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From the Man's Store

Our business the past year has been such that we feel very thankful to our customers and the Donley county people in general. We have given you a "Man's Store," something that you have not heretofore had; and the public has been very appreciative. For your patronage we feel grateful, and at this happy holiday season we wish to thank you one and all and beg to express the hope that you will have a

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Hayter Bros.

MODERN CLOTHIERS

BONDS FOR COUNTY ROADS

Movement Now on Foot in this County to Issue Bonds for Permanent Road Construction.

A movement has been launched recently looking to the issuance of bonds by Donley county for the purpose of constructing a large amount of permanent roads throughout the county. So rapidly has the sentiment spread that with very little agitation the movement is already well on foot and petitions are even now in circulation all over the county for signatures, asking the county commissioners court to estimate the expense and call an election for the issuance of bonds to whatever

amount they may find necessary. These petitions are being circulated by the farmers themselves, which is ample evidence that the county population of our county see the necessity for some such action and are willing to pay the additional tax.

The petition reads as follows: "We, the undersigned property-owners and tax payers of Donley County, realizing the utterly deplorable condition of the principal highways of this county, and firmly realizing that if the same were graded, graveled and bridged where necessary, under the supervision of a competent road engineer, it would be of inestimable value to the farmer in that it would allow him to market his crop at a much less expense, as

well as a great saving of time; and believing that good roads would greatly enhance the present values of our lands and promote more active development of our farming interests, hereby petition your honorable body to make a careful investigation of the necessary costs and immediately thereafter call an election for the purpose of issuing bonds for a sum that will be adequate for the purpose.

"Your petitioners believe that when our roads are once put in good shape, the expense of keeping them in repair thereafter will be very light, and the money that is now being used for temporary repairs, together with an additional tax levy that will not be burdensome, will create a sinking fund that will pay off the bonds at maturity. We are further of the opinion that it is nothing more than just and right that people who come here in the future to enjoy the numerous benefits to be derived from good roads should help defray the expense, and to our minds a bond issue is the only reasonable solution.

"The assessed valuation of Donley County for 1908 is \$4,775,742.00. Our Road and Bridge tax is 11 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, amounting to \$5,253.31. This is already ample to pay interest and create a sinking fund sufficient to pay off a bond issue that would be ample."

Seventy-five or a hundred thousand dollars spent on permanent road work in Donley county would be worth more to us than any railroad we could buy. It would be worth more to us than another mammoth college. It would be worth more to us—town and county—than anything else costing twice the amount of money. We hope to see something tangible result from these petitions.

SKINNED ON GROCERIES

Editor of Randall County News Investigates and Exposes Methods of Traveling Grafters.

The editor of the News over at Canyon City got in behind a traveling grocery peddler last week and in a lengthy article exposed the methods of the grafters. He interviewed those who placed orders with the man, got prices, etc., and in summing up his conclusions makes the following able exposition of the graft:

There was only one article sold that the price was lower than the local merchant would sell at and that article was Baker's chocolate which is made in two or three grades, which article the traveler who buys no products, spends none of his money for anything that we have to sell, whose home is under his hat, pays no taxes and is of no benefit to the community as a man, sold at the price of 33 1-3 cents per pound while the retail dealer here sells the best of that article at 50 cents per pound.

On his canned corn, he met the prices of the local dealers on the local dealer's best grade in dozen can lots, to wit: \$1.10 per dozen. On not another single thing did this "cheap" salesman meet the local man's price. The traveler sold 3 pound cans of tomatoes (don't know what quality, in fact the brands of all his goods are entirely unknown to any person in this city so far as we have heard) at the exceedingly low price of \$1.39 per dozen while the local man wants just \$1.25 per dozen for the very best brands. He sold

gunpowder tea in 5 pound lots at 55 cents per pound while the dealer would be glad to sell the best grade in such a lot at 40 to 50 cents per pound. 20 pound lots of roasted Mocha and Java coffee were sold at 27 1/2 cents per pound and the local dealer will sell you the best quality of the same kind one pound lots at 25 cents and will make you 22 1/2 cents per pound price if you want ten pounds at once. The rice which he had to sell was somewhat cracked "on account of being handled so much" and he got 6 1-2 to 7 1-2 cents per pound while your dealer will sell the full head rice at 16 pounds for a dollar. His "What not," "Dr. Cook," or some other kind of baking powder brought him 25 cents per pound while the groceryman will sell you better at a cent per ounce. He sold hams for 19c if you took two at once and the groceryman will sell you one at 15c to 17c per pound. Breakfast bacon of an unknown brand brought 24c per pound and the highest price quoted by local men was 22c.

The salesman would not sell you sugar for "I can't save you any money on that." (Everybody knows what sugar is worth and he wasn't going to lose any money while business was good.) Canned California fruits sell on the local markets at \$2.00 per dozen while this man sold his lowest at \$2.40. When it came to anything in the spice line he revelled in the "exceedingly low prices which I am offering you." He got eighty cents per pound for nutmeg while the dealer will supply you forever at 40 cents; while the peppers, cloves and spices of all kinds sell locally at 30 cents per pound, in

pound lots, this gentleman raised the price 33 1-3 per cent and got 40 cents. So we might go on and quote you the prices named and secured on many other articles but we think the list given is sufficient.

To those who did not "invest in these bargains", we have to say that we honor your good judgment, and to those who were tempted and fell we want to say that we are glad that you got skinned. It was nothing more than you deserve. When the man comes to deliver these goods take them and pay for them and if they are not satisfactory don't say a word to anybody. Just consider that you are getting what is coming to you.

A Big Outfit.

A cavalcade came through town Sunday which attracted great attention. It was the farm outfit of M. Weisenfels, the German farmer who has leased the Chamberlain four sections south of town. An enormous traction engine was in the lead, pulling a dozen or more vehicles and farm implements in regular train-of-cars fashion. The "train" consisted of a threshing outfit, gang plows, wagons, implements, vehicles of all kinds. One wagon was a double-deck affair and contained a large number of chickens and some hogs. The trip was made in this fashion from near Amarillo. Mr. Weisenfels is now at home on his new place and ready for farming operations on an extensive scale.

Overstocked on Jewelry.

We will from this date to Jan. 1st, '09, cut 20 per cent on all solid gold or gold filled watches or jewelry at Stocking's Jewelry department.

H. W. TAYLOR, President. RICHARD WALSH, Vice-President
W. H. PATRICK, Cashier.

We Make it Easy

For you to possess a bank account. You can open an account here with One Dollar—you can add to it as often as you wish in any amount you desire.

We are anxious to do our part and would urge you to avail yourself of the advantages and facilities we place at the disposal of patrons.

Your business welcome.

The First National Bank

CLARENDON, TEXAS



A CHRISTMAS POSTER

A Merry Christmas to all our friends and customers, and many joyous returns of the season.

F. A. WHITE TAILOR

Have your painting done by an experienced workman. Have your paper hung by up-to-date paper hangers.

H. TYREE

Practical Painter and Paper Hanger

—PHONE 176—

Special attention given to staining, varnishing, interior finishing and decorating. None but experienced workmen employed.

E. Wallington Architect and Superintendent

Plans, specifications and details prepared and executed for all classes of building. Correspondence solicited.

Clarendon, Texas

I Buy Hides

I am in the market for anything in the line of Hides and Furs. Will at all times pay the highest market price. If you want a square deal come to my Office on First street, just east of steel bridge.

Roger Woodward

O. D. Liesberg

Drayman and Coal

Respectfully solicits a share of your drayage, promising prompt attention and reasonable charges. Special prices on contract work or on handling large jobs, such as unloading cars, etc. Phone residence, 23 3-rings.

Try C. L. Young The Liveryman

At the Red Barn for good rigs and gentle teams, and for all kinds of feed, always fresh. Phone No. 4.

Feed Delivered Anywhere in Town

D. L. McClellan The Old Reliable Land Man of Donley County.

Have been here longer, know the country better, can find better bargains and more of them, than any other man in the county. Do a general commission, rental and collection business. Office upstairs over drug store.

\$25.00 Reward.

We will pay \$25 reward for the arrest and conviction of any party found guilty of breaking insulators, or in any manner destroying the property of this exchange. The Texas state law reads: "If any person shall break, cut, pull or tear down wires or in any other manner injure any telephone wires, parts, insulators or other appurtenance to any telephone line or in any way wilfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of messages, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than \$100 nor more than \$2000."

We have been subjected to much damage in this respect in the past and we positively will prosecute to the full extent of the law, if we find the guilty parties.

CLARENDON TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, T. L. BENEDICT, Mgr.

—Christmas cards and booklets at Stocking's store.

When some girls take up with a worthless boy it looks very much like a "court of last resort."

—Kodaks and cameras from \$5 up at Stocking's store.

DUSTING MADE EASY.

A New Brush For Cleaning the Radiator Pipes.

Brushes, as every good housewife knows, are an important part of the household care and the household economies. There must always be a sufficient supply of brushes on hand, and these must always be kept in good condition.

One of the newest and best inventions in the brush line is now on the market and is called a radiator brush. To the housewife who has tried to remove the surplus accumulation of dust from between the pipes of a steam radiator this brush will particularly appeal. The handle is long, and the brush part is narrow, allowing easy access to the dirt covered parts.

A new sink and window cleaner is a useful thing to possess. It is made with a brush on one side and a narrow strip of rubber on the other, which serves as a drier.

A good article to have near the sink resembles a small dustpan, and attached to it is a brush which is invaluable in cleaning the sink.

An imported brush for the cleansing of the sink has just arrived on the market and owing to its usefulness and cheapness bids fair to be the most popular of sink cleansers.

A new idea is being shown in the way of a furniture brush, the bristles being graduated in size, the center ones being the longest, which permits the user to remove the dust from the crevices and buttons of the furniture.

Feather dusters are as old as dust cloths, but are still considered by some persons as the most essential of dirt exterminators. New ideas are being worked into the manufacture of these dusters all the time. One of the many good points in their favor is the detachable handle.

Cuspidor brushes are a great boon to those whose lot it is to keep them in order. The brush part is about three inches square and made of the same bristly stuff as a scrubbing brush. The handle is long enough to reach the bottom of the deepest cuspidor.

The sanitary brush is one of the greatest of household conveniences. The handle is very long, being made of wire, and the bristles entirely cover one end of the brush. No bathroom should be without one of these brushes.

When one has in the kitchen a small plate cleaner the greasy pans and kettles are a minor consideration. The article mentioned has a small half circular piece of rubber which is held in place by a wire or heavy tin handle. After this is drawn over the dishes a few times all the surplus grease is removed.

A COMPLEXION HINT.

Simple Toilet Preparation That Can Be Made at Home.

The following face wash, now in almost universal use among Parisian women (and their matchless complexions attest its efficacy), will restore clearness of skin and delicacy of tint to the plainest of complexions if applied daily:

Obtain at your drug store rosewater, two ounces; cologne spirits, one ounce; eppotone (skin food), four ounces. Put the eppotone in a pint of hot water (not boiling) and when dissolved strain and let cool. Then add the rosewater and cologne spirits.

It is quite an easy matter to mix the ingredients according to above directions, and it can best be done at home. It costs little and accomplishes such a decided improvement on the skin that it should be a requisite on every lady's dressing table. If this wash is used the plainest complexion will take an immediate and decided change for the better, and the powder puff and rouge can be relegated to the closet.

Every woman who would like to have a pretty complexion (and unless feminine nature has changed mightily this may safely be said to include all daughters of Eve) cannot do better than give this preparation a trial. It is perfectly harmless, even to the most delicate skin.

Of Interest to Women.

Mrs. Philip Snowden of London, one of the most celebrated of English suffragists, will be a speaker at the national convention of woman suffragists to be held in Buffalo Oct. 15 to 21. Mrs. Snowden's husband is a member of parliament, and she will bring to her American colleagues the true story of the suffragette movement in Great Britain.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

Practice deep breathing. A person with fully developed lung capacity purifies his blood several times per minute.

A cup of cold water before retiring and a cup of hot water in the morning before breakfast work like magic as a cure for indigestion.

Almond meal is preferred by some women to soap and acts as a pleasing alternate to soap at any time. This softens, cleanses and whitens the skin. The most easily digested foods which contain the greatest amount of nourishment and are free from acids and starches are those best adapted to the child's needs.

Rubber gloves to wear when washing china and old kid gloves when dusting are an inestimable boon to housekeepers, for nothing ruins the skin as coarse soaps, soda and dust.

To soften and perfume the bathing water mix together four ounces of alcohol, one-half ounce of vanilla, and one dram of oil of lavender. A few drops of this mixture will be sufficient for a bowlful of water.

ALPINE GUIDES.

Some Are Experts In "Snow and Ice Work," Some In "Rock Work."

Some of the Alpine guides are experts in climbing. There are a number who are noted for their skill in what the Alpinist calls "snow and ice work." That means going up a peak which has so many snow fields and glaciers that its sides and summits may be nearly covered with them. The glacier guide can tell you all about "cornices"—snow masses which project from the edge of precipices and overhang the valley beneath like the roof of a house. Experience has told him whether a cornice can be crossed safely or whether it may break off if one ventures upon it. He is also an expert with the ice ax carried in his belt, cutting footholds in the glittering walls that may rise fifty or a hundred feet above your head. These ice precipices are frequently found at the heads of glaciers, which, as the schoolboy knows, are merely rivers of frozen water slowly moving down the face of a mountain on account of the force of gravity and the great pressure of the ice masses which form their source on the upper part of the slope. Other guides make a specialty of "rock work," conducting persons up peaks which may be only partly covered with snow and ice, but having sides of bare rock so steep that in places the cliffs may be almost straight up and down. Here it would seem that one must be as spry and as sure footed as the chamois—the rare goat that lives up amid the Alps. While the crevasse and other dangers of the snow and ice fields may be absent, the mountain may be so abrupt that the climber must ascend hundreds of feet pulling himself up with arms aiding his legs, while often the guide hauls him to the top of the most difficult slopes by main strength. —St. Nicholas.

A MANSFIELD FAILURE.

When the Famous Actor Fainted of Hunger in London.

Mansfield was taken to the Savage club, where his cleverness was attested by the leading entertainers of London. When Corney Grain was taken sick in the spring of 1877, Mansfield was at once recommended as his substitute in the German Reed entertainments. He was to receive £8 a week. This was a splendid salary for any young man as salaries went then or as they stand now on the London stage. To Mansfield it was a positive windfall.

As a member of this distinguished little coterie of entertainers Mansfield felt that his fortune was made. His whole interest, attention and hope now centered on April 20, the night of his debut. He was assigned the small role of the beadle in the comedietta "Charity Begins at Home," which opened the evening. After that he was to change to evening dress and hold the stage alone for half an hour after the manner established by Corney Grain. Every shilling he could scrape together went for a wardrobe, linen, boots, cravat, a boutonniere and other irreproachable appurtenances.

His friends crowded St. George's hall for his first appearance. It was observed as he uttered the few lines of the beadle that he was excessively nervous. When later in the evening he sat down at the piano and struck a preliminary chord he fainted dead away.

Mr. Reed relieved him of his position at once. In discharging him he said, "You are the most nervous man I have ever seen." It was not all nervousness, however. Mansfield had not eaten for three days. He had fainted from hunger.

It was many a year before he again worked up to the munificence of £8 a week, but this pathetic incident was later made an asset as employed by him in an attractive little comedy of his own writing.—Paul Wiltach in Scribner's.

Iodine and Light.

If it is necessary to use iodine for painting the skin in medical treatment it is worth remembering that the painting should be done in the dark or in a red light such as is used in photography.

If this is done and the painted portion of the skin be covered without being exposed to white light it will not blister nor stain the flesh even if the painting is repeated a good many times.—New York Sun.

Deer.

Deer will eat almost any kind of grain or grass, even preferring the rank weeds to the choicest hay. They should always have an abundant supply of clear, running water. About the greatest item of expense connected with raising deer is the cost of fencing. The fawns are usually born in the spring or early summer. Does, as a rule, have but one fawn at first, but subsequently twins are born and in rare cases triplets.—Kansas City Star.

British Army Intelligence.

An army order gave the following as the occasions on which the union jack is to be flown:

(a) On anniversaries only, or when specially required for saluting purposes. (b) On Sundays and anniversaries, to Daily.—Punch.

Not Like Father.

The other day they came up a water if Washington Star

complaints of Chicago Record

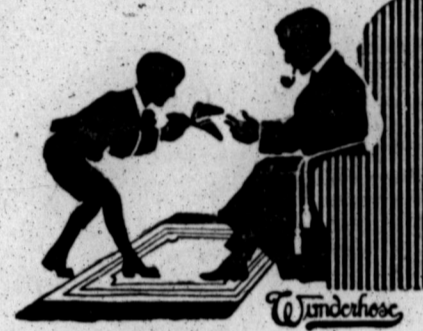
CHRISTMAS BUYING

We Have Received

This week many new things suitable for Xmas gifts. You can do no better than to get some things out of our line of Ladies Collars, Fancy Ruchings, Belts Purses, Furs, Silk Scarfs, Facinators, Laundry Bags, Pillow Tops, Neckties, Mufflers, Suspenders, Backcombs and dozens of other things that are just as useful and that is appreciated by every one.

Hats

We have a big shipment of Worth hats in. All styles and shapes included in this shipment.



Wonder Hose

That shipment of Wonder Hose is here. This line of Hosiery is guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction in wear. We have all sizes. Try a box of Wonder Hose and test their excellent wearing qualities.



SPECIALS for X-MAS In Groceries

Everything is now ready for the great Christmas rush. The time has rolled around and finds us well prepared to take care of the trade. Just received a car of the celebrated

White Swan Flour

We give you an absolute guarantee on each and every sack. 1500 pounds of nice fresh candy just in for the Christmas trade. We request all Christmas Tree Committees to see us and get prices before buying. We are prepared to make you very low prices on pail lots in candy. All kinds of Fruits, Nuts, Fresh Figs, Dates, Currants and Raisins. Large Shipment of Christmas oranges just in.

These are a few of the many good things we have to show. Get the habit of coming to our store. It will do us both good.

CLARENDON MERCANTILE COMP'Y

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No. 2, southbound 4:40 a. m.
No. 8, southbound 7:05 p. m.
No. 1, northbound 9:21 p. m.
No. 7, northbound 10:10 a. m.

Clarendon, Tex., Dec. 25, '08

PRINTERS, ATTENTION.

The Banner-Stockman has for sale at a bargain, complete 5-column quarto stone outfit, including best quality chases, straight side and foot sticks, column and head rules. Also a few good job cases. Address Banner-Stockman, Clarendon, Texas.

COUNTY ROAD BONDS.

As will be seen from an article in another column of this issue there is a well defined move on foot to bond Donley county for an amount sufficient to build some roads throughout the county. This means that the enormous amount of money which is each year thrown away on repairs will be saved, and permanent roads will be constructed—roads which will last for ages without repairs; built under the direction of competent engineers and by that fairest of all methods—bond taxation, wherein the coming generation will pay its pro rata share of the expense. It has been figured out that on a basis of present valuations in Donley county the present eleven-cent road and bridge tax would derive revenue sufficient to pay interest and create a sinking fund on bonds to the amount of \$75,000. By raising the tax to fifteen cents interest and sinking fund would be provided for an issue of \$100,000. Thus it will be seen that the present road and bridge tax could be made to pay the expense of the bonds, and Donley county be provided with PERMANENT roads. The Banner-Stockman is glad to see the farmers themselves taking hold of this matter. If there is any one thing they do need here worse than anything else it is good roads. And it is a fact that the only way to get good roads is through the plan outlined in the petition.

THEY are after "libidinous amusements" in Dallas. Must be a chorus of direttore dressed girls.

THE Banner-Stockman greets you this fine Christmas day and wishes for you all a Merry Christmas.

At this season it is well to remember that to eat, drink and be merry today makes one feel like the fifth of July tomorrow.

THE editor left Wednesday night to spend the Christmas holidays with his family in Denton, and the paper next week will be in the hands of our right hand bower, Mr. Alvis Weatherly. We trust the edition will prove a refreshing change to our readers, and that they will therefore enjoy the editor's vacation fully as much as he will. Any favors shown Mr. Weatherly in our absence, either as to business or news-gathering, will be appreciated.

THE Christmas edition of the Wise County Index was made to carry the sad news of the death of Editor Orion Procter's only little son, and an otherwise bright and cheery paper was thus draped in deepest mourning to the hearts of the craft who know Brother Procter and love him. Especially do the hearts of the members of the Northwest Texas Press Association go out to him in brotherly love and sympathy in this, his greatest grief. Would that we could say something here that would strengthen and comfort his troubled spirit, yet he himself has penned the most comforting words that could be written when in his final

paragraph he says: "But, please God and praise Him, when comes to us that summons, 'It is enough come up higher,' our darling boy's angel hands will reach out to us and an eternally reunited family will in Heaven 'praise God from whom all blessings flow'."

Compliments Herrmann.

Eugene W. Peterson returned this forenoon from Clarendon where he was engaged to sing the bass solos in the part of "Herod" in the rendition of "The Coming of the King," by Dudley Buck, under the direction of Frederick Herrmann, musical director of the Clarendon College. There were seventy voices in the chorus and the solo parts were taken by Misses Ross and Williams and Messrs. Martin and Peterson.

This was the first annual rendition of Oratorio by the Clarendon Choral Club and a great deal of credit is due Mr. Herrmann for the successful performance of this beautiful Christmas cantata. The attendance was very large, and included practically every lover of music in that city.

Mr. Peterson is authority for the statement that the event of last evening marks the beginning of an annual festival of song by the Choral club in Clarendon, and he predicts that its influence for good upon the musical talent of the college, the city and surrounding country will be far reaching.—Daily Panhandle.

Sunday Drug Service.

Owing to the fact that people want medicine on Sunday the same as week days you will always find someone at our store to fill your prescriptions. Our specialty—Careful prescription work.

FLEMING & BROMLEY.

An Amarillo butcher bought four cow buffaloes from Col. Chas. Goodnight and butchered them for the Christmas trade, a portion of the meat being shipped to various parts of the state. The animals netted better than 700 pounds and brought Mr. Goodnight 18c per pound, besides \$100 for each hide and \$50 each for the heads. The total amount derived from the four animals was about \$1400.

Music Class.

I will resume my music class when school re-opens in January, and may be found at my music rooms at residence of Mrs. Woodward. I solicit your patronage.

WINNIE FISHER.

Strayed.

Brand J 8 on left side. Range Salt Fork or JA Range. Reward.

JOHN R. MCNEAL, Claude, Texas.

—Watch my show windows for new things in the holiday line.

W. M. CLOWER.

Citation By Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Donley County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Donley, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon, The Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Company, limited, Sir Francis Charles Clifford, John Eldon Gorst, Lord Baron Bateman, Francis Charles Clifford, Robert Graig, trustees of the said Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Company, limited, Earnest Cooper and J. W. McKinnon, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, in Clarendon, on the first Monday in January, same being the 4th day of January, 1909. File number being 491, then and there to answer the petition of E. W. Bromley, filed in said Court, on the 2nd day of Dec A. D. 1908, against the said Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Company, limited Sir Francis Charles Clifford, John Eldon Gorst, Lord Baron Bateman, Francis Charles Clifford, Robert Graig, trustees of the said Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Company, limited, Earnest Cooper, Liquidator and receiver for said company and J. W. McKinnon, and alleging in substance follows to-wit:

Plaintiff for a cause of action herein alleges that heretofore to-wit, on or about November 20th, 1908, he was lawfully seized and possessed of five certain tracts of land, situated in Donley county, Texas, holding the same in fee simple. That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants above named, unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected this plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage in the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000.00). That the premises so entered upon and unlawfully withheld from the plaintiff by said defendants, as aforesaid, is described as follows:

- Section No. 9, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 2-246 G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.
- Section No. 47, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 1-136, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.
- Section No. 11, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 2-247, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.
- Section No. 31, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 1-128, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.
- Survey No. 53, Block No. C3, Certificate No. 5, D. & P. Ry. Co., containing 320 acres.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment for the title and possession of lands above described, and for writ of Restitution and cost of suit.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in Clarendon, this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1908.

Attest: WADE WILLIS, Clerk District Court Donley Co., Texas.

Taft and Prosperity.

One store building, 50x100 feet, the Carroll building. A first class investment.

The Mrs. Tombs farm one mile from town, 154 acres, first-class good improvements, on public road, must sell quick.

Come to my office and look these matters over. I will make you some interesting figures.

J. J. ALEXANDER, Exclusive agent.



MERRY Xmas

THE CLARENDON BAKERY has more good, fresh candy than any house in the entire county. We wish to call your attention to our

Fancy Package Candies

We have them just from the factory and can please you both in quality and price. We wish to mention a

special package for sale by us only—"The Vassar Supreme"—which we personally guarantee to be the very best grade of Chocolate Creams ever brought to Clarendon; it will cost you \$1.00 per pound package, but nuff sed! Large stock of 25c per pound. Our old standby, the "Homeade" at 25c per pound. Penny Candies without limit, Nuts, Fruits, and the largest line of Fireworks in town. In fact we can fill the children's stockings.

Fresh Fruit Cake, that is fruit cake, at 35c per pound; a nice medium grade at 25c. Small Cakes and Pies at all times. We can please you in quality, in price and fair treatment. Would advise all our customers to order their supplies early and avoid the Christmas Eve rush.

Yours for a Happy Xmas,

THE CLARENDON BAKERY

JNO. F. TAX.

Delinquent Tax Notice.

The State of Texas } County of Donley } To all persons owning, having or claiming any interest in the following described lands, lots and blocks of land situated in the town of Clarendon in Donley county, Texas, delinquent to the state of Texas, and Donley county, for taxes to-wit:
Lot 4 in Block 146, which is delinquent for State Taxes 51c and County Taxes 74c
Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 105 which are delinquent for state taxes \$1.57 and county taxes \$2.27
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 30 which are delinquent for state taxes \$1.02 and county taxes \$1.37
Lots 3 and 4 in block 91 which are delinquent for state taxes 95c and county taxes \$1.35
Lots 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 11 and 12 in block 530 which are delinquent for state taxes \$2.06 and county taxes \$3.28
Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in block 11 which are delinquent for state taxes \$3.09 and county taxes \$5.04
Lots 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 533 which are delinquent for state tax \$1.47 and county taxes \$2.08
Lots 5 and 6 in block 155 which are delinquent for state taxes \$1.02 and county taxes \$1.46
Lots 10, 11, 12 in block 65 which are delinquent for state taxes \$4.69 and county taxes \$7.64

And you are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the state for the collection of said taxes and you are hereby commanded to appear and defend said suit at the January term A. D. 1909 of the District court of Donley county and state of Texas and show cause why judgment shall not be rendered condemning said land and lots and ordering sale and foreclosure thereof for said taxes and cost of suit.

Witness: Wade Willis, Clerk of the District court of Donley County, Texas, and the seal of said court this 7th day of December, 1908.
WADE WILLIS, Clerk of the District court of Donley county, Texas.

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HOLIDAY

GREETING

A MERRY CHRISTMAS to one and all, and a happy and prosperous year in 1909, is our heart wish. Our holiday trade has been fully up to our expectations, and we met the requirements of our trade nicely. Our stock is not depleted, however, and it will in the future, as in the past, be complete at all times. Belated holiday shoppers will find what they want here.

For the new year we solicit your business. We want your watch repairing and your optical work also, and will always guarantee satisfaction.

Yours truly,

W. M. Clower
Jeweler, Watch Repairer, Optician

THE BON TON WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

And hopes that this gladsome holiday season will bring you plenty of good cheer and happiness. May 1909 prove the best year you have ever had in every respect.

This week we are offering big bargains in what is left of our holiday stock. If there is anything you have overlooked buying in holiday goods call and see if it is here; if it is you can have it mighty cheap.

The Bon Ton
F. TRESISE
PROP.

THEIR EVE OF NOEL

BY
Virginia Leilia Wentz

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"MERCI, monsieur!" cried the congerge as he cheerfully took the silver coin. "A happy Noel, monsieur?" Lansing Drake entered the little impasse on the broad Avenue du Maine shaking his shoulders, for his back ached. He had been working at the Louvre for five steady hours—till the very last fraction of light held out. Why not? What part had he in the festivities of these happy French people? Was not he one of the homeless ones, separated by the width of an ocean from his family?

In his studio apartment he threw himself on a divan with a pipe and a Journal Amusant. But the Journal was full of allusions to the season, and somehow he sighed. The eve of Noel—Christmas eve! It had been the very best time of the year over there in his dear southern home. What were they doing now? Getting the things ready for the trees and tying up the wreaths of holly with red ribbon, and hanging a branch of mistle-oh, pshaw, what right had he to think of such things tonight?

A clatter of sabots across the flagstone court—the small daughter of the congerge fetching water from the common tap; from the Boulevard Montparnasse the toot of a St. Philippe du Route train and then sil-

then the window was lifted. She threw out some crumbs to some cold looking sparrows. The last rays of the winter sun touched the fine, white parting that separated the burnished waves of hair.

If he only dared speak to her! She might misjudge him before he had a chance to show his intentions. But he would do it. He would seize the moment while this fit of madness lasted and speak to her. In saunter mood his courage might be unequal to it. He hurried out of the room and stood, hat in hand, in the court close to her window.

"I am your neighbor across the way, mademoiselle," he said. "It is a month since I first saw you, and I've been wanting to know you so much, so much. I have no means of obtaining an introduction, and at the risk of your displeasure and your scorn I have ventured to speak to you tonight, to tell you how the little Christmas carol you sang just now somehow flew straight to a fellow's heart and made him think of home and all the old familiar joys of the season."

He held out a card. His hand shook a trifle. But the girl did not notice. She was looking at him steadily, after the first start of surprise, the color coming and going in her cheeks. But in her eyes was no fear, no displeas-



IF HE ONLY DARED SPEAK TO HER!

lence. Drake was pecking up his paper again when—

The stars lay on the ground:
The stars shone bright—

Ah, it was the quaint old English carol, with its liquid, sweet melody, which he'd learned at his mother's knee, and it was the American girl across the court who was singing it:

When Christ our Lord was born
On Christmas night.

No wonder the tears came to his eyes. That particular carol and that particular girl made up a combination to which he was a bit sensitive if the truth had been dragged from him. Just that very morning he had written home:

"There's a little American girl opposite. I don't even know her name, but the mere sight of her keeps me straight. She's all alone, and she's evidently studying music. As for her singing, she has the most beautiful voice the good God ever saved from a lost violin, a voice to make you pray, little mother, to turn your laughter to tears, to turn your tears to laughter."

From the day when he had first seen her, watering her geraniums on the sill, the window across the court yonder had become a sort of shrine. And at each new glimpse of her an unformed prayer of thanks surged up within him that a creature so lovely had been sent by heaven to keep the word "gentleman" stainless, to make it a thing to strive for and to take a cleanly comfort in.

She was a stranger too. It was a bond between them. Tonight perhaps she was suffering like him from homesickness and loneliness. How soon he could make her forget all that! They could have a revel of their own and a jolly little supper, laughing together in sheer happiness of a mutual understanding of the Christmas spirit abroad. Unchaperoned? What would they need of a chaperon, they two—two toilers for the sake of art, comrades in arms made equal in rank by the blessed chance of being both strangers in this wonderful old Paris?

There was a moving gleam of something behind the geraniums, yonder. The cheesecloth curtains stirred, and

ure, rather the expectancy of an explorer who, venturing far, finds the present good, though that to come be unknown.

Presently they went out and hailed a fiacre.

"Where shall it be?" asked Drake. "Laure's? Voist's? Peter's? No, I have it. Marguery's."

So they drove to Marguery's, and Drake ordered a bouillabaisse (to be quite reasonable) and a langouste mayonnaise and a bird and some sweets.

They had a very jolly little supper indeed and no end of amusement watching the merry looking French people at the tables, all devouring bouillabaisse and other nice things.

"And to think," cried the girl as the clock struck 11, shivering with pretended alarm, "that I'm sitting here at this hour, unchaperoned, in a French restaurant—with a man who hasn't even been conventionally introduced!"

"Don't!" cried Drake abruptly. "Come! We must be going home. It is a bit late."

She was silent while they left Marguery's and hailed a fiacre. Then she broke out in a queer little voice that was low and tremulous:

"I think you must have a sister. You take such good care of a girl."

The fiacre rolled into the glare of an overhead arc light, and he saw her looking at him with a half mysterious, half divine gratitude.

"Please don't do that," he answered in a hushed voice. Something inside him was pounding furiously. Something at his temples beat and throbbled.

"Don't do what?"

"Look like that."

She not only looked like that, but more so.

"Young man, young man," laughed she, with mock warning, "I fear you are wishful of turning a girl's head."

"The Lord be good to me!" he broke out, his pent-up passion of dreams rushing to his lips now that the barrier fell. "Don't you see it's because I—well, I'd hoped to pass the evening without telling you that I loved you—that's why I was hurrying you home."

I told you a little while ago it was your friendship I wanted. I was wrong."

She made no answer, but stretched out her little gloved hand to him, then drew it back quickly unnoticed, a singular smile on her lips.

"You've known me for a few hours only," he went on in a steady voice, "and I understand what you think of me for speaking like this. If I had known you for years and had waited and had the right to speak and keep your respect"—His steadiness did not carry him to the end of his sentence.

Then she laughed joyously, delicately.

"You are mistaken," she said. "I have known you for years. I used to chum with your sister Gertrude at school, and you used to come down from your university, and we'd take walks. And we went up to all the meets to see you run, and you used to win. You called her your 'kid sister' and me 'the other kid,' and you kissed me once. You've forgotten the little girl who stood silent in corners and looked at you with wide eyes. But I couldn't forget. I used to have Gertrude write me all about you till she married that missionary and went to live in China. And then I had your photograph—the one in your track suit."

"And just to think for a whole month now you've been living opposite to me, across the court, and I never knew it! Ah, Lanse, I've felt for years you would come to me, and when I saw you tonight my first impulse was to stretch out both hands and be so glad, so glad. At once, though, I saw you'd forgotten, so I determined not to tell you who I was. I wanted you to recall. When I spoke of your having a sister just now I tried to make you recall, but I'm glad you didn't, because it's me, all me, as I am, that you love, and it's so good that way."

A little later through the frosty air the midnight bells of Noel rang out clear. Then at the last, very softly, from a darkened room across the court, Lansing Drake heard a verse of the old Christmas carol he had sung at his mother's knee:

The snow lay on the ground;
The stars shone bright—

He bowed his head in his hands for the great gift that had come to him—

When Christ our Lord was born
On Christmas night.

Mother's Coronation Day.

That first Christmas was the mother's coronation day. Each recurring Christmas perpetuates the memory of her "Coronation." In public and in private celebrations of it hers should be the central figure. Solemn gladness akin to the Creator's satisfaction in his "very good" work should fill her soul.

In Mr. Harrison S. Morris' beautiful poem, "Incarnation," we read—how a laborer, laden with "a tray of tools, a timbered frame," walked in the sunshine through a city street.

Not know that out of myriads one
Beside him saw a shadow run
That clasped the centuries in its shade.

But, like a loving spirit, there,
In even footfall at his side,
A shadow walked the pavement wide
With bended head and humble pride
And angled cross afloat the air.

It was as if the dateless sun
Forgot the years, the far abode,
And, lo, upon the sordid road
The cross worn Nazarean trode,
Holding the journey never done.

Every mother who holds her baby in her arms repeats, unconsciously or consciously, the story of the Incarnation. The blended shadow "clasps the centuries," past, present and to come, and eternity itself "in its shade."—Marion Harland in Independent.

The Navy's Christmas.

Christmas in the regular navy is observed as one of the big holidays of the year. Starting off with a grand dinner in the middle of the day, discipline is from then on relaxed, and the fun is fast and furious till sundown, and often the evening is enlivened by amateur theatricals. The vessel is gaily decorated with bunting, and at each mast-head and at the bow and stern green trees are lashed if procurable.

Self Help.

Dashaway—Well, Uncle Jasper, how are you getting on with your Christmas dinner?

Uncle Jasper—Fust rate, sah. Colonel Winterblossom done give me a present of a fine fat turkey, sah.

Dashaway—That's very strange, I just left the colonel, and he didn't say anything about it.

Uncle Jasper—No, sah. He's got to count dem turkeys fust.

When Mistletoe Was Banned.

Because of its association with pagan rites the mistletoe was for centuries forbidden a place in English church decorations at Christmas, and it was not even mentioned in old rhymes until the seventeenth century. In Herlick's time, although the holly and ivy had for two centuries previous been the subjects of various poetical effusions.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

Crawford—I thought you were perfectly delighted with the Christmas present your wife gave you.

Crabshaw—At that time I didn't know she'd had it charged.

How It Was Done.

She—The idea! And we weren't even standing under the mistletoe!

He—No, I did that sub rosa!—Brooklyn Eagle.

In Christmas Land.

Mistletoe just overhead—
Touch one spray above!
Holly berries just as red
As the lips of Love.
Christmas skies of blue and gray,
Heaven in bright view,
And the sweetest gift today
Just the lips of you!

GOOD THINGS

Our ten days Dry Good Cash Sale brought to our store most of our old friends and customers and many new ones. For the few remaining days of 1908, we have many bargains left, and to those who did not get to value the Cost sale we will say: Come in and let us show you the good things we have left, which will surely appeal to the prudent buyer, on the recent rush, some one may feel that they were neglected, or did not get sufficient attention. If so we wish to assure you that we did our best with the limited help at our disposal, and that we did the very best we could to serve all, Courteously and impartially.

MARTIN-BENNETT CO.



Holiday Greetings

At this happy holiday season we take this means of extending to the people of Donley county the season's greetings, with best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. During the coming year we hope to become better acquainted with each of you, and we are quite frank in stating that we want your grocery business during 1909. We feel that we shall be able to handle your account as satisfactorily as it was ever handled by any other Clarendon firm, always making our goods and prices come up to a satisfactory basis in every respect. We want your January account call and see us and let us start off the new year as good friends and business associates.

Yours Truly,

E. M. OZIER
GROCER
Successor to Smith & Thornton

Citation By Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Donley County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Donley, if there be a newspaper published in said county, (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published) for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon, The Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Company, limited, Sir Francis Charles Clifford, John Eldon Gorst, Lord Baron Bateman, Francis Charles Clifford, Robert Graig, trustees of the said Clarendon Land Investment & Agency Company, limited, Earnest Cooper and J. W. McKinnon, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court, at the next regular term thereof, in Clarendon, on the first Monday in January, same being the 4th day of January, 1909. File number being 491, then and there to answer the petition of E. W. Bromley, Plaintiff for a cause of action herein

WE CAN'T HELP IT!

If people come from our sister cities to buy goods from us. You know people are sorter curious about "the almighty dollar." They always want one hundred cents worth of goods when they part with it; and do you blame them? It's a duty man owes to himself to buy goods where his dollar goes the furthest. That's why people come so far to trade with The Cash Store at Hedley. It's a business proposition.

It Pays

Our sales this week have surpassed all previous records. Do you know why? It is easily answered. It pays to trade at

The Cash Store
At Hedley, Texas.
O. H. Britain
Prop.

alleges that heretofore to-wit, on or about November 20th, 1908, he was lawfully seized and possessed of five certain tracts of land, situated in Donley county, Texas, holding the same in fee simple. That on the day and year last aforesaid, defendants above named, unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected this plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withholds from plaintiff the possession thereof, to his damage in the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000.00) That the premises so entered upon and unlawfully withheld from the plaintiff by said defendants, as aforesaid, is described as follows:

Section No. 9, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 2-246 G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.

Section No. 47, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 1-149, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.

Section No. 11, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 2-247, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.

Section No. 31, Block No. C7, Certificate No. 1-128, G. C. & S. F. Ry. Co., containing 640 acres.

Survey No. 53, Block No. C3, Certificate No. 5, D. & P. Ry. Co., containing 320 acres.

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment for the title and possession of lands above described, and for writ of Restitution and cost of suit.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in Clarendon, this 2nd day of December, A. D. 1908.

Attest: WADE WILLIS,
Clerk District Court Donley Co., Texas.

Amity.

One more civil battle fought in Clarendon and victory by majority of 21 declared in favor of the sewer and progress. This was a double argument, two sided. In all such questions of finance and health, demands that those who pay the money should have their day in court. I think the reasons pro and con, for and against, were considered in the press, on the street, in places of business. Strong men were on either side; friends of the town and progress were against the enterprise and the small majority showed the strength of the opposition, but in my opinion the affirmative was the stronger.

Evidently the schools—the public school, the seminary and the college, ought to be considered.

One case of typhoid fever would send numbers of students home and seriously demoralize those who remained.

The fact after declaring that the city needed sanitation then the system had to be carried thru or Clarendon would be declared non-progressive. One case of typhoid and the judgment pronounced against the opposition, then the state normal school would have been lost to us for it was said the people declared we needed a sewerage and failed to put it in. This state school, as we understand will cost us no more, except the grounds for the building, than those towns that do not get the institution. The action just taken by Clarendon, will tell to all our neighbors, near and far, that our beautiful little classic city joins in the procession of progress.

Then had we failed in this enterprise we should doubtless have failed in the next. That is the course of nature so we may expect to succeed in our next enterprise.

Here is the right place for the state normal. Amarillo is too high, Childress too low, but Clarendon, with her shady city, splendid water, fine people and 2700 feet above the sea, is just right.

AN OLD RESIDENT.

Harwood Beville, reporter extraordinary of the Galveston-Dalla News, is at home from Houston.

Big Sale Still On

And will continue till Jan. 1st. House full of bargains in Dry Goods, Books, Shoes, Clothing, Etc. Just received a fine line of PETERS SHOES, the best shoe made, and which will be our leader. Come to us for bargains.

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RHEUMATISM

Flower Language Post Cards—a Series of 12 Free to You

Do you know the meaning of the flower language? Can you read the message of the flowers? If you are a lover of souvenir post cards this series will appeal to you. You may have this set of beautiful flower cards; you may have them absolutely free and prepaid if you will send me only 10 cents for a four month trial subscription to the Southern Agriculturist. These post cards are strictly high class. Each card represents a beautiful scenic view and has the meaning of the flower language worked out most beautifully in flower mottoes and floral designs. To illustrate, in this series the poppies spell out the words "I dream of thee," the lilies "pence," the city's anthem "I love you," the violets "faithfulness," etc. You won't be disappointed because these cards are really different from the ordinary kind and are novel in design and attractive in appearance. These cards are taken from real paintings, and are reproduced on excellent coated paper that is waterproof and not easily soiled. Write to me personally to-day and I'll lose no time in sending them to you—charges prepaid. Remember this also; every one that answers promptly gets a pleasant surprise. Don't forget to ask about it. My supply of cards is limited, so do not delay. D. R. OSBORNE, Nashville, Tenn.

First Monday In Clarendon

Clarendon business people are pleased to make announcement that they have arranged for "First Monday" features, the 2nd day of which will be the

First Monday in January

An Auctioneer has been secured and auction sales will be a feature of the First Monday Days. Free wagon yard accommodations for the coming date at Drew's wagon yard, where you will be welcome. Everybody come to Clarendon on First Monday, Jan. 4

Business Men's Committee

A WOMAN'S INFLUENCE.

Effect It Produced on Her Husband's Business Affairs.

A delegation of young men lately waited on their employer's wife with the oddest request on record. "You see, madam," said the spokesman, "we want to have a half holiday every Saturday. Now, if you will be particularly nice to Mr. Page for a few days we'll go to him and ask—"

"Gentlemen," the lady haughtily interrupted, "do you imply that I do not understand what is due to my husband?"

"Oh, I know all about it, madam," the spokesman went on, "I'm married myself. Things go wrong in the house, and you're tired and cross at breakfast. Then we suffer at the office. You stay up late to chaperon your daughter at a ball, and we have more trouble at the office. You're a bit cross three mornings in succession for one reason or

another, and we have a terrible time at the office.

"You see how the matter stands and how gentle you will oblige us by being more than usually agreeable to Mr. Page for three or four days. The fourth day give him the best breakfast you can—everything that he likes best—and we'll get what we want in three minutes."

"Talk about a woman having no influence in the business! Why, the humor she's in has more effect than a bank failure or a boom in trade."

She thought she ought to be angry, but instead she laughed and agreed to the proposition, and four days later when they waited on the head of the firm he made the closing hour 12 o'clock and said never in the history of the firm had things run as satisfactorily as they had during the last four days.—London Tit-Bits.

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BIG PROHIBITION RALLY

Superintendent and Chairman Report
Plans Maturing Nicely for a
Big Day on the 31st.

The superintendent and chairman of the Ballotless Legion are congratulating themselves upon the hearty co-operation of every body in Clarendon with them in the preparation for Prohibition Day and night, Dec. 31st.

Every body with one accord, whether for or against, has assisted when asked, thus making the plans an assured success.

The pastors have agreed to give one sermon on Sunday to temperance work in their respective churches.

The Band Boys have kindly agreed to play for us both that day and night.

Mr. Trent has tendered us the Opera House for that night. This being the busiest season of the year we doubly appreciate this, knowing that it could have been easily engaged to a paying company.

Mr. McCrae has furnished the paper for the cartoons, while Miss Anna Talley, a talented artist will draw them. They will be on display both that day and night.

Mr. Peables, our talented townsman, will give us a short address in his best style.

The very best talents in the churches are getting up music and recitations.

The wee tots in all the churches have been faithfully practicing their song. Our very prettiest and best girls will be on hand Thursday to tag you for prohibition.

And last but not least, the Banner-Stockman and Chronicle have given us the use of their columns. With such free

heartedness could any adventure be a failure?

We ask that the young ladies, who will assist in tagging, decorating, etc., will meet the superintendent at the M. E. church, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Every lady who can be asked to be at the court house yard at 2:30 to be in the parade led by the band. And now for a long pull, a strong pull, a pull all together for

"TEXAS DRY IN 1909."

Music by the band.

1. Chorus: Texas Going Dry: By primary children of all the churches.

2. Short address: T. H. Peables.

3. Rec. "Lament of Inebriate." Miss Mabel Smith.

4. Quartet: Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?

5. Rec. "There Will Be No Saloons In Heaven"—Laura Pace.

6. "Will You Give Your Boy?"

7. Rec. "The College Oil Can"—Lola Lacy.

8. Chorus, For the Stainless Flag We Shout.

9. "The Toast"—Jean Bigham.

10. Quartet: The Drunkard's Child.

11. A musical Monolog—Father Dear Father, come Home with me now.—Master De Witt Dunn.

12. Quartet—These Temperance Folks do crowd us awfully.

13. Short play—"Ten Nights in a Bar Room."

14. Tableau in five scenes.

Watch for the cartoons. Every body invited.—No admittance.

—Lemonade, Grape Float, Vigoral, Beef Tea, Clam Bouillon, Tomato Bouillon—these are the new hot drinks at the Bon Ton.

Call for them. ff

Miss Susie Fowler of Duncan, Okla., came Wednesday to attend the Bourland-Condron wedding and visit her friend, Miss Mary Bourland, who is at home for the holidays.

Seed Oats.

I have for sale at my barn in town red rust proof seed oats, free from weed and Johnson grass seed. 75c per bushels

G. W. ASHER.

PANHANDLE TOP HOGS

Load of Porkers from Wheeler County
Top the Fort Worth Market
Last Thursday.

It is getting to be a common item in the Ft. Worth papers about Panhandle hogs topping that market. There is rarely a day that the Panhandle does not supply from one to a dozen cars of hogs for Fort Worth, and it is getting to be recognized that this is "THE" hog country of Texas. The Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter says:

W. G. Mayfield was here Thursday from Wheeler county accompanying a shipment of a load of good 187-pound hogs that topped the market at \$5.65. The hogs were raised and fattened by one of Mr. Mayfield's neighbors and well represented the possibilities of that county in the line of pork production. Mr. Mayfield is quite enthusiastic over the hog proposition in the Panhandle country and with his partner, J. T. Crime, has secured a section of Wheeler county land near the town of Shamrock, which he intends to hog fence and plant in hogs, corn and alfalfa. These three crops, he says do as well there as any place on earth and he believes there is no money making combination that will beat them. Settlers are coming in fast, Mr. Mayfield saying that no less than an average of three immigrant cars a week for the last two or three months having been unloaded at Shamrock alone.

Mrs. C. E. Thornton and children left Tuesday to spend the holidays at Greenville with her sister, Mrs. Emmett McCombs.

THE Childress Index reprints our editorial of two week ago concerning bank deposits and diversification, without comment. A delicate way, we take it, of impressing upon the minds of Childress county farmers the benefits of diversification.

AND now it's a four-story hotel for Childress. The Plainview "skyscraper" will take a back seat.

THE Christmas edition of the Randall County News was the prettiest paper coming to our exchange table last week. It was also about the best. Editor Aubrey Terrill is "going some," and the patronage being accorded him by his business people is of the class and volume which makes a newspaper man eager to do his dead level best for his town.

THE town of Hereford is thoroughly illustrative of the general push and progress of Panhandle towns. They are building a \$15,000 depot, a \$20,000 sewer system, a \$16,000 church, \$75,000 worth of new residences, \$10,000 worth of street improvements, ten miles of new sidewalks and forty miles of railroad, and last week petitions were started looking to a bond issue of \$75,000 for a new court house. Let the Panhandle grow!

W. G. Egerton, of Middlewater was here Tuesday.

Rev. G. S. Hardy, of Plainview, was here the first of the week.

Homer Mulkey, the "big brother" of all Panhandle photographers, returned the first of the week from Shamrock where he had a nice week's business.

Wanted To Rent.

A good place with teams furnished or would work by the month. Not afraid of work. Apply at this office. 10-21

Notice, Children.

All the primary children of the various Sunday schools in the city are requested to meet Mrs. Florence Williams at the Methodist church next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to make preparation for their part in the big Prohibition Rally to be held on Thursday, the 31st.

Married.

This seems to be a "Marry Christmas" with some. The Banner-Stockman finds itself short of help as a result. Miss Maryan Barnett, one of our "angels," acquired a piece of personal property on last Sunday morning, and has taken unto herself a "worse" half. Mr. Henry Parke is the fortunate man.

Miss Barnett has our best wishes and we congratulate Mr. Parke upon winning such a prize in the "matrimonial market." May their married life be strewn with the blessings that cannot in reason fail to be the portion of a household which has such an altogether lovely character as Miss Barnett at its head.

The Missouri Girl contain all the elements that go to make up an enjoyable evening's entertainment. A good strong plot with intensely interesting dramatic situations, novel specialties, peculiar dances, the very best scenic and mechanical stage effects, and the most ludicrous situations ever seen in one play. The company is the pick of the profession no "sticks" to bore you, but every one an artist in his line. This attraction will be seen at Opera House, Dec. 26.

FOUND—Boy's school coat. Gloves, pencil, etc.; in pockets. Owner can have same at this office by paying 25c for this adv.

—W. C. Cottrell, bricklayer and plasterer, Clarendon, Texas. ff

Failed to Relieve.

On the mighty deep.
The great ocean liner rolled and pitched.

"Henry," faltered the young bride, "do you still love me?"

"More than ever, darling!" was Henry's fervent answer.

Then there was an eloquent silence.

"Henry," she gasped, turning her pale, ghastly face away, "I thought that would make me feel better, but it doesn't."

LOST—A suit case filled with ladies' wearing apparel. Also a slicker. Thought to have been lost between town and M. T. Howard's ranch. Finder will please return to Joe Hope or to this office.

The Missouri Girl is a guaranteed attraction, and the theater manager is instructed to refund the money if there is anything advertised that is not performed to the letter. The claim that it is the best domestic comedy ever written has never been disputed. The production of the play in this city will be the equal of any ever given. Not a line or a scene cut out, and not a bad actor in the cast. Opera House, Saturday, Dec. 26.

An Open Letter.

By President Slover to the patrons of Clarendon College, and the citizenship of Clarendon.

I want to thank everyone who has patronized or assisted the school in anyway. It has been largely through the loyal support of Clarendon citizenship that the school has been able to attain its present standard of merit. The enrollment for this year is already considerably beyond that for the whole of last year. The second term, which begins next Tuesday, will find us in better condition by far than ever before to do first-class work. Several classes will be divided, and every effort will be made to have by far the best term the school has ever had. I want to say to everyone who may have been kept away during the first term on account of the incomplete condition of the building that they need not hesitate on account of this longer, as we are nearing completion of what is to be done before summer, and we are not only comfortably housed, but have one of the best equipped buildings in the country. We think we can not only give you your money's worth in first-class training at your own door, but by patronizing us you will assist an institution that stands for the development of Clarendon in every way. It is my purpose as far as practical to let every interest of the town reap in the proceeds of the school, regardless of any denominational line, as I feel that the school is broader in its scope of work and sympathy. I want to express my appreciation of the confidence of the business men of the town, and in their loyal sup-

port in all things material. If you will continue to give us your patronage, your financial support, your confidence, and your prayers, few of us have yet realized what it is possible for us to do.

GEO. S. SLOVER.

—Hot drinks at The Bon Ton. ff
—Show up in front of my show window. Clower. ff

—Our school shoes are guaranteed. Rathjen's Shoe Store. ff

—Don't send away for odd sizes and extra weights in doors when H. W. Kelley will manufacture them for you at home, saving you the freight. ff

According to Training.

The traveler belonged to the "et-fete civilization of the east," and when the unmistakable odor of sauerkraut permeated the atmosphere of the Little Pennsylvania Inn where he had halted for his midday meal he was first perturbed and then irritated beyond measure by the smell, says the author of "Old Schuykill Days."

"Sauerkraut Ugh!" he shuddered, with an indignant glance at the venerable Dutch landlord, who was nodding over his pipe in a corner of the room. "How anyone can eat sauerkraut I cannot see. I'd as lief eat dirt as to eat sauerkraut."

The landlord stirred in his chair. "Well," he began, without opening his eyes, "that is just as you were brought up. If you were brought up to eat sauerkraut you eat sauerkraut. If you were brought up to eat dirt you eat dirt."—Youth's Companion.

ROBERT SAWYER,

P. O. Texas.
Range on Salt Fork in Donley county.
Mark—Underlope left ear.

T. S. BUGBEE.

P. O. Clarendon, Texas.
Ranch in Donley and Armstrong counties.
MARK—Right ear pointed.

Additional Brands
Right Side | Left Shoulder
Right Side | T7 Right Side | T Left Shoulder
C Right Side | T C Right Side

Cost Sale on Holiday Goops

Notwithstanding our trade on Holiday Goods was exceptionallp good we still have on a large quantity of goods which we do not wish to carry over another season. Some of the lines are almost complete and assortment unbroken. To move these goods at once we will make absolute COST PRICE ON ENTIRE STOCK from this date till Jan. 1st. This is an opportunity the wise buyers will heed. Buy New Year's Presants at cost. We haue bargains you cannot ovetlook.

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The Prescription Druggist, who wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Beginning December 23

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Watch This Space Next Week

Christmas
1908

THE SEASON'S GREETING

NEW YEAR
1909

We have had one of the best years during 1908 of our long business career in Clarendon, and extending the season's greetings to our long list of friends and customers we wish to thank you at the same time for making our business what it has been. During 1909 we hope to have a still larger clientage, and as heretofore we will do our best to give satisfaction. We trust that to every home in the Clarendon country the true spirit of Christmas cheer will come and abide therein. We wish you a



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AND
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

H. W. TAYLOR & SONS

EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE AND FURNITURE

—N. W. Hatchett wants to buy your calf. tf

R. P. Yancey visited friends in Amarillo Sunday.

—A Merry Christmas to one and all. E. M. Ozier, exclusive grocer.

Elder E. Dubbs visited Col. Chas. Goodnight at his home at Goodnight Sunday.

—Don't miss the 20 per cent cut on watches and jewelry at Stockings store from now till Jan. 1st, '09. 2t

Little Miss Amoree Morgan accompanied Miss Edith Gorrison to Dallas last week to spend the holidays.

—Twenty per cent discount on solid gold or gold filled watches and jewelry bought at Stocking's jewelry department from this date to January first, '09. 2t

—Car of new, fresh oats just in at Young's. tf

Ed Leitbauer, of Amarillo, was here Sunday.

—Try a hot drink at the Bon Ton these cold mornings. All the latest and best. tf

J. B. Robinson, an old time Clarendon railroad man, has moved back here to make his home, having quit the road.

—Feed your girl on Bon Ton candy; those new fresh chocolates, fresh from the factory will just suit her. tf

Mrs. Beulah Brothers, of Hutchins, Texas, is here to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Anderson.

—Now is your time to buy yourself, your wife or your sweetheart a fine watch at Stocking's store and save 20 per cent. 2t

—Typewriter supplies, this office. tf

—Shoes for the whole family. Rathjen's Shoe Store. tf

A. F. Warner returned Saturday from a trip to Washington.

Mrs. J. S. Hayter left Wednesday for Seymour to spend the holidays with her parents.

—Another fresh shipment of fine chocolates at The Bon Ton. Both bulk and package goods. tf

A. L. Connally was quite sick Saturday and was detained at home for several days as a result.

—Call and let's get acquainted. E. M. Ozier, the exclusive grocer, grain and feed man.

—Our shoes can't be excelled in quality, style or price. Rathjen's Shoe Store. tf

Mrs. Lucy Lee Gore, of Seymour, came in Monday night for a visit with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Miller.

—See me for extra heavy, odd size doors and all similar work. I make them right here and save you the freight. H. W. Kelley, the machine carpenter. tf

The 12-year-old son of R. E. Williams was thrown from a horse Sunday and rendered unconscious. No serious results followed, however.

—A prosperous 1909 can be better assured if you make up your mind to buy your groceries from E. M. Ozier, successor to Smith & Thornton.

Elder E. Dubbs on Sunday night united in marriage at his home in this city, Mr. T. B. Roberts to Miss Belle Batson, and Mr. J. A. Batson to Miss Margie Woodall. The Banner-Stockman extends congratulations.

Lost—A suit case filled with ladies' wearing apparel. Also a slicker. Thought to have been lost between town and M. T. Howard's ranch. Finder will please return to Joe Horne or to this office.

—Ozier, the only exclusive grocery store in Clarendon, wants your January account.

The best in groceries is what you get if you trade with E. M. Ozier, the new grocer.

—Read the ad of the First National Bank; it will interest you this week. tf

—Misses Catherine and Harriet Chamberlain came in Saturday night from school at Dallas to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Lila McClelland came in from Dallas Wednesday night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McClelland.

Elder E. Dubbs will occupy the pulpit at the Christian church at both hours Sunday. His morning subject will be, "Abide With Us for It is Towards Evening." Everybody welcome.

W. H. White has a bad eye as a result of a stick of wood flying up and striking him in the corner of the eye ball. Dr. Carroll was forced to take a couple of stitches in order to close the gash.

Miss Winnie Fisher left this week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends in East Texas. She will return in time to resume her music class when school re-opens in January.

The National Bank examiner was here last Friday checking up the First National Bank. He took occasion to pay Manager W. H. Patrick a very high compliment on the manner in which the affairs of the institution showed up.

Mrs. H. C. Caylor, who was taken to the hospital at Oklahoma City a few weeks ago, is getting along as well as might be expected and it is thought that she will be able to spend Christmas in her home at Canadian. Dr. Caylor leaves tonight for Oklahoma City for the purpose of bringing her back if she is able for the trip.

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