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## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures all blood humors, all eruptions, clears the complexion, creates an appetite, aids digestion, relieves that tired feeling, gives vigor and vim. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

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**Fellows in Distress.**  
An efficient woman principal of a New York grammar school, though devoid of good looks and bearing the marks of long service in her profession, still retains the charm of a delightful frankness. One day while watching the pupils pass out of her building two by two, as usual, she noted one boy marching alone, with his arms to his eyes, sobbing tumultuously. In answer to her solicitous inquiry as she drew him from the line, the little fellow wailed: "I—I haven't got no partner!"

The principal extended a prompt and sympathetic hand. "Shake, dear boy, shake!" she invited. "I haven't either."

**An Acrobat He Was.**  
Bobby—This sailor must have been a bit of an acrobat.  
Mamma—Why, dear?  
Bobby—Because the book says: "Having lit his pipe, he sat down on his chest."

**Not for Earthly Ears.**  
Dr. Reed, a minister, was opening the Sunday morning service at his church with the usual prayer. While he was in the midst of it a stranger entered the church and took a seat far back.

Dr. Reed was praying in a low note and the man in the rear, after straining his ears for awhile, called out: "Pray louder, Dr. Reed. I can't hear you."

**The Little Widow**  
A Mighty Good Sort of Neighbor to Have.

"A little widow, a neighbor of mine, persuaded me to try Grape-Nuts when my stomach was so weak that it would not retain food of any other kind," writes a grateful woman, from San Bernardino Co., Cal.

"I had been ill and confined to my bed with fever and nervous prostration for three long months after the birth of my second boy. We were in despair until the little widow's advice brought relief."

"I liked Grape-Nuts food from the beginning, and in an incredibly short time it gave me such strength that I was able to leave my bed and enjoy my three good meals a day. In 2 months my weight increased from 105 to 113 pounds, my nerves had steadied down and I felt ready for anything. My neighbors were amazed to see me gain so rapidly, and still more so when they heard that Grape-Nuts alone had brought the change."

"My 4-year-old boy had eczema very bad last spring and lost his appetite entirely, which made him cross and peevish. I put him on a diet of Grape-Nuts, which he relished at once. He improved from the beginning, the eczema disappeared and now he is fat and rosy, with a delightfully soft, clear skin. The Grape-Nuts diet did it. I will willingly answer all inquiries. Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich."

Read 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.

## 8 BODIES RECOVERED; 100 MAY BE DEAD

BUT LITTLE PROGRESS MADE IN REMOVING WRECKAGE.

## MAKE A NEW GRAVEYARD

Demand Upon Little Cemetery at Briceville Have Resulted in an Addition to the Area.

Briceville, Tenn.: Eight torn and mangled bodies were recovered from the Cross Mountain coal mine near this place about nightfall Sunday when search for the day was abandoned. It is estimated that more than 100 men are entombed in the mine and practically no hope for a single life is entertained except by the sorrow-stricken families who keep vigil watch at the mouth of the mine.

For more than thirty-six hours every surviving miner in this region had toiled with no thought of food, sleep or pay to remove the debris and force fresh air into the innermost recesses of the mine. They practically have penetrated to the main entry head, three miles in.

Black damp developed late Sunday and retarded progress but the force pushed on until some were carried out, overcome by noxious gases.

Demands upon the little Briceville graveyard occasioned by this holocaust have necessitated steps being taken for the creation of a new cemetery. Land was staked out and preparations made for excavating graves in which to bury the explosion victims as fast as they are brought out, identified and prepared for burial.

When the "coffin train" reached Briceville Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, bringing 175 burial caskets from Knoxville, its shrill whistle resounded up the still valley as if it were an echo of the call of death. The advent of the train was a signal for the renewal of the grief suffered by the loved ones in the many fatherless and husbandless homes, made so within the previous twenty-four hours. This was intensified as the grewsome pine boxes containing the coffins were piled high, one upon the other.

Up to 6 p. m. Sunday no official or semi-official opinion had been given out as to the cause of the disaster. It is generally believed, however, that the disaster was due to a "dust explosion," which is occasioned from the presence of an excess of fine coal and mine dust upon the floor of the mine. When the combination of gases and dust are ignited an explosion and concussion follow with terrific force and terrible effect.

## McNAMARAS IN PENITENTIARY.

## An Uneventful Trip Made Sunday from Los Angeles to San Quentin.

San Quentin, Cal.: The McNamara brothers entered the San Quentin penitentiary, where James B. is condemned to spend the remainder of his life for his confessed crime of murder in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion, and where John J. is sentenced for fifteen years for dynamiting.

As the prison clock struck ten, John J. stepped over the threshold of the jail door, with his brother directly behind him. In five minutes James B. had become convict 25,314, and John J. No. 25,315. They were measured for jail clothing, photographed in two positions, given a carbolic tincture bath, put into stripes, shaved and cropped and re-photographed within an hour.

They will be put to work in the jute mills. However, James B. will be examined for tuberculosis, and if he shows any symptoms of it he will be given other work.

## WIPES OUT DEFICIT.

## Annual Statement Shows Surplus for First Time Since 1883.

Washington: For the first time since 1882 the annual financial statement of the Postoffice Department shows a surplus instead of a deficit. The revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911, amounted to \$277,879,706.48, leaving a surplus of \$237,879,706.48, according to the report of the postmaster general. At the beginning of the present administration in 1899 the postal service was in arrears to the extent of \$17,479,770.47, which was decidedly the largest deficit on record. In the brief space of two years this deficit has been changed into a substantial surplus.

## WHARF COMPANY VALUATION.

## Engineer's Report Shows Higher Figure Than Former Engineer.

Austin.—The valuation of the property of the Galveston Wharf company is \$10,275,956, according to the report of Engineer R. D. Parker of the railroad commission. The report of R. A. Thompson, former engineer for the commission, made after he left the commission's service shows a valuation of this property at \$9,417,728, or \$858,227 less than Engineer Parker's figures.

# The MAGIC of the MISTLETOE



DRUIDS GATHERING MISTLETOE

When you ever, as you officiated as high priest or priestess in the osculatory rites of yuletide, did you ever wonder what tradition, myth or superstition had conferred upon you such delectable privilege?

Did you ever stop, in your ardent ceremonial, to consider that you were perpetuating one of the most hallowed and exalted of religious ordinances handed down through the ages in rendering its tender homage to this "orphan plant of wondrous birth?"

And would it not surprise you to learn that our very word "marry," and that our most impassioned of the graces of Terpsichore—the waltz—are traditionally enmeshed in the canny tendrils of the pearly-berried mistletoe?

The mistletoe is a freak plant, a parasite or excrement. In its embryonic period it is said to defy the laws of gravitation by pushing its radicles in the opposite direction to the generality of plants. Not only its berries but its leaves grow in clusters of three united on one stock, hence its sacred place in religious rites as a symbol of the Holy Trinity.

It was believed by the Druids and other ancient sects in northern and western Europe that any tree to which the mistletoe attaches itself is selected by God himself for special favor, and that all that grows on it is sent direct from heaven.

Contrary to the general belief, it is found more rarely on the oak tree than on the apple, ash, elm, poplar, willow and hawthorn, and it is due to this scarcity that it was vested with exceptional reverence when discovered clinging to the sacred tree of the Druids—a name derived from the Greek word drus, or druce, meaning an oak.

Says Pliny: "When it (mistletoe) growing upon an oak is discovered it is treated with great ceremony. They called it by a name (guthil, or guthel)—good heal, which in their language signifies the curer of all ills." After they have well and duly prepared their festive cheer under the tree, they bring hither a milk-white cow and a bullock, hitherto unyoked; then the priests in white vestiture climb into the tree and prune off the sacred herb with a gold hook, bill or sickle, the branches falling beneath into a white saggum sheet. They must never touch the ground. The common people remain at a distance, formed in a circle, while the priests approach with trembling awe the bloody victims, which were carried around the oven fire. After this the animals are slaughtered as a sacrifice—doubtless to the goddess of fecundity, for the mistletoe is a symbol of the prolific.

In the myths of all nations we find a "holy tree," a "world tree." Among the Druids, as well as among other creeds, this tree was the oak; and it is a very interesting thing to know that our word church—from kirk—finds its root in quercus, the generic name for the oak. This tree was cherished as the mother and nurse of man, and was supposed to be the dwelling place of the food-dispensing god. The ominous rustling of the leaves and the mysterious notes of the feathered songsters signified the presence of the divinity to the awe-struck votaries who consulted the indwelling oracle, burning odoriferous fumes in homage. The Dodonean oak and its oracle are celebrated in epic, myth and story. Its mystic ritual being zealously perpetuated by the Druids. They danced circular dances in consecrated groves, and the remnants of an old chant still preserved by the Celts—Hey Derry Down Dey, "in a circle the oak moves around"—reveals the archetype of our modern waltz.

Another reminder that "the groves were God's first temples" is found in the arches and vaulted roofs of Gothic church architecture, revered tokens of the bending arches of intertwined boughs. The Yuletide custom of decking our churches and our homes with boughs, wreaths and garlands finds its antecedence in heathen sanctuaries.

The spirit of Christmas is most magnanimously manifested in York, England, where they carry mistletoe boughs to the high altar of the cathedral and proclaim "a public and universal liberty, pardon and freedom to all sorts of inferior and wicked people." They suspend it under the chancel arch and bear it to the city gates, toward the four quarters of heaven. In the varied nomenclature of the word "mistletoe," according to the nationalities concerned, do we discover the magical virtues, with which the weird plant is invested. Dr. Johnson says the word is derived from miston, state of being mingled, tod or toe bush. In German it is mistel, mixed, and Saxon tan (Danish tiene, Dutch teene), twig, sprig. In Armorican, Welsh and Irish it is all yach, or its equivalent for all heal; and Pliny calls it omnia sanans, a term of similar import.

In upper Germany on Christmas morning they go about knocking on each other's doors, shouting "Gut hyl," the synonym for the Druid name. In Brittany it is the hebb de la Croix, which heals fevers and gives strength for wrestling. At the time of George I. it was called lignum sancta crucis—wood of the holy cross—so highly were its medicinal properties esteemed.

Hung about the neck it renders witches powerless. It is used in houses to drive out evil spirits. It is an amulet against poisons, and the inhabitants of Elgin and Moray keep it as charms. Throughout Britannia it had a place assigned to it in every kitchen, and a young man was deemed to have the right to kiss any lassie caught beneath the cherished branch, plucking off a berry with each kiss. If a maid were not kissed under the mistletoe it was a sign that she would not marry during the ensuing year, a tradition still prevailing. Even Mr. Pickwick availed himself of the pleasant privilege despite his oft-quoted injunction. To dream of mistletoe presages wealth, and in the language of flowers it signifies: I surmount all difficulties.

The Cymric, Celtic, Gaelic, Teutonic

## TEXAS NEWS GATHERED EVERYWHERE

Tyler has voted a \$50,000 bond issue for High School building purposes.

Three negroes were wounded in a shooting at Rockwall Saturday night in a railroad laborers' car. One will probably die. An arrest was made.

Johnny Bryant, the Anderson County boy, who grew 114 bushels of corn on one acre, and who was invited by the Agricultural Department at Washington to attend the National convention of boys corn club, has abandoned his trip, as he desired C. T. Stearns to accompany him, and this was impossible.

It is reported that \$6,483 bales of cotton has been given in Lamar County up to Dec. 1.

A prominent milling company closed one of the largest flour, meal and feed contracts with H. H. Watson of Longview the past week that has been made in Northeast Texas this year. The contract comprises 5,000 barrels of flour, 50,000 sacks of chops, 10,000 sacks meal and 3,500 sacks of bran, in all about 250 car loads.

Dallas County has sent \$300,000 in road bonds to New York, where they will be delivered to the purchasers.

Two carloads of turkeys were shipped from Goldthwaite, aggregating about 2,000 in number, and \$2,500 in value.

The Texas Citrus Growers Association will hold its annual meeting in Houston January 24th and 25th, 1912, during the Texas Land Exposition.

A new federal building to cost \$375,000 will be erected in Dallas in the near future.

The De Leon compress has handled 15,000 bales this season and there are 7,000 bales on hand now and perhaps 10,000 or more yet to come.

De Leon has received nearly 9,000 bales of cotton from wagons this season, nearly half of which is being held for a better price. The three gins have ginned more than 5,000 bales.

De Leon farmers have harvested 2,000 bushels of peanuts, which they are holding for \$1 a bushel, the over yield was about thirty-five bushels per acre.

The receipts of cotton at West now run to about 17,000 bales. Some large lots that have been held for some time are now being sold.

In Denton County forty-four new suits have been filed since the August term of the District Court, fifteen of which were divorce suits.

The Lewis Water Company, composed of a number of farmers who reside near Bartwell, has been organized. The company will sink a well, erect a windmill and tank, and pipe water to their residences and farms for domestic and irrigation purposes.

The contract for the new Federal Building in Mineral Wells has been let to John Barden of Fort Worth. Mr. Barden's bid was within the \$60,000 limit of the appropriation.

Leonard Morgan, a 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Morgan of Cameron, was accidentally shot by his older brother of 15 while handling a shotgun. The shot took effect in the top of the head on left side, and the right arm is paralyzed. The wound is considered serious.

J. O. Berryman, government farm demonstrator, offered a proposition to the county commissioners of Bee County, which was accepted, to place a demonstrator in Beville.

One and a quarter million pounds of wool were shipped last week from Kerr County to a Boston firm.

A 4,000 acre tract of land just north of Donna has been purchased by the Northern capitalists and will be divided into small tracts and put on the market at once.

Peanut raisers of Egan and Mays-town sections have already threshed seventeen thousand bushels of nuts.

The Santa Fe and Frisco railroads have improvements under construction at Brady that will approximate \$60,000.

The Texas-Mexican Institute, located at Kingsville will expend \$35,000 for the immediate cultivation of a 100-acre tract of land and the erection of farm buildings necessary for farm demonstration work.

The State Department of Agriculture in monthly cotton report shows gin-nings during November were 719,322.

The Texas iron ore fields is credited with 780,000,000 tons. According to the United States geological survey this field is second in production in the South.

The City Council of Bonham has let the contract to the Wichita Construction Company of Dallas for thirty blocks of concrete sidewalks. Several private contracts were awarded by citizens, and work is in progress on walks in all parts of the city.

The city of Midland through the Commercial Club is about to begin the construction of model roads in the vicinity of Midland. For this purpose they have secured the services of a good roads engineer of the United States Government.

## It Means Health For the Child

The careful mother, who watches closely the physical peculiarities of her children, will soon discover that the most important thing in connection with a child's constant good health is to keep the bowels regularly open. Sluggish bowels will be followed by loss of appetite, restlessness during sleep, irritability and a dozen and one similar evidences of physical disorder.

At the first sign of such disorder give the child a teaspoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at night on retiring and repeat the dose the following night if necessary—more than that will scarcely be needed. You will find that the child will recover its accustomed good spirits at once and will eat and sleep normally.

This remedy is a vast improvement over salts, cathartics, laxative waters and similar things, which are altogether too powerful for a child. The homes of Mrs. S. A. Pittman, Miguel, Texas, and J. C. Mills, Dumas, Texas, are always supplied with Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and with them, as with thousands of others, there is no substitute for this grand laxative. It is really more than a laxative, for it contains superior tonic properties which help to tone and strengthen the stomach, liver and bowels so that after a brief use of it all laxatives can be dispensed with and nature will do its own work.

Anyone wishing to make a trial of this remedy before buying it in the regular way of a druggist at fifty cents or one dollar a large bottle (family size) can have a sample bottle sent to the home free of charge by simply addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 201 Washington St., Monticello, Ill. Your name and address on a postal card will do.

## LOTS OF EXCITEMENT.



Stranger—But isn't this town pretty slow?  
Nadir—Slow? Say, nearly every evening there's the gol diggest most excitin' checker game at the store you ever seen!

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

"Rain in December is a sure sign of a good crop year," says an old timer. Well, we have had the rain good and strong.

The gent with the suit case filled with dynamite and alarm clocks should be discouraged. The wires should be connected, the clock set to going and the whole shooting match—gent and all be put in a dry well so that he might be gathered into his fathers—in a basket.

We wouldn't for a moment have our subscribers think that we would dun a person for their subscriptions past due, but owing to the attenuated condition of our last summer's wardrobe and the coolness of the northers, we would not refuse a few plunks between now and Christmas if they were offered. But we are not complaining, for the folks are mighty good about that. Most all of them came in and paid up before their time is out, just a few are behind and they are as good as gold.

Did you ever see a town knocker that was not a stingy man? Stinginess is what causes him to be a knocker. Don't pay any attention to him, for he can't help it. His soul is so small that it could be chucked with a thousand others like it into the little end of nothing whittled down to a fine point. Nature shortpotted him by giving him the heart of a hog, the stubbornness of an ass and the tastes of a buzzard. He wouldn't go into the "lake that burneth with fire and brimstone" for a nickel, but he would fool around the edge of it until he fell in.

Last week when the various labor organizations repudiated, deplored and denounced the acts of the McNamaras, they did not forget to denounce the officers for "kidnapping" and bringing the McNamaras into court where they got what was coming to them.

Old farmer Jones was once bothered by a smokehouse pest who insisted on borrowing bacon while Jones was asleep. Getting tired of extending such accommodations, Jones set a bear trap in his smokehouse, and one night he heard a cry for help coming from among his hams and middlings. Answering the cry, the farmer found a colored neighbor with his foot hard and fast in the jaws of the trap. Rastus, seeing that he was caught red-handed broke down and begged to be relieved from his misery. "Rastus, don't you think it is a mighty low-down trick to steal from your neighbor?" said Jones as he slackened the jaws of the trap. "Yes, I does, boss, it, sho am a mighty mean thing an I is sorry for it, but don't you think hit am mighty wrong to set a bear trap in yo smokehouse and bait it wid hog meat?"

These union labor leaders, like Rastus, are very willing when caught to acknowledge and denounce the crimes of the McNamaras, but it appeals to them as being awfully wrong in Mr. Burns to set a trap and catch them in their devilment. It appeals to one that from the utterances of these leaders, they are not denouncing the McNamaras for destruction and murder they wrought, but for their confession.

If these unions had co-operated with the authorities in ferreting out and punishing these dastardly crimes instead of blocking the way and hampering them, the public would be willing to believe that they are now sincere in their professions of good and lawful intent, but as they have done everything in their power to hamper and intimidate the officers of the law in bringing these criminals to justice and that the curtain is lifted and their crimes are revealed in the light of truth, their resolutions, professions and professions are a little late.

### Maine is Blown up From Outside

The Navel board examining the wreck of the battleship Maine, which was blown up one night in February, 1898 reported last week that the ship was destroyed from the out side by a mine containing a form of low explosives. The setting off of this mine under the hull of the vessel caused some of the powder in the ship's magazine to explode thereby making the disaster complete.

This confirms the report of the first board which examined the wreck. It is now beyond doubt that someone planted that mine and the ship was assigned a berth over it and that it was fired by an electric spark sent from shore. A wire found lying at the bottom of the sea leading to the shore confirms this conclusion. But who planted that mine and who pressed the button may ever remain a mystery, though Spain was accused of it and got the worst licking she ever toted, for it, yet it is possible she did not do it.

However, Spain needed a licken for the dirty way she treated the Cubans and her cruel and utter disregard of human rights and she got it.

### SCHOOL NOTES

The enrollment is very near two hundred. We are expecting to surpass this number by several after the holidays.

I understand that the school will dismiss for the holidays, Friday, December 22, and begin again New Year's day. This will give the teachers a chance to rest and go home and see their folks and sweethearts, and the pupils a chance to wear their Xmas clothes.

The pupils of the tenth and eleventh grades are having a close contest for the banner. I "kinder" hope our grade will win.

Professors Bennett and Roles excused the 11th grade from some examinations last month. We gave them a fruit shower. When it snows we are going to give them a snow balling. They did not pass the fruit around.

Miss Bernice Crawford was absent from school last week. We are glad that she is able to be with us again.

Mr. Charlie Roberts is out of school for a short time only we hope. The Latin class sorrows most when he is away.

The Choral club is advancing nicely. Why don't some more of you lovers of music come to hear them in the morning exercises.

The eleventh grade are shedding tears of joy because Algebra is almost completed but gloomy forebodings fill their hearts because Geometry is coming.

Do not forget the play Saturday night. The stage arrangement is perfect and the scenery grand. Be sure the players will do their part.

Well, everybody come to see us. Jaunita Durham, School reporter.

### WIMODAUGHSIS CLUB

The members of the Wimodaughsis Club, in their regular meeting, met with their genial hostess, Mrs. D. C. Durham, on 7th Avenue, Wednesday, December 6.

### PROGRAM

Club quotation: "And now sits expectation in the air."

Responses. "Customs of Early Days."

Song. "Sing Me To Sleep."—Misses Ethel and Jessie Foster.

Table talk. "Cooper And His Works."—Leader, Mrs. L. B. Cole.

Enticing, dainty and beautiful refreshments were served by the hostess in her usual attractive way.

### Announcements

Special services at the Sterling City Baptist church during the Xmas holidays, to be conducted by the Pastor and assisted by Elder W. J. Wade, of Talpa, Texas. Commencing at 7:15 p. m. Sunday 24, and to continue morning and evening the following week.

Special Xmas service at 11 a. m. the 25th. Special music.

All are cordially invited to attend this service that we may appropriately celebrate Christ's birth.

J. B. Ward, Pastor.

# CHRISTMAS

## COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR

### And we have spent the intervening time in getting something nice for each one, and We Have Succeeded!

It matters not, whether it is a present for Baby, Husband, Wife, Mother, Father, Grandpa, Grandma, Brother, Sister, Friend or Sweetheart, you will find it at Butler's.

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Within a year at the present rate, 90 per cent of our total sales will be "Printypes."

Thus The Oliver Typewriter, which first successfully introduced visible writing, is again to the fore with another revolutionary improvement—Printype, the type that prints print!

### TO CORPORATIONS:

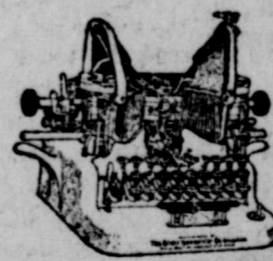
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### THANKS

Many many thanks to the members and friends of the Baptist church of Sterling City, who gave the Baptist pastor and his wife such a liberal pounding last Thursday the 7th. Amounting to about twenty-five dollars and consisting of a general variety of eatables from a side of pork to cans of Comet & Co.

The pastor and his wife wants to assure the donors that they appreciate the spirit that prompted the donation as well as for its variety, and trust that you will not have cause to regret the kindness thus shown us, and that indeed you will realize that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and that you will contribute as liberally and unselfishly to all lines of the Master's work as you have in this substantial donation.

I am your grateful pastor and friend.

J. B. Ward and wife.

### TRESPASS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, 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

### 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 SHEEPMEN

I hereby forbid any and all sheepmen to drive, herd or otherwise trespass on any lands owned or controlled by me. I have been imposed upon, and I take this method of informing the public that I will bear it no longer. R. W. Foster

CEMENT! E. E. Reams can furnish you cement in car lots or small quantities at low rates. Next door to Butler Drug Co.

## General Directory.

**Distal Officers.**  
 Judge—J. W. Timmins.  
 Attorney—Alec Collins.  
 Clerk—J. B. Cole.  
 Court meets 4th Monday after first Monday in February and September.

**County Officers.**  
 Judge—B. F. Brown  
 Attorney—  
 Clerk—L. B. Cole  
 Sheriff—Jno. H. Ayres.  
 Treasurer—E. L. Gilmore  
 Assessor—D. C. Durham  
 Surveyor—W. F. Kellis  
 Court meets first Monday in February, May, August and November.

**County Commissioners.**  
 Com'r. Pre. No. 1—B. F. Roberts  
 " " " 2—E. F. Atkinson  
 " " " 3—S. L. Hull  
 " " " 4—J. S. Johnston

**Justices Court.**  
 Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. B. F. Roberts J. P.

**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. J. T. Redmon Pastor.

**W. W. Foster, S. S. Supt.**  
 Baptist—Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Conference Saturday night before the 4th Sunday. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 o'clock p. m.  
 Rev. W. E. Dawn Pastor.

**Prof. L. C. Durham, Supt.**  
 Presbyterian—Preaching every 3rd Sunday in each month at 11 o'clock a. m.  
 Rev. Minck, Pastor.

**SOCIETIES.**  
 Masonic—Sterling lodge No. 728, A. F. & M. meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.  
 D. L. Stinson Secretary  
 W. F. Latham W. M.

**Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M. 8 o'clock on or before the full moon in each month.**  
 Mrs. N. L. Douglass W. M.  
 Mrs. O. H. Graham Secretary.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Don't forget the chance at the \$10 doll at Coulson's.

"Miss Sedley," the old maid, is worth the price of admission.

The streets are awfully muddy.

Red Cross Seals at Butler Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Carnes moved to Temple last week.

Dr. J. T. Elder Physician and Osteopath. SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

Wm Feindt and family moved in to their town residence this week.

Lost: A gold Sunday School Medal. Finder will present same to H. Q. Lyles Jr. and receive reward.

The band boys are hard at work on the exercises and it will not be long before the town will hear some good music.

Are you going to see "Tony the Convict" tomorrow night? It will be the finest theatrical effort ever seen in this town.

A Red Cross Seal on your Christmas mail will look mighty good. It shows that you have given money for suffering humanity, one cent each, at Butler Drug Co.

The ladies of the Wimodaughsis club will be at home to their friends Thursday afternoon, December 28, 1911, at the residence of Mrs. C. N. Crawford. From 2 to 6 p. m.

Sort Snap for the right man. I have 8 lots 3 blocks West of the High School on which is a nice young orchard all fenced with poultry wire which I will sell to the right man on long time.—J. A. Canon. 8t

"Weary Wayside," is a dandy. Don't fail to see and hear him Sat. night 16.

Is too often the fatal sequence Foley's Honey and Tar expels the cold, checks the lagrippe and prevents pneumonia. It is a prompt and reliable cough medicine that contains no narcotics. It is as safe for your children as yourself.

Butler Drug Co. 4t pd.

"Sally," the servant girl will make you laugh for a week.

The love scene of "Phillip" and "Lena" is most beautiful.

If you want to buy or sell land or livestock in Sterling City or Sterling City, see or write R. B. Cummins.

**FOR LEASE OR SALE**  
 Eleven sections of grazing land. Plenty of water. See or write R. B. Cummins.

Drop in and see the latest designs in fall and winter hats—just opened up.—Miss Cora Carver

Portland cement for sale next door to Butler Drug Co.  
 E. E. Reams. 2t.

The total rainfall for the week is 3 1/2 inches. This is a remarkable showing in December for this country. The ground is well soaked.

"Tony the Convict" will be set off by some splendid scenery by a real artist. Don't miss the play. Your money will be invested in seats for the school.

A. A. Gamble and family will shortly leave for Anson where Mr. Gamble will spend some time in improving some property he recently purchased in that town.

Marion Mitchell and James Alsop last week trapped a large gray wolf on J. L. Glass' ranch. The hide is a fine trophy. The mane on the neck and down the back is fully six inches long.

**A BARGAIN.** I have 300 feet of new 3/4 galvanized piping and a 1 1/2 horse power new Waterloo gasoline engine which I will sell for cash or good note. 8t —J. A. Canon.

## SANTA CLAUS

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TOYS DRESSING CASES  
 DOLLS BOOKS  
 CARTS VASES  
 WAGONS



## JEWELRY

Jewel Caskets, Water Sets, Scissors, Wicker Work Baskets and stand, New Post Card Novelties, and many other things---the house is full of 'em.

**COME AND SEE**

## C. L. Coulson

R. P. Brown and wife came in last Saturday to assume charge of the blacksmith shop, recently vacated by E. M. Staggs. Mr. Brown is a splendid fellow as well as a good mechanic and we are predicting that he will be popular in his line with the public.

Hunter's Magazine is the only thing of its kind in the world. Every student of Texas history should read it. The price is 10 cents per copy or \$1. year. Ad. dress John W. Hunter at San Angelo or Marvin Hunter at Ozona, Tex.

## THRU DECEMBER

Goods to Exchange for Spot Cash

I will make the following low prices, for cash, through the month of December, only:  
 3 cans Corn 25c  
 3 cans Peas 25c  
 3 2lb cans Tomatoes 25c  
 3 3lb cans Hominy 25c  
 3lb can Kraut 10c  
 3lb can Tomatoes 10c  
 5lb Oat Meal 20c  
 3lb can Pie Apples 25c  
 3 pkgs 2lb Oat Meal 25c

This is only a few of the many items. All other prices in proportion to those above quoted.

## H. Q. LYLES

Miss Cora Carver has just received a nice line of fall and winter hats of latest designs and shapes. Call in and see them.

**LOST**—Last Saturday night, between W. L. Foster's ranch on Sterling creek and town, one saddle. Finder will please deliver it to me at the gin and I will pay him for his trouble. 2tpd —B. O. Franklin

**GIN NOTICE.** After the present week the gin will run on Mondays and Tuesdays only. Market price will be paid for cotton remnants at the gin.

## ABOUT THIS TIME

The question of Holiday Gifts must be considered. Our store is a good place to spend your money, as you are sure of getting full value for your investment and we have a large assortment of practical and appropriate Gifts, such as

Carving Sets	Scissor Sets
Pocket Knives	Safety Razors
Shaving Sets	Carpet Sweepers
Chafing Dishes	Percolators
Fancy China	Rugs
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And many other useful as well as ornamental gifts  
 A special discount on shotguns during the holidays

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A splendid line of first-class Holiday goods being opened up.

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### NOTICE—KEEP OUT.

Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, 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

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 SHEEPMEN

Notice is hereby given that I forbid, and will not allow any sheep herded on or driven across any lands owned or controlled by me, under pain of prosecution. Take notice and keep out. 4mpd F. M. ASKLEY

### TRESPASS NOTICE.

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## FIRST STATE BANK OF STERLING CITY

CAPITAL PAID UP \$40,000.00

"All non-interest bearing and unsecured deposits of this bank are protected by the Depositors Guaranty Fund of the State of Texas," amounting to approximately \$2,000,000.00  
 Capital ..... 40,000.00  
 Additional liability of stockholders ..... 40,000.00  
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## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

at Sterling City, in the State of Texas at the close of business Dec. 5, 1911

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$94,716.43
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	576.90
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	186.90
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	14,303.73
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	2,340.43
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust companies and Savings Banks	30,618.17
Due from approved reserve agents	250.33
Checks and other cash items	605.00
Notes of other National Banks	12.13
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	4496.80
Legal-tender Notes	720.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	750.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$164,565.87</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$60,000.00
Undivided Prof. & less Expenses and Taxes paid	7,548.07
National Bank Notes outstanding	15,000.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	837.17
Individual deposits subject to check	71,105.63
Cashier's checks outstanding	575.00
Bills payable, including certificate of deposit for money borrowed	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$164,565.87</b>

STATE OF TEXAS )  
 COUNTY OF STERLING )  
 I, J. S. Cole, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. S. Cole Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Dec. 1911

Jeff D. Ayres, Notary Public

(SEAL) Correct—A test:  
 W. L. Foster, )  
 J. T. Davis, Jr. ) Directors  
 B. F. Roberts, )  
 H. Q. Lyles

### SHEEP WANTED

We have two men in Lubbock county that want to go into the sheep business and will trade some of the finest land in Lubbock county for ranch or sheep, if your price is right, write us what you have to offer, our commission in case a trade is made through us is five per cent of total consideration.  
 Patterson & Son,  
 Lubbock, Texas

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 W. L. Foster

### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

## DORAN HOTEL

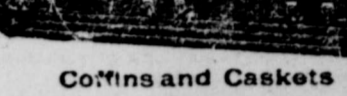
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