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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS, January 3, 1891.

Old fogies do not continue in the ring long these days because when they were young, and not have time to spar.—  
For all we feel, could we take time to take a little of the beautiful music.

It is the little man who rules this world; the woman you know is a little man to the man who loves her.

The value of exports and imports through the port of Laredo for the month of November amounted to over \$1,000,000.

If trees are set in the fall it will be a good thing to mound up the soil around the stem, leveling down in the spring.

In Russia, which is the great horse country of Europe, they never put a horse and a shying horse almost unheard of.

At the agricultural exhibition held at Grand Rapids, a silk dress, the silk of which was raised, converted into cloth, and into the fabric in which the dress was on exhibit.

There is more delicacy in the world than the summer unless it be the same girl who is the coy heart in the howling winter.

The ass is the animal that packs the most dirt. It is also assiduous in its habits, whereas the species acquire a bluish tinge.

Manner is the principal external grace of character. It is the ornament of the best offices beautiful by the manner in which it performs them, and a happy way of doing things, even the smallest details of life.

The New York Herald has contracted for a new web press that will turn out 4,000 four or six page papers every hour. This will give a rate of 1,500 copies per minute, or 25 copies per second. This will probably be the fastest press in the world.

Boring commenced on the Tom Padgett artesian well at Waco, last week, and the work will be pushed to completion in a few weeks. Mr. Padgett will make a display well of it and when it is finished people on passing trains, on either the Missouri, Kansas and Texas or Cotton Belt, will see the flow of hot water.

The cause of Texas fever is now known, according to Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry. A little "tick" gets into the cattle in Texas, says the Dr. and is transmitted to Northern cattle. And thus the cause of Texas fever is exposed. But where in the name of the Salvation army do the Texas "ticks" come from? —Las Vegas Stock Grower.

We learn that a gentleman having his ranch on the Gaudalupe river, because of the depredations of wild animals has sold out, finding it impossible to cope with his losses. Mr. Robinson, having his ranch on the Fredricksburg river, has also sold out for the same reason, and we hear of others who are determined to sell out. Kendall county, like Bandera county, will soon not have a sheepman within its bounds.—Boerne Post.

What Attracts Men.

A bright woman asks what are the principal qualities in women which most attract men. What attracts a man is one thing; what will hold him and command his respect is quite another.

A woman's smile, for example, attracts a man; but an even temper retains him.

A pretty gown attracts a man; the knowledge that it was inexpensive delights him.

A pleasant manner attracts a man; brightness of brain holds him.

A knowledge of how, when and where to be a little staid attracts a man; an appreciation of the folly of frivolity, wins his respect.

A respect for the religious belief of every human being, attracts a man; irreverence in woman is to him abominable.

A consideration for his comfort, attracts a man; a continuation of this makes him your most humble slave.

A chat in which there is no malice, attracts a man; neither scandal nor evil-speaking makes a woman seem sweet and lovely to him.

A great deal of love, a great deal of sympathy, and a knowledge of how to do the right thing in the right place, will more than attract a man, for they make him feel that he has at last met a woman to whom he may give his heart unreservedly; to whom he may tell his hopes and ambitions, and in whom he may find that perfect rest which comes in the union of two souls intended from the beginning the one for the other, and makes that perfect union on which God smiles and the angels sing hallelujah of gladness and content.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Two years ago Nick Hoeker, a young man of 30 years, residing at McHenry, Ky., fell on the ice and broke his neck. All bones, nerves, muscles and ligaments by which the head was attached to his body were severed save the spinal cord and outer throat and wind pipe.

For twelve months he was helplessly prostrated—literally unable to raise his head. Dr. Smith, a reputable physician of McHenry, and an ingenious man, at last devised an artificial backbone of metal for the unfortunate man. Being secured to the body it extended to the posterior part of the head. The head was then encircled by bands and attached to the support behind.

Thereupon Mr. Hoeker, was enabled to arise, and though there is no motion in the head or neck, he travels about with considerable freedom. He is unable to perform any labor, and suffers from the slightest shock, still it is a great boon to be delivered from his helpless, bedridden condition.

The largest tobacco company devoted to the manufacture of a single brand in the world has been chartered at Wheeling, W. Va., under the name of the Block tobacco Co. It has a capital stock of \$4,000,000.

If we find that we are not much to him whose hospitality we have been enjoying; that he does not need us; that we are in no way essential to his pleasure; then do we feel ourselves thrust out of doors, no matter what he proffers us.

Emerson struck the keynote of gift giving when he said, "Our gifts are for the most part expressionless. Let the sailor bring a sea shell, the poet, a poem and the painter a picture," and these are the gifts that being part of yourself, may be received as of greater value than anything which money could obtain.

At Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24th, a negro named Will Grosvenor was killed this afternoon by an electric current transmitted to an iron post on the sidewalk by a telephone wire. A mule which the negro was driving had touched the post with its nose and had fallen to the ground. The negro had gotten down from the wagon to see what was the matter with the mule and leaned against the post with the result as stated.

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### LAND AGENTS,

SONORA, - TEXAS.

Send in your subscriptions now, so you will be sure to begin with the new year.

Bob Lowe, Bob Evans, Jim Cochran and T. E. Jones, all prominent stockmen of Tom Green county, were arrested on a warrant sworn out by W. C. Jones charging them with driving his stock from his range. On account of the prominence of the parties much interest is manifested in the result of their trial, which will be called in the county court next month. A bond is given by the defendants for their appearance.

In a recent English novel this description of an American girl is found: "The cold-blooded, cut-throat American girl, calculating her romance by the yard, booking her flirtations by double-entry, and marrying at compound interest, with the head of a railway president and the heart of an Esquimaux." This was evidently written by a jilted Englishman.

The color of the new postal cards is not yet decided upon, but it is likely to be pale blue, gray or yellow. There are to be two sorts, one considerably larger than that now in use, and another smaller. Both are to be very handsome and attractive, and the smaller has been facetiously called a "ladies card." Postmaster-General Wainmaker says that the new cards will almost equal penny postage, as one can write on the larger size a note of considerable length. They will not be ready for use for six months.

From the San Angelo Standard.

J. B. Moore is thinking seriously of starting a furniture and hardware store in Sonora.

D. C. Sims, the Devil's River well driller, left Saturday for a month's visit to old Alabama. He has not seen his mother in sixteen years.

Chris Harwell, of Irion county, sold his ranch on Rocky and 1700 ewes and lambs, the latter at \$2.25 per head, to G. W. Greene, late of Hill county.

J. F. Milligan, of McKavett, came up to take his daughter who attends the convent school here, home to spend Christmas. Mr. Milligan is the only one who has stock to a horse he has located near Beaver Lake, where range is good and there is lots of elbow room.

Chas. B. Metcalf killed a beef Tuesday, grass fed, that weighed when dressed over 800 pounds. Paul Briesch butchered it for him and Mr. Metcalf distributed the meat to numerous friends and acquaintances throughout the city as Christmas presents.

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Should Say So.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is now an all home print. Things do move in the Stockman's Paradise.

We'll Paralyze Them All.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS has discarded the patent inside and came out in an all home print last week. More power to you Moike!

Thank You.

Following is an extract from the Philadelphia Times, Dec 29th: The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is the best and most interesting paper.

It Takes a Good Thing to Beat It.

The highest price paid in Kerrville for this fall's wool was 21 cents—in San Angelo 25 cents. This is a better and more convincing argument than Charles Schreiner's two column advertisement in the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

San Antonio and Kerrville, get a move on.

A smart boy about 14 years of age to learn the printing trade at the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

Representative Lanham, who has been elected from the Eleventh congressional district of Texas—probably the largest in the country—represents 97 counties that are said to exceed in area ten states.

The Fort Worth Mail considers that the best explanation of the money stringency is to be found in the flock of sheep that follow the bellweather over the side of the bridge.

Many United States senators have been worked by a confidence man, who would write to a senator telling him he had named his first born son after him.

Legislator-elect McElwee will, when he enters upon his legislative functions, introduce a bill amending the present statute giving bounties for the killing of wolves and other predatory wild beasts so as to increase the amount paid for bounties more than double their present ratio.

The failure of the Maverick bank is not the failure of Sam Maverick. It is not the failure of the Fair, Commercial club, the Llano extension, or of San Antonio, or any public enterprise in which San Antonio is engaged.

The formal organization of the San Antonio Stockyards company means a revolution of the stock business in this section, the abandonment of the crude methods of the past and the introduction of the most modern appliances, telegraphic, commercial and mechanical.

It was on a Back Bay street, a ragamuffin picked up a faded chrysanthemum from the sidewalk. He ran up to a gentleman passing by.

A beautifying wash: Take equal parts of white tansy and rhubarb water, and to every half pint add two drams of sal ammoniac.

Baltimore's last bank failure was in 1837—fifty-three years ago. No other city in the country has such a record as that.

The German government will grant Professor Koch 1,000,000 marks and his assistants 500,000 for the privilege of manufacturing the Koch lymph.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilder. Richard Watson Gilder, editor of The Century, is thin and slight, with long gray hair, a piping, ready voice, delicate features and a manner of nervous jest.

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What the Hand Tells.

The man who has a heavy hand is generally a slow, dull thinker.

A man with a moist palm is almost certain to be of a kindly disposition.

In a man of science the lines on the palm of the hand are large and knotty.

The small, narrow hand in a man may be taken as an indication of laziness.

A big, well shaped hand generally indicates that its owner is a man of brains.

The jolly, good tempered man has a thick, fat hand, and the ill natured man a thin, misshapen one.

A large, bony hand is an indication that its possessor is a man of considerable activity and aggressiveness.

In the hand of the genius the palm is very much cut up by short, sharp lines denoting an eternal and supreme struggle.

Deep cracks across the palm are the signs of misfortune and suffering, and according to the ancient Egyptians almost indiscernible lines tell the luck and success.

What Salt Will Do.

For weak eyes, a was of weak salt and water will prove of much benefit.

Salt and water quite strong, and used persistently for a time, will prevent the hair from falling out.

A teaspoonful of salt dissolved in one-half glassful of water is excellent to allay nausea in sick headaches.

To relieve heartburn drink a half tumblerful of cold water in which has been dissolved a table-spoonful of salt.

When wiping up the floor before putting the carpet down, sprinkle it over with salt, while damp; this will greatly prevent moths.

For stings or bites from any kind of insect apply dampened salt, bound tightly over the spot. It will relieve, and usually cure very quickly.

Salt as a tooth powder is better than almost any other dentifrice. It keeps the teeth very white, the gums hard and rosy, and the breath fresh.

It is a good idea to wash the face with a cloth of cold salt and water, and bind it on the throat tightly when going to bed; cover it with a dry towel. This is excellent.

For troublesome weeds and for grass in sidewalks, driveways, etc., apply a dressing of coarse salt; this will kill the growth. Be careful not to put it on anything that should not be destroyed, however.

For catarrh snuff up considerable salt and water from the hollow of the hand every morning. Salt and water, used as a gargle just before going to bed, strengthens the throat and helps to prevent bronchial troubles; it is also excellent for sore throat.

If ink is spilled on the carpet throw a quantity of salt on it, which will quickly absorb the ink; take this up and put on more salt. Keep repeating this, rubbing it well into the ink spot until the ink is all taken up by the salt, then brush the salt out of the carpet.

If anything catches fire or something burning makes a disagreeable smell or smoke throw salt upon it at once. If a bright, clear fire is quickly desired it may readily be obtained by throwing salt upon the coals; likewise, if two much blaze should result from dripping of fat from broiling steak, ham, etc., salt will subdue it.—Good Housekeeping.

Marshall Pass, on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad, 10,851 feet above the sea level, is the highest point crossed by any railroad inside the limits of the United States.

About \$700,000,000 in cash is tucked away in the various vaults of the United States treasury at Washington.

In every tobacco factory at Key West there is a reader. Cubans and Spaniards cannot talk without gesticulation. In order to keep them from talking and dropping their work in order to use the hands a person is hired to read aloud during working hours.

AN ELECTRIC CENSUS.

We have the Messages of Vire and Send the Messages.

In 1837 the first electric telegraph was worked in England, after a crude attempt made in 1753, on a line of thirteen miles between Paddington and Drayton.

The United States has 776,500 miles of wire, and no less than 50,000,000 messages sent through the country.

Germany has 81,780 messages to dispatch. Austria has strung no fewer than 103,348 miles of wire across its surface and transmitted in one year 12,000,000 messages.

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Italy has 19,500 miles and has an annual record of about 7,000,000 messages.

Canada has 63,500 miles of wire and did a business in 1900 of 4,027,581 dis-

patches. Egypt has 5,500 miles, and is in connection with India by submarine cables which in 1889 carried 1,600,235 communications from one end to the other.

China has across Mongolia, at least 13,500 miles and 2,500,000 messages sent in one year. New Zealand with 11,375 miles of wire dispatched 1,833,300 messages.

Tasmania has 2,500 miles of telegraph wires. Persia has 6,124 miles with European wires. South Africa has 4,310 miles, and even the island prison of the great island has 13 miles of the universal cobwebbing its rocks.

The telegraph system of the world have unrolled the cable without stint, and if we add to the miles used for telegraphing the whole amount of the telegraph system the amount would be enormous.—Iron Age.

The Early Design of the California sailors. The early foreign sailors were large men. Many of them had a strong jaw and a good head.

Shot a Deer with a Gun. An 11-year-old boy had succeeded in hunting a remarkable deer in hunting. The boy's father had bought him a cheap single barreled shotgun, and in a few days the boy had shot at every thing in sight.

One morning the boy went to load his gun for a hunt, and after ramming down a charge of powder he found that his shotbag was empty. With the readiness of a boy trying experiments he thought of his method. Finding a smooth 'raw' that would just fill the bore of his gun he jammed it down, and started out in a few minutes.

He had not gone far before a full grown deer was seen coming through the woods about ten yards away. The boy had never shot at a deer before, but he was too much of a hunter to miss a chance, and he banged away. The deer gave one great jump and fell with a snarl.

When the boy came back to the house with the deer his father was tempted to thrash him for his rashness, but he was finally forgiven, and the venison eaten with a relish.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Cow Tree. The cow tree, the sap of which closely resembles milk, is a native of South and Central America. It is a species of evergreen and grows only in mountain regions. A hole bored in the wood or even a wound made in the bark of this remarkable tree is almost immediately filled with a lactical like fluid.

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L. N. HALBERT, Lawyer and Land Agent, Office at the Postoffice. SONORA, TEXAS.

BISMARCK BARFIELD, THE LEADING BUTCHER. Sonora, Texas. MANAGER. FRED JACOBSON.

Stock News. G. D. Carl traded 50 head of cattle to Dow Dunagan, for 1000 head of goats. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS will gladly publish any items of loss of stock from wild animals.

Black Mammoth Jack. 153 heads high, 4 years old, \$10 for the season, with the privilege of return of the mare. Money due at time of service. Mares taken care of at my ranch, but will not be responsible for accidents. O. T. Work, Sonora, Texas.

10 CENTS A HEAD REWARD. For the return of my sheep branded solid red square block, also red box with bar P. McHugh, Sonora.

There has been a quiet market for wool at Boston, the sales average footing up 2,600,000 pounds of all kinds. Nearly 1,000,000 pounds of this amount is Texas wool. Some large lots of fall wool have been sold at 18 to 23 cents, and spring at 21 to 24 cents.

An exchange gravely announces that Colorado sheepmen have discovered that they have been keeping sheep in too large flocks for their best prosperity. Pray how many have been running together? It might be of some interest to Texas sheepmen to know, by the experience of their Colorado brethren, just how many should be run in a single flock.

One of the leading mutton buyers of the state said recently that he had rather pay \$1 for muttons worth that money than to pay \$2 for smaller ones. He has had large experience as a shipper to St. Louis and Chicago markets, and advises Texas sheepmen to go in for larger rams where mutton is the object. Will some reader of the News give the name of this sheepman?

A Case for a Red Nose. People who have reason to say this? What would those who have been breeding to Spanish Merino rams only say if they could see that Lincoln ram that at Lincoln, England, weighed, not long since, 392 pounds, live weight, and when dressed yielded 260 pounds of meat?—Texas Live Stock Journal.

The fact that a horse at full trot is sometimes, at all events, entirely in the air, without any of its feet touching the ground, has been proved, says the Mark Lane Express, by an instantaneous photograph taken by M. Ottenheim, vice-president of the Versailles Photographic society. The picture shows the horse trotting in a dog cart with a single occupant, and the shadows on the ground clearly demonstrate that all the feet are in the air. The legs, both fore and hind, are spread, the right fore and right hind legs are pointing backwards. The left foreleg is a little bent in the knee.

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The Races.

After the cloudy weather of the past few weeks New Year's day was bright and clear with a brisk wind blowing from the north...

First race—600 yards, free to all saddle horses; purse \$50; starters: Sam Pullen's black, Wm. Bevans' Bira, Jim Taylor sorrel...

Second race—414 yards, free to all cow ponies; purse \$40. This was considered the most doubtful Greaser and Judge Wyatt having on various occasions faced the starter and driven themselves good horses...

Third race—200 yards, free to cow ponies under 14 hands high; purse \$30. Starters: Geo. Pearl's gray and Ase R. Binson's bay...

Fourth race—300 yards, free to all cow ponies; purse \$40. This was generally surprised at the result, the little gray winning by a neck.

The foot race had two entries Lee Russell and Davis Sheen...

LIBERAL. The most perfect satisfaction.

Poetry of Motion.

The grand hop New Year's eve night, in the school house, was very pleasant and one of the nicest dances held this season.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hagerlund, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hagerlund, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. H. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Morris;

Use of the Tooth Brush. The use of the tooth brush in connection with powders, washes or other treatment of the teeth should be gentle. Bleeding of the gums is always a danger signal.

Tucson is one of the oldest as well as largest and best known towns in Arizona. In fact it is so old that there is no record showing when it was first settled.

Henry Cusenbary is in San Angelo.

Frank W. Jackson, left for his old home in Alabama, Monday.

Miss Dee Drake, of Gwynn, was in Sonora New Year's, the guest of Mrs. W. A. Stewart.

Charles Sowell, was married Wednesday night December 31st, to Miss Euah Myers.

Mrs. Ed. Hornsby, and family arrived last week from Austin, and will make their home in Sonora.

The most delightful hop of this year in our humble opinion, was that held New Year's night, after the opera.

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

SCIENTIFIC MAIL ROBBERY.

Ingenuous Scheme of a Shrewd Thief That Puzzled a Skilled Inspector. "We got some pretty tough cases," said an old postoffice inspector...

"What was the most difficult case you ever handled?" asked the reporter. "It happened while I was stationed at Utica, N. Y., about seven years ago," replied the inspector. "Many letters containing valuables had been missed, and by dint of hard work we managed to trace the job down to one clerk, a shaven faced young fellow of about 22 years."

"As I said, we managed to get this far on the case and then I set my trap. I had a copy letter containing a \$20 gold piece mailed from a country town in Connecticut to a prominent stove dealer in Utica. The letter failed to reach the carrier promptly, and I felt we had our man solid at last."

"I waited for him until the dinner hour, and as he was leaving the office he came with me to the office and accosted him. He said with me and looked as closely as I might I failed to detect any signs of uneasiness in his features; they were perfectly normal. He walked with me into the office of the postmaster and submitted to a thorough search, but no trace of the letter or \$20 gold piece was found on his person."

"To say I was dumfounded by drawing it off. He appeared to be a very indignant. I knew whether I was right or wrong at the time, the petty robberies came to a sudden stop. No more complaints were heard for a month. Then they began again. This time I was bound. I could not fall. I set a watch on my man."

"One day when I was about to give up the case in despair, I noticed the fellow tearing up an envelope and dropping it to the floor. When he had gone I picked up the scraps of paper, and after a hard job managed to piece it. I was disappointed when I saw that the envelope had been addressed to himself. I was about to walk away, when a thought struck me."

"I came down the next morning before the young clerk came to work and stationed myself behind a letter rack, free from observation, but in such a position that I could see the fellow's start. I saw him take several papers and envelopes from his pocket and walk over to the stamping table and address the stamps. During the time he was addressing the stamps I saw the envelopes and letters inside of as many as four of the envelopes were covered with the man's name and secured the four letters and addressed to the fellow himself."

"Have you carried many letters like that I asked him. "Yes, sir," he said. "I carry four or five a day." "Then," I said, "the fellow that my office and told me we had determined to have the mail of all clerks delivered at the office to lighten the duties of the carriers. I then told him that I had four letters for him, and handed him the missives I had received from the postman. The fellow turned pale and was on the verge of fainting when I asked him to open and read the letters in my presence."

"With trembling hands he did so, and inside the envelopes, directed to himself, I found four valuable letters addressed to a big wholesale house. He broke down and confessed that he had been stealing for about six months, and that during that time he had abstracted nearly \$1,500 from business letters. He had spent the money. — Cincinnati Times-Star.

A Big House. The largest building on the globe is said to be the Freyhause, or free house, an apartment house in Vienna. There are 1,500 rooms arranged in 40 dwelling apartments. The house has thirty one-storied towers, and 2,112 persons, enough to make a small town, are now living under its one great roof. As may be imagined, it is difficult to find a particular person in this great cavernous, and one visitor tortures to looking for an occupant for more than two hours. The postman sometimes delivers 1,000 pieces of mail matter in a day at this one house. — New York Ledger.

The Use of the Tooth Brush. The use of the tooth brush in connection with powders, washes or other treatment of the teeth should be gentle. Bleeding of the gums is always a danger signal. It shows that the skin has been broken, insuring the absorption of foreign matters which may be present in the mouth. If the gums are very tender, a soft brush should be used, and used very gently, till they have hardened sufficiently to withstand more vigorous treatment. — Herald of Health.

Tucson is one of the oldest as well as largest and best known towns in Arizona. In fact it is so old that there is no record showing when it was first settled. When the first Spanish explorers visited this country about 1530 they found an old Mexican village there, and it was then said to have been inhabited for centuries.

A trade journal has just published some statistics concerning poultry in France. It states that there are in the country 45,000,000 of hens, which, at an average price of 2 francs 50 centimes per head, represent a value of 112,050,000 francs.

"Marry the daughter of a good mother" is old and good advice.—Equally so is that to buy Pianos and Organs of old, tried and true makers. F. G. ALLEN, San Angelo, sells them.

San Angelo will do more business with the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS country this year than it ever done before. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is under obligations to Jno. W. Hagerlund, of the firm of F. Mayer and Co., for a box of the best cigars in town, Christmas.

Sam Pullen, from McKavett, was in town this week. W. B. Burditt, is back again from Edwards county. Lou Lane, one of McKavett's young men, was in town New Year's.

The attractive Miss Kilgore, of Greenville, accompanied by her uncle, T. D. Word was in Sonora, New Year's. Fine fresh candies, fancy boxes, sold by Willie Windrow, San Angelo. Born on Dec. 24, 1890 to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Word, a 11 pound boy.

John Erskine, of McKavett, as jolly and big-hearted as ever, was in Sonora New Year's.

J. E. Pullen, one of McKavett's subscribers was in Sonora Wednesday. Willie Lane, and Angus Forrest, were in Sonora Wednesday on the road to New Mexico. Go to J. J. Rackley, San Angelo, for your Furniture. Albert Costley, who has been making of an impression on some of our young ladies, was in Sonora this week looking for a mate.

Wm. Bevans of Menardville, owner of the race horse Judge Wyatt, which won the 444 yard race New Year's was in Sonora this week. Do not keep your building back, but order the lumber from J. W. Webb & Co., San Angelo.

Lee Russell, is in Sonora again and will probably go into business. L. A. Lot, of San Angelo, was in Sonora Friday, is well pleased with our future and will probably invest.

John C. Johnson, was in town this week from his ranch near Juno. He is now working on going into business for two weeks. Dr. J. F. Riggs, a Surgeon and dentist of San Angelo, is in town this week. He is in town for the first time in 11 years. Dr. J. B. T. Gwynn, who is in town, is interested in the obtaining of scalp law, and his Polled Angus cattle.

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T. D. Newell, was in town Friday. For everything and anything in the musical line write to F. G. ALLEN, San Angelo. Wm. Schupbach, was home for Christmas. Dan Cauthorn, one of our handsome sheepmen, who seldom comes to town, was in Sonora Saturday. John M. Woodie, from Jones & Woods ranch, was in Sonora Thursday. Something that everybody ought to have: The New Improved Western Washer. For sale at F. Mayer & Co's. O. T. Word, will stand his fine black mammoth jack for the season at his ranch. He is at present figuring on the purchase of a fine \$800 stallion horse. J. J. Rackley handles the best sewing machines made. All at the lowest prices. W. F. Cook, of Hunt County, is in town this week. B. F. McDonald, of the Devil's River is in town. There has been plenty of rain in the vicinity of his ranch and his sheep are grazing on the green feed. — Enterprise. At a meeting of the directors of the Concho National Bank of San Angelo, held last week, a dividend was declared of four and one half per cent on the capital stock and one thousand dollars carried to the surplus fund — Enterprise. The Sonora Miretrels gave a very creditable performance New Year's night to a large and enthusiastic audience. The local hits were good and much appreciated. Sid Stephenson, P. McHugh, T. B. Birrong, J. R. Holman, R. E. Erwin, Fred Jacobson, John Sowell, H. A. Alberthal, John Martin, and A. B. Cobb, performed their respective parts with credit to themselves and Sonora. The rest of the company were only passable. The success of the evening was greatly due to the untiring energies of J. C. Goodwin, business manager.

John F. Steagall, left Tuesday morning for San Angelo, San Antonio and Austin. He will be absent about 10 days and we notify the gang to have everything in readiness for his return. A nice lot of Domestic sewing machines for sale at F. Mayer & Co's. G. W. Farmer, of Kimble Co., was in Sonora Saturday on a prospecting tour. He reports wire cutters in operation in his county. They cut three miles of his pasture fence. Field Glasses for ranchmen at M. Eastland & Son's the Jewelers. San Angelo. In San Angelo Christmas night in the Gray Mule saloon Jim Irving was shot through the neck by Charlie Porter the wound is not a serious one. Both parties are colored Porter is evading arrest and his friends claim the shooting was a mistake.

In the first four days of this week wolves and panthers killed twenty sheep belonging to O. T. Word, on his ranch. Mr. Word has instructed the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS to offer a reward of \$5 for the scalp of wolves and panthers taken within five miles of his ranch. This is the proper method and if other stockmen will do the same, these pests would be soon exterminated. The only first-class Sewing Machine on Earth is THE LOVE. For sale by Crews, McGregor & Co., Ballinger, Tex. The match roping and tying contest between Pump James and Francisco Bojarques for \$300 a side came off at the fair grounds at El Paso on the 28th, ult. By the terms of the match each was to rope and tie two steers, and the added time of the two was to be standard. James' first time was 1 minute and 26 seconds, Bojarques' 1 minute and 58 seconds. Second time for James 23 seconds, second for Bojarques 42 seconds, James winning by 36 seconds. Both men were known to be expert ropers, and money changed hands freely.

W. S. Strader, returned from McKavett, Tuesday. G. D. Carl, a sheepman who understands his business, and who always gets a good price for his wool, is in Sonora this week. John Hall, of Juno, was in Sonora New Year's, and will be a citizen of the trading centre shortly. The horse editor had a pleasant ride with John Martin, behind John Young's fine little roadster Saturday. For anything in the rock line see George Trawick. J. Warner, of California, and owner of a large tract of land in Schleicher County, was in Sonora Wednesday. Ask for homey flakes, at F. Mayer & Co's., one of the nicest cookies in the market. Dr. J. T. Wood and family, of Llano, arrived Wednesday, and will reside in the trading centre of the Stockman's Paradise. Fine line of Guitars, Banjos, etc. strings and supplies. Instruments repaired. F. G. ALLEN, San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hagerlund, arrived in Sonora Wednesday, from McKavett and will make their home here in future. The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS bids them welcome to the Lily of the Valley. 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. Notwithstanding the Big Four and money stringency, the cattle business seems to growing more profitable every year, and cattle men are all in good shape.—Colorado Clipper.

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**RATHER A NUMEROUS MAN.**  
A Commuter Has Fun with an Obdurate and Thick Headed Ferry Man.

"It is a singular thing," remarked one man to another as they made their way toward the ferry waiting room, "how long it takes the average man to get accustomed to faces that he is seeing every day. That fellow at the gate makes me show my commutation ticket every time I come through, though he sees me every day. I never have any trouble with the train conductor, but that's because he is a man of unusual intelligence. I have met many conductors who would make you show your ticket at every station, and would never get to know you, even if you rode with them twice a day.

"That's the kind of a man that follows at the gate is. It's awfully provoking when you're running for a boat to have to stop, unbutton your overcoat and get your ticket out of some inside coat pocket," said a plump man, but it makes me swear sometimes.

As the two walked about waiting for the boat, an idea struck the man who had been talking.

"It would be interesting," said he, "to see how many times a fellow could walk through that gate without being recognized. Suppose we try it?"

"All right," said his friend.

"You go along, and I'll stand here and watch."

The commuter went out through the wagon gateway into the street. He returned through the passenger gate, and had to show his ticket. He tried again, with the same result. He tried several times more, and still the obdurate gatekeeper failed to recognize him. There were few people going through at that time, and it was singular that his continued reappearance was not noticed. Persistence did, however, have an effect at last. On the sixth trip through the gateway the gatekeeper stared at him in a rather bewildered manner. On the seventh trip the gatekeeper swore gently to himself, and demanded to see the name on the commuter's ticket. The commuter permitted him to read it, and on reaching the waiting room said to his friend: "He has found out my name. Lend me your ticket."

On the eighth trip through the gateway he showed his friend's ticket. The gatekeeper swore loudly as he approached.

"I've got you," said he; "you can't make game of me. Let me see the name on that ticket."

The commuter assumed an air of indignation, but complied.

"Well, I'm beat," exclaimed the gatekeeper, as he read the ticket. And he scratched his head in perplexity.

"What do you mean by addressing such harsh remarks to me?" asked the commuter.

"Well, I'll tell you, stranger," said the gatekeeper in an apologetic tone, "you're the most numerous man I ever ran across. Chaps looking just like you have been passing through this gateway in a regular stream for the last fifteen minutes, and I began to think it was some fellow making game of me. But I guess it must be something the matter with my eyes, for I see by your ticket that you're not the fellow I was layin' for."—New York Tribune.

**Two Famous London Streets.**  
Patentee row is the name of a street in London almost under the shadow of St. Paul's cathedral. It is so called, according to antiquarians, from the fact that 400 or 500 years ago the makers of rosaries or pater noster lived and had their shops there. As education became general religious books were added to the stock in trade, and in course of time the entire street was given up to publishers and stationers' establishments. No vehicles were formerly allowed to enter the street, which, although in the midst of a great metropolis, was thus kept quiet, and even at present it is not a general thoroughfare.

Many of the essayists and poets of a century ago mention it, and not always in the most reverential terms. As Patentee row was the publication center, so Grab street, now Milton street, so called not from the poet, but from a wealthy builder, was the headquarters of the writing fraternity. It was filled with houses of mean aspect and poor interior, hence the name came to be applied to trashy and worthless productions.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

**Don't Drink Laces.**  
The most sensitive of trunks, portmanteaus, etc., are soon rendered unsightly by the repeated pasting on of labels. All this may be avoided, it appears, by the use of an English invention, which consists of a base of tough, flexible board on which are placed, one on top of the other, twelve parchment paper labels, the whole being securely fastened together with metal clips and an eyelot to carry the string for attachment to luggage. The frequent attachment of fresh labels is thus avoided, as the old or directed surfaces have simply to be torn off as used and a fresh one is always ready for redirection until the "tablot" is exhausted.—New York Telegram.

**Caught the Meaning.**  
Good Minister—I was greatly overjoyed, madam, to find your little boy so attentive during the sermon. Do you think he understood what I meant?

Fair Dame—Yes, indeed, sir. He's a born mind reader.—Good News.

**What Did He Mean?**  
A resident of Hardwick has his fence decorated with the following notice to owners of horses: "Nobuddy litch no hosses to this fence."—New York World.

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ed 5,400 miles in the interior of Africa on his last expedition, at 1,000 miles on foot. Three hundred persons were rescued in the three years.

Ben Jonson's discovery, somewhere in his art well beyond that of horsemanship; the reason he gives for which is, that the beast is no flatterer, and will throw a prince as readily as his groom.

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.

Carlyle says that one cannot move a step without meeting a duty, and that the fact of mutual helplessness is proved by the very fact of one's existence. No man liveth to himself, and no man dieth.

In addition to the 100,000 pounds of prunes, California, it is expected, will this year raise 45,000,000 pounds of raisins. Last year there were 60,000 acres of vines in bearing, and probably 10,000 acres have been added.

Broad wheel grass and on roads, and do not cut the field. Then why are not farms built with wide tires? Can anybody tell why they should be built with narrow tires?

Since 1887, the London Financial News, less than \$250,000 has found its way from Great Britain to American investments. A speculative character, but likely to show moderate yet assured returns. Absorbed nearly \$100,000,000, and seem to be the popular.

Dr. C. M. Philadelphia by a colony of typographical representation, garden elevated is that raised by the very proper fever, What

Compressed acid gas is now coming in a shipboard being cooled by the explosion of a steam boiler. Carcasses of mutton to be kept in excellent condition for work.

The men who are good grade draft or coachmen that sell at good round prices are seldom heard of hard times. It is the farmer who try to save a few dollars service fees by breeding to cheap and inferior stations, and as a consequence raise only such horses as bring low prices or will sell at all, who are generally finding fault with the time.—New York Herald.

The healthiest people on earth are the Israelites, because they follow the bill of fare which God, in the book of Leviticus, gave to the human race, and our splendid French doctor, Pasteur, and our glorious German doctor, Koch, may go on with their good work of killing the bacteria but the world corrects its diet and goes back to the regulations at the beginning, the human race will continue to be possessed of the devils of microbe and parasite.

To inaugurate an economical fashion is well; only let it be one of prevention, not of cure, says Mrs. Mary A. Livermore in the North America Review. To rear a girl in absolute dependence, good for nothing, selfish in her aims and exacting in her demands, is a sin against the daughter, and against society. To begin at her birth to economize and retrench in every department for the accumulation of money, that this monstrous perversion of her life may be accomplished and maintained, is grotesque and heathenish. Girls thus trained will fail of attaining a high order of womanhood. Their aims will be petty, their ideas low, and nothing very excellent can be expected of them in widowhood or motherhood.

**DEAD MAN'S CROSSING.**  
WHAT THE FLAGMAN OF NUMBER SEVENTY-NINE BEHELD.

Incident of a Stormy Night in Winter. Ghosts on the Track—Silent Figures Moving Through the Snow—Their Mysterious Burden—The Case Investigated.

Old Tom was puffing steadily away that evening. Behind the engine a hundred heavily loaded box cars along at a steady twenty mile gait. It was snowing heavily, and a cold north wind whirled the flakes in every direction. The snow melted in the warm cab and wet everything in front. The headlights only made the snow storm visible. In such weather ordinary lamp signals are useless, as they cannot be seen until close at hand. The only method available to warn approaching trains of danger is by torpedoes. Suddenly the shrill call for brakes rang out from the engine, and the men out along the train knew from the manner in which the cars were bumping together the engineer had put on the steam brakes hard, and that no time must be lost in stopping the train. The one man of the crew who most of all dislikes to hear the call for brakes is the rear flagman, who must at once bestir himself from the comfortable caboose and travel backward to signal following trains. Tom Dalme, the flagman of 79, felt particularly disgruntled when he heard the warning from the engine that night, but being too well trained and too conscientious to even think of violating the rules, he at once put on his overcoat, felt to make sure there was a rubber pebble in his pocket and grasping his

train came to a standstill. The closely packed snow, pressed firm by the engine, with the wind blowing in his face and chilled him to the bone. When he had gone back several hundred feet he turned back to look for his train. It was invisible. He concluded he had gone far enough, and he therefore clamped a torpedo to the rail and peered around to see whether any shelter was possible. For a few moments he could not see anything, but as his lantern's ray fell upon a broken pine by the railroad he started. He was at Dead Man's Crossing.

A TRICKY EXPERIENCE.  
He concluded that he might go back toward the train a short distance and still be able to protect it while being away from the crossing. When retracing his steps he saw a sheltered spot by a large rock near the track, and at once took refuge there. Not a sign of life could be seen anywhere, and the driving snow had already nearly obliterated his footprints. As was natural, Tom's gaze gradually centered on the haunted road a few rods away, which was plainly visible on account of the neighboring forest bringing the open space into relief.

Even as he gazed a figure seemed to resolve itself from the shadows and moved across the track. Another followed, and then came a little knot carrying what seemed to be a box, upon which rested a shrouded form. Without a word and with a sound like strange procession moved across the rail and disappeared in the gloom. The flagman stood petrified with astonishment and fear, and it was only when the form uttered a faint cry that the distant engine summoned him to find his senses, and grasping his lantern ran down the track toward the caboose with the speed of a deer.

A few days after Tom was relating his adventure with much gusto to a crowd of listeners in the Tompkinsville tavern. Some of the audience were clearly impressed by the tale. Others insisted the flagman was the victim of an optical delusion, or that he had been dreaming. One man, however, after a long and careful examination, but after the crowd had dispersed followed Tom and began a conversation with him, and evidently told the trainman what he had seen that night, worthy to gasp with astonishment. A passer heard the stranger remark, "Well, we will see the trainmaster and get you a leave of absence, and then we will investigate."

The following night two men got off the late express at the station nearest to Dead Man's crossing, and at once started out along the track. They were Tom and the stranger. Coming to the overhanging rock they sat down and waited. Hour after hour passed, heavy trains rumbled by, but nothing rewarded their vigil. The next night the same thing occurred, and again the third evening their watch was in vain. The fourth night the sky was clouded, and as the midnight hour drew near the pair of watchers felt in their bones something unusual was about to occur. Long they sat in the gloom, and finally, when both were nearly napping, they heard a noise in the direction of the crossing. A moment later a shadowy figure emerged from the woods and stood motionless upon the track. It then beckoned and started on. Another figure appeared, and then the mysterious burden was seen by the watchers.

"Now," whispered the stranger, and at the same moment two revolvers rang out, and almost instantly Tom ignited a railroad fuse and started on a run for the crossing. The shadows dropped their burden and fled, leaving the object on the track. The assistants reached the crossing No. 4 came dashing around the curve, and striking the bundle with a hollow "plunk," tossed it to one side. Tom meanwhile waving his fuse like a wand. "Ah, so I thought," laughed the stranger. "There's a precious lot of whisky wasted that time." And, indeed, the fumes of liquor were almost overpowering.

Tom and the detective both left on the express to return the next day with a large force of men. The still was located without much difficulty, although no arrests could be made. Tom was well rewarded for the assistance he furnished, and as the ghosts and "spirits" had been factually laid, the road soon lost its ill-omened name.—Philadelphia Times.

**A Cure for a Red Nose.**  
People who have red noses may try this: One dram muriate of ammonia, half a dram tartaric acid, two ounces glycerine and three ounces rosewater mixed. Wet a piece of lint and apply with a spring clothes pin, or the frame of a pair of eye-glasses, with glasses taken out. Of course one is not permitted to go to company in this case, and the lotion must be applied for two or three weeks usually.—Shirley Dare's Letter.

**They Have None.**  
Repeated experiments have been made in this country and in France to see if a live oyster could feel pain. In no instance has it been shown that it can. It is composed of a fabric which has no sensibility, and the only result of a shock of electricity is to make something like a grin crawl over it.—Detroit Free Press.

It has been remarked that, in general persons choose to unite themselves in matrimony to a partner the most opposite in every point, moral and physical. Generally speaking, indeed, it seems as if every man, upon intimate acquaintance, became heartily sick of his own self, and married a person as unlike the disagreeable original as possible.—New York Ledger.

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