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Devoted to the Interests of The Plains Country.

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Miss Eva Wright left this morning for a holiday visit with friends and relatives in the east.

### Read, Reflect, Remember.

All persons who know themselves to be indebted to us will please come and settle at once for we are needing the money.

Respectfully,  
D. W. Pinkston & Co.

Mr. Quin Klutts says the Estelline Supply Company are selling a world of goods. Thirty wagons loaded with lumber in one day.

Mr. A. P. Donnell's brother, Mr. John Donnell and a young relative whose name we failed to get, are spending the holidays with Mr. Donnell and family.

The largest stock of Xmas goods in the Panhandle cheap for cash are now on hand at the Estelline Supply Company's stores.

Our friend and neighbor Mr. Matthews had the misfortune to severely sprain one of his limbs so that he is confined to his room. We miss his cheery greeting and ever pleasant smile. Hope he will soon be out again.

We have got everything in our store except gold dust from the Klondyke and with our usual enterprise we have sent an agent to that country to supply our house.

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Come and see us we can show you the prettiest line of dry goods you ever saw, cheaper than the cheapest.

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Last Monday night Miss Alice Matthews gave a most enjoyable social. Those present were:

Misses Hattie Dickerson, Maud Sweeney, Belle Cope, Modena Hemphill and Alice Matthews; Mess. Robert Hemphill, Frank Galloway, Foster, Art Frieze, Elmer Dickerson, Minor Crawford, Ed Hullum, Will Matkins and Arthur Morgan.

We are informed that the quarterly conference of the M. E. Church will begin here next Monday.

We will unload four wagons here on Christmas eve besides our regular cargo will arrive in the mean time.

J. W. Cowart & Co.

Mr. Pinkston is expecting a number of relatives to come in on a visit.

We are too busy to write much to-day but we have got anything in the world from a mustard seed to a railroad train.

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The number of wagons that leave for Estelline from this place would convince any reasonable person that the Estelline Supply Company carries everything that the people of this country need and at very reasonable prices too. Our Swisher county friends will find the difference in prices of goods will more than make the difference in roads.

For Christmas presents call at Daniel & Dickenson.

The Estelline Supply Company have a full line of lumber, shingles, sash and doors now on hand.

Miss Willie Brown will leave Monday for Bowie to spend the holidays with relatives.

### Hold on!

"We are still holding the fort!" Our Mr. Daniel is now in market and will bring back a choice line of groceries. They will be here in time for your Christmas dinner.

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Mr. W. E. Chambless has just returned from Estelline and says the Estelline Supply Company has more lumber and better lumber than any where else.

### Fifth Sunday Meeting.

The following is the program of the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Llano Estacado Baptist Association to meet with the Central Point church Swisher county on Friday at 11 o'clock before the fifth Sunday in January.

1st. Introductory sermon by Charley Cameron.

2d. Where and when does adoption take place?—J. B. Cope and C. G. Hale

3d. The office work of the Holy Spirit—M. V. Henson and J. D. Cook

4th. Do the scriptures teach that Christ will reign a thousand years on earth between the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked?—C. R. Steward and T. A. Turnbau

5th. An exegesis of Romans vi and 4—S. K. P. Upshaw and B. T. Johnson.

6th. What is reviling and should Christians indulge in it?

—R. C. Wright and E. Barnes M. D. 7th. How can we best advance mission work in the bounds of our association.—J. P. Bussel and Charley Cameron.

8th. An exegesis of John xi, 12. Let's have a good meeting brethren. Board members are respectfully invited to be present. Board meetings are at will.

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters taken in time will restore your strength, soothe your nerves, make your blood rich and red. Do you more good than a special course of medicine. For sale by all dealers.

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**AUSTRALIAN POSTAL BANKS.  
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Who Have Small Sav-  
ings to Be Guarded**

The success of the postal savings bank conducted by the Austro-Hungarian government shows that the system there was the outcome of a genuine need and fulfills a beneficial economic function. As the system now stands its general principles are about as follows: All post offices receive deposits of not less than 50 kreutzers (about ten cents) in amount and invest the total savings from time to time in interest-bearing government bonds, paying interest at current rates to depositors. These rates, however, never exceed 3 per cent, and when the current rate changes due notice is given. No person is allowed to have on deposit more than 1000 florins (\$400) at any one time. Whenever a deposit account rises above 1000 florins the owner is notified and interest on the excess is stopped. If he does not reduce his deposit below the prescribed limit within a month from the date of notification, 200 florins of his credit is invested for him in government bonds, which are held in custody until he demands them. The object of this provision is of course to operate the system solely in behalf of small depositors and to shut out those of larger means who might wish to take advantage of it. Upon making a deposit the depositor receives a book in which the amount of his credit is inscribed. If he needs money at any time, he may draw a sum not exceeding ten florins (\$4) on demand, but the payment of sums from 100 to 500 florins (\$40 to \$200) may be postponed not longer than 15 days and the payment of sums not larger than 20 florins are ordinarily paid on demand. No depositor is permitted to have two books in his own name and if it be discovered that the depositor has taken out more than one book he forfeits all interest on his whole deposit. If the sum of the deposits in the books taken out by the depositor against this rule exceeds the permitted sum of 1000 florins, he forfeits the whole excess above that amount. All deposits and all operations of the savings system are free from tax, but a reserve fund to cover possible losses is annually set apart and placed at interest.—Chicago Record.

**Fort Worth Gets the Masonic  
Widows and Orphans' Home.**

The Regulation of Membership Has Been Left to Subordinate Lodges.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 9.—At the session of the grand lodge A. F. and A. M., to-day, a minority report on eligibility of liquor dealers was adopted, which leaves the matter to the regulation of subordinate lodges. To-night the voting for the location of the Widows and Orphans' Home took place.

Bryan offered 250 acres of land lying between the town of Bryan and the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The claims of each town except Bryan, which simply submitted a written proposition, were ably presented. During the course of the debate the members were entertained with some of the choicest rhetoric they have listened to in many days. Each advocate laid particular stress on the healthfulness of his community until it appeared that in some localities in Texas life was eternal. After taking two ballots without result, the grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment to convene again at 7 p. m.

Night session—the M. W. grand lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 7 o'clock, and balloting was resumed on the location of the Widow's and Orphans home. On the first ballot Fort Worth received a majority of the 1680 votes cast and on motion of Past Grand Master Abernathy, the vote was made unanimous.

The vote was extremely close Temple being a close second.

The board of directors, through Past Grand Master Miller submitted the following:

Whereas, the Fort Worth lodge No. 48 has offered to the grand lodge of Texas as an inducement to the location of the Widow's and Orphans home near the city of Fort Worth, in Tarrant county, 200 acres of land and \$5000 in cash and building material, which proposition of said lodge is here referred to and made part hereof; and

Whereas, this grand lodge has accepted the proposition of the said Fort Worth lodge No. 148 and has voted to locate the Widow's and Orphan's Home at the point indicated in said proposition, therefore be it

Resolved, that the board of directors of the Widows and Orphan's home are hereby directed to secure as soon as practicable an absolute deed to the lands offered in said pro-

position, conveying a perfect title to this grand lodge for the purpose of establishing a home for the widows and orphans of the Masons in Texas, and to take such steps as may be necessary to secure other donations offered in said proposition.—Dallas News.

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People's Party Paper.  
Atlanta, Ga.

**Absent-Minded Preacher.**

Norman Ok., Dec. 12.—Rev. M. M. Henry, a preacher located in the southern part of this county miscalculated time last week and when Sunday morning arrived his congregation waited in vain for him to appear at the place announced for preaching. Later in the day he was found hard at work husking corn thinking the day was Saturday. The congregation is enjoying the joke greatly, but the preacher has great fear of being churched.—Dallas News.

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Mr. Daniel has moved into his new house.

Mr. Louis Holcer from the NIT ranch is in Silverton for a while.

### A Mistake!

Last week in Mess. Cowart & Co's notice we printed, "See our ladies felt garters" it should have been "gaiters." These gentlemen have some **Felt Gaiters** that are most excellent for ladies. Call for them.

There are quite a number of pupils stopped school on account of whooping cough.

Mr. Ed Crawford has moved into his new house.

### STRAYED.

Black horse about three years old and if not worked on since last spring is a stallion. Branded flying-w just below trace mark. Star in his face. Last heard of was on Mr. Osborne's place.

Any information leading to his recovery will be thankfully received by W. A. Rogers.

The kind hearted citizen who so thoughtfully took the school house ax in out of the weather will please restore the same to its accustomed place as it is impossible to properly train the young idea in a cold school room.

Mr. W. A. P. Matthews has secured the services of an assistant blacksmith and will hereafter be better than ever prepared to serve his patrons in short order and in the best manner. Matthews is one of the most progressive and public spirited men in this country, as my friends can testify.

Mr. Norman Biffie has returned from the Northwest.

### Don't Neglect Your Liver.

Liver troubles quickly result in serious complications, and the man who neglects his liver has little regard for health. A bottle of Browns' Iron Bitters now and then will keep the liver in perfect order. If the disease has developed, Browns' Iron Bitters will cure it permanently. Strength and vitality always follow its use. For sale by all dealers.

Tuesday week the mail from Estelline to Silverton was rifled between Estelline and Silverton by John Fields who was carrying the mail on the east end of the line. He opened a registered package belonging to Mr. A. R. Jago that contained about \$225. He was arrested and gave up all the money except about 4 or 5 dollars. We learn that he was placed in the jail at Memphis.

### Winter Horse Pasture.

I have an excellent winter pasture for horses without loco for about 150 head of horses. There is good protection and plenty of good water.

S. L. Wagley,  
Silverton, Texas.

### Winter Cattle Pasture.

I have a splendid winter pasture for cattle in the brakes of Briscoe county for about 400 head of cattle. There is plenty of good shelter, and an abundance of water. The grass has had no stock on it the past summer.

S. L. Wagley,  
Silverton, Texas.

### Notice.

Estrayed by A. N. Askey, before J. B. Anthony justice of the peace of Precinct No. 1 Briscoe county, on 26th. day of November 1897.

One dark iron gray mare mule branded this (w) on left thigh, two splits in left ear, split in right ear resembles wire cut, about 15 hands high, about 10 years old. Appraised at \$30.00 Filed Nov. 26th. 1897.

T. L. Anderson  
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## REPORT OF THE SILVERTON SCHOOL

FOR THE MONTH ENDING Nov 27th.

Names	Attendance	Department	General Average
Maud Sweeney	100	98	99½
Arthur Morgan	70	98	99½
Bertha Donnell	100	98	98
Okley Farham	95	99	88
May Sedgwick	100	98	96½
Carrie Cooper	100	98½	91½
Gertrude Braidfoot	85	98	97½
Hattie Dickerson	90	99	99½
Chas. Bomar	45	97	97
Myrtle Crawford	95	99	99½
Sena Crawford	100	99	97½
Winnie Cooper	100	98	96½
Hillon Braly	65	98	95
Clyde Wright	100	98½	99½
Lem Donnell	95	99	96½
Edna Sedgwick	100	99	98½
Willie Sedgwick	90	99	97½
Bulah Stevenson	95	98½	

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## DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

The following four tracts of land were returned delinquent 1896 and have unknown owners:

No. 324, original grantee, D & S E R R Co.; cert., No. 138; patentee, Gunter & Munson; Quantity, 102; class, scrip; date of patent, May 14 1880; No. 193; Vol. 49; survey, 175; block M 10; number of acres assessed, 640; number returned delinquent, 102; state tax; ad valorem, 31cts.; school tax, 25cts.; total 56cts.; county tax; ad valorem, 50cts.; special, 62cts.; total, 1.12cts.

No. 54; original grantee, B. S. & F.; cert. No. 1-792; patentee, John F. Barker; Quantity, 320; class, scrip; date of patent, June 23, 1881; No. 179; vol. 33; survey, 39; number of acres, 320; number returned delinquent, 320 state tax, ad valorem, 96cts.; school, 86cts.; total, 1.82; county tax; ad valorem, 1.20; special 1.92; total, 3.12.

No. 715; original grantee, W. H. Martin; cert. No. 11; patentee Chas Goodnight; Quantity 241; class, scrip; date of patent, Sept. 26 1884; No. 35; vol. 10; survey No. 7; number of acres assessed, 241; number delinquent 241; state tax; ad valorem, 72cts.; school, 65cts. total, 1.37; county tax, ad valorem, 90cts.; special, 1.44; school district, 36cts total, 2.70.

No. 784; original grantee, T & P, R R Co.; cert. No. 2-861; patentee, T. & P. R. R. Co.; Quantity, 176; class, scrip; date of patent, Sept. 21 1876; No. 407; vol. 33; survey No. 121; number acres assessed, 176; No. delinquent, 176; state tax; ad valorem, 53cts.; school, 48cts. total, 1.01; county tax; ad valorem, 66cts.; special, 1.06; total, 1.72.

### Notice.

Estrayed by J. Grady, before J. B. Anthony justice of the peace of Precinct No. 1 Briscoe county, on 6th. day of November, 1897.

One sorrel mare branded T on left jaw, also O on left shoulder, NK left thigh. One 2 year old sorrel filley unbranded. One bay yearling filley unbranded. One sorrel colt unbranded. Appraised at \$30.00 Filed the 6th. day of November 1897.

T. L. Anderson  
County Clerk, Briscoe Co. Tex.