

THE ENTERPRISE.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908.

\$1.50 A YEAR

To The Trading Public in General

We wish to announce to the people of Big Springs and surrounding country that we have sold our complete Dry Goods Stock to Mr. W. P. Bonner, of Wichita Falls, who will continue the SALE in our building until January 1st, as advertised. Mr. Bonner comes to us with the highest recommendation as to business ability, and we trust our customers will extend him a liberal share of their patronage. Mr. Bonner expects to carry a complete line Dry Goods and will be able to supply your every want. We wish to thank our friends for their patronage of the past years and hope their support will be continued in our Hardware business, of which we expect to carry a strong line.

Stokes-Hughes Comp'y

Having purchased the **STOKES - HUGHES COMPANY** stock of Dry Goods, I will continue to sell one of the best stocks of merchandise ever offered to the people of west Texas at a very low price of cost. This stock, with many new goods that are to arrive soon, will be disposed of in this sale, and it will pay you to make your purchases while this great reduction is on. I expect to carry one of the most complete stocks of **DRY GOODS** in Big Springs, and will soon be prepared to furnish you with everything in this line. A liberal share of your patronage will be appreciated.

Yours respectfully,

W. P. Bonner

Going to Leave

After Christmas we will move into our new quarters next door north of Rix & Co.

For the next fifteen days you will have a chance to buy your Christmas groceries at prices that will be to your entire satisfaction. Haven't time to quote prices now, but it might be to your advantage to come and see. We carry the stock of quality the best; prices always in keeping with the times. We want your trade

Pool Brothers

If you have made up your mind to live in a town, then stand up for it, and if you know positively no good, then absence is golden. Do all you can to help along every man who is engaged in legitimate business. The success of your fellow townsmen will be your success. No man liveth to

himself and no man does business independently of his fellow business men. Take your home paper; deposit your money in the home bank; patronize home people exclusively. The main difference in the number of his faults and your own is that you see through a magnifying glass

as a critic. The ill omened, the croaker the knocker, can do a town more harm in a minute than two good citizens can repair in a month.—Flugerville Press.

Watch fobs for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

AN INVITATION.

The Editor of The Enterprise acknowledges with thanks, the following invitation:

How're Your Molars? Sharpen 'Em—Line Up.

DEAR BELOVED EDITOR:—With an appetite fit for the occasion, with your molars in proper trim, you are most cordially invited to be present and if you cannot come, send a hand to

MCKINNEY, TEXAS, TUESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 22, 1908, at 9 o'clock

the McKinney Hotel, where the McKinney 'Possum and 'Tater Club, will dine and feast you, they already having on tap, 71 'Possums, 25 bushels of fine 'Simmons, 100 bushels of 'Taters—for slaughter by you, or your hand, if you fail to come. It will be a feast, fit for ye gods. We will be disappointed if you do not come, hence let us not be disappointed. Address reply to toastmaster.

TOM W. PERKINS, Toastmaster.

DINK MEADOR, Pres. McKinney 'Possum and 'Tater Club.
JAMES W. DOCKINS, Pres. State 'Possum and 'Tater Club.

Everything in high-class jewelry at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Important gossip. Save \$1 to \$3. Buy Ladies Belt Pins, Garters with Silver Buckles. Art Leather Shops.

Texas & Pacific Hotel Burned.

Tuesday evening about seven o'clock the T. & P. Hotel was discovered to be on fire, and in a little more than an hour was completely destroyed by the flames. The fire started in a bed room over the kitchen and is supposed to have caught from the large flue that passed through the room from the kitchen range.

By faithful work on the part of the fire boys and citizens the dispatchers' office was saved with only slight damage. The Y. M. C. A. building was slightly damaged by the heat from the burning building.

T. H. Carter, proprietor of the hotel, estimates his loss at \$5,000, with \$2,000 insurance. The building belonged to the railroad company and we do not know what they valued it at or how much insurance was carried on it.

Shirt waist sets one dollar to five dollars at Ward's.

A Sad Accident.

Last week two sons of Mr. Castleberry, residing on the Harry Landers farm, six miles southeast of town, ate some mistletoe berries, from the effects of which the oldest boy, Clyde, died shortly afterward, and was buried last Friday. The younger boy is recovering from the effects of the poison. Mr. Castleberry and family have the sympathy of the community in their misfortune.—Colorado Record.

Silverware—lowest prices at Ward's.

C. W. B. M. Day.

Sunday night at the Christian church the ladies of the W. C. B. M. conducted the exercises. A most interesting program had been arranged for the occasion. It consisted of songs, prayers and papers by different members of the society. There was a paper on mission work in the United States which told of the progress made by the Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the need of more work; a paper on South America told of the benighted condition of the natives and their need of enlightenment on the teachings of the Bible; the work in India, which is the oldest field in which the society has worked, was the subject of a very interesting paper. It told of the difficulties and progress of the work; Mexico and Porto Rico, two of the newest fields entered by missionaries sent out by the C. W. B. M. showed good progress and the amount of good that has been done, and still there is lots of work to do. The entire program as carried out was a most enjoyable, entertaining and instructive and gave those present an idea of the extent of the great work that the Christian Woman's Board of Missions is accomplishing.

A beautiful assortment of pleasing gifts, perfectly adapted to the wants and requirements of every Santa Claus in town. Everything fresh and sparkling with the brightest new goods of the season.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

Christmas Presents—Thousands of Them—at REAGAN'S

THE ENTERPRISE

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

"What is more potent than the dollar?" Oh a few millions of it.

Mrs. Langtry is 60 years old, but at a little distance you can scarcely notice it.

A western observer says that almost all the street railway companies now run "Pay-as-you-enter" cars.

Philadelphia boasts of a magazine devoted exclusively to aeronautics. One of those fly-by-night publishing concerns, eh?

It is claimed that the mound builders were the first baseball players, but nobody has ever discovered anything to indicate that they were the first umpire maimers.

Asbestos sheets are being instituted under the mattresses of sleeping cars on some of the railways of the United States to shut out the heat from the radiators underneath.

The elevator originated in central Europe. The earliest mention of the elevator is made in a letter of Napoleon I. addressed to his wife, Archduchess Maria Louise.

Dr. Hillis thinks the millennium has arrived. The man who needs 14 tons of hard coal and doesn't know where he is going to get the money to pay for it is probably convinced that a millennium doesn't amount to much, after all.

A simplified spelling society in England wants to have school children taught to spell by ear. To show how tastes differ, it is a matter of common complaint among business men here that some of the graduates of the common schools spell that way now.

Can the proposition that the minimum salary for an unmarried Episcopalian clergyman in the diocese of New York should be \$1,200 and for a married clergyman \$1,200 with a suitable place to live in, or \$1,500 in money, be taken as an official statement of the exact cost of a wife?

When the officers of the American battleships arrived at Tokyo last month they were welcomed by crowds of school children, who sang "Hail Columbia" and other American songs in English. When have American school children ever welcomed foreign visitors by singing songs in their native tongue?

In view of the fact that the price of stock exchange seats in New York has jumped recently from \$70,000 to \$75,000, it is a little discouraging to learn that the owner of a pew in fashionable Grace church, on lower Broadway, which he bought for \$3,000, has been able to get only \$1,100 bid for it, at auction.

Cornetists standing in the belfry of the Park Street church in Boston played "America" at noon on October 31, in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Rev. S. F. Smith, the author of the words sung to the music in this country. "America" was first sung publicly in this church, on July 4, 1832.

About 250 buffalo, remnant of the famous Pablo herd recently purchased by the Dominion government, will be taken from Montana and placed in the new buffalo park on Baltic river, a thousand miles northwest of Winnipeg. The animals now are being rounded up by Michael Pablo in Montana and will be brought north in special trains.

There has recently been opened in one of London's fashionable streets a toilet club for dogs. There the pets of the smart set can have their hair dressed and their coats trimmed to immaculate perfection. For three shillings they can be bathed. If their teeth are imperfect they can be filed or extracted, and if their claws protrude too far they can be daintily manicured.

Germany in 20 years has increased its yearly mining product from 100,000,000 metric tons to 242,609,000 metric tons, worth \$439,986,200. Coal forms 85 per cent. of the output. Other minerals are salt, iron ores, copper, lead, zinc, pyrites, gold, silver, manganese, arsenic, saltpeter, vitriol and alum. The workmen number about 700,000, and the companies about 2,000.

Dr. Norman Ditman has received the Gibbs prize of \$20,000, offered by the New York academy for the best original research work on the kidneys. The prize was founded to create an interest in the study of Bright's disease. Dr. Ditman's investigations tried to account for the unnecessary two-thirds of man's meat diet, and to see if this had any close connection with the poisons present in the system of a person afflicted with Bright's disease.

The American Humane society is to arrange a plan to war on cruelty, and victims of the mammoth hat are hoping for relief.

An aeroplane garage has been constructed on the roof of a building in Paris. Why not call it a roof?

After all one can find a certain degree of Christian charity for the man who committed suicide because his wife insisted in waking him up at three o'clock in the morning and talking to him. For a gentle spirit there was evidently no other defense.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

After an illness lasting 30 days, Mrs. A. A. Gates, mother of John W. Gates, died in Port Arthur.

Sunday another of the children of Dock Duke, living near Henderson, died of pneumonia, making five to die within seven days.

The Smith County Fruit and Truck Growers met Saturday afternoon in Tyler and subjects of great importance were discussed.

There has never been quite as much interest displayed before in poultry raising as is evidenced all over North Texas this year.

William Barnhart, a switchman on the Chicago and Alton railroad, late Sunday night shot and killed his bride of three months at Roundhouse, Ill.

Dick Scalf, a Confederate and an old settler, having lived in that country died at his home, a few miles southeast of McKinney, Wednesday.

The complete revised count of the population of McKinney and suburbs as carefully made for the new city directory, soon to be issued, is 10,453.

Robert Bruce Kelly, a paper hanging and painting contractor, was struck by a South Belt car and almost instantly killed Tuesday night about 10 o'clock in Dallas.

While being transferred from the Mineral Wells train to another, en route to his home in Baton Rouge, La., Wednesday, at Fort Worth, Dr. J. C. Holt, aged 60 years, died.

Two more names have been added to the list of dead as a result of Tuesday's battle between religious fanatics and police in Kansas City, making the number of dead four.

W. M. Church was found on the public highway a short distance from Jacksboro Friday where he had evidently been thrown from his buggy. He died in a few hours.

The coming year should prove profitable to the prospective purchaser and settler of Texas land, as a vast quantity of public domain will go on the market after the holidays.

Southern Pacific depot at Sour Lake was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, entailing loss of between \$10,000 and \$20,000. A lamp is supposed to have exploded and started the fire.

A total of thirty-three indictments were returned Friday by the special grand jury empaneled to investigate the recent night rider raids in the Realfoot Lake region of Tennessee.

Two buildings were wrecked, several people are believed to have been killed and windows were shattered for a block around by the terrific explosion of a bomb in an alley in Chicago Sunday night.

The explosion Sunday at Baso Obispo of a twenty-five-ton dynamite blast was the most serious accident in connection with the building of the Panama Canal since the United States took charge. Fourteen persons were killed.

Announcement was made Thursday afternoon by A. L. Erlanger, the theatrical trust manager, that a great combination theater and hotel is to be established in Chicago, and that the plans are in course of formation.

Gen. J. O. Newton, through his biennial report, submitted to the governor Fridays speaks vigorously in recommendation of an increased ranger force to meet the demands of this branch of his department.

The honor of dropping the first bill into the house of representatives hopper at this session of Congress fell to Representative Overstreet of Indiana. An hour and a quarter before the house met he sent up a bill for an increase of 10 per cent in the enlisted strength of the army.

The Union Tobacco Society, representing tobacco growing interests in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin, with estimated assets of \$30,000,000, was organized in Louisville, Ky., Thursday.

Apparently the fight against the encroachment of the Arkansas River toward the eastern residential section of Pine Bluff has been won, and with the more rapid receding water as now indicated, it is believed that the most serious phase of the present flood is past.

Perhaps the largest plan ever conceived for the exploration of the South's resources has come of the Southern Commercial Congress which ended its session in Washington Thursday.

At the War Department Friday the first details regarding the withdrawal from Cuba of the American army of pacification which has been on duty there since the fall of 1906 were made known. The movement of the troops will begin on January 1 and will be completed by April 1.

The Asiatic cholera, which last week averaged twenty-five cases a day in St. Petersburg, again shows an increase.

Hillje Bros. of Hazeltsville, who recently purchased property in Brady for the erection of an oil mill, will break dirt this week.

Conductor Nelson who was injured in the Santa Fe wreck Sunday morning near Amarillo, died Tuesday evening as a result.

The annual poultry show under the auspices of the Lamar County Poultry and Live Stock Association, opened in Paris Friday.

Governor Campbell Friday laid aside the commissions of several officials of Bexar county and announced that he would hold them up.

Secretary of War Wright says that the next military tournament of the Department of Texas will be held in Dallas next summer.

John Reese, a young man residing in Orange, was seriously if not fatally injured Saturday night by being thrown from a horse.

The Weatherford interurban subscription is now \$50,000, and it is claimed the amount will, in a few days, reach \$75,000.

The Collin County Poultry Show opened Wednesday with 700 entries, and it is said to be the biggest show ever held in the country.

The Bee-Hur, the old steamer which carried passengers up the Colorado at Austin before the dam broke, was destroyed by fire Tuesday.

The opening of Congress this week was notable as marking the beginning of the last session under President Roosevelt's administration.

Judge John L. Nolen, grand sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the World, died at a local hospital in Nashville, Tenn., Monday.

The seven-year-old son of C. Chestnut, of McKinney, was Wednesday bitten by a mad dog, a madstone which was applied adhering six hours.

David Herman of Abilene, Tex., was killed at the Texas and Pacific terminal in New Orleans, Monday, when he was crushed between two freight cars.

The ranch three miles east of Kaufman known as the Cartwright ranch containing 5000 acres, will be cut into smaller tracts and put in cultivation.

The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway has been fined \$1,500 on the first and \$10,000 on each of three other counts charging rebating, in Richmond, Va.

It is reported in St. Louis that John W. Ates will back up the Rhoda Royal show with \$200,000, being a partnership deal and not a stock company.

While loading sand five miles northwest of San Angelo, Monday, workmen unearthed a buffalo head, the wrist bone and lower leg bone of a mammoth nine feet below the surface.

The ladies of the Methodist church of Ennis, Monday, packed a large box of clothing, dry goods, notions, toys, and candies to be sent to the Methodist Orphan's Home at Waco.

An incident of more than passing interest to swine breeders is the meeting of the Duroc-Jersey Recording Association, at Peoria, Ill. this week. J. C. Husted of Sherman will represent Texas at this meeting.

There will probably be no rivers and harbors bill at this session of Congress. The reason given is that the condition of the Government's finances is such that it can not undertake any new projects at this time.

Left without aid because of two men whose duty it was to pump it to him had stopped work to fight each other, George Smith, a diver, barely escaped death fifty feet under the surface of the East River Sunday in New York.

At Weatherford, Monday morning at about 6:30 o'clock, a monster meteor passed over the city, creating a glare that was sufficient to light up rooms brilliantly.

Section 10 of the next book law, according to a recent ruling by Attorney General Davidson, permits school patrons to procure text books wherever they can, in the event of the failure of the contractors to supply them.

R. C. Graves, a negro worth \$15,000, was shot and killed early Sunday in Oklahoma City.

The third annual session of the Texas Tax Assessors' Association began Monday in Waco, and among other interesting matters, the "uniform assessment throughout the State" was discussed.

S. N. Kirkham, Santa Fe engine foreman in the yards at Gainesville had his left foot cut off Friday by a box car.

Interest in the railroad from Robert Lee to Winters has been lately revived and it is probable the work will begin soon.

Clyde Beard, 15 years old, was killed Saturday at Garden City, Tex., by a horse.

The Gaston Avenue Baptist church, in Dallas, Tuesday, appropriated approximately \$100,000 for mission work in Texas during the ensuing year.

Eighty thousand blind persons in this country will be interested in a new process of printing which will be used for the first time this month when the Sunday-school lessons for the blind, covering the first quarter of 1909, appear in New York.

RULING IN BANK CASE

DECISION IN NEW ORLEANS IN WESTERN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY MATTER.

IS NO DISSENTING OPINION

Judges Pardee, McCormick and Shelby Do Not Review in Rendering Decision Upholding Lower Court.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—A case in which more than \$1,000,000 is involved was decided yesterday by the United States Court of Appeals which affirms the decision of Judge Meek of the Northern District of Texas, in favor of the defendants in the matter of Mrs. Fannie Fink et al. vs. Fred Fleming et al.

The suit grew out of the failure of the Western Bank and Trust Company of Dallas. Mrs. Fink and scores of other depositors brought action to recover against the stockholders of the bank on the grounds that the institution was a co-partnership and that each stockholder was liable for the funds which had been on deposit. The claims based on this ground aggregated a sum amounting in excess of \$1,000,000. The decision of the court only covered three lines, simply affirming the decision of the lower court.

Fatally Injured by Cars.

Fort Worth: C. E. Stephens died last night at St. Joseph's infirmary from injuries sustained by a car passing over his right leg and arm in the Texas and Pacific yards. Stephens was with an emigrant car en route from Lone Oak, Arkansas, to Beeville, Texas. He lived but a few hours after the accident. The remains are being held awaiting relatives.

Pasteur Institute for El Paso.

Austin: Probably Dr. B. M. Wortham, superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum in this city, who resigns, effective January 1, will establish a Pasteur Institute and sanitarium at El Paso. He has been in El Paso recently looking over the grounds. Dr. Wortham established the Pasteur institute in this city.

Assessors' Meeting Adjourns.

Waco: The third annual session of the Texas State Tax Assessors' Association adjourned Tuesday afternoon to meet the second Monday in December in San Antonio. Officers were elected as follows: Albert V. Huth of San Antonio, president; J. E. Bolton, of Dallas, vice president; R. L. Tillery, of Fort Worth, secretary-treasurer.

To Drill Well at Celeste.

Greenville: The company recently organized at Celeste to bore for oil and gas has ordered the necessary machinery, built a derrick and will begin boring in a few days. Parties digging a well for water several months ago discovered natural gas escaping which made a roaring noise and frightened them so that they left the well.

Will Begin Laying Pipe.

Wichita Falls: A large gang of pipe layers arrived here Tuesday and will commence laying pipe at once on the gas line between here and Petrolia. The pipe is already on the ground and Wichita Falls will in all probability have natural gas by the first of the new year.

To Prosecute All Gamblers.

Austin: The governor Tuesday received a list purporting to be a list of gambling houses in San Antonio. The governor would not consent to make public the names and addresses nor state the exact number, but there were over a dozen of them. The governor said the production of this list showed the necessity for action on his part, when the laws of Texas were being flagrantly violated. The governor says that the violators will be prosecuted, "every one of them."

Found Lifeless on Street.

Palestine: Clothed in a night robe the lifeless body of Mrs. E. A. Duncan was found at an early hour Tuesday morning on the pavement on Main street. Deceased was 79 years old and for many years had lived over a store, despite the importings of her sons to live with them. It is supposed Mrs. Duncan accidentally fell from the window.

Zionists to Meet in Waco.

Waco: Committees are working on arrangements for the State convention of the American Federation of Zionists which will convene in Waco on Jan. 1. The Federation of Zionists is composed of Jewish organizations throughout the country and the American Federation is but a part of the great universal organization which has for its object the concentration in Palestine of the oppressed Jews from all parts of the world.

It May Be Your Fate

To have your house burned down tonight. One can never tell what minute such a thing may happen. The question naturally arises, ARE YOU INSURED? If not, do you think it would be wise to have us issue a policy at once? It is most decidedly penny wise and pound foolish to be without insurance when the danger of fire is always present, when ruin may come at any time. Call on us at our

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The Good Herefords

Bulls in Service. Strouton 2404, son of Corroctor 48099 Marchon 21st 118244, son of Imp. Marchon 78355. My cows are of the best strains.

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Chili, Kasha, Gumbo, and Eggs and also Teasies every day. M. GONZALES Proprietor

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.. CHRISTMAS GIFT ..

IN making your holiday presents, give some useful article---something that will last. In purchasing my stock I kept this end in view, so that you will find in my store now the best selection of useful articles and handsome presents ever brought to Big Springs, Texas. Solid Silver Toilet and Manicure Sets, also a line of cheaper ones. The prettiest line of Cut Glass and Silverware ever brought to town. Almost anything you want in this line.

BIBLES

The largest line ever brought to Big Springs. Teachers' Bibles, Revised Version, Linear Parallel, Red Lettered Testaments, Large Lettered Testaments, etc. Almost anything you want in this line.

JEWELRY

New stock just received; Rings, Watches, Brooches, Ear Screws, Bracelets, the latest.

CANDIES--"Made Last Night", beautiful Christmas packages, just received by express

PIPES, ETC.

Pipes, Cigars, Pocket Knives, Combs, Brushes and thousands of other articles suitable for presents for both old and young, and at prices you can afford. Come in and see our lines and make your selection

These things are good and the prices are right. I want you to visit my store and make it headquarters. You are always welcome here.

Reagan's Drug Store

Local and Personal

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

C. S. Knott of Colorado was here this week.

Fine pipes at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Best perfume 5c to 5.00 per bottle at Ward's.

S. D. Satterwhite, commissioner of precinct No. 4, was in town yesterday.

Dolls, Dolls! Dolls!! Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Those Ox Blood carved garters make everybody look some.

Art Leather Shops.

A. K. and A. H. Merriek of Moore school community were in town yesterday.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

The Howard County Teachers' Institute met this morning for a five day's session.

Stick pins for Xmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Cuff buttons for Xmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Luther Manship will appear at the opera house to-night. Be sure to hear him.

Gold watches for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

T. L. Teague and son and C. C. Cloud of Dawson county, were trading here Wednesday.

Your choice in books 5c to \$3.00 at Ward's.

Chas. Powell and wife came in yesterday from Mexico to spend the holidays with their parents, Can Powell and wife.

Silver--4-piece tea sets, ten to twenty dollars at Ward's.

R. K. Burns and wife were here yesterday from the North Concho country.

Cut Glass--lowest prices, at Ward's.

Marriage license was issued on the 16th inst. to Walter Neves and Miss Ida Cope.

Gents' watches, ten dollars to one-hundred dollars at Ward's.

A part of the furniture for the new court house has arrived and is being placed in position.

Get your Christmas candy at Ward's.

J. T. Johnson and family were here yesterday from their home eighteen miles east of town.

Diamond brooches \$10.00 to \$75.00 at Ward's.

Ed. E. Harris, special agent of R. S. Yocum Fire Insurance agency of Houston, spent Tuesday here.

Diamond rings Five-Dollars to Three-Hundred-Dollars at Ward's.

C. R. Jeffries, of Burlington, North Carolina, was here this week looking for a business location.

Statutes Twenty-Five cents to Five-Dollars at Ward's.

Judge A. J. Pritchard will leave tonight for Austin on legal business and will be absent about ten days.

How about that \$1.50 you owe The Enterprise? We need the money.

Jno. B. Slaughter was here Wednesday on his way to Fort Worth to spend the holidays with his family.

J. D. McDonald had a toe badly mashed by a hose coupling falling upon it while assisting in making a connection at the fire Tuesday night.

Buy the best--Buy Eupion

Eupion Oil has stood the test and has been considered the highest standard grade of oil in Texas for over fifty-two years and still holds the lead in the oil field. It is the only non-explosive oil that is sold--barring none.

Ask your grocer for Eupion and take no other

Give us a call and see how much we can, and will, save you on your Furniture. We have rearranged and repriced this stock and are now in shape to satisfy your wants. We excel in Linoleum, having the largest stock in West Texas. We make picture frames and have a large line of mouldings to select from and can almost make them while you wait. We trade for second hand furniture and stoves. Give us a call.

... The ...

Gem City Furniture Co.

Successor to BIG SPRINGS FURNITURE CO.

Lawrence, the tailor, dyes for ladies Monday's and Tuesday's and is hard pressed for gents the rest of the week. Phone 309. 8-4t.

Passenger train No. 5, east-bound, was delayed several hours yesterday by a freight wreck somewhere west of here.

J. A. Kinard of Center Point was in town Wednesday and reported cotton picking nearly over in his community.

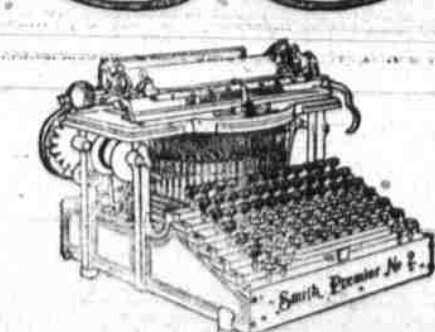
One-dollar Teddy Bears for Fifty-cents at Ward's.

If any one doubts that Big Springs is not a business mart of the first magnitude, just spend a day here and all doubts along that line will be dispelled.

Work on the excavation for Howard county's first jail building was begun Monday. L. B. Westerman has the contract.

J. L. Atwood sold W. R. Cole the two frame buildings and two lots on the corner of Main and East Second streets Tuesday. Consideration \$10,000.

Fancy Vases, 15c to \$15.00, at Ward's.



When a country becomes civilized it demands typewriters, when it becomes posted on comparative values it demands

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Robert Sears, of the Art Leather Company, says he is in receipt of an order from a big saddle firm in St. Louis, who want art leather goods put up by him.

Take Ward's Pink Blood and Liver Pills, best on earth. 12-1f

The Weather.

The beautiful spring weather we were favored with all this week was broken into by a brisk norther which reached here last night, and there has been quite a fall in the temperature from what it has been the past few days.

CHRISTMAS in the FATHERLAND

By BELLE E. LUDWIG.



EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF GERMANY



THE KAISERIN AND HER TWO CHILDREN, PRINCESS LOUISE AND PRINCE JOACHIM.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS HUMMERS

W ARE told that the German surrounds his Christmas with more of an element of mysticism than does he of any other nation. It is probably a survival of the far back days when his painted ancestors celebrated their mysterious rites, at Christmas, under their dark groves of forest oaks. In nearly every district of the fatherland there still remains the quaintest and queerest of Christmas customs, whose origin is lost in the hoariest antiquity. They have all in the process of time assumed a Christian character, more or less burlesqued, but the folk-loreists will tell you that they date from the days of Wotan and Freya.

The peasants of Silesia, the woodmen of the Black Forest, and the hills-men of Bavaria, happily know nothing of the origin of the queer pranks they play at Christmas; they only know that they have been handed down by their fathers, and that they in turn will hand down the immemorial customs to their children.

In Germany the old custom of mumming is still kept up. From house to house these mummers go. The shepherds, especially, are enterprising. They are the comic men of the troupe who, in a half grotesque and half serious way, represent the events of the nativity.

There was a famous company of Christmas mummers, a couple of years ago in Bavaria, with a magnificent looking first shepherd, who never wearied of poking fun at the minister of finance.

After these roving villagers have recited their farago of nonsense, or it may be their

lines of surpassing beauty, before a person's house they are generally rewarded for their pains with gifts of lard, bacon and eggs.

But with all the mysticism and ultra sentimental ways of regarding Christmas the German never forgets it is eminently a season of good cheer. Pork in every form and beer usually take the place of roast-beef, turkey, and stronger drinks. Then they also have the boar's head with a lemon impaled between its grinning tusks. Of course this delicacy dates back to Wotan's day. Tradition says Wotan was fond of the boar's head, but it is not easy to see where the lemon comes in, as the god was certainly not familiar with this tart fruit. In Brandenburg and the Uckermark any pig's head will do (the stock of boar's heads would not hold out), and round this animal's head are garnishings of sausage and green cabbage.

Silesia is a province which has especially earned a reputation for succulent dishes. Some of the most renowned of German gastronomic authorities have lent additional luster to the place by being born there. At Christmas the dish most in request among the Silesians is a smoked pig's head with baked fruit packed in it, and also generously spread over the whole dish. This dainty rejoices in the name of Himmelsreich (the kingdom of heaven).

In North Germany the pig's head is not as prominent as in the south. Here there is more miscellaneous Christmas eating, hearty-enough but altogether in variance with American tastes. Cakes of all sizes and shapes are also baked and eaten, and some of these have a toughness of gutta-percha and a hardness of granite. These cakes take the form of Kuechi

Ruprecht, or Nikolaus, angels and other Christmas novelties. Some of these are flavored with honey, some with pepper, but all are of such consistency that no ordinary grown-up person could enjoy a surfeit of them and survive the feast. Only children seem to be able to eat these konigbucken and live.

Thuringia boasts of another curious Christmas delicacy which only the initiated can truly appreciate, this is boiled suet dumplings and herrings. One cannot be blamed for asking, why this mixture? Was the herring also favored by Wotan?

The herring, as a Christmas dainty, is also favored throughout Saxony, but there takes the form of a salad, and is eaten with smoked pork, and a delicate kind of sauerkraut, in which caraway seeds are prominent. The Saxony peasant's Christmas table is invariably decked with these dishes on Christmas eve, and remains thus spread out during the night. His idea in doing this is that angels, possibly weary of nectar and ambrosia, may condescend to visit his humble abode while he sleeps and regale themselves with Saxon smoked beef and herring salad.

It is interesting to watch the transformation of a German village at Christmas from its usually tedious appearance into a town laid in a forest of fir. Wagon loads of these resin-scented trees are sent from the hills of Thuringia, the Harz and Silesia, and are put up in even rows in the streets and squares of the town. There is nothing like it in any other country. For a fortnight before the great feast these long avenues of "Tannen" are crowded with eager purchasers, men, women and children of all ages, and of every station in life. The great desire of each is to get a symmetrical tree, and as few trees are literally perfect in shape, it is the business of the tree merchant to supply branches and thus give the tree the desired roundness.

It is the tree that is the attraction of every German home from the Kaiser's palace down to the humblest peasant's hut, and around it

the German's best and kindest thoughts center. The tree is not for the German simply a convenient cluster of mere boughs on which to stick candles and hang presents. It stands for the most sacred and most dread of all trees, the one once erected on Mount Calvary, and has thus become the sign and seal of his Christian faith.

A Christmas Decoration.

When the children have tired of even their new possessions (and how soon the new becomes old) and it is too early for the sandman to pay his nightly visit, try this simple amusement: Suspend a wreath of holly or evergreen from a doorway and give to each child an equal quantity of nuts, paper-wrapped candies or favors that will stand handling, then see who can throw the most articles through the wreath into a basket placed to catch them. Give a simple reward to add zest to the game.

In the same manner the game of "twos" is conducted. Take a large napkin or piece of stout paper. Place a lot of nuts or hard candies in the center. Let a child take hold of each corner and give three vigorous tosses, stinging:

"Goodies, goodies, dance, my Christmas goodies Up they go, down they go; dance, my Christmas goodies."

Then there will be a lively scrimmage to see who can recover the most.

These little devices will make a jolly ending to the happiest day in the year for the children. Put them to bed with pretty songs ringing in their ears.

"Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is-night— Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where the cornfields lie sunny and bright, Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas is-night."

SAVE THE POTATO WATER.

Much of Most Nutritious Part of Vegetable is in It.

The water in which pared potatoes have been boiled should never be wasted, as it contains much of the most nutritious part of the potato, but it is usually thrown away, except when used for bread. To make a delicious, wholesome gravy when milk is scarce lift out the potatoes carefully with a fork, setting the dish in the oven to dry the potatoes and keep them warm. Thicken the potato water with flour and season with salt and butter. For a savory, nourishing soup, mash a few potatoes and put them back into the water in which they were boiled, season with onion, celery salt, or the water in which celery tops have been boiled, and add cream or milk and butter. This is one of the most palatable and economical soups that can be made. If the soup is not wanted immediately the potato water can be saved for the next meal or until the next day, or the soup can be made at once, as it is equally good warmed up for a later meal.

Baked Oysters.

For every 25 oysters take two table-spoonfuls of cream, the yolks of two eggs, one table-spoonful of butter, one table-spoonful of flour, one tea-spoonful of chopped parsley, one tea-spoonful of salt and red pepper to taste. Drain the oysters. Strain the liquor. Return the liquor to the fire, add the butter and flour rubbed together until smooth, and stir until it thickens. Beat the yolks of the eggs light, add the cream, and add to the oyster liquor with chopped oysters. Stir over the fire for a minute only. Season and fill the greased shells with the mixture. Either oyster, ordinary scallop or silver shells may be used. Cover the top with fine bread crumbs, and brown in a quick oven.

Potato Chocolate Cake.

Do not be afraid to try this cake because it sounds queer. It is delicious and will keep indefinitely. Two-thirds of a cup of butter, two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of mashed potatoes, hot, one-half cup of sweet milk, two cups of flour, four eggs, two tea-spoons baking powder, heaping, one-half cake of unsweetened chocolate, one-half tea-spoon each of cloves and cinnamon, one cup of chopped walnut meats. Mix sugar and butter to a cream. Add eggs and milk, then potato mashed smooth and hot; also chocolate which has been allowed to dissolve over the teakettle. Flour, baking powder, spice and nuts. Bake in a moderate oven.

Bran Muffins.

For the more substantial side of the tea table a new biscuit is the bran muffin which is a nonfattening and very delectable edible that must be eaten slowly and masticated thoroughly. To make these muffins take two cups of fine bran, one cup of flour, one and one-half cup of sour milk, one-quarter of a cup of butter, three table-spoonfuls of molasses and one tea-spoonful of soda. Mix the dry ingredients and then add the molasses mixed with the sour milk (creamed), and beat vigorously. Bake thoroughly in small tin rings in a slow oven. Serve hot, buttering them first before bringing them to the table.

Time Savers in the Kitchen.

If you will bend the point of your paring knife you will find it much easier to remove eyes from potatoes, pineapples, etc.

If the handle of the spoon used for basting meats and fowls be bent close to the bowl of the spoon it will "dip up" easily.

Run stale pieces of bread through food chopper to clean it after grinding meat, raisins, etc.

Economical Doughnuts.

Beat an egg very light with a cup of sugar, add a cup of milk, not stirring this in, then put in quickly a half a grated nutmeg, a half tea-spoonful of salt, and three tea-spoonfuls of baking powder sifted with enough flour to make a dough that can be rolled out. Roll in deep fat to which a little salt has been added. This last precaution will keep the doughnuts from absorbing the grease.

Salted Peanuts.

Shell and take the skin from freshly roasted peanuts. In a baking pan melt butter, stir the peanuts into this until well coated, then roast, stirring often, until light brown. Draw the pan to the door of the oven for two minutes, then turn the nuts into a colander and shake hard to dislodge superfluous salt. Spread on a large platter to get dry and crisp.

Make Your Ome.

Melt one pound of beef tallow and strain through a sieve. Mix with one pound of good butter and put on the stove again to melt together. Pour in bowl. For frying breakfast potatoes, in fact, anything. Reaches twice as far as one pound of butter and has hard last a mile.

Try Cakes with Toothpicks.

In a convenient spot in the kitchen keep a box of new wood toothpicks for use in testing bread and cake when baking. The old way of using a brown straw is, to say the least, unsanitary.

To Keep the Iron Handle Cool.

In making iron handles slip a little piece of asbestos between the outside and the lining. This will absolutely prevent burning through the holder, and the holder will last twice as long.

To Clean Aluminum Ware.

Use sour milk to clean aluminum ware and it will be as bright as new.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

"If the bakers will make good bread out of pure flour, and educate the people to buy it, the great destroyer of human happiness (dyspepsia), will be removed, and we shall hear no more of the divorce problem." So Dr. Wiley, the government food expert, told the American Biscuit Makers' Association the other day. The harm done by heavy bread, soggy pie crust and greasy cakes is so great that no one has dared to estimate it. That young woman who wishes to make the world better may begin well by learning how to cook digestible meals.

See our big stick pins—they are the stuff. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Twenty-five cent Teddy Bears fifteen cents at Ward's.

Have you got it in your heart to be Santa Claus to some fatherless little child this year? Money spent to make some little orphan happy meets with the approval of Him whose blessings you have enjoyed this year. Money hoarded when little hearts are breaking for the Christmas joys that all children long for will burn your pockets and be a witness against you in the end.—Troupe Banner.

Toilet sets for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Your husband, your son, your sweetheart want a dressy belt made by the Art Leather Co.

The population of Texas is rapidly increasing and the demands for diversified farming are constantly growing. The man that diversifies is the one that will be on top in a few years.

We place quality above everything in Christmas presents. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Remember that the piano contest is still on and that it is not too late to enter.

One lot Dressed Dolls special prices while they last at Ward's.

Mrs. S. H. Gandt died at her home in this city at 9:30 o'clock Saturday night, after an illness of about eight days. Her eight-days-old infant died the same night about 11 o'clock. The remains were shipped Sunday morning to McClanahan, Falls county, for burial. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss, and to whom this paper extends sympathy.

Say, we can fill your prescriptions promptly and accurately. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Dolls up to \$10.00, all kinds. Come early and get first choice. Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Trades Day

at

Coahoma

Monday, Jan'y 11, 1909

Business men and citizens of Coahoma have designated the second Monday in January as their first Trades Day, and will hold it the

Second Monday in Each Month

thereafter. Come and bring your trading, selling or show stock and help make the day a success. Other towns have successful Trades Days, why not Coahoma? For further information, consult any business man of Coahoma.

For a Good Holiday Gift

that IS a gift, go to

J. & W. FISHER

Last Week Before Christmas

Christmas Prices.

Ask Lawrence, the tailor, about that fifteen per cent discount on suit orders for five days only. Yes, we do cleaning, dyeing and pressing. Phone 303, in Cunningham block.

Fancy parasols \$3.00 to \$15.00 at Ward's.

Two-dollar Teddy Bears one dollar at Ward's.

Pearl brooches three dollars to fifteen dollars at Wards.

Our new serial story, "The Seventh Person," starts with this issue.

Everybody buys Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

The Big Springs Public Schools closed yesterday for a two weeks' holiday.

Favorite Headache Tablets are the best, at Ward's. 12-tf

Diamond rings for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley drug Co.

Just before the civil war this country was fourth in rank of wealth. England, France and Germany outranked the United States. Now our wealth exceeds that of any two of them, and our manufactures all three of them.

Gold rings for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Signet rings for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

A cobless corn has at last been produced by an Illinois farmer. The seedless raisin, the boneless ham and other like luxuries have long been on the market. Now if an odorless onion or a scentless breath could be added life would be a long, sweet dream.

Real bargains in Christmas goods at Ward's.

Money

Coal and Wood is money. It takes this for us to get it and we are not allowed to touch it until we pay for it, and therefore, we have got to sell for CASH, and all orders for coal or wood in dollars will be charged 25 cents drayage extra. Please bear this in mind and pay drivers on delivery.

STONE & CARPENTER. ABNEY & WRIGHT.

Gold-headed parasols for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

The man who devotes all of his farm to cotton is an agricultural slave, so to speak. At this time he has not only had no opportunity to plow his land, but he has not even gotten his crop gathered. A less number of acres and better cultivation, the practice of living at home, and supplying everything necessary for the comforts of that home is one of the things which Texas farmers must learn.—Dr. H. H. Harrington.

Waist sets for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Bracelets for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

Train up a girl in the way she should go, and when she grows up she will not only jerk symphonies out of the kitchen stove, but she will lay aside the tail feathers of the turkey at Thanksgiving, save the wire from the baled hay, buy nineteen cents worth of ribbon and construct a bonnet that will make a forty-dollar monstrosity look like thirty cents.—Houston Post.

Watch chains for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Co.

Brooches for Christmas presents at Arnold-Tankersley Drug Company.

"Next to the gift of his only begotten Son, through Whom He provided the way of salvation for mankind, the soil is God's greatest gift to man. It is the basic source of all wealth and from its products are built your homes, your churches, your schools, your factories and your towns. God created it for the sustenance of man and turned it over to him to fill and keep in trust during his natural life, that he, in turn might turn it over to his posterity a rich inheritance for their support. But I fear that many of us are today betraying this sacred trust and that soon we shall leave to our children not a rich inheritance, but barren estates."—Extract from a paper read at the recent Texas Farmers' Congress.

\$50.00 Bills at \$31.49 would have to be advertised the same as we do sash pins at cost. Art Leather Shops.

Dr. S. G. Cain has moved his office over Reagan's drug store. Phone 169. 9-3w.

A French medical man advises people to drink buttermilk for long life. He says that the lactic acid attacks and dissolves every earthly sort of deposit in the blood vessels, keeping the veins and arteries so supple and free running that there can be no clogging up, and hence, there is no deposit of chalky matter around the joints, or of poisonous waste in the muscles. It is the stiffening and hardening of the blood vessels which bring on old age. Buttermilk is likely to postpone it ten or twenty years if freely drunk. A quart a day should be the minimum, the maximum according to taste and opportunity.—Ex.

\$1.50 Teddy Bears for 75c, at Ward's.

ART LEATHER SHOPS

Will sell Ladies' Sash Pins and Belt Buckles this month at cost, and some below cost. They are the latest styles in gold, watered silver, Russian enameled and settings.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS



THE SEVENTH PERSON

By BEN McCUTCHEON

ILLUSTRATIONS BY MELVILL

BEGINS IN THIS ISSUE

We advise you to read the opening chapters, for you will find the story an exceptionally interesting and exciting one.

Twenty-five A1, 10c cigars for two-dollars at Wards'.

Plain gold rings, one dollar to ten dollars at Wards'.

Set rings, one dollar to fifteen dollars at Wards'.

You'll be compelled to buy a whip and whip yourself after Christmas if you don't buy some of our leather goods before Christmas. Art Leather Shops.

Fifty good cigars for two-dollars at Wards'.

MEN, GET CURED

QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY

If you suffer with Varicocele, Stricture, Lost Vitality, Sexual Weakness, Losses, Drains, Specific Blood Poison, Hydrocele, Stomach, Kidney, Bladder and Prostatic Troubles.

Don't give up. You must get treatment from some one, then why not get the BEST? The best is always the cheapest, and my charges are MOST REASONABLE and are within the reach of any man who wants a safe and certain cure. I give you a LEGAL, WRITTEN GUARANTEE which protects you against any possible loss, of either your time or money.

SEND FOR MY NEW FREE BOOK NO. 53

On the Diseases of Men which is easily the best publication of its kind ever offered for free distribution. It should be read by every man, young or old, in America, as it will tell you how to get well, how to regain your one-time vim, vigor and vitality. This book describes fully all the Weaknesses and Diseases peculiar to the Male Sex. SEND FOR IT TODAY. SENT ABSOLUTELY FREE to any address in a plain, sealed envelope. Correspondence strictly confidential. Consultation and a thorough X-RAY examination FREE.

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DR. J. H. TERRELL

Dallas, Texas

Ladies' watches \$10 to \$75.00 at Ward's.

W. E. Chaney was here this week from Garden City.

Best books for boys, 25c to 50c at Ward's.

L. B. Westermann made a business trip to Dallas this week.

Jewel cases one-dollar to ten dollars at Ward's.

W. J. Ayers made a business trip to Lamesa Tuesday.

Belt pins one-dollar to three dollars at Ward's.

J. E. Feeler, of Coahoma, was here Monday.

Cake plates 25 cents to \$5.00 at Ward's.

Water sets one-dollar to three dollars at Ward's.

J. W. D. Permitter, druggist at Coahoma, was here Tuesday.

Chocolate sets \$1.00 to \$10.00, at Ward's.

J. E. McCarty and Mitt Aken, of Dawson county, were here Tuesday.

Gold pens—any price at Ward's.

We are overstocked in sash pins and belt buckles. Will sell many at cost this month.

Art Leather Shops.

Tom Sullivan and family left Tuesday night for Tennessee on a visit to relatives.

Judge Copeland left yesterday for Big Springs for the purpose of buying an automobile, which he will probably bring home tomorrow.—Terry County Herald.

Christmas and New-Year cards at Ward's.

Doc Boyett has accepted the cashiership of the Coahoma bank and entered upon his new duties last week. He will move his family to Coahoma as soon as he can prepare a house for them.

You will get your choice in Christmas goods at Ward's.

L. S. McDowell and wife returned Monday from a visit to Sherwood and San Angelo. Mr. McDowell says they saw lots of nice country on their trip, but he does not think it is equal to our country.

If you want satisfaction in selection and economy in price, our holiday stock fills your needs. Remember our holiday stock gives you new ideas and supplies exactly what you want.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

From the number of fruit trees that have been received at this place this fall, we are led to believe that a great many of our people are taking an interest in fruit growing, and it won't be many years until the supply will be sufficient for local demands. Diversification is the salvation of any agricultural country.



Unless you determine to move upward as you grow older you will move the other way. There is no such thing as standing still. Life is a constant movement. THE ROBERTS BUSINESS COLLEGE prepares you to progress. To advance yourself in the business world by training you in just those things you ought to know. Inquire and learn how cheaply you can prepare yourself for an upward Life journey. Write for particulars. ROBERTS BROS. COLLEGE, Weatherford, Texas

China-Berry sets; \$1.00 to \$10.00 at Ward's.

We have the variety that insures the easy, satisfactory choice—the field for selection is the widest, the prices are the fairest. A generous assortment, full of quality and merit.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

Rev. T. D. Hull, missionary of the Big Springs Baptist association, was in town this week looking for a house. He will move his family here as soon as he can secure a suitable house.

Kodaks one-dollar to twenty-dollars, at Ward's.

J. C. Hale, of the Coahoma country, was in town Tuesday. He said there is considerable cotton in his neighborhood to pick; some have finished picking and commenced breaking land for another crop.

Toilet sets one-dollar to fifteen dollars at Ward's.

We are waiting to please you with presents that are appropriate, popular, practical and in every way desirable in the line of watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, novelties etc.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

The people of Coahoma have decided to have a Trades Day in their town once each month, and have designated the second Monday in January as their first Trades Day. Everybody is invited to come and bring their trading stock, selling stock and fine stock for show.

Guaranteed fountain pens, \$2.50 to \$5.00, at Ward's.

Mr. Howe, president of Howe Fire Engine Co., with Texas headquarters at Dallas, was here Tuesday on his way to Pecos with one of his engines. He unloaded the engine here and gave a demonstration of its work. The engine was attached to a fire plug at the corner of East Second and Johnson streets and two lines of hose were attached and two streams of water started. The water was thrown high enough to go away above the highest buildings in town. A hose 1,200 feet long was attached to the engine, a stream of water turned on and was thrown over the tallest buildings on Main street.

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to the man who gives all his mind to his business. You cannot do that if you spend half your time in worrying over how to guard your cash. No way you can devise is as safe as depositing it in

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Open an account today and you can give all your attention to your business without having the slightest worry about the safety of what you already have.

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Thousands of Practical ideas for the Christmas Buyer....

are to be found in our immense stocks, and a visit to the various sections of the Big Store will prove at once interesting and instructive to the critical and discriminating gift-seekers. Gifts for all, young and old

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CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

When you are ready to spend your Christmas money and want to spend it in the most sensible way, not only to get value for it but to get things that are sure to please those who receive them, come and see us and let us show you what we can do.

Our Specialty

Watches, Diamonds and Solid Gold Jewelry, the best styles and most reliable manufacture; we also carry a large line of rich Cut Glass and Hand Painted China. A big line of souvenir goods at 25c.

Mitchell & Park BIG SPRINGS

NOTICE.

No hunting, fishing or camping allowed in the Moss Spring pasture. No hunting or trespassing in any way in any of our other pastures. D. A. RHOTAN.

FREE—A thimble for every little girl in Texas that will call at our store for same. Ward.

Auto Race With a Wolf

While out riding in the Block pasture last Thursday, Frank Lester of this city who was accompanied by several others, spied a wolf and immediately gave chase in his auto. There were no fences in the way and for about three miles there was a fine race in which the auto finally won, the wolf being dispatched by a shot from a gun in the hands of one of the party.—Canyon City News.

Medallions 15 cents to \$0.00 at Ward's.

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

Jno. L. Johnson, a member of the firm of Burton-Lingo Co., was here this week from Fort Worth.

FOR SALE—100 head of fine Jersey cows and heifers.
L. A. MILLER.
10-4t. Abilene, Texas.

Eighteen hundred feet of casing has been received for the artesian well and work will be resumed at once. The well is now 1650 feet deep and it is thought a good flow will be reached in a short time.

The banquet given by the Y. M. C. A. at the T. & P. Hotel Friday night, was well attended and quite an interesting program was arranged for the occasion.

Hand-painted pictures \$5.00 to \$20.00 at Ward's.

E. P. Teels, sheriff of Glasscock county, was here Friday.

A. P. McDonald & Co., the Gents' Furnishers are slaughtering prices during this month. See their stock.

Post card albums, 25c to \$3.00 at Ward's.

The Voting Contest.

The following is the standing of the various contestants in the Enterprise's Popular Young Lady Voting Contest:

Miss Margie Oliphant	45,200
" Lucille Ely	8,900
" Viola Adams	7,720
" Mae Thomas	3,710
" Ailee McCright	1,330
" Audrie McWhorter	1,220
" Birdie Andrus	1,200
" Ethel Crowder	1,180
" Doria Griffin	1,160
" Flora Lewis	1,120
" Lottie Cranfill	1,120

A handsome \$10.00 gold bracelet will be given to the first young lady bringing us \$20.00 on Subscription. The winner of the first special prize is barred from competing for this prize.

Ladies' hand bags one-dollar to ten dollars at Ward's.



Cement

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Hard and Fast

will be the foundations built with our Cement. No danger of collapse or of the settling of buildings beyond the normal. Have you dealt with us? If not, then you do not know our reputation for handling RELIABLE GOODS.

We Have a Firm Hold

on our customers through always giving them their money's worth. We intend to keep it.

Connell Lumber Co.

The Roberts Business College is one of the few schools that does more for its pupils than it advertises. It is located in a city noted for its health and pure morals; then why not go there if you want to know how to keep books, do shorthand work, fill a telegraph station, write a good hand. All of its graduates, and they are many, now fill good positions. 10-3w.

The committee appointed to select a location for the Baptist Sanitarium in West Texas, will meet in February to receive proposals from the towns that are after the sanitarium. If Big Springs wants it now is the time to get busy.

Our prices are already lower than others sell such merchandise for, still we are making a liberal discount on all goods during this month.
A. P. McDonald & Co.

Fifty-cent Teddy Bears Twenty-five cents at Ward's.

Why do business men want the graduates from the Roberts Business College? Because when they are once tried they are never denied, and willing to be tried again. Nuff Sed. 10-3w.

You had better get a good hat while they go at 25 per cent discount, at A. P. McDonald & Co.

Rev. I. D. Hull, late of Rising Star, but recently appointed missionary for the Big Springs Baptist Association, was in Lamesa this week and expressed himself as being pleased with his new field, as the outlook is very encouraging.—Dawson County News.

J. O. Gibson, the tailor, in the front basement of the Ward building, makes a specialty of cleaning and pressing clothing. 22-1f.

Notice.

Having purchased the coal and wood business from W. B. Allen, together with his good will, we are now anxious to serve our friends with the best coal and wood in the city. We cater after both city and country trade. We will not give you a stick of wood or pound of coal that you do not buy, but we will give you every pound of coal and every stick of wood that you pay for. Get the habit and trade with the old reliable. Yours for business.
STONE & CARPENTER.
Phones 102 and 440.

Silver dollars at 38c each would have to be advertised as we do our goods.
Art Leather Shops,

The SEVENTH PERSON

BY BEN McCUTCHEON
 ILLUSTRATIONS BY MELVILL

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CHAPTER I.
 In the Darkness of the Chamber.
 The persons who formed the 1898 Cluster of the Gemini at the college had been chosen from 21 possible candidates, all of whom had in mind the possibility of becoming wearers of the Pin of the Twins when they decided to enter the school. As has been the case in former years, they represented some of the most prominent families in the land. Eventually every one of them would come into enough of this world's goods to place him high on the pedestal of independence.

With two exceptions, the persons were easterners; and their names, as they appeared in the book of personality—written in the order of their initiation—were Vynne Marshall, Aldrich Bond, Henry Rich Littleton, Butler Noble Martindale, Simeon Pickney Woodring, Henry Walker Yeasman and Gerard Chambers. By virtue of precedent, chiefly, Marshall, the first of the number to be clothed with personality, was elected supreme person. Bond, the second to be initiated, was known as the second person; and so on—down to Gerard Chambers, who was officially designated as the seventh person.

Four of the persons had places on the varsity football team, and three were regular members of the college baseball nine. It had been said that never before in the history of the Gemini had the society held such a commanding position in the social and athletic affairs of the college. Old "Prexy" Spindleton once went so far as to say that the persons of the 1898 Cluster represented seven of the finest specimens of young manhood he had ever seen. This was a high compliment, knowing "Prexy" Spindleton as the students knew him. Not one of the seven weighed less than 175 pounds, and four of them tipped the beam at only a few pounds under the 200 mark.

The person with the best "prospects" was Gerard Chambers, known at home and at school as "Jerry"; and, if any distinction could be made, he was, everything considered, the most attractive star in the Cluster. He was the son of a great exporting and importing merchant of New York, where he walked with big freedom in the most exclusive social circles. Wallace Chambers was a very busy man, and his mind was hard riveted to his extensive affairs, but he always found time to be glad that his son had been honored with the personality of the Gemini.

"Jerry," he once said to his delighted son, soon after the subject of membership in the society had been broached to him, "I consider you to be one of the most fortunate of young men. As far back as I can remember, membership in the Gemini has been a thing much sought after and much treasured. Of course, you owe much to your father and to your mother, and our good fortune in having been born under the influence of Gemini and Aquarius gives both of us a shade of the glory that is yours. We have a right, sir, to demand that you make the person worthy of the personality. You have our full consent to do whatever may be expected of you towards establishing your ownership of this big honor. And, my boy, when it comes to carrying out any instructions, don't hesitate at anything. If it is deemed wise to subject you to hardships, don't flinch. Then is the time to show the Chambers colors, my boy—the time to float them high."

"I don't believe you will disappoint either of us. And, I might add, the white feather would be the greatest of disappointments to me."

Back in the old days this mighty merchant had been a sailor on the sea, and if it had not been for his absorbing interest in his vast and fast-expanding business affairs, his restless spirit, stimulated by life on the wave, might have been more strongly assertive. His adventures on the sea, he often had said, would go a long way towards filling a big volume with matter of the most thrilling sort. He seemed to find satisfaction in the knowledge that his son—the seventh person—had a disposition patterned after his own.

Jerry Chambers sailed through his senior year with the "Chambers colors" flying at the top of the mast. His record was scrupulously clean, so far as a record goes at college, and in many departments he stood at the front.

Three days before commencement exercises the supreme person, with solemn formality, notified the other persons that on the following night a meeting would be held in the darkness of the chamber. No detail of notification was necessary to convey the purpose of the gathering.

A few minutes before the time set for the meeting, the persons in the chamber had come to be known—11:30 o'clock—the supreme person entered the chamber. For a time he was alone—the doctrine of Rodney Graves or

dained that he should be alone—and made the last preparations. From the vault he took the constitution and by-laws of the Gemini and the black sack of destiny. These he placed on a long black table, which stood at the side of the first chair. After donning his official regalia—a long black robe with hood attached—he turned off the gas and lighted a stub of candle, which he placed on the table. Precisely at 11:28 o'clock he opened the door leading to the room of rest, and standing on the threshold in the full and solemn dignity of his office, spoke in subdued tones, slowly, impressively:

"Persons of the Gemini, it is the command of the supreme person that ye enter into the chamber. There shall ye know more."

In measured tread he reached the first chair. The others slowly filed to their allotted seats, arranged in a semi-circle around the first chair. For a minute there was full silence, then the ruler, slowly lifting his shrouded head until the dim candle light touched it, said:

"Ye believers in the doctrine of the Gemini, ye that are clothed with the personality inspired by our beloved Rodney Graves, ye are here for a purpose. This night, in the full darkness of this sacred chamber, ye shall take into hand that which the mighty and beloved supreme person of last year has deemed wise that ye should have. This far, my brothers, ye have borne your honors well, and ye deserve in fullest measure the approval of your supreme person.

"It is the night of destiny. Who among us shall be the first of all Gemini persons to be branded publicly as an unworthy wearer of the Pin of the Twins, as a weakling in character, as a coward, as a traitor to our beloved and honorable fraternity?"

With an earnest expression of confidence in the course that each would follow, he arose to his feet and took the black sack of destiny into his hand, continuing: "Now, before your eyes and in the light of the candle that is burning low, I tear away the seal and open the sack. Now we have but to wait."

The eyes of all turned to the candle. The tallow now was but little more than a smudge and the light was beginning to sputter. Gradually it burned away until it was only a dying spark of wick. When the room was in total darkness, the supreme person, in more solemn tones, went on:

"It is the command of all Gemini that I, your supreme person, now place my hand into the black sack of destiny and take out an envelope. Slowly and impressively he drew out his instructions. 'Mine is drawn,' he added, 'and may the spirit of Rodney Graves inspire me to do all that a true and worthy person should do.'

The sack was passed to the second person, who, after drawing out an envelope, handed it on to the third person. There was but one envelope left when the sack reached the steady hand of Gerard Chambers, the seventh person.

"Mine is drawn," said Jerry, "and may the spirit of Rodney Graves guide me well."

"Now let the light be given," said the ruler; "let each know what destiny be his."

The gas was lighted and a big black screen was placed directly behind the first chair. A lamp was hooked on the wall behind the screen, above the portrait of Rodney Graves.

The supreme person, now the first person, divested of his official regalia, was the first to go behind the screen, there to read the contents of his envelope. He was gone less than a minute, and when he came into the view of the wondering persons there was a soft smile on his lips and an expression of relief in his eyes. In turn, the others read their instructions behind the screen. The seventh person was out of view for fully five minutes. His long absence from the semi-circle created unusual wonder and surprise in the minds of the others, who, when he finally reached his chair, subjected him to most searching glances. There was just a suggestion of uncertainty in his face, tempered, no doubt, by the gaze of the others.

"Ye have drawn your lots," said Marshall, again in the robe of the supreme person, "and now may ye seek the privacy of your rooms, there to deliberate. May the spirit of Rodney Graves guide well ye all."

Within a few minutes the seven persons were enjoying the full freedom of the room of rest. Without exception they exhibited light and happy spirits.

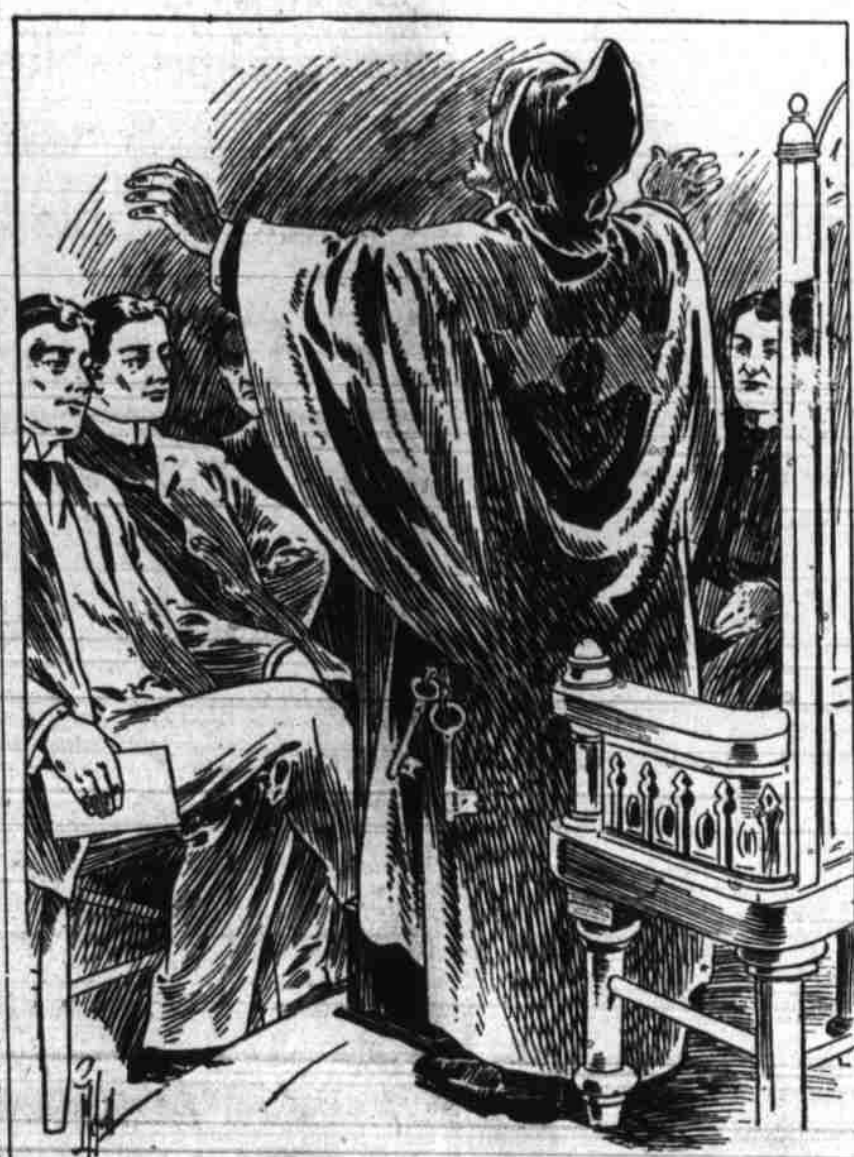
"You certainly took your time about it, Jerry," said the wondering Marshall.

"There was no jolting," smiled Jerry. "I really think I rushed matters."

"Well, you've got us all guessing, I can say that much."

"I might say that I'm a little surprised myself."

"I'm dog-gone glad I don't have to give up smoking for six months—



"May the Spirit of Rodney Graves Guide Well Ye All."

like Hilderbrand had to do last year," said Bond.

"Oh, pshaw, that was too easy," laughed Jerry. "How would you like the prospect of being broke and hungry for four times six months?"

THE GEMINI.
 There were 1,070 students at the college, all young men ranging principally between the ages of 18 and 24; and among them were represented many of the foremost families of social and industrial America. Tuition at the college was small, and for that reason the school was classed at the head of the country's "representative" seats of higher learning. There had been instances where young men—energetic, ambitious and capable of bearing against the rub that goes the wrong way—had worked their way through the school, but they were hopelessly few. The college had posed as a democratic institution, but it was in reality exclusive almost to a degree of snobbishness, and only the sons of the liberal rich could attend with comfort and independence. The perfumed "atmosphere" was stifling to the less blest.

For more than 150 years the college had nestled among the hills that sloped away in gentle, picturesque beauty to the sea. The main hall—the nucleus of the school—in which the affairs were conducted, commanded in old colonial simplicity from one of the loftier knolls, and from it, like the spokes of a great wheel, hedged-in avenues showed the way to the other buildings, most of which bore the stamp of latter-day making. Back of the college, less than a mile distant, was the settlement, which skirted the town. Here lived the students and here stood their retreats and lodges.

The college owed its origin to the munificence of an old Virginia planter, who graciously bestowed his gift upon his majesty's most loyal subjects in the colonies. At the founding exercises, the aged benefactor reverently bowed his head, when the banner of his king was hoisted to the staff that topped the squat, small-windowed structure. This flag fluttered in the breezes that came in from the sea until the new spirit displaced it with another. The years crept on towards the newer era; the institution gradually outgrew the precariousness of its infancy and came into the shaping splendor of its early youth—then into the young glory that was surely American.

When the king's flag was lying away among the relics of other days; when the ride of Revere was serving as an inspiration to children that heard stories of valor at their parents' knees; when the pictures of Lexington

and Bunker Hill and Yorktown had become firmly fixed in their indestructible frames; when the hands of the sturdy builders were beginning to reach out to the west, there came to the college a young man named Rodney Graves.

This young man, the son of a shipmaster, and a son of the sea himself, soon attained a distinction at the school that, to say the least, was unique. His being fairly breathed that sort of originality which has come so strongly to characterize present-day college life.

Rodney Graves had given some comfort to his father's anxious heart by remaining in school throughout the full course. In those times, when students were few and college-building was not the easy matter of to-day, it was not difficult to stay in school. Graves had given promise—that was about all; in painful frankness, the giving of promise was all that permitted him to complete his course, albeit he generally was considered to be the brainiest fellow in school. His class records at times brought the blush of humiliation to his father's cheeks, and more than once he felt the weight of parental censure and threat. Scores of his fellow students had attained, without especial difficulty, the stamp of high approval which he, in his devil-may-care independence, had never even seriously contemplated.

But Rodney Graves—hopelessly shiftless and no account in the minds of the staid professors—did not leave the college without achievement. When the names of many who had departed with the glory of excellence in their school work had been lost to everything by the registrar's musty records, the name of good-for-nothing Rodney Graves shone out brilliantly. The older and more firmly established the school became the more indelibly impressed became his name.

The perpetuity of the name and fame of Rodney Graves rested on the founding of the Gemini.

This day a portrait of Rodney Graves hangs on a wall of the Gemini, in an old brick house back of the college. Silks of red and blue and white drape it, and in the massive frame are studs of beryl, aquamarine and dark blue stones, and inscribed on the canvas is: "Rodney Graves, father of the Gemini."

One thousand and sixty-three of the students at the college in the year 1898 cursed their fates, or overlooked their fates and cursed their shortcomings. The other seven blessed their fates and thanked the stars that shone in the sign of Gemini of the zodiac.

The Gemini were seven; they never would be more than seven at the college. The organization was the most exclusive college society in the land. There were the Spades, the Greek Thirteen, and the innumerable other fraternities whose locks but few keys fit, but they always remained in the shadow cast by the Gemini. It was, let it be said in charity, not the fault of many that they never were permitted to wear the Pin of the Twins, the emblem of the fraternity; it was the fault of Fate.

The Gemini was synonymous with courage and loyalty and firmness. It had no place for the weakling. The faithfulness of a member never could be doubted, not even by the bitterest rivals.

The constitution of the Gemini never had been subjected to the slightest change or amendment from the time of its framing by Rodney Graves and the six other young men who, with him, composed the original cluster. Safe in the vault of the chamber it rested, being disturbed only once a year. Laws essential to the purpose of this tale were as follows:

"A possible person must have been born under the full influence of the sign of Gemini of the zodiac—that is, between May 26 and June 21. His father must have been born under some influence of this sign—that is, between May 20 and June 21. His mother must have been born under the full influence of the sign of Aquarius—that is, between January 20 and February 19.

Should the possible candidates exceed the number of persons allowed by law the active persons shall exercise their discretion and best judgment in selecting their successors in activity."

"At the beginning of their senior year the persons shall elect one of their number to the office of supreme person, and the incumbent of that office shall be the only one with authority. His word shall be law; none shall question it; none shall deny its majesty."

The foremost purpose of the Gemini was to test the strength and loyalty of its members. In view of this, no student could become a person without consent and sanction of parent or guardian, and none could be invited to wear the Pin of the Twins without first being apprised of the possibilities of membership. Every member was expected to perform any mission that might be determined upon to test his strength and loyalty. It was a rule that at the end of one school year the supreme person should prepare the basis of tests to which the persons of the following year should be put.

The persons congregated at such times in the total darkness of the chamber and received their "test" instructions. These instructions were placed in sealed envelopes, uniform in size and shape, and then into a cloth bag—the black bag of destiny—from which they were drawn by the members in order of their initiation. For instance, the person first ordained made the initial selection; the next to put on the Pin of the Twins was the second to take out an envelope, and so on—down to the seventh person.

The law ordained that the instructions should not be made known to others than the individual holders until they had been carried out in their entirety.

This was the last article as drawn up by Rodney Graves and the others who formed the original cluster:

"The persons shall be placed wholly upon their honor at all times. They shall be granted four and twenty hours in which to decide whether or not to carry out the instructions, making known their decisions within that time to the supreme person. Should a person decline to follow the instructions, it shall be the unalterable duty of the supreme person to divest him of his personality and cause to be placarded in public places of the college and of the town sheets of paper branding him as a weakling in character and purpose and as a traitor to the Gemini. An agreement to submit to the tests, based upon an oath of honor, shall be received with warm encouragement; and ever thereafter his name shall suggest flawless honor, loyalty and never-dying grace."

the table and lighted his study lamp; then, after assuring himself that the door was locked, he drew up the big arm chair and took from his pocket an envelope that crackled with its contents. He gave fire to his beloved pipe, and soon was reading:

"Person of the Gemini, Greeting: It is the will of the supreme person, and therefore the pleasure of all Gemini, that your strength and loyalty and love be subjected to severe tests. As a disciple of our beloved Rodney Graves and as a believer in the doctrine of the Gemini, ye cannot, be ye faithful and true, fail to establish beyond all question and doubt your enduring right to the honor and glory of your priceless personality. That ye always may wear the Pin of the Twins; that ye always may merit the trust of your brothers; that ye always may carry your head high in the knowledge of duty well performed, ye shall act as follows:

"For two years from the last day of the influence of the sign of Gemini of the zodiac in the year 1898 ye shall be absent from home and state, and at no time within that period shall ye communicate by letter or by telegraph with members of your family or with anybody else of blood relationship. The first month of the first year of your absence shall be spent on the sea. When this period is begun ye shall have on your person and at your call money not exceeding five and twenty dollars and personal effects not exceeding five and twenty dollars in value. It is the will of the supreme person, whom ye love, that ye earn your way and sustenance. Ye may go to sea in whatever capacity ye may elect, so long as ye depend solely upon the influence and fruits of your own ability.

"Within three months after ye go to sea ye shall place your feet on foreign soil and on a continent other than North America. At all times thereafter ye shall have nothing more than that which ye have earned or may earn by your own hand and mind.

"Promptly at 12 o'clock (noon) on the last day of the first year of your absence—that is, on June 19, 1899—ye shall appear at the office of Thomas Westworth, Calle Coliseo, City of Mexico, Republic of Mexico. There shall ye inquire for an envelope bearing the name of Rodney Graves. The contents of that envelope, to be read within an hour after ye receive it, will give ye further instructions.

"Now may the spirit of Rodney Graves guide ye well, and the love and trust and confidence of all Gemini inspire ye; and one day may ye say, with hand uplifted: 'By my manhood, by all that I love and honor, by all that honor and love me, I have earned the enduring right to my personality and the priceless glory that it carries.'

Three times the seventh person read these instructions. At the conclusion of each reading his determination to carry them out to the best of his ability, dwelt in newer and greater strength. He lost himself entirely to his thoughts—thoughts that at times sent cool flashes over his sturdy frame, thoughts that at other times flushed his cheeks with the heat of excited anticipation.

"Two years! Two years of—heaven only knows what!" he mused. "What a sacrifice! Two long years from home, two years from dear old New York, two years of ceaseless 'hump'—and I don't know how to 'hump!' He sprang to his feet and started briskly across the floor. "And she"—he was stumbling now between, grating teeth—"she will wait! Father shall know that I—I am the one to be satisfied in this matter!"

The next morning Jerry Chambers went to Vynne Marshall and formally announced his intention to carry out the instructions that came to him from the black sack of destiny.

"I knew you wouldn't renege," said Marshall, as he took Jerry's hand. "You've got me guessing more than any of the other fellows."

"I'll have others guessing, too," said Jerry, and there was a suggestion of sternness in his tones. "There is more than earning my personality in this, old man—a cracking sight more. I am not going to say a word to anybody until—well, until things are done. All I can say now is that the 'Chambers colors' of a younger generation will do some of the principal flying."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Good Society.
 Society stratifies itself everywhere, and the stratum which is generally recognized as the uppermost will be apt to have the advantage in easy grace of manner and in unassuming confidence, and consequently be more agreeable in the superficial relations of life. To compare these advantages with the virtues and utilities would be foolish. Much of the noblest work in life is done by ill-dressed, awkward, ungainly persons; but that is no reason for undervaluing good manners and what we call good breeding—holmes.

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A Kansas City girl was thrown from her horse the other day and lit on her head, but it happened to be the part covered with a wire rat and her life was saved. Some good in fashionable hair dressing.

The recent message of President Roosevelt to congress stirred up a hornet's nest in the senate and some red-hot speeches were made denouncing the President in strong terms. If somebody don't be 'keerful, the people will learn of some of the rottenness of the present administration.

Governor Campbell has wired the different book publishing houses that have contracts to furnish text-books to the state, that unless books are delivered promptly he will direct the attorney general to file suit to cancel the contracts. Representatives of several book companies are now at Austin, to see about the matter, which has been agitated several days.

Just Nothing.

Times is in receipt of a card from Marion, Ind., calling for a sample copy of the paper showing the real estate advertisements of the agencies in Timpson, and asking that we mark the agency which we think would be most interested in a real estate publicity. It is an axiom that nothing added to nothing gives nothing, and nothing taken from nothing leaves nothing—and it is nothing that Times has to offer.—Timpson Times.

We would be in the same fix as the Times if we were to receive a similar inquiry. The Big Springs land agents are the only ones in West Texas that do not advertise in their town papers. Every paper on our exchange list carries from one to a dozen land advertisements.

Pecans at Green's at \$13.50 per 100 pounds. 8-4t

Governor May Use Rangers.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.—It is reported today that Governor Campbell told the San Antonio delegation that he will delay action pending the observance of the liquor laws in that city; also that he is determined to keep the lid down throughout the state if it takes the rangers and the entire state militia.

C. E. Program—Dec. 20, 1908.

Leader: Earle Read.
Subject: The Birth of Christ, Jno. 18:33-37.
Prayer—Song.
Why was the King Born?
—Miss Leona George.
The Visit of the Shepherd.
—Miss Mary Coffee.
Song—Prayer.
Bible readings.
Recitation—Miss Lillie Mauldin
Solo—Miss Margaret Crawford.
Recitation—Miss Sallie Towler.
Short talks, lead by Mrs. E. S. Bledsoe.
Song—Sentence Prayers.
Address—Rev. L. A. Dale.
Mizpah.

Have You Seen 'Em?

Some of the new gold pieces, with a medallion of Sitting Bull in full war dress on one side and an eagle in bell-bottom trousers on the other, have reached El Paso. Those eagles really look more like buzzards, and all together the new coins are the queerest genuine money that ever came out of a United States mint. They are \$5. and \$2.50 pieces, and bear the motto; "In God We Trust," which President Roosevelt restored to quiet the clamor he stirred up when he took it off. The issue has been out only a few weeks.—El Paso Herald.

LOST—A kangaroo stone, heart-shaped neck chain pendant. It was lost between my home and the postoffice this morning. It is a pale amber. Finder please return to Mrs. A. Barclay, or to this office and get a liberal reward.

Pyrography sets at Ward's.

C. E. Scott of Chillicothe, is in the city.

Dolls! Dolls!! marked down at Ward's.

S. P. Echols of Coahoma, was here today.

Laxative Quinine Cold Tablets, cure colds, at Ward's. 12-11

Will P. Edwards is here from Lucian Wells ranch.

\$5.00 bills at \$1.39 would have to be advertised as we do our belt pins—at cost.

Art Leather Shops.

NOTICE.

No hunting, fishing or camping allowed in the Moss Spring pasture. No hunting or trespassing in any way in any of my other pastures. D. A. RHOTAN.

Notice.

Having purchased the coal and wood business from W. B. Allen, together with his good will, we are now anxious to serve our friends with the best coal and wood in the city. We cater after both city and country trade. We will not give you a stick of wood or pound of coal that you do not buy, but we will give you every pound of coal and every stick of wood that you pay for. Get the habit and trade with the old reliable. Yours for business. STONE & CARPENTER. Phones 102 and 440.

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Positively Everything Sold for Spot Cash

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17 pounds sugar for—\$1.00	\$1.50 Blankets for— 98c	Dinner plates, per set 47c
8 pounds coffee for— 1.00	Calico must go at— 5c	Tea set, worth \$6.00— \$3.48
20 pounds beans for— 1.00	Apron check gingham, per yard— 6c	Thin blown tumblers, per set— 36c
Cal. table fruit per can 19c	Ladies' \$1 union suite 1.23	All toys and holiday goods at a tremendous reduction
Our famous F.F.O.G canned fruit going at, per can 28c	\$1.00 Overalls for— 85c	

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Some hospital physicians are urging that horseflesh be more freely used as being not only cheaper than beef, but more tender and digestible. It dried and reduced to a powder it becomes almost tasteless.

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To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

Trade of the United States with its American neighbors in 1907 amounted to nearly \$1,000,000,000, against a little more than a third as much a decade ago.

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.

All the world's a stage upon which most of us make a show of ourselves sooner or later.

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That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day.

Women are almost as absurd as men are foolish.

NEWS FROM OVER TEXAS

The Abilene Mattress Manufacturing Company's new building is nearing completion.

The stranger who was run over by an electric car on Friday in Texas, Kansas died without regaining consciousness.

The Attorney General has approved an issue of Reeves County common school district bonds totaling \$5,000. The bonds are for building purposes.

Turkish Government is negotiating for the purchase of \$1,875,000 worth of shrapnel and infantry ammunition with a German company at Duesseldorf.

At a meeting of the city council of Mineral Wells salaries of the various offices were reduced, among them the mayor's, which was cut to \$25 per month.

Charles Gollatt, a negro, was shot and almost instantly killed within a few feet of the county jail on the Texas side about 9 o'clock Tuesday night at Texarkana.

The postoffice at Bloomburg, Texas, on the Kansas City Southern, was burglarized and robbed Saturday night. The thieves secured about \$100 in cash and checks.

Notice of 534 desertions from the United States Army have been received since September in the office of the United States Marshall of the Northern District of Texas.

B. T. Crouch, of Corpus Christi, one of the leading sheep men of Texas, has gone to Washington to appear before the committee on ways and means to protest against wool being put on the free list.

J. H. Ridings, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Johnson County, has adopted the idea of getting the boys of the rural schools to enter a corn-raising contest for 1909. Suitable prizes will be offered.

Arthur Stultz, a young farmer residing in Richardson neighborhood, was assaulted by a negro Thursday night at a point near Caruth's Switch, north of Dallas, and received a painful gash in the back of his head.

Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture has announced his decision in the bleached flour controversy, holding that flour bleached with nitrogen peroxide is an adulterated product under the law.

E. E. Davis' livery stable, in Denison, was destroyed by fire at 8 o'clock Sunday night. Seventy horses perished in the flames. Fifty of these were the property of Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis estimates his loss at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Sheriff Anderson, in his investigation of the murder of Daisy Clayton, the aged and well-to-do white woman who was mysteriously killed in her residence last Monday night in Houston, is working on the theory that two men are implicated.

Mrs. A. S. Bushby, wife of former financial agent of the Texas penitentiary, has just come into possession of a little fortune. A man named Stokes, ex-convict, who recently died in Belton, willed Mrs. Bushby his entire estate of \$20,000 for kindness to him during his stay there.

That the farm value of all farm products during the year 1908 reached the most extraordinary total in the history of the Nation, \$1,778,000,000, is shown in the report of the Secretary of Agriculture reviewing his stewardship issued Saturday.

Hens this year have utterly failed to supply the market properly, according to local merchants. Consequently eggs have advanced to the wholesale dealer, and the consumers are charged from 20c upward.

Arrangements in San Antonio are progressing for the Midwinter Fair.

Marriages among persons in New York who are socially prominent are on the decline, according to statistics based on names appearing in the social register for 1908.

Under direction of the Texas Field and Sportsman petitions are being circulated asking the next Legislature for a change in the game laws of the State so as to afford better protection for the game birds and animals.

The crop bulletin issued Wednesday by the State Board of Agriculture estimates the Oklahoma cotton crop production, based upon returns made by the township assessors, as 492,272 bales, which is a falling off from last year of 142,619 bales, of 22.7 per cent.

Representative E. C. Gaines of Comanche county has prepared and intends introducing in the Thirty-First Legislature a bill providing for an agricultural mechanical school in each congressional district in the state.

Yoss Brummal, a young man of Amarillo, was injured by an explosion of an automobile Wednesday morning near Claude, Texas, the force of the explosion striking him in the face and eyes, and physicians report that he is blind in both eyes as a result.

CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTION.



Mrs. Thrifty—Well, if you're thirsty I'll give you a glass of water to drink.

Wearily Willy—I dare not touch water, mum. I've got an iron constitution and it might rust it.

INVALID'S SAD PLIGHT.

After Inflammatory Rheumatism, Hair Came Out, Skin Peeled, and Bed Sores Developed—Only Cuticura Proved Successful.

"About four years ago I had a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. My skin peeled, and the high fever played havoc with my hair, which came out in bunches. I also had three large bed sores on my back. I did not gain very rapidly, and my appetite was very poor. I tried many 'cure cures' but they were of little help, and until I tried Cuticura Resolvent I had had no real relief. Then my complexion cleared and soon I felt better. The bed sores went very soon after a few applications of Cuticura Ointment, and when I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment for my hair it began to regain its former glossy appearance. Mrs. Lavina J. Henderson, 138 Broad St., Stamford, Conn., March 6 and 12, 1907."

Apparatus to Empty Canal Boats.
Following in some ways the general lines of the car dumpers in use on the Great Lakes, an apparatus is to be built in Philadelphia for the Lehigh Navigation Company which will take hold of a canal boat, elevate it 60 feet in the air, and empty its contents either on the wharf for conveyance to a storage pile, or into the hold of another vessel.

\$100 Reward, \$100.
The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and sending nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Not for Him.
The Poet—I understand you have furnished rooms for rent?
The Landlady—The only thing I have at present is a handsomely furnished suite on the first floor.
The Poet—I'm afraid that would be a little too sweet for me.

Try It Once.
There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for those cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

Good harvests make men prodigal, but bad ones provident.—W. Penn.

FILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.
PAIN OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Biting, Blisters of Itching Pills in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

Give some people their pick and they'll pick flaws every time.

It Cures While You Walk
Allen's Foot-Powder for corns and bunions, hot, sweaty, malodorous feet. 25c all Druggists.

The proportion of left-handed people is one in six.

It Will Stay There.
"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond a doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose. For treating all manner of skin troubles, such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly."
R. M. SWANN, Franklin, La.

The Mistral.
The mistral is a cold northwest wind which does much damage at certain seasons in France and Italy. From the close of autumn to the beginning of spring, it is especially violent. It dries up the soil and causes dangerous storms on the Mediterranean sea.

DISTEMPER
In all its forms among all ages of horses, as well as dogs, cured and others in same stable prevented from having the disease with SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE. Every bottle guaranteed. Over 500,000 bottles sold last year. \$50 and \$1.00. Any good druggist, or send to manufacturers. Agents wanted. Spohn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

A Natural Cause.
"I think," said the smart child, reflectively, "that Hungary must be the most human-like of all the nations."
"Why so, my child?" asked the fond papa.
"Because," the smart child answered, "it is governed by its Diet."

Catarrh and Headache.
Mrs. Z. E. Goforth, 2119 Holly Street, Kansas City, writes: "After using a sample bottle and two 25c bottles of Hunt's Lightning Oil, I am almost well of Catarrh. It stops my headaches. It is the best medicine I ever saw and I just can't keep house without it." She is right.

Notified of Mail Delivery.
For use on rural delivery routes a letter box has an electric attachment which gives the alarm in the house some distance away when mail matter has been deposited within by the carrier.

Many Women Praise This Remedy.
If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, try Mother Gray's AUSTRALIAN LEAF. It is a safe and never-failing regulator. At all Druggists or by mail 50c. Sample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

Just Now.
"What is news?"
"Oh, anything that's important, if true."—Exchange.

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

He who thinks only of himself hasn't any too much to think about.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Sometimes a woman is known by the company she avoids.

NO CIGAR is so satisfying to the smoker. Made of extra quality tobacco, wrapped in foil, in packages of five, which keeps them fresh and rich to the taste. Their high quality makes them cost the dealer more than other 5c cigars. There are many imitations, don't be fooled, there is no substitute! Tell the dealer you want a



Lewis' Single Binder



WHERE THE FAMOUS

Lewis' Single Binder is made. Formerly the home of the late Col. Robert G. Ingersol. Purchased and remodeled by Frank P. Lewis for the **Single Binder Factory**

You Pay 10 Cents for Cigars Not So Good

FRANK P. LEWIS, Peoria, Ill.
Originator of Tin Foil Smoker Packages. The man who has made Lewis' Single Binder Straight 5c Cigars famous among smokers throughout the West.

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Biliousness, Nervousness, Dizziness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

W. L. DOUGLAS
300 SHOES \$3.50



W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's shoes and boots than any other manufacturer in the world, because they hold their shape, fit better, and wear longer than any other make.

Kind of fit, for every kind of shoe, from the best to the worst.

W. L. Douglas shoes are made of the best material and are made to last.

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FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
OR RHEUMATISM, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, BACKACHE

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

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CASTORIA

ALCOHOL—3 PER CENT
A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS & CHILDREN

Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC

Prepared by J. C. FLETCHER
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A Perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.

Fac-Simile Signature of J. C. Fletcher

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OLD VIRGINIA CHERROOTS

Are 50 cigars without the heads Therefore 3 for 5 cents

Not only extra good—they are clean. Made of absolutely pure, clean tobacco by modern systematic methods in the biggest, airiest, best-equipped and cleanest cigar factory in the world. No wonder they're so good. 5 cents buys 3.

Sold Everywhere



TOWNE'S FISH BRAND SLICKER

The cleanest, lightest, and most comfortable SLICKER of the same time cheapest in the end because it wears longest

\$3.00 Everywhere

Every garment quality guaranteed perfect. Colored. Free

Our Advice

To you would be if you want to avoid all this suffering and annoyance to discard the old nostrums and take

Schaeff's Laxative Chill Cure

For Chills and Fevers, Swamp Fever, Dumb Ague, in fact all ailments due to malaria. It is the best Remedy made. Price 50 cents.

Stay Coughing!

Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing! Stop Coughing!

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Apply to the Railway Mail Service, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

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make from \$15 to \$250 a week. Do you want a position? Good pay and easy work. Positions guaranteed. Do you want to learn the trade? Write us this week. A. C. FETTER, 2700 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Send for FREE CATALOG.

OYSTERS 25¢ per dozen sealed cans. 50 large oysters each can, direct from beds, natural order. Say's retained. Ice in packed outside of cans. If you wish the order business, OYSTERS PACKING COMPANY, Corpus Christi, Tex.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY! gives quick relief and cures worst cases. Book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment FREE. DR. W. H. GREEN'S BUREAU, Box 8, Atlanta, Ga.

PATENTS Watson E. Coleman, Washington, D. C. Books free. High-class references. Don't waste.

WANTED Young men to learn telegraphy. Stenography. Duplicates. Don't supply demand for operators. Dallas Telegraph College, Dallas, Texas.

Readers of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

LIVE STOCK AND ELECTROTYPES

In great variety for sale at the lowest prices by METZLER BROTHERS & CO., Kansas City, Missouri.

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IF IT'S NOT GOOD WE'LL MAKE GOOD

DID YOU EVER CONSIDER The advantage of trading with a firm that carries practically everything you need? You have most of your bill in one place, and with us you can count on your orders receiving prompt and careful attention. Let us figure on your next order; we'll save you money.

BIG SPRINGS
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DOES Your Watch KEEPTIME?

Maybe it hasn't been cleaned for two or three years and needs attention. ring it in and we will make it new—or as good as when it was new. We have the equipment to do all kinds of repair work and take pride in doing it right. Our prices are no higher than elsewhere; in fact they are less, because we repair to stay repaired.

MITCHELL and PARK,
Druggists and Jewelers.

See Burton
-Lingo Co.

For All Kinds of
Building Material.

All our lumber
Is Under Sheds

O.K. Restaurant

is the best place in Big Springs to get your meals. Short Orders at all hours.

You Are Always Welcome

JNO. MILLHOLLON
PROPRIETOR

J. B. Caudle of Mt. Vernon, was here this week with a car load of sweet potatoes. As good potatoes will grow in this country as in East Texas, and why not our farmers grow them and supply the home market. They always bring a good price on this market. Diversification has been the salvation of lots of the country in East Texas, and it will prove profitable here.

We're sitting up for you Santa Claus, with the right thing for every person; the right price for every purse.—J. L. Ward. The price is the thing.

The burning of the T. & P. hotel Tuesday night is another forcible argument in favor of better fire protection.

Are You Getting What You Want in Meat?

We can furnish you with young Beef, Pork, Turkeys and Chickens, in fact everything good to eat, till Christmas, and Groceries 10 per cent cheaper than anywhere else in town. Where is that good stuff?

Read's Store and Market, Of Course
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Rooms 1 & 2 in Ward Bldg.
Come and see us. Big Springs, Tex.

Plant Trees.

Sometimes a selfish motive will inspire when none other will interest. If such is the kind of motive you prefer, why not plant trees? Nothing is more profitable from a money standpoint. Twenty-five dollars spent in putting shade trees around your home means a hundred dollars added to the value of the property when you come to sell it a year from now. A little increase of 400 per cent in one year is not to be overlooked.

And in planting trees, plant the best you can. The best are the cheapest. Get a reliable nurseryman to do the work and don't stint him on quality. Fort Worth this fall might plant 10,000 trees and not look like a forest. But the general appearance would be greatly improved and every saleable property would share in the increase of values.

The next few weeks furnishes the proper time for tree planting. If nothing else is done, a single tree costing only a dollar will be a start. And sometimes a start is everything.—Fort Worth Telegram.

A Mistaken Husband.

"Where did you get that new cloak, wife?" Oh! ha, ha, I had Lawrence, the tailor, dye it for me." Phone 309. 8-4t.

Texas Farmers' Congress

Every farmer in Texas is interested in the papers and addresses of the Eleventh Texas Farmers' Congress. It contains the proceedings of the Congress and of the Nut Growers, Nurserymen, Horticulturists, Bee Keepers, Dairymen, Swine Breeders and Corn Growers. A copy may be obtained free by writing a card to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Austin, Texas.

They will be ready for distribution about December 20, and every farmer that wants to know what his brother farmers are doing in other parts of the state should secure one of these publications.

A train load of cattle from the famous Terrazos ranch in Mexico, were unloaded and fed here yesterday morning. They were of the old long horn Spanish breed and were being shipped to Fort Worth. Some of the steers were eight or nine years old, very wild, and would weigh about 800 or 900 pounds.

See

J. D. McDonald for new and second hand goods. Phone 414.

WOMEN'S WOES.

Big Springs Women Are Finding Relief At Last.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easy, maintained. Read of a remedy for kidneys only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. Z. Mullins, living near Court House, Big Springs, Tex. says: "I have suffered with kidney ailment for several years and the doctor who examined me, pronounced it a severe case. However, I have managed to drag along week in and week out but no one knows what I have suffered at times from the dull, bearing down pains in my back which were sometimes almost unbearable. The secretions from my kidneys were irregular and frequent. I was also troubled with a palpitation of the heart. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised I procured a box at Ward's drug store. They did me an immense amount of good and I believe if followed up they will completely cure me. I unhesitatingly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster—Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Deals in Dirt.

J. J. Hair to A. G. Throope, block 5, College Heights addition \$1,000.

Henry Holler to D. M. Waters, sections 22 and 24, block 27, consideration, \$10,494.36; and section 28, same block, consideration, \$4,197.

P. G. Stokes to E. F. Gamel, lots 1, 2 and 3, in block 3, Tennyson's addition, consideration, \$1,000.

W. L. Crenshaw to E. J. Campbell, lot 10, block 4, Tennyson addition, \$650.00.

Jesse R. Cope to R. G. Cook, 160 acres, \$2,200.

H. W. Haynie to D. A. Rhotan, lots 1 and 2, block 26 Sanders addition to Coahoma, \$1,000.

J. L. Williams to P. C. Bowles, 160 acres, \$1,040.

Dosha Beard and John Beard to J. W. Henderson, lot 1 and half of lot 2, in block 45, \$3,000.

Stokes-Hughes Co. sold the remainder of their stock of dry goods, shoes, etc., to W. P. Beener, of Wichita Falls, who will continue the business in the present quarters until the new Currie building is finished, and will then open up in there with a large stock of dry goods, clothing and shoes.

OSTERMOOL

YOU CAN WASH THE MATTRESS BEARING THIS LABEL

Soap, water and a brush are all that is needed to keep the outside of an Ostermool Mattress sweet and clean. The inside never needs attention. Costs nothing for repairs. An occasional "outing" in the sun keeps it fresh and new, because it is built (not stuffed) of elastic, fibrous Ostermool sheets. It cannot sag, lump nor pick like hair.

Make sure you get the genuine Ostermool. Note the label put there to protect you against worthless imitations. We sell at factory prices and invite inspection.

H. L. RIX & CO.

DR. BENWAY.
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Office Over Fisher Bros.
Office Phone 299.
Residence Phone 297.

Iron Tonic Pills, a great nerve tonic, at Ward's. 12-1f

The Voting Contest.

The following is the standing of the voting contestants in the

Popular Young Lady Voting Contest:

Miss Marge Oliphant	45,200
" Lucille Ely	8,900
" Viola Adams	7,720
" Mae Thomas	3,710
" Alice McWhorter	1,380
" Audie McWhorter	1,220
" Birdie Andrus	1,200
" Ethel Crowder	1,180
" Dohia Griffin	1,160
" Flora Lewis	1,120
" Lottie Cranfill	1,120

A handsome \$10.00 gold bracelet will be given to the first young lady bringing in \$20.00 on Subscription. The winner of the first special prize is barred from competing for this prize.

Matt Cramer, an attorney of Beaumont, came in the first of the week and will locate here.

D. C. Riley and G. E. Brock of Coahoma, are in the city.
J. W. Friston and wife of Glasscock county were trading here today.

CONKLIN'S
Self-Filling Pen

"How Did they know?"
Every man or woman, boy or girl wants a Conklin's Self-Filling Fountain Pen—the kind that can be filled in a jiffy by dipping it in the nearest inkwell and pressing the Crescent-Filler. No mussy dropper, no ink fingers. A perfect writer. The gift that suits everybody.



J. T. WARD
"The price is the thing."

Dr. PRICE'S CREAM Baking Powder

A grape cream of tartar powder. Makes pure, healthful, delicious food. No alum, no lime phosphate.

There is an infallible test by which every housewife may detect the unhealthy alum baking powders—

The label will tell

Study the label. If it does not say cream of tartar the baking powder is made from alum and must be avoided.

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