# THE SLATONITE 

## Is There a Santa Claus

 ..? ?..Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me tie tr
there a Santa Claus?

## Virginia O'H

115 West 95 Street.
Several years ago t
Several years ago the New
York Sun received the above York sun received the and it fell to the lot of Francis P. Church, an editorial writer on the Sun, to answer the
note. His answer has been re note. His answer has been re
printed hundreds of times, and printed hundreds of times, and
each Christmas brings requests each Christmas brings
for it. His reply was:
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been sffected by the skepticism of a
skeptical age. They do not be skeptical age. They do not be
lieve except they see. They lieve except they see. They
think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Vir ginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole - of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! howdreary would be the world

ld be as dreary as if there
no Virginias. There would
childlike faith then, no


## FINANCING RAILROADS

The Fundamental Elements in Securities.
by JULIUS KRUTTSCHNITT, Executive Head of
Southern Pacific
(1) $\begin{aligned} & \text { HE financing of a railroad is is function which the people, } \\ & \text { through their servants, the Rair } \\ & \text { tend }\end{aligned}$ Legislators,
portant problem, especially to sections of a State where new rail-
roads are needed. The placing of securities has been left entirely with the promoter and owner of railroads
shall be immediate determination of what earnings the railroads shall be permitted
it is in the hands of the oth
tors and the Commissioners.
"Managing a railroad is
Managing a railroad is quite different from managing a gov-
tures, for good reasons or otherwise, increase, taxes can be equally increasd. The railroads, while servants of the public, cannot reise money with such ease and facility. The railroads must keep their ex-
penditures within their incomes because while they have some control over their expenditures they have atmost no control over their "There is not a railway man
fearful that under the press of
oot fearful that under the press
portation systems of the country will, inl a few years, hreak down-
Thads are allowed to earn larger funds wherewith to
Vest, where more are vast sections of the country, especially in the iess the railways raise new capital.

People ins capital.
timal as to whether they can make minaey by investing in concerns that are dealt with stringently and unfairly. Railroad securities must may be made more attractive, the roads must be allowed earnings they will enable tyem to meet the increased capital charges."

## Slaton Sanitary Grocery

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A full line of Groceries of the highest quality always found in our establishment. Here you can find plenty of good things with which to grace your table and stock your larder. Tea, Coffee Sugar, Butter, Eggs, Flour, Breakfast Foods, Canned Goods, etc., and all of the purest and best qualities are here at your call, and we deliver all orders promptly and correctly. A full line of choice Crackers and some superior qualities of Cheese. We solicit your custom and promise you satisfaction.


## COMPTON SELIS IWO.STORY CON CREIE BUULDING

## A deal was consumated last

 week by Cap Compton wherein he sold his two-stury concrete puilding in Siaton to J. H. Langford of Honey Grove, Texas, and became the owner of a five-acre irrigated fruit orchard, two houses, some lots, and a cara lat Santa Anna, California.Messrs. Compton and Langford are old friends. The con-
sideration was $\$ 12,000.00 \mathrm{Mr}$ sideration was $\$ 12,000.00 . \mathrm{Mr}$.
Compton is thmatring of moving to his newly acquired California property later, but will remain in Slaton until be has closed other business matters.
The Compton building is occupied by the The Cozy Moving Show, owned by G. W. Guinn; R. M. Moore's Confectionery; a barber shop, a cafe, and a hotel
office on the first floor, and the office on the first floor, and the
second story is given over entiresecond story is given over entire-
ly to hotel rooms. Thos. Brasy to botel rooms. Thos. Bras-
well is proprietor of the barber well is proprietor of
shop, cafe, and hotel.
$\qquad$ Standefer section, and his that's no proof that they are not half miles west of Slaton from emigrant car is expected to arthere. Nobody can conceive or Mr. Klattenhoff, and will move to rive in a few days. This land imagine all the wonders there the land after the holidays. He was recently purchased by W.s. are anseen and unseeable in the will add to the improvements al- Move here. Mr. Miller is the world. You may tear apart the ready on the land. Mr. Rinne fatherinlaw of W. K. Pieree, who baby's rattle and see what new lives in Bell County. is one of our most substantial makes the noise inside, but F, Brinkmeyer, also of Taylor, and suceessful farmers. there is a veil covering the un- has purchased 160 acres adjoinseen world which not the ing Jim Benton's place, six miles strongest man, nor even the west of Slaton, from Mr. Klat-
 strongest men that ever lived, will not get his affairs arranged Mr. Pierce says that there wilt could tear apart. Only faith, at Taylor to move to his Slaton $\begin{aligned} & \text { be several Cooper families move } \\ & \text { to the Slaton country in } 1914 .\end{aligned}$ fancy, poetry, love, romance, land until next winter view and picture the supernal veew and dicture the supernal
beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this
world there is nothing else real

## Hitar Salts of SLITON FARMNG LAND HIIS WNITE

 On and After Jan. 1st Come Prepared Slaton farming land is begin deserves, not alone on account of the wet winter but on account of last year, and the year before, This recognition is selling ou land, bringing families here, an putting new money andblood into the community. blood into the community.
Otto Rinne and family
br, Texas arrived in Slay Tuesday to make their home on the 450 acre farm two miles northwest of town which they recently purchased from M. F.
Klattenhoff. Mr. Rinue will im. prove the land with buildings fences, etc., and will put a larke acreage under cultivation. He will live in Father Jos Reisdorf house in West Slaton until be gets a house built on bis land. Kets Rimne, father of Otto, pir

## BUY FOR CASH

AND PAY LESS!
Notice! will keep no books so please don't ask for credit. Everybody treated the same; the banker will have to pay cash the same as the dollar a day man.

We can sell cheaper by selling for cash, and we make to Pay Cash for What You Buy.

## See our notice elsewhere about the old accounts. We

 are positively going to close our books, so please remember this. Soliciting your continued patronage and wishing you a Happy New Year, we are very truly yours.
## W. R. Hampton.

Monte Dennis was hit on the The Evening Herald is the head by a flying stick of wood name of a daily newspaper while at work in the railroad which will commence publication ards Wednesday night and ser in Plainview on January first. lously injured. Dr. S. H.Adams The Herald plans to be a com took four stitches to close the plete metropolitan newspaper round. pete metropolitan newspaper Panhandle.
Mrs. Albert Arnfield and bady of Fort Sumner, N. M.. joined Ir. Arntield in Slaton Wendes ing house in the W. L. Norman property in South Slaton.

Get a ric at Slaton Livery Barn and beat the auto to- to-well, anywhere. Phone 16.

MUSIC RECITAL
At the School Auditorium on Friday Night, Decomber 19th
Commencing at 7.30 o'clock.
program.
Chorus ...... "You're Welcome If You Keep Right Still" "Pill Pafi"

Francis Hoffman and Dewey Wood
"Shower of Stars

## Margaret Hoffman.

"Marche Lyrique
Op. 44 Carl Koelling
Ruby Hoffman and Katie Brasteld
"Melody of Love"
Op. 600 H . Engleman
Hattie Joplin.
"Ju Ju," Polka
Willie Vermillion and Lily Mae Wood
Solo.
When the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold Mr. A. E. Arntieló
"Glissando Mazurka
Dewey Wood.
"Grace," Petite Valse
Op. 259, Carl Bohm

Hattie Joplin and Lona Sowell.
"Fifth Nocturne
Esther Young
"Sweet and Low"
Op. 52, J. Ley bach

A Lullaby
Messrs. Olive, Arnfield, Weaver, and Page
'Witches Flight"
H. M. Russel

Esther Young and Margaret Hoffman.
Nocturne "Angel's Dream"
Francis Hoffman
Reading
Miss Bertha Proctor
"Charge of the Uhlans"
Op. 213, Carl Bohm "The Garden of Roses

## Chorus

 Margaret Hoffman.

## XMAS SALE

## Say, You!



OW about that printing bb you're in need of?


You cannot separate your life from the expense of living, but you can separate yourself from your money by paying house ent; then why not pay that rent into your own pocket by pur chasing a home on the easy pay have a home paid for. Or if yo in whatever length of time, you could save your rent money for each month you owned the property instead of merely having a worthless receipt for each month's rent. You could no
take home a more appreciative Xmas present than a HOME it self, so I am offering for sale one of the best properties in Slaton, in the original townsite, less than two tlocks from the publir Square. East front, house lathed/and plastered thruont, all frame timbers sixteen inches on
centers, timbers doubled at all openings and contact of walls, outside walls shiplapped and sided, with heavy building paper between, all frames being flush with wails, four large living rooms, large hall, also large bath room, roughed in ready for fix tures, fine large veranda, colonia columns, wide extension gabled roof, solid concrete fonndatio for both outside and cross wallis, and frame anchored to same by boits. Good cased well covered
with conerete platorm, force pump with automatic check to prevent freezing.
This property is as represent ed and will bear the closest in spection. It will te to your interest to investigate same you wish a home.
I have placed this property on the market until January 1st at $\$ 100.00$ cash down and $\$ 25.00$ per month on deferred pay

## The RACE IS ON!



HOW MANY merchandise cards have you placed? Remember that each card traded out means 5,000 extra votes for you. Strike while the iron is hot!

## CIMMONS AND <br> ROBERTSON

Dry Goods and Groceries

MR. ROBERTSON Contest Manager
this X
You can help the Slatonite help Slaton by
C. C. Hoffman
passing along a good word for us.

## The Best

Companion will, as always at this season, present to every sub scriber whose subscription is paid for 1914, a Calendar for the new year. It is a gem of calen dar-making. The decorative mounting is rich, out it is subor produce a calendar that is useful.
M. W. Wright of Dallas,Texas is visiting Mayor R. J. Murray this week.

School adjourned Wednesds
or a two weeks' holiday.
You will find good rigs at the Slaton Livery Barn.

Pay your School Taxes, which are now due, to J, C. Stewart at the Slatonite office

## Stove Made

The VORTEX HOT BLAST stove is the best heater on the market today. Consumes less fuel, has perfect combustion, double regulator draft. You can't afford to buy any other hot blast stove before trying the VORTEX, and you can't afford to buy anything but a hot blast.

Non-Tufted Mattresses
Premium Sanitary Non-Tufted Mattresses, just like a featherbed, with all the comfort and none of the disadvantages. Guaranteed never to lump or roll. Your money back if it fails to give entire satisfaction.

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## EVERY MAN OWES IT

As a Duty to Himself and His Friends to Dress as Well as He Knows How.

oUR $\$ 15 ., \$ 18$., and $\$ 20$. values are most surprising; that is, when you see the act ual values you receive.
For $\$ 25$. up to $\$ 35$. you can get the finest clothes ever made; tailored from the finest of Imported Fabrics and finished with greatest care.
For Cleaning and Pressing and All Kinds of Altering you can get the best work here, either ladies' or men's work.
Come in and give our tailor, Mr. A. E. Arnfield, a trial. We guarantee his work.

## PROCTOR \& OLIVE

GENTS FURNISHING GOODS Slaton

## LOCAL Gossip

Fred Higbee came home fro Plainview, where he is attendin school, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Jordan and son went to Paducah Saturday tives.

Miss Tula Herry came home
from Canyon, where she is a
senior in the Normal, to spend
the holidays with her parents. the holidays with her parents.

If you want repairs for the windmill B. C. Morgan has them from 10 to 14 feet. All extras carried in stock. West Side Square, Slaton

## Have Sledge haul your ex press. Will call for packages and ship them out for you, and will get your express at depot and deliver to you. Phone 16 . <br> § J. G. WADSWORTH <br> Notary Public INSURANCE and RENTALS <br> Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass, Automobile, Accident, Health and Burglary Insurance <br> Office at FIRST STATE BANK Slaton $\therefore$ Texas

## "Don't Walk Your

 Legs Off "Looking" for that Fellow Rrown-The ${ }^{\text {rIICKEST }}$ way to catch him is to sit still and extend your arm just far enough to grasp your

## chen tell "central" you

 ant to talk to Brown rown already." So easy

Try Sledge's oyster shells, grit, or ground bone for your chickens.
${ }^{\text {G. L. Sledge was io Tahoka }}$ Monday on bnsiness.

Mrs. J. F. Spetter and Miss Mary Spetter went to Amarillo Wednesday to visit a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Sewell and Pool Robertson came up from Abilene to spend Christmas at the V Ranch.

Frank Bowles was down from ubbock the first of the week with a Christmas smile and a candidate's grip.

The snow came down Sunday to give Slaton a white Christmas and about four inches fell, equal to a half-inch rain. Real winter weather followed, and the expos ed water pipes froze

For the benetit of those who want the whooping cough receipt given by W. R. Hampton he requests the Slatonite to print it as follows: One third each of steeped together

A week from next Monday night will be the regular time for he installation of officers at the Odd Fellows Lodge. J. G.Wadsworth has been elected N. G.; F.
V. Williams, V. G. P M. Faulk. aer, Secy.: R. A. Baldwin, T. and L. : and H. D. Wood A. P. R.

## Deodalian Club

The Deodalian Club enjoyed another pleasant afternoon at the Brannon home with Mrs. Howercon as the hostess. The afternoon passed indeed too quickly with the chief topic of talk being "Christmas." Music was furnished thruout the afternoon by Miss Spetter and Mrs. Brannon and readings were given by Miss Bert Proctor and Mrs Jordan. After which the guests departed expressing their gratitude to the hostess for the afternoon's peasure
The luncheon consisted of pressed chicken, cranberry jelly tomato salad, hot rolls, pickles cheese balls, and coffee with
whipped cream. The guests in whipped cream. The guests in
cluded Mesdames Paul, Jordan Hudgens, Pace, Braunon, Olive Proctor, Spetter, Young, an Campbell, and the Misses Bert Proctor and Mary Spetter.

## Special Notice!

Everyone indebted to me please call at the store at once and settle. Don't start the New Year in debt so pay up and we'll both start 1914 square. Yours truly,

## First State Bank of Slaton

No. 754
Capital \$15,000.00
*
When times are good have an account with us and when times are hard we will take care of you.

## Guaranty Fund Bank

Bring us your deposits. $\quad$ See us for loans.

A nice crowd enjoyed the mu lass at the high school auditor m Friday night.
In speaking of the home talent play, "Tony, the Convict," the
Slatonite should have given Miss Frankie Vermillion credit for can well be proud that the play was so pleasing a success.

## XMAS SALE

You cannot separate your life from the expense of living, but you can separate yourself from rent; then why pating house into your own pocket by pur chasing a home on the easy pay ment plan, and in a few year ave a home paid for. Or if yo in whatever length of time, you could save your rent money for each month you owned the prop erty instead of merely having a worthless receipt for each takehore more countive
Xmas present than a HOME it
self, so I am offering for sale on of the best properties in Slaton in the original townsite, less than two tlocks from - the publi lathed and plastered thruout, all frame timbers sixteen inches on centers, timbers doubled at all openings and contact of walls, outside walls shiplapped and sided, with heavy building paper between, all frames being flush
with walls, four large living rooms, large hall, also large bath room, roughed in ready for fix tures, fine large veranda, colonial columns, wide extension cabled
roof, solid concrete fonndation roof, solid concrete consuation
for both outside and cross walls and frame anchored to same b bolts. Good cased well covered pump with automatic check to prevent fruezing,
This property is as represent. ed and will bear the closest in. ed and will bear the closest in- dusing the last campaign for the spection. you wish a bome. you wish a bome. the market until January 1st at in Lynn county, which meets $\$ 100.00$ cash down and $\$ 25.00$ the last Monday in February per month on deferred pay. This is the largest damage an ments. Can you afford to lose for libel ever filed in Western this XMAS BARGAIN. See or Texas."
C. C. Hoffman

SLATON Th.YAS Mrs. R. M. Winegar Wednesday
property on called

## R. J. Murray \& Co. <br> For Information <br> About the City of SLATON <br> and the Surrounding Country

Slaton Livery Barn
Good Teams and All Livery Accommodations. We bave for sale at all times -

> Hay, Grain and Feed, Chicken Feed Ground Oyster Shells, etc.

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Slaton Cleaning Works .. DeLong <br> Alterating Cleaning <br> Pressing Dyeing <br> Shine Chair in Connection <br> We Call for and Deliver <br> \begin{tabular}{l|c}
LIBEL SUIT AGAINST C. W. POST \& Wall Paper and <br>
Abilene Reporter: \& Paint Brushes <br>
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| been received by this paper that |
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| Judge S. P. Hardwicke of |
| this city bas been emploved as | \& | For sale; prices very reasonabie. |
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| Come and select your patterns |
| from the stock. |

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E. S. BROOKS PAINTER AND
PAPER HANGER
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