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SONORA, TEXAS. - December 6, 1896.

Build the opera house.  
Attend the meeting to-day and build the opera house.

Could deny that money is locked up. He says people are loading gold against silver inflation.

The world has over 1000 religions, using 8064 languages. Still there is a confusion of tongues and a wrangle among the creeds.

General Ezeta of Salvador, who kicked up the tremendous muss in Central America, is only 27 years of age. It shows what a young man can do if he tries.

The West Texas land owner who sells a portion of his land, pays himself out of debt with the proceeds, reduces the number and improves the character of his stock, will be very well fixed in the not very remote hereafter.

Many a match has been made by a tight squeeze.  
The spouting of Dallas is all done by artesian wells.

Save your ideas. Jot them down. You may save up a full set in the course of time.

When a girl at the skating rink exclaims "My stars," you may know that she has seven of them heaped up.

Be kind to your enemy. It is true that he is a terrible scamp, but he was born that way.—Dallas News.

At a meeting on Nov. 28, of the board of directors of the San Antonio International fair association, the resignations of A. C. Schryver, as president, B. F. Yoakum, vice-president, and Louis J. Wortham, secretary and manager, were accepted. Sam Maverick was elected president, Henry Elmendorf, vice-president, and J. S. Alexander, treasurer. The manager of the fair will be selected in February, and steps will be then taken to prepare for the holding of the fair next fall.

A special from Brady Nov. 25 says: About 4 o'clock this evening a Mexican was shot on the outskirts of town. He and another Mexican left town drunk, and about sundown a man brought word that a Mexican was lying by the side of the road, shot through the bowels. The Mexican is still living, but is not sufficiently conscious to give an account of the shooting, but they had evidently had a quarrel. The other Mexican after shooting him, hit him on the head with his pistol. The man will die. The murderer is still at large.

W. H. Godair, of the firm of Godair, Harding & Co. was elected president of the Concho National Bank at a meeting of the directors yesterday. Under the present careful management the business of this popular institution has greatly increased and the installation of Mr. Godair as President will add much to its future success. He is a popular business man, having large interests in Texas, Iowa and Chicago, being manager of the Iowa and Texas Cattle company, and senior member of the live stock commission firm of Godair, Harding & Co., with offices at Chicago, Ill., and San Angelo, Texas. The Concho National Bank is the oldest national banking house in this part of the state, is a well known institution, and Mr. Godair can appreciate the honor of being its president. As a great volume of the business of the Concho country is in the traffic of live stock with the Chicago market, this identification of Mr. Godair with one of our banking houses will benefit the whole country. He succeeds Philip C. Lee, whose sad death we chronicled a few weeks since.

Stock News.

J. M. Taylor sold his wool in Kerrville at 19 1/2 cents.

One advantage in keeping the stock in a good thrifty condition is that they are ready to market any time that it may be desirable.

J. W. Miller, of McCulloch county, arrived Wednesday with 4,000 sheep. He has been here before and has come to stay.

Alexander Bradford, of the firm of Bradford Bros., who now owns Geo. Morris' ranch was in town Wednesday.

A. Morrison who sold his interest in Swearingen & Co's. ranch to D. H. Covington was in Sonora Wednesday. He is moving his flock down the river.

The Philadelphia Record quotes wool very quiet, business being light and unsatisfactory with both buyers and sellers and trade within narrow limits. Manufacturers are not in urgent need of supplies.

Only 5785 cars of stock arrived last week, being the smallest number of cars received any week in almost four months. The previous week 7376 cars arrived and the corresponding week last year 5876. It looks as if, though, our "big runs" are over with for several months to come.—Chicago Drovers Journal.

Common stock of any kind never pays. The man who can show even a fine brood of blooded fowls and does it with a pride stimulates him. They cost no more to keep, and poultry and eggs of superior quality are always in demand at extra prices. We are equally ready to say that the poor farmer can never get rich so long as he wastes his energies and his feed upon a poor grade of horses and cattle. Get a start with blooded stock, and thereafter the expense will be no greater than in raising that for which there is no market.—Prairie Farmer.

Guard the flocks well, shelter them as best you can, feed them if they need it, sheep will be sheep next year, and probably be worth more money than sheep have brought for several years past.

W. H. Godair, shipped 200 cattle for L. B. Harris, Thursday.

S. J. Blocker and S. J. Murphy sold 1000 head of beef cattle, 4 years old and over, to W. H. Godair, for \$10,000, spring delivery.

H. McKenzie, formerly well-known in San Angelo, arrived on Monday with 1800 sheep from Taylor county and will locate a ranch out on the plains.

Rome Shield, Thursday, shipped one car of cattle for himself to Chicago and two cars for Ralph Harris, they were consigned to the Texas Live Stock Commission Co.

Moody Mathis and J. S. Pigford arrived this week with 300 head of cattle from Madison county. The cattle were placed in the Vermont pasture. Four hundred head more will arrive next month.

Dr. J. B. Taylor bought this week in Dallas 13 head of young thoroughbred Devon bulls. They were raised by Rumsey Bros., of Kansas, and are very fine specimens of this excellent breed. They are now on the way to the ranch.

R. A. Williamson, of the firm of Mullins & Williamson, arrived on Monday from Colorado City. This firm owns 7500 fine sheep that are now located temporarily near the head of Dove creek. They are looking for a permanent ranch and may locate on Johnson's Run, and make San Angelo their trading point and wool market.—San Angelo Standard.

The Texas men visiting the St. Louis national stockyards all agree that the winter prospects is very good, stock being in better than average condition, water abundant and grass also better than average. So large a state as Texas generally furnishes a variety of information, but just now they all speak well of the cattle and ranges.—National Livestock Reporter.

Every person interested in the building of this much needed place of amusement, an opera house, should take one or more shares.

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### "AERMOTOR"

Windmill. Office SONORA, Texas.

J. J. Rackley, San Angelo, carries the largest stock of Wall Paper, window shades and window glass.

H. C. Young, the new commissioner from Norris was in town this week. He reports range good and says the road from here to Juno is now in good fix.

W. H. Jones says he will not qualify for the office of sheriff. Commissioner's Court will now appoint a sheriff.

A new election has been ordered for December 9th, to determine who shall be commissioner in precinct No. 2, where Messrs Walker and Roberts tied in the recent election.

The state is conducting rigorous quarantine on the Rio Grande in this county. Those who have small-pox are being isolated and cared for at the pest house and no further danger of the disease is apprehended. T. S. Turner is showing himself an efficient officer and places good, responsible men as guards along the river.—Del Rio Record.

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G. HUBER.

# Devil's River News.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.  
SONORA, Sutton County, TEXAS.

## WIT AND HUMOR.

O, love's a chain of wondrous links,  
We find as on the dog:  
"Twill lie up hearts exceeding tight—  
But will not let the dog."  
—Washington Post.

He loved the widow and he loved the clergy.  
She hated them, tho' they were no or so fine.  
When asked to marry: "If you give up your  
wedding,"  
She answered: "I will gladly give up mine."  
—Washington Post.

It is easy for a deaf man to miss his  
calling.—*Texas Siftings.*

The basis of the seal controversy is  
Behring fruit.—*Salt Lake Times.*

It is easier to live within your income  
than it is to live without one.—*Boston Courier.*

The corner-stone of philosophy—If  
you can't have what you want, don't  
want it.—*Puck.*

A hitch is liable to arise any moment  
after the suspender button drops off.—*St. Joseph News.*

It may be said of a man who invests  
in a quarry that his lot is a hard one.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

A storm broke up a Plymouth  
clambake party recently. The claims  
were heavy.—*Pequotian.*

Miss Gotham—"What kind of account  
do you prefer?" Miss Bullion—"Cent  
per cent."—*N. Y. Herald.*

Girls should never take any chances  
with printers. They are liable to be  
caught in the press.—*Binghamton Leader.*

The day of promise is always at  
hand.—Fulfillment of that promise  
seems a long way off.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

An uptown man recently left his  
family and has not since been found,  
although his nose turned up.—*Philadelphia Times.*

Victim of Railroad Accident—"Doctor,  
do you think I can recover?" Doctor—"Certainly." Victim (eagerly)—  
"How much?"—*Backed.*

A great many of our would-be reformers  
are like the man who stays up all  
night trying to get people to go to  
bed.—*Terre Haute Express.*

"It's awfully hard," said the Five  
Dollar Bill, as he was borrowed for the  
hundredth time, "to go through life en-  
tirely a loan."—*N. Y. Herald.*

There may be a silver lining to every  
cloud, but you can't see it till you get  
to heaven, and you probably won't  
need it then.—*Somerville Journal.*

Mrs. Brown—"I wonder who wrote  
up this account of the President's car-  
riage?" Mrs. Malprop—"Some hack-  
writer, of course."—*Harper's Bazar.*

"There is only one cure for smok-  
ing," said the club man, "and that is  
death." "That isn't always true,"  
said the Presbyterian, significantly.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Mrs. Jason—"When they tie up a  
railroad they don't actually use a rope,  
do they?" Mr. Jason—"No, it is gen-  
erally done with a string of resolutions."  
—*Terre Haute Express.*

A delinquent subscriber presented a  
Georgia editor with a beet weighing  
twenty pounds, and the editor publicly  
thanked the donor for "so characteris-  
tic a gift."—*Burlington Free Press.*

Sista "Papa, isn't it murder to kill  
a hog?" Papa (who is a lawyer)—  
"Not exactly. Murder is assaulting  
with intent to kill, the other is killing  
with intent to eat."—*Harper's Bazar.*

Mrs. Blodson—"There's another bill  
from Kengott. I am afraid he is get-  
ting uneasy." Mr. Blodson—"That's  
so. I must step in tomorrow and order  
some more goods."—*Burlington Free Press.*

Women made the most successful  
sensations enumerators, according to  
superintendent Porter. Let us hear  
no more about the inability of woman  
to pop the question.—*Peoria Transcript.*

"Don't you know, Emily, that it is  
not proper for you to turn round and  
look after a gentleman?" "But, mam-  
ma, I was only looking to see if he  
was looking to see if I was looking."—*Chatter.*

"If women ever become railroaders,  
I can recommend Bridget as a brake-  
woman," sighed Mrs. Snaggs, as she  
gazed at the latest accumulation of  
broken crockery.—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.*

A distant relative: Sick man (making  
his will)—"I have no near relatives. I  
have a brother." The lawyer—"Brother!  
Isn't he a near relative?" Sick man—"No, sir. He lives in Australia."—*West Shore.*

Gazzam—"I see that the German  
Government thinks of making North  
Alsace-Lorraine an independent  
duchy." Maddox—"Of course, if it were  
Duchy it wouldn't be so Frenchy."—*Harper's Bazar.*

"Say, old fellow, lend me a five-cent  
coin. I want to go to the candy-dress  
ball and I have to get up a costume to  
suggest a mythological character."  
"I'll lend it if you promise to go as I o."  
—*Harper's Bazar.*

The vain thing: Laura—"Susan is  
as vain as she can be." Bessie—"What  
makes you think so?" Laura—"The  
conceited thing goes around saying that  
everybody tells her she looks like me."  
—*Texas Siftings.*

Victim (in barber's chair)—"If I  
only had the assistance of that razor  
tomorrow." Barber—"The assistance  
of that razor?" Victim—"Yes, tomor-  
row I'm going to pull in a tug-of-war  
contest at a picnic."—*Boston Herald.*

"What is that horrible noise in the  
kitchen?" "It is our new cook. She's  
altogether too conscientious. Just be-  
cause she has burned the roast to a  
crisp she feels that bad over it she's  
smashing all the crockery."—*Philadelphia Times.*

The Shoes and Leather Reporter is au-  
thority for the statement that cases of  
nervous prostration are less frequent  
since low heels came into general use.  
People who are "well heeled" ought to  
be free from nervous prostration.—*Lowell Courier.*

Turning on Niagara: Wiffles—"Isn't  
young Giffles a person of very small  
experience?" Siffles—"I don't know.  
Why?" Wiffles—"Oh, nothing, only I  
heard him asking Giffles the other day  
if his children had been making any  
bright remarks lately."—*Somerville Journal.*

An exchange says that a subscriber  
wants to know if it can explain why it  
is that women are rarely bald headed.  
This question has been referred to a  
man whose head is bald as a mere state-  
ment of facts, and his answer is: "It  
is because they do not marry women."  
—*Las Vegas Optic.*

## INCOMPLETE.

I think the words that are sweetest,  
Are the ones that are never expressed,  
And the moments that pass the fleetest  
Are the last ones with the dead.

The thoughts that are truest and bravest,  
Are the ones that are never expressed,  
And the tender love that craves,  
For fear is never confessed.

I know that the friends that are truest  
And those we see in our dreams;  
Though we feel the one that is nearest  
Is very near what he seems.

The rose that is sweetest and fairest  
Is the bud that is killed by the frost;  
And the love that is dearest and rarest  
Is the true love we just have lost.

## AN UGLY CUSTOMER.

"I've stood this kind of business  
'bout as long as I shall," said Fred  
Harper coming in from the pasture  
where the sheep and lambs were kept.  
"What troubles you now, Fred?"  
asked his father, anxiously.

"There's another sheep gone out  
of the flock since I looked them up  
the first of the week," replied Fred,  
as he scrubbed his face vigorously at  
the sink.

"Another one gone?" exclaimed  
Mrs. Harper. "Something must be  
catching them. Perhaps a bear from  
Potter's mountain has come across  
Sucker brook to our ridge."

"We've lost three sheep and a  
lamb and Mr. Elkins has lost his  
calf within six weeks," said Fred  
excitedly. "If a bear caught them I  
think 'tis strange I can't  
find a trace of the place where  
he's taken them. Not a bit of wool  
or any thing to show where they  
were caught and eaten can be found  
in that pasture."

"It does seem strange," assented  
his father, as he raised himself on his  
elbow and looked out of the window.  
"You'll have to do the best you can,  
Fred; I can not be much help to you  
yet."

Mr. Harper was just recovering  
from a severe illness and was still  
too feeble to worry much about the  
farm work.

About the disappearance of the  
sheep Fred had his own opinion  
which he was determined to verify  
that very night, if possible.

He said nothing to his father, or  
indeed to any one, of his intention,  
but he was resolved to watch in the  
midst of that flock of sheep every  
night until he had satisfied himself  
the sheep were taken in the day-time.  
Then it would be time to make further  
investigations.

That evening, as the plucky boy of  
fifteen was leaving the shed with an  
axe on his shoulder and an old robe  
spread on the ground under him,  
he encountered his sister Nellie, a  
year younger than himself.

"What are you doing Fred?" asked  
she.

"I'm going to camp up on the  
ridge by that big, lone maple, where  
the sheep come at night," replied  
Fred, as he put down the axe and be-  
gan to roll up his robe so as to carry  
it easily.

"What makes you do that?" asked  
she, in astonishment. "I don't be-  
lieve mother would want you to do  
that."

"I am in hopes to find out who's  
stealing our sheep and lambs," said  
Fred. "I mistrust Hank Garcelon,  
and if I catch him at it I'll spoil his  
appetite for mutton for one while."

"Oh, Fred! May be 'tis a bear  
after all. I'm so afraid something'll  
happen to you. Can't I go, too?"  
entreatingly.

"Go, too! I should smile! Why,  
you'd be scared to death before  
morning," returned he.

"No I wouldn't either; and you'll  
be dreadful lonesome up there all  
alone, Fred. Can't I please go?"  
coaxed she.

"No, indeed, Nellie, I couldn't let  
you," said he decidedly. "The house  
is not more than forty rods off and  
all in sight and hearing, and I can  
come down if I get very sick of it.  
Don't tell mother, she'd worry so;  
but you see we must save the sheep  
to pay the doctor's bill."

He again shouldered his axe and  
marched off down the road to the  
pasture bars and up the steep ledge  
to the maple, where he ensconced  
himself under the tree and in the  
shadow of a huge pile of cord wood,  
hauled there and "ranged" the win-  
ter before from higher up on the  
ridge, when a new clearing was being  
made. It was a bright moonlight  
night and he could see his home  
almost as plainly as in the day-time.

Nellie went up to her room and  
raised the window, "so as to keep  
Fred company," she said to herself,  
and it seemed nearer to have the  
window wide open. She had deter-  
mined to keep watch with him even  
if she were not permitted to join him.  
The sheep came back and settled  
down near the dark shadow of the  
wood pile where Fred had disap-  
peared, as if a human companion  
were agreeable to them, and all was  
quiet once more.

An hour passed and Nellie found  
herself nodding and rightly guessed  
that Fred, tired with his hard day's  
work, must be fast asleep.

It was now half past ten o'clock and  
she felt a strong inclination to retire,  
but resisted because of the feeling  
that it would be leaving Fred alone  
and in danger!

She strained her eyes to catch a  
glimpse of him in the gloom that sur-  
rounded the shady side of that wood  
pile.

Suddenly there was a scampering  
among the sheep, and while she held  
her breath and clung to the window  
in her excitement there was a bright-  
ened scream followed by loud calls for  
help.

She waited for nothing more, but  
sprang down the back stairs and  
turned Rover loose. The instant the  
intelligent dog was free he disappeared  
with a savage growl in the direc-  
tion of the struggle, which now she  
could plainly hear.

Let us now return to Fred.

He was awakened by the scatter-  
ing of the sheep and lay quite still  
for a moment, grasping his axe and  
looking to see if it was a bear or Hank  
Garcelon, as he had imagined, that was  
depleting the flock.

## FOR THE FARMER.

Pointers for Farmers.

Oil the bearings of the mower often,  
using a few drops of oil each time.  
Every time you stop to oil the ma-  
chine cast a glance around to see that  
the bolts and pins and nuts are all  
right.

Broods that are being weaned by  
the mother hen, require watching for  
a few evenings less they crowd into  
neighboring coops and get pecked by  
cross-grained hens or crowd together  
and smother.

Turpentine, coal oil and vinegar,  
equal parts, well shaken together,  
and rubbed on the eggs of the bot-  
fly on horses' legs will, we are told,  
utterly kill them after about three  
applications.

The little chick is happy when he  
can swallow a big fat worm. Don't  
be grudge him the little fruits, or the  
plants he sometimes accidentally  
destroys. He will return its value in  
a few weeks, destroying pests.

Thirteen miles from Cheyenne is  
what is said to be the largest horse  
farm in the world. There are 120,  
000 acres of land, where from 5,000  
horses, which require the constant at-  
tention of sixty-five men. One hun-  
dred miles of wire fence keeps the  
animals in bounds.

By stirring the soil after every  
rain, the weeds will be more easily  
destroyed than at any other time.  
Never allow weeds to go to seed, es-  
pecially in the garden. A single weed  
that seeds entails more labor next  
season than it would cost to clean  
out all of them at this time.

The sudden approach of summer  
heat is enough for fowls to contend  
with; when the plague of lice is added  
the burden is intolerable. While the  
poultry keeper cannot control the  
weather he can control the lice, and  
there is really no good excuse for per-  
mitting them to worry the flocks as  
they do for night and day.

The farmer who considers all mat-  
ters designed for the improvement of  
agriculture will not neglect the sheep.  
In an old weedy pasture or wood lot  
they will more than pay their keep  
by the service performed in keeping  
down the noxious weeds and briars,  
while nothing equals them for restor-  
ing fertility to a worn-out field.

A strong, vigorous plant produces  
a strong, vigorous seed, which in  
turn, withstands abuse to a certain  
extent above the more delicate off-  
spring of weaker plants. Strength is  
given a plant by proper cultivation  
in suitable soil. But proper cultiva-  
tion does not consist in allowing the  
weeds to rob the plant of nutriment.

An exchange suggests that an addi-  
tional incentive to raising good  
horses, did it ever strike you that  
the horse was the only product of  
the farm that the farmer was allowed  
to put his own price on? The Big  
Four fix the price on the meat crop,  
John Bull on cotton, and the gam-  
blers on the grain, but the horse crop  
has not yet been cornered.

There is no crop grown on the farm  
but will run out in time if care is  
not taken to obtain new seed occasion-  
ally, or unless care is taken to keep the  
seed pure and carefully selected, but  
no other crop seems so short-lived as  
potatoes, nor can new varieties of any  
other be so easily produced. It  
will pay occasionally to try for a  
new one.

It is discouraging when even a little  
grain is given a cow in Summer at  
pasture to have her begin to fatten  
instead of increasing the milk flow.  
But if the cow be of that kind, the  
sooner her owner discovers it the  
better. If graining fattens her she  
probably is not worth keeping with-  
out the grain. So fatten her as  
rapidly as possible, and get a better  
cow in her place.

The Shorthorn cattle originated in  
Durham, England, and it is even yet  
common in some old-fashioned sec-  
tions to speak of them as the Dur-  
ham breed. Of course the original  
Durhams were not bred up to the  
present standards for beef making,  
but the characteristic tendencies of a  
good beef breed were in the original  
stock. Good feeding and careful  
selection of breeding stock has done  
the rest.

The heavy driving rains often carry  
away from the barn-yard a deep  
stream of valuable fertilizing mate-  
rial, which is irretrievably lost. This  
may be prevented by keeping the  
yard well scraped up, and the con-  
tents carried out promptly to the  
fields, and spread. There they are  
free from leaching and waste, and  
there they will do the most good.  
Neglect of this liability to wash out  
the best of the contents of the barn-  
yard is often one of the great leaks of  
the farm, and yet it is one which  
may be easily prevented.

Blue grass will bear pasturing  
lightly earlier than almost any other  
grass. Its roots lie near the surface,  
and are quickly started into growth  
in the Spring if the land is rich  
enough. For this reason too they  
are more easily reached by light  
showers. Later in the season it may  
suffer from drought, but hardly more  
so than other grasses and clovers  
that strike into the subsoil and thor-  
oughly exhaust its moisture long be-  
fore the Summer drought has come.

How She Filled the Thief.

Some years ago one of the present  
congressmen from New York State  
and his brother were examining the  
stock of a pawnshop in London with  
the hope of picking up some curiosi-  
ties. They came across a necklace of  
green glass beads, which the New  
York man purchased for \$2.50 in-  
tending to bring it home to his little  
daughter. The brother was sur-  
prised to find in the shop a counter-  
part of this necklace, which he  
brought home to his little girl. Two  
months later the latter showed her  
gift to the jeweler, who pronounced  
the glass beads to be emeralds, and  
who sold them afterward for several  
thousand dollars. The member of  
Congress, upon hearing this, took  
his necklace to the same dealer, who  
pronounced it to be composed of  
glass beads. The London pawn  
dealer had purchased them of a thief,  
who had stolen them from a wealthy  
woman. The latter kept the emer-  
alds in a box, and wore their glass  
counterparts. Of course no one  
could tell the difference when the  
necklace encircled her throat.

## LOVE AND BEARS.

A Strange Marriage.

"I'm obliged to a bear," said old  
Ben Hunter, "for gettin' me my wife  
Peggy here," pointing to his old wife  
in the corner.

"Ye see, she had old Squire Speck-  
les for a guardian after her folks died,  
and he wouldn't hear of me marryin'  
her; not him. He had a mighty poor  
opinion of me had the squire. Well,  
of course, we wanted the old man's  
consent to the match, but we wasn't  
goin' to separate if we couldn't get  
it.

"One day I was walkin' through  
the woods to the next settlement  
when I heard an almighty loud hol-  
lerin'. By follerin' the sound I cum  
to a gulch with a roarin' stream run-  
nin' through it. On the other side  
was a tree with Speckles astraddle of  
the limb and a bear lickin' his chops  
at the foot.

"Why don't you come over an'  
help me," he roars out? For I thought  
I should just die of laffin'. I straight-  
ened out my face an' says:  
"What kin I do for you, Squire?  
You see I've got no gun."

"There's a young tree over there,"  
says he, "leanin' over the gulch from  
your side. You kin climb up into it,  
an' let yourself drop over here. My  
gun's but a little ways back yonder,  
an' I kin throw you my powder-horn  
an' bullet-pouch, an' you kin load on  
an' shoot the bear with no trouble  
at all."

"An' what'll the bear do in'  
the while?" says I. "He's a lookin'  
at me from the tail of his eye this  
minnit, an' I'm afraid I'd drop over  
there it'll plump into his jaws.  
There's only one thing to do," says I,  
"an' that's to go'n fetch my rifle an'  
shoot the varment from over here."

"I guess that's so," says he, "but  
don't be gone long. The desp'r't  
bear's made two or three attempts  
to shin up here 'a' ready, an' there's  
no knowin' how soon he may suc-  
ceed."

"There's one thing I'd like to men-  
tion afore you go, Squire," says I. "I  
had it on my mind for some time."  
"What's that?" says he.

"You ward, Peggy White—  
"Well?" says he, cockin' up one  
ear.

"I want your consent to her'n  
me gittin' married," says I, speakin'  
squint out.

"He giv' a look at me'n then one  
at the bear. It was more'n a minit  
afore he spoke. I seed there was a  
powerful in'ard struggle goin' on.  
Erybody knowed Josh way Speck-  
le's nephew of his'n, so's to keep her  
money in the family; an' I've no  
doubt he was debat'n' just then,  
whether to tell me to go to old  
Scratch, takin' his own chances of  
"firin' out the bear's patience, or to  
buy my help with fair promises. Now  
Josh way was a prudent man, an' a  
strict believer in the doctrine of self-  
preservation. So't last says he:  
"Mr. Hunter, I've long had my  
eye on you as a suitable match for  
Peggy."

"Then I've your consent," says I,  
"hardly darin' to believe my ears."  
"You hev," says he.

"And no takin' back?" says I.

"Honor bright!" says he.

"I wanted to see no more, but sot  
off, at full speed, hopin' an' prayin'  
that my friend, the bear, might not  
be tempted to desert his post. As I  
hurried along I'd time to think how  
little dependence was to be placed on  
Josh way Speckles's word. Once  
out o' danger he could easy 'nough  
go back on his promise, an' I'd no  
proof agin' him."

"All at wunst a thought flashed  
upon me. You'll see what 't was  
presently.

"In a couple of hours I was back  
with my rifle an' Peggy White besides;  
an' there at the bear—bliss his  
honest heart—an' Josh way Speck-  
les, just as I'd left 'em.

"What's the meenin' o' this?" says  
Josh way, as soon's he seed Peggy.

"You're a Justice o' the Peace,"  
says I.

"Well?" says he.

"An' kin marry folks," says I.

"What o' that?" says he.

"I want you marry me'n Peggy,"  
says I.

"When?" says he.

"Right off," says I.

"He got so mad he fairly turned  
green."

"Go straight home!" he roared at  
Peggy.

"I'm afraid to go alone," she  
whimpered "for fear o' the bears."

"I'll go with you, darlin'," says I,  
"turnin' to lead her away."

"Come back!" bellowed Josh way.  
"Surely you're not goin' to leave a  
man in this fix."

"Marry us, then," says I—"them's  
my terms. Come to 'em or not, as  
you like. I'm a one price man."

"Jine your right hands," he  
growled through his teeth. An' in  
less'n five minnits Peggy an' me was  
tied hard an' fast. But whether  
'twas by sayin' "let no man put 'em  
asunder," or tellin' us to go to thun-  
der, he wound up the ceremony, I  
couldn't quite hear. However,  
Peggy says 't was the right words he  
used.

"Then I tucked up my rifle an' pinted  
it at the bear. I hadn't the heart to  
kill the noble beast to which I owed  
such a debt o' gratitude. Accordin'-  
ly I aimed so's to graze the tip of his  
left ear. The hint was enough, for  
when I fired he gave his head a quick  
jerk, an' turnin' on me a reproachful  
look, scampered off.

"Josh way slid down from his  
roost, picked up his gun an' loadened  
it, an' sulked off alone.

"So't turned out that I got Peggy,  
an' Peggy got her money, an' all by  
the help of our faithful friend, the  
bear."

New Way of Bonning a Tailor.

Markoffski had debts all up and  
down, and had recourse to every con-  
ceivable dodge for giving his credi-  
tors the slip. To discover his address  
became an insoluble problem. One  
day, however, a tailor, endowed with  
the fine scent of a professional detec-  
tive, found the way to his lodgings on

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Regularity of Habit.

One of the most difficult of all mi-  
nor habits to acquire, says an able  
writer, is that of regularity. It  
ranks with that of order. The nat-  
ural inclination of most persons is  
to defer until the last possible mo-  
ment, or put off to another time  
where this can possibly be done.

Yet habits of regularity contribute  
largely to the ease and comfort of  
life. A person can multiply his ef-  
ficiency by it. We know persons who  
have a multitude of duties, and who  
perform a vast deal of work daily,  
who set apart certain hours for giv-  
ing duties, and are there at the  
moment, and attend rigidly to what  
is in hand. This done, and other en-  
gagements are met, each in order,  
and a vast deal accomplished, not  
by strained exertion, but by regu-  
larity. The mind can be so  
trained to this that at certain hours  
in the day it will turn to a particular  
line of duty, and at other hours to  
other and different labors. The  
very diversity is restful, when at-  
tended to in regular order. But let  
these run together, and the duties  
mixed, and what was before easy is  
now annoying and oppressive, and  
the exact difference between many is  
at this point. There are those who  
confuse and rush, and attempt to do  
several things at once and accom-  
plish little, while another will quietly  
proceed from one duty to another,  
and easily accomplish a vast amount  
of work. The difference is not  
in the capacity of the two, but in the  
regular methods of the one, as com-  
pared with the irregular and confused  
habits of the other.—*Scientific American.*

To Soften Wet-Stiffened Shoes.

"The women have a new use for  
vaseline," observed a Fifteenth street  
drug clerk, as he jerked his thumb over  
his right shoulder in the direction of  
a well-dressed lady who was leaving  
the store after having made a pur-  
chase of the petroleum compound.

"What's that?"

"They are using it or their shoes  
now."

"On their shoes?"

"Yes, and the ladies must be given  
credit for having made a valuable  
discovery. The ingredients of vaseline  
have a wonderful effect on fine leath-  
er, and it is fast taking the place of  
all the compounds manufactured for  
softening the shoes. Take a pair of  
shoes that have become stiff and un-  
comfortable by constant wear in the  
rain and apply a coat of vaseline,  
rubbing it in well with a cloth, and  
in a short time the leather becomes  
as soft and pliable as when it is tak-  
en from the shelves of the shoe deal-  
er. Yes, indeed, this rainy weather  
has caused quite a boom in the vas-  
eline trade."—*Washington Post.*

Too Much Nap.

Nobody understands the disadvan-  
tages of a habit of going to sleep in  
the wrong place so well as he who  
has unsuccessfully tried to hold his  
eyes open through a sermon, the or-  
ator who has fought drowsiness thro-  
ugh the prolonged call of a tedious ev-  
ing caller, or a certain Maine wo-  
man who went to Boston recently,  
woman didn't intend to go to  
ton; a voyage from Bangor  
Northport was all she had in  
when she started. But in an  
hourly moment she asked permi-  
ssion to take a short nap in a berth,  
next thing she knew somebody was  
shouting: "All ready to land,  
ton."—*Lewiston Journal.*

Serene.

There are persons possess-  
ing such wonderful self poise and  
sty of soul that they never give  
to the vulgar excitement of e-  
balanced persons.

A story is told of an old Q  
lady who was informed by an  
excited man that he'd house wa-  
re.

"Is it?" she said, rising calm-  
ly and dropping her knitting into her  
lap, after she had carefully wound  
loose yarn. "I think the fe-  
information, and now if the wa-  
go and sound the alarm, I will  
my pies out of the oven, and  
ready to tell the people what to do  
out first."—*Youth's Companion.*

Not in the Statutes.

Judge C., of Vermont, was  
found of a joke, when it could be  
"done" without special injury to  
public or individual rights.

On one occasion, as he was travel-  
ing toward the southern part of the  
state, to hold a term of court in the  
county of W., he came to a pub-  
lic house where a Justice's court was  
in session. As it was late, and the  
weather cold and wet, he concluded  
to put up for the night. Sending  
his horse to the stable, he entered  
the barroom, which he found crowd-  
ed with people, who seemed greatly  
excited about the case on trial. He  
had thrown off his outer garments,  
and was composing himself before a  
good old-fashioned blazing fire, when  
a young man came up to him, and,  
bowing to him very respectfully, ask-  
ed his assistance in the case.

"The evidence," he said, "is all agin'  
me; but they say Yer Honor is death  
on desperit cases, and mine ain't so  
bad as it might be, after all."

Upon inquiry, the Judge learned  
that his applicant had been arrested  
for wantonly upsetting a churn of  
sap in his neighbor's sugar-lot. The  
youngster had been caught in the  
very act by two respectable witness-  
es, and thus the evidence was, as he  
had stated, clear agin' him."

After hearing all the facts, the  
Judge informed him that it was  
really a desperate case, but he ad-  
vised him to try to get a better  
case.

"I will watch the progress of the  
trial and if an opportunity presents  
itself I will help you."

Accordingly he threw open the  
door leading from his apartment  
to the room where the trial was go-  
ing on and sat a careless spectator  
of the proceedings.

The counsel for the State, put in his  
testimony and proved the charge  
conclusively. Thereupon the magis-  
trate turned upon the respondent and  
with a stern voice asked him if he had  
"got anything to say to all this 'ere  
evidential testimony?"

The prisoner was dumb, but look-  
ed imploringly toward the justice,  
who at once arose and approached  
the table at which the Justice was  
sitting.

"You needn't think ye can do any  
kinder good here, for the mind of  
this court is entirely made up about  
this concern, that I can tell ye, mis-  
ter."

"May it please Your Honor," said  
the Judge, bowing very gracefully,  
"it is no doubt true that the charge  
made against the respondent is fully  
sustained by the testimony. I do  
not deny it, but for all that he has  
a defense."

"A defense! What is it?" growled  
the court.

"And, Your Honor, it is this: I  
protest to know a little about law,  
having practiced more than thirty  
years past, especially the statute  
laws of Vermont. Now, Your Hon-  
or, I may be mistaken, but I am  
confident there is nothing in the  
statute books of Vermont against  
upsetting either an empty churn or  
a churn full of sap, I beg of the court  
not to rely upon my word, but if  
Your Honor is not satisfied upon  
this point I would recommend an ex-  
amination of the statutes."

The counsel of the state rose to re-  
ply.

"Stop! stop!" vociferated the  
court, "this p't must be settled be-  
fore we move another inch."

And thereupon, seizing the statute  
book and turning to the index he be-  
gan searching under the letter C for  
Churn. Not finding it he next look-  
ed under S for Sap. Not finding  
"Sap" he continued his search under  
U for Upsetting. Still unsuccessful  
he looked under the title "Crimes  
and Misdemeanors." Finally he rum-  
aged the book from beginning to  
end, and finding it silent upon the  
subject of "upsetting churns" he  
arose, and addressing the prisoner,  
said:

"Young man, this 'ere court is sat-  
isfied that there ain't nothin' in the  
laws of Vermont agin' tippin' in a  
churn full of sap. There ain't noth-  
in about churns, anyway—not sap,  
neither. But I want ye should re-  
member one thing—that this 'ere  
court has made up its mind that it's  
a shame that there's so many maple  
trees in the State and no law agin'  
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Whereupon the prisoner was re-  
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We want a mail line to Juno.  
J. J. Rackley, has bed room suits from \$10 to \$20. 1-11  
W. S. Strader went to McKavett on business Wednesday.  
Buy your lumber from J. W. Webb & Co., San Angelo, and have your house built at once. 6  
P. McHugh and D. B. Cusenbary returned from San Angelo Monday.  
The highest cash prices paid for furs, blues and skins of all kinds at the grain store of Hurst, Adams & Batte. 6  
John Erskine, the big hearted representative of McKavett, was in Sonora this week.  
J. J. Rackley handles the best sewing machines made. All at the lowest prices. 1-11  
Joe Wyatt, and Charley Coleman, returned Tuesday from a round-up near Sherwood.  
Fine fresh candies in fancy boxes, sold by Willie Windrow, San Angelo. 7.  
Will Gurley, from Johnson's Run, was in Sonora Tuesday.  
Go to M. Eastland & Son, the Jewellers, San Angelo, for Diamonds, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, and Optical Goods. 7-5.  
H. W. Huntington of New York, nephew to Dr. Taylor, of Gwynn, was in Sonora Tuesday.  
BOARDMAN & GRAY PIANOS have received the endorsement of the best musicians in the old world as well as in the new. Established 1837. Agents, Solely, in Texas. F. G. ALLEN, Agent, San Angelo. 3  
Mrs. Boyce, Steve and Kenner Boyce, of London, mother and brothers of Rube and Ely accompanied by Dr. Burt, of Junction City, arrived in the city Sunday.

Charlie Adams, the most public spirited of our public men, is very well, thank you. Just wait.  
Do not keep your building back by waiting for a lumber yard in Sonora, but order the lumber from J. W. Webb & Co., San Angelo. 6  
Wm. Johnson, banker and capitalist of Menardville, was in Sonora this week making investments.  
J. J. Rackley, San Angelo, has his three-story building packed full of goods and can supply you with any piece of furniture from the cradle to the grave at the lowest prices. 1-11  
Fred W. Eichlitz, agent for Heidenheimer & Co., of Galveston, was in town Tuesday. There are no flies on Fred and he sells goods wherever he goes.  
Dr. Talmage says of his BRADBURY PIANO: "It is endowed with a sweetness and power that suggests the 'celestial' rather than an ordinary instrument." F. G. ALLEN, Agent, San Angelo. 3  
Frank Large, of Kerrville, who five years ago had his sheep camp on the present site of Sonora, was in town this week and thinks Sonora the best town in the state.  
Galvanized iron ventilation flues, stove pipes, rain proof and caps, at H. W. Feller's, Chadbourne street, San Angelo. 4  
A. B. Prior, one of the substantial sheepmen of Schleicher county, was in Sonora for the first time Tuesday. Mr. Prior was surprised at the size of the town and cheapness of ranch supplies and will do his trading here in future.  
The only first-class Sewing Machine on Earth is THE LOVE For sale by Crews, McGregor & Co., Ballinger, Tex. 3  
Max Wolf, drummer for the Great Eastern Cigar Factory of Cincinnati, O., is a good salesman, represents a better house and sells the best cigar on the market.  
J. J. Myers, of Fort Worth, late of Ohio, is in Sonora, looking for a health and business location.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS, received this week an invitation from Mrs. E. B. Sanderson, of San Angelo, to attend the marriage of her daughter Miss Minnie, to Charles W. Hobbs, on the 10th inst. Charles W. Hobbs is the well-known wool commission man of San Angelo who has been extra fortunate this year having obtained the top price for wool and one of the best young ladies in San Angelo. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS wishes them joy.  
Readsteads at J. J. Rackley for \$2.50  
M. Trusses " " " 2.50  
Sails " " " 4.00  
Capt. Walter Napier, representing the commission house of Col. T. C. Frost, of San Antonio, is in Sonora, and is prepared to advance sheepmen all the money they want. Col. Frost and Capt. Napier, know where the largest wool growing section in Texas is and that the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is read by sheepmen representing 2,800,000 pounds of wool. Hence the Captain's visit to Sonora and the Colonel's ad, in the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.  
Go to J. A. Ogden's for the cheapest groceries and notions. 8-11  
Just as the affairs of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad company were again on a fair way to be straightened out, they came another setback. Mr. Wharton Barker, of the recently failed Barker Bros., Philadelphia, was one of the largest holders of the bonds of the Arkansas Pass company. Mr. Barker was favorably inclined to the scheme of reorganization, that is to put the road once more solidly on its feet, but his recent reverses will prevent his exerting any influence in the councils of the bondholders, and an unavoidable delay is thereby occasioned. It is the hope of the bondholders of the road and others concerned in it, however, that something definite will soon be accomplished in the work of reorganization.—New York Journal of Finance.

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All Orders Left at his office Will Receive prompt attention.  
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Wholesale and Retail Dealers in  
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San Angelo, Texas.  
**Ranch Supplies a Specialty.**  
The Best Goods at the Lowest Prices.  
All we ask is an opportunity to prove to you that it is  
to your interest to do business with us.

N. N. Staggs, the well driller, went to Angelo, Thursday.  
S. K. White, was in from the ranch Wednesday.  
T. D. Newell, was in Sonora Wednesday.  
Keep the yards and streets clean by burning the rubbish.  
Rags, feet, mackerel and Holland herring, just received at F. Mayer & Co's. 8  
F. V. Hegamann, was in town this week for supplies.  
The lumber for W. H. Sowell's ranch house, passed through town Monday.  
Sam. Wallick, the obliging postmaster and popular merchant of McKavett was in Sonora this week.  
J. W. Kar, an ex-sheepman of Mason county was in Sonora on Wednesday.  
F. Mayer & Co., have on hand a very large assortment of Xmas presents, and will have same displayed next week, call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. 8  
A great many of the progressive citizens, are planting fruit trees and beautifying their homes. Let the good work go on.  
Wm. Schubach, was in from Buckley's Wednesday, and bought one share in the Devil's River News.  
Just received a fine assortment of lamps. Standing and hanging lamps, also a nice line of glass water sets, fruit dishes, and fancy dishes, at very low prices. F. Mayer & Co. 8  
D. F. Eppes, of Blanco City, was in Sonora Wednesday, looking for a farming location. He is delighted with the prospects of our county and may locate.  
F. Mayer & Co., Sonora, Texas, have just received a fine assortment of dried fruits, almonds, Brazil nuts, fiberts, citron, etc., for the holidays. 8  
F. Mayer, of McKavett, senior member of the firm of F. Mayer & Co., Sonora, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Phenie, is in the city.  
As everybody is advertising Christmas presents, don't you think it would be nice to read the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS, for one year to some friend and help the good work along.  
Ask for hominy flakes, at F. Mayer & Co's., one of the nicest cookies in the market. 8  
When in San Angelo, pull up at the Pioneer Drug store, at the Postoffice. 11

Attend the wool meeting to-day.  
O. T. Word was in town yesterday.  
Before you buy your Christmas presents, go and see the assortment at Cusenbary's Drug Store. 8-11  
T. J. Wilson, of San Angelo, came down Tuesday to look at the country.  
J. Bryden, of J. M. Taylor's ranch, was in town Thursday.  
Fred Burger, from Geo. Allison's ranch, was in Sonora Thursday.  
A full line of Christmas goods will arrive next week for Cusenbary's Drug Store. 11  
J. C. Rogers with Jos Thiele, was in Sonora Friday.  
Mr and Mrs H. Knusenberger came in from the ranch yesterday.  
D. B. Cusenbary sold a half interest in his drug store to H. C. Reynolds of Paint Rock.  
A J. Swearingen lost about 100 sheep branded circle with a cross in it. Information as to their whereabouts will be rewarded.  
Sonora has three hotels, but as none of them advertise, we thought we would let you know that Sonora has the desired accommodation.  
Rev. W. J. Sims, Methodist minister, of Junction City, will hold service in the school house tonight, to-morrow morning and evening at the usual hours.  
Jos Thiele, of Rannels county was in Sonora Friday. He has 3500 mutton with him and will secure a ranch in the Stockman's Paradise this winter.  
Geo. W. Sweet, special agent for the New York Life, delivered a short discourse on Altruism vs. Selfishness, at the school house Thursday night. There was a large and attentive audience. Mr Sweet is a good speaker and afforded his hearers much pleasure and instruction.  
Dr. J. F. Riggs, over the postoffice, San Angelo, is a fine surgeon dentist of 20 years experience and guarantees his work to be first-class. When in need of a dentist call and see him. 11  
W. E. Irwin, of Lampasas county, T. H. Irwin, H. R. Carson and R. Wooley of this county were looking at the Stockman's Paradise this week.  
Davidson and Silliman, general land agents, will be ready for business on the 10th inst. office in the Morris Building. Charles E. Davidson, the senior member, is well-known in West Texas, having been in the land and law business in San Angelo for a number of years. W. B. Silliman, is one of the brightest young survivors in the state. Both are energetic and experienced business men, and will make the dirt fly when they get started.

Call and examine the elegant tea and dinner sets, just received, at F. Mayer & Co's., at prices to defy competition. 8  
The first shipment for Cusenbary's lumber yard, 10,000 feet, was received Tuesday, all of which was sold same day, and orders taken for 6,000 feet to be delivered on its arrival. There is 40,000 feet now on the road. And still the good work goes on. R. B. I for Ben., and R. H. I for Sonora.  
Repairing of all kinds of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry by an experienced workman. Also eyes tested and fitted with spectacles by an experienced optician. All work guaranteed by M. Eastland & Son, the Jewellers, San Angelo.  
J. C. Johnson went to Angelo last week for supplies, but on comparing prices, found he could do better in Sonora. Consequently he came back to Sonora, bought his supplies here, and says that he will go to San Angelo never, never, no more.  
The CLOGG & WARREN ORGAN "captivates the world." Used and endorsed by the N. E. Conservatory, Boston. F. G. ALLEN, Agent, San Angelo. 3  
Sonora and the Devil's River Country, now get their freight from Ballinger. The question is at once suggested: "Why is it?" The answer comes like a flash, "Because they can get it cheaper here than any other point." There is a universally recognized custom that every one will patronize the cheapest available point. Ballinger being that point, hence we see citizens of other counties in our live city every day, laying in supplies.—Ballinger Banner.  
The well-known business firm of Jackson & Co., opposite the Court House, San Angelo, is indeed a place of interest and well worth a visit. This immense concern always has on hand a large stock of the best quality of corn, oats and grain of all kinds which they sell in quantities to suit the purchaser, and at the lowest prices. They are also the largest dealers in, San Angelo, in furs, skins and hides, and you may depend on receiving the highest price for market goods. In connection with the above, Messrs. Jackson & Co., conduct the largest and best equipped wool feed and livery yard in the city. This branch is under the personal charge of Mr. Jackson, and the person who desires his stock well fed and properly cared for will be well satisfied if he puts up at Jackson & Co's. feed and wagon yard when in San Angelo.  
CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.  
Sheep—Receipts, 9,000; shipments, 2,500. Market strong with fair demand. Navies, \$3.75 to \$4.85; west-rms, \$4.00 to \$4.55; Texans \$3.00 to \$4.50.

A DOCTOR'S CONFESSION.

Doesn't Take Much Medicine and Advises the Reporter Not To. "Humbly? Of course it is. The so-called science of medicine is a humbug..."

[Allegorical.] GOLDEN ROD.

In all the world, embraced in mortal sight, There's nothing seems more like the smile of God...

There wasn't but one other passenger in the stage but myself.

He was a tall man with elegant black whiskers and looked as if he might be about thirty years old...



"WHY, THIS IS THE OLD MAID, SALLY SPARKS!"

Horror! I recognized her as my old enemy, Clarissa Higgins, of Millville. "Mrs. Col. Sparkington, of Alabama..."

Execution by Boiling.

It may be of interest to know that the English law formerly prescribed boiling water for the culprit...

A Fool at a Boarding-House.

Jinks—That fellow Silvers is the most inexcusable fool I ever saw. Winks—What has he been doing to you?"

Salt Lake City, U. T., expects to have sixty-five miles of electrical railway in operation by the close of the summer.

California Fig Syrup Co. Louisville, Ky. One bottle will cure you of Constipation, Biliousness, Headache, Indigestion, and all the ailments of the bowels...

Dr. Prices Cream Baking Powder. A Pure Cream of Tartar Powder. Superior to every other known. Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

SYPHILIS Can be cured in twenty days by the use of the MAGIC REMEDY. For sale only by the Cook Remedy Co. of Omaha, Nebraska.

DR. PRICE'S REMEDY FOR CATARRH. Best. Easiest to use. Cheapest. Relief is immediate. A cure is certain. CATARRH. It is an Ointment of which a small particle is applied to the nostrils. Price, 50c. Sold by druggists or sent by mail. Address, E. C. HAZELTINE, Warren, Pa.

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SALLY SPARKS.

The Pathetic Story of Her Last Disappointment.

JUST to ease my bursting heart I'm going to write out an account of my last disappointment. It is meant only for my personal use...

When we reached Huckleberry Corner, I stopped at the stage office while Dr. Lyon went over to engage board for me...

Half an hour afterwards I found myself seated in a very comfortable room at the house of Ezekiel Preston. He didn't take two boarders, Dr. Lyon and myself...

Well, as I was saying, I concluded to go some country town to spend the summer, hoping that, by passing myself off for a rich heiress or fashionable belle, I might be able to catch a beau...

It wasn't till about the last moment that the most brilliant idea of all came to me. It was this: I would pass myself off for a Southern widow, with a grand old plantation...

Well, everything being arranged, I left Millville without letting anybody know where I thought of going. Indeed, I hinted round that I didn't know, but I would visit some of my relations in Boston, which wasn't a falsehood, because I do expect to, sometime, if I live long enough...

TRADES AND OCCUPATIONS.

The Youth's Companion for 1901 will give an instructive and helpful series of papers, each of which describes the character of some leading Trade for Boys or Occupations for Girls...

LADIES needing a tonic, or children who want building up should take Brown's Iron Bitters. It is pleasant to take, cures Malnutrition, Indigestion, Biliousness and Liver Complaints, makes the Blood rich and pure...

A girl should always wear her sleeve long enough to reach in. The girl who wears a short sleeve is sure to get a mosquito bite...

BRIMFUL of confidence in it—the manufacturers of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. It's a faith that means business, too—it's backed up by money. This is what they offer: \$500 reward for a case of Catarrh which they cannot cure...

A PACKAGE OF ELEGANT CHRISTMAS CARDS FREE! A HOLIDAY GIFT FOR LADIES. The Ladies' World is one of the most attractive and valuable papers published for ladies and the family...

TOWER'S Fish Brand Waterproofer. This Trade Mark is on The Best Waterproofer Coat in the World. Send for Illustrated Catalogue, Free. J. J. Tower, Boston.

Electric Lights in Africa. An amusing account comes from New Guinea relating the effect on the natives when the steamship Nelson crossed her power. The foghorn was blown and the electric projectors flashed upon the village...

His Peculiar Economy. I knew a man—a country doctor—of ample means and real generosity, who smoked the best of cigars and offered the same kind to his friends...

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Bermuda Bottled. "You must go to Bermuda. If you do not I will not be responsible for the consequences. But, doctor, I can't afford to lose my time for the money." Well, if that is impossible, try SCOTT'S EMULSION OF PURE NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL...

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CONSUMPTION. I have a positive remedy for the above disease by the use of thousands of cases of this worst kind of lung poisoning has been cured. I need no strong medicine, but a VALUABLE TREATISE on this disease to any sufferer who will send their Express and P. O. address. Write to Dr. J. E. WOOD, 151 Pearl St., N. Y.

STEREOPTICONS Battery & Optical Co. CHICAGO, ILL. MAGIC LANTERNS. ARE YOU GOOD AT GUESSING? \$500 GIVING AWAY in beautiful Holiday Presents to our Customers. GUESSING CONTEST. Send your address and we will mail you full particulars. WHITNEY COOK & CO., 277 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago.

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## DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,

PUBLISHED WEEKLY,  
Advertising Medium of the  
Stockman's Paradise.

SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS. - December 6, 1890.

B. A. Osgood was in town Saturday.

Cal Hoffman sold Garrett Bean, four colts at \$20.

Jerry Robinson was in town Friday.

R. F. Haibert was in town on Saturday.

Cal Hoffman, one of our rustling young sheepmen, was in Sonora Friday.

For anything in the rock line see George Traweck.

O. H. Wood, commissioner for precinct No. 2, was in Sonora, on Monday.

Neeley, the handsome representative of Schleicher county, was in Sonora Saturday.

John Potter and family are domiciled in their new residence in "Brooklyn."

D. M. DeVitt, secretary and treasurer of the Abilene, San Angelo and Red River Valley railway, was in Sonora Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hemphill, of McKavett, arrived in Sonora last week and are a welcome addition to the community.

Go to J. J. Rackley, San Angelo, for your Furniture.

L. N. Halbert, lawyer and land agent, with his family arrived last week and are awaiting the coming of their furniture, when they will occupy the Glasscock residence.

E. R. Hill, of the firm of Barfield & Hill, left for San Angelo Tuesday, and will probably bring back a fine line of buggies and hacks for their lively outfit.

Mrs. J. Sheffer, Mrs. B. L. Binyon, Mrs. F. C. Whipple and Miss Ora Odum, accompanied by Cal Hoffman paid the metropolis a business call last week.

Buy your lumber from J. W. Webb & Co., San Angelo.

Haile & Sweet special agents for the New York Life Insurance Co., have instructed Max Mayer to pay \$25 as their donation to the Town Hall.

M. C. Ragsdale, the Photographer, of San Angelo has the pictures of many of San Angelo's beauties in his gallery, but if he had a few of Sonora's charmers in the collection—well they would cause a sensation.

John J. Gilmore, who so ably represents the well-known firm of George D. Barnard & Co., of St. Louis, is one of the best salesmen it has been our pleasure to meet. Mr. Gilmore, sold the commissioners court the books and blanks the county needed, at the meeting of that body Monday, and says that Clerk Strader is one of the closest buyers he has met, and that the commissioners are judicious in their expenditures.

For everything and anything in the musical line write to F. G. ALLEN, San Angelo.

A delightful little hop was given at the school house last Friday night in honor of the Misses Annie and Ollie Gurley, Sonora's leading society young ladies previous to their departure for Johnson's Run. The following ladies graced the floor—Miss Annie Gurley in cream mul trimmed with silk and lace of the same shade, diamonds and gold ornaments, looked beautiful.

Miss Ollie Gurley in peacock blue, trimmed with velvet and silver ornaments was charming.

Miss Dee Drake, of Gwynon, old rose and brocade silk, pearls and gold jewelry, as graceful as a swan was the centre of attraction.

Miss Florence Traweck, cream silk, trimmed with lace, black sash, diamonds and gold jewelry, was very pretty.

Miss Eula Miers was becomingly dressed in cream cashmere, with gold and diamond ornaments.

Miss Lellie Pride, black trimmed with pink ribbons, gold jewelry.

Mrs. Geo. Traweck, black, point lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Bismark Barfield, green combination costume, gold jewelry.

## OUR SCHOOL.

It is a matter of gratulation to us that our town maintains one of the most prosperous schools in south west Texas. From Prof. J. M. Bell, we have obtained the following facts in regard to its growth and condition:

The present term opened as a public school Sept. 1st. Prof. Bell and his wife as teachers, with an enrollment the first day of forty-five pupils, and has steadily increased in numbers until the total enrollment is now one hundred and ten, with an average daily attendance of seventy-five, and yet there are quite a number who will probably be entered by Jan. 1st.

One year ago the people of Sonora viewed with pride the commodious, as it then was, school building that they had erected, as well as in the wildness; and thought with much satisfaction, that Sonora was well provided at least with facilities for a school that would at some time become a factor in the development of the town. But they had wrought more wisely than they knew; for since the school passed under the present management it has formed, through all the petty strifes and contentions by which the town was beset during its first year, the common point of centre around which its people have rallied with a concert of purpose and action, the admiration and support of a class of large hearted men, and made it already to be regarded as the most potent factor in the growth and prosperity of the trade center and coming town of the finest grazing country on earth. And to-day Sonora is already confronted by the question of making an addition to her temple of learning, that neat, trim and comfortable, adorns like a gem of beauty, the emerald hillside on which it stands, at once the prominent feature of the landscape and the proud attestation of the enterprising, public spirit of its wide-awake projectors and builders.

The present term of school is for six months a public school, which will be continued four months longer by subscription, and before the opening of another term the necessary extension of the school building will have been made, for the people of Sonora will in no wise allow themselves to be cramped in that which has been to them the chief element of success.

Since 1834 the DUNHAM PLANO has annually made thousands of happy and festive joyous. "Age cannot wither it nor custom stale its infinite variety." F. G. ALLEN, Agent, San Angelo.

## How to Judge Wool.

An Australian expert gives the following on judging wool on live sheep: "The finest and softest wool is always on the shoulders of the sheep. An expert on judging sheep always looks at the wool on the shoulder first. Always assuming that the wool to be inspected is really fine, we first examine the shoulders as the part where the finest wool is to be found. This we take as a standard, and compare it with the wool from the ribs, the thigh, the rump and the shoulder parts, and the nearer the wool from the various portions of the animal approaches the standard the better. First we scrutinize the fineness, and if the result is satisfactory we pronounce the fleece in respect to fineness 'very even.' Next we scrutinize the length of the staple, and we find that the wool on the ribs, thigh and back approximate reasonably in length to that part of our standard; we again decide the fleece, as regards length of staple, 'true and even.' We next satisfy ourselves as to the density of the fleeces, and we do this by closing the hand upon a portion of the rump and loin wool, these points being unusually the thinnest and most faulty. If this again gives satisfaction, we designate all the wool 'even to density.' Now to summarize these separate examinations: If the fleece is nearly of equal length on shoulder, rib and back, and the density on shoulder and across the loins, we conclude that we have a perfect sheep for producing valuable wool.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## NOTES FROM MCKAVETT.

G. Huber, of Devil's river, is in town and will remain for a few days.

Sam Wallick, one of our popular merchants, is away buying a new stock of goods.

Dr. Stacy Jones, of Philadelphia, is visiting his son, Dr. H. G. Jones, our very successful and popular physician.

Max Mayer, of New York, a nephew of our merchant prince, F. Mayer, spent a few days in town this week. He is much delighted with our country.

Since my last we have had delightful weather, much more like the spring of the year than the latter part of November.

F. Mayer, who is a cattleman as well as merchant, has just completed a large pasture about eighteen miles west of Ft. McKavett, and it will be rounded up the 4th and 5th of December.

The old original "Max" lately moved to Sonora, where he has already established a fine trade. He, accompanied by Wm. Rudicil, the successful candidate for assessor of Sutton county, was here this week.

Berry Bros. are fencing on the north and Jim Henderson will very likely fence his land, which will practically enclose half of Schleicher county. And when you consider that five years ago there was hardly a fence in Menard or Schleicher counties, it will convey some idea of the rapid development of this grand country of ours. But I can give you no better illustration of this than the rapid growth of Sonora—a town that has grown up like magic, and if San Angelo is not very careful it is not unlikely she will rank very close with her in population in a few years—G. O. Ahead, in San Angelo Standard.

When in want of fine candies, fruits, oysters or table delicacies, send to Wm. Windrow, San Angelo.

We get letters and postal cards every day in large quantities, from all parts of the United States, and very many of them are deficient in respect to the addresses given for the reply. If everybody would be careful to spell names plainly, and give full and complete addresses, it would save a deal of trouble all around.

Corn, oats, hay and feed of all kind, sold in quantities to suit the purchaser at Hurst, Adams & Bate's.

Newspaper subscribers in all parts of the country should remember that small remittances can be made with postage stamps just as well as with the money of a money order, provided the stamps you send are of small denomination (one cent or two cents in size), and are not stuck fast to the letter paper. Every day we are obliged to tear and destroy stamps which have been adhered to the letter accompanying them and these are a total loss. Just put them into the letter loose, and they will get here all right. Do not send stamps of larger size than two cents.

Galvanized iron ventilation flues, stove pipes, rain proofs and caps, at H. W. Feller's, Chadbourne street, San Angelo.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade ending Nov. 28 says: The past broken week has not improved the business outlook. The difficulty of obtaining commercial loans increased not only here but at most other points. Banks and other lenders, from the largest to the smallest, appear to have been induced by recent doings to strengthen themselves. Merchants have been more cautious about extending obligations or making purchases, which can be deferred or prepaid than retail buying. A great deal of business has been cut down by some reduced ability of some customers and by a disposition of others to economize in view of extensive advance in prices. Meanwhile speculation has been reviewing to an unhealthy extent in some directions on the theory that the troubles are over and things will improve. The money markets are thus loaded with increased demands for carrying securities and products at a time when traders specially need more liberal supplies.

The BRADBURY PLANO, used at the White House. F. G. ALLEN, San Angelo.

## From the San Angelo Standard.

Charles F. Patter leaves this morning for Enterprise the new town in Schleicher county.

S. E. Couch, the pleasant sheep inspector of Crockett county, was in the city Wednesday.

Mike Murphy, the DEVIL'S RIVER News man, of Sonora, spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in the city visiting relatives and friends.

D. M. DeVitt left yesterday morning for a three weeks business trip through Devil's River, the S. P. Country, and South Texas.

J. T. McKee and T. J. Moss, two of our old friends and successful sheepmen of Devils River, were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Perry Witten and children, from near Gwynn, Devil's River, arrived in San Angelo Wednesday from a month's visit to friends and relatives in Dallas and Tarrant counties.

Leon Halfin left for his old home in Germany Sunday night. He will be absent about two months. It is reported that he will marry a grand niece of Prince Bismark. The club will wear mourning for 30 days.

The wedding of George Richardson and Miss Carrie Scudder was solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Scudder, Menard county, at 7 o'clock Thursday evening, Rev. R. C. Anderson, of San Angelo, officiating. Further particulars next week.

Vice-president Geo. Sealy and General Superintendent Wheeler, unite in a statement that of the great steal on the Santa Fe, was a false and malicious telegram, by some unknown party to injure the railroad. This would indicate some addition to our criminal code to reach such cases.

Mr. Chas. Timson, Berkhamstead, England, special agent for Wm. Cooper & Nephews, manufacturers of Cooper's Sheep Dipping Powder, arrived on Wednesday, looking after the interests of his house. Mr. Timson is a gentleman, thoroughly well up in his business and it is quite a pleasure to meet him. He left for the T. & P. in company with Allan Maclean on Thursday.

John Kirkpatrick, a prominent sheepman of Howard's Draw, was in the city Thursday, and from him the Standard obtained the following corrected versions of the Phillips-Merritt tragedy: It is Mr. Kirkpatrick's opinion that Merritt was squatted down whittling and Phillips was lying on his side at full length when Merritt shot him, the ball entering the left vest pocket and lodged under the right shoulder blade. The dead man's vest was burned where the ball entered, showing conclusively that the pistol was fired at very close range. Merritt promised Phillips free range at the well during shearing, and afterwards claimed rent for it which Phillips refused, hence the killing. The reward for the capture of Merritt has been raised to \$550. Merritt is still at large and is supposed to be in the vicinity of Wilson's ranch at old Howard's well, Crockett county.

At the meeting of the Concho Valley Fair Association, Monday night the following officers were elected:

Ed Duggan, president; C. F. Potter, secretary; F. B. Gray treasurer; S. W. Titus, superintendent; S. L. S. Smith, first vice-president; F. B. Ewing, second vice-president; T. A. Gay, Menardville, third vice-president; Thompson McDonald, Sherwood, fourth vice-president; John A. Loomis, fifth vice-president.

The officers set the date of the next fair, Oct the fifth to tenth inclusive. All other fairs and race associations are earnestly requested to arrange their dates so as not to conflict and to work in harmony with this association. The premiums will be large, and attraction great. All horsemen are invited to enter the races and will as before be treated right.—San Angelo Enterprise.



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Watchmaker & Jeweler,  
WITH  
W. T. Bishop,  
DEALER IN  
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Clocks, Jewelry  
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Opposite Hotel San Angelo,  
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All Goods as Represented or Money Refunded.  
Repairing of Complicated Watches a Specialty. All work guaranteed.

Hang Up Your Stocking!  
Merry Christmas To You.

When buying presents for your wife, or children, your mother-in-law or cousin, don't forget  
The PIONEER DRUG

At The Post Office, San Angelo,  
Carries the largest line of Toys, Plush Toilet cases, Albums, Pocket Knives, Prizes, Books, Stationery, Dolls, etc., to be found in West Texas; and all offered for sale at the Lowest Living Prices. Come and see. Orders by mail promptly answered.

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