The soil mulch is for three purposes—to more readily admit the rain when it comes, to admit of a free circulation of air into the soil and to prevent the loss of moisture by evaporation.

"Sometimes the cultivation is not deep enough or sufficiently frequent and a crust forms at the top of the firm soil underneath the mulch. This crust shuts out the air to a degree and it matters little then how perfectly may be the supply of moisture, for the growth will certainly be checked.

"The nitrification is a necessity in the soil during the crop growing season is unquestionably true. If the process of nitrification is going on sufficiently to meet the requirements of the crop this is always evidenced by the dark green and healthy appearance of the plant.

"Just a word here in regard to the subject of 'summer culture' or 'summer tillage' and what it is and what is accomplished by it. In the first place summer culture is not summer fallow. The latter contemplates permitting the field to lie fallow for at least a large part of the season. Summer culture contemplates the working of the field and doing this for a specific purpose. The primary purpose is to secure good tilth of the soil. The incidental purposes is to store the water in the soil. Take as an illustration a field which in springtime is in only fair condition for a crop or not in condition at all. There may not be enough moisture, the land may be hard and impossible to work, or it may not

be fit for cropping for any one of a dozen reasons. The first thing to do is to get the surface worked down to a good surface. Almost certainly there will come some rains in the springtime. If the field is left alone the water soon disappears. A crust forms at the surface and this favors evaporation and drives out the the air. The crust must be broken up and this will stop evaporation and permit the permeation of the air in proper quantities. Perhaps the soil down near the bottom of the furrow is loose and open; if so, it is important that this portion be packed. This, however, should be done at the time of plowing. But a little later another rain falls and another crust is formed, then must the crust be again broken up with the harrow. This is the process of summer culture.

"Why all this attention to the soil when there are no crops? You are getting ready for the future. You are storing water which falls this year that you may use it next year or the year after. You are putting the soil into that certain physical condition for the control and utility of air and water that you may enlarge the humus in that soil. You are assisting nature in the chemical processes which lead up to the ideal condition for the seed bed and the increase of available fertility or plant food.

"It is very hard for the farmer to believe that he can store the moisture in the way for the use at some other time, but it is actually being done, and there is no use arguing with facts. Neither can the average farmer appreciate that certain tillage this year may if timely and properly done will increase the crop next year, or that air is vital to the growth of plant as water, but both must be in the soil in proper quantities and properly combined.

"The tendency of the moisture is to go downward, if there is enough so that the ordinary force of gravity can operate. But it will seep down into the lower portions of the soil by capillary attraction. Thus the soil become moistened down for several feet. There is abundant evidence to prove that by proper working of the surface the moisture content may be affected down five or six feet in some soils. This layer of soil five or six feet is literally the farmer's cistern. It may receive a fresh supply of moisture in July or August or in the middle of winter, and it is just as important that the supply be saved and stored one time as another. Therefore in time of ample moisture prepare for drouth.

"As to saving this moisture the soil mulch is the best thing. If there is heavy crop on the ground the plants will shade the surface and retard evaporation, but of course the roots are sucking up the moisture. If the ground is bare and a crust is formed such as will be formed where the rain has beaten down the surface, the evaporation will be very rapid. The farmer should maintain a soil mulch of small particles of soil broken up, this layer to be two or three inches deep. If it is a layer of dust it will either blow away or really aid in the waste of the water. But a mulch of small particles of soil will very largely prevent loss of water by evaporation. At the same time even a mulch will permit the access of air to the soil and thus aid in the chemical process.

"I have given these illustrations of the application of the system so that farmers who naturally hold the plow may understand just what can be done. After all, this is only a small part of the whole system. It affects the foundation principle, hence the development of the system leads to the great many

A NEW YEAR

As this old year 1910 draws to a close and the New Year approaches we are looking over our past year's business. We find that with all the hard times, drouth and other things, we have had a good years business. and here and now we take pleasure in thanking our customers. It is a pleasure to us to know that they have given us the nice business they have and it is a greater pleasure for us to acknowledge our thanks and appreciation.

We want to make the New Year 1911 the best year in our business history. We promise to do everything for our customers that is possible for us to do in keeping with good business rules.

Wishing all our customers and all our friends a happy and prosperous New Year, we remain,

Very truly,

F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS

new ideas and it covers the whole range of cultivation.—American Homestead.

Books Closed.

Today, December 31st, my books closed for good. While I will continue the business thru next week nothing will be charged and I am going to ask and expect everyone owing me by note or account to come forward and settle up.

Respectfully,
S. L. ROBERTSON.

A New Overland.

E. E. Marvin has sold a big Overland automobile to W. A. Whatley for use on a daily auto line from Haskell to Rule.

Messrs. Marvin and Whatley went to Dallas a few days ago and drove the car over land from that point. Mr. Marvin is the local agent for the sale of Overland autos.

S. L. Robertson

Retiring from business for good, Saturdays night January 7th 1911 my store will close. Monday the 8th I will commence to invoice the stock which will take about three days. The store will then open in the name and full ownership of the firm "my successors" the S. L. Robertson Brothers Co.

This new firm is composed of my three sons, Jno. E., W. E. and R. V. Robertson. I want to commend the boys to the people as honest and capable and will be fully able financially to conduct the business along conservative lines. Your patronage will be appreciated by them as well as by your humble servant.
S. L. ROBERTSON.

Goods will be very cheap the last week at S. L. Robertson.

BORN December 23th 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith, a ten pound son.

E. Couch is working in the postoffice at Weisart this week while Postmaster Rickelstein is enjoying a visit in Millam county during the holidays.

T. C. Morgan, who formerly lived at Munday, but who moved to Spang about a month ago, was in Haskell this week on business and was a pleasant caller at the Free Press office while in the city.

FOR LOANS.—to extend vendors liens, on close in, well improved Haskell real estate, owners may address box 527, Fort Worth, Texas, giving full particulars.

T. F. Armour of Jud, the gin man called at our office Thursday and gave us a silver disc for a years subscription to the Free Press.

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