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In which you will be able to buy dry goods at absolute cost.

What we mean by cost is that they will cost you just what they cost us. Our Dry goods stock must be disposed of before the first of the new year, and we determined to move this stock regardless of cost.

This has been the first COST SALE for West Texas, and you should supply yourself with everything in this line before this stock of Dry Goods is disposed of

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Going to Leave

After Christmas we will move into our new quarters next door north of Rix & Co.

For the next fifteen days you will have a chance to buy your Christmas groceries at prices that will be to your entire satisfaction. Haven't time to quote prices now, but it might be to your advantage to come and see. We carry the stock, of quality the best; prices always in keeping with the times. We want your trade

Pool Brothers

Badger Club Organized.
A new club, to be known as the Big Springs Badger Club, was organized Saturday afternoon with thirteen charter members. J. B. Harling was elected president and J. V. Worlover secretary and treasurer. It is a social organization and will meet regularly the first Saturday in each month.

Important gossip. Save \$1 to \$3. Buy Ladies Belt Pins, Garters with Silver Buckles. Art Leather Shops.
Everything in high-class jewelry at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.
L. O. Ramsey of Sierra Blanca was here this week the guest of A. J. Gallimore.

Men's Meeting.
Judge L. A. Dale will address the men's meeting at Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All men cordially invited.
Dress shirts at 40c, 75c, \$1.00 and up. These are out prices. The assortment is large. No old goods in our store.
A. P. McDonald & Co.

Contract Let.
Tuesday afternoon the contract for the construction of the First State Bank and the Currie store building were let, W. B. Westerman being the successful bidder. The building will be built on the lots south of the Ward building, will be one-story 50 x 100 feet, and built of brick. Work has already been commenced on the excavation and it will be pushed rapidly to completion.
The capital stock of the bank has been increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000 in order to accommodate those wanting stock. It has all been taken and fully paid up.

Knott News.
The Knott community is getting on a boom. P. B. Posey, of Beaumont, is building four new houses on the section south of the city of Knott.
Mr. Smith has just moved in on his section south of the Hackberry section. We are glad to welcome all such men as are coming in. Mr. Smith will erect two houses on his land at once.
Mr. Ray Green and Miss Leona Richardson of Westbrook are visiting relatives at Knott.
I think we have the best land in West Texas, and there is room for more good men to get homes. Land is still cheap.

We have church three Sundays in the month and Sunday School every Sunday.
The entertainment given at Knott on Wednesday night was greatly enjoyed by all.
P. B. Posey and Mr. T. M. Hancock are on the smiling list. Well, if this escapes the waste basket I will come again.
MISERY.

West Texas Boosters at Colorado.
The Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs held its quarterly meeting at Colorado Tuesday. The attendance was fairly good and a most interesting meeting was held. In the absence of President Buie, vice-president, Reagan presided. Those attending from here were B. Reagan, Fox Stribling, W. G. Hayden, W. E. Cope and the Rix orchestra, who furnished music for the occasion. All reported a good time and a splendid meeting.

Railroad Talk.
The committee securing subscriptions to the railroad bonus are meeting fair success and expect to have the amount raised by January 1st.
Mr. O'Donnell left Thursday for Stanton, where he will make arrangements for raising the bonus there. It is probable that he will visit Dallas and St. Louis before his return to confer with parties in regard to financing the proposition.—Dawson County News.

Money
Coal and Wood is money. It takes this for us to get it and we are not allowed to touch it until we pay for it, and therefore, we have got to sell for CASH, and all orders for coal or wood in dollar lots will be charged 25 cents drayage extra. Please bear this in mind and pay drivers on delivery.
STONE & CARPENTER,
ABNEY & WRIGHT.

Lubbock May Get Road.
As a result of a meeting of representatives of the commercial club of this city and Mr. S. S. Lees and his attorney, Judge George, a proposition was submitted to Lubbock by Mr. Lees for the construction of a railroad from some point on the Santa Fe to Lubbock.
The proposition, as we understand it is this: That Mr. Lees will build, or cause to be built, a railroad from some point on the Santa Fe railroad to Lubbock for a consideration, or bonus from Lubbock of \$50,000, right-of-way through the county and depot grounds in the town of Lubbock, which proposition has been accepted conditionally, the conditions being if the bonus can be raised.
Mr. Lee's proposition is a very sensible, practicable one and seems to be almost unanimously endorsed by our people and as a result they are taking right hold of the proposition and subscribing liberally.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Midland Gets College.
The committee from the Texas Christian University were at Midland last week and selected a site for the Christian College. The citizens of Midland donated 225 acres of land near town and \$2,500 in cash. When the people of that town want a thing they go after it.
Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.
HARTZOG & BOYETT.

Christmas Presents — Thousands of Them — at REAGAN'S

THE ENTERPRISE

W. V. ERVIN, Pub.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Count Zeppelin probably thinks that the aeroplane is all right as a toy.

In 1,000 years, says Nansen, the end of the world will come. Which end, explorer?

Male servants in the Argentine capital get 66 cents to \$2.20 gold a day and female help 40 cents to \$1.10.

Count Boni de Castellane has not been saying much recently, but we feel safe in assuring the public that he is not sawing wood.

If, as a scientist claims, trees think, it would be interesting to know their opinion of the man who deliberately starts a forest fire.

Missouri man has his life saved by a package of cigarettes in his inside pocket. Don't cheer—a bribe pipe would have been just as effective.

Cato learned Greek at the age of 80 years, owing to the fact that he was not living in a country where every foot was permitted to carry a gun.

William Howard Taft will be the only president with a middle name since Chester A. Arthur. All but seven of our 26 presidents have been blessed with but a single baptismal name.

Counterfeit \$5 bills are in circulation. The prudent man will scrutinize his \$5 bills before he takes them in, and the truly honest man will look carefully at his before he pays them out.

In the mountain regions of Cuba there are many ridges and valleys of extremely fertile land, nearly all untouched, and existing practically as they did before the time of the Spaniards.

A Chicago judge has decided that a baby carriage must have lighted lamps if it is pushed on public ways after dark. This will reduce the terrible mortality caused by over-speeding baby carriages.

Prof. Zueblin recommends intermarriage of the races. It is a cold day when the professor does not bring forth a new idea and the temperature has been noticeably high through this present fall.

Two-cent postage stamps of a new design have just been issued, and later those of higher denominations will appear. The two-cent stamp will be adorned with a portrait of Washington in profile from the Houdon statue.

Zinc mining in Mexico has become important only in the last three years. The most important zinc deposits are near Monterey. At Calera there is a large amount of mixed sulphide ore, while the Tiro General, San Luis Potosi is also producing zinc ore.

As a part of the reception to the American battleship fleet, Japan arranged that each American vessel should be met and escorted to its station by a Japanese vessel of similar rank and power. Could anything be neater, as a cordial hand-shake with the mailed fist?

Following the example of the Danish government, the National Red Cross association of America will issue special stamps this year for use on Christmas mail. The stamps will not serve as postage, but will carry only holiday greetings. The revenue will go to the Red Cross fund for fighting tuberculosis.

Word came recently from Stefanson, the arctic explorer, that he came near having to spend winter at Point Barrow for want of matches. The natives would not go farther into the wilderness with only flints and steels. He finally secured matches from whaling vessels and pushed on. It is an interesting comment on the material progress of the world that uncivilized people have come to regard comparatively modern inventions as indispensable.

The cruisers and gunboats of the navy keep up their target practice, as well as the big battleships. And the official reports forwarded from the commander of our naval forces in Philippine waters show excellent results. The figures will not be made known until the reports reach Washington, but it is stated in connection therewith that all records have been broken. The Yankee tar continues to be a sharpshooter, no matter what craft he sails in.

The ancient Greeks had recommended the use of sterilized water. Rufus of Ephesus in the first century of this era taught that "all water from rivers and ponds is bad, except that from the Nile. Water from rivers which flow through unhealthy soil, stagnant water, and that which flows near public bathing places is harmful. The best water is that which has been boiled in baked earthenware vessels, cooled and then heated a second time before drinking."

The house of Verona which the guides in that city have pointed out to tourists as the home of Juliet's parents and the place where Romeo wooed her was burned last month. Although the house was marked with a tablet setting forth its relation to the famous story which Shakespeare has immortalized, scholars have long doubted the Veronese legend. About all that could be said of it, says the Youth's Companion, is that the building belonged to the right period. Now travelers will have to be content with looking at the reputed grave of Juliet.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

Tom Teller of Wichita Falls was accidentally shot through the leg Wednesday while in a restaurant with a rifle, which he thought was unloaded.

Thousands of cattle on the ranges in Colorado are reported to be starving, with the prospect that there will be unprecedented loss to the cattlemen during the winter.

The United States and Germany have arranged for a postal rate on letters of 2 cents instead of the existing rate of 5c. The new rate goes into effect on January 1.

The Grayson County Medical Association adjourned Thursday evening. A resolution was passed requesting the National tuberculosis exhibit to be brought to Sherman.

M. D. Brown of the Navarro Oil Company of Corsicana made his appearance in North Fort Worth Friday and began to secure the right of way for a pipe line for natural gas.

The Kansas City Stock Yards Company will begin, the first week in January, the erection of a new eight-story Live Stock Exchange building and new cattle and hog pens.

Eight hundred and thirty dollars revenue off fourteen acres of peanuts, or nearly \$60 an acre, is what W. D. Peckrus did with his peanut crop southeast of Denton this year.

The burning of the Garza School building from an unknown cause Thursday night is the third public school building in Denton county to be burned in the last two months.

Her owners say the steel freighter, R. M. Cleason, sunk in a gale at Duluth Saturday. Tugs are searching the lake. The crew numbers 25 and probably all are lost.

Seven frame dwelling houses and a two-story business building was the toll claimed Friday by the encroaching water of the swollen Arkansas river, eating their way into the heart of Pine Bluff, Ark.

Another enterprise is to be added to enterprising Palestine. R. J. L. and Frank Morris and C. M. Key have purchased the necessary machinery and will erect buildings for a large crate and box factory.

Dennis Lawson, a prominent young cattleman of Mill Creek, Okla., died Friday afternoon at Mulkey, a few miles east of here, from a gunshot wound received in the stomach Friday morning at 1 o'clock.

The stewards of the First Methodist church held a meeting Sunday in Beaumont and passed a resolution requesting ladies to remove their hats during services in the church in order not to obstruct the view of people sitting behind them.

The past week made a banner record for the United States navy recruiting station at Dallas, a total of twenty men being enlisted. This is the best record of any one week since the first of August, and the pace promises to keep up, according to Lieut. Wilbert Smith, the officer in charge of the recruiting station.

The second annual exhibition of the Hill County Poultry and Pet Stock Association opened in Hillsboro, Tuesday, with nearly 1,000 birds entered, they having come from all sections of Texas and many from Louisiana and Mississippi.

A telegram from French West Africa says that a detachment of French Spahis have had a serious engagement with a band of Moors. The French lost one lieutenant and twelve privates, while the Moors suffered heavily and was routed.

After choosing Brownwood, Texas, as the place of the next annual session and electing officers and winding up unfinished business, the convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy closed in Terrell Friday.

A tragedy occurred in Ardmore, Okla., Tuesday evening in which Luther Ford, a boy of 12 years, is dead, with three buckshot in the back. Policeman Smith Redmon is wounded with four shot, and William Bellew was shot in thirty places from the hips to the head.

Mrs. Nicholas Errington of Chicago, who was traveling with her 10-year-old daughter, Tuesday, in a hotel in Memphis, Tenn., forced the girl to take carbolic acid and then drained the vial herself, ending both lives in a short time.

Corsicana: While making a gas connection at the residence of J. P. Wooten Thursday evening an explosion occurred in which the plumber, Burgess, was severely burned. Mrs. Wooten and son and Mrs. Clayton of Athens received slight burns.

Robert Brode, an old and respected citizen of Honey Grove, fell dead Wednesday morning.

Saturday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, Mrs. Mary Freeman was found dead in her home in Corsicana. The National Life Association of Des Moines, Iowa, was granted a license to do business in Texas.

Active work is in progress on new flouring mill in San Angelo, which is to be ready by the first of the new year.

A. H. Mywaters, a prominent citizen and banker, was stricken with paralysis at his home at Roxton Thursday afternoon.

The town of Browning, of several hundred inhabitants, nine miles north of Morris Ok., has been entirely wiped out by fire.

At El Paso, Tuesday, ground was broken for the construction of a \$65,000 ice plant and also for an \$85,000 flouring mill.

Texas has risen from eighth to third place in the rank of lumber-producing states, according to a report of the cut for 1907.

Mrs. J. H. Hughes was struck and run over by a Texas & Pacific locomotive at Sherman, Tuesday. She died in twenty minutes.

The Weatherford interurban subscription is now \$50,000, and it is claimed the amount will, in a few days, reach \$75,000.

William Biggley, Chief of Police of San Francisco, drowned Tuesday night, while returning across the bay in the police patrol launch.

Preparations are being made to occupy the new \$100,000 hospital recently completed in Temple for use of the Santa Fe employes.

Over one hundred running horses have arrived in El Paso to take part in the sixty-day midwinter race meet, which opened there Friday.

The site offered by Mrs. Esteele Chatham has been accepted for the postoffice building to be erected at Clarksville. The price is \$5,000.

The property of John A. Brown, priced to the government at \$29,000, has been accepted by the Federal authorities as the site for the new public building in Cleburne.

When James McCormick, a prominent planter of Uvalde, La., came to the gateway of his home Saturday night in response to the request of two negroes, he was fired on and killed.

Assistant Attorney General Crawford has ruled that persons qualified to vote in local option elections to be held between the present and Feb. 1, must possess poll tax receipts issued to them prior to February, 1908.

Thirty additional men are to be employed at the Dallas postoffice to assist in the expeditious handling of the Christmas mails. Fifteen additional clerks and fifteen additional carriers are authorized to be put on duty Dec. 16.

The Commercial Club, the 150,000 Club, the Trade League and the Freight Bureau, at a meeting of the members of them, at the Commercial Club auditorium in Dallas Tuesday night, were combined into a central organization, to be known as the Chamber of Commerce.

Because frosty rains ceased the wheels to slide when the airbrakes were applied to a fast southbound Santa Fe train upon passing the switch at Haney, a siding eleven miles south of Amarillo, a collision occurred with the northbound train at the meeting point, in which two were killed, two seriously hurt and a number of others more or less seriously injured.

It is reported here that Iowa capitalists have purchased a site near Seminola, Miss., for the erection of a paper mill, the pulp to be obtained from bay trees. The plant is to cost \$100,000.

Remaining at his post, though danger threatened, A. A. Reppard, was slowly scalded to death when his engine turned over and pinned him under the wreckage, one mile from Aaron, Ga., on the Savannah, Augusta and Northern railway early Sunday.

Chas. Eckstromer, Swedish Vice-Consul in St. Louis, killed himself by drinking prussic acid at his home Tuesday.

T. L. Cowart, a prominent citizen of Bonham, killed himself at his home in the north part of town Tuesday morning. The entire charge of shot from a shotgun went through his head.

Tyler Commercial Club is now distributing free a booklet, descriptive of East Texas, beautifully illustrated with photographs of fruit and truck farms in Smith county.

The senior class of the state university at Austin has decided to give to the institution, before leaving, a memorial window, to be placed in the main entrance of the university.

Harvey B. Cobb, aged 77 years, died Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hall in Dallas. He had resided in Texas for more than fifty years.

Helen Troy of Houston, the girl who was so badly burned Wednesday, died Thursday at her home from the effects of the injuries.

TWO DEAD; STREET RIOT

POLICE CLASH WITH LEADER OF RELIGIOUS SECT IN CROWDED THOROUGHFARE.

THREE ARE FATALLY INJURED

Valley of Bullets Fired at Policemen Instantly Kills One—Two Officers and Preacher Dying.

Kansas City, Dec. 9.—In the very shadow of the city hall in this city and less than a half mile from the business center, a riot, in which religious fanatics and police were the participants, and in which a hundred shots were fired Tuesday afternoon, resulted in the death of one policeman and a 13-year-old girl, fatal injuries to three and slight injuries to two other persons.

The dead: Charles Dalrow, a patrolman; Lola Pratt, aged 13. Fatally injured: John Sharp, known as "Adam God," a street preacher; Michael Mullane, a patrolman; Patrick Clark, a police sergeant. Slightly injured: Harry E. Stege, policeman; George M. Holt, probation officer. The trouble occurred at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the streets of the business market and City Hall were crowded with people. While the battle as in progress the participants traversed an entire block, the final stages of the fight being enacted directly across the street from the police station.

Confederates Take Action.

Hillsboro: At the regular monthly meeting of Hill County Camp No. 168, U. C. V., a resolution was adopted memorializing the Thirty-first Legislature for an increase in the appropriation for pensions for Confederate veterans entitled thereto to an amount sufficient to pay the full limit of \$8 per month and to have eliminated from the conditions upon which the pensions are granted the pauper's oath now required to be taken by applications for pensions; also that an amendment to the constitution be submitted to provide for allowing pensions to all Confederate soldiers not now receiving them, who made honorable records and who are in indigent circumstances.

West Texas Clubs Meet.

Colorado: The Central West Texas Commercial Clubs met in Colorado Tuesday. The occasion had been duly advertised and considerable preparation had been made by the local club for the reception of the clubs. At the depot several hundred of Colorado's leading citizens had assembled to meet the visitors and members of the clubs and extend them the hand of welcome.

Fight on Tuberculosis.

San Angelo: The Anti-Tuberculosis Association of Tom Green County is going to get busy right away with the work in hand. Many citizens have joined and already a nice sum has been subscribed for carrying on the work. Officers and members are alive to the necessity for intelligent and practical work.

Ask More Protection for Game.

Dallas: Under the direction of the Texas Field and Sportsman, petitions to the Legislature are being circulated asking for certain changes in the game laws of the State for the better preservation of game birds and animals.

Conductor Nelson Dies.

Amarillo: Conductor W. H. Nelson who was injured in the Santa Fe wreck near here Sunday morning, died late Tuesday afternoon from his injuries. He was apparently improving rapidly until a few minutes before his death, which came very suddenly and as a shock to his family who were at his bedside. Fireman Holstein, who was injured at the same time, is reported improving and will probably recover.

Prairie View Normal.

Austin: E. L. Blackshear, principal of the Prairie View Normal School for Negroes, located at Prairie View, recommends the enlargement of that institution to a capacity sufficient to accommodate 1200 instead of 600 pupils and the establishment of a factory that must enable the school to become self-sustaining. His report was filed with the governor Tuesday. It covers the biennial period ending last August.

McCue Cases on Trial.

Fort Worth: The last of the twelve men who are to try Frank McCue of Dallas, charged with the murder of Earl Mabry in that city September 21, 1907, was accepted and sworn in at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday. Immediately thereafter there was an adjournment until Wednesday morning in order that the attorneys might spend the afternoon talking to their witnesses and arranging all preliminaries.

It May Be Your Fate
To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, ARE YOU INSURED? If not, do you think it would be wise to have us issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our Office in West Texas National Bank Hartzog & Boyett,

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In making your holiday presents, give some useful article--something that will last. In purchasing my stock I kept this end in view, so that you will find in my store now the best selection of useful articles and handsome presents ever brought to Big Springs, Texas. Solid Silver Toilet and Manicure Sets, also a line of cheaper ones. The prettiest line of Cut Glass and Silverware ever brought to town. Almost anything you want in this line.

BIBLES

The largest line ever brought to Big Springs. Teachers' Bibles, Revised Version, Linear Parallel, Red Lettered Testaments, Large Lettered Testaments, etc. Almost anything you want in this line.

JEWELRY

New stock just received; Rings, Watches, Brooches, Ear Screws, Bracelets, the latest.

CANDIES--"Made Last Night", beautiful Christmas packages, just received by express

PIPES, ETC.

Pipes, Cigars, Pocket Knives, Combs, Brushes and thousands of other articles suitable for presents for both old and young, and at prices you can afford. Come in and see our lines and make your selection

These things are good and the prices are right. I want you to visit my store and make it headquarters. You are always welcome here.

Reagan's Drug Store

Local and Personal

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

J. D. Sawyers of Dublin, was here this week.

Fine pipes at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

J. H. O'Brien of Stanton was here Tuesday.

Best perfumes 5c to \$5.00 per bottle at Ward's.

G. T. Walker, postmaster at Auto, was in town Tuesday.

Real bargains in Christmas goods at Ward's.

Dolls, Dolls! Dolls!! Arnold-Tankersley-Drug Company.

Those Ox Blood carved garters make everybody look some. Art Leather Shops.

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Stick pins for Xmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Brakeman H. L. Mauzy is in Fort Worth on a few days vacation.

Cuff buttons for Xmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

J. G. Carter and wife of Glasscock county were shopping here Monday.

Gold watches for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Jno. Boatright and H. M. Moore have gone to the T. & P. hospital at Marshall.

Watch fobs for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Dr. S. G. Cain has moved his office over Reagan's drug store. Phone 169. 9-3w.

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Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's. 12-tf

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W. B. Allen has sold his coal and wood business to Stone and Carpenter who continue it at the same place and will appreciate the patronage of the public.

Dolls up to \$10.00, all kinds. Come early and get first choice. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

T. F. Palmer, of Erath county, was here Friday on his way to Dawson county where he has bought land and expects to make his home.

We place quality above everything in Christmas presents. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Mrs. M. D. Moorman of Durant, Oklahoma, came in Sunday on a visit to her daughters, Mesdames R. E. Russell and S. H. Spain, and will remain until after the holidays.

Silver dollars at \$38c each would have to be advertised as we do our goods. Art Leather Shops.

\$50.00 bills at \$31.49 would have to be advertised as we do sash pins at cost. Art Leather Shops.

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Toilet sets for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

After the 11th of this month the store of J. W. Fisher will be open after 7 p. m. on account of Christmas display.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward building, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing. 22-tf.

W. B. Stephens of Coleman, spent yesterday here. He had been on a prospecting trip to Roswell, New Mexico, but did not like that country.

Killed By Train.

On last Monday morning about 7 o'clock, as the section hands were going to work, they discovered the dead body of S. B. Reid lying on the right-of-way near the west end of the yards. The condition of the body would indicate that deceased came to his death either by being hurled from a passing train or by being struck by one while on or near the track, and the coroner's jury in their inquest Monday returned a verdict to that effect.

Decedent was a painter residing in Big Springs, having come to Conhoma Saturday night to visit his brother, Dave Reid, who conducted the City Restaurant here. It was his intention to return to Big Springs on the passenger Sunday night, and was last seen alive when on his way to the depot to wait for the train.

One phase of the accident which is most mystifying, is the fact that from the marks left on the ground by the body after it was struck, and the manner in which the contents of a parcel which he was known to have had in his possession, and other effects from his person were strewn along beside the track, his death was beyond a doubt caused by an eastbound train, when it had been his avowed intention to go west.

One leg was broken just above the ankle, the shoe being torn from that foot and thrown some distance, while the other leg was fractured above the knee. One arm and a rib on the left side were also fractured, while the only marks of violence about the head consisted of a fracture of the nose and a small cut on the forehead. The body had evidently skidded along the ground for a distance of about twenty feet, diagonally away from the point of impact, striking and overturning a fifty or sixty-pound rock, one-third of which was buried in the sand, and bringing up against a barb wire fence, where it was found.

It would seem that death must have resulted instantly, as one trousers leg was caught upon a barb and held in such a manner that a slight struggle would have released it. There are various theories as to how the unfortunate affair might have occurred, but of course no one will ever know the exact manner in which it came about, as so far as is known, he was alone at the time of his death.

The remains were taken to Big Springs Monday by relatives, and were interred there Tuesday. Decedent was about fifty years of age and had resided in the county some time. It is a very sad and unfortunate occurrence and the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in the hour of their sorrow.—Coahoma Courier.

Gold pens—any price—
at Ward's.

Belt pins one-dollar to three dollars at Ward's.

The Howard County Teachers Institute will meet on the 18th of December and remain in session until the evening of the 23rd of said month. The program, which appears separately, is based on W. H. Bender's book entitled "The Teacher at Work." This is a very useful book for teachers, and is recommended by State Superintendent, Cousins, in the following language: "I find it a very practical and helpful book. I will be glad to have it offered to the teachers of Texas for their preparation for certificates and for more efficient work in the school room." Each teacher is expected to secure a copy of this book in order to understand his subject and to prepare it properly. These books can be had at the County Judge's office at the cost price of 75 cents each.

L. A. DALE,
Co. Judge, Howard Co.

Cake plates 25 cents to \$5.00 at Ward's.

Water sets one-dollar to three

Tax Committee Meet.

Hon. B. B. Cain, of Tyler, chairman of the committee on taxation of the Texas Commercial Secretaries Association has called a meeting of his committee at Fort Worth at the headquarters of the association in room 3, of the Wheat building, at 10 a. m., Wednesday, December 16, to consider the subject of taxation. The subject of taxation was referred to this committee by resolution at the Galveston conference of Commercial Clubs June 20th, but the tax committee considered it advisable to wait the result of the 1908 assessments in order that all the tax laws could be given a fair trial and have an opportunity to demonstrate their merits.

Hon. L. T. Dashiell, state tax commissioner, has accepted an invitation to be present at this meeting and will no doubt be able to give the committee considerable information of value in the consideration of the subject. The press reports indicate that the annual report of the tax commission which is made to the governor, will soon be given to the press and it is possible that the committee may be given the benefit of the information and recommendation contained in this report.

The tax committee of the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association has never specifically outlined its position on this subject for the reason stated above, and they are anxious to receive information and advice from every available source before committing the organization on this important subject.

Ladies' watches \$10 to \$75.00 at Ward's.

Boys Rob Box Car.

Last Tuesday Ollie Carter, Oscar Cunningham, Lynne Jones and Will Whitaker were caught by Sheriff Bob Beverly, taking goods from a box car. The boys had made away with a ton of coal and several boxes of goods containing candy, etc., and were unloading some hay when Sheriff Beverly caught them. The young culprits spent the night in jail and were arraigned in court Wednesday where they were put under a \$100 bond each to await the action of the grand jury.—Midland Reporter.

Best books for boys, 25c to 50c at Ward's.

We are overstocked in sash pins and belt buckles. Will sell many at cost this month.

Art Leather Shops.

We are waiting to please you with presents that are appropriate, popular, practical and in every way desirable in the line of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, novelties etc.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

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Christmas and New-Year cards at Ward's.

Sunday night a guest at the Ostermoor hotel reported to the proprietor, J. D. Porter, that some one had entered his room and robbed him of his money. The robber went out on the roof of the building and officers were phoned for. When they arrived the burglar was arrested and proved to be Will Houser, a young man who has made his home here several years. He was searched and the missing money was recovered. Houser waived an examining trial and his bond was placed at \$500 which he has not been able to give.

Jewel cases one-dollar to ten dollars at Ward's.

C. Spearman and Miss Hattie May Beard were married on Tuesday, Dec. 8, Rev. Sherman officiating.

Toilet sets one-dollar to fifteen dollars at Ward's.

The Decatur College basketball team was here Tuesday and played two games with the High School team and won both. We did not learn the exact scores made in the two games but if what heard is correct we are ashamed to publish it, as we thought our boys could play a little.

Kodaks one-dollar to twenty-dollars, at Ward's.

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If you want satisfaction in selection and economy in price, our holiday stock fills your needs. Remember our holiday stock gives you new ideas and supplies exactly what you want.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

Frank and Charlie Sholte were up from Big Springs a few days the first of the week visiting their mother, Mrs. M. L. Sholte. Henry Barber and wife came in from Big Springs last Saturday from a visit to his mother there. I. P. Inman, of Big Springs was in town the first of the week and informs us that after January the 6 he will again cast his lot with us. We most heartily welcome him.—Midland Reporter.

China Berry sets, \$1.00 to \$10.00 at Ward's.

Miss Pearl Johnson is visiting friends in Weatherford.

Chocolate sets \$1.00 to \$10.00, at Ward's.

You will get your choice in Christmas goods at Ward's.

The Voting Contest.

The following is the standing of the various contestants in the Enterprise's Popular Young Lady Voting Contest:

Miss Margie Oliphant	45,300
" Lucille Ely	8,900
" Viola Adams	6,220
" Mae Thomas	3,710
" Alice McGrighi	1,380
" Audrie McWhorter	1,220
" Birdie Andrus	1,200
" Ethel Crowder	1,180
" Duchia Griffen	1,100
" Flora Lewis	1,120
" Lottie Cranfell	1,120

A handsome \$10.00 gold bracelet will be given to the first young lady bringing us \$20.00 on subscription. The winner of the first special prize is barred from competing for this prize.

Ladies' hand bags one-dollar to ten dollars, at Ward's.

C. W. B. M. Day.

The Christian Church will observe C. W. B. M. Day at 7:30 p. m., on the second Sunday in December.

—PROGRAM—

Missionary Chorus.
Invocation—B. Reagan.
C. W. B. M. and Missions in the United States—

Mrs. W. V. Ervin.
Song by the Juniors.

South America—
Mrs. O. G. Kershner.

Jamaica— Mrs. S. J. Tynes.
Duet—Song—

Mesdames Pope and Ford.
India— Mrs. S. Stegall.

Solo— Miss Margaret Crawford.
Mexico— Mrs. S. D. Bainbridge.

Porto Rico— Mrs. J. D. Birdwell.
Quartette—

Mesdames Ford and Reid.
Messrs. Reed and Dale.

Our Plea— L. A. Dale.
—Voluntary—
Song—Prayer—Benediction.

Post card albums, 25c to \$3.00 at Ward's.

Born—To A. E. Pritchard and wife on Monday, a fine boy.

Hand-painted pictures \$5.00 to \$20.00 at Ward's.

Born—To M. D. Jordan and wife, Thursday, December 10th, a girl.

Medallions, 15 cents to \$0.00 at Ward's.

C. E. PROGRAM, Dec. 13th.

Subject: Books that delight us strengthen.—Prov. 4:1-9.

Leader: Miss Barnes Reagan.
Song.

Prayer.

The Bible a library, not a book—Rev. E. S. Bledsoe.

The books of the bible that have been most helpful to me, and why—Mrs. J. P. Greene.

The missionary book that has been most helpful to me.—Marshall Ingham.

Song.

The biography that has been most interesting to me.—Prof. C. E. Thomas.

The cry of the city.—Mr. Robert Flynt.

Aliens or Americans.—Mr. Earl Read.

The Frontier—Walter Barrett.
Song and prayer.

The how and why of foreign missions—Miss Leona George.

Missions striking home.—David Wooster.

Bible references.
Song—Mizpah.

Fifty-cent Teddy Bears Twenty-five cents at Ward's.

Your choice in books 5c to \$3.00 at Ward's.

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Coahoma News
From The Courier

Manager Polk of the Coahomgin gave the Courier man a few figures in regard to one man's cotton crop in the Coahoma section, that will look pretty good in print. A. L. Echols planted 200 acres to cotton last spring; the gin has just finished the last of 150 bales, which makes an average of three-fourths of a bale to the acre. These bales averaged 500 pounds each and the cotton was of good quality. Mr. Echols raises cotton just like he does everything else—on the principal that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

W. W. Jarrett of Pittsburg, an old friend of W. C. Bass, left for Stanton Tuesday after a few days visit here.

W. C. Winston of Roswell was in Coahoma Tuesday on his way home from Caddo Lake where he had been on business.

Charley Hanley of Killeen, an old friend of our townsman, J. E. Feeler, came in Saturday and left Sunday for his farm north of Big Springs.

Brooks & Chambers say they can see no signs of a break in the building prospects and they have work engaged a long way ahead.

Mr. Berry, a prominent farmer of the Vincent neighborhood was trading in Coahoma Monday. He reports a good rain in his section last week and says cotton is nearly all gathered.

D. J. McKinley returned from Allen, Kansas, Wednesday night accompanied by Ira Stoneberger and A. C. Sullivan, both of Allen, who will spend some time here prospecting.

Farlow Brooks, brother of contractor Brooks, arrived with his family from Mason Sunday and they will make Coahoma their future home.

C. L. Perginter arrived Monday and will assist his brother in the drug store in the future.

J. W. Brooks has purchased a lot on the north side and will build a residence in the near future.

J. W. D. Perginter will give a vote with every 25 cent purchase to apply on a handsome present for some little boy or girl, the one having the most votes to receive same on Christmas day.

McCrigh Bros. have made quite an improvement in their store front by replacing the upper half of the doors with glass. It adds greatly to the appearance and also helps light the interior. These gentlemen have caught the right spirit and are continually making some improvements.

J. E. Feeler and little daughter visited Big Springs Tuesday.

D. J. Barnes of El Paso, was in town Monday prospecting.

The Coahoma Bank is now doing business in its new quarters.

C. C. Barry and family were among the Big Springs visitors Wednesday.

W. E. Bass sold lot 20 in block 1, Coahoma, to a Mr. Franklin Tuesday for \$150.00.

The Coahoma gin reports 1800 bales turned out up to Wednesday morning, December 2.

Mrs. Hawk of Big Springs, sister of Mrs. O. D. Bass, passed through Coahoma this morning on her way to Pittsburg. She was met here and accompanied by her niece, Geraldine, who will spend some time visiting her grandmother at the above named place.

A. L. Echols and wife visited Big Springs Wednesday.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

An Excellent Dramatization.

The dauntless "Capitola," heroine of the "HIDDEN HAND," bright, spirited, childlike and innocent, will be played by a promising new actress in the Fred G. Conrad production of the play at the Big Springs Opera house Monday, Dec. 14th. There is naturally much interest to see how the new impersonation of Mrs. Southworth's most famous character will compare with the many others. Manager Conrad has secured a good company for the tour of the play this season, and given the excellent dramatization by Eugene Moore the attention it should have.

Twenty-five A1, 10c cigars for two-dollars at Ward's.

Shirt waist sets one dollar to five dollars at Ward's.

Silverware—lowest prices at Ward's.

Silver—4-piece tea sets, ten to twenty dollars at Ward's.

Cut Glass—lowest prices, at Ward's.

Get your Christmas candy at Ward's.

Pyrography sets at Ward's.

County Court.

J. J. Ake plead guilty to the theft of wood and was fined \$2.50 and costs and one hour in the county jail.

Melton Broughton was tried on the charge of shooting horses, and being found guilty by the jury, was fined five dollars and costs.

The jury was discharged for the term Wednesday. Court will be in session next week.

Plain gold rings, one dollar to ten dollars at Ward's.

Set rings, one-dollar to fifteen dollars at Ward's.

Gents' watches, ten dollars to one-hundred dollars at Ward's.

Fifty good cigars for two-dollars at Ward's.

The Christ Child and the Rose.
(A Legend.)

There's a legend of the Christ-child,
Walking in His garden fair,
Mid the flowers of every country,
Cherished with the tenderest care;
And He sought in every floweret
For the dew-drop clear and bright,
From the tiny purple violet
To the lily's chalice white.

'Till He paused beside the red rose
'Radiant in her beauty rare,
And looking in her crimson heart,
Found a dew-drop sparkling there.

Then He laid His childish fingers,
On the rose of crimson hue,
Till it wafted forth a fragrance
Sweeter than ambrosial dew.

You will learn from this, the teacher,
Humane hearts are like the rose,
And our faith is like the dew drop—
Brighter still it lives and glows.

When our Lord shall seek the faithful
Let Him find us like this flower,
With our hearts serenely resting
On the promise, "Faith is power."
—Mrs. F. D. BARKER.

One lot of Dressed Dolls special prices while they last at Ward's.

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Two-dollar Teddy Bears one dollar at Ward's.

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Second Number Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Course.

Hon. Luther Manship, of Mississippi, will appear Friday night December 18th, as the second number of the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Course, at the opera house.

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Fred Wilson, our former townsman, who left here for New Mexico some three weeks ago in company with Tom Watson and Frank Akers, returned Tuesday night, and states that all three have located land in the southeast corner of the territory, twenty-five miles south of Monument, N. M., and sixty-five miles north of Pecos, Texas, on the T. & P. Fred says the land is good, and that the other boys have claims adjoining his. He will take some horses back with him.

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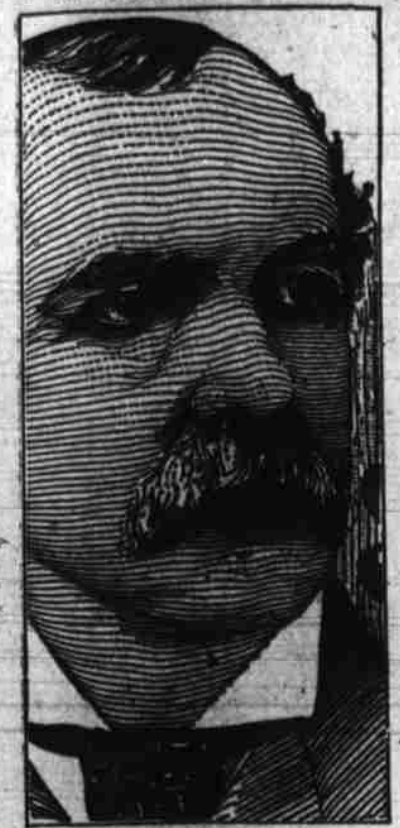
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Bethlehem.

Sheltered within the hollow of her arm The Son of Man lay sleeping. On her cheek She felt his warm breath stirring, like the faint And fragrant breeze that fans the silver leaves Upon the slopes of Olivet. Her eyes, Still shadowed with the pains of motherhood, Dwelt tenderly upon the placid brow And cherub features of the infant Christ, The babe in swaddling clothes, whose destiny Led to Golgotha's summit, where the Cross Was yet to groan beneath the sacred weight Of his perfected manhood. All the cave Was luminous with starbeams, and her face, Like some pale lily, drooping on its stem, And washed with heaven's dew, gleamed pearly white In that stange radiance. Somewhat apart And leaning on his staff, the carpenter, Joseph of Nazareth, musing, stood: "Lord, who art thou?" he marveled in his soul, "That thou shouldst deign from thy exalted place To cast thine eyes upon me and to say 'Behold! he shall be warden to this pearl, This pearl of perfect womanhood, more pure Than any of the daughters of mankind From the beginning of the world and down Through all the ages that are yet to dawn! Lo! shelter she shall find, and sustenance And one round arm encircled the fair child As if the newly-awakened mother love Lay listless, with transparent fingers curved As though she clasped some blossom in her sleep— Some rare, sweet flower she was fain to keep And cherish always. Joseph took the hand And held it in his rough, toll-hardened palm, Wondering at its softness, the blue veins That threaded all its whiteness, and the bloom That made a sea-shell of each fingertip. But he forebore, though sore his heart did yearn, To creep the little sleeping new-born babe Whose golden head lay pillowed on her arm, Thinking: 'It were not well for her or him That he should waken suddenly.' A sigh Heaved the soft breast of Mary, and her eyes, Like heavenly blue flowers, opened wide, Meeting the gaze of Joseph, as he knelt In reverent adoration. Her low tones Thrilled like aeolian strains; her tender smile Flooded his soul like sunshine as she spoke: "Joseph, my husband, I have dreamed a dream! The Angel of the Lord hath been again, Saying: 'Behold! that which thou hast brought forth This night is the Redeemer of the World— Even Messiah!' But a grave voice cried As she ceased speaking: 'Peace to all within!' And, lo, there stood upon the threshold one Who bore much gold and frankincense and myrrh In his two hands. And Joseph answered: 'Gir, Peace be unto thee, now and evermore!' And, lo, there came two others bearing gold And precious spices, who likewise did say, 'Peace and good will!' And Joseph made reply: 'Peace unto thee and thine forevermore!' Then spake the foremost stranger: 'Where is he, Born King of Jews this night in Beth

lehem? Three kings are we that come to worship him, For we have seen his star in the Far East Beyond the deserts. We have journeyed far, Star-led, and, lo, it standeth o'er this roof, A sign celestial! Then each laid aside His mantle and his sandals, bowing low Before the mother and the holy child, Crying: 'All hail, Redeemer of the World! King of the Jews, all hail!' and they did break Boxes of precious ointments, and the air Was heavy with the perfume of rare gums And costly spices, cinnamon and myrrh, And sandalwood and cedar, and the scents Distilled from blooms in gardens of the East, And ambergris and frankincense and nard, And they laid down their offerings of price, Soft yellow bars and bags of shining dust, All intermixed with amethysts and pearls And carbuncles and diamonds and the pale Lack-luster topaz. And the foremost guest Uncloaked the heavy chain of beaten gold That hung about his swarthy throat and showed its curious pendant, fashioned in strange wise And hammered from a nugget, soft and pure, For uncouth semblance to a rugged cross, Speaking in awed, low tones of prophecy: "A voice cried in the desert wastes, 'Arise! Take of pure gold a nugget large and bright And hammer it into a massive cross. Such as the common criminal, condemned To die, yields up his shrinking spirit on, And hang it to the chain about thy neck, And when thou comest to the journey's end Lay it within the mother's hand, that she May read therein a sign.' Lo, I have done According to the word!" And Mary's eyes Grew wide with terror, as her fingers closed About the gleaming symbol, for she saw, As in a dream, three crosses on a hill, And, nailed between two thieves of aspect vile, Upon the middle cross, a tortured form That moved her strangely with a sense of loss And was unutterable, for multitudes Surged round the sufferer and scoffed at him, Crying, in mocking tones: "Hail, King of Jews!" But he that hung cast downward pitying eyes, Full of meek pardon and of tender love, Gasping: "Forgive them, Father! Oh, forgive Thy children, for they know not what they do!" And in those dying orbs compassionate She saw a semblance of the holy light That shone within the eyes of her fair babe, And moaned: "Take it away—the cross of gold! I shudder at the phantasies it brings!" At which the strangers out of the Far East Arose and gave their blessing to the child And passed into the night. And Mary slept The sleep of sweet forgetfulness, while he Who stood in place of father to the babe Watched the sweet pair until the morn awoke The songbirds in the clustering olive trees And tinged with light the roofs of Bethlehem.

LILITA LEVER.

THE TIE THAT BINDS (SOME).

Affecting Reconciliation Between Two Really Loving Hearts.

There is a certain couple who decided to separate awhile ago. It seemed that they were not affinites, after all, and life together was unendurable, so the wife packed up her belongings and was preparing for a trip home. At the time of parting she picked up their little pet dog and tucked him under her arm, while her other managed the suit case.

"Why, you're not going to take Trixy!" exclaimed the husband. "Of course I am," she announced. "I couldn't live without him." "Well, I can't let the little fellow go," he insisted.

"And I simply won't leave him," she declared. So they argued for half an hour, at the end of which she decided to stay, and unpacked to cook dinner, at which Trixy was the guest of honor.

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar made of good tobacco in the ideal smoke. The old, well cured tobaccos used are so rich in quality that many who formerly smoked 10c cigars now smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c. Lewis' Single Binder costs the dealer some more than other 5c cigars, but the higher price enables this factory to use extra quality tobacco. There are many imitations; don't be fooled. There is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a Lewis' Single Binder."

A Multiplicity of Fathers.

Ardyce had been learning to sing "America" at school and was trying to teach it to brother Wayne. One morning his father heard him shouting: "Land where my papa died, land where my papa died." Ardyc interrupted: "Oh, no, Wayne, not that way. It is 'Land where our fathers died.'"

Wayne's expression could not be described as he tipped his head sideways, and in a very surprised tone gravely asked: "Two of 'em"—De-lin-er-ator.

Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best. One box of Hunt's Cure is unfailingly, unqualifiedly, and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of Skin Disease. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of itching skin. Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

Why He Was Angry.

In Boston the property man had fitted a scene with unusually handsome gold furniture and asked Mme. Bernhardt how she liked it. "Oh, bon! bon!" she exclaimed, whereupon the property man promptly bundled the furniture off the stage. "She said it was bum," he explained.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Not a Philosophic Enterprise.

"Young Mr. Bliggins is thinking of proposing." "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne; "but I doubt if he will ever do so. The only way for a man to get courage in such matters is to stop thinking."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM. Take the Old Standard QUININE TASTELESS BILLS. TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form—and the most effective form. For grown people and children. 50c.

Perhaps.

"He caught me in the dark hall last night and kissed me." "I guess that will teach him to keep out of dark halls."—Houston Post.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine. Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects Immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

A sick man forgives his enemies with the understanding that it doesn't hold good if he gets well.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM. BRIGHT'S DISEASE. DIABETES. BACKACHE. 375 "Guaranteed."

KNOWN SINCE 1836 AS RELIABLE. PLANTEN'S BLACK C & C OR CAPSULES. SUPERIOR REMEDY FOR URINARY DISORDERS. DRUGGISTS OR BY MAIL ON RECEIPT OF 50c. PLANTEN & SONS, HENRY STREET, COVINGTON, LA.

OYSTERS. 25c per dozen sealed cans. 50c large oysters each can. Shipped from beds, natural oyster flavor retained. Ice if needed outside of cans. If you're in the oyster business, DIVINE PACKING COMPANY, Corpus Christi, Tex.

OPIUM and Whiskey Habits treated at home without pain. Room of particulars sent FREE. W. D. Woolley, M. D., Atlantic City, N. J.

To Holiday Shoppers

We were a little late in getting our line of Christmas goods in and displayed, but we think that we have the best line in town to select from and think you will say so when you see it. Come where there is plenty of room and plenty of time and plenty of clerks and plenty of goods to select from. Come as often as you like and you will always be met with the glad hand whether you want to buy anything or not.

Western Windmill Co.

Fancy Vases, 15c to \$15.00, at Ward's.

J. W. Ingham was the victim of a painful accident Tuesday morning. He was standing on a wagon, to sample a bale of cotton when the team moved the wagon which caused Mr. Ingham to fall and break his left arm just above the wrist.

\$1.50 Teddy Bears for 75c, at Ward's.

Deputy sheriff Long arrested L. W. Hobson Friday. He was going under the name of L. H. Malone and was acting as special agent for a life and accident insurance company. He is wanted in Montague county on a charge of forgery and the sheriff of that county came in Saturday night and left Sunday morning with his prisoner.

One-dollar Teddy Bears for Fifty-cents at Ward's.

Statutes Twenty-Five cents to Five-Dollars at Ward's.

Diamond rings Five-Dollars to Three-Hundred-Dollars at Ward's.

Mrs. Virginia Price, who has been a resident of Big Springs since 1883, died at her home in the south part of town at 12 o'clock, December 3d, and was buried in Mt. Olive cemetery Saturday afternoon. She was born in Memphis, Tennessee, January 16, 1837.

Diamond brooches \$10.00 to \$75.00 at Ward's.

W. J. Williams, aged 61 years, died at his home twelve miles north of town Monday and was buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery Tuesday afternoon. He had been in poor health for some time but his condition was not serious until a week or so before he died. He was a good citizen and leaves several children to mourn the loss of a kind father.

Why pay more for Christmas goods when you can get better goods for less at Ward's.

Coahoma News From The Courier

Dr. Alexander purchased a fine thoroughbred three-months-old Poland China pig from W. Coates Tuesday morning.

Miss Alma Fridmore is authorized to solicit business for the Courier, to receipt for money paid, and also to gather news for the paper. We hope she will meet with sufficient encouragement to warrant her in devoting considerable time to increasing the paper's circulation. The Courier will be printed in its own office on and after December 18.

I. P. Barrett of Garden City was here Friday of last week.

J. S. McCright was among the visitors to Big Springs Monday.

Miss Maud Lay visited friends and relatives at Garden City a few days last week.

New subscribers this week are: Louie Hutto, Coahoma; Earl Roland, Coahoma; Jesse Brook and S. B. Capps, Mason, Texas; (last two through courtesy of J. W. Brooks.)

R. L. Powell is moving to his ranch this week and his residence will be occupied by W. W. Lay and his sister.

D. R. Reid has sold the City Restaurant to R. R. Ray of Vincent, who will take charge immediately, so we are informed.

J. O. Harbour of Killeen, father-in-law of J. E. Feeler, came in Tuesday morning and will spend several days here visiting and prospecting.

Several trunks belonging to G. E. Brock, our new hotel man, arrived Tuesday, and the colored porter who had the pleasure of unloading them said something when he wiped his dusky brow and remarked: "Gawd! seems like everybody's comin' to Coahoma."

Cotton has been coming in slowly the past week owing to the cold weather which has prevailed of late.

C. C. Saunders shipped a fine whiteface calf to his folks at Jonesboro, Texas, Tuesday, as a Christmas gift. It was a beauty.

G. E. Brock arrived from Ponca City, Okla., Tuesday night, and will immediately take charge of the Brooks Hotel, which he recently purchased.

J. P. Barrett & Co. have this week opened and placed on display a magnificent stock of holiday goods suitable for Christmas gifts, and their store blooms with beautiful presents of all descriptions.

Nineteen hundred bales will just about cover the output of the Coahoma gin to date.

Mrs. R. Polk left for Midland Wednesday where she will visit relatives for some time.

The First State Bank of Coahoma publishes its first statement in this issue of the Courier, and makes a fine showing for the length of time it has been in business.

Miss Nash, sister-in-law of Horace Davenport of the Vincent community, left on Tuesday for her home at Wimsboro, Texas, after an extended visit with relatives.

J. W. D. Permyer has been as busy as a bee the past few days unpacking and displaying his large stock of beautiful Christmas goods.

Santa Claus has arrived at the City Drug Store and opened his pack of Christmas gifts, and the person, either young or old, who cannot be suited here, must truly be difficult to please.

Dr. R. L. Alexander wishes to correct a statement which has been going the rounds here of late to the effect that he is planning to leave here soon. He says there is absolutely no foundation for the statement, and that he has had no intention of leaving here even if he had sold his drug business, which he had an opportunity to do some time ago.

J. R. Packett has sold his residence to Farlow Brooks and will begin the erection of a new one, on the north side immediately after the first of the year. During the interim he will occupy the Saunders building on north Main street.

A Play That's Just Right



PLEASE MR. PREACHER, DON'T HURT ME

Speaking of laughter, you can find the real simonpure article, the sort that filters through your system and makes the whole world glad, Right here in this play.



"I Am Black, Donald"

MRS. E. D. E. N. SOUTHWORTH'S GREAT NEW YORK LEDGER STORY

THE HIDDEN HAND

Smiles Is What Your Face Needs

One of those natural plays that has no wicked women with painted faces and white-washed cheeks, no loathsome men nor any shocking episodes.

"Your Money's Worth, or Your Money Back."



WOOL LIBRATES CAPITOLA

BIG SPRINGS OPERA HOUSE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

Tom Still, of Conroe, while out hunting Wednesday was accidentally shot and fatally injured.

Early Friday morning fire destroyed the saw mill belonging to S. G. Childs located about six miles south of Timpson.

The committee on work of the Masonic grand lodge is conducting its annual school, with 200 delegates present, in Waco.

Dallas' bid for the maneuvers of the Army of the Gulf will be presented to Luke E. Wright, secretary of war, by United States District Attorney William H. Atwell.

Postal receipts at the Denison post office for November were \$2,159.30, an increase of \$61.99 over the same month last year and \$523.40 over November, 1903.

A campaign looking to the enactment of the Legislature making face track betting in Texas an offense, was inaugurated by the Dallas Pastors' Association Monday.

The Katy's new passenger station which has just been opened to the public in Waxahachie is one of the most conveniently arranged buildings of the kind on the road in Texas.

Masentine Juan de los Santos of Madrid, Spain, arrived in Austin Tuesday morning to lay claim to thirty acres of land which, he says, is located within the heart of the city.

Work of tearing down the building occupied by the Superintendent of County Schools and the Tax Assessor and Collector was commenced Saturday in Tyler, preparatory to building the new court house.

State Treasurer Sam Sparks is finding it necessary frequently to return tills sent to his office by county officials of the state. Some of these tills are so mutilated and worn as to be almost unrecognizable.

Lester E. Ogg and party from San Angelo made an automobile trip last week of 350 miles in fourteen hours. Considering that the drive was made over various kinds of roads, rough, rock and steep at places, this is the best time reported in this section of the state.

When the Katy passenger train reached Hillsboro at 6:55 o'clock Wednesday it brought the nearly lifeless body of W. F. Roberts of Dallas, who, after leaving Laketon, six miles north of here was taken violently ill. He died a few moments after being taken from the train.

When Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church, New York, sat down to his breakfast Tuesday morning, he found under his plate a check for more than \$40,000, voluntarily contributed by members of his congregation as a token of their esteem.

Galveston continues to lead New Orleans this season by a large margin in grain exports. The report of clearances of grain from New Orleans during November last issued by the New Orleans Board of Trade shows that Galveston again went far ahead of the rival port in corn exports, but fell behind slightly in wheat.

With the advent of the Stamford and Northwestern Railway, it is practically certain that Stamford will secure a wholesale drug store, a planing mill and a number of other enterprises that will add largely to the "tin bucket brigade."

A family of seven persons, all of whom were bitten by a mad dog, arrived in Austin Friday from Boyes, to be treated at the Pasteur Institute. One of the children died before the family reached Austin.

Mrs. M. J. Crowell, aged 60 years, wife of a farmer living ten miles from Wichita Falls, broke her neck by falling downstairs. She was found by her children upon their return from school and had evidently been dead several hours.

Twenty-three representatives of commercial bodies of Alvarado, Venus, Co. for Hill and other places, met with the Midlothian Commercial Club Friday to discuss ways to secure interior day proposed from Dallas to Cleburne.

Visitors to Paris Wednesday from Garrett Bluff, twenty miles southwest of the city on the river, reported that there was a distinct earthquake shock there and for a few miles up and down the river at 7 o'clock Monday night.

David Tanglin, who was placed in the Haskell jail on Nov. 3, charged with killing his wife, died Thursday morning from the effect of eating matches. He had attempted suicide in various ways.

K. Hall, retiring treasurer of Dallas county, died with the auditor his report for the month ending Nov. 30, 1903, which was also the end of the fiscal year. It shows a cash balance to the credit of the county amounting to \$188,950.42.

PROVED BY TIME.

No Fear of Any Further Trouble.

David Price, Corydon, Ia., says: "I was in the last stage of kidney trouble—lame, weak, run down to a mere skeleton. My back was so bad I could hardly walk and the kidney secretions much disordered. A week after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I could walk without a cane, and as I continued my health gradually returned. I was so grateful I made a public statement of my case, and now seven years have passed. I am still perfectly well."

Sold by all dealers. 50c a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

ENGLISH HUMOR.



She—Pooh! What is a kiss it is nothing.
He—Well you once said you could refuse me nothing, you know.—Chips.

TORTURED SIX MONTHS

By Terrible Itching Eczema—Baby's Suffering Was Terrible—Soon Entirely Cured by Cuticura.

"Eczema appeared on my son's face. We went to a doctor who treated him for three months. Then he was so bad that his face and head were nothing but one sore and his ears looked as if they were going to fall off, so we tried another doctor for four months, the baby never getting any better. His hand and legs had big sores on them and the poor little fellow suffered so terribly that he could not sleep. After he had suffered six months we tried a set of the Cuticura Remedies and the first treatment let him sleep and rest well; in one week the sores were gone and in two months he had a clear face. Now he is two years and has never had eczema again. Mrs. Louis Leck, R. F. D. 3, San Antonio, Tex., Apr. 15, 1907."

Why He Remembered.

By some shuffling of the social cards the clergyman and the dog fancier were at the same afternoon tea. The wandering talk unexpectedly resolved itself into the question. Who were the 12 sons of Jacob? Even the cleric with the reversed collar had forgotten, but the doggy man reeled off the names without error, from Reuben down to Benjamin.

The clergyman looked surprised. "Oh, I'm not great shakes on Scripture," said the man with the fox terriers, "but those are the names which some chap gave to a dozen puppies I'm willing to sell."

Expert Pocket-Picking.

An old lady was accosted in a London street by a well-dressed and refined-looking stranger, who effusively claimed her as a friend. "I really don't believe you remember me!" she exclaimed, reproachfully, and the old lady, never doubting that her memory was at fault, confessed that she could not quite recall the name. "Ah, but I have changed it since you knew me," said her interlocutor, gayly, and after a few more lively speeches she passed on, having possessed herself meanwhile of the old lady's purse.

Sniffles and Nerves.

Keep to yourself during warm, nerve-irritating weather. It is related that an Atchison man and wife dearly love each other. She is a perfect lady, and apologizes when she says "shucks." But one night, when they were sitting on the porch, presumably enjoying the tender twilight, she suddenly picked up a stool and threw it at his head. "I am not insane," she said, calmly, when he turned a frightened gaze on her; "I am simply worn out by the manner in which you sniffle at the end of every sentence!"—Atchison Globe.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Good Digestion Follows Right Food.

Indigestion and the attendant discomforts of mind and body are certain to follow continued use of improper food.

Those who are still young and robust are likely to overlook the fact that, as drooping water will wear a stone away at last, so will the use of heavy, greasy, rich food, finally cause loss of appetite and indigestion.

Fortunately many are thoughtful enough to study themselves and note the principle of Cause and Effect in their daily food. A N. Y. young woman writes her experience thus:

"Sometime ago I had a lot of trouble from indigestion, caused by too rich food. I got so I was unable to digest scarcely anything, and medicines seemed useless.

"A friend advised me to try Grape-Nuts food, praising it highly, and as a last resort I tried it. I am thankful to say that Grape-Nuts not only relieved me of my trouble, but built me up and strengthened my digestive organs so that I can now eat anything I desire. But I stick to Grape-Nuts."

"There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Never read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They give names, towns, and full of honest testimonials.

WHAT WOULD HE HAVE SAID?



"Get up, Jack. You mustn't cry like a baby! You're quite a man now. You know if I fell down I shouldn't cry, I should merely say—"
"Yes, I know, pa, but then—I go to Sunday school—and you don't!"

LAME BACK PRESCRIPTION

The increased use of "Toria" for lame back and rheumatism is causing considerable discussion among the medical fraternity. It is an almost infallible cure when mixed with certain other ingredients and taken properly. The following formula is effective: "To one-half pint of good whiskey add one ounce of Toris Compound and one ounce Syrup Sarsaparilla Compound. Take in tablespoonful doses before each meal and before retiring."

Toris compound is a product of the laboratories of the Globe Pharmaceutical Co., Chicago, but it is as well as the other ingredients can be had from any good druggist.

News from the Settlement.

"We are not exactly happy on the way, but we are not too mean to shout 'Amen' when the rest of the world cries 'Halleluia!'"

"Just how the editor knew we had 'possum for dinner last Tuesday is more than we can tell, but he came just in the nick of time and dined with us."

"We have much for which to be thankful. We raise our own turkeys, but turkey for dinner is so common in our settlement that we sometimes forget to thank Providence for it."

"There is no news to speak of, except that we'll all build up this old country if we keep the saw in the log, and keep the sawdust flying."—Atlanta Constitution.

An aim in life is the only fortune worth the finding; and it is not to be found in foreign lands, but in the heart itself.—R. L. Stevenson.

TO CURE A COUGH

Or Break a Cold in 24 Hours

Mix two ounces of Glycerine and a half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure with a half pint of Straight Whisky. Shake well and take a teaspoonful every four hours.

The genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure is prepared only by The Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and is put up only in half-ounce vials, each vial securely sealed in a round wooden case to insure its freshness and purity.

Ready with the Answer.

Miss Baxter, feeling the effects of a torrid afternoon in June, was attempting to arouse the interest of her languid class by giving, as she supposed, an interesting talk on the obelisk. After speaking for half an hour she found that her efforts were wasted. Feeling utterly provoked, she cried: "Every word that I have said you have let in at one ear and out of the other. You"—pointing to a girl whom she noticed had been particularly inattentive throughout the entire lesson—"tell me, what is an obelisk?"

The pupil, grasping the teacher's last words, rose and promptly answered:

"An obelisk is something that goes in one ear and out the other."—Success Magazine.

Every Woman Will Be Interested.

Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, try Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is a safe and never-failing regulator. At all Druggists or by mail 50c. Sample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

The Split Skirt.

Patience—I see half of the people call them sheath skirts, and the other half call them directors gowns.

Patience—Yes; I was sure there'd be a split about it.

Weighty.

"He is what I call a massive thinker."

"Yes; he has to run his train of thought in sections."—Kansas City Journal.

One Thing That Will Live Forever, PETTIT'S EYE SALVE, first sold in 1807, 100 years ago, sales increase yearly. All druggists or Howard Bros., Buffalo, N. Y.

Truth is violated by falsehood, and it may be equally outraged by silence.—Amplau.

Makes Pain Go Away

Are you one of the ones who pay in toll For your right of way through this life?

If so you will find Hunt's Lightning Oil a friend which will aid in the strife. To those who earn their own way by their own labor, accidents occur with painful frequency. Burns, bruises, cuts and sprains are not strangers to the man who wears callous on his hands. A better remedy for these troubles does not exist than Hunt's Lightning Oil.

Grown-Up Children.

It is not only the frivolous whom the spirit of childishness is just now leading astray. Stillness is the fashion even among the wise. Women especially affect a kind of childish shrewdness in talking of serious subjects. Like children who have the habit of romancing, they lose the sense of reality, and because they never talk exactly as they think they begin to think exactly as they talk.—London Spectator.

Rewards Constantly Paid.

The rewards of great living are not external things, withheld until the crowning hour of success arrives; they come by the way—in the consciousness of growing power and worth, of duties nobly met, and work thoroughly done. Joy and peace are by the way.—Mable.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is HICKS' CAPUDINE. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the old—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

There is nothing more sincere than the sympathy a defeated candidate generates for himself.

Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna

acts gently yet promptly on the bowels, cleanses the system effectually, assists one in overcoming habitual constipation, permanently. To get its beneficial effects buy the genuine.

Manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SOLD BY LEADING DRUGGISTS—50¢ per BOTTLE.



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Texas Volunteers, 1861-65 entitled. Write Nathan Blackford, 142 N. Y. Ave., WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Are your shoes going down hill? They haven't lived up to the salesman's say-so. Take our say-so this time. Get stylish White House Shoes. They fit from tip to counter. From welt to top face, they meet the graceful shape of your foot. And they hold that shape.

WHITE HOUSE SHOES.
FOR MEN, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00.
FOR WOMEN, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.
Easter Bows Blue Ribbon Shoes for youngsters. Ask your dealer for them.

THE BROWN SHOE CO., Makers
ST. LOUIS

Burn This In

Women, of course, suffer more pain than men. These pains are due to general weakness, to deranged functions, to diseased organs, to over-work, worry, nervous debility, and many other burdens that women have to bear.

Lift them off, with Wine of Cardui, that welcome, helping hand, that all women may grasp, to help themselves out of the slough of disease.



Mrs. Katie Burlison, of Goreville, Ill., writes: "I suffered with female troubles and was so sick I could not stand on my feet. Finally, I began to take Cardui, and soon began to mend. Now I am able to do all my housework and am in much better health than I was before." Try it. Sold at all druggists, with full directions for use.

Kicks.

Harry Payne Whitney the day his own and other noted horsemen's racers were shipped from London on the Minnehaha, said of the death of racing in New York:

"A good many jockeys have been hard hit. A jockey told me last week a very sad tale of misfortune. I listened sympathetically."

"Ah, Joe," said I, "when a man is down, few hands are extended to him."

"The jockey as he chewed a straw, smiled bitterly."

"Few hands—yes—that's right," he said, "but think of the feet!"

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Puzzled.
New Yorkers had been warned to boil water.

"What for?" they asked, with languid interest.

"To make it safe to drink," replied the sanitary official.

"But why drink it?" they queried, with a keener curiosity.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Good Thing to Know.
Those who traverse the alkali plains of the west and inhabit the sand blown regions of Texas, find daily need for a reliable eye salve. They never drug the eye, but simply apply externally, the staple, Dr. Mitchell's Eye Salve. It is well to know that Mitchell's Eye Salve is on sale here also. Price 25 cents.

A Death Each Second.
The number of deaths in the world annually is 33,333,333, or 91,954 per day, 3,790 per hour, 60 per minute, or one per second. It is estimated that the population of the earth at the present time is being increased at the rate of about 16,500,000 annually.

Don't Delay
The season of coughs and colds is not yet past—they will be prevalent for some months to come. Do not neglect or experiment with them. Use the safe and sure remedy—Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals the soreness and stops the cough.

Later on some of our street contractors may get a chance to repair some of those pavements made of good intentions.

AMONGST THE BULL-RUSHES.



Lazy Larry—Woof! Just to think, with all this wasted effort, I could have won the Marathon race!

Lachrymose.
"Pa, Mary's upstairs crying again."

"What's the matter this time, ma?"

"I can't just make out whether it's because she's afraid Jim won't ask her to go to the theater to-night or whether she hasn't anything fit to wear, if he should."—Detroit Free Press.

"It Knocks the Itch"
It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what it is called, where the sensation is "itch." It knocks it, Eczema, Ringworm and all the rest are relieved at once and cured by one box. It's guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

An Opinion Confirmed.
"That's the toughest piece of steak I ever struck," said the man in the restaurant.

"I guess you're right, sir," replied the waiter; "the man who had it before said the same thing!"

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25¢ a bottle.

A poor appetite is a good thing—for the boarding house keeper.

If Your Feet Ache or Burn
Get a box of Allen's Foot-Powder. It gives quick relief. Two million packages sold yearly.

A four-foot coal seam yields 6,000 tons an acre.

Old Virginia Cheroots

You Save 10¢ on three useless heads.

You Pay 5¢ for three good smokes

OLD VIRGINIA CHEROOTS

Are 5c Cigars Without the Head

Therefore 3 for 5c

It's the useless head you throw away that makes three cigars cost you 15 cents. Old Virginia Cheroots are all cigar—no waste. You pay only for what you smoke. 5 cents for three—instead of 15c.

Sold Everywhere

Malaria Makes Pale Sickly Children

The Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria and builds up the system. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless, and the most effectual form. For adults and children. 50c.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES

Color more goods brighter and faster color than any other dye. One 10c package colors all Shirts. They dye—cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without boiling apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.

GARY & BURNS COMPANY

IF IT'S NOT GOOD WE'LL MAKE GOOD

DID YOU EVER CONSIDER The advantage of trading with a firm that carries practically everything you need? You have most of your bill in one place, and with us you can count on your orders receiving prompt and careful attention. Let us figure on your next order; we'll save you money.

BIG SPRINGS
and
MIDLAND, TEX.

DOES Your Watch KEEPTIME?

Maybe it hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention.

ring it in and we will make it new—or as good as when it was new.

We have the equipment to do all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right.

Our prices are no higher than elsewhere; in fact they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.

MITCHELL and PARK,
Druggists and Jewelers.

See **Burton Lingo Co.**

For All Kinds of Building Material.

All our lumber Is Under Sheds

O.K. Restaurant

is the best place in Big Springs to get your meals. Short Orders at all hours.

You Are Always Welcome

JNO. MILLHOLLON PROPRIETOR

NOTICE.

No hunting, fishing or camping allowed in the Moss Spring pasture. No hunting or trespassing in any way in any of my other pastures. D. A. RHOTAN.

The Tunstill building is receiving the finishing touches, and when completed will be occupied by Pool Bros' grocery store. It will make a handsome store room and they expect to move into it during this month.

Did you know we are selling our stock of hats at 25 per cent discount for the remainder of December? That will mean something to you, considering our prices are already cheap.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

Are You Getting What You Want in Meat?

We can furnish you with young Beef, Pork, Turkeys and Chickens, in fact everything good to eat, till Christmas, and Groceries 10 per cent cheaper than anywhere else in town. Where is that good stuff?

Read's Store and Market, Of Course
Elew Read Co., Props. Phone 180

A. J. PRICHARD
Attorney at Law and Notary Public
Will Practice all the Courts
Rooms 1 & 2 in Ward Bldg.
Come and see us. Big Springs, Texa

DR. BENWAY,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Office Over Fisher Bros.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

E. W. Douthit was in Wednesday from his ranch southeast of town.

W. B. Gavin, the man who was hurt while attempting to board a freight train in the yards here on the 3d, died Friday of his injuries.

Lawrence, the tailor, dyes for ladies Monday's and Tuesday's and is hard pressed for gents the rest of the week. Phone 309. 8-4t.

Will P. Edwards, farmer, merchant and ginner at Lucian Wells ranch, was here Wednesday. He has ginned 450 bales of cotton and expects to gin 100 more this season. He has seven tenant houses on his place and is building three more.

A Mistaken Husband.

"Where did you get that new cloak, wife?" Oh! ha, ha, I had Lawrence, the tailor, dye it for me." Phone 309. 8-4t.

Beginning tonight all business houses will remain open after 7 o'clock to accommodate the holiday shoppers who cannot visit the stores during the day.

We're sitting up for you Santa Claus, with the right thing for every person; the right price for every purse.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

The Royal Tailors all wool suits and overcoats are the best you can buy for the price. A legal guarantee that they are all wool goes with every suit and they will hold their shape until worn out. Try one.

A. P. McDonald & Co.

A. B. Jones sold 652 acres of land adjoining town to E. O. Pritchard this week for \$9000. Mr. Pritchard will build a house on the land and make it his home. Mr. Jones bought from Mr. Pritchard three houses and lots on the corner of Bell and West 6th streets. Consideration \$5,000.

WOMEN'S WOES.

Big Springs Women Are Finding Relief At Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. Z. Mullins, living near Court House, Big Springs, Tex., says: "I have suffered with kidney ailment for several years and the doctor who examined me, pronounced it a severe case. However, I have managed to drag along week in and week out but no one knows what I have suffered at times from the dull, bearing down pains in my back which were sometimes almost unbearable. The secretions from my kidneys were irregular and to frequent. I was also troubled with a palpitation of the heart. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised I procured a box at Ward's drug store. They did me an immense amount of good and I believe if followed up they will completely cure me. I unhesitatingly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets, cure colds, at Ward's. 12-tf

See

J. D. McDonald for new and second-hand goods. Phone 414.

Iron Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's. 12-tf

Honest toil is not only honorable, but it is worshipful as well. There are many who think that worship consists principally of psalms and anthems and sermons and prayers. These are all good in their place, but they are not necessarily the most acceptable to God. Nor are they always the most edifying to man. Character is built up more by task than by tune, and in God's sight an anvil in a blacksmith shop may be as sacred as the high altar under St. Peter's dome, and the humble blacksmith as righteous as the high priest of a steeped shrine. The grime of honest toil is a badge of honor to him who is worthy to wear it. If it means that work has been shunned, cleanliness becomes a crime. A rag with the soil of the shop or field upon it may be as holy as the scented millinery of an archbishop.—Dr. Jacobs.

Take Ward's Pink Blood and Liver Pills, best on earth. 12-tf

OSTERMOOR

YOU CAN WASH THE MATTRESS BEARING THIS LABEL

Soap, water and a brush are all that is needed to keep the outside of an Ostermoor Mattress sweet and clean. The inside never needs attention. Costs nothing for repairs. An occasional "outing" in the sun keeps it fresh and new, because it is built (not stuffed) of elastic, fibrous Ostermoor sheets. It cannot sag, lump nor pack like hair.

Make sure you get the genuine Ostermoor. Note the label put there to protect you against worthless imitations. We sell at factory prices and invite inspection.

H. L. RIX & CO.

Notice.

Having purchased the coal and wood business from W. B. Allen, together with his good will, we are now anxious to serve our friends with the best coal and wood in the city. We cater after both city and country trade. We will not give you a stick of wood or pound of coal that you do not buy, but we will give you every pound of coal and every stick of wood that you pay for. Get the habit and trade with the old reliable. Yours for business. STONE & CARPENTER. Phones 102 and 440.

A beautiful assortment of pleasing gifts, perfectly adapted to the wants and requirements of every Santa Claus in town. Everything fresh and sparkling with the brightest new goods of the season.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

How about that \$1.50 you owe The Enterprise? We need the money.

C. P. Program—December 13th, 1908.

Song.
Prayer.
Subject: Solomon Dedicates the Temple. I Kings, 8:1-11.
Leader—Mr. Earl Read.
Character of Solomon—Miss Bernice Lee.
The Temple—Prof. Barker.
—Social Greetings—

Song.
Motto:—By a Class.
Questions and lesson explained by teacher.
Reading—Miss Lilly Mauldin.
Duet—Miss Margaret Crawford and Mrs. G. W. Pope.
Benediction.
Everybody cordially invited.

FREE—A thimble for every little girl in Texas that will call at our store for same. Ward.

C. L. Alderman returned Saturday morning from Waco where he attended the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. He was elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

COAL AND WOOD BRAN AND FLOUR

Send us your orders. Full Weight and Measure guaranteed. Cash on Delivery

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Dr. PRICE'S

CREAM

BAKING POWDER

Made from healthful grape cream of tartar

Will make twice as much good bread, biscuit and cake, pound for pound, as the low priced imitations made from alum and alum phosphates, and will make the food appetizing and healthful.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is not only economical but makes the food more wholesome.