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## West Texas National Bank

Big Springs, Texas

County Depository Howard County

Deposit Your Money In This Bank

as it will be SAFEGUARDED BY THE BANKING LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. We are prepared to care for the needs of our customers.

Our policy is liberal yet conservative.

### Capital City Letter

Austin, Texas, Dec. 20, 1909.

Assistant Attorney General Crawford rendered an opinion last week overruling an opinion previously given relative to the transportation by express companies of game killed out side the state. He first held that it would be no violation of the law for express companies to transport game killed without the state. Since making this ruling he has discovered a provision in the law which he had overlooked which sets out that "Whenever in this act the possession of any bird is prohibited, the prohibition shall apply equally to a bird coming from outside the state as to one taken within the State." He holds that this prohibition applies to deer as well as birds.

A statement given out by the Department of Insurance and Banking shows 450 state banks, 32 banks and trust companies doing business in Texas at the close of business Nov. 16, 1909. The total of the individual deposits are shown to be \$40,119,161.24, an increase of \$10,406,231 since Sept. 1, 1909. This large increase is believed to be due to the marketing of the cotton crop.

As forecasted recently, the governor has named First Assistant Attorney General William E. Hawkins to be commissioner of insurance and banking upon the retirement of Commissioner T. B. Love from the office about February 1. The appointment is generally regarded as excellent.

During the past week the railroad commission has been busy with a hearing on a proposition to establish emergency rates on lumber transported in Texas between producing and other points within the state, the intention

being to effect lower interstate rates from Louisiana and Arkansas and to offset rate divisions given in those two states to tap lines owned or controlled by the saw mills located along those lines. The proposition has been bitterly opposed by all the railroads in the state except the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, which has apparently taken no part in the controversy, although thought to be one the parties most interested in seeking the emergency rate. The hearing developed that some tap lines in Texas are enjoying a division rates similar to that complained of in La., and Arkansas, but it is claimed that the lumbering interest which is benefited in Texas is very small. It being impossible to conclude the hearing before the Christmas holidays it has been adjourned by agreement of all parties until Feb. 17, which will bring ten days later than set for adjourned cotton rate hearing, and as a determined effort is to be made to secure the lower cotton rates, as asked last year, it may be found necessary to compromise in fixing the rates on both these commodities.

In accordance with the usual custom, the governor has issued a number of Christmas pardons to convicts with good records. So far he has issued 22 and may issue more before Christmas day arrives. Included in this list are understood to be a number of long time convicts, but the names of those pardoned have not been made public.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all druggists.

### Three Below Zero.

The cold wave which reached here early Friday morning proved to be the coldest weather that has been experienced in this locality in several years. About four inches of snow fell during Friday and Saturday nights and the weather moderated considerably Sunday, but turned colder in the night and the government volunteer weather observer, B. Reagan, reports the temperature Monday morning at three degrees below zero.

The snow extended from Texas to El Paso and covered the Panhandle and New Mexico, and while it has caused considerable suffering among live stock it will be of great benefit to the agricultural interests of the country.

It has been the coldest weather ever known in Texas in December. According to reports from various points it has been colder here than in the panhandle, or even as far north as Kansas City.

The coldest temperature recorded in the United States Monday morning was at Bismarck and Huron, S. D., where the government weather bureau reported 12 degrees below zero.

### The Pup in the Hay Stack.

The following appeared in the last issue of the Stanton Reporter, over the signature of Ray Bachman:

"It is currently reported in our city that the cattle princes of Midland and the nabobs of Big Springs are having quite a flirtation just now over the question of the Santa Fe Railroad crossing the T. & P. in closing the gap between Lamesa and Sterling.

"The proposition seems to be that in case Stanton should become the crossing place that Midland on the one side and Big Springs on the other will lose out, and that to be on the safe side a committee from both these cities (?) shall investigate the probabilities of which way the Santa Fe shall cross, or intends to cross the T. & P., and if there be any showing for Stanton to be the favored place, which one of the two has the best showing the other will assist financially, and it is even said that Midland freely offers to donate \$50,000 to the Big Springs bonus in order that Big Springs may be able to buy it away from Stanton. Now we have always known that

Stanton occupied one of the most advantageous positions on the South Plains, but for Midland and Big Springs to come out and admit this fact is rather peculiar just at this time.

"The fact is, it is well known that for a standard gauge railroad to cross the T. & P. at Big Springs from north to south will cost about \$200,000, besides the annoyance of that bane to all railroads, an overhead crossing. There are a number of things in the way at that point that Stanton is clear of in the way of grades that will require pusher engines to get heavy traffic over the road. Midland realizes that she is too far west to interest the Santa Fe in this closing.

"We are not railroad engineers, but from what we have seen and heard of the country between the two points, Lamesa and Sterling, that the most feasible route to close over is via Stanton, inasmuch as this will be the lowest grade and edging on the caprock will insure plenty of the best water in the country, while if the Big Springs route is selected Stanton will have the water to furnish, as we furnish a large quantity to the T. & P. at Big Springs now every time that there is anything extra to do."

Who told you that story? It is about the funniest we have heard lately. What brand of goods do you use? We have been trying to build a railroad for some time, but have never asked Midland for any assistance in raising a bonus, neither are the people of Big Springs fighting or pulling against Stanton, but are working for the good of their town. We cannot see why Midland would want to donate \$50,000 towards getting a railroad into Big Springs or pulling one away from Stanton. We know Stanton is a live town and think it will develop into a great railroad center in the course of a few hundred years, and especially if it produces a few more men that can unravel mysteries equal to Mr. Bachman, who is evidently several hundred years ahead of the community in which he has his domicile. As to Stanton furnishing Big Springs with water, it is well known that the Texas & Pacific dare not use the liquid from Stanton except as a last resort. Big Springs has plenty of water to meet all demands and will provide more when the occasion demands. The young man must have been thirsty when he penned his remarks about water. Perhaps his jug had been salted.

### Teachers' Institute

The Howard County Teachers' Institute met in the High School building Saturday morning with fifty-three teachers present, and has been in session all this week. The attendance is unusually large and the sessions are said to be very interesting and instructive.

### Knight Templar Service

Big Springs Commandery, No. 31, Knight Templars, will hold Christmas observance services at 11 a. m. at the First Presbyterian Church. The sermon will be preached by Rev. E. S. Bledsoe. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This Liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all druggists.

All stores will be closed all Christmas day.

## First State Bank

OF BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Capital \$35,000

No depositor Has Ever Lost a Dollar in a State Bank Organized Under the Banking Laws of Texas.

Deposit your money in the First State Bank of Big Springs, where it will always be absolutely safe. Our depositors will be protected and secured by the Guaranty Assessment Plan of the State of Texas after Jan. 1, 1910. Open an account with us.

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

C. D. READ, President, T. S. CURRIE, Cashier,  
A. B. JONES, Vice-Prest. L. V. READ, Ass't Cash'r  
C. E. BELL, BERNARD FISHER.

### Human Spiritual Eyes.

Human spiritual eyes are to be had while we see here, no waiting for the exchange garments which must likewise be prepared here.

Human spiritual eyes will not always see when they can, but will rather choose to see some things which should be seen, and not see other things which must not be seen. It is not always what we see on the surface of things that counts, but the way and how we see.

For such eyes there is no darkness, it has its own inner eternal light turned on in full blaze, leading the way onward and forward to "eternal progress," by day and by night.

Call on Dr. Aronson if your human eyes need attention, glasses if needed are scientifically adjusted, work guaranteed.

The Doctor will remain in Big Springs until next Monday night, Dec. 27. His next ad will be entitled "Abnormal Cross Eyes."

### Wade-Tillman.

Sunday at the home of the bride four miles east of town, Boyd Wade and Mrs. Tillman were united in marriage, Rev. Wilson, of this city, officiating. They are a most worthy couple and this paper joins their hosts of friends in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

## Watches

as Gifts

For the birthday, the anniversary or Christmas, a watch is an ideal gift. The business man and woman, the college student, even the school boy or girl needs a watch. How often you hear one say: "I'm proud of that watch ago." My mother gave it to me for a Christmas present 25 years ago.

And then, punctuality is one of the eminently desirable virtues, and a good watch helps to cultivate punctuality.

We'd like very much to show you ours. The stock is splendid, of wide variety, and there is nothing doubtful in what we recommend. We'll reserve your selections if you say. Come to-night.

## I. H. PARK

Exclusive Jeweler

### Banana Car.

Car load just in Big Springs is ready for sale. Come and get your Christmas bananas now before they are gone. Prices from \$1.00 to \$1.75 per bunch. Large bunches. L. D. Smith, Banana man of Denton, Texas.

## The Old Reliable GROCERY STORE

In Big Springs a Long Time

There's a big difference between Groceries. There's difference in price and another in quality. It will pay you to buy your Groceries here.

Our Christmas Goods are Here by the Trainload

Apples, Oranges, Candies, California Grapes, Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans, Brazil Nuts, Etc. Enough for everybody. Fine Preserves, Mince Meat, Jellies and

### Olives

In fact, "if it's to eat," we have it. Remember we are not going to be undersold. We are anxious to sell you your Xmas Groceries.



POOL BROS.

## Your Christmas Presents

Will be Appreciated

If They Come From

Fisher's

Anything you want in Christmas Presents



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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

THE UNEMPLOYED.

Why are there so many unemployed persons in various parts of the world? Business depression is, of course, accountable for the hardships many working people undergo at intervals, says the Boston Globe. But business depression is not the cause of the permanent army of the unemployed which, in London for instance, is never disbanded. The royal commission which investigated this and other problems expresses the opinion that this army is recruited from workers who, when boys, had to leave school without learning a manual trade, and also without sufficient general education. Such boys after leaving school never learned a regular trade, but took whatever jobs were at hand. Consequently, their occupation being intermittent, a livelihood precarious in youth became more so in mature age. If this guess of the royal commission is true, then it follows that by educating everybody either for mental or manual labor the supply of those capable of doing skilled or regular tasks would be enormously increased. But increasing the number of persons looking for a job is not the same thing as increasing the number of jobs. Therefore, it would seem that the suggestion of the royal commission, if carried out, would only serve to change the character of the army of the unemployed.

The humble hen holds no inconspicuous place as a contributor to the wealth of the country. Missouri is one of the states that keeps official track of the hen, and the labor bureau of that commonwealth has just made a report on the subject. It appears from the records that in 1908 the value of the eggs laid by Missouri hens and sold elsewhere was \$22,077,628. The value of poultry shipped out of the state for the same period was \$22,095,648, and the value of feathers sold for the same time was \$837,687. Here is a grand total of \$44,960,973 from surplus poultry and poultry products' skins. The showing takes no account of the quantity and value of eggs and poultry consumed at home or of the value of the feathered stock still on hand. And Missouri is but one state. The aggregate for the United States must make a big array in favor of the hen.

Having, like the hereditary family feud in certain sections of this country, is a continuing evil, because it is handed down from one college generation to the next, and each man who has in his time and turn run the gauntlet wants to pay off the score and secure revenge vicariously upon the person of the trembling freshman who falls into his clutches, says the Boston Advertiser. The class that decides to proscribere having has been punished and now finds itself deprived of the chance of inflicting punishment. And so the evil tradition persists, merely because no class can make up its mind to forego the precious privilege of meting out to others the same harsh and cruel treatment that was their own portion.

The propaganda for good roads is accomplishing great results. The effect of the campaign is being felt in almost every state in the union. The awakening to the necessities of the situation has come none too soon, but now that the battle is practically won and millions of dollars are being invested in the improvement of the highways of the nation it cannot be realized too soon that constant and untiring vigilance is the price of good roads. No matter how well built the new roads may be, unless liberal provision is made for their maintenance they will deteriorate and become little better than at present.

The speed maniacs of the age have made one radical mistake. They have aimed for speed before establishing the degree of pressure which present day mechanism will resist. Consequently, the strain they impose upon the mechanical part of their vehicles is beyond the latter's power of endurance.

The corn-growing record has been broken, not on the fertile plains of the west but in a southern state. J. F. Britts, who has a farm near Raleigh, N. C. has been awarded the prize for having raised 227 bushels of corn on a single acre. This output is set down as unsurpassed in the United States.

The Argentine authorities are moving against the anarchist propaganda with energy and promptness. The government has proclaimed martial law throughout the country for 60 days, and any anarchist who shows the least disposition toward pernicious activity is likely to be "run in" without ceremony.

The auto is said to promote appendicitis, but those who can scrape up the price are willing to take the chance.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK

TRAIN FORMERLY KNOWN AS GOLDEN STATE LIMITED JUMPS THE TRACK.

BOTH ENGINEMEN ARE DEAD

Train Was Running at Rate of Thirty Miles an Hour When Accident Occurred.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Engineer Tom Walker and Fireman P. W. Bauer, both of Tucson, were killed, ten persons seriously injured and thirteen others cut and bruised when eastbound Southern Pacific passenger train No. 4, formerly known as the Golden State Limited, was wrecked three miles west of Benson Sunday morning.

The more seriously injured will be brought to St. Mary's Hospital in this city. Among them are Col. William Fite of Cananea, Mexico, and Miss Nellie Corbett.

The train was running thirty miles an hour.

Railroad Wrecks for One Week.

Dec. 12.—New York Central fast train rams rear end of eastbound express. Three dead, twelve injured.

Dec. 15.—Southern Railway fast express run over embankment by broken rail. Twelve killed, thirty-five injured.

Dec. 16.—Santa Fe express crashes into rear of Limited. One killed, eighteen injured.

Dec. 17.—Express train on Central of Georgia hits switch engine. Three killed, seven injured.

Dec. 18.—Southern Railway train derailed at Chamblee, Ga., and fourteen persons injured though none fatally.

Storm Damages San Antonio.

San Antonio: Since Saturday night this section Saturday night this section of the State has been in the grip of the coldest spell ever known in December. Ice and sleet cover everything. Thousands of dollars' damage is done. Telephone and telegraph wires are badly hampered and the street car and light wires are almost out of business.

Bogus Officers Rob Man.

McAlester, Ok.: Two men, claiming to be officers, Monday arrested Curley Crawford, a restaurant keeper, on an alleged charge of forgery, started to take him to the North Side, and when an isolated spot in the railroad yards was reached sandbagged him and robbed him of \$80. He was badly hurt.

Robbers Loot Oklahoma Bank.

Lawton, Okla.: Friday morning five professional yegmen entered the little town of Gerosimo, eight miles south of Lawton, and blowing the Citizens' Bank safe with a heavy charge of dynamite, which totally wrecked one entire side of the building, relieved the institution of \$600 in cash.

Three Hundred Negroes Held.

East St. Louis: Three hundred negroes, each answering in some particular to the description of the highwayman who shot and killed Motor-man Edgar Godday and probably fatally wounded Conductor M. P. O'Brien, on a street car Sunday night, are being held at police headquarters.

Falls To His Death.

Ablene: Capt. J. W. Watson, for many years government weather observer here, and next to the oldest man in the service, was instantly killed here Saturday. Falling down the basement steps of the government building, his head struck the cement floor and his skull was fractured.

Five Million Concern.

Austin: The Secretary of State Saturday approved an amendment to the charter of the West Lumber company of Houston, increasing its capital stock from \$400,000 to \$5,000,000. This is the result of a meeting of stockholders held on Dec. 13.

500 Bales Spring \$50,000.

Marshall: W. E. Ross, of this city, bought for Campbell & Cleaver of Dallas, Tex., 700 bales of spot cotton, paying over \$50,000 for the same.

Gift of Former President.

Philadelphia, Pa.: Five lions, a leopard and a variety of other wild animals, the gift of former President Roosevelt to the Zoo at Washington, were unloaded from the German steamer Moltfelts here Saturday.

\$85,000 Fire in Galveston.

Galveston: Fire which originated Sunday in this city, did damage estimated at about \$85,000 and gave the fire department a stubborn three hours' fight in a temperature but slightly above the freezing point.

Big Fire in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark.: Fire completely destroyed a business block here about 6 o'clock Sunday morning at a total loss of about \$85,000. The fire is the second of the kind here in the last two weeks.

Snow and Sleet in Mexico.

Monterrey, Mex.: A norther struck this city early Sunday morning, accompanied by a steady rain. Late in the afternoon the rain turned to sleet and froze to everything it touched.

DOINGS OF A GREAT STATE

The infant son of W. Kesse of Lorton, Winn Parish, La., was burned to death Tuesday at their home. Milton Otto Berger of Collins, Texas, 7 years of age, was struck and fatally injured by a street car on Main street in Fort Worth Thursday.

G. G. Eaves, about 40 years of age, and a resident of Collinsville for the past five years, was shot and instantly killed at his place of business Thursday night.

Monday evening terminated the meeting of the Stamford district Christian convention at Hamlin.

Mrs. Annie Grant, wife of J. I. Grant, a farmer living near Vaughan in Hill County, was seriously and possibly fatally burned Monday.

The bond election at Rochelle Friday carried, 75 to nothing. It provides for the issue of \$10,000 worth of bonds for erecting a school building.

The President Monday nominated Horace H. Lorton, of Tennessee, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Robert Weems, 17 years old, of Harlingen, fell into a vat of boiling syrup at the syrup mill Friday at Brownsville, and was probably fatally injured.

The Loeb Compress at Longview has compressed up to date 30,000 bales of cotton and it is expected that they will compress 50,000 before the season is ended.

The infant child of T. H. Laster, living near Broadway, Lamar county, was choked to death Friday by swallowing a pecan kernel, which lodged in its windpipe.

In a street duel with knives at Albia, Arkansas, a town located near Little Rock, Saturday, Miss Nora Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk, and died within a few minutes after the cutting.

The engineering corps of the Memphis, Paris and Gulf Railway reached Clarksville Monday, and are now encamped in the southern suburbs of the city working on south and west toward Sulphur Springs and Dallas.

The first of a series of public auctions by which Oklahoma will dispose of approximately one and three-quarter million acres of what are commonly called state school lands, took place in Chandler Wednesday.

Wildcats are reported numerous in the Warsaw community in the southern portion of Kaufman county. J. R. Randolph recently killed a large wildcat within 200 feet of his home. These cats have been catching many chickens in that vicinity.

The power yacht Tekla, owned by Alessandro Favri of New York, arrived Monday in Baltimore from New York by way of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, on her way to the Gulf and points in Texas, to collect natural history specimens.

Mrs. Sarah E. Dodson died of pneumonia Wednesday at the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium in Dallas. She was the daughter of John H. Felmet and was 28 years old. She was brought to the sanitarium from her home in Davis, Okla., Oct. 19.

The November bulletin of the Texas State Board of Health, which shows that during the month of October there were 1,022 deaths in Texas with 4,156 births. Of the births 2,935 were males, 1,224 females, 3,874 white, 287 black, 4,946 alive, 113 stillborn.

Representative Burgess of Texas Wednesday introduced in the House a joint resolution declaring the United States shall cease to exercise sovereignty over the Philippines Islands and by treaty with foreign nations set up and maintain there a free and independent Government.

Schley & Davis, patent attorneys of 401 Main street, Dallas, Texas, announce the issuance of the following patents to Texans for the week ending Dec. 4: E. M. Buckhanna, Sulphur Springs, plow; W. H. Dunn, San Antonio, device for sharpening razors; E. Englund, El Campo, land-roller; J. M. Godoy, San Antonio, automatic switch; J. N. Young, assignor to S. W. King, Dallas, oil burner. Trade-marks: National Coffee Co., Ft. Worth, coffee.

The first dirt on the Paris and Mount Pleasant Railroad was broken Monday in Paris.

Capt. J. M. Mallett, one of the best-known Populists in the Southwest, who made the race for Governor and Congress on that ticket several years ago, died at his home in Cleburne Monday, at the age of 74. He was editor of a Populist paper here at one time. He had been in poor health for some time.

Because, as he alleges, they were trespassing on his property and used obscene language in the presence of his family when ordered away, Elijah Children Sunday shot and killed Miss Belle Frixie and seriously wounded her companion, Cole Bard, at Dillsboro, N. C.

A disastrous fire occurred Monday in the city of Valdivia, Chile. Eighteen blocks of buildings were destroyed and thousands rendered homeless. The loss is estimated at \$2,500,000.

GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS THAT ARE WORTH PASSING NOTICE.

WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

Current Domestic and Foreign News Boiled Down to Readable and Small Space.

After reading the accounts of two local murders and suicides, Daniel B. Groff killed his wife and himself Friday, in Oakland, Cal.

In the court house bond issue to erect a \$100,000 court house in Georgetown Tuesday 640 votes were polled, 610 being for the bond issue and 30 against it.

Two immigrants were killed and three men and woman injured in an accident to a northbound Chicago and Northwestern passenger train in Chicago Sunday.

It is learned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is being maintained in Managua and not less than 500 persons identified with political affairs are in chains in prison.

Eleven mines owned or operated by four different companies are closed at Coalate, Okla., by State Mine Inspector, and about 5,000 men are temporarily out of employment.

The people of Nicaragua are in open revolt against Zelaya without check from the police. They are crowding the streets of Managua and give vent to unrestrained denunciation of the administration.

W. G. Perry, Government Superintendent of Construction of Public Buildings, has been ordered from Dalton, Ga., to San Angelo, Texas, to assume charge of the construction of the \$120,000 building at San Angelo.

Governor Campbell Tuesday received the resignation of Thomas B. Love, Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, to become effective Feb. 1, 1910, and immediately announced that he would appoint William E. Hawkins to the vacancy.

Fort San Houston, Texas, is soon to be the scene of army flying machine tests, according to advices received from Congressman Slayden, who has just had an interview at Washington with Gen. James Allen, chief of the Signal Corps.

Cornelius Vanderbilt announced in Wichita, Kans., Tuesday, that the Vanderbilts have become financially interested in the Missouri Pacific Railroad, a Gould road, and confirmed the rumor that he has been made a director in that company.

Her dress catching fire from an open fireplace, Mrs. Polly Hammer, an Indian woman of Bragg, was burned to death at Muskogee, Okla., Wednesday.

Cotton sold Wednesday in Chillicothe at 15.25c, the highest price ever paid in the Panhandle.

Seven persons lost their lives, seven others were injured, two probably fatally, and about fifty others had narrow escapes from instant death in a fire which destroyed a four-story tenement and lodging house in Cincinnati, Tuesday.

After midnight Monday night the little town of Paoli, Okla., on the Santa Fe Road, six miles north of McAlester, was disturbed by dynamite explosions. Robbers entered the State Bank of Paoli and dynamited the vault, the building was badly wrecked and \$4,000 was secured, after a hardware store had been entered earlier and a quantity of guns and ammunition taken.

Local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, was wrecked Wednesday at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles north of Greensboro, N. C., and eleven dead bodies had been removed from the wreckage. Fourteen are reported dead and twenty-five injured.

Rain fell generally over the state of Texas Thursday and Friday, according to reports.

As the result of the smoker of a westbound Rock Island passenger train leaving the track at Argenta, Ark., a suburb of Little Rock, Monday, five persons were seriously, but not fatally, injured.

Rev. R. L. Snyder was stabbed Tuesday from the effects of which he died on the spot where the altercation took place. This trouble was near Huchasville, about twelve miles north of Stephenville.

In a letter signed by Commissioner Williams, the Railroad Commission calls upon the railroads of Texas to provide accommodations for colored passengers equal to those furnished white passengers.

Dr. Rashin, in a statement in the Deloto (La.) Parish Medical Society Friday, announced a new theory, that pellagra springs from a mouth disease of dogs.

One of the largest cotton deals made in the county was made in Marshall Wednesday. The State Bank sold to W. E. Ross of this city 1,000 bales of cotton for \$75,000.

The dead body of "Uncle Jack" Leonard of Tascosa was found in a dry creek-bed fifteen miles from Amarillo Wednesday, the old man having perished in the storm of Nov. 27. It is reported upon reliable authority that the Texas Company has brought in a gusher in the Toyah oil field. Excitement runs high in Toyah and Pecos.

Fire Sunday totally destroyed the mammoth plant of the Racine Mfg. Co., at Racine, Wis., entailing a loss estimated at \$600,000, partly covered by insurance.

Advices received by railroad officials in Cleveland, Ohio, Monday, stated that train No. 10 broke down and that a section of the Twentieth Century ran into it. Twenty are reported dead.

Diamonds and jewelry valued at \$300,000 were stolen from the apartment of Mrs. John William Jenkins in New York Sunday.

On the main street of Enfield, Okla., Wednesday, a man named Spake was shot and killed. Five shots struck Spake, who died almost immediately.

Twenty-six Moslems were executed at Adana, Turkey, Sunday in connection with the April massacres. Great crowds witnessed the executions.

The asylum in Terrell is so crowded with patients that there are many applicants pending which can not be admitted until some of the present inmates are discharged or removed.

It was announced Saturday that J. M. Alderdice, a prominent farmer of Ellis County, had received an offer of 12 1/2¢ per pound for his entire cotton crop next year.

W. T. Twyman Tuesday, in Marshall, made a sale of 500 bales of cotton to B. C. McElroy for over \$30,000. This makes about the third large cotton deal in Marshall in the past few days.

Four state convicts were working in a sewer trench about eight feet deep Wednesday in McAlester, Okla., when the earth caved, burying all of them. One escaped. Three were killed.

The Brownsville Court of Inquiry has reached that stage of its work when it is investigating the individual applications for reinstatement by discharged soldiers of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry.

The wine crop of France and Algeria is \$2,000,000 hectoliters this season, against \$3,000,000 last year. The stock on hand is 6,500,000 hectoliters against 9,500,000 a year ago.

Mrs. N. O. Curtis and Mrs. Copeland were thrown from a buggy Friday in Palestine, and Mrs. Curtis received fatal injuries. Mrs. Copeland sustaining a fractured arm and other injuries.

The cruiser Albatross and the gunboat Yorktown have joined the gunboat Vicksburg at Corinto, on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Their arrival has been announced to the Navy Department.

Alleging that the filibustering tactics of the House Postoffice Committee will be followed this winter with what they term "steam boiler tenacity," the Postal Savings Bank League, with headquarters at Chicago, Thursday made its entrance into Washington.

Tuesday morning the chief engineer and a large force of men pitched camp north of Temple preparatory to making the preliminary survey for location of the right of way for the construction of the Temple and Northwestern Railway to extend from Temple north toward Hamilton.

The transport Prairie, with 700 marines and 500,000 rounds of ammunition on hand, Thursday made a second start for Colon. On Dec. 1 the Prairie with a like cargo started for the same port from Philadelphia, but when forty miles down the river, stuck in the mud and remained there nearly ten days.

Jose Santos Zelaya has resigned from the Presidency of Nicaragua. He placed his resignation in the hands of Congress Thursday morning. Apparently there was no other course for him to take. The people were at last aroused. The guns of the revolutionists threatened. The warships of the United States lay in Nicaraguan ports.

For the month of November all the railroads in the United States thus far reporting, show total gross earnings of \$28,665,512, an increase of 10.5 per cent over November last year.

Seven persons are dead and several others injured as a result of a tenement house fire Monday in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hundreds of cattle have died and the value of a much larger number has been impaired by the present cold weather and snow in Oklahoma, according to J. D. Lindamood, a prominent cattleman of Tecumseh.

The record price for hogs was again broken on the St. Joseph market Friday when a top of \$8.50 per 100 was paid.

Well defined and well supported plans have just been made in Washington to start the campaign of Gov. Harmon of Ohio for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States.

AN EXCELLENT REMEDY.

Will Break Up a Cold in Twenty-Four Hours and Cure Any Cough That is Curable.

The following mixture is often prescribed and is highly recommended for coughs, colds and other throat and bronchial trouble. Mix two ounces of Glycozine, a half-ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure, and eight ounces of pure Whisky. These can be bought in any good drug store and easily mixed together in a large bottle. The genuine Virgin Oil of Pine compound pure is prepared only in the laboratories of the Leach Chemical Co., Cincinnati, and put up for dispensing in half-ounce vials.

IMPERTINENT.



Missionary—You haven't been to Sunday school for a month. I don't expect to meet you in heaven! Kid—Ow! I didn't know you was as bad as all dat!

Rather Ambiguous. The Rev. Mr. Dozen had not gained the golden opinions of his congregation, who were unanimous in asserting that he was foolish and conceited. He considered himself greatly slandered, and, meeting an old German friend of his in the street one day, began to retail his woes, ending up by saying:

"And the church warden actually called me a perfect ass. My cloth prevented me from resenting insult, but I think I shall refer to it in the pulpit next Sunday. What would you advise?"

"Mine friend," replied the German soothingly, "I know not, but I think dat all you can do will be youst to bray for them as usual!"—Detroit News Tribune.

Good Work Going Forward. Following a whirlwind campaign against consumption in Charleston, the American tuberculosis exhibition of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis recently opened another exhibition movement in Greenville, S. C. After January 1 the work will be continued in Columbia, S. C. in connection with the session of the state legislature. Efforts will be made to secure an appropriation to fight tuberculosis. Another exhibition of the National association has just closed a campaign in Colorado, and is now touring Oklahoma. A state-wide fight will be waged in this state. Later, this exhibition will go to Arkansas.

Stamps of German Domestic. Each week there is pasted in the little blank book that every servant girl in Germany must possess a postage stamp to the value of about five cents.

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**READ THE LABEL**  
Buy only baking powder whose label indicates cream of tartar

### Local and Personal

Weather like we are having now calls for sidewalks and street crossings.

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J. C. Hale of Coahoma was in the city Wednesday.

Buy your best girl a set of these beautiful furs for a Christmas present at Ayers & Hance Co.

Men's Meeting at Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 3 p. m. will be addressed by Rev. Alonzo, Jr., of Morgan, Texas. All men invited.

A nice line of fur sets just received at Ayers & Hance Co.

W. W. Satterwhite has bought the Cornell residence in Fairview Heights and moved his family here this week from Monahans.

Ask J. O. Gibson to show you the latest things in fall and winter suitings.

G. W. Cornell and family, who came here last spring, left Tuesday night for their old home at Lake Village, Ark., where they will reside.

Try Alfalfeed for your milk cow and you will use no other, guaranteed to be the best on the market. Sold by the new feed store, phone 305.

J. N. Dale left Monday night for McKinney on a visit to his mother.

Carload of Michigan Salt just arrived at Pool Bros. 9-11

O. S. Phillips and family came in last week from Roswell, New Mexico, and will spend several weeks with relatives on the North Concho.

Use Michigan salt for your pork at the new feed store, west of Express office.

G. W. McCain of Frederick, Oklahoma, came in last week on a visit to relatives and is the guest of his brother, R. E. McCain.

### Marriages.

D. A. Robinson and Miss Linda Westfall were married last Sunday.

Luther J. Smith and Miss Bertha C. Merrick of the Moore School community were united in marriage last Sunday.

S. A. Callahan and Miss Sallie Hogue were married on the 19th.

W. H. Scheel and Miss Pearl B. Carson were married on the 20th.

This paper wishes to congratulate all these happy couples and wish them long life happiness and prosperity.

Go to The Gem City Furniture Co. for the Macey Sectional Book Case. Can get any style or finish.

Mrs Lee Minter of Mingus is here to spend the holidays with her parents, J. I. Prichard and family.

See The Gem City Furniture Co. for new line of matings; some good patterns and very best quality.

Call up 305 and ask Dunman to send you a sack of Alfalfeed for your cow, the best on market for milk cow.

Meeting of the C. W. B. M. which was announced to be held at the Christian church Sunday night, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the inclement weather.

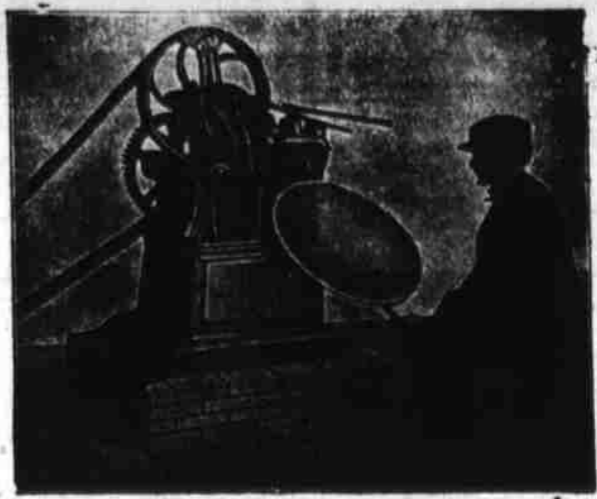
Let us frame your pictures for Christmas. New line of mouldings and hardware just in. Gem City Furniture Co.

Sunday Holden's automobile caught on fire while standing in the new garage, and was damaged to the extent of several dollars before the fire could be extinguished.

Try a sack of wheat shorts for your cow. Get them at C. S. Wagon Yard.

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### Big Springs, Texas

Free De Voe's Weather Chart and Calenders at Reagan's.

A beautiful line of ladies neckwear now on display at Ayers & Hance Co.

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"Mound City Paints may cost a trifle more, but—! B. Reagan."

Everything in the feed line at the new feed store, west of Express office.

Ayers & Hance Co., has just received by express a handsome line of ladies hand bags.

Blank bills of sale and vendor lien notes for sale at this office.

You ought to try a pound of President coffee.

McGowen Bros.

Bythal Baird, who is attending school in Fort Worth, is at home for the holidays.

Let us write your cotton insurance. The cost is small and the protection is great.

Hartzog & Coffee.

Fresh wheat shorts are fine cow feed. Sold at C. S. Wagon Yard.

### Services at Christian Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.  
Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:00 p. m.  
Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.  
E. S. Bledsoe, Pastor.



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to make your pocket book meet your expenses in trying to keep up your stable try buying your feed at this store. We are content with a fair share of profit and keep nothing but the very best high grade feed, hay and crushed feed to offer you in exchange for fair prices.

**C. F. MORRIS**  
Phone 250

W. H. Gartin, postmaster and merchant at Sparsberg, left Sunday night for Indiana where he will spend the holidays.

Oley Cordill, who has been attending a business College at Waco, is home for the holidays.

Have you heard of Juanita flour the best on earth.  
McGowen Bros.

Only two more days in which to do your Christmas shopping. You will have to hurry.

For handsome Christmas presents go to Reagan's drug store.

Just received a large shipment of the best Maple syrup.  
McGowen Bros.

Lorian S. McDowell, who is attending school at Alton, Illinois, will be here to spend the holidays with his parents, L. S. McDowell and wife.

Miss Eva Ingham, who is attending the State University at Austin, came in Tuesday night to spend the holidays with home folks.

See Ayers & Hance Co., for a ladies tailored suit, worth \$25 for \$17.50.

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## L. B. WESTERMANN

### Big Springs, Texas

Prof. R. E. Barker has gone to Eastland to spend the holidays with his father. He will attend the State Teachers meeting at Dallas before returning, and it is rumored that he will not return alone.

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J. C. Baird.

Wiss West, the eighth grade teacher, has gone to Austin to spend the holidays.

Juanita flour is the perfection of the best mills in Missouri.  
McGowen Bros.

Prof. A. D. Ellis and family will spend Christmas with relatives and friends at Sweetwater.

Dolls at less than cost at Reagan's drug store.

Miss Margret McKay came in Saturday from Ada, Oklahoma, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Capt. J. M. Watson, United States weather observer at Abilene for six years past, was killed there Saturday morning by falling down the basement stairway of government building.

An alarm of fire was turned in Saturday morning which brought out the fire engine, but it proved to be a false alarm. The janitor at the High School building had made a fire in one of the upper rooms in which a teachers meeting was to be held that day, and some one seeing the smoke coming out of the flue thought the building was on fire

Every time I have given John the Boys fancy things that they never use, this year I am going to give them something useful.

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# The New Year

## WHAT ITS SIGNS OF PROMISE ARE

By REV. WM. GARDAM.



**N**EW YEAR'S DAY has ever occupied a peculiar relation to the three hundred and sixty-five days on which are etched the doings and history of a whole calendar year. The Romans observed the day as a public holiday, and on this day all litigation and strife were suspended, social visits were exchanged, presents were given and received, and feasting throughout the empire was the order of the day. The early Christians at first set themselves against the usages of the day as observed by the Romans until the fixing of Christmas day on the 25th of December, and New Year's day came to be observed as the octave of the Nativity and also as the Festival of the Circumcision.

The observance and spirit of the day have not changed very greatly in the onrush of the centuries. We might go back across the long stretch of years between the day we live in and the day when the Romans interchanged their social visits and their good wishes and both gave and received their strena, and between the then and the now the identity of feeling, emotion and sentiment concerning this day is readily discovered.

So many sentiments crowd themselves into New Year's day and all are mostly children in the way in which the day appears to them and in the simple feelings and emotions by which it is observed. The greeting: "A Happy New Year!" peeps up through the hard strata of the year, and the simple emotions, which make the whole world kin, bring friend nearer to friend and melt life together into a richer affection, and good will becomes the keynote of life on this day. Grudges are dropped, resentments dissolved, and the average man with the average endowment of affection for his fellows finds it almost impossible to vitalize any of his hatreds through the emotion-laden moments of New Year's day. The personal life has many things to say to itself: it is at once a closing of accounts and the opening of a new career. Old things pass away and all things seem to become new. The things that might have been and have not become are forgotten in the new hopes and aspirations and ambitions which spring up in the heart on the first day of the year.

Of course, nobody will ever be what the hopes and faith of the day project for the individual life. The most ardent believer in the better day, the



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most sanguine architect of the richer fortune yet to be will fall short of the ideal that controls his imagination. But the very fact that the day stirs these noble impulses and floods the prospective days with the glow of hope is in itself an assurance that the year shall be rich in the gifts and the good will of the gods.

Another year! another year!  
The increasing rush of time sweeps on!  
Whelm'd in its surge, disappear  
Man's hopes and fears—forever gone!

Oh, no! forbear that idle tale!  
The hour demands another strain,  
Demands high thoughts that cannot quail,  
And strength to conquer and retain.

'Tis midnight—from the dark blue sky  
The stars, which now look down on earth  
Have seen ten thousand centuries fly,  
And given to countless changes birth.

Shine on! shine on! With you I tread  
The march of ages, or the light!  
A last eclipse o'er you may spread—  
To me, to me, there comes no night!

The sentiment that phrases itself in the quite depressing words:  
The world is very evil,  
The times are wearing late,  
Is hardly in tune with the modern spirit when life is thought of as a corporate business and this

modern spirit takes account of its own enlarged and enlarging kingdom.

Not the most credulous and believing prophet a generation ago could have forecast the world we know and are perfectly at home with to-day. Bulwer Lytton in his short book, "The Coming Race," endeavored to tell the story and achievement of mankind in the day that was shortly to be, but his seeming impossible world has been more than realized in our own day. The half has not been told. The great note of the day is the large grasp human life possesses over its own career and destiny, the growing confidence that this old yet ever renewing world is solving its own problems, and, under the guiding of that Providence which Pope's well-known lines so beautifully express:

All nature is but art, unknown to thee;  
All chance, direction, which thou canst not see;  
All discord, harmony, not understood;  
All partial evil, universal good,

is working for the day of a perfectly ordered and perfectly adjusted civilization. The greater power man is accumulating and employing over his own bodily life, his mastery of the secrets of life which have been hid from the foundation of the world, the realization that man himself is his own providence in a vastly larger degree than hitherto he has dreamed of, and that the "greater things" the greatest of all Teachers foretold ages ago that he should be endowed with competence to do—these he is doing in this very day with a miraculous confidence and a mighty faith. He has discovered that his own commission over life, over the happiness and health and the fruitage of the life that now is, as well as of that which is to come, is a vastly larger commission than the world hitherto has dreamed of. He is finding out that Providence is a partnership and that no man may be a sleeping partner in the business of living without the penalty of losing the very thing that life is—a world of potencies converted into achievement.

This is the note, surely, as civilization faces the year 1910—the note of competency, the sense of added powers to life, the feeling that the greater things are coming on the earth, and that man is using the key to unlock the treasure-house of his own life with a sureness and a wisdom that give promise of a vastly better, richer, juster universe than he has yet known.

Another note of our time is the fact that life mirrors itself in such a wonderful way and the things and forces that make for the better day to be are known and read of all men. We live in the open, and no man may become champion of any cause and keep the world in ignorance of the character of the cause, and the nature of his championship. No man to-day may hide his light under a bushel. It is a tall-tale world, and, more than any past time, the world to-day has a juster sense of values and knows both the things that are saving it and the things also that threaten and endanger it. Public service was never so responsible as it is to-day, because civilization never had the almost miraculous power of analyzing and testing the value of public service as in this present year. Public life is an open book, and the most impossible of all impossible things to-day is that any national or international movement should be misunderstood or misinterpreted by the world's best mind. And what is true of public movements is true of public men. No public man can deceive his constituents to-day, for his constituents are the world. And the strong man to-day is the man who frankly recognizes this.

## HOW TO MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



**R**ESOLUTION FOR YOUNG WOMEN

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**S**TRIKE up the band, here comes the good resolution! Let the whistles blow their heads off, let the bells ring out, let the fog horn on the lake front shatter the atmosphere to atoms, let the gladness noises be let loose upon the vibrant scene even in the uttermost corners of our beautiful city. For the good resolution is marching forward. Only a few days more and we will look in its splendid presence.

Like the village drum major it comes proudly prancing toward us through the week. Get a seat early and avoid the crowd if you would behold it in its glory. Keep your eyes glued to the splendid spectacle. Keep your ears open for the lofty sounds, for it will not be long in passing.

It's safe to say that if all the high resolves that go into effect on New Year's day had half the endurance of a Marathon runner the millennium would come so fast that we'd have to enact new speed laws to keep it from melting the asphalt.

If good resolutions were salt macerated what a universal thirst would spread abroad!

Human experience seems to indicate that progress in any line is necessarily gradual. Take the flying machine, for instance. At present the scientists engaged in the development of this interesting device are in a position to assert that many of their problems are already solved. They can get up into the air without the aid of dynamite and they can come down again with practically no effort. Of course there are other difficulties to be overcome such as the tendency on the part of the machine to select its own time and place for coming down. But these problems are minor

and doubtless the answer is in the book somewhere if they can only find it.

The practice of resolving presents a similar aspect. It is not entirely perfect at present. But considering the outdoor sleeping fad and became grandpa to the human race it is not surprising that some details are still to be worked out. The forming of the resolution has been beautifully worked out, till almost any one, the merest novice, can resolve. The date, too, has been firmly fixed as on the first of January. The chief difficulty that still remains has to do with keeping the resolution once it is made. Something like keeping your aeroplane right side up once you have established a neighborly relation with the stars.

Probably several years will elapse before the custom of resolving reaches perfection and in the meantime it might be well to adopt a makeshift for the present unattainable.

It would seem as if the difficulty might be minimized by more attention to the subjects taken for resolving purposes. It is well to use care in selecting our resolutions, and because of the proximity of January 1, a few suggestions may not be out of place.

For a young woman—Try this one. "I hereby resolve with earnestness to no longer insist on grandma wearing French heels." There are several advantageous features to this resolution. To begin with it is humane. Just think of forcing the poor old lady to teeter down the street with little church steeples under her sole leathers! Her silver locks bob under her dignified black bonnet and at every painful step she whispers "Ouch." For

upon you! Shame! Remember grandma is not so young as she once was and the penitential efficiency of a bunion is greatly enhanced by the showing forward of the foot as accomplished by the French heel. Command the old lady to do a cake-walk once an hour around the dining room table if you will, but let her do it in comfortable shoes. Another item in favor of trying this resolution is the fact that you have probably never asked grandma to wear any kind of shoes she didn't like, so it should be that much easier to keep to your resolution not to do so.

For a young man—"I resolve from this day never again to smoke a pipe in church. This sample is highly recommended. The practice against which you issue the edict of banishment is reprehensible in the highest degree. Smoking, while of course it might be a solace to you during the sermon, could not but annoy your neighbors and fellow worshippers. The men envy you, leading to countless domestic difficulties for them. The preacher is unable to see whether all the deacons are awake or not by the haze from your pipe. Moreover, just as a distinguished statesman once officially declared that the odor of cigarettes annoyed him there are those to whom the smell of a pipe is a nuisance and the olfactory collector might be one of these. Besides, you would probably be thrown out or arrested or something.

For men who ride much in street cars "henceforth I will not mind the feathers." This is one requiring considerable care—but if strictly adhered to will be found of great assistance in your daily life. When depending from a strap and resting your toes on some neighbor's long stiff quill suddenly jabs you in the nose giving to that feature the rich red that which another class of resolvers have already acquired, do not release your temper. Smile and pretend you like it. Oftentimes you can make yourself believe it, after due practice, of course. But the principal advantage to be cited in this resolution's favor is that "you might just as well." So long as the fashion remains the same you will have your daily communion with the tall feathers of an ostrich or of a rooster and if you resolve not to mind, how much more placid the temper!

For any one who does not raise chickens—"I hereby resolve and determine not to eat any more strictly fresh eggs for several weeks to come." This is in some respects the prize resolution. Its advantages are many, but all the others are overshadowed by this one—you can't get any to eat.

In spite of all the teacher may do the pupil will not learn unless he himself studies. You cannot make successful use of these sample resolutions without effort on your part. But you should find one among them which can be kept with the minimum of struggle. If you have no choice or you are skeptical as to your ability, try the last one.

Starting Figures.

The lives of all the \$5,500,000 residents of the United States are worth \$250,000,000,000.

Unnecessary deaths every year cost in capitalized earnings, \$1,000,000,000.

Workmen's illness annually costs in wages \$500,000,000.

Care of the sick and dead every year costs \$400,000,000.

Tuberculosis taxes the nation \$1,000,000,000 annually.

Typhoid fever costs \$250,000,000.

Malaria costs \$200,000,000.

## HEART OF BURGLAR TOUCHED BY CHILD

LEAVES HOUSE EMPTY HANDED TO AVOID WAKING FOUR-YEAR-OLD GIRL.

## HAD THREATENED TO KILL

Listens to a Mother's Plea and Agrees to Depart if She Will "Be Square" and Not Follow or Call Police.

Chicago.—The mention of a little brown-eyed girl who was asleep, the mother's appeal not to awaken and frighten the child, softened the heart of a masked and armed burglar who had invaded the home of Aloph Huber, 6626 Newgard avenue, Rogers Park. Although he had compelled Mr. and Mrs. Huber at the point of a revolver to tell where he could obtain \$5, the man departed without taking the money.

Little Marie Huber, 4 years old, lay sleeping in a dark room of the kitchen and her parents were asleep in another apartment. The burglar forced open a window in the first floor and crawled into the child's room.

The burglar prowled about the room for a time, but did not see the little girl tucked in bed, and he proceeded into the room occupied by the mother and father. The opening of the door of the child's room awakened Mrs. Huber, and she was sitting up in bed when the intruder tiptoed into her room. At sight of the man with the glittering revolver in his hand she screamed.

"Stop where you are and be quiet and I'll make no trouble for you people," the robber said. "If you scream again I'll shoot. Where is your money?"

Mr. Huber told the visitor there was \$2 in his trousers.

"You'll find \$3 more in my purse on the dresser," volunteered Mrs. Huber. "All I ask is that you don't awaken and frighten our little girl. I beg you to go now."

"Where is the baby?" asked the burglar.

"She's asleep in that room you just came through," said Mrs. Huber. "She's the sweetest little girl you'd want to see. She'd be scared to death if you awaken her. She never would forget it, and would be terrified for many a night to come. Please don't go out the way you come in. Just go right out the front door."

"I'll do that, lady," said the burglar, his voice somewhat broken. "Only remember now, be square, don't come after me. I'll not take that little money you have. I'm taking a big chance, but I won't frighten the baby; not for the world."

The burglar made his way through

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# WHISPERING SMITH

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### SYNOPSIS.

Murray Sinclair and his gang of wreckers were called out to clear the railroad tracks at Smoky Creek. McCloud, a young road superintendent, caught Sinclair and his men in the act of looting the wrecked train. Sinclair pleaded innocence, declaring it only amounted to a piece of wood—a treat for the men. McCloud discharged the whole outfit and ordered the wreckage burned. McCloud became acquainted with Dickie Dunning, a girl of the west, who came to look at the wreck. "Whispering" Gordon Smith told President Bucks of the railroad, of McCloud's brave fight against a gang of crazed miners and that was the reason for the superintendent's appointment to his office. McCloud arranged to board at the boarding house of Mrs. Sinclair, the ex-foreman's deserted wife. Dickie Dunning was the daughter of the late Richard Dunning, who had died of a broken heart shortly after his wife's demise, heart broken after one year of marriage. Smoky Creek bridge was mysteriously burned. President Bucks notified Smith that he had work ahead. A stock train was wrecked by an open switch. Later a passenger train was held up and the express car robbed. Two men of a posse pursuing the bandits were killed. "Whispering Smith" approached Sinclair. He tried to buy him off, but failed. He warned McCloud that his life was in danger. McCloud was carried into Lance Dunning's presence. Dunning refused the railroad a right-of-way, he had already signed for. Dickie interfered to prevent a shooting affray. Dickie met McCloud on a lonely trail to warn him his life was in danger. On his way home a shot passed through his hat. A sudden rise of the Crawling Stone river created consternation. Dickie and Marion appealed to McCloud for help. Whispering Smith joined the group. McCloud took his men to fight the river. Lance Dunning welcomed them cordially. McCloud succeeded in halting the flood. Dickie and Marion visited Sinclair at his ranch. He tried to persuade his deserted wife to return to him. She refused. He accused Whispering Smith of having stolen her love from him. A train was held up and robbed, the bandits escaping. Smith and McCloud started in pursuit. At Baggs ranch Du Sang killed old Baggs. Whispering Smith befriended his ten-year-old son. They came to Williams Cache. Smith was certain the bandits were there. He implored Rebstock, "king of the cache," to give up Du Sang. Rebstock refused. Smith declared he would clean out the whole gang, including Rebstock. Smith came upon the bandits. Du Sang among them. Single-handed he routed them all. He set in pursuit of one, the other two being hopelessly wounded. Du Sang died of his wounds. The party started for home. Medicine Bend heard the news of the capture. McCloud's love match with Dickie progressed favorably.

### CHAPTER XXX.—Continued.

"Won't you give me the number and let me telephone?" asked a voice behind them. They turned in astonishment and saw Whispering Smith. "I am surprised," he added, calmly, "to see a man of your intelligence, George, trying to broil a steak with the lower door of your stove wide open. Close the lower door and cut out the draft through the fire. Don't stare, George; put back the broiler. And haven't you made a radical mistake to start with?" he asked, stepping between the confused couple. "Are you not trying to broil a roast of beef?"

"Where did you come from?" demanded McCloud, as Marion came in from the dining room.

"Don't search me the very first thing," protested Whispering Smith.

"But we've been frightened to death here for 24 hours. Are you really alive and unharmed? This young lady rode in 20 miles this morning and came to the office in tears to get news of you."

Smith looked mildly at Dickie. "Did you shed a tear for me? I should like to have seen just one! Where did I come from? I reported in wild over the telephone ten minutes ago. Didn't Marion tell you? She is so forgetful. That is what causes wrecks, Marion. I have been in the saddle since three o'clock this morning, thank you, and have had nothing for five days but raw steer garbished with sushine."

The four sat down to supper, and Whispering Smith began to talk. He told the story of the chase to the Cache, the defiance from Rebstock, and the tardy appearance of the men he wanted. "Du Sang meant to shoot his way through us and make a dash for it. There really was nothing else for him to do. Banks and Kennedy were up above, even if he could have ridden out through the upper canyon, which is very doubtful with all the water now. After a little talk back and forth, Du Sang drew, and of course then it was every man for himself. He was hit twice and he died Sunday night, but the other two were not seriously hurt. What can you do? It is either kill or get killed with those fellows, and, of course, I talked plainly to Du Sang. He had butchered a man at Mission Springs just the night before, and deserved hanging a dozen times over. He meant from the start, he told me afterward, to get me. Oh, Miss Dunning, may I have some more coffee? Haven't I an agreeable part of the railroad business, don't you think? I shouldn't have pushed in here to-night, but I saw the lights when I rode by awhile ago; they looked so good I couldn't resist."

McCloud leaned forward. "You call it pushing in, do you, Gordon? Do you know what this young lady did this morning? One of her cowboys came down from the Cache early with the word that you had been killed in the fight by Du Sang. He said he saw you down from your saddle to the

ground with Du Sang shooting at you. She ordered up her horse, without a word, and rode 20 miles in an hour and a half to find out here what we had heard. She 'pushed in' at the Wickup, where she never had been before in her life, and wandered through it alone looking for my office, to find out from me whether I hadn't something to contradict the bad news. While we talked, in came your dispatch from Sleepy Cat. Never was one better timed! And when she knew you were safe her eyes filled again."

Whispering Smith looked at Dickie, quizzically. Her confusion was delightful. He rose, lifted her hand in his own, and bending, kissed it.

They talked till late, and when Dickie walked on the porch McCloud followed to smoke. Whispering Smith still sat at the table talking to Marion, and the two heard the sound of the low voices outside. At intervals Dickie's laugh came in through the open door.

Whispering Smith, listening, said nothing for some time, but once she laughed peculiarly. He pricked up his ears. "What has been happening since I left town?"

"What do you mean?" asked Marion Sinclair.

He nodded toward the porch. "McCloud and Dickie out there. They have been fixing things up."

"Nonsense! What do you mean?"

"I mean they are engaged."

"Never in the world!"

"I may be slow in reading a trail," said Smith, modestly, "but when a woman laughs like that I think there's something doing. Don't you believe it? Call them in and ask them. You won't? Well, I will. Take them in separate rooms. You ask her and I'll ask him."

In spite of Marion's protests the two were brought in. "I am required by Mr. Smith to ask you a very silly question, Dickie," said Marion, taking her into the living room. "Answer yes or no. Are you engaged to anybody?"

"What a question! Why, no!"

"Marion Sinclair wants to know just one thing, George," said Whispering Smith to McCloud, after he had taken him into the dark shop. "She feels she ought to know because she is in a way Dickie's chaperone, you know, and she feels that you are willing she should know. I don't want to be too serious, but answer yes or no. Are you engaged to Dickie?"

"Why, yes, I—"

"That's all; go back to the porch," directed Whispering Smith. McCloud obeyed orders.

Marion, alone in the living room, was waiting for the inquisitor, and her face wore a look of triumph. "You are not such a mind-reader after all, are you? I told you they weren't."

"I told you they were," contended Whispering Smith.

"She says they are not," insisted Marion.

"He says they are," returned Whispering Smith. "And, what's more, I'll bet my saddle against the shop they are. I could be mistaken in anything but that laugh."

### CHAPTER XXXI.

#### A Midnight Visit.

The lights, but one, were out. McCloud and Whispering Smith had gone, and Marion was locking up the house for the night, when she was halted by a knock at the shop door. It was a summons that she thought she knew, but the last in the world that she wanted to hear or to answer. Dickie had gone to the bedroom, and standing between the portieres that curtained the workroom from the shop, Marion in the half-light listened, hesitating whether to ignore or to answer the midnight intruder. But experience, and bitter experience, had taught her there was only one way to meet that particular summons, and that was to act, whether at noon or at midnight, without fear. She waited until the knocking had been twice repeated, turned up the light, and going to the door drew the bolt; Sinclair stood before her, and she drew back for him to enter. "Dickie Dunning is with me to-night," said Marion, with her hand on the latch, "and we shall have to talk here."

Sinclair took off his hat. "I knew you had company," he returned in the low, gentle tone that Marion knew very well, "so I came late. And I heard to-night, for the first time, that this railroad crowd is after me—God knows why; but they have to earn their salary somehow. I want to keep out of trouble if I can. I won't kill anybody if they don't force me to it. They've scared nearly all my men away from the ranch already; one crippled-up cowboy is all I have got to help me look after the cattle. But I won't quarrel with them, Marion, if I can get away from here peacefully, so I've come to talk it over once more with you. I'm going away and I want you to go with me; I've got enough to keep us as well as the best of them, and as long as we live. You've given me a good lesson. I needed it, girl."

"Don't call me that!"

He laughed kindly. "Why, that's what it used to be; that's what I

want it to be again. I don't blame you. You're worth all the women I ever knew, Marion. I've learned to appreciate some few things in the lonely months I've spent up on the Frenchman; but I've felt while I was there as if I were working for both of us. I've got a buyer in sight now for the cattle and the land. I'm ready to clean up and say good-by to trouble—all I want is for you to give me the one chance I've asked for and go along."

They stood facing each other under the dim light. She listened intently to every word, though in her terror she might not have heard or understood all of them. One thing she did very clearly understand, and that was why he had come and what he wanted. To that she held her mind tenaciously, and for that she shaped her answer. "I cannot go with you—now or ever."

He waited a moment. "We always got along, Marion, when I behaved myself."

"I hope you always will behave yourself; but I could no more go with

I don't want to live without you. If you make me do it, you're to blame for the consequences."

She stood with wide-open eyes, but uttered no word.

"You won't touch it—then you care a little for me yet," he murmured.

"No! Do not say so. But I will not do murder."

"Think about the other, then. Go with me and everything will be all right. I will come back some evening soon for my answer. And until then, if those two men have any use for life, let them keep in the clear. I heard to-night that Du Sang is killed. Do you know whether it is true?"

"It is true."

An oath half escaping showed her the confirmation cut him. "And Whispering Smith got away! It is Du Sang's own fault; I told him to keep out of that trap. I stay in the open; and I'm not Du Sang. I'll choose my own ground for the finish when they want it with me, and when I go I'll take company—I'll promise you that."

"Now, who is Wickwire?" asked Bucks.

"You ought to remember Wickwire, George," remarked Whispering Smith, turning to McCloud. "You haven't forgotten the Smoky creek wreck? Do you remember the tramp who had his legs crushed and lay in the sun all morning? You put him in your car and sent him down here to the railroad hospital and Barnhardt took care of him. That was Wickwire. Not a bad fellow, either; he can talk pretty straight and shoot pretty straight. How do I know? Because he has told me the story and I've seen him shoot. There, you see, is one friend that you never reckoned on. He used to be a cowboy, and I got him a job working for Sinclair on the Frenchman; he has worked at Dunning's and other places on the Crawling Stone. He hates Sinclair with a deadly hatred for some reason. Just lately Wickwire set up for himself on Little Crawling Stone."

"I have noticed that fellow's ranch," remarked McCloud.

"I couldn't leave him at Sinclair's," continued Whispering Smith, frankly. "The fellow was on my mind all the time. I felt certain he would kill Sinclair or get killed if he stayed there. And then, when I took him away they sprang Tower W on me! That is the price, not of having a conscience, for I haven't any, but of listening to the voice that echoes where my conscience used to be," said the railroad man, moving uneasily in his chair.

Bucks broke the ash from his cigar into the tray on the table. "You are restless to-night, Gordon—and it isn't like you, either."

"It is in the air. There has been a dead calm for two days. Something is due to happen to-night. I wish I could hear from Banks; he started with the papers for Sinclair's yesterday while I went to Oroville to sweat Kerg. Blood-poisoning has set in and it is rather important to us to get a confession. There's a horse!" He stepped to the window. "Coming fast, too. Now, I wonder—no, he's gone by."

Five minutes later a messenger came to the car from the Wickup with word that Kennedy was looking for Whispering Smith. Bucks, McCloud and Smith left the car together and walked up to McCloud's office.

Kennedy, sitting on the edge of the table, was tapping his leg nervously with a ruler. "Bad news, Gordon."

"Not from Ed Banks?"

"Sinclair got him this morning."

Whispering Smith sat down. "Go on."

"Banks and I picked up Wickwire on the Crawling Stone early, and we rode over to the Frenchman. Wickwire said Sinclair had been up at Williams Cache the day before, and he didn't think he was home. Of course I knew the Cache was watched and he wouldn't be there long, so Ed asked me to stay in the cottonwoods and watch the creek for him. He and Wickwire couldn't find anybody home when they got to the ranchhouse and they rode down the corral together to look over the horses."

Whispering Smith's hand fell help-

lessly on the table. "Rode down together! For God's sake, why didn't one of them stay at the house?"

"Sinclair rode out from behind the barn and hit Wickwire in the arm before they saw him. Banks turned and opened on him, and Wickwire ducked for the creek. Sinclair put a soft bullet through Banks' shoulder—tore it pretty bad, Gordon—and made his getaway before Wickwire and I could reach the barn again. I got Ed on his horse and back to Wickwire's, and we sent one of the boys to Oroville for a doctor. After Banks fell out of the saddle and was helpless Sinclair talked to him before I came up. You ought to have kept out of this, Ed," he said. "This is a railroad fight. Why didn't they send the head of their own gang after me?—naming you." Kennedy nodded toward Whispering Smith.

"Naming me?"

"Banks says: 'I'm sheriff of this county, and will be a long time yet!' I took the papers from his breast pocket," continued Kennedy. "You can see where he was hit." Kennedy laid the sheriff's packet on the table. Bucks drew his chair forward and, with his cigar between his fingers, picked the packet up and opened it. Kennedy went on: "Ed told Sinclair if he couldn't land him himself that he knew a man who could and would before he was a week older. He meant you, Gordon; and the last thing Ed told me was that he wanted you to serve the papers on Sinclair."

A silence fell on the company. One of the documents passing under Bucks' hand caught his eye and he opened it. It was the warrant for Sinclair. He read it without comment, folded it, and, looking at Whispering Smith, pushed it toward him. "Then this, I guess, Gordon, belongs to you."

Starting from a reverie, Whispering Smith reached for the warrant. He looked for a moment at the blood-stained caption. "Yes," he said, "this, I guess, belongs to me."

### CHAPTER XXXIII.

#### Duty.

The stir of the town over the shooting of Banks seemed to Marion, in her distress, to point an accusing finger at her. The disgrace of what she had felt herself powerless to prevent now weighed on her mind, and she asked herself whether, after all, the responsibility of this murder was not upon her. Even putting aside this painful doubt, she bore the name of the man who had savagely defied accountability and now, it seemed to her, was dragging her with him through the slough of blood and dishonor into which he had plunged.

The wretched thought would return that had she listened to him, had she consented to go away, this outbreak might have been prevented. And what horror might not another day bring—what lives still closer to her life be taken? For herself she cared less; but she knew that Sinclair, now that he had begun, would not stop. In whichever way her thoughts turned, wretchedness was upon them, and the day went in one of those despairing and indecisive battles that each one within his own heart must fight at times with heaviness and doubt.

McCloud called her over the telephone in the afternoon to say that he was going west on the evening train and would not be over for supper. She wished he could have come, for her loneliness began to be insupportable.

Toward sunset she put on her hat and started for the post-office. In the meantime, Dickie, at home, had called McCloud up and told him she was coming down for the night. He immediately canceled his plans for going west, and when Marion returned at dusk she found him with Dickie at the cottage. The three had supper. Afterward Dickie and McCloud went out for a walk, and Marion was alone in the house when the shop door opened and Whispering Smith walked in. It was dusk.

"Don't light the lamps, Marion," he said, sitting down on a counter-stool as he took off his hat. "I want to talk to you just a minute, if you don't mind. You know what has happened. I am called on now to go after Sinclair. I have tried to avoid it, but my hand has been forced. To-day I've been placing horses. I am going to ride to-night with the warrant. I have given him a start of 24 hours, hoping he may get out of the country. To stay here means only death to him in the end, and, what is worse, the killing of more and innocent men. But he won't leave the country; do you think he will?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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In order to assist in getting the best of information on the subject of intensive farming. The News is offering to the farmers of Texas—those actually engaged in farming—cash prizes to the amount of \$300 for articles on the subject of intensive farming. The first prize is \$100, second \$50. Then there are five prizes of \$10 each and twenty prizes of \$5 each. It is hoped that many splendid articles, full of valuable information, will be received, not only in the competition, but aside from that.

Since the beginning of this movement in October The News has received many endorsements of the idea from a great number of the best farmers in the State, as well as from Government agents of the Department of Agriculture, National and State, and the press of the State is supporting the idea. These articles have been published, have proven interesting not only to the farmer, but to men in every walk of life, for they see in the intensive farming methods greater prosperity for the farmer, and they know that whatever causes the farmer to prosper causes everyone else to do so.

It is said by those who are in a position to know that the present yield of crops in the State of Texas, and in most of the other States, for that matter, can be easily doubled by intensive methods. There is no reason to question this statement. At the same time, it is also possible to increase the quality of the product.

This is an important matter and if the people will ask for it in the right spirit and with a determination to double their yields and income, it will be a step ever taken by the State toward greater material progress and prosperity.

### "THE PEERLESS"



### Something for Our Farmer Friends

Every wide-awake farmer in the country is always ready to take advantage of all opportunities offered him that will aid him in the culture of the soil and thereby increase the production. Mr. Campbell, the great dry farming expert, is considered reliable authority upon all matters pertaining to scientific soil culture. We have made arrangements whereby we can give

One Free Year's Subscription to Campbell's Scientific Farmer to every new subscriber or renewal to

### The Enterprise

This offer will not last long. Take advantage of it while you can.

Both Papers One Year \$1.50

Address all orders to this office.

### After Many Years Lose.

Looks as if poor old Big Springs is to be left out in the future trading from this part of the country. Freight, in the past, was hauled chiefly from that place, but now, since railroad facilities are some fifty-three miles nearer, Lubbock is getting the generous share.—Gomes Review.

For many years, Big Springs has held the trade of this section of the country, but she has gradually been losing bit by bit, until in a few more years more, if she don't look out she will have to depend upon a small territory for subsistence. Some how or other, Big Springs has been sleeping on her rights, and has let some golden opportunities fade away into the dim vale of her more wide awake neighbors, and though she has been scratching around for the past few months to try to dig up some railroad that would put new life into her, she has been doomed to disappointment and is now reaping the results of a long drawn out slumber, and as Rip Van Winkle, she finds things greatly changed. Her former territory is gone.

We do not care to throw a stumbling block in the way of any town in the west, but we merely sight this instance as a warning for other towns, Lubbock for one, to ever keep a keen lookout for such occurrences as this. Don't ever get it into your head, that just because we have train running into the town, that that ends the story, for it is only the beginning, and we must keep the work of pushing the interests of the towns, and keep the ball of progress at high speed, to hold our place in the race for the many good things that are coming to the west, these days. On with the Lubbock banner, keep it constantly waving, that the people may know that we are in the thickest of the fight for a bigger and better Lubbock.—Lubbock Avalanche

While it is true that Big Springs has lost a small portion of her vast trade of territory because of a railroad being built to Lubbock but she has been expecting that for some time and prepared to offset the loss by inducing good farmers to settle the country adjacent to the town, consequently there is as much business transacted here as there is at any other two towns in this part of Texas, and she continues to grow, in fact has never failed to grow. It takes something besides hot air to build a substantial town and fill up a country with a desirable class of citizens. Big Springs has never been asleep, and if the editors of the Review and Avalanche were to be dropped here they would think they were in the busiest place they had ever seen.

Both of you are doing all you can for your towns, but when you want to spur your people on to do bigger things don't hold Big Springs up to them as an example of lost or neglected opportunities, she is too much a live for that.

### Notice

For Sale—My horse and phaeton buggy. Dr. Baird.

FOR SALE—Almost new Smith Premier typewriter, been used but little, will be sold at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

For Sale—One spring wagon, will be sold cheap. Also one 22-caliber rifle good as new. Apply at this office.

### To Trade for Stock

Will trade 160 acres of land, nine miles northwest of town for cattle, mules or good mares. Inquire at this office.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This Liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by all druggists.

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- Bishops' Crystalized Cherries
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Valuable Recipe When Afflicted with Rheumatism or Backache. This is a renowned doctor's very best prescription for rheumatism.

OMINOUS GESTURE.



"So your fiancée is smaller than you." "Yes, she comes up just to there."

Ancients Wore Sheath Gowns. It need not be supposed that even feminine fashions can evolve something new under the sun.

Disapproval. "What makes those two women turn up their noses at each other so superciliously?"

"More life to that flavor than any gum I have ever tasted."

A good guesser always boasts of his intuition.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. RHEUMATISM. BRUISES. DIABETES. BACKACHE.

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POCKET LIFE SAVER

Clarence Hall Invents a Device for Miners.

Believes His Oxygen Apparatus Would Have Prevented the Deaths of 300 Men in the Cherry Mine.

Washington.—Clarence Hall, explosives expert for the government, has just announced the invention of a safety device which, had it been in use November 13 might have saved 300 lives at the mine of the St. Paul Coal at Cherry, Ill.

If the ambitions of the men of the technologic branch of the geological survey are realized, a time will soon come when every miner working underground will carry in his pocket the newly invented oxygen generator and through it be guaranteed a lease of life for a time ranging from half an hour to an hour while he is fighting his way to the open air or waiting the coming of rescuers.



Inventor and His Device.

will enable mine owners and miners to obtain this safeguard against the deadly gases and the smoke of mine fires that kill thousands of men each year. Further, it is stated, the device may be readily manufactured and sold at a price not above 50 cents.

Mr. Hall was lighting the lamp of an automobile when the thought occurred to him of generating oxygen as the gases of the lamp were generated, and supplying that oxygen to miners to breathe when the air of the mine had become contaminated with poisonous gases and smoke as to mean immediate death.

Mr. Hall, as a representative of the government, has visited many of the great disasters in mines that have occurred in recent years. At Mononga, where more than 300 men lost their lives in December, 1907, he found that the vast majority of the men had died by slow suffocation long after the explosion.

If these men, and it is fair to assume the same in the case of the Cherry horror, had some means of getting air to breathe they would have lived. The figures show that of all men who die in mines 90 per cent. meet death through suffocation.

NOTHING REMARKABLE.



The Mayor—Just think, admiral, I've married 20 people in two hours. The Admiral—Well, that's only ten knots an hour.

SORE EYES CURED.

Eye-Balls and Lids Became Terribly Inflamed—Was Unable to Go About—All Other Treatments Failed, But Cuticura Proved Successful.

"About two years ago my eyes got in such a condition that I was unable to go about. They were terribly inflamed, both the balls and lids. I tried home remedies without relief. Then I decided to go to our family physician, but he didn't help them. Then I tried two more of our most prominent physicians, but my eyes grew continually worse.

Diet of the Old. A sage diet for a person of 70 or 75 should be made up largely of vegetables and fruit, some fish, some eggs, a little meat and simple cereals, if there is no inclination toward obesity.

Pathos Out of Place in Schools. In an address at a teacher's institute Miss Martha Sherwood said that sad and pathetic stories should have no place in the public schools.

A Pair of Them. No. 1—"Now mind, Johnny," said the mother of a five-year-old, "there's a ghost in that dark closet guarding the jam."

A Rare Good Thing. "Am using Allen's Foot-Ease, and can truly say I would not have been without it so long, had I known the relief it would give my aching feet.

Desperate But Effective. Knicker—So Jones has a good scheme? Bocker—Yes; he carries a little dynamite to blow up any auto that runs over him.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Believes the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headache, also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

I have lived to know that the great secret of human happiness is this—never suffer your energies to stagnate.

A dealer sold imitation Spearmint. His customer gave it to a friend. The dealer lost his customer. The customer lost his friend.

The man who can maintain a reputation for wisdom in the presence of a youth just out of college is a wonder.

ALLEN'S LUNG BALM has been used successfully for years for deep-seated coughs, colds and bronchitis. Everybody should know about it. It is simple, safe and sure.

A woman isn't necessarily level headed because her hat is on straight.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

A married man can always get a little off his sentence for bad behavior.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, they granulate, easy to take as candy.

We don't blame a man for growling if his wife treats him like a dog.

Lewis' Single Binder cigar. Original in Tin Foil Smoker Package. Take no substitute.

The Mother of Invention.

An insurance man in a small town was giving a dinner to a friend particularly high up in insurance circles. Alas! she recalled at the last moment his friend smoked. It was too late. Every cigar stand was closed.

Nonchalantly he returned to the library. "Ah," he said, pausing on the threshold, "here is an unusually fine cigar. Will you not try it? I don't smoke, you know."

A Remnant of the Dark. A colored man died without medical attendance, and the coroner went to investigate.

"Did Samuel Williams live here?" he asked the weeping woman who opened the door.

"Yassuh," she replied between sobs. "I want to see the remains." "I is de remains," she answered, proudly.—Everybody's Magazine.

The Strategic Point. "General, we are outgeneraled." "Caramba! But how is that?" "The other side has beaten us to the cable office."

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine. Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

Wanted to Know. Father—Well? Tommy—Will I be a monoplane or biplane angel?

"I prescribed whiskey." "I took it. You can't smell it because I chewed WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT after."

Of course it was an old bachelor who said that love was hatched in an incubator and raised in an insane asylum.

Some people suffer continually with tired, aching and swollen feet. Little do they know how soothing is Hamlin's Wizard Oil. Rub it in at night and have thankful, happy feet in the morning.

Money may not make the man, but take some men's money away from them and there would be nothing left.

"How's your digestion?" "Better, thank you. I'm chewing WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT after meals."

There is a place for everything, and the place for slippers is very often on the seat of a small boy's trousers.

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It's easy for a woman to paint a pretty face—if she has one.

A mouthful of delicious Spearmint Peppermint Flavor carries your mind to green fields—running brooks—FINE FOR DIGESTION.

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It worries a thicket girl if a man tries to kiss her—and it worries a young widow if he doesn't.

Don't worry, and you'll have nothing to worry you.

A Poor Weak Woman

As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

The most perfect remedy ever devised for weak and delicate women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG. SICK WOMEN WELL.

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Spur Farm Lands, Tex. A Wonderful Farming Section

Located in Dickens, Kent, Crosby and Garza Counties; most fertile valleys and uplands in West Texas, 675 square miles now offered in quarter-sections, or more—direct to home-seeking farmers—without commissions to anyone—at prices ranging from

\$12.00 to \$17.50 Per Acre. Farms are in prime condition from recent rains and produce wonderful cotton yields (this crop having never failed), absolutely free from boll weevil; ideal hog country, cholera unknown; excellent fruit growing region; fine for corn, small grain and feed stuffs—alfalfa in portions. Very healthful climate, altitude 2,000 to 2,500 feet.

Best Transportation Facilities. Spur, a rapidly growing town, is the terminus of the new extension of the Wichita railroad, Burlington System. All Spur lots were sold the first day, excepting a few reserved for the company.

SIX YEARS TO PAY. Terms, 1-5 down, balance in one to six years. Don't wait. Farms are selling fast. For further information, address CHAS. A. JONES, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Son, Spur, Dickens County, Texas.

We Buy FURS Hides and Wool. Feathers, Tallow, Beeswax, Ginseng, Golden Seal, (Yellow Root), May Apple, Wild Ginger, etc.

Salts and Castor Oil—bad stuff—never cure, only makes bowels move because it irritates and sweats them, like poking finger in your eye. The best Bowel Medicine is Cascarets.

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# THEY COME FLYING

For the Newest and Best, the Original Idea and Happy Thought in Christmas Gifts see Our Bright Fresh Stock of Beautiful and Desirable Holiday Attractions

Now that December has come with its days of snow flurries mingling with the soft and subdued splendor of the passing year, one's thoughts turn to the home and the fireside and the dear friends that makes one's life so well worth living, and along with that thought one is reminded that the Holiday Season is upon us and that this is the time to choose presents for the same dear friends.

### Gifts for Men

Something for a man seems often to be a puzzling question for the ladies. Don't puzzle any more, here are many items that will please him:  
Cigars: this always suits the smoker. Smoking sets: few things he appreciates more.  
Shaving sets: a very practical gift.  
Collar and cuff boxes: very useful always.  
A medalion: for his room.  
Fountain pen: he will like this if he writes.  
Books: can't go amiss on this if he is a reader.  
Oxford bibles: if he will use it.  
Sterling novelties: many expressly for men.  
Pocket books: we have the kind that men like.  
Pocket knives: he doubtless needs a new one.  
Ink stands: new ones that will please.  
Hair brushes: fine ones for gift purposes.  
Cloth brushes: have them with fancy handles.  
Military brushes: made for men.  
Hat brushes: many styles to select from.  
Traveling sets: useful whether he travels or not.  
Clocks: get one for his room, suit to please.  
Shaving mirrors: a very useful article.  
Jewelry: no part of things in this line.  
Watches: one of the very finest gifts.

### Gifts for boys

There are too many of these to tell of for some lines are so large as to permit of choosing for every boy of your acquaintance.  
Books: this is the standard gift for boys.  
Pocket knives: hard to find a better thing.  
Games: we have all the new and popular ones.  
Watches: you can't find anything finer than these.  
Brushes: he needs toilet articles for his room.  
Pictures: one for his room.  
Sterling novelties: many suitable ones.  
Musical instruments: just what he wants.  
Toys in abundance for the small boy.  
Purses or pocket books.  
G. A. Healy's books for boys.

### Dolls

We make a special effort to get dolls and to sell them at very close prices, in many instances for little over half what some dealers charge. Bring in the little folks to see the dolls, it is always a treat to them.

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| China dolls  | 5c to 25c     |
| Kid bodies   | 2c to \$2.50  |
| Doll heads   | 10c to 75c    |
| Rubber Dolls | 10c to 75c    |
| Bisque dolls | 25c to \$8.00 |

### Books

There is hardly a person who has Christmas gifts to buy, who should not consider the selection of books. Books are equally desirable for young and old. They are treasured for a lifetime and never lose their value. Large as our stock was last year, it is almost double this season. The variety is greater and the stock throughout is larger. It includes all the latest and most popular novels, together with standard fiction, poetry, etc. Also books for girls, books for boys and books for the little people. You can find anything you want and can be suited no matter what price you wish to pay.  
We regularly sell most books at less than publisher's prices, often much less and these low prices prevail throughout the holiday season.

50 Good Cigars, \$2

### Fine China

Fine as our stock was last year it is excelled in every way this season. The designs got more beautiful all the while. China is one of those things that you can always give with a certainty that it will be prized. We might take a whole page telling you about the various items of China. All we can do is to urge you to make a note of it and be sure to see it.

Scarf Pins 25c to \$10

### Games

The sale of games increases yearly. Instructional and amusing games are part of the equipment of every modern home. It is such agencies that make home attractive to both old and young.

Burnt Wood Supplies, Lowest Prices

### Provide Music

It is sound sense to provide those things that are most wished for if the wish is a reasonable one. In every home where there are young people some musical instrument is desired. Christmas is the ideal time to give this ideal present. We can furnish anything you need in this line. Violins, guitars, mandolins, etc.

Pyrography Sets and Supplies

### Sundries

There are scores of suitable gifts in our regular line of sundries that you can well use for family giving. These are common sense presents. Such items as these in abundance: hair brushes, clothes brushes, tooth brushes, nail and hand brushes, hat brushes, hand brushes, mirrors, combs, etc.

Fountain Pens \$1.50 to \$6

### Traveling Cases

A man some, useful, durable gift. Just the thing in many instances. This is another new item this year.

Berry Sets \$1 to 12

### Gold Pens

You want good ones and those we carry are the finest the market affords. First quality gold pens and genuine pearl handles, plain or braided. Each in box.

Kodaks \$1 to \$20

### Art Vases

Both domestic and imported vases. This is an item that you can give with a certainty that it will be cherished from 25c to \$25.00.

What You Want When You Want It

Watches, Diamonds, Solid Gold Jewelry

We could more than fill this page with suggestions from our jewelry stock. Remember when in doubt that here you can always find something suitable in this department and that each gift lasts a lifetime.

Work Baskets 25c to \$3

### Clocks

Clocks these days are made to be ornamental as well as useful. Many new kinds made also for bedroom, dressing tables, etc., that are attractive gifts. Made in china and fancy metals. Small and large. We have a splendid line of the latest ones at all sorts of prices. \$1.00 to \$15.00.

Plain Gold Rings \$1 to \$10

### Toilet Cases

We have some beautiful toilet and dressing cases in plush, silver and celluloid. Magnificent gifts for the gentler sex. Prices range from 75c to \$18.00 used to cost double.

Best Perfumes 5c to \$5 per Bottle

### Celluloid Goods

There are few gifts more popular than these. Our stock includes Manicure sets, collar and cuff boxes, shaving sets, toilet cases, work boxes, handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, necktie boxes, photo boxes, etc.

Anything You Want in Hammered Brass

### Gifts for Girls

There should be no trouble in the selection of this class, especially when you come to this store. Here are a few hints:  
Books: scores of them, especially for girls.  
Pen knives, few have them all need them.  
Pocket books: plenty of them here.  
Work boxes: kinds made solely for girls.  
Musical instruments: guitars and others.  
Pictures: certain to please.  
Toilet articles, all sorts of these.  
Watches: every girl hopes for one.  
Gems: many kinds at many prices.  
Bibles: small perfect sure to please.  
Perfumes: even little girls like perfume.

Diamond Rings \$5 to \$300

### High Grade Stationery

Fine box papers are always in demand for gifts, especially among the people at home. We have the finest paper ever shown in this city and the prices are such that you can buy these rare qualities for 25c to 75c.

Xmas and New Year Cards

### Watches

If in your line of business your friends the business man who needs a watch, this will be a gift that will make a great impression. Watch companies are now producing watches of wonderful accuracy and scientific construction. Excellent ones can be had for small prices. Whether for your own use or as a gift, you will get a great one at the price, and our guarantee is as to its quality. Our assortment includes every size of watch, \$1.00 to \$185.00, \$5.00 to \$10.00, \$15.00 to \$25.00, \$30.00 to \$75.00.

Postal Card Albums

### Jewelry

The presents given this year if it be jewelry, will be treasured and esteemed a lifetime. Jewelry is enduring and in a stock such as ours there are gifts for people of every age and station in life. Gifts of jewelry are gifts of utility and gifts of any price you care to pay. This one line will afford you a selection wide enough to cover every gift you care to buy, while every piece we make is the lowest to be had anywhere.

Hand Painted Pictures

### Cut Glass

When you buy cut glass you want the finest. We have superb specimens from the best makers in the land. Prices are reasonable as those who are posted on cut glass will recognize. There is no joy in the land, married or single, who would not prize a piece of cut glass. It represents the acme of elegance in worth. Expressive rather than worth its cost for those who can afford it and who seek gifts of exceptional beauty and value. Our assortment includes a wide range of items. Some small, cost little, others large, costing more, but all sold at most reasonable prices.

Special Prices on Dressed Dolls

### Shaving Sets

Fine variety of fancy sets fitted with high-grade razors, etc. We also have Safety Razor Sets at various prices.

### Statuary

This is an item that will always be rather rare in the average home, hence all the more desirable for those who wish something artistic and different. Our line is truly artistic, and we predict that they will go rapidly, so those who wish to make sure of a good selection should come soon. 50 to \$5.00.

Your Choice in Books

5c to \$3

### Manicure Sets

Something to consider if you have a young lady to please. Many kinds to pick from. 75c to \$1.00.

Ladies' Parasols, 3.00 to 15.00

### Cameras and Supplies

In our gift department you'll find gifts for the old young man, young lady, the middle-aged or elderly. A camera is something that is interesting from childhood to old age. We carry a superb stock of the Eastman. You can buy a Kodak here at any price from \$1 up. There are scores of things for gifts in our photographic line.

Pearl Brooches \$3 to \$10

Set Rings \$1 to \$20

### Christmas Cards

Prints and colored cards, beautiful uncolored cards, and some simply with a spray of holly to send with gifts. No better line in town.

### Christmas Booklets

Artistic line. You'll undoubtedly want some of these to send to friends as tokens of good will. We have beautiful ones at all prices.

### Candies

We have just received a fresh stock of King's Candies in all the new and fancy packages. No finer, richer or more delicious confectionery can be had than these. The packages are not only artistic and elegant, but are especially appropriate for Christmas and New Year's giving. All prices from 10c to \$2.50.

### Smokers' Articles

Cigars, pipes, tobacco, cigar boxes, cigar holders, cigar cases, match cases, etc. in variety. Anything you select here will be sure to suit the smoker.

### Postal Albums

A modern gift. We have a large stock, including about all sizes and sizes. Have them bound in cloth and leather of different colors.

### Perfumes

The finest goods the world produces. We have the choicest imported and domestic odors in the delectable Christmas packages. We also have these exquisite perfumes in bulk.

Magnificent Medallions—Hand Painted Pictures

So large is our stock of these beautiful pictures this year and so taking are the subjects that it is hard to adequately describe them. You will have to see them soon as many are already sold. Medallions charm everybody. We sell them at less than regular prices and the following range of prices will give you some idea as to the extent of the assortment: 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00.

### Shirt Waist Sets

### Mirrors

We have as fine a line of hand, tripartite and shaving mirrors as the market affords. Have them in a variety of shapes and finishes. Wide range of prices.

### Come Early and Often

It is pleasant to realize the fact that the hearts of all kindly disposed people are warm with love for their friends and that they choose that some token of love and friendship shall be given at the blessed Christmas time when the church bells throughout the world are announcing the old, ever new message: "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

### Gifts for Ladies

Those who are puzzled as to what to give a lady had better consult this list, make a memorandum, and then come and see other things we have no space to mention.

Books: padded leather gift editions, for instance.

Art calendars: these always please. Albums: all the latest designs.

Photo holders: always need them. Toilet cases: a superb gift. We have fine ones.

Manicure sets: every woman wants one. Glove and handkerchief boxes and sets.

Work boxes: nice line of these. Photo frames: in metal, celluloid and burnt wood.

Money canisters: have to have 'em nowadays.

Eye-glasses: never any doubt about this. Cut glass: no woman ever gets too much of this.

Cases: we have a beautiful array. Wares and a variety of ladies have over it.

Medallions: don't miss it on this item. Having dish: no woman is happy till she gets one.

Jewelry: a beautiful gift in this line. Sterling novelties: no more suitable present.

Gold pens: with pearl handles of course.

Mirrors: hand mirrors in all styles. Jewel boxes: many beautiful kinds. Watch: a superb gift.

Pocket books: all the new leather. Confectionery: we have King's in boxes.

Celluloid and brush goods: dozens of fine presents.

Perfume: something that is always suitable.

Set silver knives and forks. Set tea or table spoons. Set olive forks. Cold meat fork. Cream or gray ladies. Sugar shell butter knife. Carving sets.

Diamond Brooches \$10 to \$300

### Jewelry Novelties

We have scores of new things in our jewelry department. We picked things for the people who seek new things and urge you to make your choice while the assortment is unbroken. Our jewelry stock also includes all sorts of fine goods of a standard character that you ought to see. Lowest prices.

Bill Possums, all Sizes

### Silverware

It is worth your while to see these things in our holiday stock of silverware even though you do not intend to buy in this line. Silverware includes so many items and affords so wide a range of prices that it must never be left out of your calculation in making up your list of holiday gifts. Come and see the new things. Special low prices.

Chocolate Sets \$1 to \$20

Beyond a doubt the most magnificent display of Holiday Goods to be seen in our store. We may add to that in variety and value it is unsurpassed. You are urged to examine it before buying.

This is our thirteenth year in Big Springs, and during this time we have studied the wants of the people and we think our experience means a saving of dollars to you. Gifts for every member of the family and friend

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