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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1911.

\$1.50 A YEAR

Singing Convention.

The Howard County Singing convention met with the Moore class on Saturday night and the Sunday following, December 16 and 17.

At the Saturday night session, in the absence of the president, the opening song was led by J. B. Cauble, secretary, who appointed J. H. Gregory to act in the absent president's place.

The following is the program rendered Saturday night: Prayer by Acting-President J. H. Gregory.

Two songs were sung by each of the following named persons: Albert Conger, B. F. Logan, Geo. Chapman, C. J. Shultz, G. W. Smith, A. W. Conger, B. F. Logan, Geo. Chapman, I. B. Cauble.

At the business session following the singing, it was moved to postpone the discussion of business affairs until the Sunday evening meeting, on account of the non-attendance of so many classes. Carried.

A quartet arranged by C. J. Shultz, entitled, "Welcome, One and All," was then rendered. Closing song by I. B. Cauble. Prayer by J. M. Smith.

Sunday Morning Session.

House called to order at 11:00 o'clock a. m., by Mr. J. H. Gregory.

Opening song by J. A. McDaniel.

Prayer by J. A. Kinnard.

Two songs each by J. A. Kinnard and Dave Reed.

President J. W. Gregory arrived at 11:15 o'clock.

Duet by W. R. Purser and J. W. Gregory.

Two songs by B. F. Logan. Quartet arranged by J. A. McDaniel.

Two songs each by A. W. Conger, I. B. Cauble, Harmon Merrick, Woolard Smith.

Address of Welcome by W. R. Purser.

Response by J. A. Kinnard. Closing song by president. Dismissed by chaplain.

Sunday Evening Session.

Opening song by president. Prayer by chaplain.

Two songs each by B. F. Logan, W. R. Purser, C. J. Shultz.

Duet by I. B. Cauble and Miss Minnie Gregory.

Two songs by Geo. Chapman.

Quartet arranged by Harmon Merrick, entitled, "There Is Only One Road."

Two songs by J. W. Gregory. Quartet arranged by Luther Smith.

Two songs each by J. A. Kinnard, Jasper Chapman, Dave Reed.

At conclusion of above program convention went into business session at 3:00 o'clock.

Delegates seated.

President ordered a \$2.50 fine entered against committee composed of I. B. Cauble, W. R. Purser and J. A. McDaniel, for not having gotten up and having printed new By-Laws, according to instructions of the last convention.

Nominations being declared in order for next convention.

Elbow was the only place put in nomination, and will get the convention in March.

Two songs each were thereupon sung by

Albert Conger, J. A. McDaniel, Luther Smith. Song by W. R. Purser. Closing song by President. Dismissed by chaplain.

While the crowd was rather small at the Saturday night session, yet the singing was exceedingly good, but as usual the attendance was large on Sunday and the singing fine.

The Moore are to be congratulated upon the able manner in which they took care of the convention. I. B. CAUBLE, Secretary.

The price and assortment of holiday goods found at Reagan's will suit any one.

Teachers' Institute.

The teachers' institute of Howard county convened here Monday in the High School building. About all the teachers of the county attended and a most interesting and instructive term of four days and two nights was held. There were some subjects that were discussed at length and some able papers were read.

B. Reagan made a short address at the Wednesday night session. The institute closed yesterday afternoon.

D. B. Cox of the Knott country was here Tuesday and was feeling over the fine rains we have been getting lately. Mr. Cox raises some good hogs as well as other things and sold several for future delivery while here.

You need not go any where else for holiday goods. Reagan can please you.

More Rain.

Another big rain fell here Monday night and was followed by several good showers Tuesday. This part of the country has had 21-2 inches of rain up to this time this month, which is the heaviest rainfall in December for the past fifteen years. This will be of untold value to the wheat crop, will insure early grass and has put the ground in fine condition for winter plowing, and we have been informed by men who are posted that a large acreage will be planted in wheat right away.

Next Sunday At The Christian Church

The order of services at the Christian church on Sunday the 24th will be as follows:

Bible School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Poise of Christ."

7:30 P. M.

Song, No. 509.

Song by Juniors.

"A Christmas Dream," Harry Hheeldon.

"First Christmast," Carmen Barclay.

"Good News For You," Juniors.

"The Diamond Wedding," Nina Wright.

"My Shepherd," Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe.

Vocal duet, "Hark! Hark My Soul," Misses Ricker and Read.

Sermon, "A Christmas Gift," E. S. Bledsoe.

Offeritory.

"Jesus For Me," No. 176.

You are invited to attend these services.

Coahoma News

Local and Personal News Items Gathered by our Special Correspondent.

The T. & P. has a large force at work putting in a siding at this place.

W. N. Brown, the popular cashier of the First State bank, spent Sunday with friends in Big Springs.

R. V. Guthrie has a number of men and teams engaged in breaking out 75 acres of sod which he adding to his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hale and family spent a very pleasant day with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hollis near R— Sunday.

Mrs. S. L. Hull and daughter Miss Edna, left here Saturday to spend the holidays with her son Edgar and wife, of Pittsburg.

Call Fletcher and family will leave in a few days for Central New Mexico, where they will reside in future.

T. A. Haralson, of Vincent, who is moving to Oklahoma, loaded out his car of household goods here Monday.

W. J. Hollis has purchased the Hair farm, two miles southwest of R—; consideration, \$20 per acre. Mr. Hollis will take possession Jan. 1.

Mrs. R. V. Guthrie will leave this week for Tanglewood, where she will spend the holidays with her mother and other relatives.

Jack Willson and Jim Fryer arrived here last week from Oklahoma. They have moved on to the Guthrie plantation, three miles from here.

R. E. Martin, of R—, has returned from the sanitarium at Abilene, where he has been for the past several days under the treatment of a specialist for a lingering malady.

Noble Read will go to Coleman this week to attend to shipping the steers recently bought in that section. They will be dipped and loaded at Baird and shipped to Iatan, to be driven from there to their ranches in this county.

Mrs. Read and children went to Big Springs Wednesday, to spend the holidays with friends and to pay a farewell visit to her mother, Mrs. Leatherwood and family, who will leave for New Mexico about the first of the year, to make their home.

The \$1,200 steam heating plant in the new school building recently erected at Coahoma at a cost of \$10,000, has been condemned and taken out by the school board and common heating stoves installed in its stead.

The recent heavy rains have put a splendid season in the ground and quite a number of farmers hereabouts are preparing to sow wheat and rye. Later, quite a lot of oats will be sown should the winter remain favorable. This is a step in the right direction, since it will help reduce the cotton acreage and diversify our crops.

Jim Yell, John Walker with their families, have returned from an outing and hunt in Valverde county, where they camped on Big Devils river, 20 miles from Comstock. The party killed eight deer and a variety of small game.

A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Reagan is going to give away a diamond ring or watch—you may be the fortunate one—trade with him.

Big Lot

Christmas Notions

Side frills, silk hose, ladies belts, scarfs, mufflers, pins and gloves, all at bargain prices. :-: :-: :-:

Yours for a big Christmas cash trade,

LEON HARRIS

Give me your Furniture and Stove repairing, Picture Frame work and mirror replating. Phone 414, S. R. Morton Furniture & Hardware Company.

T. F. Nabors, who lives three miles east of town, slaughtered a pig last week that weighed 408 pounds after being dressed. Some hog country this.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by all dealers.

A ticket received with every dollar, whether sales or on account, at Reagan's, which may get you a diamond ring or watch. Ask how?

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Riley and Wilson, of Coahoma, which appears in this paper.

A well informed farmer and landholder told us this week that he had been educated on cotton and that he was going to turn his efforts to raising grain, feed stuff and live stock. Sensible idea.

Serviceable Gifts

For The Holidays

Our Store is full of useful wearing apparel which we wish to sell at Low Prices from now until

January 1, 1912,

as we begin invoicing early in Jan. Our Shoe stock is too large. We also have full stocks of the things named below :-: :-: :-:

Men's and Boys' Trousers, Coat Sweaters, Jersey Sweaters, Turtle Neck Sweaters, Sweater Coats, Underwear, Hats, Gloves, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Shirts, Collars, Ties, Hand Bags, Suit Cases, Hose, Leggings, Over Gaiters and many other things that we would like to show you at prices not duplicated where quality is not sacrificed

Give us a Call

A. P. McDonald & Co.

Shoes and Men's Furnishings
221 Main Street

WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK

County Depository Howard County

CAPITAL and SURPLUS \$100,000.00
RESPONSIBILITY, Over \$1,000,000.00

If you have an account with us, we thank you for it. If you have not, we would thank you for one. It is our desire to accommodate every customer needing any assistance. We guarantee to every depositor the safe return of their money. Visit this bank when you come to town. We are always glad to advise with you on any matters pertaining to your interests :-: :-: :-:

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WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

Special Winter Course for Farmers.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas has arranged to give a short winter course to farmers, January 8 to 20, 1912. This course is free and no entrance examination is required. Instruction will be given in judging growing crops, soil, fertility, crops and crop rotation; judging breeding and feeding live stock, farm management, etc.

The members of the Boys' Corn club are especially invited. It is suggested that each one bring at least ten ears of his own corn to study in judging. Liberal premiums will be awarded to the person exhibiting the best ten ears of corn.

Trade where your money will go farthest and your trade appreciated. Phone 414, S. R. Morton Furniture & Hardware Company.

At The Lyric Christmas afternoon each one buying a ticket for the matinee will receive a christmas gift.

ENVIED POWERS OF COURTS.

Some workmen engaged in hanging an iron door on the Planters hotel recently disturbed the attention of court and jury across the way and therefore the orderly and equitable process of the law in Judge Muench's court. A deputy sheriff was sent with a message to them to desist. Unaware that the court is the people of the state of Missouri, the workmen replied to the emissary in a light and glib manner, says the St. Louis Republic. Result: An arrest for contempt, the hasty summoning of the contractor and the release of his minions upon payment of the costs of the arrest. The private citizen, on reading this, may well sigh for the powers he unwittingly delegated when courts were constituted. Noise is the bane of civilization. The savage trod with moccasins foot upon a carpet of leaves in the forest or the grass of the prairie. Civilization means crowding. It rears walls and necessitates pavements. The latter make noise and the former echo it. In an age when engineering runs to specialties, why not the antinnoise engineer? He might begin with the auto siren and the street car gong and progress slowly toward the pneumatic riveter, saving for his matured powers the peripatetic vegetable man and the talking machine with the green horn in the small flat on the side street.

Sometimes it happens that men who have smoked to a good old age, abjure the weed before they die, as recently did D. K. Pearsons, the Chicago philanthropist, actuated by the belief, perhaps, that it has been so pleasant to them that it must be harmful. Others refuse to believe that only the disagreeable things of the world are intended for human use, and are convinced that they have been indebted to tobacco for innocent enjoyment. This was the case with Abraham Isaacs, who died in San Francisco at the age of one hundred and six, and whose last words were: "God has been good to me and allotted me a long life. Let me die smoking."

The health commissioner of Chicago would like to abolish the gongs on ambulances, saying that they are nuisances and incentives to violation of the speed ordinance. A gong has no place on an ambulance for the sick, he declares, and there is no sense in having to rouse the entire community when going after a patient. All of which indicates that the commissioner has a level head. He might have added that not once in a thousand times is it necessary to exercise frantic haste in conveying the patient to the hospital, the ailing occupant of the vehicle being the better in 999 cases for a moderate pace.

While the subject of conservation is under discussion stress may well be laid on the necessity of conservation of cities against the risk of destruction by fire. The suggestions made by Franklin H. Wentworth of Boston at the recent Fire Protection congress in St. Paul favor non-combustible window frames and wired glass in all commercial, factory and office buildings, and the general installation of automatic sprinkler systems. It would be well, too, if all city roofs were covered with incombustible material, eliminating the dangerous wooden shingles.

There will be, it is announced, no attempt this year to cross the Atlantic ocean. In view of all the fatalities which have happened in the attempted conquest of the air, it is reassuring to note an instance in which prudence is by no means the pusillanimous virtue which some rash ones hold it. On the contrary, courage could accomplish more if it took the hard common sense plan, as has been done in this case, of having prudence for a running mate. The two are not at all incompatible.

English sparrows in Massachusetts are accused of being firebugs by carrying matches to their nests. If the little birds could speak, they might retort on the carelessness of humans in throwing matches around and then devoting time, attention and energy to the great question of fire prevention. Being sparrows only, however, they simply twitter and go on picking up matches where the humans throw them.

An amateur actor was killed at a rehearsal by a revolver shot. A veteran guide of the deer woods should have been the stage manager.

Doubtless the satisfaction of the man who flew from coast to coast is equal to that of the man who swam the English channel.

Down east the very latest is the "intuitive kiss." That, we presume, is when you don't ask her first.

BRUTAL MURDER OF A PEDDLER

KILLED ON ROAD NEAR GRAPEVINE SATURDAY NIGHT.

HE PLEADED FOR HIS LIFE

Lee Knight of Lewisville Heard Nathan Schlesinger Begging Not to Be Killed.

Fort Worth, Texas: "Don't shoot me; please don't kill me." These words, heard by Lee Knight, who lives near Lewisville, as he walked along a lonely road Saturday, are believed to have preceded the brutal killing of Nathan Schlesinger, a peddler, whose dead body was found about three miles from Grapevine Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Three bullet holes were discovered in the back and the imprint of brass knuckles was plain on the forehead.

Following a long trail with bloodhounds, Luck McKinney and John Hyder, eighteen years of age, were arrested at Lewisville Monday and murder charges preferred against them.

Knight says he heard the words above quoted, then a demand for money. Following this came three shots in quick succession, and a few seconds later Knight saw two forms scurry through the darkness and dart down the road toward Lewisville. He recognized them, as one them, revolver in hand, almost stumbled over him as he crouched low to avoid being seen and escape the fate of the unfortunate man whose appeals for life had been denied.

As soon as the men were out of sight, Knight started running for Grapevine and notified the citizens there that a murder had been committed. Armed men at once set out for the scene in rigs and on horseback. About two and a half miles out on the road they found the driverless horse attached to a wagon that had belonged to Schlesinger.

WIFE SHOTS HUSBAND.

Homer Trout, a Cattle Salesman, is Shot in Head at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Texas: Homer Y. Trout, a well-known cattle salesman, was shot and probably fatally wounded at a grill room.

Trout was seated at one of the tables talking to a man and two women, when a woman entered and, aiming at his head, fired one shot, which entered the middle of the forehead above the bridge of the nose and came out at the right side of the forehead, making a hole from which the brain oozed. The shot was fired at such close range that the skin was powder burned. Mrs. Trout, wife of the wounded man, was arrested and placed under bond of \$2,500, charged with assault to murder.

Stolen Goods Buried in Cemetery. The finding of several hundred dollars worth of stolen goods in the Old Soldiers' Cemetery at San Angelo furnishes a key to numerous petty robbery mysteries. The loot was stored in a ten-gallon milk can buried deep between two graves, the headstone of a grave being used to cover the hole. The cemetery has not been used for years.

THREE LOSE LIVES ON TROLLEY LINE.

Head-On Collision Between Interurban Cars on Kansas City-Leavenworth Road.

Kansas City.—In a collision between two trolley cars on the Kansas City-Leavenworth line, which met head-on in a dense fog near Walcott, Kan., Monday two persons were killed and nine seriously injured.

A misunderstanding of orders is believed to have caused the collision. Died on Pullman Near End of Journey.

Pittsburg.—Harry H. Baxter, a well-known young man of this city, died as the Pullman car on which he was returning from Bartlesville, Okla., for a Christmas visit, reached the union station here Monday. He had become ill while the train was speeding across Ohio and telegrams had summoned a hospital ambulance and a physician at the station to meet him, but he was dead when they reached the car.

Revolver and "Switch" Prove Fatal.

Kansas City, Mo.—Keeping a revolver in a bureau drawer with her false hair, proved to be a fatal mistake Sunday night for Mrs. Cecelia Masten of this city. The weapon became entangled with the switch and while trying to discharge it, she was shot in the head and almost instantly killed.

SOME WALL STREET BETS.

Five to One that Roosevelt is Nominated by Republicans.

New York: It was learned Monday that half a dozen small bets at odds of 5 to 1 have been made in Wall street in the last few days that Theodore Roosevelt would be the next Presidential nominee of the Republican party and would be elected.

TEXAS NEWS GATHERED EVERYWHERE

A large rice plant is being installed near Louise.

Plans are under way for the erection of a creamery at Longview.

The 90,000,000-gallon reservoir at New Castle, is receiving the finishing touches.

Brownsville has a movement under way to establish a public market house in the city.

Paris, Texas, plans to spend \$250,000 the coming year in street improvements.

The city of Abilene has under advisement plans for the installation of a city crematory.

It is estimated that 50,000 orange trees have been planted in Victoria County the past season.

The Longview Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to organize a building and loan association.

1000 acres of land in Rockport and vicinity are being cut up into home-stand lots and farming tracts.

The State Prison Commissioner reported recently that 3449 convicts were in the penitentiary on December 1.

The Southwestern Telephone Company has just completed \$20,000 worth of improvements in their Quanah exchange.

A new artesian well was brought in at Clifton a few days ago that has a flow of 250,000 gallons every 24 hours.

Fire destroyed the Cowan-Mitchell lumber yard at Grand Prairie one night last week. The loss was about \$15,000.

Citizens of Edna and Jackson county are considering the proposition of opening and improving Navidad river to navigation.

The Texas State Horticultural Society will hold the mid-winter meeting in Houston on the 18th and 19th of January, 1912.

The T. & P. Ry. has let contract and work begun on their new roundhouse at Marshall. It will have stalls for twenty-seven locomotives.

Work has commenced on lock and dam No. 8, to be located a few miles below Waco on the Brazos River, to make that stream navigable.

By November 1, 1912, it is planned to have completed the new 18-story Rice hotel in Houston. The cost complete will be approximately \$2,500,000.

A franchise has been granted for a railroad from Dallas to Eagle Ford. Gasoline motor cars will be used and the line will be laid with 70 power rails.

A 7-year-old youth at Groesbeck is said to be the champion cotton picker of the State. A few days ago he picked 108 pounds of the fleecy staple in one day.

It is reported that the stockholders of the Marshall & East Texas Railway have approved the issuance of \$5,000,000 bonds. The company contemplates extensions.

According to an inventory of the property of the late John W. Gates, recently filed at Beaumont, the net value of his estate is \$16,239,636, of which \$5,192,183 is invested in Texas.

San Antonio has sent an elaborate exhibit for the halls of the Southern Commercial Congress in Washington, D. C. A feature of the exhibit is the stucco models of the Alamo, Conception and San Jose missions.

According to a report of the division commercial managers of Southwestern Telephone Company a few days ago, Dallas has fourteen per cent more telephones than any other city in the division of like size.

The course in electrical engineering at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, is designed to give the students a working knowledge of general electric engineering and to fit him for professional work in various branches of applied electricity.

The special, Katy A. and M. College train completed its tour of the M. K. & T. Ry., in Texas, at Jefferson Friday. It is said 40,000 people saw the exhibits and heard the lectures. Fifty-four towns were visited.

The Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon show has decided to erect a handsome exhibition building on the Fair Stock grounds to be ready for the coming show in March. The structure will be 36x80 feet and will accommodate 1500 birds.

Edward A. Warner, general supervisor of municipal play grounds in Dallas in his first semi-annual report on Trinity Play Park, states there was an attendance of 48,744 for the six months beginning June 1, and that 6,498 free baths had been taken.

The Commissioners Court of Franklin County, let contract to build a new court house at Mount Vernon to cost \$42,000 to L. R. Wright & Co., contractors, and L. L. Thurman & Co., architects, both of Dallas. Work to begin Jan. 1.

At a recent Southeast Texas fair held in Beaumont, more than 100 articles were shown made out of the woods of Southeast Texas, which ranged from a step ladder to an automobile plane and from turpentine to turned porch columns.

A WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE CONDENSED FOR QUICK READING.

STATE, NATIONAL, FOREIGN

Affairs Given Here in Tabloid Form for Busy Readers in City and Country.

St. Mary's Hospital at Roswell, N. M., is planning to build a \$30,000 addition this winter.

George Gould has purchased a Scottish Castle. The estate consists of several thousand acres.

Cornelius Vanderbilt was operated on for appendicitis Saturday in New York. He is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

Alex Monroe, English wrestler, is in training at Kansas City of a match with Frank Gotch on Dec. 27, at Kansas City Athletic Club.

Abe Attell and Jack White have signed to fight for welterweight title at New Orleans on afternoon of January 14.

James Stops of Dayton, O., is figuring on erecting a cannery factory at Roswell, N. M., to cost between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

George Moody, Valliant, Okla., and Henry Harms, St. Louis, were instantly killed when Frisco train derailed near Bryant, Okla., Thursday.

John D. Rockefeller has purchased \$500 worth of Red Cross Christmas seals, which he will paste on his Christmas presents this year.

W. S. Burgess, an aviator, went duck hunting the other day in his aeroplane. A passenger he had in his machine died the shooting.

Four more alleged Rayistas arrested at Laredo Thursday, charged with violation of neutrality laws. Released on \$500 bond each.

Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, two show girls, were acquitted by a jury in New York a few days ago. They were charged with the shooting of W. E. D. Stokes, a millionaire.

A tumor was removed from the eye of John Galick, 7 years old, son of a farmer near Sampson, Pa., a few days ago which restored his sight after being totally blind for three years.

Queen Victoria of Spain gave birth to a daughter recently, which is the fifth child born to the Spanish royal family, who were married in May, 1906.

A negro in Los Angeles a few days ago tore one of the new Chinese Republic's flags from the doorway of a Chinese establishment in Chinatown of that city. He was arrested.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson presents diplomas to twenty-one Southern Corn Club boys and congratulates them. Says he: "You have done something, and the country is proud of you."

Alfred G. Vanderbilt, second son of the late Cornelius Vanderbilt, was married Sunday in Gloucester, Eng., to Mrs. Margaret Emerson McKim, daughter of Captain Isaac E. Emerson of Baltimore. Mr. Vanderbilt inherited more than \$100,000,000 from the family estate. He was divorced by Ellen French Vanderbilt three years ago. Mrs. McKim divorced her husband in 1909. Her mother recently divorced her multi-millionaire husband, who promptly married a close friend of his daughter.

Decision of Judge Armstrong at Oklahoma City in court of criminal appeals, knocks out that portion of Oklahoma liquor statute which limits amount which may be held by private individual to one quart.

Mrs. Eliza Thorpe of Macon, Ga., who became so imbued with religious fervor that she concluded she could walk on water. She called several of her neighbors to witness the attempt. She took off her shoes and cloak on reaching the river and waded in only to be swept away by the strong current. When her body was recovered ten minutes later she was dead. She refused to receive any assistance from any of the 100 or more witnesses.

Full report of Maine investigation board transmitted to congress. It confirms former brief summary of report—that the battleship was blown up by an explosion from the outside, concussion from which probably set off magazines in the vessel's hold.

Five privates of Battery B, Sixth Field artillery, arrested in connection with the confession of Private Quirk, implicating former Chaplain Brewer in series of explosions, which wrecked much property near Fort Riley, Kan.

Original date for trial of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, Boston minister accused of murder of Avis Linnell, will be adhered to. Set for January 16. Counsel will not ask of a further extension.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company last week bought the Southern Telephone Company. The deal being made in Little Rock, Ark. The price paid was \$1,100,000. Over sixty exchanges were included, which took in more than 5000 miles of wire.

The Quanah, Seymour, Dublin and Rockport railroad is now making fair headway in its construction. In the course of a few more weeks grading will be finished between Belton and Salado, a distance of nine miles. President Walker is submitting his proposition to the different towns along the line and these are being accepted as fast as could be expected. Before the lapse of another year it is thought that all arrangements will have been completed for the construction of the entire line from Quanah to Rockport.

Nat Goodwin's third wife, Edna Goodrich, has reached a final settlement with Goodwin, according to her lawyer, Herman L. Roth. Goodwin compromised for \$150,000 in cash and real estate value at \$500,000, this, according to Roth, is one-third of Goodwin's possessions.

A story from reliable sources tells of the remarkable exploit of an American at the Bullion Golondrina Mines, in Mexico. The mine was attacked by twenty-eight armed and bent on looting the storehouse of the valuable ore stored there representing the output of over a month. John W. Wilkinson, an American, was in charge, and seeing the men coming, entrenched himself at the end of a long corridor with a sawed off shot gun and a large supply of cartridges charged with nine buckshot each. The bandits surrounded and entered the Patie and still he waited. Finally they crept down the corridor. When the corridor was full, Wilkinson threw open the door and fired charge after charge into the bandit band. When the smoke had cleared away seventeen of the twenty-eight lay dead, the others had fled.

Post City, Tex.—C. W. Post of Battle Creek, Mich., founder of this city, will establish a cotton mill of 10,000 spindles here, which will be in operation in time to handle 1912 cotton. The initial cost of the mill will be about \$400,000, and it will be built in such a manner as to permit wide additions of machinery in case the success of the project merits the extension. The annual production will be in the neighborhood of 2,000,000 yards of bleached sheetings, cut, hemmed and laundered ready to be spread upon the bed. In the respect that it will combine every process of textile manufacture from the boll to the customer, this will be the first and only mill of its kind in the world.

Waxahachie, Tex.—At a largely attended meeting of Ellis County farmers at the court house Saturday in response to a call issued by D. F. Still of Italy resolutions were adopted favoring the reduction of the cotton acreage of the county 25 per cent next year. Efforts are to be made to form organizations in every precinct in the county. R. K. Erwin and Hon. J. M. Aldridge were appointed to assist Chairman Still in perfecting the precinct organizations. A big acreage was represented by the farmers in attendance. Several made short talks and volunteered to cut their cotton acreage next year and to pay more attention to diversification.

Dr. G. S. Fraps, State Chemist of Texas, at the Texas Experimental Station at the A. and M. College, says: Cottonseed meal contains approximately 7 per cent nitrogen; 2.5 per cent phosphoric acid and 1.5 per cent potash. Cotton seed has practically one-half the fertilizing value of the above. Cotton seed meal is used at the rate of 200 to 400 pounds per acre for corn and cotton. It is best to use some acid phosphate along with it, however. It depends on the kind of fertilizer and the character of the soil how much should be used for corn and cotton. If the soil is a black waxy, it will go slow with fertilizers, as these soils do not always respond. On the black sandy soil you can use from 200 to 300 pounds per acre, according to the kind of fertilizer and experience with it.

Houston, Texas: Thirty-five thousand dollars will be spent in the rebuilding and rehabilitating of the furniture shop, the cabinet shop, the wagon works and the blacksmith shop at the Huntsville penitentiary. These buildings will be erected on a smaller scale than those that were burned, but will be permanent structures. The rebuilding of the other buildings that were burned will be held up until the next legislative meets.

New York: Stockholders of the American Sugar Refining Company will at the next annual meeting to approve a plan to provide pensions to the company's 7,500 officers and employees. Details of the plan, as worked out, including provisions for the retiring employees 55 years of age, or after thirty years service. An appropriation of \$300,000 is suggested as the nucleus of the pension fund. No pension under the proposed plan will be less than \$20 a month and none will exceed \$5,000 a year.

Second hearing of Dr. B. Clark Hyde at Kansas City came to end Thursday night, when the jury was discharged, as result of ruling that Juror Waldron was not mentally competent. Third trial set for January 2.

Georgia is holding a presidential primary not later than June next to decide who delegates shall support in next summer's convention. This decided on at Atlanta by Democratic State committee. Exact date for primary to be settled at a meeting of the committee in April.

A FEDERAL HEALTH BOARD.

It is gratifying to note that the bill for the creation of a federal health board will not be allowed to pass without a protest. Reports of organized resistance come from all parts of the country, and it may be that the opposition will soon be sufficiently solidified to defeat a project that promises infinite mischief for the community, and suffering and injustice for the individual.

The proposal is based upon those specious claims that are notoriously hard to controvert. If a federal health board were to be created, its activities would be confined to the promulgation of salutary advice upon hygienic matters, to the abatement of quackery, and to the purity of drugs, it might be possible to say much in its favor, although it would still be difficult to say that such an organization is needed. But we know that it will attempt to do far more than this, seeing that its adherents have loudly proclaimed their intentions. Indeed, there is no secrecy about them. It is confidently expected that the board will consist of advocates of one school of medicine only and that the methods of that school will be not only recommended, but enforced upon the nation. Indeed a board that was in any way representative of the medical profession as a whole would be stultified by its own disagreements. Outside the domain of simple hygiene, for which we need no federal board at all, there is no single point of medical practice upon which allopaths, homeopaths, eclectics and osteopaths could be in union. Any board that could be devised by the wit of man must be composed of representatives of one school only, and this means that all other schools are branded as of an inferior caste, even though nothing worse happened to them. And something worse would happen to them. If we are to establish a school of medicine, if we are to assert that the government of the United States favors one variety of practice more than others, why not establish also a sect of religion and bestow special authorities upon Baptists, Methodists and Episcopalians? An established school of religious conjecture seems somewhat less objectionable than an established sect of pseudo-scientific conjecture.

Those who suppose that a federal board of health would have no concern with individual rights are likely to find themselves undeceived. It is for the purpose of interfering with individual rights that the proposal has been made. We need no special knowledge of conditions to be aware that what may be called unorthodox methods of healing have made sad inroads into the orthodox. Homeopathy claims a vast number of adherents who are just as well educated and just as intelligent as those who adhere to the older school. Osteopathy, eclecticism, and half a dozen other methods of practice are certainly not losing ground. Beyond them is the vast and increasing army of those who may be classed under the general and vague name of mental healers. Those who are addicted to any of these forms of unorthodoxy need have no doubt as to the purposes of the federal health board. These purposes are to make it difficult for them to follow their particular fads and fancies, to lead them, and if necessary to drive them, from medical unorthodoxy to medical orthodoxy.

Now the Argonaut holds no brief for any of the excesses and the superstitions connected with the care of the body in which this age is so rife. But it does feel concerned for the preservation of human liberty and for the rights of the individual to doctor himself in any way he pleases so long as he does not indubitably threaten the health of the community. He may take large doses or small ones, or no doses at all; he may be massaged, anointed with oil, or prayed over, just as the whim of the moment may dictate, and probably it makes no particle of difference which he does. But he has the right to choose, just as he chooses the color of his necktie or the character of his underclothing. It is not a matter in which any wise government will seek to interfere. This is precisely the liberty that the health board intends to take from him. Orthodox medicine, conscious of its losses, is trying to buttress itself by federal statute, to exalt allopathy to the status of a privileged caste, and to create an established school of medicine just as some other countries have allowed themselves to create an established school of religion. It is for the common sense of the community to rebuke that effort and to repel an unwarranted invasion upon elementary human rights.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Waiting.

"Have you named your baby yet?"

"No."

"Isn't getting pretty old to be without a name, isn't he?"

"Yes, but my wife wishes to call him Percival, and we're waiting to find out whether he's going to have a lip."

Blung.

"You call this cake angel food," said the harsh husband.

"Yes, dear," said the timid wife, "but if the diet doesn't seem exactly what you want, here are some devilish crabs."—Washington Star.

Sounded Plausible.

"Why do people speak of a 'cool' million?"

"I don't know, unless it's because a man with a million dollars can keep cool, no matter how high the cost of living goes."

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IF IT'S NOT GOOD I WILL MAKE IT GOOD.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

A. J. Gallemore spent Sunday with his family at Stanton.

Who has the prettiest and complete holiday assortment?
REAGAN.

Some real Bargains at Morton's Store. Call and see them.

Mrs. J. Morgan has returned from a visit to relatives in Baird.

Reagan's vast assortment of Christmas gifts are now ready for your inspection.

Sam M. Winters returned Sunday from a trip to Abilene.

Local and Personal

Dr. A. B. Leech, of Coahoma, was here Monday.

Hub Moore spent several days last week visiting friends in Baird.

Come early while my large Christmas stock is complete.
REAGAN.

J. E. Cockerell, of San Antonio, was here the first of the week.

Matinee at The Lyric Saturday Afternoon.

For anything in New and Second Hand Household Goods, see S. R. Morton.

D. C. Riley, of Coahoma, was here Monday interviewing our wholesale merchants.

Save money and perhaps get a DIAMOND ring or WATCH free by trading at Reagan's.

Red Cross Seals will not carry any kind of mail, but any kind of mail will carry them.

One dollar spent here may get you a diamond ring or watch, which Reagan will give away Saturday, Dec. 23.

Rev. A. B. Norrell spent Sunday and Monday at Midland in the interest of the American Sunday School Union work.

You may get the DIAMOND ring or WATCH which Reagan will give away Saturday evening December 23.

FREE! FREE!

A ticket is given for each dollar received, whether for sales or on account, which may get you a DIAMOND RING or a WATCH and CHAIN, each valued at \$50, which will be given away here, Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd at 9:30 p. m.
REAGAN'S STORE.

A gift within reach every one—The Red Cross Christmas Seal.

W. H. Brennan, of Seminole, was here Monday.

Henry Holler, of Gail, was here yesterday on business.

The public schools of Big Springs dismissed Friday for a two weeks' holiday.

The largest assortment of Christmas goods you have ever seen, at Reagan's.

A square inch of clear conscience for a cent—the Red Cross Christmas Seal.

Mrs. S. H. Spain left Wednesday night for Oklahoma, on a visit to her mother.

No package too big to carry a Christmas Seal, and none too small to be without one.

S. H. Spain left Wednesday night for Russellville, Kentucky, where he was called by the serious illness of his father.

Investigate my HOLIDAY GOODS whether you buy or not.
Reagan.

A. D. Alderman came in Monday from Ohio and will remain here some time.

Miss Margaret Crawford left Sunday night for El Paso, where she has accepted a position in a telephone office.

On Christmas day the service at the Episcopal church will be held at 11:00 o'clock a. m. The Christmas tree for the Sunday school will be on Saturday at 7:00 p. m.

Bishop Temple preached last Sunday both morning and evening to an appreciative congregation at the Episcopal church. He expects to be here again in about three months.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.



The Foundation of A Good Cup of Coffee

The most skilful cook can't make good coffee if the foundation is poor.
The least expert can't utterly disguise the fine flavor, aroma—all round goodness of

White Swan Coffee

You'll think of it always as being the very acme of coffee quality once you've tasted it. So don't discharge the cook 'til you've given her the final test with White Swan. If then her coffee is still poor her case is hopeless.

Comes in full weight—1, 2 and 3 lb., sealed cans—only
WAPLES-PLATTER GROCER CO.

S. N. Young and family have returned from a visit in South Texas.

Mrs. D. D. Darling, who was here on a visit to her parents, J. D. Birdneck and family, left Sunday for her home in Dallas.

Misses Ethel and Eula Brown, who are attending the Texas Christian university, will spend the holidays here with their parents, G. L. Brown and wife.

T. H. Johnson received a big watermelon this week, which was sent to him from Terry county. The melon is of the Georgia rattle-nake variety and appeared to be keeping well.

Harry Alney and wife will spend the holidays with relatives in Denton.

Up to noon, Tuesday, 3,610 bales of cotton had been weighed at the yard here.

Sam M. Winters left Monday for Hagerman, New Mexico, on business and to visit his family; he will be absent about one week.

Wood, Wood!

Try the new wood yard, prompt delivery, satisfaction guaranteed. Office phone 271; residence phone 177.
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EARLY SHOPPING! AS A HABIT

Did You Know?

That those who wait till the last day to make their Holiday Purchases are never satisfied?

That those who select their presents early have a big advantage over you, who wait?

That wise buyers know the value of time in this respect and make their reservations when they can have their first choice?

That if you see what you want today you have no assurance that you will find it tomorrow?

That the fellow who suggested the old saying about the famous "early bird" was exactly right?

We wish to Announce

That our stock, this year, will far outclass that of any previous years.

That the various departments in our store will comprise THE BEST in Jewelry, Watches, Fine Clocks, Cut Glass, Chinaware, Fine Stationery, Picture Books, Standard Works, Bibles, Dolls, Doll Buggies, Mechanical Toys, Etc.

BE AN "EARLY BIRD"

R. L. McCAMANT

THE REXALL STORE

Your Friends Prefer Jewelry to any Other Gift in the World

For thousands of years—as far back as historical records go—the universal token of love and friendship has been precious stones and jewels. To every race in every age and generation, gems and jewels have held a charm more alluring than money, land, merchandise or any other form of wealth.

And with each generation, the sentiment attached to the giving and owning of jewels grows.

Every achievement in life is associated with gifts of beautiful jewels—a diminutive ring for the baby; bracelets, and neck chains for birthday remembrances; at graduation, perhaps a fine watch; a diamond ring announces the marriage engagement; and at the wedding, the crowning event of all, a multitude of precious gems, stones and jewels.

Search the gamut of human wants and you will find no gift so acceptable as jewelry. Good jewelry is a heritage that is handed down from generation to generation and an enduring remembrance of the giver.

When you wish to select jewelry for your friends or relatives, come to this store. You can not find more dependable jewelry any place; you can not find so large a line or so many novelties elsewhere in this city. Nor are the prices we ask in any case unreasonable. In many instances a comparison will demonstrate that to trade here means a considerable cash saving.

If you are unfamiliar with jewelry, we will be glad to help you to make tasteful selections. On the other hand, if you are accustomed to buying rings, lockets, bracelets, watches, etc., so much the better. You will appreciate the more keenly the high-quality of our goods and our up-to-date selections.

Needless to say, every article of merchandise we sell is warranted to be exactly as represented. There's no chance for deception at this store.

Our line is particularly interesting in rings, brooches, bracelets, necklaces, lockets, pins, watches and late novelties.

We are agents for the Famous South Bend Watch, which you see advertised in the leading magazines.

Come and visit our store, whether or not you are ready to purchase jewelry. Bring your friends along. We take pleasure in showing the many beautiful gems and jewels that we have.

Irvin H. Park, The Jeweler

.....Established 1890....



Christmas Wine and Walnuts

Wonderful Man.
Decem—Ginks had the most wonderful control of his features of any man I ever knew.

Burr—I understand he was a marvel.
Decem—He was. Why, I've even seen that man look pleased when he saw what his wife had bought him for Christmas.

In Advance.
Mrs. Skinfint—Oh, John! Mary, the parlor maid, has just swallowed a quarter! What ever shall we do?
Old Skinfint—Do? Well, I suppose we'd better let her keep it. She'd have expected a Christmas present, anyhow!

Once Enough.
"Christmas comes but once a year," said the cheery citizen.
"No use in its coming twice a year," said the morose person. "Must give a man a chance to save a little money before he can spend it!"

Too Late.
Highwayman—Halt! Your money or your life!

Victim—It's no go, stranger. My wife's in the same line of business always at Christmas time, and she's just finished with it.

Two Kinds.
There are friends and Christmas friends. The latter take all the presents they can get and present you with beautiful boughs.

A MYSTERY.



Dudley Nobs—Pa, there's one thing about Santa Claus I never could understand.
Mr. Nobs—What is that, my son?
Dudley Nobs—Why does Santa always leave valuable presents to rich folks and cheap ones to poor people? Why don't he even things up?

A Clean Sweep.
Caroline—I've been in the stores all day.
Pauline—So soon after Christmas, and still shopping?
Caroline—Shopping! I guess not. I'm exchanging all my presents.

Cooking.
Mrs. Gramercy—She must have been spoiled when her husband gave her such an expensive present for Christmas.
Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, my suspicions.

Dear Man.
Mrs. Callen—You surely don't give your husband a necktie every Christmas?
Mrs. Abrams—Oh, yes, I do! And when he never seems to know what he's in the mood for.

SERIAL STORY

THE GIRL from HIS TOWN

By MARIE VAN VORST
Illustrations by M. G. KETTNER

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SYNOPSIS.

Dan Blair, the 22-year-old son of the fifty-million-dollar copper king of Blairtown, Mont., is a guest at the English home of Lady Galorey. Dan's father had been courteous to Lord Galorey during his visit to the United States and the courtesy is now being returned to the young man. The youth has an ideal girl in his mind. He meets Lily, Duchess of Breakwater, a beautiful widow, who is attracted by his immense fortune and takes a liking to her. When Dan was a boy, a girl sang a solo at a church, and he had never forgotten her. The Galoreys, Lily and Dan attend a London theater where one Letty Lane is the star.

CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

At the end of the tenor solo Princess Orlay runs into the pavilion and there changes her dress and appears once more to dance before the rajah and to prove herself the dancer he has known and loved in a cafe in Paris. Letty Lane's dress in his dance was the classic ballet dancer's, white as the leaves of a lily. She seemed to swim and float; actually to be breathed and exhaled from out her film gown; and the only ray of color in her costume was her own golden hair, surmounted by a small coral-colored cap, embroidered in pearls. The actress bowed to the right and left, ran to the right, ran to left; glanced toward the Duchess of Breakwater's box; acknowledged the burst of applause; began to dance and finished her pas seul, and with folded hands sang her song. Her beautiful voice came out clear as crystal water from a crystal rock, and her words were cradled like doves, like boats on the boundless seas.

"From India's coral strand. . . . But there was no hymn tune to this song of Letty Lane's in 'Mandalay!' To the boy in the box, however, the words, the tune, the droning of the flies on the window pane, the strong odor of the hymn books and panama fans, came back, and the clear sunlight of Montana seemed to steal into the Gaiety as Letty Lane sang. The Duchess of Breakwater clapped with frank enthusiasm, and said: "She is a perfect wonder, isn't she? Oh, she is too bewitching!"

And she turned for sympathy to her friend, who stood behind her, his face illumined. He was amazed; his blue eyes ablaze, his head bent forward, he was staring, staring at the Gaiety curtain, gone down on the first act.

He laughed softly, and the duchess heard him say:

"Good! Well, I should say she was! She's a girl from our town!"

When the duchess tried to share her enthusiasm with Dan he had disappeared. He left the box and with no difficulty made his way as far as the first wing.

"Can you get me an entrance?" he asked a man he had met once at Osden, and who was evidently an habitué.

"I dare say. Ripplin' show, isn't it?" Dan put his hands on his shoulders and followed the nobleman through the labyrinth of flies.

"Which of 'em do you want to see, old man?"

Dan, without replying, went forward to a small cluster of lights in one of the wings. He went forward intuitively, and his companion caught his arm: "Oh, I say, for God's sake, don't go on like this!"

But without response Dan continued his direction. A call page stood before the door, and Dan, on a card over the entrance read "Miss Lane." The smell of calcium and paint and perfume and the auxiliary hung heavy on

the air. The other man saw Dan knock, knock again and then go in. Unannounced Dan Blair opened the



Dan Stood Motionless, His Eyes Fastened on Her.

door of the dressing room of the actress. Miss Lane's dressing-rooms were worth displaying to her intimate friends. They were done with great taste in coral tint. She might have been said to be in a coral cave under the sea, as far as young Blair was concerned. As he came in he felt his ears dead, and the smoke of cigarettes grew so thick that he looked as through a veil. The dancer was standing in the center of the room, one hand on her hip, and in the other hand a cigarette. Her short skirt stood out around her like a bell, and over the bell fell a rain of pinkish coral strands. She wore a thin slip, from which her neck and arms came shining out, and her woman knelt at her feet strapping on a little coral shoe.

Blair shut the door behind him, and began to realize how rude, how impudent his entrance would be considered. But he came boldly forward and would have introduced himself as "Dan Blair from Blairtown," but Miss Lane, who stood at the entrance through the smoke, burst into a laugh so bright, so delightful, that he was carried high up on the coral strands to the very beach. She crossed her white arms over her breast and leaned forward as a saleswoman might lean forward over a counter, and with her beautifully trained voice, all sweetly she asked him:

"Hello, little boy, what will you take?"

Blair giggled, quick to catch her meaning, and answered: "Oh, chocolate, I guess!"

And Letty Lane laughed, put out her white hand, the one without the cigarette, and said: "Haven't got that brand on board—so sorry! Will a cocktail do? All sorts in bottles. Higgins, fix Mr. Blair a Martini!"

As the dresser rose from her stooping position, the rest of Letty Lane's

she smiled on both the men with extreme brilliance.

"You bet your life," he responded. "I should think it was great."

Poniatowsky rose indolently. He had not looked toward the newcomer, but had, on the other hand, followed every detail of Miss Lane's dressing.

"Better take your scarf, Letty. Hand it to Miss Lane," he directed Higgins. "It is so damned drafty in these beastly wings."

He drew his watch out, gathered up his long coat, flung it over his arm and picked up his opera hat which lay folded on Letty Lane's dressing table.

The call page for the third time summoned "Miss La—ne, Miss La—ne," and she took the scarf Higgins handed her and ran it through her hands, still beaming on Dan.

"Come in to see me at the Savoy on any day, at two-thirty except on matinee days."

"Put on your scarf," Poniatowsky, taking it from her hands, laid it across her white shoulders, and she passed out between the two men, light as a bird, smiling, nodding, followed by the prince and the boy from Montana. The crowds began to fill the lately empty wings—dancers, chorus girls with their rustling gowns. Letty Lane said to Dan:

"Guess you'll like my solo in this act all right—it's the best thing in 'Mandalay.' Now go along, and clap me hard."

It gave him a new pleasure, for she had spoken to him in real American fashion with the swift mimicry that showed her talent. Dan went slowly back to his party. As he took his seat by the duchess she said to him: "You went in to see Letty Lane. Do you know her?"

"Know her!" And as Dan answered, the sound of his own voice was queer



"She's a Girl From Our Town."

dressing-room unfolded out of the mist and smoke. On a sofa covered with lace pillows Blair saw a man sitting, smoking as well. He was tall, and had a dark mustache. It was Prince Poniatowsky, whom Dan had already met at the Galorey shoot.

"Prince Poniatowsky," Miss Lane presented him, "Mr. Blair of Blairtown, Mont. Say, Frederick, give me my cap, will you? It is over by your side. I've got to hustle."

The man, without moving, picked up a small red cap with a single plume, from the sofa at his side. In another second Letty Lane had placed it on her head of yellow hair, real yellow hair and not a doubt of it, like sunshine—not the color one gets from inside bottles. Her arms, her hands flashed with rings, priceless flashes, and the little spears pricked Dan like sharp needles.

"It's the nicest ever!" she was saying. "How on earth did you get in here, though? Have you bought the Gaiety theater? I'm the most exclusive girl on the stage. Who let you in?"

Her accent was English, and even that put her from him. As he looked at her he couldn't understand how he had ever recognized her. If he had waited for another act he wouldn't have believed the likeness real. The girl he remembered had both softened and hardened; the rounded features were gone, but all the angles were gone as well. Her eyes were as gray as the seas; she was painted and her lids were darkened. Seen close, she was not so divine as 'on the stage, but there was still a more thrilling charm about the fact that she was real.

"To think of any one from Montana being here tonight! Staying very long. Mr. Blair!" Between each sentence she directed Higgins, who was getting her into her bodice. "And how do you like 'Mandalay'! Isn't it great?" She addressed herself to Dan, but

to him, and his face flushed hotly. "Lord, yes. She used to be in the drug store in Blairtown. Sold soda water to me when we were both kids. Whoever would have thought that she had that in her?" He nodded toward the stage, for Letty Lane had come on. She sang in our church, too, but not for long."

"Who was with her in her dressing room?" the duchess asked. Blair didn't answer. He was looking at Letty Lane. She had come to dance for the rajah, and in her arms she held four white doves; each dove had a coral thread around its throat. It was a number that made her famous, "The Dove Song." Set free, the birds flew about her, circling her blond head, surmounted by the small coral colored cap. The doves settled on her shoulders, pecked at her lips.

"Was it Poniatowsky?" the duchess repeated.

And Dan told her a meaningless lie. "I didn't meet any one there. And with satisfaction the duchess said:

"Then she has thrown him over, too. He was the latest and the richest. She is horribly extravagant. No man is rich enough for her, they say. Poniatowsky isn't a gold mine."

The doves had flown away to the wings and been gathered up by the Indian servants. The actress on the stage began her Indian cradle song. She came, distinctly turning toward the box party. She had never sung like this in London before. There was a freshness in her voice, a quality in her gesture, a pathos and a sweetness that delighted her audience. They fairly clamored for her, waved and called and recalled. Dan stood motionless, his eyes fastened on her, his heart rocked by the song. He didn't want anyone to speak to him. He wished that some of them would breathe, and nearly as absorbed as was he, no one did speak.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Onlooker by WILBUR D. NESBIT

The Polite Football Man



"I beg your pardon," he observed, with courteous intent. When through a gap that broke their ranks he most politely went. For he believed that football should be made a harmless game. That men should hold their tempers and not maul and bump and maim.

Somebody seized him at the knees and threw him to the ground. "Quite clever," was his first remark when his last breath he found. "Oh, thank you," he observed when from a foeman came the ball; He grasped it just as five of them upon him chanced to fall.

"I'm much obliged," he murmured when at last they let him rise; His nose was bleeding and a ring of black marked both his eyes; His shoulder had been wrenched, and some one had jumped on his neck. But still suave, he took his place, a Chesterfieldian wreck.

Again they surged together and again they threw him down. Their heavy shoes bitted all his ribs; with pain they made him frown; "I'll get up now," he gently said; they said they guessed he'd not. And then his plan of gentleness he totally forgot.

He humped himself, he lifted up, he threw them right and left. He tossed them heels and there with movement marvelously deft; He kicked somebody in the shins, he stuck his elbow out. And caught a man upon his ribs—and he gave up the sport.

He grabbed the ball and started on—a trail of teeth and hair. And tattered sweaters marked his course and showed he had been there—The laurels twined about his brow will never, never wilt. But often, as he thinks of them, he has a sense of guilt.

OVERDID IT.



"Mr. Flipp was walking with Alice and me last night," confided the fair young thing.

"They say he is dreadfully forward," comments the friend.

"He is. I had a notion to tell him he was going too far."

"O, what did he do?"

"He reached his arm clear beyond me and squeezed Alice."

Where She Drove the Line.
The beautiful young creature was making her toilet, preparatory to greeting her caller. On her lovely head she piled high the golden glory of her hair. Two switches formed the wreathing arrangement on the crown, a shorter switch supplied a coquettish roll over the forehead, and eight dainty puffs she took from her dressing table and pinned on the back of her head.

"How do I look?" she asked her friend.

"Beautiful. I never saw your hair look so well. He'll be sure to propose to you tonight."

"If he does I'll reject him. Do you know, I heard yesterday that he wears a toupee?"

Can't Please Them.

"I don't see why you are always displeased with me," complained the unhappy wife. "Last week you made me promise not to dance all the time with Mr. Gliddeigh, and now you are angry because I insisted upon sitting out the dances with him instead of going on the floor."

All She Need Do.

"But," says the coy and beautiful young thing, looking bewilderingly at the holiday decorations, "I do not understand all this mistletoe."

"You don't have to understand it," replies the helpful young man. "All you are expected to do is stand under it."

Wilbur Nesbit

Important To All Who Are Looking FOR BARGAINS!

WE have tried to collect, but in vain. We are up against it, and we must raise some money. We owe the wholesale man and the banker. They say they must have their money, and in order to raise this cash we are going to put on a **SPECIAL SALE** to commence Dec. 23rd and continue until Jan. 15, 1912. This sale will be on Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Hardware. Now is the time to lay in your supply while you can save money. Come early and get your choice before everything is picked over. We positively will not charge anything during this sale at cut prices. If anything is charged it will be charged at the regular prices. We also have one of the largest and best stocks of **FRESH GROCERIES** in Coahoma that we are selling **CHEAP** for **CASH**. Be sure and come to see us; get our prices whether you buy or not.

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The Enterprise wishes every one a merry Christmas.

The man who diversifies his crops is the man who has a bank account.

Patronage of home industries means cooperative advancement. It is the fundamental principle of industrial success.

Did it ever occur to you that the smoothness of the highway of life depends to a great extent on the public highways of your community? Build good roads.

Public highways are the industrial and commercial arteries of a state. They should be in the best possible repair in order to supply the cities with the life-sustaining products of the farm.

The sixth annual edition of the Colorado Record, which was published last week, is a very creditable paper. It had a beautiful holiday cover and contained much interesting matter about its town and county.

That the Lone Star state leads the Union not only in the number of cattle, but in the matter of quality, is thoroughly demonstrated by the winning of practically all of the chief prizes at the International Livestock show recently held in Chicago.

A well known farmer from the northwest part of the county was in town Wednesday, and in conversation with the writer stated that hereafter he was going to raise hogs, calves and chickens, and that if he could not sell them they could be eaten at home. He is very much out with five cent cotton.

The boosting and the building of a city should go hand in hand. If the booster can show the building to back up his boosting, the desired end is attained and effective advertisement of the city (which is the object of the boosting) is accomplished.

Texas again sets the pace for a state's advancement. This time it is the Welfare Commission. Towns and cities have heretofore undertaken development along systematic lines, but never before has the movement been statewide. Texans have shown their ability to rise above mere community levels by organization of the Texas Welfare Commission. This commission will have for its aim the industrial and commercial uplift of the entire state, and in this is unique. There is no other state in the union that has any such organization.

Start a Home Now and Join the Ranks of the Independents

Never has it been easier to build than right now; and there is no enterprise more worthy than home building. It opens the purse strings of the banker quicker than anything else, because it means that you have decided to become a part of the community in which you live. Thus almost before you start you find the ownership of a home carries a significance. Start it today—you'll be glad if you do and sorry if you don't. When you're ready to talk lumber we'll be waiting for you, because we have just the lumber you will need, besides a lot of suggestions that may be helpful to you without any extra charge.

Burton-Lingo Co.

It is important that every citizen of Big Springs co-operate and do his part just now in building up the town. Times are hard and money is scarce and hard to get, but that is the time when the real stuff that is in men is brought out. It is not hard to drift; anybody can do that, in fact, most people do it without any effort, but a real man is not satisfied with drifting.

The organization of hog and corn clubs, establishment of demonstration farms and the wonderful increase in the number of acres under irrigation are a few of the many things that indicate that the Texas farmer is marching in the front rank of progress.

Evidences of the spirit of good road building that is sweeping the country from coast to coast and from Canada to the gulf are being offered in various forms. One indication of this is the fact that the attention of brilliant inventive minds are being turned to the problem of devising the most effective road-building machinery possible.

NATURE'S WARNING

Big Springs People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ills come quietly—mysteriously. But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy. If there are settlements and sediment. Passages frequent, scanty, painful. It's time then to use Doan's Kidney Pills.

To ward off Bright's disease or diabetes.

Doan's have done great work in this locality.

Mrs. C. Scharbauer, of Midland, Texas, says: "Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me of a severe attack of backache, which had troubled me off and on for several years. There was also a dull ache across the small of my back and the secretions from my kidneys were too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but was unable to find anything that would help me until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills. I take great pleasure in recommending them to any one afflicted with kidney trouble."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cts. Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agent for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the First State Bank at Coahoma, Texas, at the Close of Business on the 5th day of Dec. 1911

Published in the Big Springs Enterprise, a newspaper printed and published at Big Springs, State of Texas, on the 22nd day of Dec. 1911.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts personal or collateral	\$24,715 41
Loans, real estate	100 00
Overdrafts	2,810 08
Real Estate (banking house)	1,550 00
Other real estate	304 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,250 34
Due from approved Reserve Agents net	\$ 4,964 27
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	102 03
Cash items	73 25
Currency	2,227 00
Specie	273 38
Other resources, as follows:	2,573 63
Cotton acceptances	2,013 50
Depositor's Guarantee Fund	296 00
Total	\$41,582 14

LIABILITIES:	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000 00
Undivided profits, net	3,932 83
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	886 53
Individual Deposits subject to check	26,310 40
Cashier's checks	473 09
Total	\$41,582 14

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Howard,
We, S. P. Echols, as president, and W. N. Brown, as cashier of said bank, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
S. P. ECHOLS, President.
W. N. BROWN, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of December, A. D. 1911, ten hundred and eleven.
WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
J. A. COFFMAN, Notary Public
CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. J. HAIN
M. N. BROWN } Directors.

Who Is The Popular Young Lady?

Have you read all about the popular voting contest being conducted by The Enterprise to determine the most popular young lady in Big Springs or the Big Springs Country?

Well, post yourself quickly, for the lady receiving the largest number of votes will receive a beautiful \$350.00 piano without one penny's cost.

No letter without a seal—the Christmas Seal.

Our Platform

To be a live school and to impart to its students a zeal to do and be something.

To be progressive, to use modern methods and equipments but reject all worthless educational fads.

To let the reputation of the school be sustained by real merit.

To seek the patronage of the public to the extent we deserve it.

To fight against ignorance, and for higher education and the liberation of the human soul.

To co-operate with all the educational institutions that do honest, thorough, conscientious teaching, and to bid them God speed in their work.

To instill in the minds of students the great truth that every person is created to do something, to be something.

To teach our students the power of earnestness and to warn them against all show and pretense.

To make the school self-governing and to create a high moral sentiment among the pupils.

To lead the student to understand that abroad and liberal education is essential to the highest degree of success in any profession, and that unless he has a purpose in life and is willing to pursue it closely and courageously he will fail.

To lead the student to see that success depends mainly upon his own effort, and that he must discover the man in himself to become a being of great power and character.

To teach not only the text-book, but to touch the indifferent and discouraged, and arouse the latent forces of his being.

To do with all our might the duties at our hand and to ignore the petty criticisms of the envious.

Big Spring Business Academy

A large factor in Texas' future development is the prosperity of the industrial enterprises of the state. If the state is to go forward the revenues of its factories should be sufficient to pay such a return upon honest investment that capital may be induced to build more factories. By using Texas-made articles we help the Texas factories and encourage capital to come to Texas.

Every Seal a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

The outward seal of inward Christmas joy—the Christmas Seal.

Herb Phillips, of Lees, was in town yesterday.

IF YOU LIVE WITHIN 50 MILES OF BIG SPRINGS READ EVERY WORD OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT

\$2,000 IN VALUABLE PRIZES

Will be Distributed to its Subscribers by THE ENTERPRISE

FIRST PRIZE: A beautiful \$350.00 Mahogany Cabinet Grand Piano exactly like illustration below. Largest size upright piano made, guaranteed for ten years. See detailed description below.

SECOND PRIZE: Credit Check for \$200.00 on an exact duplicate of the \$350 piano offered as first prize. This makes the piano cost you only \$150.

THIRD PRIZE: Credit Check for \$175.00 on an exact duplicate of the \$350 piano offered as first prize. This makes the piano cost you only \$175.

FOURTH PRIZE: Credit Check for \$150.00 on an exact duplicate of the piano offered as first prize.

FIFTH PRIZE: Credit Check for \$125.00 on an exact duplicate of the piano given as first prize.

SIXTH PRIZE: This consists of exactly \$1000 worth of valuable prizes which will be distributed among our subscribers who are not successful in winning other prizes. Every subscriber will receive a prize of some kind; not one will be left out. Every one cannot win the first prize, but each and every subscriber will receive some prize.



This Piano is on Display at McCamant's Drug Store

THE ENTERPRISE has decided to inaugurate a grand contest in order to determine the most popular young lady in Big Springs or the Big Springs Country. It is a subscription contest, and votes will be given with each subscription to this paper, as given below. But at the end of the contest, some young lady will be the proud possessor, without having been out one penny, of a beautiful \$350.00 Mahogany Cabinet Grand Piano.

In putting on this contest, we decided to do so on a large scale, and to offer to the fortunate young ladies, prizes that will be not only of great value, but the source of greater pleasure.

Can you name the most Popular Lady in Big Springs or within 50 miles of Big Springs?

The young lady receiving the largest number of votes will receive a \$350.00 Leyhe Piano FREE. :: :: ::

The Piano We Are Giving Away

We not buy the cheapest instrument offered. We bought one that will be a lasting advertisement for our paper; one which is backed with an iron clad guarantee for a period of ten years; one which sells for exactly \$350.00, and which is fit to grace any home, even if it be that of a musical expert.

Here is a technical description of the piano: The piano is the well known Leyhe Piano Company make, the case is double-veneered inside and out; outside with fancy mahogany, inside with white maple. Semi-colonial in style with pilasters and trusses to match its appearance, full empire top with drop mouldings. Full overstrung scale, 71-3 octaves; laminated bridges, rock maple back, six posts, imported German tuning pins and wire, 18 pound hammers, laminated pin block, compound key bottom, standard action, splendidly regulated, ivory keys and three pedals.

Case has guarantee cast in it, for ten years.

And this high-grade Piano goes to the Young Lady receiving the largest number of votes in the POPULAR VOTING CONTEST.

Here is the Way to Nominate Your Candidate

Official nominating blanks will appear in each issue of THE ENTERPRISE. All nominations must be made on these forms. No others will be accepted. This is the official form.

Clip out one of these nominating blanks, write the name of the young lady you wish to nominate, and send to the Contest Editor at once. You must sign your name in making the nomination, but this will not be made public. We will not give out names of those who make nominations.

Vote early and often if you want your favorite to win

Votes May be Secured Only in this way:

This contest, in which \$2,000 worth of prizes will be distributed, is to increase and extend the circulation of this paper. Therefore, with every subscription, votes will be credited as follows:

For every paid subscription for one year, 500 votes.

For every paid subscription for two years, 1,200 votes.

For every paid subscription for three years, 2,500 votes.

Paid subscriptions for three years and over, 1,000 votes for each year.

Subscriptions for more than one year must go to one address.

Cash must accompany all subscriptions to get votes.

New subscriptions, renewals or delinquent subscriptions counted alike.

No one connected with this can take any part in the contest. Votes cannot be transferred from one candidate to another. Candidates cannot sell their votes to any one. The standing of candidates will be printed weekly. Every detail of the contest will be as carefully looked after as if it were an election for county judge.

NOMINATION BLANK

Contest Editor,

The Enterprise, Big Springs, Texas.

I suggest the name of _____

_____, who resides at _____

_____, as a candidate for your popular voting contest. And I place this name in nomination with the distinct understanding that my name is not to be made known, and that I in no way obligate myself.

Girls, do you want a Beautiful \$350 Piano Absolutely Free?

Then come to our office, secure the necessary blanks, instructions, etc., and see how easy it is to take subscriptions for your home paper. The young lady receiving the highest number of votes will receive an instrument that would be good pay for many months work.

Here is Another way to Secure Votes

From time to time there will appear in these columns, one or more coupons, good for the number of votes stated on their faces. These will only appear in a few papers or some particular paper. They will not be printed in the entire edition. Watch the paper closely and you may pick up several hundred votes in this way.

This Popular Voting Contest Will Begin Dec. 9, 1911.

Ballots will be placed in a sealed box, and three reliable men will be selected to count the votes.

You know some young lady who needs a fine piano. Nominate her. Young ladies, after you have been nominated, ask some of your girl friends to help you solicit subscriptions to this paper, and see how thousands of votes may be piled up in a little while. No matter where you live, whether in the city or country, enter this contest. It costs you nothing to try for a beautiful piano which would be a credit to any home.

We have gone to the expense of securing a strictly high-grade piano, largest size upright piano made, latest style, guaranteed for ten years. This contest is going to decide who is the most popular young lady in the Big Springs Country, just as we decide who shall be a public officer. That is by popular vote. Get in the contest just as a public man enters the race for county judge. Ask your friends to help you, and you will be well repaid for your work.

If you want additional information, call at this Office.

Nominees

Miss Carmin Barclay
Miss Susie Merrick
Miss Nellie Tamsitt
Miss Lomax
Miss Annie Stewart
Mrs. John Crawford

Contestants can enter at any time during the contest.

ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES TO
CONTEST EDITOR,
THE ENTERPRISE, Big Springs, Tex.

Special Notice

Married ladies can enter this great prize giving contest under the same conditions as the unmarried lady.

Eleven thousand acres of land in Wharton and Matagorda counties have been purchased by San Antonio capitalists at a cost of \$500,000. A large part of this land will be cut up into small tracts and colonized with skilled farmers from Germany, Austria, Poland and Northern Italy.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

The charter of the Del Valle Irrigation & Milling Co. has been filed at Austin. The company will irrigate about 10,000 acres of land on the Colorado river, ten miles southeast of Austin.

Contract has been let for the construction of the new federal building to be erected at Mineral Wells at a cost of \$80,000.

H. M. Half, of Midland, has purchased twelve sections of land near that city for a consideration of \$80,000. Irrigating wells will be put in at once, and especial attention will be given to the raising of alfalfa.

Dr. E. H. Happel

DENTIST

Office over First National Bank. Big Springs, Texas.

TRY THE HAND LAUNDRY

Work called for and delivered to any part of town. Our work is done by hand and we will compare work with any one. Corner Jack and Tenth Sts. Phone 441.

J. H. CRAWFORD, Prop'r

FREE—A diamond ring or a watch to be given away Dec. 21, at Reagan's.

Patronize Home Industry

We are now in our new concrete building with ample floor space for all our up-to-date machinery, and are now prepared to do the Laundry Work for Big Springs in prompt and satisfactory manner. We are prepared to handle all work entrusted to us and guarantee to turn out as good work as any laundry in the state. Visit us in our new quarters.

Home Steam Laundry

Phone 17

Big Springs, Tex.