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FORTY INCHES OF RAINFALL FOR 1913

Those who have kept records of the rainfall say that the South Plains has received over twenty inches of rain since Sept. 15th, and nearly 40 inches since Jan. 1st. The fall in some places has been heavier than at others, and it is safe to say that Slaton has had forty inches of rain this year, for this locality seemed to be favored over others.

SOUTH PLAINS NEWS

Interesting Items Picked Up by G. R. Caldwell for the Amarillo Daily News, Retold.

A farmer near Texico raised this year 230 tons of ensilage on 40 acres of land, the ensilage being milo maize, kaffir corn and Indian corn, inclusive. This ensilage had a market value of \$8.00 per ton, which means a money return of \$46 per acre.

A Lubbock county farmer who lately moved to a New Mexico farm took with him some of the mammoth peanuts raised in Lubbock county and reports that he has had a great time in persuading New Mexican farmers that these peanuts were not a new variety of small and early Irish potatoes.

Stock farmer J. B. Posey has sprayed a large number of sows preparatory to market fattening with expectation of most profitable results. Mr. Posey by the way, has been raising Berkshire hogs exclusively, but will entirely replace them with Poland China, as the latter, while a smaller hog are more compact in flesh and are more cheaply fattened.

A Parmer county farmer has a bumper rainfall crop of oats by a new departure in plowing, viz: the throwing up of a double furrow at intervals of 250 or 300 yards and then cross plowing the entire field with a double furrow at about the same interval distance, the result being a checker boarding of the field with interlacing embankments which prevented the running off of the rain water—or in other words, converted rainfall into something very near akin to irrigation itself. This farmer worked his brain as well as his land and the two workers secured 60 bushels of oats per acre.

Business is booming on train 80 of the Lamesa-Tahoka Santa Fe. This train is daily loaded with various and diverse goods, carloads of freight from the grass lands of the Panhandle and Lynn county. It carries with a corner express business, butter and other goods. One late shipment from the Panhandle is 50 live turkeys of average weight

Come in and Look at Santa Claus! He is Here With a Nice Line of TOYS AND DOLLS!



Groceries for Gifts.

Groceries for Gifts at Christmas would be practical and appreciated, especially by poor recipients to whom you wish to show your charity. But our groceries are always acceptable by rich or poor because of their high quality and at lower prices. Come in and we will save you enough money on your bill to buy some one a nice Christmas present. Come in and see us. We will be glad to see you.

SLATON SANITARY GROCERY

—YOU ONLY PAY FOR WHAT YOU BUY, AND AT LOWER PRICES—

"The SANITARY Way is the Only Way."

of 1,480 pounds—these turkeys going forth to furnish the Thanksgiving tables of Sweetwater, Texas.

Several thousand head of cottontail rabbits have already been marketed over this railroad, the rabbits being shot with target rifles and having a selling price to the hunter of 60 cents per dozen—one boy hunter lately bringing into Lamesa \$14 worth of rabbits as the product of a week's hunting.

The purchaser of these rabbits is clearing all shipping expenses by the sale of the rabbit fur after the animals reach their market destination.

Wilson is the commercial seat of a new and flourishing German settlement located between the towns of Slaton and Tahoka—the concerned colonization company

having 25,000 acres of land, several thousand acres being already occupied by German families from the vicinity of Schriener, Southern Texas.

These German Colonists have here made new farm homes which are ideal in thrift, comfort and profit. Fine farm houses and commodious barns have been erected.

These German farmers pay all farm and family living expenses from the products of their poultry yards and milch cows, besides making the farm furnish all of its own pork and beef—or in other words, making all of the actual farm crops represent a velvet money return.

The colonization company will add largely next year to its present German settlement.

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

The News was given a little information the other day which strengthens our belief that the Lamesa-Sterling City gap in the Santa Fe won't be a gap very much longer.—Lamesa News.

Mr. B. O. Cloud, recently of Albany, Tex., is the new manager of the Slaton Lumber Yard, succeeding R. W. Parker, who will be transferred to another yard about the first of January. The Slaton yard was checked over to Mr. Cloud the first of the week. Mr. Parker will remain here until he receives orders to take charge of a yard in another town, announcement of which has not been made yet. The Slatonite welcomes Mr. Cloud to the Wonder City, and feels safe in saying that Mr. Parker's transfer comes as a promotion to a larger office.

AMARILLO STAYS PROHIBITION CITY

By a majority of 161 votes the citizens of Precinct No. 1, Potter county decided Saturday that Amarillo should remain saloonless for another period of two years. Despite the keen weather interest was keen and voting was heavy, a total of 1,434 being cast, not far short of the total qualified voters of the precinct.

The majority for local option in the election held two years ago was 27, the result Saturday showing a marked gain in the dry contingent.

The election was a well ordered one. While interest was keen, the best of feeling prevailed, opponents on the issue meeting and joking during the day while they speculated on results, both factions claiming victory in advance of the closing of the polls.

The voting places were opened at 8 o'clock and in the two city boxes ballot-casters were in evidence all day. For hours the voters stood in line, resembling a box office crowd for a first-night production.

Rejoicing was marked among the winning contingent, but the anti's accepted the result good-naturedly, and congratulated the winners smilingly. The vote was 793 against saloons and 632 for.—Daily News.

C. W. Eddington, master mechanic, received a telegram Saturday to look out for severe cold weather, that the northern districts were having trouble with frozen pipes and subsequently bursted engines. The weather came alright but it didn't reach the severe stage here. Slaton's climate is too moderate for that.

H. F. Meadows and J. M. Peterson this week delivered to A. H. Lindley & Co. 1000 bushels of peanuts, a carload. They netted the growers \$1.05 per bushel. There will be several more carload shipments out of here.—Lamesa News.

The first real winter weather for the Slaton country came Sunday night, when the frost bit into the ground in true winter style. The rains have seemingly ceased for a time and the sunshine is welcomed back again.

AUTO LIVERY at any time, day or night. Ed. Keightley, at Alfalfa Lumber Office.

Are your hens laying? If not try Sledge's chicken feed and oyster shells.

The Rev. J. R. Balch returned Tuesday from a trip to Matador.

Ed. Shopbell returned to Slaton Sunday from Floydada.

Call phone 16 for good prairie hay or alfalfa. Sledge.

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

TO-NIGHT!

"Tony, the Convict"

The Five Act Comedy Drama Home Talent Play Given dedicatory to the opening of the High School Auditorium and for the purpose of furnishing the Auditorium.

This play has been presented in the larger cities and is a thrilling comedy-drama of many possibilities and incidents which will hold your attention every minute.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Tony Warren, the convict.....	A. E. Arnfield
Weary Wayside, his henchman.....	A. L. Talley
Jas. Barclay, villain.....	P. M. Faulkner
Philip Warburton, society leader.....	W. E. Olive
Judge Van Cruger.....	W. H. Weaver
Burrows, prison warden.....	J. H. Teague
Jackson, negro.....	Clarence Olive
Lena, supposed to be the daughter of Van Cruger.....	Miss Bertha Proctor
Mrs. Van Cruger.....	Mrs. I. W. Hudgens
Miss Sedley, old Maid.....	Miss Frankie Vermillion
Sally, servant.....	Miss Susie Talley

SCENES OF THE PLAY.

Act 1.	The Warden's room at Sing Sing.
Act 2.	Van Cruger's country home on the Hudson, six months later.
Act 3.	Parlor in Van Cruger's country house, two days later.
Act 4.	Tony's humble home, six weeks later.
Act 5.	The Judge's home as before, two years later.

Tickets on sale at the Red Cross Pharmacy. Secure your seats early. General admission 25c. Children 15c. Reserved Seats 10c

Curtain Raises Promptly at 7.30 o'clock. Come Early

The auditorium is now seated with comfortable opera chairs, and the splendid scenery is permanently installed on the stage, making this one of the best entertainment rooms in the west, and very attractive.

FREE!

A BEAUTIFUL VERNON PIANO!
A SOLITARE DIAMOND RING!
A HANDSOME SEWING MACHINE!

FREE

We will start a big voting contest and hold a grand opening at our store on . . . **Saturday Dec. 13**

Contest starts promptly at 3 o'clock p. m.
Come and meet your friends. Everybody is expected.

Simmons & Robertson

Dry Goods and Groceries

Slaton, Texas

MR. ROBERTSON, Contest Manager

FOR SALE

I have for sale for the next few days, an improved tract of land practically adjoining the City of Slaton. It lies directly west of the town, on the main Public Highway, fine, high and slightly building location overlooking the entire city and the Santa Fe improvements. Nice walking distance of the Slaton Public School building, churches, and business district, not even too far from the Santa Fe depot, shops, and roundhouse for an employee to walk the distance each day to and from his work.

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C. C. Hoffman

SLATON TEXAS

James Benton of Posey was in town Monday trading with our merchants.

AUTO LIVERY at any time, day or night. Ed. Keightley, at Alfalfa Lumber Office.

H. M. Robertson was in Slaton Monday from his farm across the Brazos, purchasing lumber and a windmill.

Dee Moore, an employee of the Santa Fe at Post, was in Slaton Monday enroute to his home twenty miles west of town.

Pat Whalen attested his faith in the Slaton country last week by purchasing the Thos. Cox farm two miles south of town at a consideration of \$3,000.00.

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The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1914.

The publishers of the Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription is paid for 1914, a Calendar for the new year. It is a gem of calendar-making. The decorative mounting is rich, but it is subordinated to the main purpose to produce a calendar that is useful.

Lightning struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brannon during the storm last Friday afternoon, tearing a hole in the roof, knocking a screen door off its hinges, and setting fire to the building. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Brannon was at home at the time, but several men saw the bolt strike and going to the house put out the blaze before any further damage was done.

The public school auditorium has undergone a wonderful improvement this week. The new chairs have been installed and the new scenery has arrived. The stage is taking on a real theatrical appearance, in preparation for the home talent play which will be staged in the near future.

THANKSGIVING SUPPER.

Thanksgiving day was fittingly celebrated last Thursday evening when a large crowd gathered in the auditorium of the school building, and listened to speaking and songs, and partook of the many good things to eat. The celebration was given under the auspices of the Parents and Teachers Association. The program opened by an address from R. A. Baldwin on "Thanksgiving Day." The next was a song by the pupils in Mrs. Wallace's room and Miss Susie Talley rendered some beautiful music on the piano in her most exquisite and charming manner. Mr. C. C. Hoffman was the master of ceremonies of the occasion. The ladies each brought a large well filled box of good things to eat, and these were auctioned off, Mr. Baldwin acting as auctioneer. Bidding was lively, and the net receipts of the evening amounted to about \$30. This will be used to decorate and improve the rooms in the school building.

We take pleasure in recommending Slatonite advertisers to you. They invite you.

Home Talent Play Next Friday Night

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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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Try Arnfield's Cleaning and Pressing Shop AT PROCTOR & OLIVE'S STORE

I have opened a Cleaning and Pressing Works in the Gents Furnishing Department of Proctor & Olive's Store and am prepared to do a general tailoring business. Cleaning, Pressing and remodeling carefully attended to and our work is all guaranteed to please. We guarantee perfect fits on all new suits and order from the leading and reliable houses.

Ladies Work a Specialty

Our prices are moderate, and we ask for one trial to show you the class of work we turn out. You'll come back again. Call and get acquainted.

A. E. ARNFIELD
THE TAILOR

LOCAL GOSSIP

Autos may fail but Sledge's rigs will not.

Woodrow Green returned from Floydada Tuesday.

F. V. Williams went to Snyder Monday on a business trip.

Miss Hallie Dickerman made a trip to Lubbock last Saturday.

Go to B. C. Morgan to get that windmill and pipe. Prices are the lowest.

A. L. Talley was in Lamesa the first of the week doing jewelry work and fixing watches.

Have Sledge haul your express. Will call for packages and slip them out for you, and will get your express at depot and deliver to you. Phone 16.

J. G. WADSWORTH Notary Public

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Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass,
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and Burglary Insurance . . .

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"Don't Walk Your Legs Off 'Looking' for that Fellow Brown—

The QUICKEST way to catch him is to sit still and extend your arm just far enough to grasp your



then tell "central" you want to talk to Brown and—"Hello, there's Brown already." So easy

Western Telephone Co. Y
Slaton, Texas

Try Sledge's oyster shells for your chickens.

The Lubbock sportsmen seem to like to come down Slaton way when they want good hunting and fishing.

Mrs. Sam Skidmore is contemplating leaving soon for Clinton, Arizona, to join her husband who is employed in the drug business there.—Clovis Journal.

H. D. Talley, Dr. G. H. Branham, and J. S. Edwards went down to the camp of S. C. Mars and R. G. Shankle, about 30 miles east of Slaton, the first of the week for a few days hunting. Game is said to be plentiful in that part of the Breaks.

W. T. Knight was down from Kansas City last week, returning Saturday. "Bill" would rather sell good South Plains land for R. J. Murray & Company than anything else in the real estate line, because he knows that the Slaton country makes good.

W. R. Hampton has something to say to you about shoes in his adv. this week; read it. Mr. Hampton is making special efforts to build up his shoe trade, and is adding to his stock popular and high grade lines only; you can find what you want and be pleased with what you get.

Dr. G. L. Barrett of Richland Springs, Texas, was in Slaton the first of the week, prospecting for a location. Mr. Barrett took a look at several other South Plains towns but said that Slaton looked the best to him, and he was very favorably impressed with its appearance and its prospects. He has not made any definite statement as to whether he would locate here.

B. J. Norby of Melrose, N. M., who is stopping at the Singleton hotel in Slaton, found a number of old Curry county friends here and is so favorably impressed with the city that he is considering moving here and establishing headquarters for his business as traveling optician. Mr. Norby says that the Melrose country is flourishing again and is taking up the dairying industry extensively, the cash receipts from the shipment of cream amounting to over \$4,000.00 each month at the Melrose station.

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. See us for loans.

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O. L. SLATON, VICE PRESIDENT

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J. G. WADSWORTH, ASST. CASHIER

Deodalian Club.

Wednesday afternoon the members of the Deodalian Club were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Lee Brannon at her pretty home. The day was rainy but nevertheless it proved a pleasant afternoon in the Brannon home. The guests were still fashioning gifts for Xmas and while they sewed they were entertained with many pretty selections on the piano by Miss Mary Spetter and Mrs. Brannon. At 5 o'clock the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jordan, served this delicious luncheon: salmon salad in cabbage cups, banana and nut salad with mayonnaise dressing, sweet pickles, hot rolls, baked cheese and crackers, coffee and whipped cream. After this appetizing luncheon the guests departed for home, again expressing their gratitude to the hostess. Those present included Mesdames Hudgens, Paul, Parker, Page, Olive, Spetter, Campbell, Jordan, and Edwards and Miss Mary Spetter.

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.

It is said that a county road bond issue of \$100,000 is proposed for Lubbock county for public road improvement.

You will find good rigs at the Slaton Livery Barn.

WRITE.....

R. J. Murray

SLATON, TEXAS

For Information

About the City of SLATON and the Surrounding Country

Slaton Liver

G. L. SLEDGE, Prop.

Good Teams and All Liver.

We have for sale at

Hay, Grain and Feed Ground

"NONE BUT

Royal, Anders

"TAILORS TO

Slaton Clean

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton received word from their son, C. Hampton, one day last week saying that he had been called to Merkel to a funeral of a brother-in-law, Barnes, who was drowned in an overflow of high water in the River near Gainesville and two companions were in a boat rowing over a bar when the boat capsized. R. Hampton lives near Big Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Hampton, Mr. John H. McCall, City, Mo., were in Slaton last week prospecting and purchased twenty acres of land from the Ray & Company like Slaton and decided that the investment was well enough to purchase and move here.

S. C. Mars returned from hunting Wolves. They were plenty in the bunch.

The Biggest Line of . . . SHOES on the South Plains and for Less Money

We have received a new shipment of the latest models in shoes and can fit the particular patron in ladies', men's or children's footwear from our big stock, the largest on the Plains. We can please you and as we purchased right we can sell right--can sell cheaper than anyone else. We have the best dress shoes for men we have ever had. Come and see.

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MUSIC RECITAL

at the School Auditorium on Friday Night, December 19th
Commencing at 7.30 o'clock. Everybody Cordially Invited. No Charges for Admission.

PROGRAM.

- Chorus "We Welcome If You Keep Right Still" Op. 333 H. Engleman Francis Hoffman and Dewey Wood.
- "The Power of Stars" Paul Wachs Margaret Hoffman.
- "The Lyrique" Op. 44 Carl Koelling Ruby Hoffman and Katie Brasfield.
- "The Power of Stars" Op. 600 H. Engleman Hattie Joplin.
- "The Lyrique" Francis Behr and Lily Mae Wood.
- "Sands of the Desert Grow Cold" E. Arnfield. Op. 259, Carl Bohm
- "The Lyrique" Op. 207, C. Bohm
- "The Lyrique" Op. 52, J. Leybach
- "The Lyrique" A Lullaby Weaver, and Page.
- "The Lyrique" H. M. Russel Margaret Hoffman.
- "The Lyrique" Op. 47 F. D'Orso
- "The Lyrique" "Jack the Fisherman" Op. 213, Carl Bohm
- "The Lyrique" "The Garden of Roses"

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OUR \$15., \$18., and \$20. values are most surprising; that is, when you see the actual 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 try. We guarantee his work.



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