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## Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned in Irion county, for the purpose of hunting, fishing, cutting timber, hauling wood, gathering pecans, or working stock will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

TOL RUTLEDGE,  
Sherwood, Tex.

Miss Mollie Murphrey was spending a few days in town last week.

—Harness and saddles, J. S. Miles.

Commissioner J. H. Shackelford while in town attending court called at our office and did what we consider the right thing—secured a reading interest in his county paper and also the Commercial Appeal one year for the modest sum of \$2.

—Fresh garden seed at Drug Store.

Mr. Louis Hinde and family were in town on their way to San Angelo Friday.

Our folks at home in Angelo did not forget the "Colonel" on the 13th, his natal day.

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## Mrs. Annie E. Tankersley.

From her residence in the city of San Angelo, at the hour of 2:40 o'clock, Wednesday morning, February 12, 1902, the happy soul of Mrs. Annie E. Tankersley was released from earth's bondage and took flight to its eternal home.

Her fatal illness was of short duration, yet for some time she realized that her days on earth were numbered, and in the twilight she sat waiting patiently and with a sweet smile for the night.

The funeral services were conducted at the Christian church in this city, at 10 o'clock, Thursday morning, by Rev. F. M. Wyatt, assisted by Revs. Francis R. Starr and E. B. Witherspoon. The choir sang "Rock of Ages," after which Rev. Francis Starr offered a beautiful and touching prayer to the God in whom the dear deceased mother had long ago placed her trust. Then "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Asleep in Jesus," with an earnest testimonial and words of comfort and assurances of a life, more beautiful and sublime, in heaven above, by Rev. F. M. Wyatt, concluded the church service, after which the pallbearers took charge of the casket. They were Messrs. M. B. Palfiam, Ed Duggan, S. W. Merchant, A. S. Gantt, Wm. S. Kelly, and Sam'l Pollock, all old time friends, who had known Mrs. Tankersley for many, many years, and appreciated her as a noble character of womanhood.

Mrs. Tankersley was born in Aberdeen, Mississippi, March 16, 1828, and moved to Texas about half a century ago, shortly after it was merged from a republic into a state, and settled near Georgetown, in Williamson county.

She was married in 1848, and came to this section with her husband and children at the time Fort Concho was under construction, locating at the head of South Concho, and undergoing all the trials and hardships of frontier life. Nine children were born to Mrs. Tankersley, two are dead, while seven survive, viz: Messrs. Fayette and G. W. Tankersley, of Irion county and West Tom Green county, well known cattlemen; H. M. Tankersley, of Sanderson; and Mesdames Mary Lewis, Sallie Phelan and Clara Frary, of San Angelo, and Elizabeth Emerick, of Sherwood.

During a residence of thirty-four years in this western land, Mrs. Tankersley had many experiences with the Indians, and on the eve before the Dove Creek fight, she fed at her home, the entire band of Indians, who were friendly Tankaways, en route to Mexico. She always condemned the fight and called it a massacre. The Comanche Indians on many occasions drove off cattle and horses from her door, and at the time of her death she had a claim pending against the United States on account of such raids. She knew every old settler within 100 miles of Ft. Concho, and among all she bore the same reputation, as a noble woman, kind, charitable and ever anxious to find some one to help. As an evidence of the esteem in which she was held, at the services at the church and grave, these dear old friends clustered around the casket, and paid their last respect, and made manifest their love, in an earnest and beautiful way.

Eighteen years ago Mrs. Tankersley

united with the Christian church of this city, and remained devoted to that faith. "Midst all the trials and vicissitudes of life, she never lost hope. And it can be truly said of her, as has been beautifully said of another: "When the mists filled the valleys, she looked upon the mountain tops, and when the mountain tops in darkness disappeared, fixed her gaze upon the stars."

Those who know Mrs. Tankersley the longest loved her the best. Her life was consecrated to the duty of helping humanity, and the many words of cheer and comfort, spoken by her to strengthen faltering hearts, will continue as blessings in the days and even the years to come.

A noble woman, a devoted mother, a friend indeed has laid down the burdens of life, to receive upon her brow the well merited crown of Heaven. But like the rays of the evening sun after it has sunk behind the western hill tops, reflecting back its beauty, the life of Mrs. Tankersley, though she has passed into another world, yet illuminates and impresses many minds in this world with its purity of purpose and true conception of womanhood.

Many relatives and many noble old pioneers, who have associated with the good woman for thirty years or more, bid farewell in sorrow. Mrs. Tankersley was as a mother to all; she was one of the first settlers in the Concho country, one of the first in San Angelo, and around her have grown up hundreds of children, all of whom learned to love her, and as many as could availed themselves of the opportunity bowed their heads in reverent sorrow at the grave, in Fairmount cemetery, as her body was consigned back to the kiss and clasp of the tender soil.

The Standard extends the full measure of sympathy to each and all of the relatives. We know the value of the dear old mother, and in our mind she leaves an impression more precious than gold, more lasting than Time.—S. A. Standard.

—Well casing; J. S. Miles.

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### Eldorado's Roping Contest.

Wednesday, about 1:30, all the business houses closed and everybody, their wives, children and sweethearts betook themselves to the grounds east of the township, where the contest was to come off.

To vary the program the committee furnished the ropers with 2-year old steers to practice on, they being more wiry and harder to keep down than older brutes. About two o'clock the roping commenced, and for some time the boys kept the crowd at a high pitch of excitement. Only one steer was killed in the contest. For first prize Jess Barksdale and Henry Bridges, both of Sutton county, tied and divided the purse; time 35 seconds. Second prize was won by Dan McCrohan, Schleicher county, in 35 1/4 seconds. The third prize was won by Haney Barksdale, also of Sutton county; time 37 seconds.

There were only one or two minor accidents, none sufficient to mar the pleasure of the day.

Quite a number of Sonoraites were present and were loud in their cheers for the successful Sutton county boys. The best of feeling prevailed during the entire time and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

It is deeply regretted that the balls and tournament were abandoned.—Eldorado Paper.

—Coming for T. T. Hamblen, Waldorf Club whisky; something that will please the thirsty.

Huffman & Clark sold this week 50 head of 3 and 4 year-old steers for R. J. Flowers to R. L. Battle, of Cameron, Tex. Consideration \$24 per head. . . . Joe Ellis, a prominent Menard county stockman, came in from Ballinger Wednesday night, and went to Ozona on the back Thursday morning. He reported good grass and cattle doing well in his section.—S. A. Press.

Architect Oscar Ruffini of San Angelo, was a passenger in the in going stage Friday. He had been to Ozona to view progress made on the new court house, of which he is in charge.

Mr. R. L. Dameron called on the Advertiser Friday, did the substantial thing by us and complimented the paper. It is admitted that a county paper is a convenience in more ways than one, and it is by just such ENCOURAGEMENT that its life blood (out here in west Texas) must be nourished. Step up, gentlemen—ladies!

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