

The Home Circle Column

PLEASANT EVENING REVERIES

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

CHRISTMAS REVERIES.

A right, real, merry-go-round, happy Christmas.

There is much cheer in a kind word and a "Merry Christmas."

The value of a Christmas gift lies in the testimony it gives of the affect that prompts it.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts and good wishes should fill the air like snow flakes at Christmas tide.

The Christmas chimes are pealing, softly pealing, the joyous sounds are ringing, ever louder and clearer, nearer and nearer, like a sweet toned benediction falling on the ear. Glad ringers are pulling the ropes, and in one grand swell of melody Christmas with its old, yet ever new and marvelous mysteries, bursts triumphantly on the earth once more.

The fact that Christmas gives an exchange of things often not needed, and that it tends to mutual loss rather than mutual gain—which is the law of barter—elevates it far above trade. The perennial benevolence which finds its expression in Christmas giving has the stamp of the divine and the spiritual upon it, and it argues that there is something more in man than the mere materialist sees there.

Christmas is really the world's festival—every tribe and people upon the earth's surface observe it in some form. The forms may vary but the spirit is everywhere the same. The different nations of the world celebrate the virtues and illustrious deeds of their great men and we on this side of the water do the same when we celebrate the birth of Washington in February, or the birth of the nation in July, but in December the world celebrates an event which far surpasses the birthday of Washington, or Wellington, or Napoleon, or Alexander the Great, or even the birth of a nation. It is the birth of the world's redeemer, who was given as an atonement for sin.

At this time of the year the faith of little children is strongly emphasized. Throughout the world of Christendom childhood is looking to that mysterious individual Santa Claus for the bestowal of his annual favor. Implicitly the little ones believe in his existence and in his beneficence and from every letter box in the county missives to him are trustingly dispatched. Not a few of them are most pathetic. Is not all faith typical of this childhood faith, and are not the rewards of it similar to those? Some how, it is a part of our nature and few there be who can live very good without it. Who would take away the faith that a child has in this mysterious personage, Santa Claus, myth though he be, and who would take from weak and frail humanity that larger sweeter trust in the eternal goodness.

Dear readers of this column, it is ours to again greet you with a "Merry Christmas." We have continued our "labor of love" until this time, and here we are. Yet it is from no selfish motives, we assure you, or ambition for public emoluments that we have continued our work, or shall continue it, but only with the desire to do good, peradventure to brighten some life, encourage some despondent one, drop a few brief

Crude Thoughts From The Editorial Pen

words of truth to drive error from the heart, and possibly to lead some one to "choose that better part" that might not otherwise have done so. How well we have succeeded, your reader, will have to declare. We are admonished to "sow beside all waters, knowing not which shall prosper, this or that." We have simply written for the "Home Circle," the most sacred precinct under heaven, and if there is any home or any heart made better and brighter because of our words, verily we shall receive our reward.

Merry Yuletide.

This is the merry Yuletide season when all the joys of life center round the fireside. The members of the family, if at all convenient, gather at this time under the parental roof. To enhance good feeling, presents are bestowed and greetings sent to absent ones. The home, be it ever so humble, is the one sweet spot to which all eyes are longingly turned, and from which all happiness radiates. The proud boast of the old English common law that "a man's home is his castle." The four winds of heaven might blow through its chimneys and crannies, but the King himself might not cross its threshold unbidden. Only the law's stern necessity in pursuit of crime could authorize an unwelcome intrusion. The sanctity of former times still scrupulously surrounds it, and the sacredness of its portal has been but enhanced by the advancement of civilization. The modern home needs neither towers, battlements, nor bastions to protect it from the assaults of the powerful. The humblest citizen to defend his lowly shack can invoke the protective arm of the whole nation.

The government of all the world foster the love of home. Liberal laws are enacted with this end in view. The public domain is generously bestowed upon bonafide settlers. The various states, without, we believe, a single exception, have exempted the homes from seizure for even a just debt, in short, the protection and sacredness of the home goes side by side with that of the person. It is the commendable desire of every worthy citizen to be the owner of his own home in fee simple, and to encourage this desire have all these beneficent laws been enacted.

But God must be in all to insure the full measure of happiness that may therein be produced. In our early Sunday school lessons we were taught that God was everywhere, and, spiritually considered, this is true. Yet it is not in this sense that the expression is used. Nor in the sense that God shall be present in embroidered mottoes on the wall; but that the spirit of Christ—which is peace, justice, love, forbearance, temperance, patience—shall fill the bosoms of those therein dwelling. For where the spirit of Christ abides not, the spirit of evil is sure to intrude. In the spiritual and moral life there are no empty houses.

Local Market Report.

The Democrat from this time on will run a report of the local market so that the producer can readily refer to this list and know exactly what he is going to get for his produce before he starts to market. The market for the present week is as follows:

Butter, per pound	25c
Eggs, per dozen	25c
Chickens, per dozen	\$3.00
Indian corn, per bushel	50c
June corn, " "	45c
Kafir corn, per 100 pounds	85c
Maize, per 100 pounds	85c

Church Directory.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. Howard M. Frank, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m., and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Ladies' Aid meets on Thursday after the third Sunday of each month at 3:30 p. m. Ladies' Missionary Society meets on Thursday after the first Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Choir meets for practice every Friday night.

METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. Robt. B. Bonner, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., Joe J. Mickle, superintendent; Home Department, Mrs. M. D. Forgey, Superintendent; Cradle roll, Mrs. W. D. Morgan, superintendent. Junior Epworth League meets Sunday at 4 o'clock p. m., Mrs. R. B. Bonner, superintendent; Senior Epworth League meets at 5 p. m., W. D. Morgan, president. Business meeting and social gathering every 4th Friday night. Woman's Home Mission Society meets at 3 p. m. every second and fourth Monday; Woman's Foreign Mission Society at 4 p. m. every first Monday.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. W. L. Head, pastor. Services each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Bro. T. R. Garrott Supt. B. Y. P. U. each Sunday at 4 p. m. Evangelistic services each Sunday night. Special music for these services. A cordial welcome to all.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—Elder L. H. Humphries, pastor. Services every Lord's Day at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m., Wm. Face, superintendent. Teachers' training class and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8:30. J. M. Elliott, president, and L. H. Humphries, teacher. Ladies' Aid Society meets every Monday at the church at 2 p. m., Mrs. L. H. Humphries, President. Official Board meets on the first Sunday of each month. Everybody-made cordially welcome to these services.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, ESTELLINE—Rev. J. P. Burke, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. on first and third Sundays. Prayer meeting every Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Everybody invited. S. K. Jones, Sunday School superintendent.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH, ESTELLINE—Rev. C. E. Clark, pastor. Services every second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. W. H. M. S. meets at 4 p. m. Wednesday evenings after first and third Sundays. Everybody invited. You will be welcome. Dr. P. L. Vardy Sunday School Superintendent.

Christmas Program at the Methodist Church.

The following program will be carried out at the Methodist church Thursday night, Dec. 24.

- Doxology.
- Prayer.
- Song by chorus of young ladies and gentlemen.
- Welcome address—Lois Taggart.
- Cradle Song by Primaries.
- Recitation—Med Mickle.
- Faries Christmas by Intermediate department.
- Recitation—Miss Swafford.
- Duet—Bessie Norwood and Beatrice Swafford.
- Recitation—Miss Ruby Neal.
- Chorus by young ladies and gentlemen.

This program will be followed by the distribution of the presents from the tree. There will also be a chimney in connection with the tree. This chimney will be made of paper boxes to resemble a brick. These boxes will contain candy and each one will be marked with the name of some member of the Sunday school and all members of the Sunday school wishing a box of candy had better be on hand.

Christmas Eve Program at the Christian Church.

An interesting program will be given by the school, consisting of special songs. Songs by the school.

- Recitations.
- Pantomimes.
- Tableau.

The special feature however, will be the appearance of the Star in the East. Of course there will be the Christmas tree, with its load of presents to be distributed at the close of the program.

Presbyterian Christmas Service.

The Presbyterian Sunday school holds its Christmas exercise on Thursday night. The program begins at 7:30 p. m. and consists of recitations and songs by the children, a Christmas tree and Santa Claus.

Next Sunday morning Rev. Frank will preach an object lesson to the children of his congregation, a sermon interesting alike to young and old.

Christian Church Announcement.

Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning Theme, "The World's Battlefield." Evening Theme, "Life's Labyrinths." All are invited.

OFFERS EXTRAORDINARY

By reason of the extensive advertising campaign recently inaugurated by the publishers of Farm & Ranch and Holland's Magazine, who are particularly desirous of enlarging their subscription list in our immediate vicinity, we are enabled to offer until further notice the following values:

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Junior Christian Endeavor.

Song.
Bible lesson read by the leader, Matt. 28:16-20.
Lesson Explained by the Superintendent.
Lesson story, "Claud's Plan"—Robert Lock.
Talk: "Goodbye Message of Jesus"—By the Pastor.
Song.
Bible questions—Ned Lawler.
Bible study period.
Song.
Mizpah.
Leader—Frank Fore.

Y. P. S. C. E.
Topic—Foreign Missions.
The new life of China, Ezek. 37:1-14.
Name some Missionaries in China—V. L. Shaw.
Tell of educational work in China—W. T. Howard.
Describe Christian Endeavor in China—Bro. Humphreys.
Sentence prayer.
Special Song—Miss Beulah Humphreys.
Bible verses—By Endeavor.
Special reading—Mr. Smith.
Mizpah.
Leader—A. L. Alland.

Senior League Program.

Song.
Scripture reading.
Prayer.
Clipping—The Kingdom of Glory—Miss Florena McElreath.
Talk—Reasons for a duty of giving glory and praise to God—Mr. Soper.
Song.
Clipping—The Kingdom of Peace—Roland Cox.
Talk—The Nature scape and blessings of Peace—Miss Lemmons.
Sentence prayers.
Recitation.
Paper—Duty of good will toward men—Miss Sloan.

Junior League Program.

Song.
Text—Luke 11 8-20, John 11 16.
Responsive Reading—Psalm XIX.
Song.
Prayer.
Connecting Links—Attice Lewis.
Point of Contact—Etta French.
Song.
Bible Story—Lucy Bradford.
Bible Questions—Clarice Crozier.
Song.
Benediction.
Leader—Bernice Wrenn.

Baptist Church Christmas Entertainment.

The program at the Baptist church will begin at 7 p. m. Thursday evening.

- Song by Senior chorus of thirty voices, Hark! Hark! My Soul.
- Recitations—By Children.
- Solo—Mrs. Marshall (Hozannah.)
- Christmas song by Junior chorus of twenty-five voices.

The Christmas tree will follow this program.

To the Farmers.

We will close our gifts Wednesday night Dec. 23, and will stay closed the remainder of the week. All parties wishing ginning done before Xmas will please take notice. **WHITE & WALKER, BURNETT & MOREMAN.**

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Monday Night, December 28

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Advance Sale at Sam Harle's Drug Store

Happily Married.

Sunday afternoon T. L. Moreman Jr., and Miss Gladis Bishop, accompanied by several other couples drove to the Methodist parsonage where they called the services of Bro. R. B. Bonner, who in the presence of these assembled friends in a solemn an impressive manner performed the marriage ceremony.

Congratulations followed after which the wedding party drove to Deep Lake where they will visit relatives for awhile.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. — Bishop, and is a young lady of many graces of mind and person, who is capable of filling the home she will adorn the happiness and will prove to be truly helpmate and companion by the husband she has chosen to honor with her hand.

The groom is from one of our best families, and by those who know him in this city, he is considered one of the substantial and coming young men of the county, who will make his mark as a worthy son of honorable parents. The Democrat is greatly pleased on this occasion to add its hearty good wishes to those being so freely extended.

Rev. W. L. Head will preach his last sermon of the series off sermons he has been conducting for some time next Sunday night. The theme will be "Our Boys and Our Girls." These have been attracting a great deal of attention and the crowds have

been increasing at each session until standing room at the church is at a premium every Sunday night.

Judge Duke Married.

Cupid works wonders. Judge J. K. Duke has been proven times number, and so it has in instance. Judge J. K. Duke, recently elected to the office of county judge of Collingsworth county, tied himself to Miss Saturday where he met the object of his affections, Josie Russell, who had come from Estelline. The judge proceeded to seek out the clerk to procure a pair of marriage license.

Rev. W. L. Head, pastor of Baptist church, was called at the home of A. P. Halcom a beautiful and impressive ceremony spoke the words that ed them together for the life's journey.

The hour of the ceremony was somewhat delayed on account of the judge losing the first license which he had procured from Wellington, consequently he had to dig up the second time. The Democrat extends its congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

Wanted.

By a family of three, 75 acres of good land on the Can give good references, and come to see or write you at J. B. LANDRUM, Lodge, Stallings Bros. west square.

Our Big Selling Is Still On

Our big selling is still on, we have absolutely great loads of goods, but have lots yet to move and must move them. We still quote our slaughter prices. Please compare them with others.

Snap In Shoes

Out 100 pairs Men's Work Shoes, regular price \$2.25, going now **\$1.65** per pair

100 pairs the same you have been buying and paying from \$1.75 to \$2.00. Now per pair **\$1.35**

Big lot of Child's Shoes, some of them with as high as 75c. Your pick **25c** per pair

Better lot which contains shoes with as high as \$1.00. We give **50c** for your choice for

Big lot of Ladies' Shoes in which you'll find good heavy shoes for every day as well as some good enough for Sunday. Go in this one Great Sale **\$1.00** for only

Blankets

A good size cotton Blanket 45c
A No. one 10-4 cotton Blanket only 50c
A regular \$1.00 Blanket only 75c
A regular 1.50 Blanket only 95c
A regular 2.00 Blanket \$1.65

Ask us for our cut prices on all wool Blankets, we have a big stock of these Blankets and can save you money on them.

We have the most complete stock of Comforts in Memphis. All kinds and sizes at prices that defy all competition and will cause the public to open wide their eyes.

Underwear

Men's heavy ribbed shirts and drawers, worth 50 to 65c, now at per garment 40c

Men's heavy fleeced shirts and drawers to match. Most dealers get 65 to 75c for them, our price to you during this battle sale per garment 45c

Misses' and Children's Union Suits, a good heavy fleeced garment, worth 35c, now goes at 20c. The same thing in Ladies' sizes for 25c

Ladies' Union Suits, Oneta style worth 75c, now go at 45c

Ladies' and Misses' separate suits at big reduction.

Dry Goods Snaps

Standard America Calico—both in regular and side band, 20 yards in this sale for **\$1.00**

Best Dress Gingham 10 yards for **\$1.00**

20 yards good yard wide Domestic for **\$1.00**

Good heavy twilled all wool Flannel, red blue or gray, worth 35c per yd. now going at **20c**

Good heavy Outing 7c kind, now per yard **6c**

Good heavy Outing 8c kind, now per yard only **7 1/2c**

Good heavy Outing 10c kind, now per yard only **8 3/4c**

Good heavy Outing 12c kind now per yard only **10c**

Dress Goods

Nice half wool worsteds worth 25 and 35c all new colors, reds, greens and tans, per yard only **15c**

Good half wool Suitings, latest patterns and colors, now on sale at per yd. only **25c**

We also have a large stock of the latest things in dress goods, Chiffons, Broad Cloth, striped Worsteds, etc., in all the new shades of color. See our window. We can please the most fastidious either in price or quality. Let us show you.

Many Bargains In Groceries

We have also invaded the sacred precincts of grocery prices and old time high price dealers are pawing the air and pulling their hair, but we are delivering the goods as you will see by the prices we are quoting below

9 pkgs. XXXX Coffee for	\$1.00	Good wrapped Bacon	13 1-4
A splendid good sack of Flour, every sack guaranteed, per sack	1.00	Good smoked Bacon	11 1-2
8 lbs. good bulk Coffee for	10.0	Best dry Salt Meat	11 1-2
1 bu. Greeley Irish Potatoes for	.95	Best Hams	14 1-2
25 lbs. Rice for	1.00	20 lbs. Navy Beans for	1.00
8 bars good Laundry Soap	\$.25	Everything in our Grocery Department is cut to meet the times. Let us feed you.	

Men's Hats

Regular \$2.50 Hats go in this sale at **\$1.95**

Regular \$3.00 Hats are now selling at **\$2.25**

Regular \$3.50 Hats in this sale **\$2.85**

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Court convenes on Third Monday of January, April, July and October.

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J. M. Alexander, Precinct No. 3.
J. M. Alexander, Precinct No. 4.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Wheat & Speer wants your furs.
Join our suit club four suits pressed per month for one Dollar

If you have any furs of any kind to sell Wheat & Speer will buy them.

The weather has been ideal and the holiday shoppers many the past few days.

Rev. H. M. Frank and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy at their home Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Boykin and children from Hillsboro came in Friday and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hardwick.

The entertainment at the opera house Saturday night by Mrs. McNeely's class in expression was a decided success. The class acquitted themselves with honor. The program was very interesting.

J. D. McCants and family was in Memphis Monday trading with our merchants. Mr. McCants told the Democrat man he had killed the biggest hog to its age in his locality, it being ten months old and weighed 350 lbs. This is a fair specimen of what the Panhandle can do in the way of hog raising.

G. A. Blankenship living at Gibtown, Jack county, has been in Memphis several days the past week looking for a location. He has recently sold his farm and other interests down Jack county and wants to locate in Hall county. If Mr. Blankenship succeeds in renting a good place there will be at least three and possibly more families come with him.

Furs of all kinds wanted by Wheat & Speer.

Fruits, Vegetables and nuts fresh stock at Hollifield's 251tc

The six-months-old baby of J. R. Brumley has been quite sick this week.

Don't overlook that free vest proposition of ours for next 30 days. Stallings Bros. 25-2t

Farmers inspect the bur machine at Burnett & Moreman gin before having your bolls ginned. 25-4ct

We are giving away free a \$5.00 fancy Vest with every \$25.00 suit of clothes for this month only 25-2t. Stallings Bros.

Hall County Teachers Institute met Monday morning at 9:30 a. m. We failed to get a full account of the meeting for this issue, but it will be announced in next issue.

M. T. Holland was up from Newlin Saturday on business. It is very seldom that Mr. Holland gets to Memphis and our people are glad to see him when he does come.

Joseph Pulitzer with a company of friends and staff writers is on his way to Panama. Mr. Pulitzer's trip is of interest on account of Roosevelt demanding that Congress have Pulitzer and other publishers prosecuted for criminal libel.

Quannah is to have another railroad. It will be known as the Acme, Red River & Northern. The bonus has been raised and will extend to Paducah, in Cottle county. The road is supposed to be completed in time to move the 1909 crop in and around Paducah. Our friend, Harry Koch of the Tribune-Chief, is to be commended for his untiring efforts in raising this bonus.

M. F. Traver is on the sick list this week.

Highest price paid for any kind of furs at Wheat & Speer.

J. E. Bloxom of near Eli was in Memphis this Tuesday marketing cotton and trading with our merchants.

E. H. Stanford bought 160 acres of the Shoebar land Friday and will improve same. Grundy Bros. made the deal.

These will be a called meeting of the board of the Buck creek association Wednesday 30th inst 1p, m at the chdistian church, at Memphis E. E. Hudson, Chairman.

The ladies of the Baptist church on Tuesday of last week shipped three boxes to Buckner's Orphan Home. They were valued at \$60.00 and had some very substantial goods for the children.

Every merchant in town done a fine business Saturday. The crowd of holiday shoppers reminded us of circus day. The crowd was good humored and had the spirit of Christmas in their laughs and smiles.

C. C. Hayden came in from Grandview Sunday and has been looking after some business interests. Mr. Hayden bought the Powell place out on the Quail road about a year ago and makes frequent trips up here to see about it. Mr. Hayden is a merchant, mayor and stockholder in the First National bank at Grandview. He is an old acquaintance of J. J. Mickle and Mayor A. J. Kinard having met the former while in business in Cleburne and the latter at the mayors association at Mineral Wells this summer. Mr. Hayden is vice president of State Mayor's association.

Fruit cake, the kind your grandmother made at the City Bakery. Better get one for Christmas. 24-2t

E. C. Johnson came in Sunday morning from State University at Austin to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Velma White came in Saturday night from Roswell, N. M., and will visit relatives during the holidays.

The Dallas News of Sunday contains a group picture of the football team at Southwestern University in which Will Headrick's picture shows up very prominent on the second row from the top. This team administered to State University the first defeat it had received in five years, and has as much claim to the championship of Texas for this season as any team in the state.

J. W. and J. A. Elliott and families, arrived in Memphis Monday and will locate in our midst. These men are brothers of our townsman, J. M. Elliott and are from Tehoka, Texas. They are ranchmen and farmers and will make our town and community good citizens. J. W., was sheriff and tax collector at Tehoka for several years. Mrs. Elliott, mother of these gentlemen, will be here about the middle of January. On behalf of Memphis and community, the Democrat extends these estimable families a welcome and glad handshake.

Wen on a Bluff.
"It does me good to meet up with one of that class of people who think they know it all," said the old man with the ancient hat. "I was coming over from Baltimore on a train the other day, and a man who was writing in a book asked me how to spell 'proper.' I told him, but a know-it-all who sat near disputed me. I bet him \$10 even up that I was right and proved I was by four disinterested men. I gave the \$10 to charity."
"How did the man contend the word should be spelled?" was asked.
"Why, he said there was only one 'p' in it."
"And you stuck for two, eh?"
"I did. I insisted that it was spelled 'proper,' and he finally owned up like a little man and handed me over the money."
"And would you like to make the same wager again and leave it to the dictionaries?"
"Not much! I consulted 'em all next day and discovered that I had bluffed that poor chap out of his wealth."—Washington Post.

Acquitted.
Voltaire, when on his estate of Ferney, was fond of assuming the air of nobility and displayed a most philosophical hatred of poachers. One luckless fellow was caught and brought before him. Voltaire determined to try him according to law and took his seat as judge, directing his secretary to act as counsel for the prisoner. The advocate made a long speech in favor of the culprit and stopped suddenly.
"Why do you hesitate?" asked Voltaire.
"I wish to read a passage from a volume in your library."
He procured the book and silently turned its leaves. Voltaire became impatient and demanded the cause of his silence.
"Well," answered the secretary, "I have been looking for the word 'humanity,' and I see you have omitted it."
Voltaire thought the argument so forcible that he set the poacher free.

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No. 2, southbound..... 5:45 a. m.
No. 8, southbound..... 8:15 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Well, maybe some of us would shop early if we could borrow the price.

If nobody in the house imagine they can play, then it's safe to buy your wife a piano for Christmas.

The new \$5 lid of Cannon's is for his own use. The one he keeps on in congress has never had an estimate placed on its cost.

Weatherford may have smelled sulphur from a meteoric body, but we had grown to believe that such fumes came from the other direction.

Physician say crawling is a healthful exercise. That, however, has no part in the performance the average girl puts a fellow through.

The senate has adopted the house resolution providing for adjournment of Congress for the Christmas holidays from Dec. 19 to January 4.

Fringe may be fashionable, as the fashion writers declare, but that doesn't make it comfortable either on the top of a collar or the edge of a razor.

A seeress says that Rockefeller will go to heaven. Not unless it is established that oil has been struck and that he can get in on a pipe line and a rebate system.

The Milwaukee Sentinel says that Mrs. Guinness seems to have died and gone to Texas. We beg to remind the Sentinel that only the pure in heart inherit paradise.

There is not being very much said these days concerning the Salome dancers. We suppose that it is from the fact that the weather has changed things somewhat.

Governor Campbell's determined stand in regard to the liquor law is certainly to be commended. He says he will keep the lid on tight if he has to call out the Texas Rangers.

A huge meteor flashing through the skies on the 14th inst. has caused quite a little excitement in several different towns over the state. It seems as though it fell just outside the city limits, of Wichita Falls but so far no one has found the place.

Teddy Roosevelt is now out after Joseph Pulitzer's scalp, publisher of the World, a publication issued in New York. Teddy says Pulitzer is the real offender in this Panama canal purchase scandal. Teddy is trying his best to place the blame where he thinks the people will believe it belongs?

There seems to be no doubt about Memphis having a steam laundry if a desirable location can be had. The amount of laundry that leaves Memphis each week would be enough to keep a laundry in good trim besides the great amount of work that would be sent to a local institution that is now done in the homes. Let's land the enterprise.

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C. A. CROZIER, Manager

Lumber, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Lath, Shingles

It Pays to See
- - before
You Place Your

Nigger Head Coal

The people of Venezuela are very much aroused at President Castro and are on a rampage. They are even seeking out his pictures in public places and tearing them down from the wall and burning them in the street. The people are furious and it probably would be better for Castro if he would never return to the borders of Venezuela. He is at present in Germany.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Advertising Wisdom.

Ex-governor Hardee of California says: It takes nine tollros to make a man, but one good hustling advertising man can create a business. The successful advertising man must be on the square. He must take with him into his business the characteristics that work for success in every other line of business. The county itself depends upon good advertising. I hope the time will come when advertising will be recognized as one of the leading professions' as it will inevitably come to be recognized.

Withdraws Land in the Oil Field.

Washington, Dec. 16—The Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn from entry by the President's order all the public lands in the important petroleum and natural gas field in Northwestern Louisiana, known as the Caddo oil field, and embracing 6,500 acres. This action is taken pending a careful geological investigation by the United States Geological Survey to prevent the terrific waste of natural gas now chargeable to the Caddo field. The total waste in the Caddo field is estimated by the Geological Survey at 76,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily, or more than the total amount of natural gas usefully consumed in the United States.

The object of the withdrawal of all public lands in the vicinity is to enable the Government to retain title to the land pending necessary legislation as well as action by the State officials and remedial engineering work to stop the waste of gas, which is now depleting the common supply under the Government as well as private lands.

To the Farmers.

We will close our gins Wednesday night Dec. 23, and will stay closed the remainder of the week. All parties wishing ginning done before Xmas will please take notice.

WHITE & WALKER,
BURNETT & MOREMAN.

Wanted.

To rent on the shares, 150 to 200 acres of good land for three men. Reference given. Address J. H. Butler, Memphis, Texas, Box 412.



Fill Up the Youngster's Bowl

with any of the cereals to be had here. We keep all the good kinds, none of the trashy productions. Have some for breakfast tomorrow. They are healthy and palatable as well. While you're here ask us about the newest good things to eat.

Everything New in Groceries

can be seen here first, if it is good—and our line of staple and standard goods is full and complete. An order will prove both their good quality and the economy of our prices.

W. K. HOLLIFIELD & CO.
The Pure Food Grocers
Phone 147

Our Christmas Tree.

O,
our
Christ-
mas tree
so bright
and green,
awaits old
Santa Claus,
and the chim-
ney place all swept
and clean gapes wide
it's ponderous jaws.
The little stockings are
all hung up, and baby's
just makes four. Won't
old Santa Claus be surprised
when he finds there is one more?
There's an elegant place up in the
tree to hang Johnny's gun, and a
place for May and one for Kate to
lay their dolls upon. But for little
baby blue eyes, a lower branch he
must choose, where she may reach
and find the place he's hung her
first new shoes. Turn down the
light a little now, so old Santa
Claus can see, and baby and
all must go to bed and be as
good as good can be, and
tomorrow get up early
after a long night's
sleep,
a n d
come
softly
down
to the
Xmas
tree and see
who will get the first peep.

SPUR FARM LANDS.

The Farmer's Opportunity.

The Spur Farm Lands are now being open to sale, and offer to the homeseeker selections from a body 430,000 acres in extent, all under one ownership.

This immense property is being sub-divided into quarter sections, and sold direct from the owners to the farmer, thus insuring him best values for his outlay, as the land is not loaded with selling commissions.

The first offerings are in Dickens county, Texas. Land produces wonderfully; easily cultivated. Reliable cotton territory, this crop having never failed. Absolutely free from boll-weevil. It cannot propagate here. Corn and feed stuffs, and a great range of farm crops produce abundantly. Ideal for hog raising. Cholera unknown.

The Stamford & Northwestern Railway is being pushed into this country, and will be operating in time to handle the 1909 crop. Present purchasers get the benefit of best prices, easy terms, with certainty of railroad facilities and increased value of holdings.

Fine healthful climate, altitude about 2000 feet, lying below the plains.

For further information, address Charles A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons, Espuela, Dickens county, Texas.

New Road.

A petition is being signed to open a new road of second class, forty feet wide, to begin at a point on the Oxbow road leading from Memphis to Turkey. It will run west from the southwest of section one, block one, running thence east, following the south line of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, block 1, thence east across sections 8, 9 and 10, following the most practical route to the center of section 11, thence running east through the center of sections 11, 12, 13, and 14, block 1, thence south half of section 15, block 1, thence east to the east line of section 15 to intersect the Esteline and Turkey road. This road leads through the Hattie Bassett and Shoebar land, and will be of very much convenience to the settlers along these sections.

Posted.

My property on Bitter creek is posted and hunters and other trespassers must keep out. Otherwise I will prosecute to the full extent of the law.

W. M. Cross.

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Hall County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. C. Needham by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, to appear at the next regular term of Justice's Court of Precinct No. one, Hall County, to be held at Memphis, in said Hall County, on the 6th day of February A. D. 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 30th day of November A. D. 1908, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 306, wherein J. M. Gist is Plaintiff and W. C. Needham is Defendant, and said petition alleging that said Defendant is due Plaintiff the sum of two hundred dollars due upon account for goods, wares and merchandise sold and delivered by Plaintiff to Defendant between the 1st day of January 1908 and the 15th day of October 1908.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Witness, B. F. King, Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. one, Hall County.

Given under my official signature, at office in Memphis, this 21st day of December A. D. 1908.

B. F. King, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. one, Hall County, Texas.

Timely Warning.

We are requested by local authorities to call the attention of everyone contemplating shooting fireworks during the holidays that it is against the law to explode any firecrackers over two inches long, and one inch in circumference. Some arrests have already been made and more will follow if the guilty parties are apprehended. We hope this warning will be heeded so no one will be put to future trouble.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt or otherwise trespass under penalty of law on my place five miles north from town.

H. E. Franks.

For the best meats of all kinds phone Lock Bros., No. 12 and the order will be delivered to your home at once.

UPPER RED RIVER VALLEY LANDS IN HALL COUNTY

180,000 acres Shoe-Bar Ranch Land, sell rapidly, in any size tracts to suit purchaser from \$12.50 to \$25 per acre. Two-fifths cash balance in five equal annual payments, 5 per cent

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If you want to buy, sell or rent city property, see him. Office with Memphis Land Company, Memphis, Texas

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The Memphis Democrat

Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

...cakes at the City Bakery. ...hog scalding vats at Chas. ... Wilkins of Wellington, was ... papers for sale at this office ... your Christmas fruit cake ... the O. K. pressing club. ... Powell of Newlin, was a ... W. S. McCrory is spend- ... Mrs. A. C. Huff purchased 80 ... Ice house for sale or trade, lots ... There has been quite a good ... The Tompson three story brick ... We sell meat strictly for cash— ... B. F. Foley and family of ... Bring your hats to the O. K. ... Old Santa unloaded the most ...

Johnsey & Foreman make counter shelves, etc. 11-tf
The Democrat and the Farm & Ranch, one year for \$1.00.
Mrs. W. A. Bennett and son are visiting in Seymour and Fort Worth.
We deliver meat to any part of the city. Lock Bros., phone No. 12 your orders. 18tf
Our Merchants report that they have had a much better trade the past week than they had expected.
A marriage license was issued Saturday to T. L. Moreman, Jr., and Miss Gladys Bishop, both of Memphis.
G. W. Cox was again called to Hollis Okla., to the bedside of his son, Ferd, who has been sick with fever so long.
Walter Howell who has been working on the Childress Post come up Friday night and will spend the Christmas holidays with home folks.
The block of brick buildings on the south side of the square are assuming proportions very fast since the arrival of the material which had caused some delay.
A shipment of holy and mistletoe has just been received by the Panhandle Jewelry Store for the Christmas trade. Better get some for your decorations. 24-2t
The warm weather of the past few days have gladdened the hearts of a great many people. It seems to have caused a nice sprinkling of cotton to open that had already been given up as lost.
Plans and specifications have been drawn and is being submitted to the contractors for bids on a modern 5-room bungalow residence for Judge R. A. Dunbar to be erected on his lots recently purchased in south Memphis.
The trustees of the Indian Creek school wish us to announce that the school would reopen on the first Monday in January. They want to have a full attendance of the old students with quite an addition of new scholars.
C. H. Hooks wishes us to announce to his friends and the public that his barber shop will be removed on Jan. 1, to the new Thompson building east of Cobb hotel where he will be glad to see all his old patrons and new ones also. He will have a modern and up-to-date shop.
C. F. Bunn of Lakeview was in the city Friday.
Honey in the comb at the Pioneer Mercantile Co. 8tf
A complete line of Christmas goods at the Harle Drug Store.
Let me figure with you on your painting and papering. T. A. Hart. 12-tf
W. E. Harris living near Giles was in Memphis Saturday on business.
A nice line of package perfumes for the holiday shoppers at the Harle Drug Store. 24-2t
Bring in your corn for grinding to the Craver & Crump mill at any time. "We never sleep." 21-tf
Mrs. Pritchett enjoyed a visit Friday from Mrs. Hudson and daughter, Miss Conger, of Childress.
Judge S. A. Bryant was in Wellington several days last week acting as special judge in some cases in county court.
For sale—A fine Poland China male, five months old, will weigh about 150 pounds. Will sell cheap. See J. V. Barber at the Headrick tin shop. 24-tf.
Wheat & Speer have received a car of Higgins Flour and guarantee every sack. Try it. Just across the street from Cicero Smith lumber yard. 19-tf.
J. E. Moreman enjoyed a short visit the past week from his mother, brother and sister who stopped off a day or two on their way from Alvord to the plains country near Plainview.
Ed Love had the misfortune to stick an eight penny nail almost through his foot Wednesday while painting on Roy Houghton's new house. The wound was very painful though not serious.
Diamond rings, brooches, bracelets, ear rings and in fact a complete line of jewelry, just received by the Panhandle Jewelry Store. We have all the latest creations and the largest assortment ever shown in the city. 24-2t.
You cannot find a present anywhere that would be appreciated more by those friends "back yonder" than to subscribe for the Democrat and have it sent to them. It will serve as a letter and will go to them '52 times a year.
Dr. A. M. Sarvis and wife spent Tuesday in Memphis. The latter, to visit her brother Joe J. Mickle, and the doctor to attend the Hall County Medical Association. Dr. Sarvis has been a faithful member of the society, and during the meeting last Tuesday, the Society unanimously voted him Supreme Judge. —Hedley Herald.
Quite a little excitement was caused Wednesday by the ringing of the fire bells and blowing of whistles. It was thought for a time that the oil mill was on fire and everyone was eager to be of assistance in extinguishing the flames, but it was false alarm, we are proud to say. The occasion was a cow on the track which caused the whistles to blow and then the ringing of the bells followed.
The Democrat office carries in stock a full line of up-to-date stationery, a line seldom seen in a town of this size. We have in stock noteheads, letterheads, bill heads, statements, envelopes, cards both business and visiting of all sizes, cardboard in full sheet sizes and posterstock up to a full sheet. Also a complete line of wedding and announcement stationery and mourning stationery. An order placed with us will convince you of the superior quality of both paper stock and workmanship. Every face of type and every piece of machinery in the plant is new and strictly modern and we employ only the best labor money can buy to handle our work.

COTTON

We are prepared to advance liberally on cotton, either to merchants or planters, whether to be sold on arrival or to be held for instructions. We charge interest on advances at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. Make us a trial shipment and let us demonstrate to you the advantages of shipping your cotton to us.
Daily market quotations and stencil sent free upon request.

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Cement Walks

We wish to call the attention of the general public of Memphis and vicinity that we make a specialty of building cement side and cross walks, as well as that of erecting all kinds of brick work. Nothing excels cement for sidewalks. Let us make you an estimate on a cement walk in front of your property

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See Us for Coal

The old year is about gone, start right now and stay right, and you will be happy. Try us on your first bill and we will show you how to get the most of the best for the least of the rest.

J. C. WOOLDRIDGE, Lbr. and Coal

A New Grocery Firm

PHONE No. 10

We wish to announce to the people of Memphis and her trade territory that we, W. H. Magness & Co., have purchased the grocery stock formerly known as the H. C. Powell Grocery Co., and will at all times keep in stock a fresh and complete line of staple and fancy groceries and will not be under sold by anyone, always giving full measures and honest weights. We appreciate the patronage already accorded us and wish to say to those who are not already our customers, that we wish to enjoy their patronage and will at all times be glad to take the responsibility of delivering their goods promptly. Your business is solicited on the basis of honest goods at honest prices.

W. H. MAGNESS GROCERY CO.
"The Kleen Grocers"
Successors to H. C. Powell

Order your Christmas candies from the City Bakery. 24-2t
A nice line of package perfumes at Harle's Drug Store. 2t
White & Walker will buy your seed cotton and unload it by suction.
Chas. D. Bishop came over from Silverton Friday and will spend the holidays with home folks.
The northbound passenger train Wednesday was delayed about nine hours on account of a wreck south of here.
A cold wave struck Memphis Thursday evening which made an overcoat a very much sought after garment. These sudden changes is calculated to give a person pneumonia unless they be very careful.
Johnsey & Foreman want to build that new house. 11-tf
Judge H. E. Deaver attended Justice's court at Estelline Saturday.
From present indications the Christmas holidays will be spent pleasantly in Memphis, especially by the younger set.
The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Elliott Tuesday of last week and left a sweet little 8½ pound baby girl. Mother and baby doing nicely.
Corn shipping is getting to be quite an industry now adays. Indian corn and kafir corn is being shipped out by the car loads everyday. This will relieve, to a certain extent, the financial situation occasioned by the short cotton crop.

HOW ABOUT YOUR XMAS GIFTS?



Don't worry about what to give your family or friend's and the cost. Why—a lean pocket-book goes just as far here as a fat one in other stores and we have lots of seasonable gifts. Give something worth while this year, don't waste your money on trash. Here are a few sure enough sensible gifts :

Specials	
Lorain Steel Ranges on legs for \$40.00 and \$45.00. Less 5 per cent. additional list for Christmas week. Buy your wife one and maker smile always.	
Specials	
Fine richly decorated Parlor Lamps for less than	\$4.00
Carving Sets for	2.00
Berry and Water Sets for only	2.00

Special bargains in Roger Silverware—10 per cent. off cash price on buggies and harness during Xmas

Thompson Bros. Co., Hardware MEMPHIS TEXAS

LETTERS TO OLD SANTA

Dear Santa—
I am a little boy five years old I live on Seventh street right close to mama Montgomerys and I hope you will find me Xmas eve night. I want you to bring me a hobby horse, big one that I can hitch up and a whip to whip him with when he tries to pitch. Santa bring a smooth hard road out to cousin Stella's so that Prince can trot fast when we go out there. Now Santa I am a good little boy and say my prayers every night so don't forget me and all other good little child. ren and please bring my little frind Mayme and Buster Adams somthing nice also papa, mama, sister "uncle Man" and grandpa and grandma at Dallas you will please bring me a great big ball if you have one to spare for I like to play ball and don't forget that little boys like to eat I hope that your eyes are not too old to read my letter so goodbye Santa.
your little friend,
Lennard Wilson.

Dear Santa Claus—
Brother has written so I will write too and tell you that I am a little girl three years old and want you to come to see me. I shall not want any dolls this time as grandpa gave me one, but you might bring me a pretty bed for her like Mr. Jones has at his store, and a little broom so I can help mama sweep. Bring me a big ball too so I won't cry for brother's, and "Uncle Man" bring them something nice also, Little Mabel Landis and Margaret Arnold be sure and go to see them, and please leave me a bushel of apples and two big oranges. I am a good little girl and I know you are glad that I am, so good bye Santa till you come.
Your little girl,
Gracie Wilson.
Memphis, Texas.

Dear Santa—
I am a little girl, I am not a boy. I love dolls but I dont love cats, some love cats they told me that I have been bad sick mama says my teacher and the children gave me flowers, and Dr. Durham cut my hair off to try to make a boy out of me.
Now Santa Please be sorrow once and bring me something.
Mary Hudgins.

Dear Santa Claus.
I want you to bring me a doll and doll buggy and a little set of dishes and a little stove, and some oranges and candy. I am seven years old.
Cattie Willinglam.

Dear Santa Claus—
Im a boy six years old and I want you to bring me a tricycle some caps for my gun candy, nuts, oranges and sister wants a doll and buggy and some little gloves and that's all.
Hubert Madox.
Eli, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus—
I want you to bring me a little knife and a little watch oranges and candy. I am five years old.
Johnie Willingham.
Eli, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus I want you to bring me a doll and some candy and oranges. I am 3 years old.
Lola Willingham.
Hang up the Stocking.
The Christmas tree is all right, splendid in fact, and how beautiful it looks with the candles lighted and the beautiful presents shining all over it, but it does not fill the expectations of the little ones like the stocking in the chimney place on Christmas eve. Have the tree by all means, but if you want to make the children happy don't omit the stockings. What mother would like to miss the exhibition of hope and faith. When father and mother hang the stockings up, old Santa Claus is sure to put something in them.

Umbrella Stands

Once a ship's ladder was washed upon the shores of a South Sea Island, and the natives were puzzled as to what it was. They carried it befor the City Council for them to decide what it was. One of the wise men declared that he thought the sides were used to hold the rungs together and his opponent said that the rungs were made to hold the sides apart. When our Christmas goods arrived, there were two Japanese Umbrella Stands, and the boys were puzzled as to what they were. One clerk suggested that they looked like churns, another one said that they might be soup bowls, but it would take a powerful long spoon to get out the soup—These Umbrella Stands are tall, handsome majollica jars, useful and ornamental. Price only **\$4.00**

Received
One car of Salt, barrels and sacks.
One car of Light Crust and Tip Top flour.

Suit Cases
The Elephant carries his trunk with him all the time, but the Terrapin manages to get along with only his suit case. It may not suit you to travel Elephantastic style, and perhaps you don't want to delay long enough to play even a game of Terrapinnochle so that all the baggage will be only a suit case. We have them, prices **\$15 down to \$1.50**

Coming
One car of Canned Goods.
One car load of Amarillo Flour.

New Goods
Infant Ruben's shirts, Calico, Percales, Silks, Dress Duck, narrow Ribbons, Embroideries, Duck Gloves, Kid gloves, dress goods, etc.

Neck Ties
God fashions the frost and causes the rain bow to shine in one translucent dew drop, be he instructed the silk worm how to weave the silk threads in our neck ties—A silk Neck Tie is a nice present. Prices **\$1.00 down to 25c**

Stoves
Parlor Heaters, nickel furnishing **\$8.00**
Merry Xmas
Thanking you for your trade we wish you peace and plenty.

THE CASH STORE..... T. R. Garrett Co. MEMPHIS TEXAS.....

ADDITIONAL LOCAL HAPPENINGS
News of Interest to Town and Country Subscribers

See Johnsey & Foreman for plans and estimates. 11-tf
Roman candles, firecrackers and skyrockets at the City Bakery. 24-2t
The streets and stores have been crowded this week with Christmas shoppers.
N. E. Conway of near Eli, was in Wemphis Saturday on business called on the Democrat while here.
Miss Dessa Young of Giles was in Memphis shopping Saturday and made the Democrat office a pleasant call.
G. T. Gates left Saturday night for points in Mississippi where he will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Noel are rejoicing over the arrival of a pretty little girl baby in their home Friday of last week. All doing well.
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Orr at Lodge are rejoicing over the arrival at their home last week a fine baby boy. All getting along nicely.
Jettie Brumley, Omer Mickle and Will Headrick came in Sunday from Southwestern University at Geortown and will spend the holidays with homefolks.

W. T. Youree and family was down from Rowe Saturday trading with our merchants.
Bring in your corn for grinding to the Craver & Crump mill at any time. "We never sleep." 21-tf
Mrs. J. E. Montgomery was in Memphis from Lakeview Wednesday attending the Woman's Culture club.
T. J. Hassett who recently came here from Quanah and bought a quarter section of land near Eli, is having him a fine six-room house erected on same.
Mr. John Robison who recently came here from Van Alstyn, Texas, will soon take charge of the old Pope place which he has retined for the next year.
B. T. Williams of Childress came through Memphis Sunday, driving 109 head of hogs from his place near Bitter Lake. He is going to take them to Childress and feed them for market.
Dr. R. D. Duren from Bulcher, Texas, was in Memphis Monday. He informed us that he has moved to Eli and will follow his profession in that locality. We are sure he will be a great benefit to this community.
Miss Elizabeth French came in Sunday morning from McAlester Okla., for a visit with relatives here in Memphis during the holidays. Miss French will be remembered by many of our peopleas having visited here some two years ago, and while here made many friends who will be glad to welcome her back again.

Cleaning and pressing done at Stalling Bros. west side square
A little more holly and mistletoe still left at the Panhandle Jewelry Store.
Misses Ruby Baley, Jessie Davis and Dessa Young are in Memphis this Tuesday from Giles shopping.
Send the Democrat to a friend for the coming year and we will guarantee they will be pleased with their present.
Parties wishing misletoe and holly for Christmas entertainments will have to hurry. Just a little left at the Panhandle Jewelry Store.
M. A. Rich made the Democrat a pleasant call Saturday. Mr. Rich has just recently moved here from Roxton, Delta county and was looking for a good farm to rent.
Wellington and McLean post-offices are now in the presidential appointive class and the postmaster will hereafter receive a salary instead of a commission on their cancellations.
MONEY—Jas. Brown of Memphis has money to loan on improved patented farms on five years' time, Money ready soon as title shows clear. Office in First National Bank. 20tf
F. I. Carter and J. E. Shropshire both of Alvarado, Johnson county, Texas, came in Sunday and will spend several days prospecting. They have seen some of Hall county's good land and are very favorably impressed.

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DOWLAKE SHIMMER.

Our farmers are winding their cotton picking and are leaving the country will be a Christmas tree finger schoolhouse on eve night. All are expected to help make it an enjoyable occasion. We understand there will also be one at

and Earl Williams and all of Childress were seen and Williams hog head of hogs to Chil-

Salmon has purchased from Mr. Johnson and the erection of a ereon.

Crews made a business address this week.

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Wibur Wright's New Feat.

Le Mans, Dec. 16.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, made a most remarkable flight in his aeroplane today.

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critics were aching to administer he surely would have been well blistered.

To the general babel of advice and fault finding, however, there was one woman who contributed nothing. She was a gentle, gray haired body who remained unruffled in the midst of the small tempest raging.

"If that child was mine," said the determined woman beside her, "I'd make him mind if I had to half kill him. Wouldn't you?"

"I don't know," said the little woman mildly, "what I'd do."

"You don't?" said the determined woman. "Well, I know. But maybe you are not used to children? Maybe you never had any of your own?"

"Oh, yes," said the little woman. "I brought up thirteen. That is why I don't know what I would do."

No Attempts, Please. Mother (to future son-in-law)—I tell you that, though my daughter is well educated, she cannot cook.

Future Son-in-law—That doesn't matter much, so long as she doesn't try.—Fliegende Blatter.

Every Day May Be a Sunday. Sunday and Day are the names of two farmers near Martinton. Sunday has five sons and Day five daughters.

Three of the Sunday boys have already married Day girls. With the other two brothers courting the remaining sisters it looks as though every Day would be a Sunday by and by.—Morocco Cor Indianapolis Journal.

Lose? "I should think a doctor with so many friends would have lots of practice."

"But he won't treat his friends. He says he hates to lose them."—Kansas City Times.

The emigrant cars still continue to unload in Memphis. You can look on the side track along the railroad right-of-way most any time during the day and you will see someone unloading a care of household goods and farm implements. They are coming in early to make preparations for next year's crop. Quit a number are coming in and cannot get possession of the places and they are renting houses here in town when they can find one for rent.

We have been asked at least a dozen times the past week as to where a house could be rented. If anyone has a house to rent and will let us know about it, we will then be in a position to answer these everyday enquires.

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D. H. ARNOLD, Em. Com. J. HENRY READ, Secretary.

MEMPHIS COUNCIL, No. 156, R. & S. M., meets in Masonic Hall on the Saturday night after full moon. Visiting Companions are welcome.

D. A. GRUNDY, Th. Ill. D. H. ARNOLD, Secretary.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER, No. 220, R. A. M., meets in Masonic Hall on the Saturday night after full moon. Visiting Companions are welcome.

J. M. ELLIOTT, H. P. D. H. ARNOLD, Secretary.

MEMPHIS LODGE, No. 729, A. F. & A. M., meets in the Masonic Hall on the Saturday night occurring on or before the full moon. Visiting brothers are welcome.

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C. L. SLOAN, W. M. P. M. BENNETT, Secretary.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER, No. 351, O. E. S., meets in Masonic Hall on the second Friday night in each month. Visiting brothers and sisters are welcome.

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ESTELLINE CHAPTER, No. 235 O. E. S., meets in the Masonic Hall on Saturdays at 2 p. m., on or before the full moon. Visiting brothers and sisters are welcome.

MRS. ETHEL TUCKER, W. M. MRS. ALLIE GRUNDY, Secretary.

MEMPHIS CAMP, No. 12624, M. W. A., meets in M. W. A. Hall first and third Friday nights. Visiting Neighbors are welcome.

C. T. PALMER, Consul. A. P. BUNCH, Clerk.

MEMPHIS COUNCIL, No. 396, Modern Order Praetorians, meets every Thursday night in I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting Praetorians are welcome.

R. A. BOSTON, Sublime Augustus. D. H. ARNOLD, Recorder.

MEMPHIS LOCAL, No. 4497, Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America, meets in the court house on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m. Visiting members are welcome.

H. H. SMITH, President. EDGAR EWING, Secretary.

MEMPHIS CAMP, No. 1091, meets on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month in Woodman Hall. Visiting Sovereigns are welcome.

S. A. BRYANT, C. C. F. A. HUDGINS, Clerk.

NEWLIN CAMP, No. 616, W. O. W., meets in Newlin, W. O. W. hall every second and fourth Tuesday nights in each month. Visiting sovereigns are welcome.

W. T. CROW, Con. Com. J. H. PIERCE, Clerk.

HEDELY CAMP, No. 2318, W. O. W., meets on second and fourth Saturday nights of each month in the Hedley Woodman Hall. Visiting Sovereigns are welcome.

G. A. WIMBERLY, C. C. S. A. MCCARROLL, CLERK.

ESTELLINE CAMP, No. 2157, W. O. W., meets in W. O. W. Hall on the first and fourth Friday nights in each month. Visiting Sovereigns are welcome.

J. A. BELL, C. C. JOHN R. BARNES, Clerk.

ELI CAMP, No. 2179, W. O. W., meets in the Eli W. O. W. Hall on the second and fourth Saturday nights of each month. Visiting Sovereigns are made welcome.

T. R. PHILLIPS, C. C. J. E. GLASS, Clerk.

LAKEVIEW CAMP, No. 2353, W. O. W., meets in the Lakview W. O. W. Hall on the first and third Saturday nights. Visiting Sovereigns are made welcome.

W. H. YOUNGBLOOD, C. C. J. E. DAWSON, Clerk.

MEMPHIS LODGE, No. 444, I. O. O. F., meets in I. O. O. F. Hall every Tuesday night. Visiting brothers are welcome.

JOHN DENNIS, N. G. F. A. HUDGINS, Secretary.

FLORA LODGE, No. 346, D. of R., meets every Monday night in I. O. O. F. Hall. Visiting members are welcome.

MISS FLORA ARNOLD, N. G. MRS. W. F. GAMMAGE, Secretary.

NEWLIN LODGE, No. 673, I. O. O. F., meets in Newlin I. O. O. F. hall every Thursday night. Visiting brothers are welcome.

DR. J. L. JOHNSON, N. G. J. H. PIERCE, Secretary.

ESTELLINE LODGE, No. 625, I. O. O. F., meets in W. O. W. Hall every Monday night. Visiting brothers are welcome.

JOHN BELL, N. G. C. F. VARDY, Secretary.

Live at Home.

The following is a clipping from the Brownwood Bulletin and is excellent advice for every farmer to consider. Everything mentioned in this article can be grown with wonderful ease, if only once a person can get properly in line:

The most important thing for every farmer plant to next year, and this the time when next year's plans should be made, is to first of all determine to grow on his farm everything that can possibly be grown that will be needed for his home use. There is no good reason why any farmer should ever buy a pound of meat, and he ought to have meat every day, too. There is no better hog country on the face of the earth than right here in Brown county, and they can be brought to maturity and fattened here as quick as anywhere and on home product. Get a stock of good hogs. Plan for enough pasture of some kind for them. If you have alfalfa land it is hard to beat alfalfa. Then plant artichokes, turnips, peanuts and such things to help out with, and of course some corn to finish them up with. Get good cows, enough to furnish your family with plenty of rich milk and butter, and some to sell. Raise a few calves every year, and remember that it costs no more to keep a good cow and raise a good calf than it does to keep and raise poor stock, and the returns from good stock are far greater. Raise a few colts or mules each year for the market and raise the best that you can. Have some good hens and keep your table well supplied with chickens and eggs, and have some to sell when you come to town. There is always a demand for chickens and eggs here in excess of the supply and at good prices. Grow at least enough potatoes of each kind to have them in plenty during the year. Cabbage, tomatoes and other vegetables should be planted in abundance, and by all means have an orchard that will give the family an ample supply of fruit during the season with a sufficient supply canned for the winter months. Prepare first of all to live at home, determine to avoid debts as far as possible and to buy nothing that can be grown at home, and then if you have any land left over or any time at your disposal, grow cotton.

Two Scraps.

Last Saturday F. C. Whipple was attacked and knocked down by Clyde Atteberry and there was a considerable gash cut in the back of the head and in the face. It seems that Whipple had a lot leased between his own and the Atteberry property on which he had a fence. S. E. Atteberry bought the lot and Mr. Whipple undertook to move the fence. Mr. Whipple says he was knocked down unawares and had no chance and made no effort to defend himself. The case will be brought up in county court. The other case was on Monday and came near resulting more seriously. It was between Chas. McCrae and Edward Harding. Each accused the other of having been guilty of some pretty serious acts. Monday evening about 5 o'clock they met at the old restaurant corner, McCrae with a Winchester. Harding jumped at McCrae grabbed the gun in the scuffle threw McCrae down, the ball cut through Harding's eyebrow and the skin across his forehead. Both lost their hold on the gun, but McCrae succeeded in getting out a knife and Harding grabbed his wrist and held it until parties unarmed and separated them. In a preliminary examination yesterday McCrae was released under \$750 bond.—Clarendon Chronicle.

Farm for Rent.

I am in position to rent some good farmer a well improved farm consisting of 150 to 200 acres of cultivated land—more if wanted and can be properly handled. For particulars see B. W. Morcman at the gin. 176f

His Own Grandfather.

William Harman, a resident of Titusville, Pa., committed suicide recently from a melancholy conviction that he was his own grandfather. Here is the singular letter that he left: I married a widow who had a grown-up daughter. My father visited our house very often, fell in love with my step-daughter and married her. So my father became my son-in-law and my step-daughter my mother, because she was my father's wife. Sometime afterwards my wife had a son; he was my father's brother-in-law and my uncle, for he was the brother of my stepmother. My father's wife—i. e., my step daughter—had also a son; he was, of course, my brother, and in the meantime my grandchild, for he was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grand-mother, because she was mother's mother. I was my wife's husband and grandchild at the same time. And as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I was my own grandfather.—Ex.

Put Your Eggs in one Basket—And Watch the Basket.

Did you ever see the tent gang at a circus driving the pickets to hold the guy-ropes of the big tent? Four or five men armed with big mauls surround the pickets and each one hits it alternate blows as often and as hard as he can. One man and one maul could drive it down, but it would be a longer job. The bigger and heavier the hammer the quicker and easier will the work be done. Two men or twenty with tack hammers wouldn't get the picket driven in five years.

Here is a parable in advertising. If you are anxious to drive your business, use two or three papers, and make the advertising hammer—the space—as big as possible. If you can't afford two big mauls, then buy only one; use only one paper—the best one—and make the space big enough to be felt. You will accomplish more with one good hammer than with half a dozen tack hammers.—Inland Printer.

Composition on the Editor.

A school boy's composition on the editor ran as follows: The editor is one of the happiest beggars in the world. He can go to the circus in the afternoon and evening without paying a cent. He has free tickets to the theaters, get wedding cake? sent to him and sometimes get licked, but not often as he can take it back in the next issue, which he generally does. While other folks have to go to bed early, the editor can sit up every night and see all that is going on.

Of all the abominably inconvenient doors ever constructed for use in a public building where thousands of people must pass in and out daily that one in the Childress post office takes the razor clear off the bush without any shadow of a doubt. Think of it! Everybody in Childress compelled to scramble through a door space not exceeding two and a half feet. Added to this is the very inconvenient arrangement of the wire screens. This is such that if one is entering the building and happens to meet others coming out there is little room to back out and certainly not room to pass without danger of a personal collision. Some public inconveniences are excusable for good, and sufficient reasons, hence, should be borne, temporarily, with patience but this is a case in which the entire population suffers no small annoyance that could have been avoided without expense and which could yet be remedied with a very small cost. In such door a double entrance should be available and shutters should be equipped with some reliable and noiseless closing apparatus. These should open with a push from either side. The present doors in the Childress post office very much resemble the entrance to a patent mouse trap.—Post.

LOST! \$10,000.00. By Trading With These "Smooth" Land Agents.

I will give anyone a \$10.00 reward that will find me a man that I can trade with that will not cheat me, and trade without asking his parent or guardian. I am a poor, honest, fair dealing orphan boy trying to make enough money to keep out of the pen. J. W. WATSON, Cisco, Texas. P. O. Box 91.

The sighner seems to be in a forlorn state of mind, because he has lost a little pen money on some "fake" land agent. The card was shown to us by W. P. Cagle, and if the gentleman is really looking for a section of country where he can get fair dealings from one and all alike, he will listen to words of wisdom and not linger any longer in the "Land of Doubt" but come to Memphis, Hall County, Texas, where the name of our town stands for a picture in the minds of all who have lingered, even for a few fleeting days, within the charms of its wooing beauty. It stands not alone as a present picture, but as a future ideal of our own loyal citizens. Man meets his fellows here with, "Good morning. So—and—so; how are you feeling this morning? While the answer is wafted back on the morning breeze, "quite well, I thank you."

Now we would advise Bro. Watson to come to the Panhandle at once for that spirit of melancholy which seems to have hold of him. Well, John, if you want to keep up with a prosperous country just send us a dollar for a year's subscription of the Democrat.

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I have some nice residence lots which I will sell on easy terms or will trade for good mules. 24-3t. J. Q. Durham.

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Don't spend the day so it will bring regret. For goodness' sake pay up your subscription and make the editor and "devil" feel good.

Forget your grudges and give a friendly grasp. If you enjoy a good fat dinner don't forget the many that will surround a scanty table.

In your home gatherings let someone read the "Events of the Year" as reflected in this paper, then subscribe for it, recommend it to your neighbors and send it to your friends.

Kisses by Mail.

Not long ago the money order clerk of Pampanga, in the Philippines, paid a beautiful young Filipino the amount of her order, but on the margin was written a message which he was asked to give to the young woman. It was this: "I send you 20 pesos and a dozen kisses." Glancing at the shy, dusky beauty, he said: "I have paid you the money, now I suppose you wish the kisses?" "Yes," she said, "if my husband has sent me any dozen (kisses) I want them, too." The remainder of the order was promptly paid. On reaching her home the little beauty burst into a group of busy playing Filipino bridge whist: "I tell you, this American postal system has the old Spanish system beaten a mile. Here my husband sent me a dozen kisses along with the money order, and the kind gentleman with the black beard gave me twenty."—Ex.

Buy Early.

The Christmas spirit is in the air and it is doubtful if there is a city in the state that has made more elaborate preparations for the holidays than Memphis. The merchants have responded to the feeling of buoyancy that this season creates and they have loaded the shelves and floor space of their stores with everything the season demands. They have bought quite a good deal of holiday goods and everyone of the establishments is a veritable exposition of things that are beautiful and sensible. Everyone buying Christmas presents should do their shopping early and thereby get choice of the best articles and also confer a favor on the clerks and business men by avoiding the rush.

Physician's Notice.

We the undersigned physicians of Memphis, Texas hereby request all parties who have unpaid bills with us to call and make satisfactory settlement of same; and all strangers who have not employed us, and who might need our services, will do well to arrange for their practice, unless they have the money or satisfactory references.

We must have our pay for past services.

Remember we charge extra at night except in obstetrics.

Yours for faithful services and prompt payments.

Dr. J. M. Ballew,
Drs. Wilson & Bowman,
Dr. J. W. Mickle,
Drs. Greenwood & Dickey,
Dr. J. Q. Durham. 23-3-t

There is nothing poetic in the following paragraph, but there is a large chunk of truth in it, just the same: "An exchange says that the average man will give a lawyer \$300 to \$500, together with lifetime's praise, to keep him out of the penitentiary for from two to ten years, and at the same time he will raise a phosphorescent glow and a kick that can be heard around the world if a doctor charges him \$50 to \$100 to keep him out of hell for a lifetime.



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