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Colorado, Mitchell County, Texas, Friday, December 18, 1908

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Enthusiasm of the Meeting Has Been Caught by the Local Organization—Good Work Expected to be Done in Future

Colorado Mercantile Co.

A Christmas Carol

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending o'er the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From Heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-during years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

E. H. Sears.

A MINISTERS ALLIANCE

The local pastors of the town and ministers of the community met last Monday evening at the Baptist church in Colorado and organized a Ministers Alliance or pastors union.

Rev. Holmes Nichols was chosen president and Rev. E. V. Bond secretary.

The object of the organization is for a closer union of the churches and the spiritual welfare of Colorado.

A strong resolution was adopted endorsing the fight made by the Baptist Standard and other papers against the race track gambling at the Dallas Fair. It was determined to fight this curse until the whole State will demand that race track gambling be eliminated from our great fair.

The plan of a general union meeting of all the churches to be held next July was discussed and it was decided to hold such a meeting and the secretary was instructed to try and secure the services of Dr. Geo. Truett of Dallas to hold the meeting.

The Pastors Alliance will meet every Monday evening at 8 p. m. at one of the churches in the city.

TAXPAYERS NOTICE

The time for paying city taxes has been extended to January 31st 1909, after which they become delinquent. This date is concurrent with the state and county limit. Don't forget it.

ERNEST KEATHLEY, Collector.

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Drawing paper, examination paper and theme tablets at the Record office, must be cash. We can't afford to open accounts for 5 or 10 cents. Children remember to bring the money for these items.

If you wish to make your wife, mother, sister or lady friend a present that will be a pleasure for them the entire year, nothing more appropriate could be given than a year's subscription to the Ladies Home Journal. If for a gentleman, the Saturday Evening Post would be a most acceptable present. Mrs. A. L. Whipkey is the local agent, and will call if you wish to subscribe for either.

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BUY YOUR FEED GROUND

I have installed a mill at the old Skating Rink building, next Coggins' stable, and am prepared to crush all kinds of feed for the public.

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LOCALS

Miss Blanch Bell spends the holidays at Celeste.

Miss Exa McClure of the Kid Key College, Sherman, is at home for the holidays.

They were "made last night." Jacob's Candies, at Colorado Drug Co. 5c to \$2.00 box.

Miss Ophelia Arnett is home from the Kidd-Key for Christmas.

Mrs. C. L. McDonald has gone to Marshall to spend the holidays.

Walter Whipkey of the A and M College is enjoying Christmas with home folks.

Ten per cent discount for December at Chas. C. Wyatt's on all vehicles.

Mary and Louise Coe are home from Carlton College Bonham.

Many of the Colorado students in the different schools are spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Moreland visited their sister, Mrs. D. N. Arnett Tuesday going on to Robert Lee to spend Christmas with Mrs. Moreland's parents.

Miss Emma Dupree is home from Baylor.

Dudley Arnett and Earnest Bertner came in Wednesday from Galveston.

Meal and hulls for the local trade. Splendid feed and cheaper than plain cotton seed. Colorado Cotton Oil Co.

A. L. Scott, who buys all the feed he can get, announces that he now has a mill and will grind maize or kaffir corn heads for the public. Mill at old skating rink. See A. L. Scott.

Plenty of hulls and meal for local trade at the oil mill. Colorado Cotton Oil Co.

The Saturday evening prince among magazines. Mrs. A. agent.

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Sole agents in Colorado

If you are numbered among our friends and customers, we thank you for your patronage and assure you of our great appreciation. We trust your custom has been merited, and hope for a continuation of same.

For all of you we have the kindest of great, good feeling and wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

Hubbard's

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AFTERMATH OF CLUBS MEETING

Great Enthusiasm on Part of the Delegates

Enthusiasm of the Meeting Has Been Caught by the Local Organization—Good Work Expected to be Done in Future

Echoes from the Club Meeting held here last week and some of the things said about Colorado are here produced.

The Merkel Mail says:—
C. W. Holcomb, secretary of the Merkel Commercial Club, attended the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs which met at Colorado City last Tuesday. He reported a grand time and says that this was the most interesting session he has ever attended. From reports of Mr. Holcomb's speech we are led to believe that Merkel received a fair representation.

The attendance was large and many subjects of vast importance to the commercial interests of West Texas were discussed. Diversification in farming was discussed at length. The secretary of the Commercial Club of Snyder community has caught the spirit of diversification and will not depend upon cotton alone for a crop in 1909.

Colorado City showed her appreciation of her guests by the royal manner in which she entertained them. It was voted to hold the next association at Seymour.

The Stamford Tribune says:—
The regular meeting of the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs, was held Tuesday of this week at Colorado City, there being about ten towns represented. The local attendance was large and there was splendid interest manifested.

At 12:30 luncheon was served the visitors by the Ladies Kindergarten Association, and this proved to be a very delightful affair, and a number of happy toasts and responses were made and the occasion proved to be an impressive one for every visitor.

After some general topics were discussed the Resolutions committee made its report. The Resolution petitioned the Legislature to establish experimental stations in Central West Texas, and to make appropriation for a more exhaustive geological survey of Texas. Resolutions also urge the farmers of this section of the state to diversify their crops, especially in the matter of raising more Kaffir corn and Milo Maize, growing more hogs and dairy cows. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the people of Colorado City, especially

the ladies for the splendid entertainment afforded, and also the press and railroads for courtesies extended.

The entire event was one of great success and interest and the Colorado City people say they were greatly benefitted by the talks that were made.

Big Springs Enterprise says:—
The Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs held its quarterly meeting at Colorado Tuesday. The attendance was fairly good and a most interesting meeting was held. In the absence of President Buie, vice-president, Reagan presided.

Those attending from here were E. Reagan, Fox Stribling, W. G. Hayden, W. E. Cope and the Rix orchestra, who furnished music for the occasion. All report a good time and a splendid meeting.

Mr. Wade was called on for a talk on Commercial Club work and spoke as follows:—

Order is Heavens first law. To undertake to manage any enterprise without order and system will prove a failure. The church that undertakes to manage its affairs in a slipshod manner will not prosper, and the same is true of any other organization and it is specially true of Commercial organization. There must be business methods employed and there must be system invoked. The greatest mistake that is made by the Commercial organization is in trying to operate without the proper funds. The average organization of this character will, with a depleted treasury, undertake to accomplish some big object, and with out the proper financial backing, it involves itself and is involved, the only course is to disband. On the other hand a well filled treasury creates confidence, holds the membership together and shows that there is something behind the organization. The time is past when the Commercial organization can exist on hot air. There must be something material in its support, and upon the liberality of the members depends the successful work of the organization.

Show me a commercial organization that is receiving the support of its membership and I will show you an organization that is doing things. The reverse of this proposition is very true. My observation is that the Fort Worth Board of Trade is the strongest in the State. I am told by its secretary that the treasury never gets as low as \$2000.00 and it is often several times that amount. The commercial organization that is lagging is the one that is poor financially. Having made these statements I would suggest the following idea of financing a Club: There should be a regular membership fee, and in my judgement it should in no case, fall below \$1.00 per member. In addition to this, the business men of the town should not only

be members, but liberal subscribers, and the more they subscribe, the more work that organization will succeed in doing. They should feel that it is an investment and not a donation, and if their subscriptions are large they will soon realize that it is an investment. In the organization that I represent, the largest subscribers are the best satisfied with the Club. They have a financial interest in it, and they make it their business to see that the money is not only collected, but it is expended in the proper manner. The knocker of the Commercial Club is as a rule, the man who pays nothing. I take the position that every man who makes his living in the town in which he lives should help support the business organizations, and I believe further that they may need to do so if he does not it is tantamount to wearing the badge of disloyalty to his town. I will go further in saying that I believe that the enterprising people of the town should practice reciprocity. At the risk of being criticised, I will make the further statement that I believe the enterprising people should support the enterprising people of the town. This is business, and I believe it is right. In other words I advocate cutting out the dead material in the town. Every Commercial organization should have regular meetings and the officers who direct the work of such organizations should have something to bring before the organization at these meetings and their inability to do so for a few times is equal to sounding the death knell of such an organization.

Business men should be at the head of business organizations and if such an organization is headed by business men it will succeed. They will adopt business methods and the whole question of business in the commercial organization will be solved. It is unfair to place the detail work of the business organization that accomplishes anything, in the hands of the secretary, and expect him to do this work without compensation. The laborer is worthy of his hire and the secretary whose services are not worth something in dollars and cents is not the man for the secretaryship. The town that is able to hire a competent man and most of them are, will find that this money is the best investment that they can make, and will bring other returns to pay the whole substance of the question of business methods of the commercial club. I would say head the organization with business men, have business men conduct its affairs, and try will conduct them on a business basis. They will employ a competent man to look after its affairs and the organization will not only survive but it will be most potent factor in the upbuilding of the town.

The Abilene Reporter says:—
Colorado the beautiful and

growing little city is today entertaining as only West Texans can, the Central West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs. Representatives to the meeting are here from Merkel, Stamford, Seymour, Abilene, Fluvanna, Snyder, Lorraine, Big Springs, Colorado, Midland and Roscoe. It may be said that this is as good a meeting, both from points of attendance and interest manifested, as has been held in many months.

The ladies of the city turned out in masse to receive the visitors and a magnificent banquet was given at one thirty, which lasted until two thirty. The opera house was utilized for this affair.

Perhaps no meeting of the association previously held showed more enthusiasm among the delegates and visitors generally, while the entertainment provided by the people of Colorado could not be excelled. The Ladies of the Free Kindergarten Association had charge of the dinner hall and no visitor was allowed to pay anything for what he ate, while the tables were simply loaded down with every good thing imaginable to tempt the appetite.

The speech of Hon. A. B. Robertson, one of Colorado's citizens, was enjoyed very much by all who heard it and furnished a striking illustration of how readily the old-time cow-man of this section is adapting himself to changed conditions and profiting thereby.

The musical program rendered by the young ladies of Colorado was simply fine, as was also that rendered by the Colorado band. After supper the visitors were taken to the moving picture show and various places of amusement.

The Colorado business men have a club room fixed up in nice, comfortable shape, equipped with domino tables, billiard and pool tables, easy chairs and everything arranged so that they can take their visitors to a place of comfort to spend an hour or so at any time of the day or evening. Something of this kind should be secured for Abilene.

The resolution committee of the association presented a set of resolutions which were unanimously adopted, calling upon the next legislature for the establishment of experimental stations in central west Texas; appropriations to the geological survey of the state; urging the farmers of this section to diversify by planting more hogs and less cotton, and thanking the citizens of Colorado for the splendid entertainment furnished.

"Colorado shows some very substantial improvements in the way of new buildings erected in the past year, and especially is this true with regard to their depot facilities. This structure is one of the handsomest on the line west of Weatherford, and is not only something nice to look at, but is comfortably and conveniently arranged on the inside."

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The Big Spring Herald says:—
The West Texas Association of Commercial Clubs held its regular monthly meeting at Colorado Tuesday. A large scope of territory was represented by delegates and the reports from each were well given and in some cases quite a surprise to those not familiar with what their neighbors were accomplishing. This gathering together exchanging ideas, outlining plans for progress which have proved successful, not only proves of benefit to those who attend these meetings but enables them to return to the profit of others those things which other sections have found profitable.

For instance we learn that Jones county gins have installed cotton hullers and as a result 4000 additional bales of cotton have been secured. This means about \$100,000 saved to the farmers of that section. Thrashers and shredders for kaffir corn and milo maize have been installed at other points, resulting in 200 cars of threshed grain being marketed and the surplus worthless maize and kaffir stalks by means of the shredders converted into good fodder. It has also been demonstrated that kaffir corn and milo are superior to corn to stock which as a result of a big commercial value placed on these crops in future. The securing of ties for the farmers in other ties has been instrumental in

airing profitable crops with failures have been regular.

The warmest kind of a reception was tendered the visitors the people of Colorado and everyone made to feel that he was thrice welcome. In addition to having a brass band meet the train on which the delegates arrived, entertainments were provided all found the stay a most pleasant one. The banquet presided over by the ladies of the Kindergarten Association was especially a treat and thoroughly enjoyed.

NEW MEXICO BARGAIN is Royal

120 acres good land in Mexico on the P. V. Ry., 7 miles south of Roswell, in the arroyo well belt and apple country, 5 miles of the new town of Cumbland. Good house, well, windmill, all fenced. Will sell at bargain or trade for Colorado property or land in Mitchell county. Will trade most any old watch. Make me an offer.

L. W. JONES, Colorado, (1-15) or THE RECORD OFFICE.

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the public that Compress receipts running from 2924-63 inclusive issued to L. Mincer have either been misplaced or stolen from the office, and we have day issued duplicate receipts blue to cover the above number marking each receipt "Duplicate" across the face of said receipts. Therefore original receipts come null and void, Oct. 31, 1908. Colorado Compress Company, Proprietor.

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Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

Table Linen
Clothes and Napkins
Silks
Silk Scarfs
Silk Shawls
Belts
Purses and Hand Bags
Fur Sets
Silk Hosiery
Kld Gloves
Ladies' Collars and Neckwear
Men's Ties, Hosiery and Gloves
Linen Handkerchiefs
Silk Handkerchiefs
Fancy Vests
Dress Shirts
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Philadelphia Call: "Miss Stewart has beauty, winsomeness, and all the qualities necessary to make Shakespeare's most delightful heroine live again."

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Special Scenery, Beautiful Costumes, A Comedy Full of the Light Side, Appeal to all Classes

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The late Robt. G. Ingersoll: "No young actress on the American stage is so eminently suited to the roles of Viola and Rosalind as Miss Stewart."

Kansas City Journal: "No star in our theatrical firmament shown with greater brilliancy than Miss Stewart. After the act her reception amounted to almost an ovation."

Lake Charles Daily Press: "Miss Stewart, than America's favorite, Miss Julia Marlowe."

MISSION BAND AND BAZAAR SALE

The Woman's Exchange held Friday and Saturday under the auspices of the Baptist Mission Band was most successful in every particular. The young men's club room had been loaned for this affair and was artistically decorated in ropes of green, with Christmas bells of red in the center of the ball room. Lar-kin's booth contained numberless kinds of soaps, perfumes and such articles. To the left of the door Mrs. J. W. Smith had a beautiful collection of plants, ferns, palms, and geraniums. Mrs. Pierce was next with all kinds of hand painted china. This was beautiful and sold very readily. Mrs. Cravens had an elegant collection of pictures and hand painted silk articles, there were scarfs, bags, pin cushions and evening cloaks, each piece was a work of art. Mrs. Cravens' ranks second among the women artists of Texas being led only by Mrs. Cherry of Houston. Her pictures would adorn any room and a number were bought by the Colorado art lovers. Mrs. Churchill had a table piled high with things from the Big Springs Baptist aid. These consisted mostly of bonnets and aprons with a few fancy articles. Mable Smith and Ella Whipkey and others sold me made candies to every- Miss Bly, as none could pass their holidays a tempting display. The Ladies of the Christian aid were in an elevated corner as they occupied the piano platform. They had quantities of dainty fancy articles that went like the proverbial hot cakes. Mesdames Har-ness, Willis Smith and Majors presided here. Mrs. L. C. Du- pree had a collection of very pretty pictures that were shown by her daughter, Miss Elinor. The Mission Band table was especially artistic and contained everything the most exacting with home-

could desire. It would be easier to tell what they did not have than what they did have in the way of articles suitable for gifts and use. Mesdames Webb and Simon, with some of their Mis- sion Band girls were always found here. Mrs. Hooper had charge of a very attractive doll and apron booth. In the billiard room lunches were served by Mesdames McKenzie, Phenix, A. L. Whipkey and Terrell. While Mesdames Landers, Gross and Dupree sold all kinds of delicious cooked foods. Crowds were out both days and in the evening and all booths did well with their wares. It was certainly an opportunity for obtaining useful and beautiful things and it is hoped that this will be continued by the Mission Band.

Philadelphia Call.—"Miss Stewart has beauty, winsomeness and all the qualities, necessary to make Shakespeare's most de- lightful heroine live again." Here tonight.

MR FOWLER IS HURT

While Mr. D. D. Fowler, Thad H. Anderson and W. W. Edwards were bringing a bunch of steers to the Katy depot to be weighed last Wednesday morning Mr. Fowler's horse in jumping up an embankment near the old Leake residence fell with him, the horn of the saddle striking him in the stomach. Mr. Fowler also re- ceived cuts on his head and his hip was badly bruised. Mr. F. W. Carrothers who was near by, assisted Messrs Anderson and Edwards to get medical assist- ance and a bus. Mr. Fowler was taken home and is now resting very well. He had quite a nar- row escape from serious injury. —Georgetown Sun.

Mr. Fowler is father of our Mrs. Bert Wulfjen and her many friends rejoice with her that the accident proved no worse.

WESTBROOK WAIFS

(Mitchell County News.)

The culverts are being put in at the street crossings and the next improvements should be in the way of grading some of our streets.

The Chinese feast at the Wood- man hall given for the benefit of the Methodist church was a financial success and a good sized crowd attended. The la- dies realized \$14.80.

The First State Bank will tem- porarily occupy the Hooper build- ing which has just been moved opposite the hotel, until the con- crete building is built for its oc- cupancy next door to C. B. Hooper's store.

Mr. George J. McKenney, one of our substantial farmers and stockraisers, killed a hog last Monday that weighed 520 pounds and its fat rendered 195 pounds of lard. Who says Mitchell county does not raise fine hogs?

G. T. Neely, a prominent citi- zen of Moody, Texas, was in our office Wednesday to pay up his subscription. He owns two sec- tions of land six miles north of latan; on which he is building two tenant houses and barn. M. Neely stated that he did not re- cognize the town when he came out this time, it having grown so much since he was here in March.

Attention is called to the good showing made by the First State Bank of Westbrook at the close of business on the 27th day of November. Its individual de- posits subject to check being \$29,518.33, is a nice business for a concern not quite a year old and in a town only one year older.

NOTE—Ladies' Suits Dry cleaned pressed \$1.00 every plait basted before being pressed. We are very prompt in turning out this work. MANUEL The Tailor.

Moeser sells it for less.

Christmas Suggestions

For Christmas Shoppers

DON'T worry about what to give your friend, sweetheart, brother, sister, mother or father. Come to our store. We have many useful and appropriate articles suitable for all ages. Below we men- tion a few as a suggestion. Some are put up in indi- vidual boxes and make very suitable gifts.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS FOR GENTLEMEN

Pure silk four-in-hand and string Ties, 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c
The newest designs, patterns and shapes, individual boxes.
Fine silk and lisle Suspenders, in eight new shades, all colors, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25 and \$1 50
Same with arm band and hose sup- porters to match put up in individual boxes. \$1 00
Silk Handkerchiefs, white, black and colored borders, 35c and 50c

Beautiful quality white initial Handkerchiefs in Christmas boxes, 6 in the box, only 85c
All colors new silk Mufflers, white, black and fancy colors, 75c, 85c, 1.00, 1.25 and \$1 50
Fancy Vests, the newest, the pret- tiest, many different colors, light and dark, put up in individual boxes, 1.50 to \$6 00
Stetson Hats and Stetson Shoes, at 5.00 and \$6 00



Christmas Suggestions for Ladies and Misses

New fancy Collars, prices 25c, 35c and 50c
New Belts, 25c and 50c
New Gloves, 25c to \$1 50
Fine lisle and silk Hose, all colors, from 25c to \$2 00
Fine silk Scarfs, 1.00 to \$3 00
Knit Scarfs and Shawls, prices 50c to \$3 00
Fancy Hat Pins, Belt Pins, Shirt Waist Sets and Belt Buckles.

Fine Furs—Nothing is more appro- priate as a gift—prices ranging from 1.50 to \$15 00
Ladies' fancy handle Umbrellas, a special values, prices are 1.50, 2.50 and \$5 00
Fine Lace Robes, prices reduced, 12.50 to \$25 00
Fine Lace Curtains, prices range from 1.00 to \$6 00
Fine soft white cotton and wool Blankets, 75c and \$2 50

DO YOU INTEND TO MAKE

Christmas Presents?

Our stock of these goods this year is the most novel and useful ever brought to West Texas. Every taste, age and purse has been considered. The appropriateness and attractiveness of each individual article appeals with persuasive force. We have on display the choicest showings in

Mantel Pictures, Toilet Sets
French and Japanese Fancy China
Fine, High Grade Dolls
Beautifully Illustrated Gift Books
Endless Assortment of Books for Children
Fine Art Calendars, Fountain Pens
Desk Sets, Fancy Ink Stans
Post Cards, Albums, etc.

We have everything that is useful, beautiful and appropriate. By com- ing early you get choice and we will keep your purchase recalled for. After seeing the goods their prices will sell them. You are cordly invited to in- spect them. And don't forget to come early.

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COMING HERE.

It is easy to claim that you have "the greatest," "the best" or "the most stupendous" show on earth; easy enough to find adjectives of this description, and you may even fool the people once, but you can't fool them all the time. A burned child is wary of fire.

The managers of Richards & Pringle's Famous Minstrels, which come to Colorado on Saturday night, Dec. 26th make the simple but broad statement that they have the best equipped minstrel show on the road.

No flowery or elephantine adjectives are necessary to get business for this company; they are too well known to be obliged to resort to such desperate and unquestionable methods. For twenty-nine years they have toured the country and their itinerary includes every city and town of note both in the United States and Canada. Their appearance is always greeted with packed houses, and after all is said and done, there is but one true critic that voices the public opinion, as a whole, and that is the box office.

Never advertise extravagantly, promise more than you give, deal honestly and give your patrons the best show ingenuity and experience can devise and your success is assured.

WAS MIXED OFTEN.

Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and direction for taking: Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture has a peculiar tonic effect upon the kidneys, cleansing the clogged-up pores of the eliminative tissues, forcing the kidneys to sift and strain from the blood the uric acid and other poisonous waste matter overcoming Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary troubles in a short while.

A druggist here who has had hundreds of calls for these ingredients since the first announcement in the newspapers

last October stated that the people who once try it "swear by it," especially those who have Urinary and Kidney trouble and suffer with Rheumatism.

All the druggists in this neighborhood say they can supply the ingredients, which are easily mixed at home. There is said to be no better blood-cleansing agent or system tonic known, and certainly none more harmless or simple to use.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church desire to thank every one, who in anyway, either in the loan of necessary articles, work or time, contributed to the success of their lunch last Friday and Saturday. They also assure the public, who so liberally patronized them, of their profound appreciation.

BAPTIST LADIES AID SOCIETY.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE

This is to notify the public that the firm of Ferguson & Person has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Ferguson retiring, and the business will be conducted under the firm of B. F. Person. All accounts due the old firm are now due and payable to B. F. Person, and B. F. Person assumes and will pay all bills made by the old firm. All the accounts of the old firm are now due and we insist that they be settled at once.

Respectfully,
W. A. FERGUSON.
B. F. PERSON.
For the old firm of Ferguson & Person.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School—10 a. m.
Preaching—11 a. m. Subject—Christmas New Law.
Junior C. E.—3 p. m.
Senior C. E.—6:30 p. m.
Preaching—7:30 p. m.—Things that make Life Worth While.
You are invited to attend and are assured a hearty welcome.
E. V. BOND, Pastor.

OUR AGENT

Mr. E. G. Langley has accepted a position with the Colorado Record and will work on the outside with the subscription list. Mr. Langley is authorized to receive and receipt for your subscription, and any courtesies shown him will be appreciated by the Record. Mr. Langley is a farmer and one of the best citizens in the Cuthbert community and will work the entire county for the paper. He worked a few days this week and turned in 36 new names. Everybody has a \$1. so when you meet him, do so with a smile and hand him your \$1.

WINSTON NEWS NOTE

Health of the community is very good at this writing.

W. D. Dill and family E. J. Leggett and family, A. C. Kidd and family, C. J. Mahoney, W. M. Mahoney, C. W. Norman and family, Johnnie Whatley, Willie Leggett, Hardy Mosely and Alvin Johnson visited at John Mahoneys.

Mrs. Sadie Truley returned Sunday after a weeks visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Mosely.

S. S. Gardner and family will move to their new home, purchased last fall close to Colorado. R. Mosely, W. M., C. J. and John Mahoney made a business trip to Snyder.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kidd, a girl.
J. W. Wemken and wife visited in Hermleigh.

Mrs. Ella Kutch visited Misses Mahoney.

Dave Caswell and family will move on Mr. Seymour's place and Mr. Wimberley will occupy the house vacated by them.

Rev. Parker filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

D. C. Hazlewood of Loraine was in our midst last week.

Clyde Edwards had the misfortune of getting his hand cut in the gin last week.

J. B. Martin of Winston was at the home of Mr. Mahoney last week.

Cheane Mosely left Sunday for Thurber, Texas.

Messrs George Wemken and Ed Mahoney were in Hermleigh Saturday. SUNSHINE.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

On last Thursday night at the home of Mr. Van Zandt, two miles east of Herbert, Rev. R. W. Thomas married two couples with the same ceremony, a rather unusual occurrence. The parties were J. C. Moon to Mrs. W. B. Robinson and J. W. Eddleman to Mrs. E. J. McCullough, all of that community. The Record offers congratulations and wishes for them all the fruition of their fondest hopes.

BUSINESS MEN AND ADVERTISERS NOTICE.

The Record has on hand 200 calendar samples that are very fine and worth from 10 to 35 cents each, we will print your ad on them and sell the lot at a very low price. If you have not bought calendars or have not enough, see samples.

Hooper's Tetter Cure

(Don't Scratch) is sold by druggists everywhere on a positive guarantee to cure Dan-druff and all Scalp Troubles, Tetter, Eczema, Itch, Ringworm, Chapped, Sunburned Face and Hands, Pimples, Itching Piles, Sore, Sweaty, Blistered Feet, Cuts, and all Irritations of the Skin. Does not stain, grease or blister. Two Sizes, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Trial Size 10c. Mailed direct, on receipt of price.

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Good Meal for 25 Cents
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Tinning, Blacksmithing, Plumbing, Woodworking, Automobile and Bicycle Repairing.

ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

For Man and Beast

Our Lap Robes and Blankets give greater warmth, give better wear, look neater and give more genuine satisfaction to the user than any yet put on the market. You cannot do better than to make a selection from our elegant stock.

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One Gala Night of Gaiety
Sweet Songs by Southern Singers
Dexterious Dances by Boys From Dixieland
A Big Ensemble of the World's Greatest Comedians

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This Season's Feature: Simon Bonomor and his Royal Arab Acrobats

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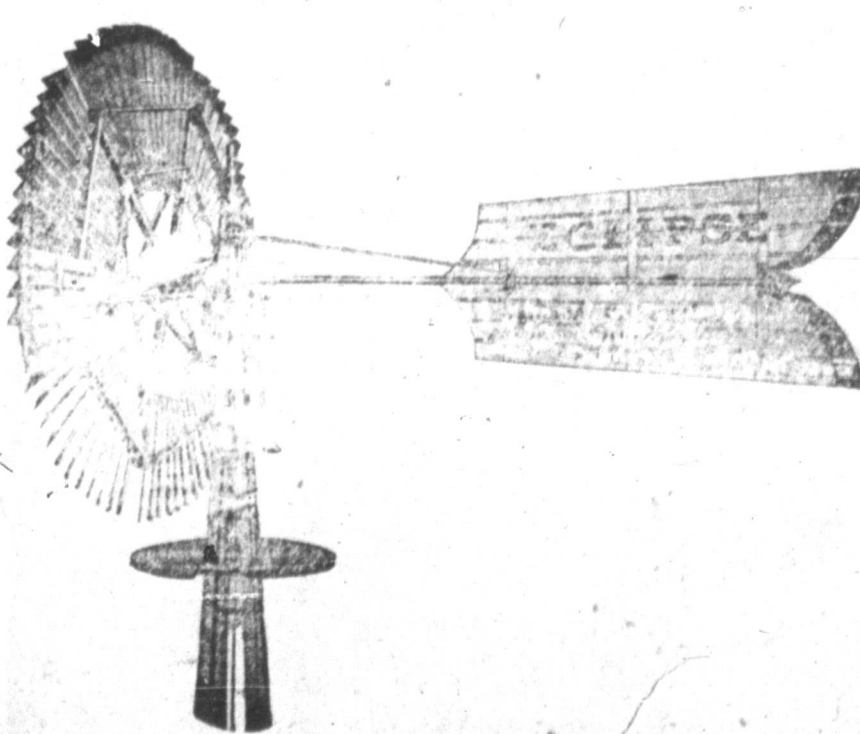


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Building thoroughly overhauled and everything is neat and clean. Table is supplied with the best the market affords. Clean and well kept rooms.

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First-Class Service Guaranteed
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Honest industrious woman wanted to introduce our large line of fancy and staple goods, waistics, trimmings etc. among friends, neighbors and townspeople. We also manufacture a full line of perfumes and toilet articles, no soaps. Should be able to earn \$20. or more weekly. Dealing direct from the mills our prices are low and patterns exclusive. No money required. Write us for full particulars. Standard Dress Goods Co., Dept. 9 Binghamton, N. Y.

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COLORADO, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908

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On January 1st 1909, our contracts with local advertisers will have expired, and no ads will appear on the first page of the Record after that date. All obituaries, Cards of Thanks, Resolutions of Respect and Personal Endorsements, will be charged for at the rate of Five Cents per line—six words to the line. Please bear the above in mind.

OUT OF PRINT.

Where's the boy with freckled face,
Of snaggle-tooth and shambling pace,
Of elephant tread,
And unkempt head—

Is he still part of the human race?

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THE CLUB REVIVED

The meeting of the Commercial Club Monday night at the Fire Hall was the most enthusiastic in its history, and the interest manifested for good work in the future. The attendance was larger than at any previous meeting, practically all the business men being there.

The most important thing done was the decision that in order to make the work of the Club specific and effective, a paid secretary must be employed, who will devote his entire time, talents and energies to the job, promoting the growth and vitality of the organization by rustling new members, collecting dues and keeping the club "up to the firing line." A special committee was appointed to look into effecting these arrangements, who will report next Tuesday night.

The sum of \$85 was appropriated to open some roads to facilitate the rural free delivery mail service. Much minor business was discussed and the Club adjourned to meet Tuesday night, fired with new zeal and a determination to do its duty in promoting the interests of the town on the democratic principle of "the greatest good to the greatest number."

It is the purpose of the Club to hold a daylight meeting early in January at the Court House, to which every farmer in the trade territory of Colorado will be urgently invited.

The Commercial Club is all right. Its reawakening occurred when the other Clubs met here last week. Its efforts heretofore have been isolated. We may confidently look for it to do things from this on. What it may do, as much as what it may not do, or has done, will not please some who are "sot agin'" anything that is not done according to their plans, ideas and interests. But, in ancient times, even in so good a work as rebuilding the temple, Zerubbabel and his faithful workers were troubled by the "hired counsellors against them, all the days of Cyrus King of Persia, even unto the reign of Darius," but it all came out right in the wringing, the temple was built just the same.

Of course it is better to boost than to knock, better to lift a load willingly than have to do it unwillingly; but had you even reflected, brother, that knocking anything that is founded on sound principles, does it about as much good as genuine boosting, and knocking is the cheapest advertising in the world. If you are opposed to a thing don't ever knock it, if you want to see it fail. In pointing out its defects and weaknesses, you are but prescribing for its betterment. When a wise man wants to hurt an enterprise, he doesn't notice it. The shallow fool runs off at the mouth both day and night, in season and out.

Baldy peak is the highest point in Texas, or the south. Its altitude of 8,382 feet is more than 2000 feet higher than the next highest point, which is Mt. Mitchell, N. C., 6,711 feet.

DO IT NOW

Order your mesquite cord wood from M. T. Crawford, \$4.50 from car. But remember that a cord best mesquite wood makes only 80 cubic feet loosely pitched in a wagon bed. I sell you 64 cubic feet of stove wood for \$3.75.

M. T. CRAWFORD.

A NOVEL NAME FOR A BABY.

A photograph just received by The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago, of a chubby miss of 18 months, demonstrates the wholesomeness of Cottolene, the vegetable oil cooking fat. Her father, A. B. McBride, manager of a large general store in Bullard, Texas, writes that she weighs thirty pounds, and that she was practically raised on Cottolene. No lard whatever is used in her household. The baby has thrived so well on food made with Cottolene that they call her "Cottolene."

Strong claims are made for the wholesomeness of Cottolene and its successful use in the diet of even an infant affords convincing proof of the purity of this—the perfect shortening.

The PERISCOPE

Our Own Observations.

The plainest victuals we eat,
Are palpably at fault,
Without a little pinch or two
Of zest-imparting salt.

Brownwood will build a five-story office building.

Work on the San Angelo federal building has begun.

The American army will begin to evacuate Cuba Jan 1st

A starving mother in Philadelphia sold her babe for \$10.

The crops of Kansas this year have surpassed all previous ones.

Taft's popular vote was 7,450,688 against Bryan's 6,450,690.

Jno. W. Gates is after a pipe line from Henrietta to Ft. Worth. Cotton receipts at Galveston passed 2,000,000 bales last week.

Abe Ruef, the San Francisco bootlegger, was convicted of bribery last week.

There will be a \$10,000 hen at the coming poultry show at Dallas in January.

"Lincoln" is the name they want for New Mexico when it becomes a state.

The last frontier dance hall in El Paso closed last week. Gone, and without a blessing.

The catholics of St. Paul, Minnesota, are building a cathedral that will cost \$5,000,000

New York money will build a great international race course at Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso.

The Orient's bridge across the Pease river is completed and Kansas City is in touch with Sweetwater.

"Eat goat meat and avoid the great white plague," is the admonition from the front in the battle with tuberculosis.

Attorney general decides the school ponds taxing in excess of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation, are valid and binding.

The proceeds from the sale of the National Red Cross Christmas stamps will be devoted to the fight against tuberculosis.

Gross earnings of the railroads of the United States during the year ending June 30, were in round numbers \$139,000,000.

A premature explosion of dynamite on the Panama canal work last week, killed 100 laborers besides doing injury to the work.

The cattle interests in Colorado are a discouraging condition. Thousands are dying on the ranges while hay is \$25 to \$30 a ton.

Prosperity in west Texas is laying around so loose and promiscuous that a prospector is likely to bark his shins in any old town.

The Lincoln Memorial is completed, built over the room in which the great martyr was born. It will be dedicated Feb. 12th, the centennial of his birth.

St. Anthony Comstock had a man arrested for selling post cards having on them a picture of a famous piece of sculpture. In dismissing the case the judge told Comstock he was too modest to take a bath.

There is a sentiment that Castro never intends to return to Venezuela. He has \$60,000,000 in European banks, and if he can't patch up things with Holland, will let Venezuela go to Old Scratch.

Texas will get a \$2,500,000 dip out of the federal pork barrel during the present raid. The boll weavils will get \$20,000 and the cow ticks \$137,000, and the common people—Oh, the common people be blowed!

When we reflect that the beaten gold alone in Solomon's 180 x 120-foot temple was worth fully \$1,000,000,000, it makes the efforts of these later day plungers to turn money into marble and mortar, look cheap and puny.

The Record will warrant that Texas legislatures could provide ways and means to enlarge its penal institutions, to send its militia on unnecessary and expensive junkets over the country, or manage any other little item of appropriation where the beneficiaries had the least influence or vote. But the demented shrieks and pitiable condition of the hundreds of lunatics now confined in county jails in association with criminals, are answered from a \$3,000,000 capitol, every two years with pleas of poverty and confessions of incompetency. If the great commonwealth of Texas will not amply provide for its helpless insane, let it delegate the humane work to its patriotic and liberal citizenship.

THE BEST.

Of Beef, Veal, Pork, Sausage, Cooked Ham, Cured Ham, Bologna, Weiners, Barbecue and Bread always on hand at

The Colorado Cold Storage Market

Prompt delivery morning and evening.
Fresh oystere. Phone No. 106. Ring.
The Market That Pleases the People.

Gilbert & Singleton Prop's

CHRISTMAS COAL

that will cook the right kind of a Christmas dinner must of necessity be right—that is, good, clean burning coal, that makes a hot fire and one that can be regulated to suit. This is not the common, dirty, smoky kind that some dealers furnish, but coal that has been selected from a good mine, and then screened and picked over. Such is the coal sold by



W. J. PRITCHETT & SON
COLORADO, TEXAS

Oak Wood AND Lump Coal

Plenty of Oak Wood, Stove Wood and Blocks, \$7.50 per cord; half \$3.75. Genuine McAllister Lump Coal.

M. T. CRAWFORD

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE COOK



The best of Meats and Poultry can be had at the Palace Meat Market for this occasion. Our meats are the very best that can be had, so no one can have any better. Try one of our prime roasts of beef or a brace of fine roasting chickens. We know if you do, you will always deal here.

THE PALACE MARKET

C. L. GRABLE, Prop.

Phone No. 96.

LUMBER YARD

Mr. Editor: One of my competitors says he has "the middle man knocked out." Too bad, isn't it? Another says he is "selling very cheap." Ah, the third one says he "can save you money." My, my, Mr. Editor, what is left for me to say, only that I

HANDLE THE BEST OF LUMBER AND WILL NOT BE UNDERSOLD

As to a windmill it's a fact, all others must go 'way back To get a seat, and have cold feet, for the Challenge has them beat

C. C. GRAVES THE RELIABLE LUMBERMAN

DR. BROILES

THE OLD RELIABLE DOCTOR. OLDEST IN AGE AND LONGEST LOCATED. REGULAR GRADUATE IN MEDICINE.

WE OFFER YOU THE LARGEST AND VALUABLE EXPERIENCE OF THE LONGEST ESTABLISHED

AND MOST RELIABLE SPECIALISTS IN NERVOUS, CHRONIC AND PRIVATE DISEASES.

All medicines furnished ready for use—no mercury or injurious

medicines used. No detention from business. Cases not too complicated treated by mail and express. Medicines sent everywhere free from cost or breakage. No medicines sent C. O. D. unless instructed. Charges low. Thousands of cases cured. State your case and send for terms. Consultation free and confidential, in person or by letter. Call or write to-day. Don't delay.

Radically cured without severe operation. No pain. No exposure. No chafing. No detention from business. My book fully explains this disease, and how to be cured.

Phylis, that terrible disease in all its forms and stages, cured for life. Blood purifying, skin diseases, rashes, swellings, sores, ulcers, etc., and all forms of private diseases, cured to stay cured.

Piles, fistula and hemorrhoids cured by painless and bloodless methods.

Varicose veins, causing nervous debility, weakness of the nervous system, etc., permanently cured by the latest and improved methods.

Kidney, Bladder and Prostatic Diseases, successfully treated and permanently cured without the knife.

Phimosis, see book—cured in a few days without pain.

DR. BROILES MEDICAL INSTITUTE, 702½ Main St., (2nd Floor) Cor. 6th & Main Sts., FT. WORTH, TEXAS.

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THE RECORD STILL GROWS

The Record will easily reach the mark the management set to attain six months ago, in its circulation, with a regular solicitor in the field, in the person of E. G. Langley, the 2000 paid subscribers will be on the list by January 1st. Its friends have done the work, for which we are profoundly grateful. During the past two weeks we have added the following. Nearly all of them being new names.

G. F. Gault Colorado.
T. E. Flowers "
S. H. Witten "
Chas. C. Wyatt "
Rev. J. R. Henson "
W. W. Allison "
Wm. T. Jewell "
Q. D. Hall "
Simeon Shaw "
Gus Bernier "
Chas. Adams "
H. D. Hargrove "
Tom Stoneroad "
Fred Meyer "
W. T. Rogers "
Tom Evatt "
A. W. Johnson "
M. C. Witten "
F. L. Aycock "
C. T. Harness "
J. W. Bird "
W. B. Crockett "
W. P. Ruddick "
J. F. McGill "
R. L. Spaulding "
J. Maurer "
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Harvey Means "
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J. W. Harvey "
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S. H. Huffman "
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J. W. Woodard Fort Worth
W. B. Melver Oklahoma
Earl Vaughan Van Horn
Wm. Sosebee Buford
H. H. Dailey Dunn
W. R. Birmingham Buford
Joe Green Ratliff
M. A. Churchill Big Springs
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W. A. Coggin Post City
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Mrs. H. A. Nichols Mexico
R. N. McIntyre Loraine
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D. M. Vinson "
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J. B. Scurlock "
S. H. Hart "
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Jerry W. Walker "
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G. W. Womack "
D. T. Bozeman "
W. C. Westfall "
J. H. Holley "
L. V. McCauley "
G. W. Williams "
Rev. W. H. Clem "
W. R. Womack "
J. N. Doak "
W. J. Tucker "
J. A. Lutton "
M. A. Cleveland "
C. F. Manning Westbrook
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E. S. Hudson "
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A. B. Hines "
R. L. Wilson "
Dr. H. A. Gilliam "
J. N. Tipton "
J. N. Conaway "
J. T. Adams "
J. G. Tackett "
N. C. Brewer "
W. R. Patterson "
H. L. May "
W. J. Clinton "
W. E. McKinney "

A total of 100, all good substantial citizens and new readers of the Record.

GEORGIA MINSTRELS.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Amusement is as necessary to the welfare of humanity as labor.

To the brain-fagged business man, overworked clerk and drudging housewife, no form of amusement appeals as does the Minstrels. Their fun is natural, spontaneous and exhilarating free from rant and theatrics.

Undoubtedly the best known and popular minstrel organization before the public to-day is Richards & Pringle's, which appear at Colorado on Saturday night, Dec. 26th.

Each year they bring a brand new show, and each year the show seems a little better than their previous visit. There are a lot of new faces this season, but Clarence Powell still heads the fun fountain. They are forty in number, and every one of them is an artist.

There is a band of twenty and an orchestra of ten; and such a band and orchestra, well, they're worth going a long way to hear.

There will be a big parade at noon, and a free concert in front of the theater at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Chas. C. Wyatt, the vehicle man, offers 10 per cent discount off on all vehicles bought of him in December.

The Record's Subscription Books are open to our advertisers.

City Market

Gives you the kind of Steak that you want and cuts it just as you request it cut.

We have no cold storage vaults, but meats taken from our ice box will keep longer in the open air than stored meat which promptly disintegrates.

We ask for a reasonable part of your patronage.
ELLIS & BROADBENT
Phone No. 117

Farm Implements

Have just received carload of Farm Implements, embracing Disc Plows, Stalk Cutters, etc., which we are going to sell

At Very Reasonable Prices

We Are Still Selling

Stoves at Cost

These are the Famous Bridge & Beach Stoves, Cookers and Heaters. I am going to quit handling stoves and will close out this car load at actual cost. Also a small stock of shelf HARDWARE goes in this sale at cost. I am going to discontinue this line of goods, too.

Groceries Cheap as the Cheapest

We meet all competition in groceries, and sell as cheap as any advertised special sales. We carry a large and complete line of groceries, and you can always get your grocery wants filled at our store.

We Want What You Owe Us

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me must come in and make some kind of settlement, as I must have my money. From this date my books are closed, and goods in this sale go for cash only.

Y. D. McMURRY

THE OLD RELIABLE

For the CASH we save you nearly HALF

What to Give for Christmas

A BEAUTIFUL DAVENPORT Sofa Bed \$20 to \$60	An Ostermoor, Sealy or White Swan Mattress	A PRINCESS DRESSER in Oak, Mahogany Tuna and Bird's Eye Maple
A NICE Parlor Suit \$30 to \$75	A Handsome Set of Dining Chairs	A ROYAL MORRIS Chair The Push Button Kind

H. L. RIX & CO.

MISSION - SHEPHERD ITEMS

Everything in general moving nicely enough and the Fridayers rejoicing over the beautiful sunshine and warm weather as it enables them to make every progress with their cotton picking.

Health of our neighborhood is good, as we know of only one case of sickness and that of Miss Josie Aldridge and we learn that she is improving very rapidly.

We regret to report it but our Sunday school has gone dead. Bro. Wheeler, of Colorado as superintendent, having resigned his office on last Sunday afternoon on account of the non attendance of the parents and children of this community.

It does seem just a little bit strange to us that we can neither have a Sunday school or singing class at Shepherd, when there are so many young people around here.

Guess our Mission Band will die next.

Bro. Shuford filled his appointment last Sunday and was greeted by a very good sized audience. He also left a regular appointment for the second Sunday in each month.

We are expecting a good time at the first quarterly conference of the Colorado Mission, the 16th at Shepherd.

Several of the young folks of Shepherd community attended singing at Mr. Atkinson's near Colorado last Sunday night and if reports be true some of the boys got very "badly stuck" on some of those east Colorado girls. Remember boys this is "leap year". So let the girls have a chance, for you know it will soon be 1908 no more and then you can get busy and keep busy for the next four years.

Several of our folks enjoyed a musical entertainment at James M. College's last Saturday night, all with report a nice time.

Miss Flossie Lewis, of near Colorado visited her cousin, Miss Winnie House last Saturday night and Sunday. Miss Winnie accompanying her home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn of Loraine visited their daughter, Mrs. Anthony White last Sunday. They also attended services at the school house Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. House visited the former's mother, Mrs. Bettie House last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie House visited Mrs. Gault Thursday of last week and they together visited Mrs. Aldridge in the afternoon.

Messrs. Willie D. House and Oral Lucas "swapped" meals with each other last Sunday.

J. M. O'Donnell was a pleasant visitor at Rev White's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelton gave their young friends a singing last Sunday night.

Several of the young folks of Looney Chapel and Seven Wells communities attended the "funeral services" of Shepherd Sunday school last Sunday afternoon.

Ernest Higgins, who has been visiting his cousin Louis Higgins left last Friday for his home in Coke county.

Jack Mulligan and family left Monday night for their old home in Tennessee.

It is reported that Louis Higgins, "the leading stockman" of Shepherd has sold his herd of fine cattle. Wonder what he is going to do now? We would guess but are afraid to venture.

We suspect some girl better "lookout" for Bob House was at the entertainment Saturday night. Guess he is beginning to realize that this year is almost gone.

We wish to thank the Loraine correspondent for all those good wishes, and will say that truly we do believe in giving the flowers to the living, more so than placing them upon the graves of the departed ones, though we

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often do both. But generally speaking "Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver." So if we have a word of encouragement let's give it to the living ones.

With best wishes to all we are as ever BRIGHT EYES.

MAY STEWART

The announcement of Miss May Stewart and her excellent company will appear at the opera house, Friday night, Dec. 18, is arousing considerable interest among play-goers of Colorado and neighboring towns, especially the lovers of classic drama.

The offering will be an elaborate production of "Twelfth Night", the most amusing comedy Shakespeare ever wrote, and should appeal to all classes. Even the "Gallery Gods" should welcome Miss Stewart's coming in "Twelfth Night". In speaking of Miss Stewart's performance in Paducah, Ky., recently the Press News of that city said: The annual opening of the "Kentucky" was a grand success from point attendance and the quality of the attraction. Miss May Stewart in the Shakespearean was all that she had been herald-

ed, she has grace and beauty and power all three in the highest degree and her acting brought forth repeated applause from her magnificent audience. This was Miss Stewart's first appearance in Paducah and has won a warm spot in the hearts of "The Kentucky". The company was well balanced and the management of "The Kentucky" is to be congratulated on securing such an attraction for their opening number. Unless all signs fail Miss Stewart may expect a crowded house in Colorado.

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OLD TIME ZOOLOGY.

The Queer Insects Lawson Discovered in North Carolina.

In the Raleigh state library is an interesting old volume presented by President Madison in 1831. This quaint book is the first history of North Carolina, written in 1741 by "John Lawson, Gent," a surveyor general of the lords proprietors. The history is well worth reading, but perhaps the most entertaining portion of its many pages is that in which Mr. Lawson describes the flora and fauna of the new country. He is evidently the ancestor of the railway conductor who decided that, according to the rules of the road, "dogs is dogs and cats is dogs, but turtles is insects."

"We will next treat of Beasts," says the historian. "The chief are the Buffalo, or Wild Beef; the Tiger; the Beaver; and the Bearmouse. The Buffalo is a Wild Beast of America which has a Bunch on his Back. These moose are found to weigh (as I am informed by a Traveller of Credit) from 1100 to 2400 weight."

"The Bat or Bearmouse is the same as in England. I have put this among the Beasts as partaking of both the Nature of the Bird and the Mouse. Now I shall proceed to the known insects of the Place."

"Insects of North Carolina: Alligators, Rattlesnakes, Frogs, Vipers, Tortoises, Terebin, Rottenwood Worms (etc.)." "The Alligator is the same as the Crocodile. After the Tail of the Alligator is removed from the Body it will move freely for several Days. I have named these among the Insects because they lay Eggs, and I did not know well where else to put them."

TO SELL GINS

Winfield Scott Will Sell His String Throughout the State.

It is the desire of Winfield Scott to be known as the "hotel king of the Southwest." This desire Mr. Scott announced to a party of his friends last week while in Fort Worth for a few hours en route from a trip to one of his numerous gins to his ranch.

"I am going to have the largest hotel in the Southwest," announced Mr. Scott. He intends to make the Metropolitan, to which two stories is to be added, meet this requirement.

"If anybody else builds a bigger hotel than this, I'll make it still bigger or build a bigger one and go him one better," announces Mr. Scott.

It is understood that Mr. Scott intends to dispose of all of his cotton gins, of which he has a large number throughout the State, and use this money in the extension of the Metropolitan building. The gins require so much of Mr. Scott's attention that he has decided to dispose of all of them so that he can remain at home and look after other matters that require his attention. - Ft. Worth Star.

WORTH WAITING FOR.

Manager Payne of the Colorado Opera House has been successful in securing Richards & Pringle's Famous Minstrels for Saturday night, Dec. 26th.

This is the last chance you will have to see this dusky band of entertainers for some time, as they go abroad next season for an extended tour.

The personnel of the company this season includes such well known names as Clarence Powell, Pete Woods, Happy Beauregard, Fred Simpson, William Robson, Billy King, J. W. Cooper, Alonzo Moore, Sidney Kirkpatrick, Charley Scott, Marsh Craig, Ben Johnson and a host of others. The beautiful new electrical First Part, "The meeting of the Alumni," is a radical departure in minstrelsy, aeons and aeons beyond anything attempted by competitors, really it is the acme of perfection. There is a big singing and dancing act, "Plantation Pastimes," in which the full strength of the company appear. Cooper and his wooden headed family keep the audience in roars of laughter. Clarence Powell, the corpulent comedian, who talks about his family, has several new ones for you to think over.

Moore, a Hindu importation, has an act the like of which you have never seen before. Craig is as big a mystery as ever, and the beautiful and screamingly funny musical burletta, "When the Troop Struck Town," is along entirely new lines.

The parade will occur at noon.



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THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Supt. Robt. M. Webb, in December Number of the Messenger

The end of another year is upon us, and the Superintendent feels it has been a blessed and most enjoyable one, so far as the Sunday school is concerned. The most pleasant part of my work has been the hearty co-operation and faithful work of our officers and teachers. The result of their work can be seen in the growth of our school. The prophecy in the October Messenger has come true. We have 304 on the roll and Sunday Dec. 6, 253 were in attendance. I take this opportunity of thanking all the officers and teachers for their loyal support. The Superintendent appreciates the pastor taking his place on the platform for the opening and closing exercises. Mr. M. C. Ratliff our assistant Superintendent has shown an exceptional interest in the work of the school, leading them every Sunday in reading the lesson. He has also made it possible for us to have the best Christmas gifts we have ever enjoyed. Not only has he given his time and good name, but has opened his pocket-book as well, advancing something like \$90.00 so that our school might take advantage of cash discounts. We appreciate his efforts and thank him for his timely help.

Then our organist, Mrs. Rob't. Terrell not late a single time during the entire year, and only absent once when obliged to remain in Westbrook on account of the weather. Not many schools have such a faithful worker in this line as we are blessed with.

Our treasurer Mr. O. P. Ford and our secretary Mr. Leftwich Shepherd, deserve no small credit for the part they have had in our success. Their positions are responsible ones, and make them sacrifice every thing else to be in their places on Sunday

mornings, which they seem glad to do—our records and finances are kept in good shape. Then there is the library, of which Mr. Robert Shepherd has charge assisted by Wyles Everett and Otis Neal. This is no small task and requires constant care and thoughtfulness to keep track of all books, replace worn-out covers, and keep up with all details which they do so well.

The Home Department, Mrs. F. E. McKenzie, Superintendent, is another most important branch of our work, and takes patience and considerable hard work to make it succeed. Having 50 in the Home Department and over 65 on the Cradle Roll, takes a great deal of her time, which she gives with so much freedom, never complaining of the many discouragements which I know she meets with.

The Onesiphorous Band, organized by Dr. Neal, has grown to over 35 members (all men)—the sheet-anchor of the school and the pride of the Superintendent to have this large number of grown men attending Sunday school. And this added to the class of ladies in charge of Mrs. Holmes Nichols makes two large Bible classes which not many schools have, and is an inspiration to the entire school.

The Messenger Service boys; what would we do without them, they show such an interest in everything, putting up and taking down the curtains, and making themselves generally indispensable in "helping" before the school opens. Most of them are there and to work every Sunday by 9:30.

And the Lookout committees who write to their classmates and look after the general interest of their several classes. One of their duties is to ask all who will to remain to church service. Their work has been a big part in building up the school

and making everybody happy.

Last, the teachers. What shall I say to you. It ALL belongs to you. Never did a Superintendent have such a loyal band of teachers. I can not find words to express my appreciation and thankfulness to you, for without your help the school would be poor indeed. A Sunday School can get along without a Superintendent, but where is the school that can succeed without faithful teachers. To you belongs the credit and to you all credit is given. "Virtue is its own reward" and this must be your compensation. The satisfaction of work well done.

And as to the scholars, where in this big world are there such another body of children as we have and what a sacred charge it is to have the guiding of these children into right paths and fit them for the temptations of life.

"Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea."

And so the year closes. Who would have had it otherwise? Not I.

TREASURERS REPORT.

RECEIPTS.
Amount of money on hand Jan. 1st '08..... 11.97
Total amount collected this year..... 338.14

Total..... \$350.11

PAID OUT.

S. S. Periodicals..... 121.10
Buckner Orphans Home..... 52.07
Printing..... 51.85
Library Fund..... 50.00
Home Missions..... 5.00
State Missions..... 5.00
Mitchell Co. S. S. Association..... 5.00
Incidental Expenses..... 19.56

Total..... \$309.58

Balance on hand (\$80.35 of this is building fund)..... 40.53

Total..... \$350.11

O. P. FORD, Treasurer.

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HOUSING MEETING OF THE CLUB

Plans for Another Year Discussed.
Better Organization Effected—
Greater Enthusiasm.

On Monday night the Colorado Commercial Club met and was called to order by its president, Robt. M. Webb, J. Max Thomas, secretary, was at his place and a number of leading business men and farmers filled the hall.

The object of the meeting was the discussion of ways, means, men and methods looking to better and greater work during next year for both town and county.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the treasurer reported \$115 on hand.

The question of the route to Winston was discussed, and Mr. Hazzard reported that it would cost \$83 to open the roads necessary to secure the route.

Collector Gross was sick, but his report showed \$120 uncollected. The following became new members: S. T. Shropshire, C. E. Spruill, Green Delaney, W. P. Ruddick, A. L. Scott, M. C. Ratliff, W. A. Lowder and several others.

Interesting short talks were made by C. H. Earnest, W. B. Crockett, Ed W. Smith, W. H. Goodwin, and others. All spoke of what other towns were doing and thought it time Colorado was moving out and getting busy. The Commercial Club must wake up and get to work.

C. M. Adams was called upon and sounded the key note when he said that ever since the meeting of the Association of Commercial Clubs last week, he had been thinking about club work and had reached the conclusion that the Colorado Club could do nothing without a paid secretary, who should be well paid and good work expected of him. Mr. Adams moved a subscription to this end be opened and began it with \$10 per month. Judge Earnest seconded the motion with

another \$10. The motion prevailed, and subscriptions aggregating \$79.50 per month for a period of 12 months, were pledged in a few minutes.

A committee of three was appointed to solicit further subscriptions to the end that at least \$250 per month for a year may be provided to prosecute the enlarged purposes of the club. P. C. Coleman, C. H. Earnest, and J. Max Thomas, are the soliciting committee, and a better one is not to be found. They are at work and will report next Tuesday night.

The following communication was read before the club:

Big Springs, Tex., Dec. 8, '08.
Judge W. B. Crockett,
Colorado, Texas.

My Dear Sir:— I am working to organize a district fair, the district to include the counties of Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Glasscock, Sterling, Midland and Ector. I want you to think the matter over and talk it over with your people and then write me and tell me if you will join me in having one of the best shows anywhere. One county alone can not do much, but the ten named can accomplish much, at small cost to each. The county seats of five of the counties are on the railroad and the location could be given to the highest bidder.

I am not selfish in naming only ten counties, but all could come in that wished. We could organize with ten and take in more afterward. Would be glad to hear from you at earliest convenience, after seeing what you can do.

Sincerely yours,
E. M. RILEY.

The above matter was left open for future consideration.

Quite a number of good talks were made by Messrs. Ruddick, Watson, Lowder, Shropshire, M. C. Ratliff, Dr. Coleman and others on the needs of the town and country. It was decided to meet again next Tuesday night and it was also decided to hold a meeting some time early in January at the Court House or

opera house in the day time say about 2 o'clock p. m., and invite all the farmers and urge them to attend. It is not the mission of the Club to work for Colorado only but to work for the farmers' interest as well.

If the desired amount of \$250 per month is raised, the Secretary will be paid about \$100, which will leave \$150 per month for the club to work with. The duties of the secretary was discussed some. It will be necessary for him to open up an office, secure a good agricultural display attend to the advertising of the county, represent the leading daily papers in the way of correspondence etc., meet strangers and entertain them while in Colorado, in fact be a sure enough bureau of information for everybody. The Club meets again next Tuesday night be sure and attend.

BIDS ARE ASKED

Postmaster Hazzard informs us that bids will be received up to and including Jan. 5th on the following routes:

Colorado to Cuthbert via Teville.

Colorado to Durham via Buford, Dunn, Ira, Sharon and Knapp.

Contractors must carry the mail on these bids until June 30, 1910. Parties wishing to make bids can get blanks at the post office.

SPECIAL POLICE NOTICE

This is to notify the public that the explosion of any and all fire works is strictly forbidden during the holidays, especially within the fire limits of the city of Colorado, and within the limits of Precinct No. 1, under penalty provided by law.

FRED MYERS,
Justice Peace Precinct No. 1.

Col. Jake McCall of Ft. Worth is looking after his interests here this week.

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A. J. PAYNE

MISSION 1 SHEPHERD **Loraine Department.**

Everything in the city is rejoicing. The weather is so nice. The budget of news from our surprising neighbor to the East.

BY MISS IRENE GARLAND.

for Health of MANY FRIENDS.

As we announce that we have sold our lumber yard to the Josie Amber Co., and take this opportunity of reaching our friends by customers, to extend to them our thanks and best wishes for their loyal patronage and influence and will say to those knowing themselves indebted to the firm, they will do us a great favor by calling at once and settling their note or account as we are needing the money, to meet our obligations. Yours truly,
HALL & WIMBERLY.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We wish to say that the Hall & Wimberly lumber yard has been sold to the Buell Lumber Co. and the undersigned, as they will remain with the new firm, desire to thank their many friends for past favors and patronage, and solicit and will appreciate a continuance of your future trade and influence for the new firm, we expect to carry a more complete stock of everything that is carried in a first class lumber yard, and thereby be better equipped to offer you accommodations and we ask that you call on us when in need of anything. Generally carried in the lumber yard.

Wishing for you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous year of 1909, we are

respectfully yours,

J. R. HALL,
J. L. LONG.

Little Rivers Copeland has been among the sick ones, but better, we are glad to state.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flaniken, Misses Lela Pratt and Oma Gregg Tim Garland and James Garnett spent Wednesday evening very pleasantly in Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Donnahoo and children attended the play at Roscoe Saturday night.

Mr. Templeton has bought Mr. Hilliard's interest in the firm of Hilliard & Boone. The style of the firm is now Boone & Templeton.

Miss Ethel Thomas is home again from a pleasant visit to friends at Winston.

Miss Daisy Dees was hostess of the Round Table which held its regular meeting, Tuesday evening Dec. 15. Sketches of the characters in Merchant of Venice were given, Miss McMurray, "Portia"; Miss Daisy Dees, "Duke of Morocco"; Miss Merrell, "Antonio"; Miss Pratt, "Shylock"; Miss Garland, "Neressa"; Miss Mewshaw, "Bascaneno"; Miss E. Garland, "Jessica." The minor characters were orally discussed. Many interesting historical facts were brought to light. The meeting was a delightful and instructive one. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 22 with Miss Gregg as hostess.

Dr. and Mrs. Henthorn were welcome visitors in Colorado last week.

Miss Willie Hall entertained the Sunday school study club at class meeting, at her pretty home, Friday evening. After the business was all attended a contest game was had in which each one was given a song and requested to illustrate it. The

peals of laughter gave evidence of how the young people were enjoying the game and when judgement was passed it was found that Miss Pearl Porter and Grady McRae were to cut for the prize, Mr. McRae being the lucky one it was awarded to him. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were daintily served by the hostess assisted by her charming sister, Mrs. J. Lindsay Long. The study club meets once a month and much benefit and pleasure is derived from the meetings.

Mrs. J. H. Briscoe was a shopper in Colorado Friday.

N. M. Ward has bought the City meat market from Spikes & Seymour and will take charge January 1st.

Earl Jackson of Colorado was a guest in the city Sunday.

Miss McCarty visited her home folks at Roscoe Sunday.

Misses Christine McMurry and Mary Gregg visited friends in Roscoe from Friday till Sunday afternoon.

Ross Gregg and Cornet Wimberly visited in Colorado Sunday.

Rev. Irving, who is pastor of the Methodist church for the present year preached his first sermon to a large congregation Sunday. Judging from these sermons we have a minister who is a devout christian gentleman, who will accomplish much good during his stay with us.

C. P. Gary and family have moved to the Holly cottage in east Loraine. Miss Vera who has been ill so long is again among her young friends.

Mrs. W. T. and George Bridgen spent Thursday shopping in Colorado.

Hall and Wimberly have sold their lumber yard to F. T. Buell of Dallas. This is one of the best known firms in Loraine, having been in business ever since Loraine has been called a town.

Cornet Wimberly has accepted a position at the lumber yard formerly owned by Hall and Wimberly.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ridens have moved to their new home on Guinn Heights. Mr. Ridens recently purchased the place from Ed Hall who has moved near Colorado.

Clarence Stewart, of DeKalb, Texas arrived Wednesday night and is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Elbridge Keller. Mrs. Keller is in very ill health and will accompany her brother on his return home.

Misses Daisy and Starkie Dees accompanied by W. C. Brown spent Monday shopping in Colorado.

One of the jolliest parties that ever left a village was the one which left Loraine Saturday for Roscoe, where the "Loraine dramatic club" played "Dot".

The company left town about five-thirty and reached the Roscoe hotel about one hour later, where an elegant supper was waiting and to which each member did ample justice, the long drive having sharpened their already keen appetites. About 8:30 a good audience gathered and Dr. Henthorn made a nice opening address in which he highly complimented the play and the players, assuring them that it beat the "Devil," which came to Loraine just after the new opera house was completed. Notwithstanding the poor lights, improvised stage and other disadvantages, the play was a success, each character exerting himself to make it so. The music was especially good. Miss Dees and Mrs. King being encored again.

Miss Dees performance on the violin cannot be excelled in Texas, and the audience went wild with applause of her beautiful vocal solos. The drive home through the moonlight was

a happy ending to a delightful evening.

Among those who attended the play at Roscoe Saturday night were Misses Lightfoot, Hall, Porter, Gregg, Dees, Messrs Hill, Garnett, Childress, Brown, Jackson, Stewart Whatlington, McRae, Hall, Hendrickson, Barclay, Porter, Bird, and a number of others whose names we did not secure.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Winnie Davis, of Loraine to Mr. Henry Zellner, of the Zellner community, Dec. 23, at the Methodist church. These young people are well known in and around Loraine and their many friends wish for them everything that is good. Miss Winnie is a special favorite of all and had Mr. Zellner searched Texas over he could not have found a sweeter, more devout christian lady.

Marshal Hollingsworth of Big Springs spent a few hours in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smiley, who recently moved to the west are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smiley.

The Ladies Home Mission have opened their bazaar and special sale of beautiful things for Christmas. The bazaar is being held in the store of Holmes & Haygood and the good ladies invite all to come and purchase.

The Ladies Home Mission society held its regular meeting at the church Monday afternoon at 3:30.

A. L. Graze has returned from a business trip to Ennis.

A merry crowd of Loraine's young sports took a flying trip to Roscoe, Monday night. There was no special reason for the trip except they just wanted a "lark" and each one reports a fine time. They only stayed in the city about one half hour, but long enough to send cards back to their sweethearts.

By special request of the W. O. W. and I. O. O. F. and numerous others in Loraine, "Dot the Miner's Daughter, or One Glass of Wine" will be repeated at the Loraine opera house, Christmas night. Seats on sale at Stowe's drug store. The play has met with the hearty approval of all both in Loraine and Roscoe. New songs, new costumes, new specialties, excellent music and a "plum" good time. Everybody come out and laugh, and its home folks too.

A Mexican woman was shot in the knee at Higginbotham ranch last week and badly wounded by a Mexican who had been her sweetheart before her marriage. She was picking cotton and the man came into the field and without a word opened fire with a pistol. The woman's husband saw what was happening and knocked the pistol downward thus saving her life. The man escaped. Medical aid was summoned and the woman is doing as well as can be expected.



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For every dollar you trade with us you get a number. The doll has a number and the one getting the number will get her free on Jan. 1st

Christmas

Is and should be the most sacred day of the year. The time when we should be happy, and make all others around us happy. We should keep this day holy, but at the same time rejoice and do all in our power to make all the gifts we can and thereby cause others to be happy and rejoice.

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Cut Glass, Rogers' Silverware, Hand Painted China and Jewelry to all kinds of Toys down to the cheapest

We guarantee everything to be as represented. Don't buy until you see our goods. Space forbids naming the various articles we have

We Will Pay Your Railroad Fare if you trade ten dollars with us and have not come more than twenty-five miles

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LORAIN, TEXAS

Seven Days of KARNIVAL

At the Loraine Mercantile Co.'s Store

FROM NOW UNTIL

Thursday, Dec. 24th

== AT MIDNIGHT ==

LADIES' CLOAKS

Cost but little money. Five dollar Cloaks now \$3.48, \$10.00 and \$12.00 values only \$7.89. Children's Jackets worth \$2.00 and \$2.50 go for \$1.39. Then we have cheaper and better ones. Ladies' \$2.50 Skirts \$1.39, \$5.00 Skirts \$2.69, \$7.00 and \$7.50 values only \$4.89. It's the time of your life to buy

DRESS SKIRTS

MEN'S HATS

Are sold at such ridiculously low prices that you can't afford to let this chance pass by. One lot at 79c that couldn't be duplicated for double the money. \$5 J. B. Stetson Hats \$3.98. \$6.00 Stetson Hats \$4.89. Four dollar Thoroughbred Hats \$2.79, and a big lot of mens hats

\$2.00 VALUES 98c

The Greatest Era of Red-Hot Selling

Ever known in Texas, will continue for seven days more. Thursday night, December 24th winds up the sale that has made this store the center of trade for all the country round. We are going to make the last days the banner days of the sale. Days that will be remembered for months to come. It will be a slaughter straight from the shoulder. We must dispose of the goods and are making prices to sell them. Prices will be knocked another notch. It is for the benefit of the people of Loraine and surrounding country. They will come on every train; the roads will be lined with vehicles all headed for the big store at Loraine. The people have heard the news, they have read the signs and want to reap the harvest. All the great values made heretofore will be in full force, others will be added. The prices on shoes will be hammered down another notch. Prices on ladies cloaks, jackets, skirts and ready-to-wear goods of all kinds, and millinery of all descriptions have been cut in two. Every article in the store is a bargain of the biggest kind. It means dollars to you and there is but a short time to gather in the harvest. "Procrastination is the thief of time." Don't hesitate. Round up your neighbors and come at once. Come altogether.

Goods in Many Lines Practically Given Away

The last seven days will be days of surprises. Bargains innumerable will be placed out on the CUT AND SLASH COUNTERS. The house will be ransacked from top to bottom. Prices will be made and values offered not within the ken of mortal man. It will be the hottest time this country ever saw. WE SHALL EXPECT YOU ALL. We are making prices that makes everybody our friend because we give them high grade merchandise for less money than trash can be bought for elsewhere. Don't overlook the big snaps in BLANKETS; no such values were ever shown for the money. Those we sell for 69c pair would be cheap for a dollar, and we've got COMFORTS stuffed with pure cotton that don't cost more than trashy ones elsewhere.

SANTA CLAUS

WILL MAKE HEADQUARTERS AT OUR STORE FROM NOW UNTIL THURSDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 24th, AND WILL MAKE REDUCED RATES, AND HAVE ON DISPLAY A BIG LINE OF

Dolls, Toys, Fire Crackers, Toilet Sets, Glove Boxes, Albums, Fascinators, and Many Christmas Things.

SUPERB BARGAINS IN HOLIDAY GOODS

DO YOUR HOLIDAY BUYING HERE

In our MILLINERY department dollars will do wonders. All our trimmed hats must be closed out and prices are cut square in two. Don't you want some of those 75c and \$1.00 Silks at 39c yd. Fancy wool Suitings worth 85c and \$1.00 at 59c yd. 20c Waistings at 9c yd. 75c Mohair at 39c yd. Standard Calico at 39c yd. 10c Percales at 6c yd. 20c Ticking at 14c yd. 10c Bleached Muslin at 7c yd. A good one 4c yd. 6c and 7c Apron Check Gingham at 4c yd. Cotton Checks 4c yd. King's Famous Thread 2c spool. 12c Outings at 8c yard. Cotton Flannels, Fleece Goods, Denims and everything in Dress Goods cut to a finish, and you will find tremendous bargains in

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES

You have got only seven more days in which to buy HOSIERY at these sacrifice prices. Why not fit the children out with a few pairs of those 20c Stockings at 11c pr. Another lot worth 15c for 7c pr. Ladies' fast black Hose for 7c pr. The heavy fleeced kind worth 25c for 14c pr. Men's 10c Sox 6c pr. 25c fancy Sox 16c pr. A big lot 50c, 75c and \$1.00 Corsets 29c. Ladies' Golf Gloves at 23c and 43c pr., worth 35c and 50c wherever you go. A fine selection of LADIES' NECKWEAR at sale prices. Save money on Fascinators, Belts, Ribbons, etc. BARRELS OF RIBBONS at 3c, 7c, 9c and 14c yd., worth double. Stock up at sacrifice prices on

CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

Remember! This Sale Lasts Only Until Thursday, December 24th, '08, Midnight

If you don't need them yourself, nothing makes a more acceptable Christmas present than a nice Table Cloth, a dozen Napkins, a dozen or two Towels, or a good Bedspread. We have got hundreds of mill length Table Damasks, at about half value. Napkins go at prices that will sell them. You can buy a Dollar Counterpane for 69c. A \$5 Marseilles Bedspread for \$2.98. Towels at 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 9c, 11c and 14c each that saves you a cool 40c to 60c per cent on regular prices. Replenish your linen closets during this big sacrifice sale on

BEDSPREADS, TOWELS AND TABLE LINEN

No use to go cold this winter. Seven days more in which to buy UNDERWEAR for the whole family at less than cost of manufacture. Ladies' 35c Vests and Drawers 23c garment, 65c and 75c values 43c garment. Children's Unionsuits 29c. Boys' heavy fleeced Underwear 27c garment. Men's heavy fleeced underwear 39c garment, 75c values 48c garment. \$1.25 wool Shirts and Drawers 98c garment. Tremendous bargains in Men's knit Jackets and Sweaters. We've got a big line of FLANNEL NIGHT SHIRTS, and they don't cost much. Big Bargains in

SILK MUFLERS FOR CHRISTMAS

CLOTHING AND SHOES

MUST ALL GO. No man can afford to pass up the bargains in the clothing line. Men's 3-piece Suits worth an eight-dollar bill go for \$2.78. Suits that would be cheap at 10.00 go for \$5.98. 22.50 Suits for men for seven days more your choice for \$14.89. Men's 5.00 to 7.50 Overcoats 3.98. Boys' Suits worth 1.75 only 89c. Boys' Overcoats at little money compared with the cost. They must all go and for seven more days clothing will be pushed out regardless of cost. Dollar Overalls 79c pr. 65c Overalls 43c pr. SHOES for men, women and children at prices that makes it almost like finding them. One lot men's Shoes for 1.19 worth 2.50 and 2.25. Five dollar Bootees for 3.39. Four dollar Shoes at 2.48 pr. Ladies' Shoes at 89c, 1.19, 1.48 and 1.79 worth double. Two pairs of Children's Shoes at about the price of one pair elsewhere. For seven days only the slaughter continues. Stock up on clothing and shoes while the chance remains.

25c SUSPENDERS 14c PR.

50c CAPS 29c

MEN'S 3-PIECE SUITS \$2.78

GROCERIES

Are all piled out at less than wholesale prices. High Patent Flour \$2.65 per 100 lbs. 5-pound bucket Coffee for 69c. 15 lbs. fancy Prunes for \$1. Best granulated Sugar 18 lbs. \$1. 10 lbs. Cottolene \$1.15. Every item in the grocery line goes at sale prices. Candies, Fruits, Nuts, etc., are here for you. Supply yourself with good things for

CHRISTMAS

Do Your Holiday Shopping at Slaughter Prices

A Merry Christmas

"FOR LESS MONEY"

Loraine Mercantile Co.

LORLAINE, TEXAS.

DRESS SHIRTS 39c

and worth 75c in any store in Texas. Another lot \$1.00 values at 69c. Fine line of fancy Vests - buy them for the holidays. Work Shirts at 39c each that would cost you 50c and 65c. Great Bargains in work and dress Gloves. Everything in the store goes. You'll have to hurry

TILL DEC. 24 ONLY

MISSOURI RADO AND RURAL ROUTES

Colorado has been working some time for the rural route out to Winston and the Commercial Club appointed a committee to lay out the route and appropriated \$85 to open up some necessary roads. Application was made and on Tuesday of this week post master Hazzard received the following letter from Hon. W. R. Smith:

Mr. P. A. Hazzard,
Colorado, Texas.
My dear Mr. Hazzard:—
Immediately upon receipt of your letter of recent date, I endorsed and filed with the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General the petition for Rural Free Delivery route out of Colorado, which you sent to me.

To day I am in receipt of the enclosed letter which speaks for itself. As I am not familiar with the conditions, I send the letter to you, and the petition with the request that you write me a letter answering the objections of the department, and with it I may be able to secure a re-consideration of the petition. Assuring you that I shall be glad to do all in my power to help you in this matter, I am,
Sincerely yours,
W. R. SMITH.

Also on the same day he received this letter from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General:

Honorable W. R. Smith,
House of Representatives.

The petition of J. C. and others, requesting establishment of a rural route to extend northeast from Colorado is herewith returned without action.

The greater part of the territory to be served by the proposed route is embraced in a case favorably reported from Hermleigh.

Some of the petitioners are now

within a reasonable distance of existing routes from Loraine and Colorado, and in the event of the establishment of the route favorably reported from Hermleigh, the locality will have adequate mail facilities.

The Department is therefore unwarranted in giving further consideration to the inclosed petition from Colorado.

Very respectfully,
P. V. DEGRAW,
Fourth Ass't Postmaster General.
All of which settles our rural route.

Colorado lost this route by being too slow and Hermleigh gets it. Mr. Hazzard is now working on a route leading due north of town and with the Club assistance hopes to get this one.

WOODMEN CIRCLE.

The following is a list of the newly elected officers for the year 1909:

Mrs. Nettie Crockett, Past Guardian.
Mrs. Lillian Phenix, Guardian.
Mrs. Bell Vaughn, Advisor.
Mrs. Annie Donaldson, Banker.
Mrs. Ida M. Ross, Clerk.
Mrs. Nannie Newman, Chaplain.

Miss Hattie Barnhill, Attendant.

Mr. A. B. Maxfield, Inner Sentinel.

Mr. W. L. Doss, Outer Sentinel.

Dr. N. J. Phenix, Physician.

Mrs. Kate Doss, Mrs. Hallie Maxfield and Mrs. Allen Jones, Managers.

Mrs. Ida Boyer, Captain Drill Team.

The future is full of promise. We have initiated quite a number of new members this year and receive applications nearly every meeting.

We have a well drilled team which helps make the meetings more attractive. Our entertainment committees have a program

or something nice each meeting, every two weeks. This last time the program was omitted owing to the lateness of the hour, but good old apple pie and splendid coffee were served and heartily enjoyed. The social part of our meetings are pleasant and serve to blend the hearts of the members and bring us in closer touch with all.

We will meet with the W. O. W. on the night of Jan. 7, 1909 for a joint installation of officers. Hope all the Circle's will be present.

Members from other Groves are always welcome.

With best wishes for the advancement of the order.

CLERK.

HAVE YOU SEEN 'EM?

Some of the new gold pieces, with a medallion of Sitting Bull in full war dress on one side and an eagle in bell-bottom trousers on the other, have reached El Paso. Those eagles really look more like buzzards, and all together the new coins are the queerest genuine money that ever came out of a United States mint.

They are \$5 and \$2.50 pieces, and bear the motto, "In God We Trust," which President Roosevelt restored to quiet the clamor he stirred up when he took it off. The issue has been out only a few weeks.—El Paso Herald.

The papers say that Mr. Bryan wrestled with a large bear in the wilds of Mexico, and the match was a tie, the bear getting Mr. Bryan's coat, but not his hide. Every bear who keeps informed knows that Mr. Bryan is the kind that lives to fight another day.—Harpers Weekly.

Pay your City taxes to Ernest Keithley, in the rear of Dr. P. C. Coleman's office on or before Dec. 31 1908.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a big doll that can open and shut her eyes and a little bed for her to sleep in. Also a little stove, you brought me some dishes last Christmas and I still have them. Well, Mama said not to ask too much of you as there was so many little folks. I'll be good.

LITTLE ADDIE WATSON.

Dear Santa:—Please bring me a little automobile. And I want some books such as "Robinson Crusoe," "The Old Fashion Girl," "Tom Brown's School Days."

And lots of candy and nuts for my little sister Doots and I. And I want you to visit poor little girls and boys. My little sister wants an A. B. C. book, and a pretty doll and buggy. And Doots wants a real parrot. J. Edwin, Jr., is only four months old, bring him whatever that is good for a baby.

Your friend,
AVERILL GOULDY.

A MEAN TRICK.

"I understand that there was trouble over at your house last night."

"There certainly was."

"Anything secret about it?"

"Not so far as my part in it goes. I had heard how Governor Patterson of Tennessee wears trousers which contain no pockets so I just had my tailor make me a pocketless pair."

"Well."

"Well, my wife wrestled with them in the darkness for an hour then she sneaked out of doors and examined them by moonlight, then came in and turned on the light and I laughed, then the trouble started.—Houston Post.

Go out to the entertainment to-night at the school auditorium, you will be entertained.

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Does it run easy.
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The United States Reclamation service, with a map showing the forest reserves and reclamation projects.

Portraits of the presidents of the United States from George Washington to Theodore Roosevelt, both inclusive, with a sketch of the life of each.

A map of the Panama Canal, with a historical sketch and explanation of the final plans adopted by Congress.

The total population of the United States and elements at each census.

The River system of the World, their length and area of basins.

You can get the Dallas Semi-Weekly News, the above described atlas and the Colorado Record all one year for only \$1.75.

The News and the Record without the atlas for \$1.50. Old subscribers must first pay up and then renew for both papers at the above price. Call at the Record office.

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AS A BEGINNING

of a strictly cash basis for our business next year, we will

From this date on our books will be closed and we will sell strictly for cash to every one. And by this method we will be enabled to make prices that will equal any sale regardless of cost prices. We've got the money with which to buy our goods and will not be undersold by any one.

Our Gents' furnishing Department is complete.

We sell the famous John B. Stetson hat and the Ditmann shoes, best on earth. A complete stock of men's wearing apparel. **Groceries Are Our Hobby. Listen!**

Evaporated Fruits	Remember the loved ones at home. We have a splendid assortment of	Beans	Coffee
Apples per pound..... 10c	Oranges, Apples, Nuts and Candies	20 pounds Pink Beans for..... \$1 00	5-pound bucket Coffee for..... 85c
Peaches per pound..... 10c		20 pounds Navy Beans for..... \$1 00	5 pounds Lucky Blend Coffee for..... 85c
Figs per pound..... 10c	No Christmas is complete without these sweets for the children and those of all ages as well	16 pounds Lima Beans for..... \$1 00	7 pounds Our Special Coffee for..... \$1 00
Prunes per pound..... 10c		Jelly	Can Goods
Raisins per pound..... 10c	5-pound jar Apple Jelly for..... 35c		
Pears per pound..... 12½c		2-pound jar pure Fruit Preserves for..... 35c	2-pound can Tomatoes per dozen..... \$1 00
Just arrived—A large supply of East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup—pure and delicious—none better		2-pound jar Apple Jelly for..... 25c	3-pound can Hominy per dozen..... \$1 20
		Greeley Potatoes per sack..... \$1 75	3-pound can Krout per dozen..... \$1 20
10-gallon keg per gallon..... 50c	No hot air in the above==figures talk only in cold and impassioned tones. Don't grip your money, thinking a “better thing” still will come your way. The better are still==but it's the stillness of death.		2-pound can Strawberries per dozen..... \$1 20
5-gallon keg per gallon..... 50c			2-pound Blackberries per dozen cans..... \$1 20
3-gallon keg per gallon..... 55c			Can Corn per dozen..... \$1 10
1-gallon can for..... 65c			Flour and Meal
			Highest Patent Flour per 100 pounds..... \$2 95
			Meal per sack..... 70c

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Greatest Bargains Ever Offered in Colorado

Our entire stock (Except Drugs) is offered at enormous reductions. Commencing

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You can buy Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass, China, Musical Goods, Books, Blank Books, Stationery, Leather Goods, Cutlery, Lamps, Hair brushes, Combs, Perfumes, Soaps, Toilet Articles, Manicure Goods,

No Goods go in this Sale Except for Cash

★ ★ ★ ★ We Quote Below a Few of our Very Low Prices. Compare Them ★ ★ ★ ★

33 1-3 to 50 per cent discount on all **Jewelry**

Solid Gold Rings

\$6.00 values for.....	\$2 95
\$5.00 values for.....	\$2 50
\$4.00 values for.....	\$1 75
\$1.50 values for.....	\$1 10

Broaches

Regular price \$1.75, special price.....	\$1 15
Regular price \$1.25, special price.....	75c
Regular price 75c, special price.....	60c

Hat Pins, Latest Designs

Old price \$1.25, special price.....	95c
Old price 75c, special price.....	55c

Watches at Bargain Prices

A beautiful line of Stick Pins just received which are going at remarkably low prices.

Musical Instruments

\$6.00 Guitar now.....	\$3 75
\$9.00 Guitar now.....	\$5 25
\$4.00 Violin now.....	\$2 75
\$10.00 Violin now.....	\$5 75
\$15.00 Violin now.....	\$9 00
\$4.50 Banjo now.....	\$3 00
\$15.00 Banjo now.....	\$9 00

Limoges China

\$7.75 Vase now.....	\$5 00
\$7.50 Plate now.....	\$5 00
\$3.75 Plate now.....	\$2 50
\$3.50 Plate now.....	\$2 25

33 1-3 to 50 per cent discount on all **China**

Brushes

\$2.00 Clothes Brushes for.....	\$1 50
90c Clothes Brushes for.....	65c
85c Clothes Brushes for.....	60c
40c Clothes Brushes for.....	25c
\$2.00 Hair Brushes for.....	\$1 50
\$1.25 Hair Brushes for.....	90c
75c Hair Brushes for.....	55c
25c Tooth Brushes for.....	15c
75c Nail Brushes for.....	55c
50c Nail Brushes for.....	35c
35c Nail Brushes for.....	25c
25c Nail Brushes for.....	20c

Ladies' Purse and Handbags and Gentlemen's Pocket and Note Books going at a big discount.

Liberal discount on Bath Mats, Brushes, Mitts and Sponges.

Stationery

75c boxes going at.....	50c
50c boxes going at.....	35c
50c Pound Paper for.....	35c

Toilet Articles

Toilet Soap, 25c cakes for.....	20c
Talcum Powder, 25c boxes at.....	20c
Oriental Tooth Powder.....	20c
Arnica Tooth Soap.....	20c
Antiseptic Tooth Wash.....	20c
Rubifoam.....	20c
Pasteurin Tooth Paste.....	20c
All 25c Toilet Articles.....	20c
All 50c Toilet Articles.....	40c
Perfume, \$1.00 per ounce kind for.....	75c
Perfume, 75c per ounce kind for.....	60c
Perfume, 50c per ounce kind for.....	35c

Combs

\$1.00 Combs now.....	75c
85c Combs now.....	65c
50c Combs now.....	35c
25c Combs now.....	15c

Cut Glass

We have just received a beautiful line of Cut Glass to be sold at 33 1-3 per cent discount.

\$10.00 Bowls for.....	\$6 65
\$6.75 Bowls for.....	\$4 50
\$4.50 Puff Box for.....	\$3 00
\$5.00 Comportfor.....	\$3 30

We will save you money on anything you buy. Greatest opportunity ever offered to buy Christmas Presents at Slaughter Prices.

C. A. ARBUTHNOT
COLORADO, TEXAS.

NEW LUMBER YARD

We carry a complete stock of as high grade LUMBER as is kept in Colorado.
We also carry in stock

Pine and Cedar Shingles, Cedar Posts and Brick

The price of LUMBER in the market is advancing rapidly, but as we were fortunate in meeting the advance in prices, with an enormous stock at the mills, we are going to give our customers the advantage of the low prices regardless of the advance. Get our figures before buying. We take pleasure in estimating for you

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Colorado, Texas

Baptist Church Notes.

Items Copied from "The Messenger" a Little Paper Published by the Baptist Church of Colorado. These Reports will be of Interest to all Our Readers, Regardless of Denomination or Belief.

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

This month marks the close of our four years as pastor of the Baptist church, and we note with much joy that this has been the most gracious and successful year of the present pastorate. Joyfully we have watched the deepening of the spiritual life of the church, the strengthening of her stakes, and the lengthening of her cords. She has increased in spiritual power, in contributions, in numbers and in a determination to do greater things in the future. It is true that not a single member of the church has been lost in the good work, and that from the depths of our hearts we can say: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Looking back to the beginning of our pastorate in Colorado we can truly exclaim: "The lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places." The church has been kind to this pastor and his family, and best of all, she has responded to every call made for the Master's work. The Mission Band, the B. Y. P. U. and the Ladies' Aid Society

have all helped in a financial way every object fostered by our State Convention. Yes, yes, we have made some mistakes, but the church has exercised the spirit of forbearance, and in spite of our faults and foibles the Lord has blessed us in our combined efforts to save the lost, and to develop the saved. Since coming here some of the noblest saints of earth have answered the call to come up higher. Often, as we stand before our congregation we miss their familiar faces, and in our plan we miss their words of council, yet we know that their influence for good will abide with us till Jesus comes to make up His jewels, and that the Lord will raise up others to take their places as the years go marching on. Hopeful and happy do we face the future, rejoicing that it is our lot to be pastor of such a cultured and consecrated church.

LADIES AID.

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold their regular mission meeting in the church on Dec. 17th at 4 p. m. Topic: Children in Foreign Lands. See programme in Foreign Mission Journal for December.

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

Our Society is willing to be judged by the foregoing divine rule. The annual report which follows is an eloquent appeal for the existence of our society, and

for its perpetuity. Read the report and see for yourself that the Ladies' Aid is really worth while, and if you are not a member cast your lot with us and let us go in for a greater report in 1909.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Local Church Work	\$10.00
Colportage Work	17.50
Union Dues	3.00
Associational Missions	21.25
State Missions	30.00
Local Church Work	10.00
Box to Orphans Home	100.00
Express on Box	2.40
Local Church Work	5.00
Christmas Tree	10.00
Xmas Offering to Orphans	15.00
Home Missions	22.00
Foreign Missions	16.15
Ministerial Education	7.50
Local Church Work	2.40
Local Church Work	5.00
Local Church Work	5.00
Total	\$280.25

MISSION BAND.

Our Band in closing the book for 1908, feel they have had a prosperous and successful year, in work and larger opportunities for earning the money for missions and other worthy appeals. We have met regularly each week on Mondays with our president Mrs. Anna Simon. In her we have had a very valuable teacher and helper in planning and designing our work, some of our girls have appreciated this and applied themselves in needlework and embroidery, all of which will be at the sale. We are very grateful to Mrs. Simon for her four years' faithfulness to the Band, and sincerely wish she may see her way clear to remain a member with us. On the first of April the Band undertook the work of business manager for the Messenger, to fill out the year. To that they loaned the Messenger \$5.00 to help strengthen the subscription list—there was also a debt of \$7.50 on the paper. With this issue which will be the last for

the Band, they have paid the \$5.00 loan, the debt of \$7.50 and will have between \$35 and \$40 over and above expenses to add to their treasury. The large number of advertisers secured for this issue has enabled the Band to make this profit. We sent out each month 150 copies of the Messenger over the county and we will send 400 of this issue in and out of town, as we appreciate the fact that the firms who favor us with their business want the paper well distributed. We thank the business men who have helped us in this work, and we hope they all feel they have received fair value for their patronage.

We wish each one of our subscribers a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. The Band commenced the year with \$92.30 cash on hand, and have made the following offerings:

Ministerial Education (Simmons)	2.50
Pledge for Baylor College work (1907)	5.00
Home Missions	5.00
Foreign Missions	5.00
Donation to Messenger	2.50
One dozen chairs for Beginners	7.50
Vase for pulpit flowers	1.75
Messrs. Burroughs and Pfaff	10.00
Associational Missions	7.50
Cottage work at Belton	5.00
State Missions	10.00
Addition on Parsonage	5.00
Thanksgiving offering	2.00
Donation to Big Springs Mission Band	2.50
Buckner Orphans' Home	10.00
Total	81.25

The Mission Band as is their custom will disband temporarily, after the sale for a vacation, as their work keeps up during all the summer. Respectfully,

MISSION BAND.
Lena Key, Secretary,
Rosa Hatch, Treasurer.

The Colorado Steam Laundry has about 7000 dollars invested works 10 to 15 people, has a good weekly pay roll, merits your trade and every loyal citizen should patronize the home laundry.

J. L. DOSS,
President.F. E. McKENZIE,
Vice-President.J. E. HOOPER,
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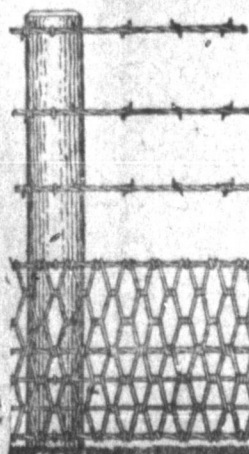
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See us about your next bill of lumber, we can save you some money.

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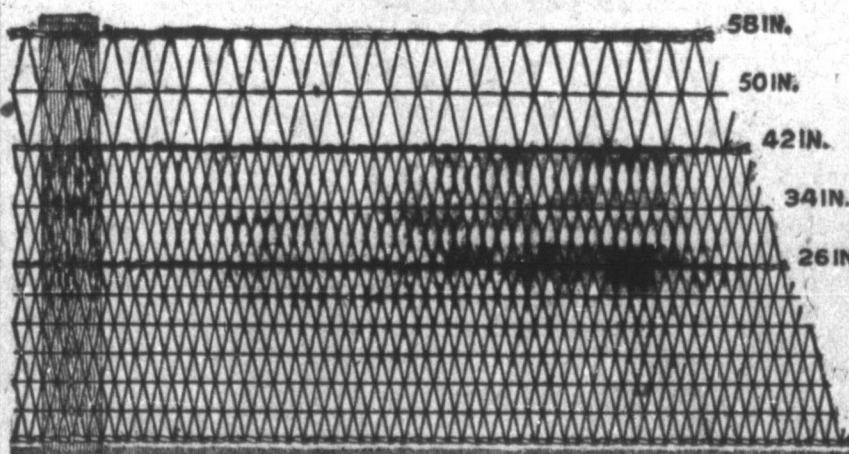
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THIS IS A FENCE—NOT A NETTING.

A strong and all-important distinction. Is especially designed as a poultry and rabbit fencing, it is sufficiently strong to stop all larger animals. Costs practically the same as the lighter nettings, while in the matter of service and durability it is worth ten times as much.

Mr. Almighty Dollar

We are After You

And for the coming thirty days we will be found camping on your trail. Beginning on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th, we will begin a **Special Sale** that has for its sole purpose, the getting of money out of our large stock. We have the goods, but can't pay our debts with them. You have the money, but can't eat or wear it. So come, let us reason together.

Fair Exchange is no Robbery

Let's adjust the difference more evenly. We must get the money and you have to buy what we have somewhere; If not from us, then from someone else, **WHAT THEN?**

If we can sell you the things you are compelled to have for less money than you can get them elsewhere, what hinders our getting together for thirty life-preserving, money-saving days? There are sales and sales—sales in which the goods are sold; sales in which the purchaser is sold, and sales in which both are sold. We have determined to offer our entire stock of Groceries, Hardware, Vehicles, Harness, Guns, Graniteware and in fact everything in the largest stock in Colorado at prices that not only meet but underbid competition. We must have the money and if you need the goods our prices will bring us together.

Buggies, Hacks, Surr is, Runabouts

With Every Cent of Profit Off

The Racine Hack is the standard in its line. You can't do better at the factory than at our store. Consider these prices and compare them with what you have paid before or elsewhere:

\$150 Racine Hacks for.....	\$125
\$175 Surry, elegant vehicle.....	\$140
\$150 Surry, swell vehicle.....	\$115
\$115 Buggy, just the thing.....	\$90
\$125 Buggy, none better.....	\$95
\$110 Buggy, fine value.....	\$75
\$100 Buggy, for service.....	\$65
\$110 rubber-tire Runabout, a beauty.....	\$85

These are prices that cannot be further cut and admit of legitimate business. We don't lose on a staple article and tack the loss on something else you buy of us.

A limited amount of Diamond Hog Fencing to be taken home at your own price.

A large stock of Granite and Enamelware comprising every household utensil are to be sold for what they cost put in the house.

On Guns and Rifles we will give a discount of one-third off, a small profit.

Studebaker Wagon

THE STANDARD

On these well known and time tested Wagons we are making a special drive, and the following figures are just like swapping gold dollars. Will sell you a

2 2-3 size Studebaker Wagon for.....	\$74.50
Size 3 for.....	\$76.59
Size 3 1-4 for.....	\$79.00

Did you ever see such prices for these wagons? If you need a good, durable, dependable wagon come and buy yourself a Studebaker. Better buy while the price is the lowest ever before offered you.

Groceries Sacrificed Also

In our Grocery Department we wish to turn every article into cash, and to make them turn we realize we have not only to sacrifice all legitimate profit, but also meet a so-called "below cost" price advertised so brazenly by competitors who carry a mixed stock and smooth you down with their low prices on groceries and cut your purse wide open on things you know less about. Beware of the "less than cost" song of the commercial siren. Read these prices and compare them with the "below cost" bait which is only thrown out to get you into the trap.

18 pounds Granulated Sugar for.....	\$1.00
20 pounds Rice for.....	\$1.00
8 pounds bulk Coffee.....	\$1.00
9 pounds bulk Coffee.....	\$1.00
8 pounds XXXX Coffee.....	\$1.00
Bucket Coffee, \$1.00 value.....	75c
28 bars Best Laundry Soap.....	\$1.00
3-pound can Van Camp's Standard Tomatoes.....	10c
25-pound box Evaporated Peaches.....	\$2.00
25-pound box Evaporated Apricots.....	\$2.25



25-pound box Evaporated Prunes.....	\$1.50
15-pound box Evaporated Figs.....	\$1.00
100 pounds Viola Flour.....	\$2.50
100 pounds A1 High Patent Flour.....	\$2.85
Three packages Eggosee.....	25c
Thick plug, broad leaf Natural Leaf Tobacco, pound, 45c	
Thick plug Rain Bow Natural Leaf Tobacco, pound, 55c	
Martin's Greenville Tobacco, per pound.....	35c
Martin's Navy Tobacco, per pound.....	45c
Hancock's Natural Leaf Tobacco, 50c value.....	40c

The above are only a few of the leading features of our full stock. Space does not suffice to even index the necessary and useful things we have. You will have to buy them sometime soon, and somewhere; why not figure with us before parting with your money.

These Prices are Only to Be Had for the COLD CASH

Colorado Mercantile Co.

LOCALS

Miss Ophelia Arnett came in Sunday from Kidd-Key to spend Christmas.

They were "made last night." Jacob's Candies, at Colorado Drug Co. 5c to \$2.00 box.

Dallas Times Herald.—"Miss Stewart was excellent, she seems to have entirely captured Dallas theatre goers." Opera House tonight.

Mrs. Thomas Turk of Blooming Grove is home for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLure.

Ten per cent discount for December at Chas. C. Wyatt's on all vehicles.

Misses Nell and Pearl Rudick and Ina Wulfjen are visiting in Snyder.

Pay your City taxes on or before Dec. 31, 1908.

An entertainment will be given tonight at the public School Auditorium, by the pupils of the Music, Art and Elocution departments, directed by the teachers of the same. No admission will be charged, which fact should assure them a good audience.

Ten per cent discount at Chas. C. Wyatt's on all buggies and vehicles bought in this month.

Rev. Martin of the Loraine circuit preached Sunday morning and evening at the Methodist church the pastor Rev. Henson having been called to Jacksboro on account of the illness of his father.

Your City taxes must be paid on or before Dec. 31, 1908, else there will be a penalty on them.

The high school literary society held an interesting and instructive meeting Friday evening at the auditorium. The feature of the evening was a debate between Messrs. McE and McDonald and Sanborn, upon the tariff question. The debate was proving great interest to the pupils.

P. Majors is home for the Christmas season.

Kansas City Journal.—"No star in our theatrical firmament has shown with greater brilliancy than Miss Stewart. After the third act her reception amounted to almost an ovation." At Opera House tonight.

Meal and hulls make cheapest and best feed. Plenty for local trade. Colorado Cotton Oil Co.

W. A. Coggin has returned to Post City.

Your City taxes become delinquent after Dec. 31, 1908.

D. M. Bass has returned to his old home in Mississippi, we learn to remain.

See Wyatt, the vehicle man, and get 10 per cent off on all vehicles for December.

BORN—To Will Collier and wife Friday night last, a fine boy. The young man, we believe, is doing better than his father.

Cary Prude entertained a few of his friends at the home of Mrs. Max Thomas Saturday evening, very enjoyably.

A. L. Scott, who buys all the feed he can get, announces that he now has a mill and will grind maize or kaffir corn heads for the public. Mill at old skating rink. See A. L. Scott.

Mrs. J. M. Riggs of Midland, and Mrs. Jas. McKinney of Seabrook, Ill., who have been guests of Mrs. Q. D. Hall, have returned to their homes after a pleasant visit.

Plenty meal and hulls for local trade at oil mill. Colorado Cotton Oil Co.

The little town of Coahoma has ginned about 2000 bales of cotton this season, while Westbrook is credited with 3000. Has this hurt the business of Colorado?

Col. Gus Bertner of Arkansas, is here to spend the holidays with his family.

Meal and hulls for the local trade. Splendid feed and cheaper than plain cotton seed. Colorado Cotton Oil Co.

The next issue of the Record will be one day ahead of the date (25th) in order that all the force may enjoy the day.

The Colorado Steam Laundry does work equal to any in Texas, at as low figures.

Don't forget the advisability of doing your shopping early; don't wait until the last minute. Your own interests as well as the patience of the clerks will be better served.

Lake Charles Daily Press.—"Equal, if not better than America's favorite, Miss Julia Marlowe." At Opera House, tonight will present "Twelfth night."

There is a prospect for beautiful weather for the holiday trade, but Hicks, with the concurrence of the Record's weather prophet, sees bad and stormy weather from 23rd to 27th; so as Victor used to admonish, keep your slicker handy.

Plenty of hulls and meal for local trade at the oil mill. Colorado Cotton Oil Co.

Miss May Runyon of Coahoma will spend the holidays with Colorado friends.

There will be Christmas trees at most of the churches for the Sunday School children this year.

A contribution of toys, useful articles and money was made by the Presbyterian Sunday School last Sabbath for the Files Valley Orphanage. A similar but larger Christmas offering was sent by the Baptist school to the orphans at the Buckner home.

The Saturday evening Post is the prince among magazines for boys and men. Mrs. A. L. Whipkey is the agent.

J. A. Fore, of the Hill County Record, is visiting his family.

The Mens meeting Sunday afternoon took steps for more active work among the unsaved men of the town.

In every home there is some sort of harmless conspiracy afoot. What whisperings, so the children can't hear, what smuggling of mysterious packages and bundles, what unwonted locking of closet doors, what suggestive odors from the pantry—all smack of the spirit of goodwill and beneficence.

If you wish to make your wife, mother, sister or lady friend a present that will be a pleasure for them the entire year, nothing more appropriate could be given than a year's subscription to the Ladies Home Journal. If for a gentleman, the Saturday Evening Post would be a most acceptable present. Mrs. A. L. Whipkey is the local agent, and will call if you wish to subscribe for either.

The Record is pleased to learn that its young friend Geo. Ruyon has a splendid situation as operator for the Texas Central at Cisco.

Mrs. Ed W. Smith has gone to Fort Worth to spend the holidays with relatives.

READ YOUR HOME PAPER.

No argument is needed to prove this statement correct. You also need a paper for world-wide general news. You cannot choose a better one—one adapted to the wants of all the family than the Dallas Semi-Weekly News. By subscribing for the Colorado Record and the Semi-Weekly News together, you get both papers one year for \$1.50; no subscription can be accepted for less than one year at this special rate and the amount is payable in cash in advance. Order now. Do not delay.

NOTICE TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Drawing paper, examination paper and theme tablets at the Record office, must be cash. We can't afford to open accounts for 5 or 10 cents. Children remember to bring the money for these items. (stet)

Col. Royall Smith went east this week on important legal business.

J. L. Johnson, vice-president of the Burton-Lingo lumber interests and Auditor of the company has been in Colorado the past week checking up the yard at this place.

Rev. Sweeney, wife and baby were Colorado visitors Monday.

The Merchants of Colorado are ready for the holiday trade, both as to stock of goods and efficient help.

It's so, if you saw it in the Record.

To date no provision has been made for a ferry across the lake between the passenger depot and Express office. Travelers must make the circuitous journey around it or risk their lives in the turgid flood. A light draft steamboat with commodious barges in tow could be used to transfer pedestrians and teams or possibly a suspension bridge could be provided by a popular subscription. It would be too bad to have to keep the lake and not utilize it, either materially or as a public ornament. Pending its disposition, go look at it.

CHURCH IS ASSURED.

Last summer the members of that branch of the Christain Church known as "Firm Foundationists," decided to build them a house of worship, and nearly \$1500 were raised for this purpose at one meeting of the congregation. After considering various propositions and locations, the lot on Second Street, 95x100, immediately fronting the First Presbyterian church was purchased for the sum of \$1000, and building operations will begin as soon as practicable. The acquisition of railroads, factories, and other material enterprises are all right and make mightily for the prosperity of our country, but every unpretentious church spire that points heavenward, is an additional guarantee of security of life and property, and pays more lasting and valuable dividends in public morality and good citizenship than other possible investment.

EL PASO HERALD.

For Texas News. Best general newspaper in Western Texas. Sixty cents per month.

BUY YOUR FEED GROUND

I have installed a mill at the old Skating Rink building, next Coggins' stable, and am prepared to crush all kinds of feed for the public.

Keep for sale all kinds of ground feed, such as **Chops, Maize and Kaffir Corn.**

I buy and sell feedstuff of all kinds. If in the market, give me a call. I pay top prices.

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Is the kind you get at the Record office, and you don't have to wait tediously getting your order filled. Our ample corps of competent printers turn out work promptly as promised, and your stationery is ready when you want it.

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Sole Agents in Colorado for Hart Schaffner & Marx Fine Clothing

"Viking" System Clothing for Boys.

Edwin Clapp's Celebrated Shoes for Men.

The Famous "Walkover" Shoe for \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00

The Perfect Fitting "Ultra" Shoes for the Ladies

Selz "Roal Blue" Shoes for \$3.50 and \$4.00

The Store of "Quality"

We carry in stock at all times a complete line of Carpets, Matting, Art Squares, Rugs, Linoleums, Trunks, Suit Cases, Valises, Telescopes, Tents, Wagon Sheets, Tarpsaulins, Wide Duck for Hack Tops, Black Oil Cloth at the very Lowest Prices

We Pay Highest Cash Price for our Customers' Cotton

We Invite the Attention of Discriminating Buyers

throughout Mitchell and adjoining counties to the immense and well selected stock that we offer for sale, at prices that cannot be duplicated, quality considered. We ask you to bring your folks and make your fall and winter bill with us. We will furnish you with the best goods at the lowest prices, and to show you our appreciation of your cash business, we will give you a handsome and useful present which will be an ornament to any home. When you make a cash purchase, from 5 cents up, ask for one of our premium cards, and the amount of your purchase will be punched on same. When you have bought \$25 for cash we will give you a handsome cut glass pitcher, with six tumblers to match. For \$40 cash purchases, our premium is an elegant cut glass punch bowl, with twelve cups to match.

Chas. M. Adams
Colorado, - - Texas.

We are selling all Calicoes at 5c
Ginghams at 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c and 12c
Best quality Outing Flannels at 8c and 10c
Percales at 8c and 10c
Everything else in the house sold proportionately low.

Men's and Ladies' Suits

We are now showing our winter stock of the celebrated Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothing. We ask you to call and inspect same, whether you intend purchasing or not. We have placed in the coat pocket of each suit, a genuine seal leather bill book, which is yours when you buy the suit.

We still have a few Ladies' hand-tailored Suits, which we are offering at very attractive prices.

We Pay Highest Cash Price for our Customers' Cotton

We carry in stock at all times a complete line of Blankets, Comforts, Lace Curtains, Muslin Curtains, Bobinet Curtains, White Bed Spreads, Ladies' Tailored Suits, Shirt Waists, Muslin Underwear at the very lowest Prices

The Store of "Quality"

Sole agents in Colorado for Royal Worcester, Dowager and Bon Ton Corsets

Wilson Bros. Shirts and Neckwear

Hawes Famous \$3.00 Hats

Leon Brand Collars and Cuffs

Monarch Shirts

Dependon Dress Goods

Shawknit Hosiery

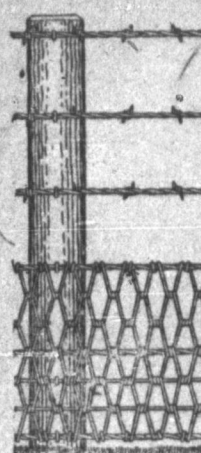
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Monarch Hosiery

Hamilton Brown Shoes for the whole Family.

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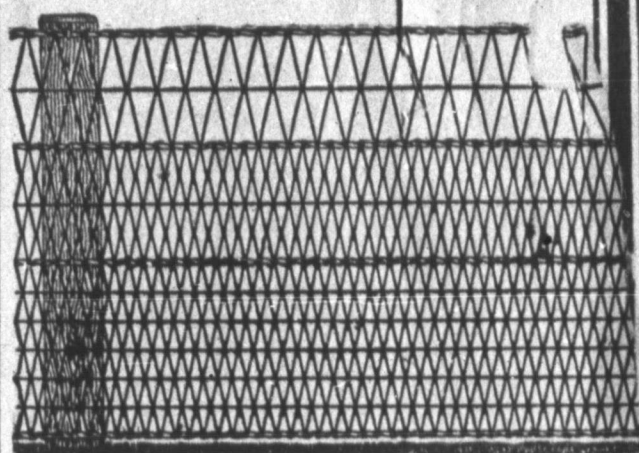
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RECIPE MIXED OFTEN

Some remarkable stories are being told about town and among the country people coming in of this simple home-made mixture curing Rheumatism and Kidney trouble. Here is the recipe and directions for taking: Mix by shaking well in a bottle one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Take as a dose one teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

No change need be made in your usual diet, but drink plenty of good water.

This mixture writes one author Philadelphia peculiar tonic cures; cleanses the blood of the

Letter to Prof. C. L. McDonald, Colorado, Texas.

Dear Sir: We should like to set your boys and girls at work on this question in arithmetic and casuistry.

A farmer is fattening three hogs in three small pens; they have equal room and stow and care, and are fed in these three ways: first hog on a certain proportion of milk and a cooked cornmeal; second hog, on the same, half water; third hog, on the same, half water and half sawdust. How long will it take, how much will they weigh, how much will they cost and what'll the profit be on the three?

And a similar question in pigmentry. That same farmer is going to paint three barns same size; and he says to three painters: "What'll you take to paint that barn?"

First painter scratches his head a few minutes and says: "I'll do it for \$50."

Second painter: "\$75."

Third painter: "\$97.48."

Will they each get a barn to paint, or one get two, or one all three, or nobody any; and what'll they make on the job? That's about how painting goes

a way to reckon. \$5 a day is knowing how there's a way

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MONTE CRISTO

There will be an extra special scenic revival of Monte Cristo at the opera house, Colorado, Texas, Tuesday, December 10th, when Fred G. Conrad's Metropolitan Company will present the Dumas drama with all its original strength. Mr. Conrad will offer the clever arrangement of the Dumas novel for the stage by Eugene Moore, known throughout the country as one of the best actors who ever starred in the play. There are five acts with impressive climaxes, including the famous "The World is Mine."

TAXES DUE

Your city taxes are now due. Mr. Keathley, the collector, has your receipt ready. Call at his office and pay your taxes. If Mr. Keathley should not be in Miss Byrd Blandford will receive and receipt for your taxes.

How Diphtheria is Contracted.

One often hears the expression, "My child caught a severe cold which developed into diphtheria," when the truth was that the cold had simply left the little one particularly susceptible to the wandering diphtheria germ. When Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given quickly cures the cold and lessens the risk of diphtheria or any other germ being contracted. For sale by druggists.

WHAT THEY DESERVE

The United States Courts have ordered, Roebuck & Co. mail order house for United States mails for purposes. They must court the same as they have been counts, but this that they are not other instances. Hence is already the government am is now busy public from de- through the concerns.

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FOR SALE—I have a few nice Jersey cows for sale, will soon be fresh in milk. Remember all stock sold by me are as represented. W. T. McAfee.

LOST—Somewhere in Colorado a white and red spotted hound pup. Any information phone to No. 121-3 rings at W. H. Hale's and will pay for trouble. W. L. Reese

FOR SALE—2000 bushels fine Spanish peanuts for seed. Will deliver them at Colorado in any quantity. Buy your seed now before they are all gone. (11-8tf) A. S. Corbel, Colorado

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Silver Wyandotte cockerels, the finest strain, by Mrs. Dan Phillips, phone 241.

M. C. Knott, Fire, Tornado Insurance. Old Line Companies only. Prompt settlement in case of loss. Office in St. James Block.

LOST—Bald-faced, light brindle cow, four years old, unbranded; also one red, mottled faced cow, branded B block. Reward for information. Address J. M. Doak, Cuthbert, Texas. (12-6p)

Pocket and Table Cutlery. McMurry has a large line of the very finest cutlery in Colorado, anything from a pocket knife to the best of razors.

The Place For Millinery. Miss Dulaney at Payne's is showing and selling the newest ready to wear and tailored hats.

Lithographed vendor's lien notes for sale at RECORD office.

Cheaper Than Dirt. If you can be interested in a land proposition, I can do it. I can do all but collect your profit for you. I offer two sections of land in southern part of Mitchell county, separately or together, at almost what it would cost to file on and hold down school land. Good farming land, only 10 miles from railroad. It's a golden opportunity for somebody, why not you? C. H. Earnest, Colorado, Texas. 4tf

Texas & Pacific TELEPHONE CO.

This is the only Company that connects with the local exchanges at

Westbrook, Colorado
Snyder, Loraine,
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If you use any other line, your friend will have to walk probably half a mile to answer the telephone. Tell your Central to put your call over the lines of the Texas & Pacific Co. and get direct connection. Otherwise you will not.

If You Need Anything See... In the Leather Line

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is my specialty, and I guarantee everything I make or sell to be as good as the BEST

Next Door to McLure, Basden & Co.

Fall Announcements

I AM now better than ever prepared to serve the public the Staple and Fancy Groceries. My stock is fresh and complete. Call and examine it whether you buy or not.

J. O. McCreles

Colorado, Texas

Winona and Rushford wagons

We have in stock a car load of the Winona and Rushford Wagons and makes specially adapted to this section. Call and see and get terms and prices. They are fully guaranteed to be the best of any make of wagon manufactured.

Grain, Hay, Hides, Coal and Farming Implements

We have a full line of Farming Implements on hand. The King Kind, made by the KINGMAN FLOW CO. Come and see.

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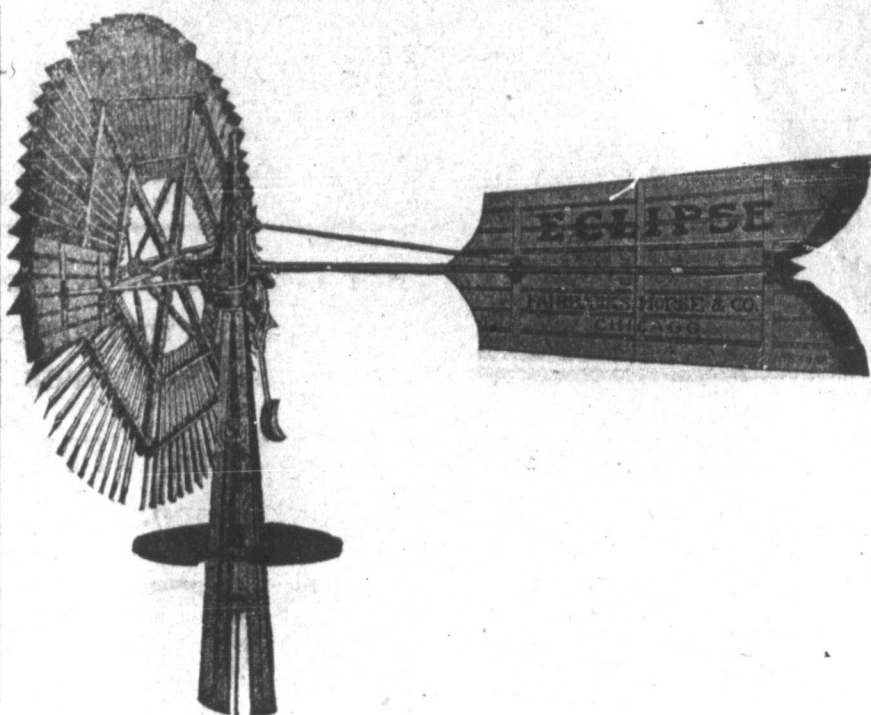
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Judge Shepherd and District Attorney Carter are holding down the district court at Barstow this week.

In the Fog.

Rev. Holmes Nichols went to Westbrook Saturday to conduct the funeral services of Martin Hines of that place.

Our new millinery is arriving every day and the stock will soon be complete. —Miss Mills, at C. M. Adams' store.

The nursery agents are busy delivering the stock they have sold, and it is gratifying to note that more fruit trees have been delivered at this place than ever before and more interest is being taken in orchards.

In the Fog.

Chas. Goodwin returned from El Paso county last Friday.

Hon. W. R. Smith has secured a re-issue claim for the pension of Andrew J. Hamilton of Colorado, whose pension has been increased from \$10 to \$12 per month from March 2, 1907.

McMurry sells big bills of groceries to a majority of the farmers and ranch men because he sells at close prices and handles only reliable goods.

Miss Lonnie Henry has gone to El Paso where she will spend the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Freeman.

No present would be more appreciated by wife or sweetheart than the Ladies Home Journal. See Mrs. A. L. Whipkey,

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Ollie Webb of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at Puget Sound navy yard, is on a visit to relatives in Colorado.

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Jerry Williams and John Love-lady shipped out several cars of cattle the past week.

Drawing pupils should remember that the Record carries a large stock of drawing paper at 5 cents the package.

M. A. Churchill made Colorado a flying visit Saturday.

B. W. Hudgins, superintendent of the Snyder public school, passed through Colorado Saturday on his return home from the T. & P. Association which met at Big Springs.

Mrs. C. A. Nelson and mother, Mrs. Jones, are visiting relatives in Brownwood.

In the Fog.

At Westbrook on last Saturday, Mr. Terrell McKinney and Miss Susie Little were united in marriage by Rev. M. Phelan.

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THE NEEDLEWORK GUILD

The Colorado branch of the Needlework Guild of America, held its annual meeting on Thursday of last week. 292 garments were brought in, which were sent to the following charities: Buckner Orphan's Home, Dallas; Methodist Orphanage, Waco; Presbyterian Orphanage,FILES Valley; Rescue Home, Dallas; St. Matthew's Home for Children, Dallas, and Union Benevolent Home, Ft. Worth.

The directors of the organization feel sure its membership might be doubled during the ensuing year, if it were generally known that all that is required of each member, is a yearly contribution of not less than two new garments. Any one desiring to join can give his or her name to any one of the following directors: Mesdames A. A. Bailey, J. E. Hooper, Harry Landers, T. H. Roe, J. W. Sheppard, S. H. Sherwin, M. B. Smoot, R. M. Webb, B. S. Van Tuyl.

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The Brownwood West Texas Nursery will begin delivering trees and shrubbery about Dec. 1st. See A. J. Culpepper and get in your orders. Will take orders from now until December 1st. Good stock and all of it West Texas grown. The fine season makes a sure growth. See me for an order.

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THE SOCIETY REALM

Mrs. J. G. Merritt, Editor

The Thanksgiving ball complimentary to the Card Club by the gentlemen of the Colorado Club, was a grand success. A large number of invitations were sent out and almost all who were invited, attended. The Club rooms were beautifully decorated in holiday colors, an enormous bell of green and red was suspended from the center of the ceiling, while draperies of red and green were carried to the corners.

The grand march was led by Mrs. V. D. Payne and Hall Homan. It was an inspiring sight, well calculated to stir the dancing spirit of the young and awaken in the older ones the liveliest memories of bygone days. Twenty-two couples trod the stately measures of the opening march, and when the rhythmic music of the waltz rose with voluptuous swell, eyes looked love to eyes that looked again, and all went merry as a marriage bell.

The ladies were beautifully gowned in evening costumes, while the Colorado boys fully sustained their reputation for chivalry and grace. Numbers of the young ladies carried bouquets of American Beauty roses in their hands, while all of them carried the Beauties on their cheeks. Punch was served in the billiard room and proved a most acceptable refreshment to all. It was early morn before those who attended could tear themselves away and all concur in pronouncing this one of the most successful balls ever given in Colorado.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Carter delightfully entertained a few of her friends at "42." A jolly game was played and delicious refreshments of a Thanksgiving flavor were served.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Arbuthnot had a few friends in the play "42." There were only a dozen, but a merry dozen they were. Delicious dainties were served and a most enjoyable time had by all.

The ladies of the Methodist Home Mission Society are observing their week of prayer and self-denial. The program has been very interesting and helpful and the attendance very good. The collections are to go to the Scarritt Bible and Training School and the Vashti Blessing Home in Ga.

Mrs. Ben Plaster left Friday night for Fort Chadbourne to visit her sister, Mrs. Tom Richards, whose husband died Monday after a long illness.

The Hesperian Club met, Friday with Mrs. G. W. Smith with the following program:

Roll call—Lines from Henry, Lesson—Act IV; Leader Mrs. Greenwood.

Henry as a Monarch—Miss Henry.

Henry as a Man—Mrs. Merritt. Reading and Questions—Mythology.

Give the myths which have the constellations.

Distinguish between myth and legend. Between legend and history.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Johnston.

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THEATRE TALK NO. 2

It pays to wait after all, for the good comes in time, even in the drama, bringing a splendid recompense for some of the "cheats" you have had.

"Monte Cristo" which comes to town pretty soon is a play that can be seen again and again by those who have souls to feel the spell of real romantic drama. IT RANKS AS ONE OF THE GREATEST DRAMATIC TRIUMPHS OF THEATRICAL HISTORY, both artistically and financially. It has had phenomenal success throughout the entire world and will live in the annals of the stage as one of the highest examples of dramatic literature. HOWEVER MERITORIOUS A PLAY WITHOUT AN INTELLIGENT CAST, an artistic and effective production is impossible. No pains or expense has been spared to get the best. Young, bright, intelligent, resourceful actors have been selected in each instance, with express reference to adaptability to the parts assigned them.

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The Verdict of the People

Colorado Opera House, Tuesday December 10th

brother Robt. McCauley was operated on for gall stones.

Miss Mary Arnett returned Monday night from a visit to Calvert.

R. D. Ingram had the misfortune Saturday to sprain his ankle very badly in climbing over a fence. He is unable to walk at all.

Mrs. A. F. Curry, Miss Mazie Curry, and A. F. Curry Jr., of Calvert, are visiting Mrs. D. N. Arnett.

Mrs. C. H. Ellis left Tuesday for her old home in Alabama, where she will spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. V. Johnson has returned from a trip to Mexico.

The Card Club was, entertained Tuesday at Mrs. Brennan's by Mrs. B. L. Wulfjen, and a delightful afternoon was spent. A number of guests were present and the guest prize was won by Mrs. A. A. Bailey, a dainty little vaseline jar. Mrs. Oderbolz won the royal prize, a beautiful picture. "Hearts are trumps" and Mrs. Raymond Johnson got the lone hand prize, a pretty cup and saucer. The meeting next week is with Miss Hughes at Mrs. John Doss'.

The literary society of the school met Friday night with Breedlove and Wynne Smith. The program was carried out in every particular. Much fun was had from a novel contest. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the most pleasant meeting the society has ever enjoyed.

The U. D. C., Robert E. Lee Chapter, will hold their first social meeting Monday at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Looney. All who have applied for membership are invited to this meeting. Come and bring your application blanks filled out if you have not turned them in. Two months dues, 20c.

tion, state and general dues. If you can not attend this meeting notify the hostess, as she is preparing for all.

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Elder J. T. Griswold attended quarterly conference at Sweetwater, Saturday and Sunday.

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J. R. Ledbetter, wife, and W. T. Wheat were called to Cooper this week serious illness of the father of Mr. Wheat and Mrs. Ledbetter.

Mrs. Ellis Douthit of Big Springs is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Smith.

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O. C. Davis of Snyder is a new citizen of Colorado and working at Grable's Palace market.

Mrs. Stanger of Waco is visiting.

ON THE TRAIL OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS

This Distinguished American Journalist is Traveling Around the World for the Purpose of Investigating the American Foreign Missionary from a Purely Disinterested, Secular and Non-Sectarian Standpoint. Illustrated with Drawings and from Photographs.

STUDENT IMMORALITY IN JAPAN.

Tokio, Japan.—Tokio is a nest of problems. Here the "Far Eastern Question" has its focus. And an investigator finds that it is by no means one abstract question, but an interwoven mass of perplexities, each with a relation to the other. Out of the whole I have tried to extricate, the two that appear to be fundamental—education and morality; and both have a direct bearing upon the missionary and religious situation which I am studying.

Tokio is the greatest student center in the world, with more than 50,000 students of the higher branches. Here young Japan, infatuated with the western learning, has concentrated its ambitions. The streets teem with young men and women students. The procession of these that may be seen any day along the moat by the imperial palace is the most significant spectacle in all Japan. It is the crucible of the nation's anxieties; I do not wonder that the elder statesmen are shaking their heads and looking grave over it; for reasons which I shall presently show.

So great is the craze for education that, although the rather loose figures of the Japanese government give 94.43 per cent. of the population of school age as under instruction (an American educator here figures it as 69.05 per cent., according to western reckoning), there is not room in the institutions of higher grade for all the applicants. Japan has only eight colleges and two universities, but each of these has a very large enrollment. I heard the other day of 1,000 students being examined for entrance into a class that could admit but 70. The rejected students feel disgraced, and this is one cause of the suicides that are so common among this class of the Japanese.

It is freely stated that much of the modern education is quite superficial. Certainly the students prove a fertile field for the exploitation of socialists and other agitators. There are not places in the nation for these educated young men commensurate with their ambitions. So there is considerable political as well as social unrest.

One striking result of the craze for education is the universal desire to learn English, which is regarded as the language of progress and civilization. There is no similar zeal for French or German. The higher public schools teach English, and tens of thousands are learning it privately. Train boys, railroad men, waiters, shopkeepers, editors, students, fellow passengers in trains—all sorts of Japanese have come to me since I have been here for help in English. Any good-natured foreigner could keep busily employed 24 hours a day instructing the Japanese in the mysteries of English. Recently I visited a mission night school in Kobe which was literally jammed with young men employed during the day as teachers, clerks, etc. Not only were the rooms crowded but outside of the doors and windows stood clumps of eager students. The mission force was inadequate, and two outside helpers, Englishmen, had been engaged temporarily. It was highly edifying to hear an enthusiastic young man teach his class, as model sentences. "There are many dogs in England. I have got a dog." It is only fair to the missionary force to say that they themselves are college bred men and women.

Leading a Nation to School.

It was the missionaries who introduced higher education into Japan. One of them, Dr. David Murray, was the government's educational adviser and led in the organization of the present school system. The first of the Japanese institutions of higher learning was the Doshisha, founded by the runaway youth, Joseph Hardy Neesima, who was trained in a home and is now esteemed by the nation as one of its great men. The Doshisha, which is located at Kio, is the most famous of mission schools in this country, and it is still doing successful work, with about 600 students. The average age of the latter is lower than formerly, as seems to be the case with all long-established mission schools.

Must Mission Schools Go?

The intensely national spirit among the Japanese, together with the creation of the new educational system, has largely altered the status and character of the mission schools. Whatever changes the future brings, it is evident, however, that from the mission schools Japan has received a tremendous educational impulse, a host of trained teachers, and a company of unselfish counselors. Furthermore, it must be admitted that at the present time great service is being done by the mission schools, which have placed in the hands of the people whom they teach, the tools of progress.

Student Immorality.

The whole student problem in Japan must be viewed from a moral side. While mission and public schools have a place in the training of the higher schools, they have no place in the conduct of the people whom they teach. The mission schools, however, are not the only ones. The public schools, which are maintained by the government, are also the scene of a similar situation.

The size and scope of these institutions—of which the Doshisha at Kio, the Protestant Episcopal, Presbyterian and joint Methodist Episcopal schools at Tokio, the German Reformed school at Sendai and the Southern Methodist school at Kobe, may be cited as conspicuous examples—is beyond the knowledge of the people of America. That one country should contribute such tremendous influences to the upbuilding of another is certainly an evidence of the altruistic character of Christian missions. While it is true that by far the larger proportion of the graduates become Christian it is also true that a disinterested philanthropic work is done by those schools in behalf of the Japanese.

At present there is need for all the schools that can be established. The demand for education is greater than the facilities. But steadily the conditions are changing and students will soon cease to attend mission schools merely for the reason that they can find room elsewhere. What, then, is to be the future of the mission schools, maintained at so great cost? The missionaries make prompt answer that it is needed to provide the nation with Christian leaders and teachers; if Christian colleges are a necessity in America, they say, much more so here.

But I find educational experts drawing the deadly parallel. They declare that, from an educational standpoint, the mission schools are now generally inferior to those maintained by the government. Even in the study of English a government examiner assured me, the mission schools, despite their high proportion of foreign teachers, are below the level of other schools. Mission workers themselves say that all persons who come out to be teachers should be required to possess a teacher's certificate, as well as a college education. I am told that the Kobe college for young women, maintained by the Congregational Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, Chicago, and the Presbyterian school for young women, Tokio, still rank among the leading girls' schools in Japan; but even these feel the changed conditions. On all sides I hear that the Congregational kindergarten and training school for kindergarten at Kobe, conducted by Miss Howe, easily leads in this form of instruction, and it would rank with the best institutions of similar nature at home.

What Japan Wants from America.

In conference with a score of Japanese leaders, only two white men besides myself being present, I bluntly asked what Japan thinks of the missionaries, and what form of mission work now needs doing. By common consent their spokesman was a man whose conspicuous work has won him a decoration from the emperor, and as his judgment coincides with the views expressed to me by other candid Japanese, I quote his opinion:

"Japan most needs help in education and philanthropy. If mission schools are to be maintained, let them be first-class as schools. But if America really wants to help us most effectively she should send teachers, strong, able, Christian teachers, to enter the various middle and higher government schools throughout the empire. Every one of these would welcome such a one to teach English. Then by his influence and by personal work, which after all is what counts for most, he could do untold good in shaping Christian character among the students. Japanese respect teachers, and especially foreign teachers; and such men would have more weight than those whose business it is to come out and try to make Christians."

This man had in mind something even further advanced than the work of the Young Men's Christian Association teachers. The latter are men selected by the International Y. M. C. A., with headquarters in New York. These men receive no mission aid whatever; they have an absolutely independent relation with the government and are supported entirely by their salaries. But by means of Bible classes, personal conversation, the introduction of the students into their homes to learn foreign ways and the creation of foreign literature, they are doing an immeasurable service for Christianity. Japan is eager to increase the number of these men and, as one of the teachers said to me, "There is no better place in the world for a qualified American who wants to do a great educational work than right here."

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In all this it is to be re that the attitude of the toward the relation of the very different from that of dent. The social evil is (though by no means con those holding licenses) and mon for a parent to sell his into a life of shame. Ninety cent. of the prostitutes in the are secured in this man. not the word employed, he keeper lends money to the f be repaid out of the daughte ings. The former takes g that the debt is not wiped e he is ready to let the girl g ter never thinks of rebelli obedience is the first article Japanese creed. Yet it is sl that no swords, knives or weapons are allowed in the "wara," which is the name of the trict set apart for this purpose, the unhappy girls make away with themselves. It is said that the average number of visitors to this quarter of Tokio is no less than a quarter of a million a month.

I can believe this, because of what I have seen. The night I visited the Yoshiwara, in company with a missionary, the streets were so crowded that policemen stood in the center of the road, holding aloft lanterns to divide the traffic, which is entirely pedestrian.

Two inexpressibly shocking aspects of that night's experience especially impressed me. One was the number of boys and young men, thousands of them in student dress, who openly frequent the Yoshiwara. The crowd was like that which lines the town streets of an American city on the night of a presidential election. Not only were there myriads of men on the streets, but women and children also were out enjoying the "life." These would, unabashed, chat with the girls in the cages, and the latter seemed to have no feelings of disgrace.

An Anglo-Saxon does not relish the sight of human beings displayed in cages. Yet hundreds of these line the streets of the Yoshiwara, each containing from a dozen girls upward. True, the cages are beautifully gilded and lacquered, some of the rear panels being real works of art; and the girls are elaborately dressed in gaudy gowns, each seated before a toilet box where she perfects her painting and powdering in public. The cages are cages, and the poor painted creatures within are human beings, thus offered for public inspection and sale.

One hour in the Yoshiwara is sufficient to turn any white man forever against the licensing of the social evil. Adjoining the Yoshiwara and a part of it, is the hospital for derelicts. Everything is minutely regulated by a special department of the government. The latest official statistics show more than 50,000 licensed prostitutes in the empire, with more than 30,000 geisha girls in addition. Taking all classes of prostitutes, there are said to be, according to the latest publication on the subject, "How the Social Evil is Regulated in Japan," no less than 7,000,000, or five per cent. of the population of Japan, or ten per cent. of the female population of all ages!

In the light of the foregoing, it is seen that one of the tremendous tasks undertaken by the missionaries, and especially through the girls' schools, is the creation of the Anglo-Saxon conception of morality in the Japanese mind. A missionary is also chiefly responsible for the agitation which resulted in the law a few years since, giving the enslaved girls a loop hole of escape from the life, under certain difficult conditions. A rescue home is maintained in Tokio by the missionaries and the Y. M. C. A., and three others throughout the empire by the Salvation Army. The most tangible and promising efforts for the most moral conditions an