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## WAYLAIID.

News came over wire Tuesday of a cowardly attempt to assassinate Sheriff Jim Bagett of Big Springs, by some party now unknown.

From the best information obtainable, the would-be-murderer called to Mr. Bagett, at 6 o'clock in the morning, over the phone from over the First National Bank that he, Mr. Bagett, was wanted down town, as there was a row in one of the saloons. On obtaining an answer that Mr. Bagett was coming, the culprit hid himself near Duicas's furniture store and shot him with a double barrell shot gun loaded with buck shot, striking him from his face almost down to his feet, but lucky for Bagett the shot did not penetrate far, as the distance was too far or the gun loaded so as to scatter the shot. However, he was badly wounded, as the doc-

tors probed 11 buck shot from his body.

Sheriff Bagett has had some trouble in keeping the peace in Big Springs, and has made some bitter enemies, but as a fearless officer and gentlemanly citizen he has no superior. It was an outrage that Mr. Bagett was a victim to such a diabolical plot.

## ATTEMPTED ARSON

We are reliably informed that some one, masquerading as a human, attempted to burn the Penny hotel at Lubbock recently by sitting a lighted candle on a pile of straw in one of the rooms, then placing a box over the straw so as to avoid the light being seen until the building was on fire. Luckily the candle burned almost down to the straw and went out.

There was 28 people rooming in the hotel the night the attempt was made to burn it down.

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## Gail, Texas, Dec 22, 1904.

The officers have caught and fined some of the local option law breakers at Abilene.

Why are we always talking of our trials and difficulties? Why not take the bright side.

If you have something that needs doing, do it today. Never put off a thing till tomorrow that you can do today.

The Merkel Mail will publish issues this week so as to take Christmas and not miss an issue of the paper.

The Higher Courts have reversed the decision of the lower courts in the case of Caleb Powers, charged with the killing of Gov. Gobel of Kentucky.

The steady rise in lands in this country, goes to show that this country was cut out for farming, ranching and stock-farming, and the people of the east are finding it out.

Do you ever make a mistake? Then why are we so ready to find mistakes that others make. Have we no faults? Then we should not criticize others so much, and look into our own homes a little more often.

The cotton market seems to have no bottom to its downward flight, but the farmers have one consolation, that the largest majority of their cotton was sold and the money in their pockets before it went so low.

Ere another Borden Citizen reaches your home Christmas for the year 1904 will be history. How will you have spent it? Will you have done something to regret in days to come? Or will you have spent it as civilized people should?

What are we going to do about that gin for Gail? Surely we will not be so indifferent to our needs. Do we not need a gin? The farmers of Borden and Garza counties have to haul their cotton to Scurry or Howard, and over some very rough road, when with

just a little energy there would be a gin and a market at home.

Over a hundred thousand horses have been shipped from America to Japan to be used in the Jap armies.

The man is ahead when it comes to handling his fists, but the women take all the prizes on tongue lashing.

The total vote of Texas in the recent election was only about 280,000, or about 132,000 less than the vote of 1896.

Ben Moncus of Borden county, was shaking hands with old time friends here this week. Ben used to live in this country, but removed to Borden county about ten years ago and this is the first time he has been back. His friends were glad to see him.—Star-Forum, Gatesville.

While you are eagerly expecting to have a good time Christmas, have you thought about the many unhappy people in the world that are in poverty? While you expect to spend your Christmas in frivolous amusements and revelry. Have you thought that Christmas is really a mile stone in our path to the Beyond. When we think of Christmas as an alarm that the year will soon pass into history, and meditate on how we have spent our time, the desire for frivolous amusements should give way to the forming of new resolutions that calls for higher ideals and a more useful life.

There is a lot of fun in the world if we keep our fun eyes open and our hearts attuned to joy. Did you ever note how your very soul lighted and buoyed by the mere mental turning of self to the gladsome side? Teach your thoughts to run in a channel bathed in the sunlight of good cheer. Dwell upon the flowers that grow beside the road, rather than the dust upon the turnpike. Laughter and good cheer lighten many a burden and make the tedious way a ramble in a woodland path. Wake up the deafeningness of the bird's sweet melodies. Sing as you travel on your way and God's eternal morning will dawn upon you when life's tempestuous voyage will, for you have ended.—Crowley News.

Children, in spending your Christmas holidays and enjoying the presents given you by friends and relatives, don't forget the many unhappy children, who are dependent on the charities of the people. Remember that there are many little children in the world that have no one to remember them with a Christmas present, many whose parents are too poor to afford to buy their

little ones presents, and others who have no parents, being alone in the world they have nothing to commend them but their sparkling eyes and sweet gladsome voices that appeals to you to remember them when you, who are blessed with a father's and mother's love, are spending your Christmas holidays.

Sixteen years ago Oklahoma had't a single white inhabitant except Indian agents and a few troops of soldiers, today it has a population of over 700,000.

## HORSES AND MULES.

List your horses, mules and mares and real estate with J. N. Ellis if you want prompt sales and good prices. I will also pay the highest prices for poultry and eggs, hides and furs. west side square, Snyder, Texas

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 15.—Attorney General Simons tonight gave opinion in answer to request from Caddo county that there is no law preventing Indian children attending schools with whites.

## NOTICE.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to Smith & Howe will please come forward and settle with me, as I have purchased the J. S. Howe interest in the black-smith shop, and all accounts are now payable to me.

Respt. J. A. Smith.

## SPECIAL CLUBBING OFFER.

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# Directory.

## DISTRICT OFFICERS.

J. L. Shepherd - - - - - Judge  
 Ben Randall - - - - - Attorney  
 Court convenes seventh Monday after first Monday in Feb. and Sept.

## COUNTY OFFICERS.

E. R. Yellott - - - - - Judge  
 W. K. Clark - - - - - Sheriff  
 J. D. Brown - - - - - Co. and Dist. Clerk  
 D. Derwood, Jr. - - - - - Treasurer  
 H. A. Kincaid - - - - - Tax Assessor  
 M. J. Thornton - - - - - Attorney  
 Court convenes first Monday in February, May, August and November.

## COMMISSIONERS.

H. D. pruet - - - - - precinct No. 1  
 W. P. Coates - - - - - " " 2  
 J. L. Waskom - - - - - " " 3  
 C. E. Reeder - - - - - " " 4

## SECRET ORDERS.

MASON—Meets Saturday night on or preceding full moon.  
 W. O. W.—Meets first Saturday night after each full moon, and on Saturday night two weeks thereafter.  
 O. M. A.—Meets every Saturday night

## CHURCHES.

METHODIST: Preaching every first Sunday. Rev. Hussey, Pastor.  
 CHRISTIAN: (Non-progressive) every second Sunday. Rev. H. D. Pruet, Pastor.  
 BAPTIST: Third Sunday.  
 PRESBYTERIAN: Preaching every fourth Sunday. Rev. W. W. Werner, Pastor.  
 CHRISTIAN: (Progressive) Preaching every fifth Sunday. Rev. Nance, Pastor.

## UNION SUNDAYSCHOOL:

every Sunday at 10 a.m.

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## DAILY STAGE LINE

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Tell US the news.



**Local-Personal.**

Holiday goods at Chandlers.

John Arnett and wife were in the city Saturday.

Carl Hutcherson was among the Gailites Saturday.

W. A. Chaney visited our city Saturday.

Charley Peters made a trip to Scurry county Saturday.

Wave Coates was in from his ranch in the Durham community Saturday.

Come and let us show you our holiday goods. Our stock of goods are new and our prices reasonable. Come and be convinced that we can please you in the way of presents for your friends. Dorward & Co.

W. N. Collier was in Gail Friday.

Billie Sims, of Scurry county, passed through here Friday en route home from the plains.

NOTICE: I have some choice baled hay and cane for sale at 50c at the Smoot building. See Pat Cashey when you want hay.

S. L. JONES

Mrs. Francis Abney accompanied by her niece, Miss Bertha Sales, was shopping in Gail Monday.

LADIES: Let us print you some visiting cards.

Lon Arnett of San Angelo, father of J. A. and J. D. Arnett of Borden, is here on a visit.

J. D. Black was in the burg Tuesday.

Boys, buy your sweetheart a Xmas present at Dorward & Co's

John DeShazo was down from his ranch on the plains Tuesday.

R. D. Hurley was in town Tuesday.

You will miss something if you do not call and see Dorward & Co's fine assortment of christmas goods.

Quite a number of the young people enjoyed a social at the residence of Sheriff and Mrs. W. K. Clark Tuesday evening. All report a pleasant time.

When you come to Big Spring: don't fail to go to C. L. Warnocks, new Restaurant he has rebuilt and has the nicest place in the City the only Restaurant that has a separate Dinning Room for Ladies.

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Attorneys-at-Law,  
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Gail, Texas.

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Drs. Adams & Wray, the noted eye specialists, will be in Clairemont and Dickens for the next 30 days. They restore vision and straighten cross eyes. They limit their practice to curable cases. Local and foreign testimonials and hundreds of "eye" witnesses. It will pay you to investigate. Come and see, or write,  
Clairemont, Texas.

Nathan Duckett of Ira was adjudged insane in county court Wednesday, and is confined in jail awaiting transportation to the asylum. He will be taken away as soon as room can be made for him in one of the asylums. He is a young man about 24 years old, without family. He has been in the asylum before. Western Light.

NOTICE  
Those of my customers that have accounts with me are requested to call and settle by Jan 1, as I have obligations to meet.  
Reapt.  
J. W. Chandler

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Now is the time to buy your merchandise at T. A. Jackson's cash store. I am selling goods cheaper than ever before known at Gail, and I appreciate the liberal patronage that I have so far received and expect within the next 30 days to greatly increase my trade. To do so I expect to sell at the lowest price possible and positively guarantee satisfaction. Below I will quote a few prices that will pay you to investigate before going to the railroad for your supplies.

I will sell you—

Best Patent Flour.....	\$3.50 per 100.
Smoked Bacon.....	12c per lb.
Good Barrel Molasses.....	45 per gal.
Potatoes by the sack.....	2c per lb.
Mens Overshirts Worth \$1.25 for.....	75c
Plowshoes \$1.75 .....	\$1.35
Ladies Shoes Worth \$2.00 .....	\$1.50
Brass King Wash Bords.....	40c
Wash Tube.....	70c
Baker's Perfect Wire.....	\$3.25 per 100.

Now before going to the railroad for your supplies let me figure with you. Your home market must be supported if you would have it bettered. I will buy your butter, chickens, eggs, in fact every thing you have that is marketable and all I ask in return is a share of your trade.

Now remember for the next 30 days I expect to sell Goods at a bargain and it is no trouble for me to show and price you my goods.

Yours for Business

T. A. Jackson,  
The Round Front  
Gail  
Proprietor.  
Texas.



### Local-Personal.

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See Dorward & Co. for X mas goods.

Miss Myrtle Jones is visiting Mrs. O. S. Johnson this week.

Write us the news from your community.

Miss Katie Turner is stopping at the Johnson hotel this week.

J. W. Chandler informs us that he will have a fine line of christmas goods and wishes you to call and examine his stock.

D. Price is in from the ranch and will spend the holidays in Gail.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of Weatherford, will be in Gail Jan. 3rd.

O. S. Johnson went to Big Springs with a herd of cattle Wednesday.

Dorward & Co for your Xmas presents.

Col. D. W. Godwin left Gail Thursday to spend the holidays in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Arnett will spend the holidays with Mr. Arnett's parents in San Angelo.

Say, when in Snyder Go to the Maxwell Hotel and get first class fair. Rates \$1 per day. North Side. Snyder, Texas.

Elder Rose of Lometa, Lampasas count, is conducting a series of meetings at the church this week. Elder Rose is an able speaker and a deep thinker and never fails to interest his hearers.

Take a trip to Big Springs and have Willis the Photographer to make yours Picture.

You will be pleased, if you do. He guarantees satisfaction or no pay.

Pictures copied and Enlarged. Opposite the Court House.

Dr. McDaniel made a business trip to the country yesterday.

Remember that everything J. W. Chandler has to sell you in the way of holiday goods, is new as he had nothing left over from last year.

All kinds of job work neatly done at this office. Give us a call.

Lee Pierce returned yesterday from Colorado loaded with groceries for T. A. Jackson.

T. A. Jackson, one of Gails clever merchants, has just returned from a tour through the country.

Hello! Hello! Warrens Drug Store is the place to go to in Snyder for Spectacles, Pure Drugs, Candies, Watches, Jewelry and Holiday goods. Come and see us.

Mrs. O. E. Johnson and Misses Fox and Turner were pleasant callers at our sanctum yesterday.

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Respt. J. A. Smith.

Mrs. Cranfield made this office a pleasant call Tuesday.

### NOTICE WOOD-HAULERS.

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All parties found tearing down my fences or cutting and hauling wood off of my land will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

D. W. GODWIN.

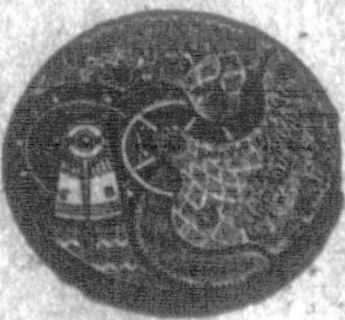
Dan Arnett left for Big Springs yesterday from where he will ship a car of fat cattle to day.

We will send you The Borden Citizen and The Semi-weekly News one year for only \$1.50 cash in advance.

### LARGE LAND DEAL

—O—

Prof. J. D. Brown, accompanied by Dr. Alfred McDaniel, made a trip Tuesday to the Bush & Tillar ranch, where Mr. Brown received deeds to record to the Borden part of the land deal between Dr. McDaniel and Bush & Tillar. Bush & Tillar purchased through Dr. McDaniel, 72 sections of H. & T. C. land recently, situated in Borden and Howard counties.



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