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\$1. IN ADVANCE.

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND SCHOOL EXERCISES AT BUCKOW A GRAND SUCCESS.

The most perfect order reigned supreme; and the attention of all held as if by spell.

## POPULAR AND JOLLY WILL BUCKOW IMPERSONATOR OF SANTA CLAUS.

Many Handsome presents, and the Tree was beautifully decorated.—Charlie Winters receives a School Prize.

There are scenes in life which the pencil cannot paint, which the pen cannot describe, and which the tongue cannot utter. The assembling of friends for the one purpose of celebrating the birth of Christ, the visit of St. Nicholas, the eager look on the bright faces of innocent children, in their merry-makings, the genuine feelings of brotherly love that for the present pervades the air, and the heart-felt exclamations of "Peace on earth, good will to men" beggar description.

From time immemorial poets have sang of Christ's day, prose has been made sublime by its commemoration, and many a "yuletide" consumed in honoring the occasion. But if ever a people had cause for unbounded pride it was on this occasion when so popular a personage as St. Nicolas vouchsafed to honor us by his presence and find the inhabitants so free of worldly cares, so earnest in their devotion, that the

birth made the 25th day of December famous, so charitable in their feelings towards each other, so progressive in spirit, and so united in every effort for the upbuilding of their county socially, educationally, financially, and morally. It was on Saturday evening, Dec. 24th, that the people of Buckow Community—the old, the middle aged, the young people, the children, the babies—ALL assembled at the ever hospitable home of J. William Buckow to welcome Santa Claus, who was splendidly impersonated by Mr. Will Buckow, and to witness the beautiful exercises of the school children, who crowned themselves with glory in their efforts to entertain. And they succeeded admirably too. Never before was such a crowd seen together in Buckow Community, and the most orderly set imaginable. The conduct of all was superb. The most perfect order prevailed throughout the entire exercises. Their attention, if possible, excelled their other expressions of appreciation. It was held as if by a spell. The tree was one of the prettiest live oaks it was ever the writer's good fortune to see,—found by Mr. John Winslow on Rieees creek, secured by him, Robt. Clark, Curt Reynolds and Ewing Goodwin. There were numerous presents on it, many very handsome ones; a few comical ones and some costly. The decoration of the tree was, indeed, most beautiful. This was done by the artistic hands of Mrs. Nannie Buckow, Misses Lillie Edmiston and Jennie Clark, Mrs. Kissie White, Mrs. Winters and Messrs Orin Winters and Hedley White. Professor Dickson acted as "Master of Ceremonies," introduced St. Nicolas and made a few pointed and well timed remarks on Christmas and the reason of its observance as a day of great rejoicing. St. Nicolas was grand, he was immense. With his quaint sayings, his unique costume, his cheerful and frolicsome manner, and his "funny capers" he kept the children, (and

the others, too) in a roar of laughter all the time. The children seemed to vie with each other in their successful efforts to entertain. There were pretty and appropriate songs by the whole school. Then there were duets and quartets. The girls recited Xmas poems and the boys declaimed Xmas orations. There were some attractive dialogues, too. But one of the most interesting features of the exercise was the delivering of a School prize to the most meritorious pupil. This was delivered to Charlie Winters by his teacher. Withal, the entertainment was one of much pleasure and great satisfaction; and now, with the wish of a Merry Christmas to all, may they have a happy New Year.

The Union Sabbath School last Sunday afternoon was well attended. In the absence of its Superintendent, Mr. Alex D. Clark officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy White have the heartfelt sympathies of all in the loss by death of their bright little boy.

The Lamp Light Social and Reading Club will meet as usual next Saturday evening. As it will be the occasion of the election of officers for the ensuing year, all its members will be present.

The wolves continue their depredations. About two weeks ago Mr. J. D. Dickson had a hand to hand fight with one in Mr Buckow's lot. He knocked it twice with a stick, drove it off 4 times, and not until the arrival of

Winters from the school building, returned here Saturday. Messrs. Albertson, Taylor, D. Belcher and M. L. Moody went out hunting on the L 7 Ranch during the fore part of the week. Only one deer was killed. On their return they stopped over a few hours at the Belcher Ranch and were treated to a fine dinner by Mrs. D. Belcher and wife.

Miss Loula Baine McInnis, who has been spending the Holidays at home, left this morning with her mother for San Antonio, where Miss Loula will re-enter school.

A little Mexican girl, Chona Marena, while playing with a 38 calibre pistol last Thursday night accidentally shot herself through the brain. Dr. Williams came down and did all he could, but she died Friday night. She was buried Sunday evening at 3 o'clock.

The people of this place are very anxious to have the Telephone line extend down here. It would be quite an improvement to our little town, and why can we not have it?

HEZAKIAH.

## BUCKOW.

Buckow, Jan. 1 1899

How many have written 1898 since last Saturday night; and how many times will 1898 be by mistake? Habit: that state of action implying a continuous custom acquired by a frequent repetition of the same act is the cause of this and nearly all of our errors. We correct habits by a change of practice. A great point in education is to prevent the formation of bad habits. The pupils of Buckow School and people of the community generally enjoyed another treat last Thursday afternoon and evening. It was the welcome visit of Rev. M. T. Allen, pastor of the M. E. Church South of Cotulla, to our neighborhood. He left Cotulla Thursday morning and came as far as Mrs. L. Edmiston's for dinner. In the afternoon he drove

Twohig, Texas, Jan. 4, 1899.—As I was not here last week I failed to send the news from this place. Xmas has come and gone, and the New Year has ushered in upon us. The 'adage' 'time waits no man' is very true; this brings us to Jan. 4th, 1899, and it seems but yesterday we were preparing for Xmas.

Our Christmas tree was a perfect success; we had a pine tree, presented to us by Messrs Keck Bros., of your city. The dressing was composed of glass balls and tinsel of various colors, lighted with candles, and it fairly groaned under the burden of nice presents. The attendance was very large, at least one hundred people were present; the behavior was excellent, which speaks well for this community. After the exercises everybody drove hurriedly down near the I. & G. N. depot, where we had a public display of fire works.

Our efficient teacher, Miss Lucile Fraim, spent the Holidays in San Antonio. She returned here Tuesday.

A Ball was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Alderman, last Friday night in honor of Mr. L. F. Burris. Quite a number of Cotulla's young people were present.

Dances were given at the residences of Mr. John Dillard and Wm. Jay during the holidays. Everyone reports a high time.

Mr. Abberson and wife of Rockdale, spent Xmas with our Agent, Mr. J. T. Hawkins.

Mr. John H. Belcher, who for

over to the School building and made a beautiful talk to the children. There the pupils both large and small, had the pleasure of an introduction to the christian gentleman, and in their own, sweet way to express their appreciation of his visit. Thursday night Mr. Allen preached a magnificent sermon on the life of Christ, drawing a somewhat contrasting comparison between He and John the Baptist. His sermon was replete with earnest appeals to ALL to embrace Christ as the Savior of men, and his words breathed the very charity his heart so deeply felt towards erring humanity. Pathetic indeed, was his description of Christ's attention to the poor friendless woman. The two large rooms and the long piazza of Mr. Will Buckow's was "full to overflowing" and the close attention to the timely remarks of the preacher was very great. Their high appreciation of all that was said was evidenced by the cordiality with which they greeted Mr. Allen after the services. Rev. Allen was accompanied on his trip by one of his parishioners and personal friends, Mr. Barrow, whose visit also was appreciated.

Miss Dora McMain of Dimmitt county has been spending the Christmas holidays with the pleasant and agreeable Misses Dillard at the hospitable home of their father, Mr. John Dillard.

Misses Ellen, Mattie and Annie Dillard, Miss Dora McMain and Messrs Frank and Ed Dillard attended at the religious exercises last evening and

visited the school Friday morning. Miss Maud DeSpain, Master Ed and John DeSpain, from The Arkansas Community spent the day at the school, Thursday. Miss Betsy Ann Overstreet was a pleasant visitor at school Wednesday.

The Principal and pupils desire it to be thoroughly understood that a visit from any one is greatly appreciated, that the "latch-string" always hangs outside the door.

The dance at Mr. John Dillard's last Monday night was the most enjoyable affair of the Christmas festivities. Several couples from Cotulla were in attendance. Quite a number of the Buckow young people went to Twohig last Friday night to attend the dance given at the residence of Mr. Tom Alderman.

Mr. James Edmiston will leave this week for San Antonio where he goes to engage in business. His many friends wish him the success he well deserves.

The Buckow Union Sabbath School convened last Sunday afternoon at its usual hour—3 o'clock. Though the weather was threatening, a large crowd was present. After the study of the lesson the Superintendent called for a re-organization, which resulted as follows:—

- J. D. Dickson, Superintendent.
  - A. D. Clark, Asst. Supt.
  - Robert Clark, Secretary.
  - Mrs. T. J. Winslow, Teacher Infant Class (No. 1)
  - Mrs. Nannie Buckow, Teacher Primary Class (No. 2)
  - Miss Della Clark, Teacher Intermediate Class (No. 3)
  - Miss Iona Edmiston, Teacher Advanced Class (No. 4)
  - Miss Lillie Edmiston, Teacher Senior Class [No. 5]
  - Prof. Dickson, Teacher Bible and Visitor's Class [No. 6]
- The doors of the "Lamp Light Social and Reading Club" will be thrown open to visitors next Saturday evening and a very elaborate program is announced for the occasion.
- J. JEWELL.

## DIRECTORY.

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" " " 8	Geo. Shall
" " " 9	A. J. Anglin
Constable precinct No. 1	Warner Petty.
" " " 2	Wm. Earnest

**CHURCHES.**  
Baptist Church.—Rev. F. A. Starratt, Pastor.—Services.—2nd Sunday morning at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m., J. A. Landrum, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Methodist Church.—Rev. M. T. Allen Pastor.—Services.—3rd and 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m., Dr. J. M. Williams, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:45 p. m. Every body cordially invited to attend all these services.

Presbyterian Church.—Rev. S. J. McMurray, Pastor.—Services.—On each 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. at 7:30 p. m. and on Wednesday preceding each 1st Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday, 10 a. m. Every body cordially invited.

**SOCIETIES.**  
Knights of Honor.—Cotulla Lodge, No. 3109. Meet 1st and 3rd Tuesday nights in each month, in their hall, over Keck Bros.  
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C. Phillips, Reporter.

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### TIME TABLE.

South	Passenger Train.	North
10:00 a. m. Lv. SAN ANTONIO	Ar. 2:35 p. m.	
10:30 a. m. Lv. Leon	Ar. 12:05 p. m.	
10:31 a. m. Lv. Medina	Ar. 11:57 a. m.	
10:31 a. m. Lv. Lytle	Ar. 11:32 a. m.	
10:31 a. m. Lv. Devine	Ar. 11:16 a. m.	
11:35 a. m. Lv. Moore	Ar. 10:58 a. m.	
12:07 p. m. Lv. Eden	Ar. 10:48 a. m.	
12:23 p. m. Lv. Pearsall	Ar. 10:32 a. m.	
12:42 p. m. Lv. Derby	Ar. 10:19 a. m.	
12:53 p. m. Lv. Dilley	Ar. 9:58 a. m.	
1:12 p. m. Lv. Millett	Ar. 9:44 a. m.	
1:35 p. m. Lv. COTULLA	Ar. 9:22 a. m.	
1:55 p. m. Lv. Tuna	Ar. 9:05 a. m.	
2:03 p. m. Lv. Twohig	Ar. 8:55 a. m.	
2:25 p. m. Lv. Burro	Ar. 8:38 a. m.	
2:40 p. m. Lv. Enocina	Ar. 8:28 a. m.	
3:00 p. m. Lv. Cactus	Ar. 8:04 a. m.	
3:18 p. m. Lv. Webb	Ar. 7:45 a. m.	
3:43 p. m. Lv. Green	Ar. 7:23 a. m.	
3:53 p. m. Lv. Saucel	Ar. 7:12 a. m.	
4:10 p. m. Ar. LAREDO	Lv. 7:00 a. m.	

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SATURDAY, JAN. 7, 1899.

This is the first issue of the RECORD in the year 1899.

Farmers are confident of success this year, judging from the way they have begun. Very little, if any, cotton will be planted in this county, more attention will be given to feed stuffs, garden truck, etc. than in the past.

Col. W. H. Mabry, of the First Texas Volunteer Infantry died last Wednesday, Jan. 4th, in Havana. Col. Mabry served as Adjutant General of his state for several successive terms. The remains will be brought to Austin for interment.

We begin the new year with several new ads which will profit the readers to study well before buying elsewhere. All our advertisers are responsible people, capable of doing just what they say. Give them a trial and be convinced of their merits.

Our most progressive farmers have finished the bulk of their spring breaking, while all are well advanced with their preparations for the coming crop. The year begins with a good season in the ground and with every prospect for good rains to follow.

Cotulla is in truth beginning to take its place in the front ranks of enterprising towns, with its Literary Societies, Teachers Institutes, Schools and Churches to improve its social, mental and moral tone; the increased volume of business, new improvements and bright prospects for the future, to elevate the business depression of the past, we have little to fear in the coming years.

The new \$1. certificates are now being paid out by the Treasury and will soon be in general circulation. The design is entirely new, made with a view to meet the complaints against the old design. The distinguishing features of the face of the note are a spread eagle with the U. S. flag in its talons and the capitol in the background; one very large numeral and the seal, both in blue, and miniature portraits of Lincoln and Grant, surrounded by laurel wreaths. The back of the note is printed in green, and on back and front there is more white paper to be seen than on any other note ever issued by the government.

The business men of San Antonio have decided to have a fair in that city during this, and the years to come. Their plan is to make it of more importance and of greater scope than those of the past, and we hope success will rest upon their efforts. Such a fair as they now contemplate having will do more to advertise San Antonio and South West Texas than could otherwise be done in years; it will tend to draw more attention to our resources and developments, investors will see and take advantage of our inducements, immigration of the more desirable class will come, and this section of our great State will no longer be the "wild and woolly west," the bugbear to honest, law abiding citizens; but will become, in time, noted for its progressive and enterprising citizenship. We gladly welcome the move now on foot as the beginning of better times to come.

**A CLEW AT LAST.**

RODGERS' RANGERS CAPTURE BEELER'S HORSE.

OFFICERS CLOSE BEHIND THE MAN SO BADLY WANTED.—TELEGRAM FROM RANGER OLD.

In spite of the large reward offered for the arrest of Chas. A. Beeler, the man who robbed the Wells-Fargo Express Company of \$50,000, he is still at large. Officers all over Southwest Texas was on the lookout for him, but days passed and his whereabouts or even the direction he had gone, was a mystery. However, last Friday a man rode up to the ranch of W. C. Irvin and asked the location of the old stage road leading to Laredo; he was riding a gray horse which seemed to be pretty well tired down, and stated that his business was to buy polo horses. He was told of several men who had suitable horses, but left without visiting them. Tied to the back of his saddle was a slicker, tightly rolled, and evidently concealed the missing money. The trail was taken up there by officers soon afterward, and an exciting race for the Rio Grande begun. Wednesday morning Rangers Bell and Old captured his horse near Aguilares, a small station on the T. & M. N. R. R., in Encinal county. This news was immediately conveyed to Sergt. H. G. Dubose, of Company E., stationed at this place in the following brief dispatch:

"Aguilares, Jan. 4.—Are ten or twelve miles behind party. Captured his horse about three miles above here. Our horses very tired."

W. A. OLD.

The country about Aguilares is thickly grown with pear and chaparral; is thinly settled, and a man speaking the Spanish language stands a good chance of escaping the river and making his escape into Mexico.

Mr. A. J. Poteet is to be given another Habeas Corpus trial here on the first Monday in February before Judge Lowe.

**PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS INSTITUTE, FEBRUARY**  
3rd. and 4th., 1899.  
FRIDAY, 10 A. M.  
Music—  
Invocation—Rev. J. S. McMurray.  
Duties of Teacher in the Institute—Judge S. T. Dowe.  
Discussion—Language in the First and Second Grades—Miss Lila McClure.  
Discussion—When and how to teach Geography—Miss Ada Walker.  
2 P. M.  
Development of the Fundamental Principles in Arithmetic—Miss Lola Faubion.  
Discussion—How to teach United States History—J. D. Dickson.  
Methods of finding the Least Common Multiple and the Greatest Common Divisor, and the underlying principles—Miss Lou McMains.  
7:30 P. M.  
Invocation—Rev. J. S. McMurray.  
Music—  
Welcome Address—S. T. Dowe.  
Response—J. D. Dickson.  
Address—C. C. Thomas.  
Recitation—Miss Pearl Guinn.  
Music—  
Relation of Patrons to Teachers—J. S. McMurray.  
Saturday, 9:30 A. M.  
Multiplication and Division of Fractions—Miss Lucile Frain.  
Discussion—The Development of plus and minus signs in Algebra—D. M. Henry.

The Social and Debating Club will meet next Monday night in the Henrichson Hall. All members are earnestly requested to be present, if possible, as a full house is needed to decide the questions to come before us at that time.

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF LA SALLE COUNTY, FOR QUARTER ENDING NOV. 1st, 1898.**

Showing the aggregate amounts received and paid out of each Fund, and the balance to their Debit or Credit.

JURY FUND, (FIRST CLASS.)		
	DR	CR
Aug. 8, 1898, To Bal on hand	\$ 62.63	
Nov. 1, " To amt rec'd during Qr.	\$37.58	
" " By amt pd out during Qr.		\$ 18.00
" " " Com on amt pd out,		.45
" " " " received,		8.44
" " Amount to balance,		373.92
	\$400.21	\$400.21
ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, (SECOND CLASS)		
	DR	CR
Aug. 8, 1898, To amt on hand	\$395.42	
Nov. 1, " " amt rec'd during Qr.	.50	
" " By amt pd out during Qr.		\$272.90
" " " com on amt pd out,		6.82
" " " amt to balance		\$116.20
	\$395.92	\$395.92
GENERAL FUND, (THIRD CLASS)		
	DR	CR
Aug. 8, 1898, To amt on hand	\$183.46	
Nov. 1, " " rec'd during Qr	131.02	
" " By amt pd out during Qr.		\$10.69
" " " com on amt rec'd		3.83
" " " " paid out		.27
" " " amt to balance		302.19
	\$316.48	\$316.48
COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND. (FOURTH CLASS)		
	DR	CR
Aug. 8, 1898, To amt on hand	\$176.87	
Nov. 1, 1898 " " amt rec'd during Qr	5.00	
" " By amt paid out during Qr		\$148.15
" " " com on amt's rec'd and paid out		3.72
" " Amount to balance		30.00
	\$181.87	\$181.87

The State of Texas, } I G B. Knaggs, Clerk of the County Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct report for the quarter ending November 1st 1898, as required by Art. 935, General Laws of Texas, approved May 11, 1893. I further certify that the County Judge and members of the Commissioners Court of said La Salle County were present and actually counted and inspected all the actual cash and assets in the hands of the County Treasurer at the time of the examination of this report, and for them, that in all other particulars, said County Judge and Commissioners have fully complied with the requirements of Chapter 30, of the General Laws of Texas, passed by the 25th Legislature. In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Cotulla, this 1st day of January, 1899.

GEORGE KNAGGS, COUNTY CLERK, LA SALLE CO.

[SEAL]

**DEATH OF MR. E. D. MORRICE**

The following clipping from a Montreal, Canada, newspaper, announcing the death of Mr. E. D. Morrice, was sent us by a friend. Word has been received of the sad death of Mr. Edward Morrice, son of Mr. David Morrice of this city. The young man was twenty-two years of age and had been in delicate health for years. Thinking that it would be beneficial, Mr. Morrice was sent to Georgia a month ago and on Sunday Dec 25, he passed away at Augusta.

The deceased was the youngest son of Mr. David Morrice and was well known and popular in this city, in spite of the fact that for years his health had been such that compelled his being away from Montreal a great part of the time.

The remains are expected to arrive from the south tomorrow.

Mr. Morrice spent two winters here for his health and in that time endeared himself to many of our citizens who received the sad news of his death with deep sorrow. His fond parents have the heartfelt sympathy of their friends here in their bereavement.

Our lawmakers will soon convene in Austin and they should be given instructions from the constituents. Several laws should be amended and others renewed among those we most need is a new election law, at least requiring the voter to show his previous year's tax receipt; a new libel law, that would be more defining in its meaning, and which would protect the publication as well as the individual; another scalp law that will exterminate the coyote and a new road law, that will require the user to bear a more equal share of the burden. These are laws we NEED and laws that will be passed, if we will only

take the time and trouble to let our wants be known to our representative.

**LIST OF PATENTS.**  
Granted to Texas Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C.—  
J. D. Hefley, Cameron. Impelling device for bowling hoops.  
C. B. Mitchell, Hays, Vaive. J. O. Moss, Delba, Foldable crate or hoop. W. J. Raiza, Bluffdale, Oliver.  
For copy of any of the above patents send 10 cts in postage stamps with date of this paper to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

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N. A. Swink made a flying trip to Dilley Tuesday.

B. F. Burris was in from his ranch Thursday.

For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.

Mr. Wm. Clary was in the city from Twohig Thursday.

L. F. Burris boarded yesterday's train for Dilley.

Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.

Barlow & Co., have been busy taking stock the past week.

Chas. Gilmer made a flying trip to Encinal Wednesday night.

J. W. McInnis was among Monday's arrivals from Twohig

Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing.

T. D. Morgan returned Thursday from a business trip to Laredo.

Keep your money at home and help build up your town and county.

S. Elliot Jr., was down from the Levell ranch in Dimmitt county.

Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon Cotulla & Co's.

Miss Nancy Reynolds is in the city visiting Mrs. D. S. Livingston.

Miss Belle Hugo returned to her home in Dilley Monday morning.

Miss Lizzie Gilmer is at Encinal visiting her brother, Mr. R. A. Gilmer.

For prices of WIND

Capt. J. H. Rogers made a business trip up the road first part of the week.

C. L. Vasbinder, of Center Point, is now tending bar at the Star Saloon.

Mr. John Dillard was among the stockmen from Twohig in our town this week.

Messrs Morg Williams and C. L. Howard were in from the 'Puddin' yesterday.

Mr. Jas. Breeding, a prominent merchant of Encinal came up yesterday morning.

Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire Prices as low as the lowest.

Deputy Sheriff Sam Miller of Encinal, was in Cotulla a few hours Thursday.

W. H. Steele, of Tilden was in our office one day this week and subscribed for the RECORD.

Inspector Martin Wilkins of Dimmitt county was down on business one day this week.

N. A. Swink, Cotulla's hustling grocery man, went to Laredo Sunday, returning Monday.

Nellie J. Buckley passed through on Thursday's south-bound train enroute to Encinal.

WANTED—One dozen young Plymouth Rock hens, bring them to this office for examination.

Mrs. F. M. Shaw and Miss Lizzie Buckley of Encinal, visited Cotulla between trains Tuesday.

Mrs. Hill of Twohig, spent the holidays in the city as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Livingston.

Jolly "Dixie" Jordan, the hustling life insurance man of Devine, has been working Cotulla this week.

Mr. Emory Alderman, a prominent stockman of Twohig, came up Saturday morning and spent a few hours in the city.

Misses Thomasine and Clair Irvin, after spending the holidays at the Irvin Ranch, returned to San Antonio Monday.

A dance was given at the Henrichson Hall last night; every one reports a pleasant time.

W. T. Hill, one of La Salle's enterprising stockman was transacting business in our city one day this week.

A party was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Keck Wednesday night last. All report a most enjoyable time.

Don't risk catching a cold in the spring rains when the best mackintoshes can be bought so cheap at Barlow & Co's.

Mr. H. B. Miller, after a month's absence visiting relatives and friends in San Antonio and Taylor, returned Sunday last.

Miss Carrie May Moody, after spending several days here as the guest of the Misses Carr, returned to her home in Twohig Tuesday.

Mrs. Emmerson of San Antonio and Miss Byrd Field, of Pearsall, spent a few days in Cotulla this week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Dowe.

Miss Itasca Carr is employed as special clerk in G. W. Henrichson & Co's Dry Goods Department; assisting in taking stock.

J. L. Evard, who has been acting as Agent for the I. & G. N., during the absence of H. B. Miller left Wednesday morning for Milano.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hargus returned Tuesday morning from Laredo, where they spent the Holidays with A. J. Barthelow and family.

Our worthy young County Attorney, Covey C. Thomas, went up to the Alamo City Thursday on professional business. He returned yesterday.

If anyone should happen to ask you, just tell them that it was all a mistake about Agent H. B. Miller going to Encinal Tuesday evening.

Mr. Jas. Edmiston left Tuesday morning for San Antonio, at which place he will engage in the Hay and Grain business. We wish him much success.

Mrs. Leavett left Wednesday for her home in Victorio county, after spending a few days here visiting July, S. T. Dowe and family.

Miss Maggie Gilmer, who has been at home during the Holidays returned Tuesday to Austin, where she will resume her work as teacher in the schools there.

W. H. Jennings, accompanied by his charming daughter, Miss Willie, came down from San Antonio Wednesday on a visit to Mr. I. C. Jennings and family.

A protracted meeting will begin here next Thursday in the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. T. Allen, and assisted by Rev. N. A. Thompson of Moore.

Mr. W. P. May, accompanied by his wife and mother, left Thursday for Encinal, where they will remain several days visiting Mr. W. A. Matthews and family.

Mr. B. F. Claunch, who with his family, has been absent for nearly three weeks visiting relatives in Wilson county, returned home Thursday evening. They report a splendid trip.

Miss Lula Philipe, who has been spending the Holidays here with her parents, returned to San Antonio Monday, where she will resume her studies in the San Antonio Female College.

Mr. Peyton A. Kerr bought the interest of B. Wildenthal, in the mercantile firm of Kerr & Wildenthal this week. The business will now be run under the firm name of Kerr & Kerr.

Our subscription list was enlarged during the past week with the following names: W. B. Foreman, Geo. Epperson, Geo. Evetts, Cotulla. Emory Alderman, Twohig. J. L. Vasbinder, Center Point; A. H. Jordan, Devine; W. H. Steele, Tilden.

M. M. Hargis, a well-known stockman and banker of Llano, and Woodlief Thomas of this place, went down to the House Ranch Tuesday to look at some cattle. They returned Wednesday.

Mr. R. Daugherty was in the city one day this week shaking hands with his many friends. While here he came around and ordered the RECORD sent to him at Eagle Pass, where he will make his future home.

Messrs E. B. Baily, L. P. Mewhane, Jno. Goodnight, Jno. Mewhane, W. B. Cox, of Holland, Texas, and Oto Baily of Ord, Neb., arrived here on yesterday's train and will leave this evening for a few days hunting and fishing on the Nueces.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

You are hereby notified that after January 31st, a penalty of 10 per cent will be added to all State and County taxes. Call and pay your taxes and avoid the said penalty. W. M. Burwell, Tax Collector, LaSalle County, Texas.

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Geo. Evetts was a visitor at our office Thursday. He reports that on last Monday night a mad coyote attacked his camp on the Rio Grande and for a time made things rather lively; but after a few shots had been fired, none of which took effect, the animal was driven away before doing any damage.

YELLOW JAUNDICE CURED.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaundice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after two taking bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington, Ky." Sold by all druggists.

Mr. T. H. Poole and wife opened their hospitable doors to the young people of Cotulla last Saturday night; the event being to watch the death of the old and dawn of the New Year. The house was crowded with the liveliest and happiest throng of young people ever assembled together. At twelve o'clock guns were fired and bells rung in memory of past pleasures and in anticipation of future joys, after which all departed to begin a New Year with heartfelt thanks to their host and hostess for the closing pleasures of the gone by year.

Our Job Press has been busy the greater part of the week as the following list will testify, A. C. Ponkney, 500 Envelopes; J. A. Landrum & Co., 200 Dodgers; G. W. Henrichson & Co., 500 Note Heads, 500 Sales Tickets; W. E. Campbell, 500 Note Heads, 500 Envelopes; S. T. Dowe 500 Typewriter Letter Heads; J. H. Buckelew; 250 Business Cards Simon Cotulla, 250 Statements; Sheriff W. P. Mulholland, Tilden, 1500 Envelopes, 1000 Letter Head. Kerr & Kerr, 1000 Note Heads, 1000 Statements, 1000 Envelopes; Breeding Bros, Encinal, 1000 Envelopes, 1000 Note Heads; Matthews & Gilmer, Encinal, 1000 Note Heads, 1000 Statements; J. L. McCaleb & Son, Carrizo Springs, 1000 Envelopes.

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SCHOOL NEWS.

School opened Monday morning with reading and prayer by Rev. J. S. McMurray.

This is the first week of the last term and it seems that every one has begun with a greater determination than before.

Eva Stevens was absent three days, and Daisee Carr has not been here since Christmas. We hope they will be with us next week.

Miss Ada Walker was very ill, from taking so much Christmas, and was not able to teach Tuesday evening, but soon recovered and taught the balance of the week.

Christmas is now over and every one reports having had a nice time. All should realize that this is something of the past, and study hard for some day they will realize that it was also a pleasure to study.

We have begun an almost entirely new course of study this term; the sixth grade are studying Baldwin's Sixth Reader and Enoch Arden, and the sixth and seventh are studying Algebra.

Several of us were not here last week to take the examination and were a little surprised Monday morning when Professor said "we all eat out of the same dish up here" so all that have not been examined may prepare their papers. We did not hesitate, but went to work in earnest.

OLIVETTE.

Geo. Jay, the jolly proprietor of the "Midway" was a pleasant caller at our office one morning this week and left a dollar for his subscription. Thanks—wish you would us another one.

EDITOR RECORD:

Allow me to correct your report of the fire of our place in your last issue,—just to be fair to the children you know. There were no children discharging fire cracker about the house. The fire originated between ceiling and roof, caused by a defective flue or pipe with boxes of matches, we know not which. While writing you, my family and myself desire to publicly thank the kind people of Cotulla, who by their prompt aid and willing help, enabled us to save the most of our effects.

Respectfully, W. H. Steele.

Painted Geo. Epperson called around and left his subscription for the Record, Wednesday. Jack Miller Esq. moved into the house east of Keck Bros. lumber yard the fore part of the week.

Uncle Robert Hall, the famous old Indian fighter, is very seriously ill, and little hopes for his recovery. He is being expressed; at time of going to press however, he is reported some better.

DISCOVERED BY A WOMAN.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too, by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened itself upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night; and with two bottles has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Hamnick & Co. Shelby N. C. Trial bottles free at all druggist's. Regular size 50cts. and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

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# An Experiment

WHEN I dropped into Clarissa's studio on that eventful morning, I did not expect anything very eventful to happen; much less was I conscious of the fact that I was going to join a conspiracy—a deliberately thought-out plot directed against the future of my all-important self, and hatched by Clarissa herself.

During the five years that we had been "comrades of the brush" nothing had occurred to mar our friendship, and we criticized each other's daubs quite frankly and fearlessly; it is true that Clarissa had been a bit funny lately, but that was partly my own fault. For she had made a study of a girl's head for which I had a sneaking admiration, and it seemed to particularly annoy her that I always turned to that canvas. This morning I felt mischievous, and stopped there longer than usual.

"George!" I did not hear. "George!" (rescued.) No answer. "George!" (fortissimo.)

"Did you speak?" said I, looking startled. Clarissa stamped her little foot.

"I shall put that picture away altogether if you come here mooning like this, and won't talk to me; what an impressionable fellow you are!"

"Loity-toity!" I said. "And pray, miss, why am I so impressionable?"

"Well—a pause—you seem to be struck with every pretty face you see—"

"A man's privilege," I interrupted. "and—and with every sentimental tale you hear—"

"A sign of my good nature," I said. "and I do believe, if we had not been chums for so long, that I could make you fall in love with me now if I liked to try."

I immediately became cautious. "You have a very pretty face, Clarissa," I said, "and I have no doubt that I should have fallen in love with you when we first met if you had only told me a sentimental tale!"

"Now, George!" (impatiently), "let us be serious; are your feelings for me really so cold that you would not mind if I flirted with Mr. Jones for a whole evening?"

"Ten million Joneses would not move me," I answered.

"If that is the case," said Clarissa, firmly, "we will try an experiment. Let us drop our platonic friendship for a time, and I will see if I cannot arouse in you the green-eyed monster."

"It's quite impossible," I said. "I know all your faults, and you would not have the ghost of a chance."

"Really, George, you underestimate my powers. You do not imagine that I am serious, and you are so conceited that you think you are impervious. However, I will see if I cannot succeed."

"Clarissa, this is foolishness; it will break up all our camaraderie. Besides (a happy thought), you know you might fall in love with me."

"There!" exclaimed Clarissa, clapping her hands—"didn't I say you were conceited? The idea is absurd!"

"Absurd?" I sneered; "very well, I will accept your challenge, but mind you, Clarissa, I can flirt desperately, and if I am making an impression on you, I will propose. What will happen then?"

"Then? Oh, nothing at all; we shall just take Punch's advice and won't. But, of course, you will never serve your courage up to that point."

"Done with you?" I cried; "and you will have to keep pretty wide-awake, because I shall reserve the liberty of flirting with other girls."

"Pooh! I shan't care. Now, George, please go, and give me time to think it over. We will commence our experiment to-morrow."

"I would rather, for your sake, you would not," he answers. But his voice, belies his words, so he puts her arm in his and together they pass down the street, only pausing for a moment beneath a dim lamp that he may wrap his muffler round her neck.

"You know what this means, Blanche?"

"Yes, Ralph."

Then they pass on again. They reach the cheap hotel near the railroad station, ascend the narrow stairs and along a gloomy hall until they reach a door at the farther end. The comedian turns the knob and enters, leaving the dancer standing in the doorway while he lights a lamp; when the flickering flame throws its feeble light around the dreary room he hurries to the bed, where a child lies sleeping.

As he stoops to kiss the burning temples the child opens her eyes, and putting her arms around his neck, whispers:

"I was dreaming of mamma, dad."

Then as her eyes rest on the figure in the doorway a smile of happiness steals across the wan face. "Is it mamma?" she asks. "Is it mamma who has come back to me?"

"No, my dear. She is some one who loved dad when he was a better man and she has come to nurse you and help make you well again."

He turns away as the dancer stoops to kiss the child's feverish cheek and brush the golden hair from the burning forehead. But he cannot help perceive the start she gives at seeing the child's resemblance to its dead mother.

As the dancer takes off her heavy cloak the comedian goes to the bed, and, wrapping the child in a blanket, seats himself in a rocking chair and tries to lull the little one to sleep by singing a lullaby.

The dancer busies herself about the room, smoothing the pillows and hanging up the child's clothing, stopping now and then to smile on him. And

when everything is put away she pushes a stool to his feet and seats herself by his side, prepared to share his vigil.

Hour after hour they sit there, not a sound breaking the stillness of the night but the low lullaby. Then the song dies away. A cry rings through the room as the comedian springs to his feet and with trembling hands tears the blanket from the face of the child. But the eyes are closed—the hands are cold—the child is dead.

Next morning, in the churchyard, they bury her. When the dull thud from the sod is echoed back as it strikes the coffin lid the father turns away and hurries to the station to catch the western train. He must laugh to-night and make others laugh, for he is an actor playing one-night stands. But he is no longer alone. The wrong he has done the woman beside him is forgiven, and she has promised to be what she would have been years before but for the treachery of another—his wife.

## GAMBLING ENGLISH WOMEN.

An Evil That is All Too Common and Destructive to the Social Fabric.

Of course, for years it has been a recognized fact that a certain section of London well-to-do society folk spend day after day at each other's houses, "having a little flutter," beginning with carefully drawn-down blinds at about four in the afternoon, and going on till midnight. When one pauses to think on what these women ought to be—and might be—one is absolutely astounded at their complete loss, first, of self-respect; second, of the opinion of their better friends; third, of their self-government. The fever often begins in casual little rounds at a half-penny a dozen—to develop into the ruin, the destruction of the victim. It is a universally known thing, that, after winning a little, it is very difficult to draw the line. They do not seem to remember that in winning, they are, especially on the race course, taking money from those who cannot afford to lose—or who are playing with money that is not virtually their own. Who has not seen the horrible flushed faces of the young girls and women with the convulsive twitches of the facial nerves, when the horses are flying over the course at Kempton? And when one thinks that they are women—those who have the bringing up of innocent little sons and daughters, one trembles for their contribution to the men and women of the next generation. They are throwing away, as worthless, their great influence for good or evil on the men in their set, in their sphere; they are influencing their husbands, brothers, cousins, to think that gambling is the proper thing to do. Talking of races reminds me that what is done by the women of the aristocratic classes at Kempton Park is done sub rosa by their servants at home.—London Society.

## SPANISH SOLDIER'S FAREWELL.

(Inspired by the note written by a Spanish infantryman on behalf of the 11000 soldiers who surrendered to the Americans before Santiago. The note was an expression of gratitude for the humanity and courtesy shown on the part of the captors.) A comrade's hand in parting, for comrades now are those

Who late in bitter battle were met as mortal foes. You have subdued us doubly; in arms you overthrew, Then when we were your captives, you conquered us anew.

You had fought us fair like foemen, and not like skulking base; You took your equal chances and dared us face to face.

The test of danger proved you, you were as brave as we; And braver than Castilian need never soldier be.

But after you disarmed us, then of me the test of tests— Who might have been your prisoners you made your welcome guests.

You fed us of your bounty, our wounds you soothed and healed, For us your Red-Cross heroes explored the roughest field.

Thanks and good will, O brother, from hearts that overflow; We pour you out in tribute, as homeward hence we go.

To Spain, our well-beloved, our longed-for, mother Spain, Speed hither at your charges across the swelling main.

There we will tell our fellows: "Americans are men! And may the beneficent never cross swords with them again!"

Such farewell message send we you; far stretched lines along— A host of loyal Spaniards eleven thousand strong.

—William C. Wilkinson, in N. Y. Independent.

## "THE GIFT OF GAB"

THE door to the passage leading to the janitor's apartments was suddenly opened and a low hum had been audible for some time burst into a loud clamor as Conolly, his wife and a stout, elderly little woman in a hat that suggested an old-fashioned hearse, by reason of its thick, nodding black plumes, came into view.

The stout little woman seemed to be responsible for most of the noise, which was rich in brogue and musical in tone. She only stopped talking to laugh, and her laugh was of that hearty kind that constrains persons of a full habit of body especially to slap their knees and hold their sides. The janitor was maintaining his customary seriousness of expression and his wife was smiling pleasantly at the departing visitor, who suddenly broke off a sentence and kissed her with a resounding smack.

"Don't ye stir a step fuder, Mary, darlin'," she said, "Conolly will see ye to daylight, an'—well, I'll give ye as ye go out; sure ye wudn't want to hurt Mary's feelin's. Be a good girl, kiss me, Mary. Good-by, myna. Next Wensday, remember."

"Yes, she's got a new sittin'-room carpet," she resumed, as she came along the passage, "an' a picture av many in his sergent's uniform—th' most av av him—over the mantel shelf, an' I will ye believe me, Conolly?—a funny they bought on the installment plan. He that couldn't tell th' Oramu from Garey Owen! But Julie niver had th' since av a Kilpeera hin; an' it's a stoffe she wants anyway. But ye'll see her, Wensday."

"Tim's to be there, too. His bill has gone down since he lost his fine city job; 'twas swelled so his hair wud cover it a mont' ago. 'Tis an un-fair business, politics. I tell Phil that, an' he'll niver heed me. I tried to coax him vid me, but he said: 'Tell Conolly I'll not waste car fare on him'—th' way he has—the creature. Ye'll show his way. 'I'll give him an' Mary a link tay,' I sez, an' he sez: 'Ye'll not get Conolly over wid tay for an installment.'"

Her voice died away as the spring door closed behind her and her escort. The tenant, who had been filing a key, put the key in his pocket, and yielding to a feeling of curiosity, crawled on the bench to look out of the base of the window. He had just jumped down and dusted off the knees of his trousers when the door banged again, and the janitor descended the steps, fanning himself with his cap, as was his wont when agitated.

"Unbotton my vest an' give me a drink of water," he said, faintly, as he sank into a chair. "Feel of my arm, an' tell me if it's loose."

"What's the matter? Didn't ye have a chance to talk?" asked the tenant.

"Talk!" echoed the janitor. "I can't know whether I'm speakin' no, or whether it's someone else. I've got th' sound av my own voice. What makes it seem so quiet here? Glorje, but that woman's a conversationalist! I've heard enough in the last hour to keep me thinkin' for a month o' Sundays."

"There's wan thing I'm free from, anyway. I've my faults—wan av two—enough to keep me human, but I'm a man av few words. I like to listen to an entertainin' conversation an' no an' then edgin' in a word to show that I'm payin' attention an' kep'in' th' thread av th' discourse, but I've not th' gab av the gab."

"I'm sorry for it at times, an' I know my friends regret it, but think it is where I shine. I like to get off somewhere in th' shade in summer, or in company with a hot stove in winter, an' think, 'I wud astonish you the things I think av. I take after a second cousin av mine—th' wan I was tellin' you about, his a farm up in Wisconsin. He man has thoughts wud burn th' world upside down if they was known. He'll get out in the barn—up in the hay, where it's soft lyin' an' there's nothin' to disturb him—an' study out th' problems av existence. A man that has

acres av land an' draws a pension av \$30 a month has a right to think, but his wife don't seem to see it that way. She's wan av these loose-tongued, chattering women, forever discussin' about th' empiness av her woodbox an' th' pill av swill that's been standin' all mornin' outside the kitchen door waitin' to be carried out to th' pigs, an' triflin' matters like that."

"I tell Mrs. Conolly that speech was given her to conceal her thoughts, an' to do her th' justice she's entitled to, she niver makes my ear-drums ring th' way some women do. When we settle down for th' evenin' she opens th' oven dure for me to put my feet in an' gets out her basket av mendin' an' draws her rocker up to th' lamp. If I happen to have anythin' to say it an'—well, why wudn't I say it? I don't do all th' talkin'. She'll say: 'Ye're right there, or 'That's a true word,' or 'Hush your mouth, you big idiot,' an' I niver try to restrain her flow av language. She don't abuse her privileges an' opportunities—th' that's how it is."

"I like your style av conversation—no, I ain't stringin' you. It's improvin', what there is of it, an' there ain't too much of it. A man has time to study out what you mean, or whether you mean anythin', when you talk. August is another man ut's pleasure to listen to. He's restful. When I want to know August's views on a proposition, all I have to do is to formulate an' opinion an' then wait. If them's his sentiments he says 'Yis, dot is so,' an' if he disagrees he shakes his head an' grins. It ain't necessary for him to spend half an hour av his employer's time to tell me when John Peter Alfgeid an' him have their points av difference, or his objections to a policy av imperial expansion. He's a wise boy, is August, an' he knows th' value av a close mouth."

"That was Maggie Dwyer that was just in here. There's no better woman breathin' than Maggie's. Phil Dwyer—ye've heard av Phil—L. mind him when he was workin' at anythin' he could get to do an' Maggie was kep'in' boarders. She's kep'in' boarders still and Phil don't do anythin' but smok his pipe an' amuse himself with politics. That's th' reason, it's likely, ye've niver heard av him."

"I remember when I was a bit av a boy goin' into Maggie's kitchen. There was a pan av bread on th' table that had raised itself an' run over an' Maggie's arms an' th' hair av her hair was bankin' up th' overflow. She was sittin' in a chair, leanin' forward sound asleep. I'll not forget that as long as I live. It was th' only time I saw Maggie when she wasn't talkin'."

"Phil's got so used to it that when Maggie wants to get his attention she has to grab him by the Galways. He's like the man lie next dure to a boiler factory an' had insomnia when it shut down. Well, ut's excusable in a woman. Providence decreed they should talk and talk they will; but I don't like talkin' all one-sided. I like to have a chance to say somethin' wanst in awhile."

"I notice ye don't take any chances," observed the tenant.

"I'll not be a party to an argument," returned the janitor. "I'd like to stay an' hear you awhile longer, but I have my work to do. I'm feelin' a little recovered now, thank you Lindy."—Chicago Daily Record.

## Preconsciousness of Quick Returns.

A story comes from London to the effect that a retired provision merchant, who had a few thousand pounds for investment, was taken in hand by his nephew, who traveled in things electrical, from lampholders and storage cells to dynamos, motors and meters. After trying in vain to interest his venerable relative in the manufacture of the heavy machinery of the electrical factories, he took him to an accumulator shop, where in highly technical language he set forth the advantages of the particular cell in which he was interested, dwelling particularly on the fact that in this instance the dream of the storage battery man, low depreciation, had been realized to an extent never before known. But the old man looked askance at the long ranges of batteries, and asked deprecatingly:

"How long do these things last, then?"

"For years; haven't I just been explaining it to you?" "Then ye won't do for me," replied the provision merchant. "What I like to deal in are the things you start to sell fresh every morning." Even this did not faze the nephew, who was out for business. He promptly took his victim around to a factory for arc lamp carbons, where the desired deal came off.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## Plain Fare But Good Books.

An interesting anecdote is told by Agassiz of his visit when a young man to Prof. Oken, a famous German naturalist. The professor received his guest very warmly. He showed his visitor the laboratory, and the students at work; also his cabinet, and lastly his splendid library of books pertaining to zoological science, a collection then the best in Germany. The dinner hour approached, and Oken's enthusiasm gave place to embarrassment. "Herr Agassiz," he said, with perturbation, "to gather and keep up this library exacts the utmost husbandry of my pecuniary means. To accomplish this I allow myself no luxury whatever. Hence my table is restricted to the plainest fare. Thrice a week we indulge in meat; the other days we have only potatoes and salt. I very much regret that your visit has occurred on a potato day." And so these two great men dined with the students on potatoes and salt, and the students declare that their conversation was both witty and learned.—Golden Days.

## From a Novel.

"Adolar was bewitched. Never had the countess seemed to him so beautiful as at this moment, when, in her dumb grief, she hid her face."—Diegende Eiaetter.

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