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## SNOW IN PANHANDLE RAIN IN WEST TEXAS

DALHART COUNTY VISITED BY  
MOST SEVERE BLIZZARD  
OF THE YEAR.

## GREAT BENEFIT TO WHEAT

West Texas is Wetter Than at Any  
Time Since May, of  
1908.

Dalhart, Nov. 29.—The upper Panhandle was Sunday night in the grip of the most severe snow blizzard of the year. A norther struck here Saturday night about 9 o'clock.

Snow began falling about midnight, and is still falling thickly, accompanied by a high, cold wind, which is drifting the snow deeply, about a foot having fallen.

The snow comes just at the right time to be of immense benefit to the wheat crop and will insure a yield of millions of bushels.

Big Springs: West Texas is wetter than it has been since May, 1908, having had 2½ inches of rain Sunday.

Children: The Children's country is again soaked. Rain began falling about midnight and at noon Sunday nearly 2½ inches of water have fallen. Other parts in Western Texas report heavy rains.

### Six Injured in Wreck.

San Antonio: A special car of the J. W. Patrick Land Company of Oklahoma City, contained seven passengers, while being pushed by a switch engine in the yards of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad on transfer to the tracks of the International and Great Northern Sunday, broke loose from the engine and crashed into the engine of an extra, injuring six of the party.

### \$80,000 For 103 Bales.

Children: The J. J. Addington Cotton Company Saturday purchased 103 bales of Farmers' Union cotton from Motley County Farmers' Union and paraded Main street with forty wagons. The cotton was sold to the highest bidder, and brought 13.90c, middling basis. Nearly all graded about middling. About \$80,000 was paid.

### Rain Damages Porto Rico.

San Juan, P. R.: The incessant downpour of rain since Nov. 10 has caused heavy damage to property throughout the island. The rivers are raging torrents, overflowing the country. The rain, however, was accompanied by only a light wind.

### Two Die in Mine.

Eldorado, Ill.: Andrew Wilson and Thomas Smith, who were entombed in the Harrisburg Southern mines Friday night, were killed by the gas explosion which caused the accident. Owing to the heat it was not possible to recover their bodies before Saturday.

### International Live Stock Show.

Chicago: Nine thousand fat cattle, fat horses, fat sheep and well-rounded pigs made their bow to the public at Dexter Pavilion in the Union Stock Yards, where the tenth International Live Stock Show opened Saturday.

### Egypt Cotton Crop Short.

Cairo, Egypt: According to the best authorities this year's cotton crop will amount to something under 6,000,000 cantars, as compared with nearly 7,250,000 cantars in 1908.

### Uncle Sam's Employes.

Washington: The number of Uncle Sam's employes is increasing, the grand total at present being approximately 370,065, as against 306,141 in 1907.

### Girls Fight Fatal Duel.

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

### Eats Matches and Dies.

Guthrie, Okla.: After eating the heads of twenty-five matches the baby daughter of William A. Parkers, living south of Texhoma, died Sunday from the poison.

### Mob Lynchs Negro.

Shreveport: Simmie Thomas, a negro, about 23 years old, was lynched here Saturday evening by a mob of nearly 500 white men and boys for attempting a criminal assault upon little Jennie McMillan, 7-year-old girl.

### Mineral Wells Interurban.

Mineral Wells: At a citizens' mass meeting held here Friday \$21,500 was raised to apply against the \$60,000 bonus for the building in here of the Fort Worth, Springtown and Mineral Wells Interurban.

## TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

As the result of burns received Tuesday, Miss Lila Robertson died in Mexia Friday.

Col. F. H. Wood, one of the early settlers and best known citizens of Hill county, died Friday near Vaughan, aged 81 years.

Much excitement has been occasioned at Mineral Wells by the big gas strike on the Henry Belding ranch, twenty-two miles west of here, Friday. The estate of "Lucky" Baldwin, of San Francisco, popularly supposed to have been worth \$20,000,000, has been found by appraisal to amount to \$10,500,000.

A total eclipse of the moon began at 2:11 o'clock Saturday morning, lasting until 5:38 o'clock. The eclipse was visible in all parts of North America, Central America and South America.

While playing with a gun at his home near Faulkner, Okla., Wednesday, the 8-year-old son of J. E. Jenkins accidentally shot and killed his sister, 6 years old.

The weather in Jones County for the past week has been ideal. The farmers in this section are now getting out cotton rapidly and are gathering and housing feed.

The British steamer Manaton, Capt. H. A. Motyer, from Liverpool via Rio Janeiro, reached Galveston Thursday, giving the first news of the death of two firemen who were scalded to death Oct. 1.

Rev. Dr. F. Klefer, aged 76 years, a pioneer of Texas and for forty years a Baptist minister, formerly engaged in missionary work in Germany, England and Russia, died in Abilene Thursday.

The brickwork on the east wing of the main building of the North Texas Insane Asylum at Terrell, which was damaged by collapsing, has been completed and the woodwork is now being done.

Congressman David A. De Armond, with his grandson, David A. De Armond III, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the historic De Armond mansion in Butler, Mo., Tuesday morning.

The corpse of Miss Annie Garrett, aged 19 years, was brought to Laredo on the Texas Mexican road from her home Thursday. Her death was the result of a gunshot wound in the breast accidentally fired by her young brother.

Ninety million tons of coal, one-fifth of the total production of the country, were consumed by the 51,000 locomotives in the United States in 1906 in hauling freight and passenger trains. This fuel cost the railroad companies \$170,500,000.

The customs authorities in El Paso seized 400 cans of opium alleged to have been smuggled, valued at \$7,000, Tuesday. No arrests were made. Within the last month more than \$20,000 worth of smuggled opium has been seized at El Paso.

Cotton is selling on the streets in Cisco at 14.10c. Total number of bales received at the compress to date this season 12,568, being about half the amount received last year at this time. Frost has killed the bolls and no top crop is expected.

In the Dallas County jail are 104 prisoners, a number somewhat under the average. Deportation of Chinese confined there and dismissed and judgment in several cases in the Criminal District Court have reduced the jail inmates to the present number.

A dispatch received from Bluefields, Nicaragua, Friday, reassures the United States as to whether American interests or American citizens are being interfered with by the revolutionary army. In effect, the dispatch states great care is being exercised to protect American interests.

Word was received Sunday that H. M. Keck, a prominent farmer living about eight miles south of Gonzales, had killed himself by gunshot wound and cremation.

George Oliver, one of the leading merchants of Abbott, was found dead in bed Saturday morning. He was about 35 years old and leaves a family.

L. R. Shugart, a diversifying farmer of the Hutto community, Tuesday brought into Taylor a wagon load of turkeys for which he received \$90 in cash.

C. H. Sharman, chief engineer of the Texas Central Railroad, with his engineering force, started out Tuesday surveying the line from DeLeon to Rising Star. This line is to be built from DeLeon to Nolan in Nolan County, and Rising Star is the first objective point.

The gold mines of the United States produced \$94,550,000 worth of the precious metal during 1908, according to the United States Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines, which have co-operated in preparing an analysis of the reports from private refiners and Federal mints and assay offices.

## GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS  
THAT ARE WORTH PASSING  
NOTICE.

## WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

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

After an illness which had lasted for more than three months, W. C. Padgett, for years one of the foremost business men in North Texas died Thursday at his home in Dallas.

While hunting quails in the brush on Salado Creek, near San Antonio, Thursday, Fred Basenberg, aged 25 years, was accidentally shot and probably fatally wounded by his brother-in-law.

Higher salaries for the thousands of clerks grown gray in the Government service in Washington, is urged upon Congress in the annual report of the retiring State Treasurer, Charles H. Treat.

If the present decline in the birth-rate should continue for 150 years there would be no more births at that time, according to Prof. Walter F. Wilcox, the statistician of Cornell University.

Contracts have been closed up whereby W. R. Hamilton of Farmersville is to pay \$62.50 an acre cash for the Wm. Robertson farm of 320 acres in the eastern part of Denton County, near Little Elm.

Competing for the Weiller Height prize for heavier than air machines, Hubert Latham Friday, in a monoplane, ascended a distance of 1,345 feet and M. Paulhan, in a biplane, 1,181 feet, in Buoy, France.

Railroads continue to report large gains in total gross earnings, all the United States roads reporting for the first week of November making a showing of \$8,113,835. This is an increase of 14.3 per cent over last year.

Instead of having one week of aerial flights for the international aviation meet, which is to be held in this country next year, the Aero Club of America is planning a carnival to continue at least a month in various cities.

The heaviest earthquake recorded since the shock of April 18, 1906, was felt in Salinas, Cal., Monday. Buildings rocked and cracked for fifteen seconds and people rushed into the streets for safety. No damage has been reported.

The Brady railroad committee has signed up the contract with the Santa Fe. Brady gives the Santa Fe a bonus of \$45,000 and right of way from the eastern line of McCulloch to and through the town of Brady and depot grounds.

The management of the Grayson County Poultry Show, to be held in Sherman in the latter week of December, has a number of letters from parties who are exhibiting at McKinney, Longview and other points, stating they will have entries there.

Groce and Cannon, the two Americans executed by order of President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, held commissions in the insurgent army, according to advices received here Thursday from Bluefields. These dispatches state that the State Department has been notified of this fact.

Following a conference with the President at the White House in Washington, Sunday night, Secretary Knox authorized the following statement: "If certain representations of facts which have been made to the State Department concerning the Groce and Cannon case are verified by inquiries that have been made, this Government will at once prepare a demand on the Nicaraguan Government for reparation for the death of these two men."

The phenomenally heavy rains of the past few days are beginning to cause considerable damage in the Panama Canal Zone. Two disastrous landslides occurred early Thursday in Culebra cut and it is feared others will follow.

A negro, James Estes, was lynched in Delhi, La., Saturday, for the murder of City Marshal Walter Nichols. The negro shot the officer when the latter attempted to arrest him for disorderly conduct and was shot by the Marshal, and was in a dying condition when hanged.

Leaping from a runaway buggy in Houston, late Monday afternoon, Miss Bettie Dorothy Mendelsohn, daughter of C. Mendelsohn of that city, sustained internal injuries and a fracture at the base of the skull which resulted in death.

Queen Helena if Italy is to become a member of the International Congress of Mothers, according to letters received from the Italian Embassy at Washington by the board of managers of the National Congress of Mothers at their session in Atlantic City, N. J., Wednesday.

The Richmond and Bond Cotton Seed Oil Mill was destroyed by fire at Hickman, Ky., Thursday. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

Chief Justice W. J. Mills of the New Mexico Supreme Court has been appointed Governor of the Territory to succeed George Curry, resigned.

Kansas farm products for 1909 aggregate in value \$532,685,254, a gain of \$57,440,414 over last year, according to the report of F. D. Coburn of the State Board of Agriculture.

The heavy rains continue in Panama. No trains running between Colon and Panama, as most of the tracks are flooded. In some places they are three and four feet under water.

The North Texas conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, began its forty-third annual session in Paris Wednesday, with Bishop Joseph S. Key of Sherman presiding.

Work on the Glen Rose and Walnut Springs Railroad is being pushed forward very rapidly. Three miles of dump and trestles have been completed.

That hundreds of Chinese have been smuggled into New Orleans in oyster sacks, in the last few months, was discovered by Federal authorities here Sunday.

A tornado which passed over Hamilton, Ohio, Monday afternoon, wrecked property to the amount of \$50,000, while barns and outbuildings in rural parts of the country were blown down and other damage done.

The Philadelphia National League Baseball Club was sold Friday to a syndicate of which Horace S. Fogel of this city is the head. The price paid by the new owners is said to have been \$350,000.

Richard C. Kerens of Missouri it is reported probably will be appointed Ambassador to Vienna. Mr. Kerens' friends, who have taken an active interest in his candidacy, believe that he will receive the appointment.

About 7 o'clock Tuesday morning fire was discovered in the rear of Wallace Lanery's blacksmith shop in Mart, which quickly spread to the Reeves boarding house, Copeland's feed store and other buildings, doing damage of \$5,000.

Ferdinand Van Bruyssel, a banker of Montreal and Quebec, arrived in San Antonio Wednesday in his automobile. He is en route to the Brownsville country. He is making the trip in easy stages studying conditions as he goes along.

One of the greatest railroad deals ever consummated in the East is now said to be on between the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Virginian Railroad, whereby the Chesapeake and Ohio is to take over all the holdings of the Virginia road.

The Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad has let the contract for its bridge, 1,100 feet long, across Red River, to be constructed near Carpenter's Bluff, seven miles east of Denison. The bridge is to be completed June 1, 1910.

It is said on high authority that not only will there be no bond issue for waterway improvements, but that there will be no rivers and harbors bill in the sense of a \$30,000,000 or \$50,000,000 appropriation by the coming Congress.

The membership of the First Baptist Church in Ennis are working up an interest so that Ennis will be an applicant for the location of the Baptist Orphanage proposed to be established by the Baptist Missionary Association of Texas.

The mail steamer Laseyne, running between Java and Singapore, on her way to the latter port, was in collision early Sunday with the steamer Onda of the British India line and sank within two minutes. One hundred and one passengers were drowned.

J. S. Soule, until recently of the Frederick, Okla., Enterprise force, but now with the Democrat at Snyder, has recently found a valuable stone on his mining claims in the Wichitas, which Jeweler Freud of that place pronounces a blood ruby.

The Young Men's Christian Association of Ennis has inaugurated a system of night school for the benefit of working young men.

C. S. Estes, who has been editor and proprietor of the Kerens Tribune for fifteen years, died Monday morning.

An earth shock occurred Monday at Tenerife, Canary Island, and the volcanic eruption increased. Two of the five active craters have joined and are belching forth flames to a height of 150 feet. The lava flow is now so rapid as it was a few days ago and there is no immediate danger of the villages.

Fire of unknown origin Thursday morning destroyed the three-story College, a negro institution, in Marshall.

The Court of Civil Appeals, First District of Texas, has handed down a decision affirming the judgment of the lower courts in the case of the Daughters of the Republic against Miss Adina De Zavala and her faction of the organization to oust them from control primarily of the Alamo and incidentally from official representation in the association. By the order of the higher court the De Zavala faction loses again.

## PRISON COMMITTEE REPORTS AT AUSTIN

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE  
ASKED TO CORRECT  
GROSS ABUSES.

## AGAINST LEASING CONVICTS

Committee Recommends that Size of  
Whipping Strap Be Fixed  
By Law.

Austin, Nov. 29.—The report of the legislative committee which has investigated the penitentiary system of Texas, made public here Saturday was in the main foreshadowed, for in general terms its findings are but a synopsis of the testimony as it has been reported, while its chief recommendations are such as were looked for.

The one feature of the report which comes in the nature of a surprise is that which, with the sanction of five out of eight present members, acquiesces or the recommendation of the retention of the strap as a means of punishment of convicts for the violation of prison rules, although in this connection these five members recommend a modification of the punishment and the employment of safeguards to prevent abuses, such as they find to exist.

They recommend that the size of the strap be fixed by law; that no convict should be whipped except in the presence of a citizen and the prison physician, and that the latter must make a physical examination of the convict both before and after the infliction of such punishment, and shall be required to make a written report upon same.

Senator Weinert and Representative Moller join in a minority report strongly recommending the complete abolition of whipping, and Senator Hudspeth in a separate minority report makes a recommendation to the same effect, and also recommends the sale of State Railroad.

Five of the members of the committee urge the necessity of immediate action to remedy conditions in the penal institutions, and urge the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature for that purpose.

The committee has not closed its labors. It has postponed reporting upon the iron industry at the Rusk penitentiary, the Texas State Railroad and the fiscal affairs of the penitentiary system until it shall have received the report of the auditors now engaged in examining the books of the system. This report, it is believed, will be ready about Jan. 1.

A notable feature of the committee's report is the reiteration of its recommendation that the contract under which convicts are worked at the Calvert lignite mine should be canceled and the convicts withdrawn. It says that it did not represent that this mine was any worse than others, but it condemned the work and the conditions under which the convicts lived as unsuitable. With some show of spirit it notes the fact that its recommendations have apparently been ignored, says that the superintendent of the penitentiary system has declared that he does not favor this employment for convicts, and remarks that no member of the penitentiary board has ever made an inspection of the mine; and, finally, it says that responsibility for a continuation of the contract must rest upon those directly in charge of penitentiary affairs.

The committee in its findings comments upon the various abuses disclosed, including cruel punishments, the illegal infliction of punishment and the ignoring of rules. It condemns the scattering of convicts and the transference of the men from place to place as prolific of much of the evil in the system.

It recommends the abolition of the contract and share farm systems, and the working of all convicts upon State account within the walls or upon farms owned by the State. To this end it recommends the enlargement and modernization of the Huntsville penitentiary, the repair and modernization of the Rusk penitentiary, the purchase of a farm in Northern Texas for white convicts, and the erection of modern penitentiary buildings upon all State farms. Other recommendations are that convicts should be classified and graded, that stripes should be abolished, except as a means of punishment for infraction of prison rules, that gambling should be prohibited, that convicts should be permitted to enjoy a share of their earnings, that guards should be better paid, and that an indefinite sentence law should be enacted and the parole law improved.

The committee recommends that, until such time as a more adequate parole law shall have been amended, the present parole law should be enforced.

## The Exceptional Equipment

of the California Fig Syrup Co. and the scientific attainments of its chemists have rendered possible the production of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, in all of its excellence, by obtaining the pure medicinal principles of plants known to act most beneficially and combining them most skillfully, in the right proportions, with its wholesome and refreshing Syrup of California Figs.

As there is only one genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna and as the genuine is manufactured by an original method known to the California Fig Syrup Co. only, it is always necessary to buy the genuine to get its beneficial effects.

A knowledge of the above facts enables one to decline imitations or to return them if, upon viewing the package, the full name of the California Fig Syrup Co. is not found printed on the front thereof.

### CHEAP COALS.



Smythe—Do you pay much for your coal?

Jones—Not a cent. I live near the railway line, and get my ton to make grimeaces at the engineers of all the trains as they pass.

### Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country, for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHEENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, everywhere. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Special Note from Atchison.

The engagement of Mr. Hiram Hardesty and Miss Suzette Snarley is announced. It occurred the other evening at 9:45 on the red sofa in Miss Snarley's parlor. The young lady was dressed in black, and wore no ornaments. She did not look unusually pretty, and what caused the young man's mental aberration is not known. Neither one could remember exactly what was said, and both admitted it was not the first time he kissed her. We print the details for the romantic young things who are always curious to know how an engagement is brought about.—Atchison Globe.

### The Darky's Idea of It.

A correspondent of the Walker County Messenger tells this one: "A darky was on trial in the criminal court last week on a charge of bigamy. After the jury had returned a verdict of guilty Judge McReynolds remarked:

"The best I can do, Crum, is to give you the minimum."

"Lor'y, mercy me, Judge, don't do dat! I'd rather go to the pen," said Crum."—Atlanta Constitution.

### SECRET WORKERS

The Plan Upon Which Coffee Operates.

Coffee is such a secret worker that it is not suspected as the cause of sickness or disease, but there is a very sure way to find out the truth.

A lady in Memphis gives an interesting experience her husband had with coffee. It seems that he had been using it for some time and was an invalid.

The physician in charge shrewdly suspected that coffee was the "Worm at the root of the tree," and ordered it discontinued with instructions to use Postum regularly in its place.

The wife says: "We found that was the true remedy for his stomach and heart trouble and we would have gladly paid a hundred times the amount of the doctor's charge when we found how wise his judgment was."

"The use of Postum instead of coffee was begun about a year ago, and it has made my husband a strong, well man. He has gained thirty-five pounds in that time and his stomach and heart troubles have all disappeared. "The first time I prepared it I did not boil it long enough and he said there was something wrong with it. Sure enough it did taste very flat, but the next morning I followed directions carefully, boiling it for fifteen minutes, and he remarked 'this is better than any of the old coffee.'"

"We use Postum regularly and never tire of telling our friends of the benefit we have received from leaving off coffee."

Look for the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

**Sterling City News-Record**

**W. F. Kellis,**  
Editor and Proprietor.

Entered Nov. 10, 1902, at the Sterling City postoffice as second-class matter.

ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

What about the court yard? Mighty lot of kicking going on because of its condition.

On account of the muddy condition of the roads, the daily mail has been late several times this week.

That fool law, as it now stands, brands every newspaper man a grafter and bribe-taker, whose editorial policy can be bought for the price of a ride on a railroad train.

The newspaper that fails to stand up and fight for the right of contract and honest barter, in next year's campaign, will tacitly acknowledge that the press was being used to mold public sentiment in favor of railroad corporations before the passage of the anti-pass law.

The rainfall from last Sunday morning to Monday night made a total of 2.5-3 inches. This is one of the heaviest rains ever known here in November. It put a fine season in the earth, gave the winter weeds on the range a good start, and put out plenty of water everywhere.

The farmer who turns his land now, while this fine season is in it, will not be croaking about dry weather next spring. Plowing and harrowing the ground while the moisture is in it will keep it there, and at planting time he will not have to wait for a rain to bring up his crop.

The cruel and inhumane treatment of the convicts in the state penitentiary, recently brought to light by the investigating committee, is enough to make a Mexican jailor blush with shame. If Governor Campbell fails to put a quietus on this sort of thing, in a reasonable time, he will always wish he had.

If there be anyone who intends to claim exorbitant damages for the railroad running through their lands, they should not forget what they swore it was worth when they rendered it for taxes. Each land owner, when he rendered his lands and other property to the tax assessor, swore or subscribed to an oath that he had rendered all his property at its full value. A man who swears that his land is only worth so much for taxation, ought to be made to stay with his oath when he seeks unreasonable damages against his neighbors, who are straining themselves to procure a railroad that will make his land double in value even before the first brigade of graders are camped on the ground. It looks mighty queer in a man to swear that his land is only worth \$2 an acre for taxes, and then in the next breath ask a jury or right-of-way committee \$25 an acre for enough on which to build a road that will add double its value, not saying anything about the indispensable convenience of the thing.

All persons are hereby notified that my pasture is posted according to law. Any person or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass on lands owned or controlled by me, without my consent, will be prosecuted. 4-2-9 W. J. MANN

**A MIDNIGHT PROWLER**

Last Tuesday night, Misses Eula and Drushia Tweedle experienced a genuine scare. Before retiring, Miss Drushia carefully fastened the front doors in order to bar out a cat that had been prowling the house at nights, and after satisfying herself that everything was safe, the two sisters retired and were soon asleep. They had not been asleep long when Miss Drushia awoke and thought she heard a noise in the kitchen. Thinking it was the cat she arose intending to drive it out, when presently she heard stealthy footsteps in the kitchen as if someone was prowling about without shoes. This so frightened the young ladies that they were, for a time, dumb with terror. Presently they heard the prowler go out at the front door, and after some lapse of time they heard the latch of the gate click as he left the premises.

While all this was going on, the young ladies' father, J. W. Tweedle, was sleeping soundly in another room, unconscious of what had occurred: After they heard the intruder leave, they decided not to wake their father, and he knew nothing of the occurrence until next morning. So far as the Misses Tweedle were concerned, nothing about the place was molested. No doubt, but the prowler in some way became alarmed before he found any valuables to take away.

Sterling City is a mighty poor place for burglars to roost in.

**More School Room Needed**

The crowded condition of our school and the prospect of rapid growth of our town will not permit us to lose any more time in making preparations for next year's school. We want to urge the people to take some active steps, at once, towards the enlarging of our school building. At present, we are very much in need of one or more rooms so we could use five teachers, for each room is badly crowded. In the Principal's, and the Primary room, we have over fifty pupils in regular attendance in each of these rooms, and each of the other rooms have all they can do, besides every day brings in new pupils. There is no remedy for the present crowded condition, but will have to do the best we can.

Now in order to be ready for next year, it will be necessary to take hold of this proposition at once. Bonds will have to be voted, and then sold, and the house built; so, it will take from now until next year to get this done.

We believe that there will be no opposition to this enlargement for all realize that we need it badly. Besides we believe all will be willing to make such an addition as will be substantial and an index to the attitude of this town towards the best school possible.

Yours respectfully,  
E. B. Wallace,  
Principal.

**REQUEST OF SCHOOL BOARD**

We want to ask the school patrons not to give any parties nor allow their children to attend them, only during the Christmas holidays, for the children lose interest and will not do well when they attend these parties.

Respectfully,  
N. A. Austin  
Jeff D. Ayres  
J. B. Cole  
Henry Davis  
C. N. Crawford  
J. A. Cannon

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Sterling City will be held at the office of said Bank in Sterling City, Texas on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1910, for the purpose of voting on an increase of the Capital Stock of said Bank from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00, and the transaction of such other business as may come before them.

Witness our hands this 12th day of November, A. D., 1909,  
A. V. Patterson }  
M. Z. House } Directors.  
J. R. Ray }  
Enette Westbrook }

**ABSTRACTS**

After several years of tedious work and great expense, I have compiled a complete abstract of title to every tract of land and town lot in Sterling County. Parties wishing abstracts made to land can obtain them on short notice by applying to me at my office in the court house, or by writing or phoning me at Sterling City.

J. F. Cole, Abstracter

**CARRYING TOO MUCH WEIGHT**

Discovery That Caused Mr. Portington to Consider Precautionary Measures.

"Within the last year or two," said Mr. Portington, "I've noted a growing snugness in the fit of my garments. I go always to the same tailor and have my clothes made from the same measure, and so I came to recognize finally that I was growing stouter. Certainly my clothes couldn't be growing any smaller, made always from the same patterns, but I filled them out more. I was certainly growing plumper."

"My good boy," I said to myself, "that's your good living, and grateful you ought to be with health and happy—and some slight portliness." I smiled when I thought of my having some plumpness of figure.

"This morning to my dismay I discovered that I cannot cross my legs over quite as far as I used to. Yes, sir; that's what I mean, I found that I couldn't cross my legs over as far as I used to; the leg that I used to be able to throw clean over I now find stops sort of naturally on the other knee! In other words, without my having realized it, I have come to have more than some slight portliness of figure; I am getting fat!"

"This may not seem a matter of grave importance to you, but it is to me. The snugness that before had made me smile now strikes me as a warning, and from now on there's a little more of labor and less of good living for your Uncle Portington."

**COLLECT HISTORIC LAMPS.**

Collecting historic lamps is one of the new fads, or rather the collecting of replicas of historic lamps, since only in rare cases can the genuine article be obtained. An Italian ambassador has just presented to a well-known American woman, who was hospitable to his staff upon a certain occasion, a huge Pompeian bronze lamp, the like of which one may admire in the grand vestibule of the Quirinal. Mrs. Larz Anderson, who passed several years in Italy, has gathered all sorts of lamps in present use and those of ages long ago. She has some treasures which were used by Etruscan women, who were far in advance of their day in the matter of brooches, hairpins and bracelets.

**THE PHILLIPS ADDITION**

This beautiful new addition to Sterling City lies north of the court house three blocks.

It is the most desirable residence property in the town, and consists of fourteen acres of land just rolling enough for proper drainage. The grade rises gently from the business portion of town to the extreme northern boundary of the property, thereby insuring a splendid new town. This part of the town is noted for the superior of its water, both as to quantity and quality. It is platted with nice, broad streets, and large roomy lots, ranging from fifty to seventy-five feet in width, lying on both sides of North Church St., the northern extension of the only street running through the original town plat and any of its additions.

This property can be bought as a money-maker if taken before any of the lots have been sold. It is on the market in its entirety for a few days only. For particulars see or write

**GUMMINS & DUNN**

and if this sort of thing is repeated too often we feel sure that we will be able to give our readers the full particulars of how many buckshot punctured his hide, or how long it took the boys to break his neck. It is an awful dangerous plea for such cattle to range in, and if they only knew what was in store for them they wouldn't come within twenty miles of this place.

**A Card**

I have bought an interest in the City Meat Market, which will be known under the firm name of Allard & Layne. I shall work hard to merit the patronage of the public. It will no happen sometimes that we will get some tough beef; and when we do, please blame Jim Allard with it, and when we furnish you with nice, tender, fat beef please don't forget to praise me. But we intend to sell the best meat the country affords.

Yours for good meat,  
R. H. Layne

**A Park For Sterling**

W. L. Foster is contemplating the setting aside a suitable plat of land for a park for Sterling City. This is a most commendable act in Mr. Foster, for he could not make a more fitting gift to his people, and we feel sure they will ever be grateful to him for it. If the News-Record were to choose a name for it, future generations would know it as "Foster Park," in honor of its donor.

When the ground is staked off, we must go to work and improve it, without delay, by planting out trees in it.

**PRIVATE SCHOOL**

People who have children under age, or within scholastic age, who want to send to a private school, will please see me at once. We want to secure a teacher to teach a subscription school if a sufficient number of pupils can be had. All under age are not allowed to attend the public schools.

S. B. Wallace, Prin.

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**WOMEN LAW CLERKS. WOMAN ONLY A PREPOSITION.**

While there are comparatively few women lawyers, the sex is said to be in great demand as clerks in law offices. These clerks have a finer grasp of detail than many of the men clerks and for that reason are preferred in many offices where neatness and accuracy are of the greatest importance.

Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman says that the way of the world is hard on a woman, who is never anything more than the relative of a man. She is first the daughter of, the sister of and finally the wife of a man. He is the noun and she only the preposition.

**J. R. CARNES,**  
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Any one wishing to sell their property will do well to list with our new hustling real estate firm. Exchange of property a specialty. Office north side of square.

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CANDIES CIGARS  
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Come in and let me sell you just one bill of groceries, and the future will take care of itself.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
County of Sterling )  
In the District Court of Sterling County, Texas )  
Greenville Williams )  
vs. )  
C. W. Scanday, H. C. Weathered and Preston A. Weathered )

Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Sterling County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 6th day of October A. D. 1909, in favor of Greenville Williams, plaintiff, and against C. W. Scanday, H. C. Weathered and Preston A. Weathered, defendants, foreclosing the vendor's lien on the property hereinafter described, said cause being Number 182 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 1st day of November A. D. 1909, levy upon the following described tract or parcel

of land, situated about 18 miles North-east from Sterling City in Sterling County, Texas, to wit: All that part of section No. 66 in Block 2 Certificate No. 37-4029, in the name of the Houston & Texas Central R. Co. containing 640 acres of land situated in Sterling County, Texas; (being 350 acres of said section). And on the 7th day of December A. D. 1909, same being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on said day and date, at the court house door of said county in Sterling City, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for each all of the right title and interest of the said C. W. Scanday, H. C. Weathered and Preston A. Weathered, in and to the above described tract of land.  
Dated at Sterling City, Texas, this 1st day of November, A. D. 1909.  
Jno. B. Ayres, Sheriff Sterling County, Texas

# Buy Lots in The Sterling View Addition

We are now grading and staking lots, and beautifying the Addition for homes. Values in Sterling City will enhance 100 per cent within the next two years--50 per cent within the next 12 months, 25 within the next six months. Note the rapid improvement now going on in Sterling City and you will readily see it will not pay you to wait to buy property. Below we give a few improvements.

Residences: N. A. Austin, J. A. Odum, Jno. B. Ayres, Mrs. M. J. Davis, W. J. Snow, Hallie Knight. Business: Fisher Bros., W. F. Kelis, Lowe & Durham, First State Bank, Dra. White & Scott, W. A. Pope, West Texas Lumber Company. Sterling County is building a big steel bridge across the river, and will soon make nice improvements on the court yard.

Terms: 1-3 cash, notes one and two years. For sale by any authorized real estate agent.

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Locals, 5c per line for first issue and per line for each subsequent issue.  
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Special rates to those wishing large space.  
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### General Directory.

**Distalot Officers.**  
Judge—J. W. Timmins.  
Attorney—L. H. Brightman  
Clerk—L. B. Cole.  
Court meets 4th Monday after first Monday in February and September.

**County Officers.**  
Judge—A. V. Patterson.  
Attorney—  
Clerk—L. B. Cole  
Sheriff—Jno. B. Ayres.  
Treasurer—E. L. Gilmore  
Assessor—D. C. Durham  
Inspector—W. T. Conger.  
Surveyor—W. F. Kelis  
Court meets first Monday in February, May, August and November.

### CHURCHES.

M. E. Church—Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.  
Rev. W. A. Dunn Pastor.  
R. W. Foster, S. S. Supt.  
Epital—Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m. A 7:30 p. m. Conference Saturday night before the 4th Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday at 8 o'clock p. m.  
Rev. W. E. Dawn Pastor.  
Prof. L. C. Durham, Supt.

### SOCIETIES.

Masonic—Sterling lodge No. 728, A. F. & A. M., meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.  
N. I. Douglas Secretary  
W. L. Foster W. M.  
Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M. 3 o'clock on or before the full moon in each month.  
Mrs. B. F. Brown W. M.  
B. F. Brown Secretary.

### County Commissioners.

Com'r. Pre. No. 1—M. Black.  
" " " 2—E. F. Atkinson  
" " " 3—D. D. Davis  
" " " 4—J. S. Johnston

### Justice Court.

Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. Malcolm Black J. P.

## LOCAL.

Meals 25c at Central Hotel.  
Fresh bread at the restaurant.  
For lots in the Roberts Addition see A. A. Rutherford.  
See A. A. Rutherford about that 76 acres of land near town.  
Meals, the best in town, for 25c at Central Hotel.  
Go to the restaurant for the best "eatin'" the market affords.  
Ride in Savell's cars. Good service, polite employes and fast time.  
A line of up-to-date gents suits at Roberts' going at hard time prices.  
Ask the man who has been a guest at the Central Hotel where to stop.

Frank M. Smith, of Colorado, is here.  
Don't forget the Teachers' Institute.  
House & Conger, this week, sold their sheep.  
Savell Bros. can get you to the train on time.

When prospecting look over the Roberts Addition.  
Rev. J. W. Staton, of Brownwood, was here Tuesday.  
Walter Robinson, the insurance man of San Angelo, is here.  
Cotton & Davis took charge of the O K wagon yard Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fisher are visiting relatives in San Angelo.

J. T. Davis is shipping out a string of fat cows to the Fort Worth markets.  
J. R. Cope, this week, sold to W. A. Bynum a high grade Durham bull for \$29.  
R. H. Patterson represents "Time tried and fire tested" fire insurance companies.

The nicest residence portion of town is Roberts Addition See A. A. Rutherford about it.  
You can see your way clear by one of Lowe & Durham's lanterns.  
Winter is coming. Heaters of all kinds, and stove pipe, a Lowe & Durham's.  
We can give you the News-Record and St. Louis Semi-Weekly Republic for \$1.50 cash.  
The Roberts Addition within four blocks of the square. For lots see A. A. Rutherford.  
Fix yourself for the game season or buying a gun and ammunition from Lowe & Durham.  
J. B. Allard, of Klunkiko, Texas, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allard.  
Lost:—A gold Masonic pin. Finder will please return same to Lem Latham.  
Chief Windrow and crew of engineers have established headquarters here in town.  
Mrs. J. J. Young, of Trinidad, Colorado, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. V. Pearson, and other relatives.  
Cummins & Dunn, this week, sold for T. A. M. Lofton to T. H. Walton, one house and lot for \$700.  
P. D. Coulson, Jr., and W. A. Westbrook are preparing to move to Lockney where they have purchased a stock of drugs.  
Rev. J. B. Atkinson returned this week from a hunt in the Pecos country. He got one buck to his credit, and succeeded in wounding a big panther, which got away from him.  
Bad Colds are often contracted from cold feet. Put some of Lowe & Durham's matting on your floor and you will not be troubled. They have plenty of it of different kinds.  
T. G. Brennand is shipping a string of beef cattle this week.  
Two cars of three and four year old steers, which are in very fine condition, go to the Fort Worth markets, and two or three cars of calves go to the St. Louis markets.

## NEW GOODS

I have just received from Saint Louis some new

SKIRTS SILKS  
SWEATERS GINGHAMS  
SLIPPERS PERCALES  
ST'S N HATS LEGGINS

Haven't time to mention all. Come and let us show you them.

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RATES \$1.25 PER DAY  
Clean Beds Good Meals Sample Room

Have your property insured in an "Old Line" company—the kind that insures. Ask "Bert" about it.  
See R. H. Patterson for livestock insurance. He represents the oldest company of the kind in the world.  
Hunters:—All persons are forbidden to hunt on any lands owned or controlled by me.—  
W. L. Foster  
Savell's automobile passenger service is as prompt and reliable as the ordinary railroad train. Their arrivals and departures can always be depended upon. They make the trip to San Angelo in from two to three hours.  
Miss Eula Day, of San Angelo, was here Thursday in the interest of her voting contest for the prize given by the San Angelo Standard.  
Dirt was broken yesterday morning for the new Fisher building. Contractor Latham will push the construction as fast as men and money can do it.  
A. H. Manning, last week, sold through the Sterling Realty Co., his 640 acre ranch to D. M. Jones. He took as payment 455 acres of land, in Floyd county, and \$2250 in cash.  
The Sterling View addition people are extending the grade of their streets through the old town plat. This work is a vast improvement to the appearance of the town, and is truly appreciated by our people.

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**  
The tax rolls are now open for the collection of taxes at my office. Forced collections will begin after January 31st, 1910. As next year is election year, every citizen should pay his taxes on or before the 31st day of January in order to vote.  
JNO. B. AYRES,  
Tax Collector.

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**NOTICE**  
Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted.  
W. L. Foster.  
**NOTICE**  
I will sell the school-books this year.  
I cannot sell any books on credit, nor buy nor exchange any second hand books. The time to exchange books has expired.  
Hallie Knight.

**FOR SALE:—**100 head of Angora goats. Good shearers. About ten kids Address,  
J. A. ANGLIN,  
Sterling City, Texas

**TRESPASS NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood, or otherwise trespass on any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.  
4 5 07  
A. F. JONES

**POSTED.**  
Our pasture is posted and all persons are hereby put upon legal notice that any one who shall hunt, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any of the lands owned or controlled by us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
10-26-'01 Fisher Bros.

**Notice to Hunters.—Posted.**  
My pasture is posted according to the law made and provided in such cases and all persons are hereby warned and forbidden to hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass upon any of the enclosed lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution to the full extent of the law. J. T. Davis  
5-6-'02

**NOTICE—KEEP OUT.**  
Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.  
G. W. Allard.

**Posted.**  
I have posted my pasture according to the laws made and provided in such cases, and all persons are hereby warned and put upon notice that any person who shall hunt, cut and haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any enclosed land owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
J. S. Johnson.

**TRESPASS NOTICE**  
Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting, or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us, will be prosecuted.  
W. R. McENTIRE & SON

**Notice to Trespassers**  
Notice is hereby given, that any person or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood, work or drive stock, or otherwise trespass upon any land owned or controlled by us, or either of us without our permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
Those driving stock down lane must keep in the lane until across Beal's creek.  
W. R. Felker  
By J. D. Lazo, 1921.

