The Scurry County Times.

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HIS THROAT CUT.

BARKER FOUND DEAD IN AUSTIN.

He was Found in a Wagon Yard in a Cotton Seed House—It is Supposed that He Committed Suicide—A Mexican Murders His Fellow Countryman.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.—Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock a prominent farmer of this county, named J. W. Barker, was found lying in a cottonseed house in a wagon yard in the lower part of the city with his throat cut from ear to ear. He lived about two hours after being found. Saturday afternoon he sold his team and wagon for upward of $50. No money was found on him yesterday. While it is supposed that it is a case of suicide the grand jury, which is in session, will look into the matter to-day. No cause is known why he should have killed himself.

Teachers' Institute Adjourns.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 14.—The teachers' institute, which adjourned Saturday, was an interesting and intelligent body of educators. They were zealous and showed clearly during the two days that they were in session that their hearts were in their work. Saturday fully fifty teachers, men and women, were enrolled, and after the regular programme of the day was concluded they cast an eye to the future, and decided to hold the next institute Jan. 1 and 2.

A motion was carried making the election of Mr. J. H. Nutting and F. W. Davis, president and secretary respectively, permanent.

The chair was instructed by resolution to appoint a committee to draft resolutions to be submitted to the next teachers' institute memorializing the state legislature to enact laws providing a system for holding teachers' institutes in the county. The following teachers were appointed on the committee: G. W. Dayton, G. J. Clements and E. N. Blackburn.

A motion prevailed creating a plenary committee, composed of G. W. Dayton, F. W. Davis, E. N. Blackburn, W. H. Brimberry and J. W. Adamson, whose duty it is to correspond with teachers, trustees and patrons in behalf of maintaining a teachers' institute.

New Railroad.

Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec. 14.—Ed C. Baker, assistant general manager of the Gulf and Brazos Valley railroad; A. McCallum, superintendent, attended an enthusiastic railroad meeting at Millsap Saturday night, at which time a contract was closed for the immediate construction of the Brazos Valley road from Millsap to Henrietta. Parker county people have subscribed $5,000 in cash, supplies, material, labor and right of way to the Palo Pinto county line, and lots in Millsap. One thousand dollars is to be paid to the railroad company at once. Work commences at Millsap to-day.

Hotel Burned.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 14.—At 6 o'clock yesterday morning a large two-story building, owned by Mrs. Garth and occupied as a boarding house by a man named Ringdahl, was burned. There were seven lodgers in the house, all of whom escaped, with the loss of a part of their effects. A large amount of Ringdahl's furniture, covered by insurance, was burned. There was $1,000 insurance on the building, which was twenty-five years old, but in good repair. The fire started from a kitchen flue. A big yard full of cotton was close to the flames, and it took hard work to protect it.

An Interesting Meeting.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 14.—The Hunt County Teachers' institute met here Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. Prof. J. D. Warren, of Caddo Mills, was elected president and Mrs. Willie De Fee secretary. Sixty-eight members were enrolled during the session. Among outside visitors were Prof. Prof. Eastman, of Sulphur Springs, and Prof. Brennan, of Campbell. County Superintendtn Priest made some excellent remarks at different times. The programme was carried out with much interest. The association adjourned to meet again Jan. 9, 1897.

Made a Chattle Mortgage.

Decatur, Tex., Dec. 14.—R. M. Beville made a chattel mortgage, naming S. G. Tankersly as trustee, conveying his entire stock of harness and saddlery. The mortgage prefers Spencer & Barham for $200, Bullock & Tankersley for $300, Mrs. R. M. Beville for $500. Assets about $1,000; liabilities unknown.

Negro Girl Burned to Death.

Goodrich, Tex., Dec. 13.—Anna McCordell, a negro girl about 16 years old, took a spasm Friday when the rest of the family were away and fell in the fire. She was in the fire when the rest of the family came home. She was horribly burned and died during the night. She had been demented for several years.

Immigrants Landed.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 12.—Immigration Inspector Levy performed his first service at Galveston yesterday on the 159 steerage passengers of the North German Lloyd steamship Halle. Out of that number eight are American citizens and 149 are immigrants who have never been in America. They are a fine, healthy lot of people, who are possessed of this world's goods to the amount of $25 and on up to $250. Mr. Levy found that only 40 per cent of those who are expected to be able to do so, that is, over 14 years of age, can not read or write. The majority of them are Galicians, who are going to the Bremond principality. One woman with several children and about 30 cents was detained. She said she was going to her husband at Temple. She was held awaiting the decision of the board of inquiry and to give her husband an opportunity to send her money with which she can pay fare.

Severely Wounded.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12.—Two negroes entered the store of P. Dorsa, at the five points on Commerce street, and asked for 10 cents worth of ginger snaps. When Dorsa, the proprietor, turned his back to wait on them, one of them struck him on the back of the head with a blunt instrument, the exact character of which the officers have not been able to ascertain. As Dorsa fell he uttered a cry for help, and almost immediately became unconscious. His cry awoke his 14-year-old son, who slept in the back part of the store, and he came to the front to ascertain the trouble. As soon as he saw the negroes he commenced to call for help. This alarmed the negroes, and they hastily took their departure. Shortly after this occurred Officer O'Reiley arrived on the scene, and, assisted by several of the neighbors, who had been alarmed by the boy's cries, picked up Dorsa and laid him on a bed, summoning medical assistance. A physician responded to the call, and after an examination of Dorsa's injuries, pronounced them very serious. By dint of careful work, however, he had so far recovered from the effects of the blow as to be deemed out of danger yesterday morning.

The police are keeping a sharp lookout for the two negroes in question, but as neither Dorsa nor his son were able to give even a vague description of them, the officers have not the slightest clew to work on.

Sidewalk Contest.

Hillsboro, Tex., Dec. 12.—The decision of the supreme court in the case of Storrie vs. Cortes is attracting a good deal of attention here, as it indicates that cities can build sidewalks on homestead property, and if the owner of the property refuses to pay for it the city can obtain a personal judgment against him for the amount and levy on any other real or personal property to satisfy the judgment. It is interesting because the sidewalk question has long been a vexed one here. Under the old decisions there was no way whereby the city could build sidewalks on a homestead and collect the cost of it from the owner of the homestead. Now it is believed there is a chance for the city to materially improve its sidewalks, and the council will consider the matter at its next session.

Lost Brig Sighted.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 12.—The British steamship Kendal Castle, Capt. George H. Lewis, of the Galveston-Manchester line, twenty-three days from Manchester, arrived yesterday. Capt. Lewis reports having sighted Nov. 27 a brig with distress signals flying at the foremast head, being northwest from the Kendal Castle. She was hauled up and steamed around the brig. No one was seen on board. The captain says he was unable to distinguish any name. Apparently she had been abandoned. She was timber laden. This may have been the brig Mary T. Kimball, which foundered Sept. 22. Her captain and four of the crew were lost.

Burglars at Work.

Abbott, Tex., Dec. 12.—Robers visited this town Thursday night. They entered the room of Dr. T. B. Carter by raising a window, taking $14.85 in money and leaving his pants on the gallery. J. F. Marshall was robbed of $6.90; W. F. Sparks lost $7. They also entered the residence of Mr. Sid Quayle and took $11.75 from his pants pockets. The residences of J. H. Price, J. C. McDonald and Mrs. S. S. Turner were entered, but they got nothing there. Sheriff Tom Bell and other officers are here investigating.

An Individual Preference.

"Some fellers as is interested in silver wants silver money," remarked Plodding Pete, thoughtfully, "while others think gold is right. I've even heard of fellers thet wanted to deposit wheat an' things an' git currency fur 'em."

"Yep," replied Meandering Mike. "A good deal depen's on yer pus'naf interests. Now ez fur me, I think a heap o' time could be saved by gittin' out orders on responsible breweries negotiable at all barsin the country."—Washington Star.

GEN. MACEO'S DEATH.

HE FELL AT THE FIRST VOLLEY FIRED.

He Mistook the Force of Guerillas Under Peral for Sanchez's Vanguard—Reports Deny Gen. Maceo's Death—Swindler Arrested.

Havana, Dec. 14.—Further inquiry by correspondents have elicited the following additional details, which are positively reliable, of the manner in which Antonio Maceo met his death.

It is known that Maceo expected the insurgent brigadier general, Sanchez, to concentrate his forces in Havana province in readiness for Maceo when he should pass the trocha. It happened, however, that in passing the Spanish column, commanded by Major Cirujeda, Maceo mistook the force of guerillas under Peral for Sanchez's vanguard and found himself among them before he discovered his mistake. At the first volley from the Spanish Maceo fell wounded. The insurgents taken by surprise, commenced a general fire as they retreated and abandoned Maceo in a dying condition. Col. Feijoo has had an engagement at Campo Florida, near Havana, with the concentrated forces of the insurgents which were with Maceo at the time he was killed, and which are following the leaders Aguirre Castillo, Aranguren, Cardenas, Gallo and Lozo, and which number 1300 horsemen.

Col. Feijoo again met these forces at Tumba Quarto, where he inflicted a loss of eighteen killed, their wounded being carried off. The Spanish had nineteen wounded.

Private advices from Santiago de Las Vegas, in this province, state that the prominent insurgent leader Perico Delgado has been seriously wounded and has remained hidden in the woods since the last engagement with Gen Figueroa. These advices add that it is expected that several bodies of insurgents will soon surrender to the Spanish authorities.

The steamer San Ignacio has arrived here, having on board 1240 soldiers to reinforce the Spanish forces in Cuba.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14.—A special from Key West, Fla., says:

Advices from Havana state that La Lucha and other Spanish papers are quite bitter over the story sent out regarding Maceo's death, and deny it emphatically. Palace officials also deny it, and it is stated that Gen. Weyler will deny it over his own signature.

More fighting is reported in the suburbs, numbering several thousand. The work of entrenchment is being pushed to the utmost, and many pieces of new artillery have been mounted. Two thousand troops arrived from Spain yesterday, and they were enthusiastically received as they marched through the steets. They were all undersized and appeared like boys.

The anti-American feeling is growing, and several of the American correspondents have been warned to be more careful in their dispatches on pain of being deported.

Lilioukalani in San Francisco.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Wm. Lee, the publisher, has received a dispatch from San Francisco which reads as follows:

"Arrived here. Expect to reach Boston within a fortnight. Will telegraph exact date later.

LILIOUKALANI."

She is a cousin of the late John Dominos, husband of Lilioukalani.

"I have no further information on this subject," said Mr. Lee, "than what is contained in the dispatch. A member of the family is in constant correspondence with the ex-queen in a friendly way, but in none of her letters has she given any reason to believe that she contemplates a journey to this country. I have no idea what her objects in coming here are."

"Do you imagine her object is political?" was asked.

"I do not. In her letters to me she had alluded but slightly to political affairs, but she has certainly given us the impression that she does not care for restoration and that she would make no effort to regain her throne. My personal opinion is that the object of her journey would be that she simply desires a change of scenes and wishes to visit her friends, and that is all there is to it."

Anti-Saloon League.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—Yesterday witnessed the beginning of the anti-saloon league movement in Detroit. Adresses were made in behalf of the league in most of the principal churches, and many entered the movement. It is intended to prosecute the work of educating public sentiment, securing a vote upon the question of local option, enforcing the present liquor laws and securing more stringent liquor legislation throughout the state. Michigan is the second state in which this movement is inaugurated, the league having originated in Ohio. Among the several speakers of yesterday was Justice C. B. Grant, of the Michigan supreme court.

The Overman Case.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Kate Weller Barrett, who has been closely allied here with the work of the Crittenton Rescue league, spoke yesterday of Mattie Overman, whose name was connected with Dr. Brown in the San Francisco church scandal, and of whom it was stated that she was coming to this city.

"Mr. Crittenton gave me a check for $60," said Mrs. Barrett, "and I sent it to Miss Overman to come here, but since the press has announced the fact that she was coming here she will go elsewhere, and when her tormentors find out where she is we will take her somewhere else."

The meeting destroyed Mattie Overman's plans to come here. She is traveling in disguise, under the name of Sister Martha, and will continue to work with the "Crittenton band." She was not coming here to join Mrs. Barrett, as was commonly announced, but she intended to live here in the national Crittenton home. Mr. Crittenton has taken an interest in her case, and will doubtless provide for her.

Dr. Brown claims that she is trying to blackmail him, but the Crittenton workers deny this, and say she is simply trying to lose herself from her past life and seek refuge in disguise, where she can carry on rescue work as Sister Martha.

The place where Miss Overman is located is suppressed by the Crittenton workers.

Took Poison.

New York, Dec. 14.—Josephine S Jerchoa, a niece of the general, Pulaski, who fought in the war of the American revolution and was killed at Savannah, Ga., committed suicide by poisoning at her home in Brooklyn. Mme. Jerocha was a claimant for $2,000,000, which, it is said, her famous grand uncle advanced to the United States government to aid in prosecuting the war of independence. She had, according to her story, been robbed of the papers which established her claims, and was obliged to take a government clerkship in Washington, from where, however, she was dismissed by Cleveland in his first term. Since then she has had a terrible struggle with poverty and was finally reduced to selling papers. For some time she had been entirely dependent upon charity.

Mme. Jerocha went to Washington intimating that she intended committing suicide. It was in accordance with this threat that she killed herself yesterday.

Swindler Arrested.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 14.—A stranger calling himself P. H. Bradley is under arrest here as a check swindler and it is said he is wanted by several western railroad companies for forging passes. It was first thought that he might be Dyer, the absconding New York bookkeeper, but that theory was set aside yesterday by the arrival from that city of a detective, who failed to identify him. Bradley deposited in the First National bank of this city a check for $500 drawn on a bank in Dayton, O. A bank book in which the deposit was credited was given him, but he was told not to draw against it until information from Dayton had been received. He ignored the warning and bought diamonds and clothing, giving checks on the First National bank and exhibiting the bank book. Learning of these transactions the bank officials caused his arrest. He is held pending the receipt of more detailed information from the west.

Failed to Get the Money.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 14.—The name of Judge E. T. Hamilton, of Cleveland, was forged to a $75,000 check Saturday. Early in the afternoon a man appeared at the Loraine Street bank and presented an order for that amount on the Dime Savings and Building company, payable to C. N. Cunningham. The treasurer offered an excuse for not paying at once, and Cunningham departed. Meanwhile the signature had been pronounced a forgery by Judge Hamilton. At 3 o'clock Cunningham again appeared. He was told that the bank had failed to get the money, and was requested to return at 5 o'clock. He agreed to do so, and has not been seen since.

Burglars Frustrated.

Wooster, O., Dec. 14.—At an early hour yesterday morning three masked burglars battered down the door of the farm house of Perry Bristow, an aged man living near here. Just as they entered the house Mrs. Alice Baxter, Bristow's housekeeper, met them with a lamp in her hand. As one of the burglars attempted to grab her by the throat she hit him in the face with the lamp, breaking it. She continued to hammer him with the glass handle of the lamp until he beat a retreat, and the other two robbers ran away. One of the three was afterward arrested.

Near Marshalltown, Ia., recently, Andrew Hart, was shot and killed by a burglar.

Pure Maple Syrup.

A factory to manufacture artificial maple syrup is to be started in Clyde, N. Y. Corncobs are boiled, and white sugar thrown into the mass.

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A COLD SNAP,

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Few people realize what a calamity the ordinary blizzard is. The sudden lowering of the temperature finds many people unprepared to meet the change. Here and there a victim is singled out who succumbs quickly to some acute malady, the direct result of cold. An unnumbered multitude, however, survive, who have acquired some catarrhal affection more or less severe. A common cold is acute catarrh, which quickly becomes chronic catarrh if allowed to remain. Every cold snap leaves in its trail thousands of cases of catarrh, many of whom for want of an effective remedy, will suffer from this disease the rest of their lives. Is there anything that can be done to prevent all this?

In the first place, Pe-ru-na used at the proper time will prevent taking cold. In the second place, Pe-ru-na will cure a cold in from two to five days. Again, Pe-ru-na will cure catarrh quickly in the first stages, and finally Pe-ru-na will cure also chronic catarrh, if used properly and persistently. Pe-ru-na kept in the house and properly used will therefore not only act as a safeguard against the ailments which result from sudden cold waves; but will also prove a sure remedy for this class of ailments.

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If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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A CARD.

Settlers "on odd sections of Block 97," are not at the mercy of the legislature. On December 9 1890 the Supreme court of Texas declared the Bacon & Graves part of block 57 "vacant and unappropriated public domain of Texas." In December 1891 the District court of Mitchell county held that Bacon & Graves had no right nor title to the land and vested the title in the state. On the 18th of May, 1896 the Supreme court of the United States reviewed Judge Kennedy's decision and affirmed On April 24th, 1879 the legislature enacted a place in the statute laws of Texas "that any person the head of a family, who have no home of his own should have 160 acres of any unappropriated public domain." The legislature may do as you say, but every settler who occupies the odd sections the day before the law takes effect there is no legislature nor any other power on earth that can take their homes away from them for the constitution of the state and statute laws, the decisions of all the courts from Colorado to Washington City guarantees their title. I submit this card for the reason that your editorial has a tendency to harrass the settlers on said land and I think they have had enough harrassment already and beg you to hold up and help instead of raising scare crows to alarm. I think however, that you will find them courageous enough to stay with their homes test their claims on the above laws—still believing that Mr. Olcott does not (with all his filthy lucre) out rank Texas and the United States Supreme court advice.

A. J. SCBOROUGH.

No, friend Scarborough we can not plead guilty to "harrassing" nor "scaring" the home seeker and builder on block 97, far from it We were trying to protect him, for we have heard that a man fore warned was forearmed, therefore we again urge the settle to remember: "My soul be on thy guard." The last legislature had before it a bill to declare all "public domain" school land, and also one to endow a university for negros with the balance of the public lands. Both bills failed to become laws merely by the adjournment of the legislature, if we forget not. Now block 97 the odd sections are public domain, so all admit under the decisions. The law says they, the settler, must make application in 30 days after settling on it that he desires it for a home. But the injunction over it prohibits this file being made. Now the legislature are just over a very bitter and hard fought campaign. It is said that the dominant party won a great many votes by its promises made to the negroes to help them secure a university. There are others that think that we West Texas people wear horns, eat hay for greens and would shoot, cut, murder, and worse than all, would steal anything. Reasoning thus, each party thinks nothing of our interests, but altogether of a means to be elected and what better means than telling the unwary voter that he made a 1,000,000 or more acres of school land that will go to educate their children. Considering it all every one on block 97 ought to understand his position. If any bills are introduced in the nature suggested a petition of every settler ought to be placed on every members desk, and more, the members elect, Tillet and Crawley, ought to be familiarized with the conditions so as to be ready to defend. In time of peace prepare for war. Now, Captain, we are in for preparing and being ready and we are in for hustling, not sitting down and let some one else reach the coveted plum.

Back Again.

We are back for another year and is proud of it as a boy with his first breeches. We had a very pleasant time at our Annual Conference. All of the preachers seemed to be cheerful and happy, although some of them had hard fields and only got $200 for their support and yet many of them were willing to go another year for the salvation of precious souls.

So we got our appointments and started for home. When we reached Baird we stopped over and sent for Mrs. Harris. There we had a very pleasant time with old friends and acquaintances and had the pleasure of preaching for the people of that place on Sunday night. Then we came to Roscoe Thursday night and found the people gathering for preaching and your humble servant was the preacher. We had good time for the blessed Saviour was with us in the spirits power. We arrived in Snyder Friday at 3 o'clock then we began to meet old friends again and to say they made us feel welcome is putting it mild.

Saturday evening while everything was quiet and this preacher and family were sitting round the fire reading some one knocked and we opened door and in came Br. Baze, but did not tell any business. I have found that some things can be kept a profound secret, for without any warning what ever some one else knocked at the door and I opened and behold there stood our sheriff and quite a crowd, but they were smiling so I gave up and they took me and the parsonage in and such a crowd, they filled two rooms and some on the front porch. There were representatives from all the denominations of our town and some that do not belong to any church, and such another pounding you scarcely ever saw a preacher get as this one and his family got In all it amounted to about $25.

Dr. A. O Scarborough acted as spokesman and delivered the welcome address, and then we tried to reply, but my heart was so full of gratitude I could not do justice at all. Then we spent an hour or more very pleasantly, we had music, songs and plays. It was more like a regular college prayer meeting than anything else. God blessed us in the meeting. Then the crowd dispearsed and to say we are thankful can't express our gratitude. Our prayer is, Lord help us get so close to thy precious side that we can feel the throbs of thy great loving heart and as it pulsates with ours we can help every man, woman and child closer to God this year than ever before. We ask the prayers of every one that prays, that this may be the most successful year of our lives up to date.

Yours in Christ,
W. H. and ORA HARRIS.

BOOKOUT CHIMES.

Farmers are busy plowing and preparing for a big crop in 97; a fine season in the ground, plenty of stock water, native cattle doing well.

J. A Scrivner is gone to Mills county to see if he can get him a partner for life. He says the girls here have all boycotted him.

Ben Rodgers has gone to Brown county to spend the winter.

Mr. Leach, of Wise county and a brother-in law to J. D. Oliver, has arrived in our midst and they are building on school land in the Jumbo.

Bro. W. H. Harris favored us with a good sermon last Sunday. He looks as haypy and cheerful as ever.

Mr. Ned Herndon accompanied by Mrs. Gardener, of Snyder, attended church here Sunder, also Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Nelson paid us a visit and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely. We have harnessed up our best Base ball player for a teacher and he works well.

J. V. Riley is a carpenter. Yes, he can cut a fit as well without a square as with one.

PEDRO.

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COURTS

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Ira Kutch went to San Angelo last Thursday with an attached witness.

Last Saturday marked a large crowd from different parts of the county.

The big Minstrel show will be at the school house on next Wednesday night the 23rd.

Mr. H. F. Wells, a former citizen of this place, but now of Midland, was here this week.

Miss Janie Scarborough, who is teaching the Grady school, came home last Monday to spend the holidays.

Don't miss your last chance for pictures, for we will close our galery in Snyder the latter part of Christmas week.
WILLIAMS & H[illegible]

We are requsted to state that the Epworth League will give an entertainment at the school house on Christmas evening. Free admission.

Girard & Bibuee have on hand a new lot of Oliver Steel, Chilled, and Casiday plow shares. Also Avery's and other makes extra shares.

Rev. W. W. Werner, of the C. P. church, preached to good congregations at the Methodist church on last Sunday morning and night.

We must again kindly ask all those indebted to us to settle before December 25th, as we cannot carry accounts after that date.
WOSSON, SMITH & CO.

The interest manifested by all the students of our school is marked and especially noteworthy This is due to an efficient principal with assistants who have heart and soul in the work.

The demand for cattle is active, especially for last spring's calves. They were selling readily at ten and a half dollars last week, and we understand as high as eleven is being offered this week.

The brisk local cattle market will add materially to the weal of Scurry county. "Old Speck's" and "Old Creamy's" calves will prove valuable adjuncts to the homes and farms of our people and are as good to have as cotton.

The NEWS office front has new front glass doors added. These are a complementary to us from Mr. I. W. Wasson the owner of the building. We feel proud, we do.

If you have five or more to go to the show you can get special rates by seeing Mr. Lamar McNeil. Dont wait until the night of the show, for the doorkeepers will charge full fare.

The NEWS is pleased to inform its readers that Hon. R. J. Strayhorn, our County Judge, is improving in material respects, though at this writing he is still confined to his room. He is cheerful and hopes to be out among his friends at an early day.

To My Patrons.

I need money very much and would like for all who can to pay their accounts. If unable to pay please call and see amount at least. This refers to those who have not settled this year.
I. H. NELSON.

We learn that R. E. Byrd and lady will discontinue the hotel business at the end of the year. It is not known who will succeed them in the business. They will return to their place about ten miles north of town.

The freighting business has been a good one in Snyder of late. Our merchants contribute chiefully to this, though ranches give more or less work to haulers. An unusual volume of freight has given employment to several men.

L. H. Pruitt brought in last week from Parker and adjacent counties about two hundred and sixty head of calves and two year old steers. The greater number of the lot were calves, and the finest bunch we have seen—large and in fine condition.

Independent of the pinching spell of cold extending from the night of the 26th Nov., to the 1st, inst, the NEWS readers have been blessed with a mild, pleasant winter thus far, but even the cold wave referred to was a dry one therefore the more easily borne.

We are informed that the plan of having a Christmas tree at the Methodist church has been abandoned and that instead there will be a tree for the entire community at the school building on an evening during holiday week to be decided upon.

Mr. Rowland Wood, whose family resides in Snyder, while working with a horse in some way got his right arm broken just above the wrist. Mr. Wood is manager of J. S. McCall's ranch in southeast Scurry.

A number of the students in our high school will take part in a literary entertainment, to be given during holiday week. The program has not yet been furnished us, but it will perhaps be published. We feel safe in assuring a large audience of patrons and friends that a peculiarly interesting occasion is in store for them.

Many of our good citizens have experienced lately a strictly "hog killing time," and numerous sleek porkers have been transformed into bockbone and sausage. The NEWS notes with interest the fact that our people almost universally raise their meat, and, what is more milo maize, the "West Texas corn," does the work.

Mr George W. Reed, of the Sulphur community, who recently returned with his family after an extended absence in Denton county, was a pleasant visitor to the NEWS on Tuesday. Mr. Reed and some of his family have been sick since their return, and he shows plainly the marks of a ten days attack. He is one of Scurry's honest, industrious citizens and we welcome him and family home and wish him a prosperous future.

To Our Patrons.

As J. E. Dodson will soon withdraw from the firm of Dodson Bros., hence we will be obliged to request prompt payment of all accounts due us. We will also sell goods for cash at a very close profit until such change in our business.
DODSON BROS.

There are enough Odd Fellows in Snyder and community to make up a respectable organization. Why not let's come together and consider the feasibility of doing so.

Mr. E. W. Pool, of Big Springs, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Snyder with his brother-in-law, Rev. W. H. Harris. It is very probable he will be with us again in a few days for the purpose of organizing a lodge of the Woodmen of the World.

Mr. Joe B. Thompson, one of Scurry's old and substantial citizens has just returned from a trip to Stephens county where he disposed of some property for which he lately traded his place. Mr. Thompson and family at present make Snyder their home, but he will doubtless acquire another country home in Scurry.

A complimentry musicale was given Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilmeth to Messrs N. S. Hardaway and E. W. Pool. Mr. Prine with violin, Miss Irene Scarborough seconding, Mrs. Harris with Mandolin, Misses Helen Buchanan, Mary Harris, Mr. Ward Hunna and Mrs. Wilmeth with guitars, H. V. Williams with the cello and Mr. E. W. Pool at the piano—altogether formed a rare combination of harmony. Many vocal pieces were rendered also, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Wilmeth know well how to contribute to the pleasure of their many friends.

The Snyder Minstrels have informed us that they will give an entertainment sometime during Christmas week, part of the proceeds of which will be expended in buying presents for the orphan children of Snyder. The boys have been induced to give this entertainment by the repeated requests of their numerous friends. It is a needless expenditure of of time and space for us to give any elaborate description of the play. It is sufficient to say that The Snyder Minstrels will give the play, and even the little children know that it will be more than doubly worth the money. All new features except the "Book Agent" which is reproduced by request. Tickets on sale at F. J. Grayum's drug store. Children under 12, 10c. Adults, 25c. For special rates see Mr. Lamar Mc Neil.

A Card of Thanks.

To the voters and citizens of Scurry county (irrespective of party or political affiliation) allow me to return to you my sincere thanks and gratitude for the liberal support you gave me in my race in the late election for District Attorney. I was defeated in the district by the small majority of 11 votes, yet I assure you that I shall ever feel proud of the majority that Scurry county gave me. Again thanking you one and all for your support, I am yours most
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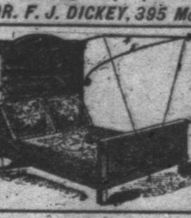

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