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SOMETHING NEW YET OLD :

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SONORA, TEXAS. - December 23, 1899.

A series of experiments which have been carried on for some time past by the agricultural department have recently developed a new use for corn stalks, from which a very valuable horse and

cattle food can now be made. The department has done much work with corn stalks in the last year and has developed several valuable uses for them, namely, cofferdam packing for warships, a high grade of writing paper, the basis of a smokeless powder superior to the picric acid powder and several other uses. The new cattle food is made by grinding the dry corn stalks, leaves and tops and mixing it with blood or molasses or both. This is pressed into cakes under a hydraulic press and can be shipped as easily as bricks or cordwood. For feeding it is broken up and mixed with water. Actual tests have been made at experi-

ment stations and samples have been sent to agricultural stations in Europe. The reports from all sources are very encouraging. It is said at the department that this food will be particularly valuable for our cavalry in the tropics, and that the food cakes can be made at a minimum cost in Cuba and the southern states, where thousands of tons of low grade molasses go to waste annually and where the cane refuse ground fine forms almost as satisfactory an absorbent base as corn stalks. The cost of making the food cakes under favorable conditions would be from \$10 to \$12 a ton and their value on a nutritive basis would be from \$22 to \$25.—Texas Stockman and Farmer.

#### A WARM RECEPTION.

He Arrived Home Too Soon and Did Not Make a Good Impression.

This resident of Alfred street came home at the end of the week instead of three, as he intended when he started on his business trip. He had his valise in his hand and rang the doorbell with a vim.

"Pity you couldn't bring a gong with you," snapped the sour faced maid who answered the call. "What's the sense of makin' such a racket? We don't want anything today." And she slammed the door in a way that showed she didn't mind noise if she made it.

"Open that door," shouted the angry owner.

"Go on, now. I don't buy sothin of peddlers, we don't. I has my orders. Quit kickin' that door, or I'll telephone for the police. I don't you think you kin skeer me. Close on yourself."

"Let me in," said the proprietor of this establishment, "and I'll show you a husband of your mistress."

"That's a very nice, such a lookin ole frump as you are. Make yourself scarce now for a baldheaded ole fraud."

He was ten times madder, because he is 15 years older than his pretty wife, and jumped down on the veranda whiffles, waved his valise and made a dash for vengeance.

Before he was plucked enough to see straight the virago was upon him with a flatiron, and here was nothing for him but ignominious flight. He was just well under way when his wife appeared from down town and called a halt.

Of course she called into her for having such a girl, gave the maid five minutes' notice, went through the house like a storm and could only smile the sickly smile when he saw the new servants scudding through the back gate.—Detroit Free Press.

#### FULTON'S STEAM WARSHIP.

The Recommendation to the Government Signed by Noted Men.

It is interesting in the light of the achievements of our navy in recent years, especially those of the splendid fighting machines propelled at the rate of 20 miles an hour, to read the following report made during the war of 1812 on a proposition made by Robert Fulton to build a steam vessel for the protection of our harbors and seaboard cities:

See London, Jan. 8, 1814.  
We, the undersigned, have this day examined the model and plans of a vessel of war, submitted by Robert Fulton, to carry 24 guns, 21 and 32 pounders, and use rocket shot, to be propelled by steam at the speed of four to five miles per hour, without the aid of wind or tide. The properties of which vessel are: That, without masts or sails, she can move with sufficient speed; that her machinery being guarded she cannot be crippled; that her sides are so thick as to be impenetrable by shot; that she can take choice of position or distance from an enemy. Considering the speed which the application of steam has already given heavy floating bodies, we have full confidence that, should such a vessel move only four miles per hour, she could, under favorable circumstances, which may always be gained over enemies' vessels in our ports, harbors, bays and sounds, be rendered more formidable to any enemy than any kind of engine hitherto invented. And in such case she would be equal to the destruction of one or more twenty-four or of co-opting her of them to depart from our coasts. We, therefore, give our decided opinion that it is among the best interests of the United States to carry this plan into immediate execution.

STEVENS DECATUR,  
J. JONES,  
I. BIDDLE.  
On this report is the concurrence of S. Evans, O. H. Perry, L. Warrington and J. Lewis.—Washington Star.

#### Peel's Advice to Young Men.

Mental discipline, the exercise of the faculties of the mind, the quickening of your apprehension, the strengthening of your memory, the forming of a sound, rapid and discriminating judgment, are of even more importance than the store of learning. Establish control over your own minds, practice the economy of time, exercise an unremitting vigilance over the acquirement of habit. These are the arts, this is the patient and laborious process, by which, in all times and in all professions, the foundations of excellence and of fame have been laid.—Extract from Sir Robert Peel's Address to the Students of the University of Glasgow; from Charles Stuart Parker's "Life of Sir Robert Peel."

#### Advertiser.

A new and verdant postmaster in a small rural town had received instructions to advertise all letters mailed for at the end of a certain length of time. He obeyed orders by inserting the following advertisement in the village weekly paper at the end of the first week of his term of office:

"There are ten letters in the post-office that nobody has called for. If they belong to don't take notice and call by the end of the month, the letters will be sent to the dead letter office. Anybody expecting letters they ain't got can come and see if any of these letters belong to them. All take notice."

#### People Who Sharpen Their Teeth.

Recent studies of the Kaders, a race of short, dark skinned, curly haired natives living in the Annapual hills of southern India, show that they possess a remarkable custom not else where known in India—viz, the sharpening of the incisor teeth. This they accomplish by chipping the teeth to a point, giving them the form of cones.

The first Australian newspaper, the Sydney Gazette, was published March 5, 1803, 15 years after the rise of the colony. The delay was caused through there being no printers among the convicts, who represented every profession, including the legal.

The art of self defense is inculcated early among some of the wilder tribes of the Caucasus, who instruct their children as soon as they can walk in the use of the dagger.

#### CRAZY JOURNALISM.

NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED BY LUNATICS FOR LUNATICS.

The Publications That Are Issued in Madhouses and Asylums Are Almost Entirely Free From Gloom and Melancholia.

Dotted here and there over the earth are little colonies whose inhabitants are cut off from all intercourse with the everyday world by their own idiosyncrasies. Each individual lives in a world of his or her own creation, which, in the majority of cases, only two outside interests ever succeed in reaching—namely, the asylum doctor and the asylum magazine.

In some cases the proof sheets are just glanced at by the head doctor before the magazine goes to press, but they are written, printed and published by the inmates themselves.

Although America produced the first two lunatic journals, to Scotland belongs the credit of having started the first paper of this kind which has survived its infancy. In fact, the birth of lunatic journalism took place when the first number of The New Moon was issued from the Crichton Royal asylum, Dumfries, on Dec. 3, 1844. Since that date the following have seen successful launches: The Morningside Mirror, from the Royal Edinburgh asylum; The Excelsior, from James Murray's Royal asylum, Perth; The Fort England Mirror, Grahamstown, South Africa; The Murtly Magazine, from the Perth County asylum; Under the Dome, the organ of Bethlehem Royal hospital, London, and The Conglomerate, which belongs to the Middletown asylum, New York.

These magazines touch the journalistic ideal, as being written by the readers for their amusement, they cannot fail to hit the popular taste. We find that those mentally deranged like about four-ninths of their reading to take the form of travel and heavy prose articles of a strictly theoretical nature. The rest of the contents comes in order of quantity as follows: Humor, local notes, poetry, chiefly in a light vein; special articles on local theatricals and fiction.

The most striking feature about these journals is the almost total absence of gloom and melancholia, and we have it on the word of the doctor of one of the leading asylums that this is not owing to such contributions being tabooed. But now and again one comes on a poem or tale drenched with melancholia and morbid insanity. In one of these journals appeared a story written by the first person about a hero—undoubtedly the writer—who had his head twisted round the wrong way. The consequence was he invariably had to walk in the opposite direction to which he wanted to walk. This terrible fate haunts him right through the story, causing him to lose friends, money and everything else which man holds dear and ends up by his, in his own mind, murdering the girl who was to save him from himself.

According to the story, the heroine was standing on the edge of a great precipice. The hero is standing near. Suddenly the heroine becomes giddy and tatters on the brink. The hero tries to dash forward and save her, but of course runs the other way. Here comes a break in the narrative, which is finished by the following sentence: "And the gates of an asylum for those mentally deranged shut the writer off from his friends in the outer world."

Apart from such tragedies as the above, the whole of these journals are saturated with humor. In one we find the following among "Questions We Want Answered":

"When does the Queen of Sheba intend to recognize the royal rank of the 'Prince of Wales? Did 'Marie Corelli' really tweak the doctor's nose? Why did 'Danjil' throw the ball at 'W. G.' head during practice at the nets? Perhaps it should be explained that the celebrities referred to above are not those known to the public, but other persons who claim their personalities and are detained in the asylums for that very reason.

A writer in The Fort England Mirror gives the following reason for his detention: "I met a young widow with a grown stepdaughter, and the widow married me. Then my father, who was a widower, met my stepdaughter and married her. That made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law and made my stepdaughter my mother and my father my stepson. Then my stepmother, the stepdaughter of my wife, had a son. That boy was, of course, my brother, because he was my father's son. He was also the son of my wife's stepdaughter and therefore her grandson. That made me grandfather to my stepbrother. Then my wife had a son. My mother-in-law, the step-sister of my son, is also his grandmother, because he is her stepson's child. My father is the brother-in-law of my child, because his step-sister is his wife. I am the brother of my own son, who is also the child of my step-grandmother. I am my mother's brother-in-law, my wife is her own child's aunt, my son is my father's nephew, and I'm my own grandfather. And after trying to explain the relationship in our family some seven times a day to our calling friends for a fortnight, I was brought here—no, came of my own will."

Another declares that he never found rest from his mother-in-law before, and he intends to hoodwink the doctors as long as possible. And yet another points out that it has always been the fate of really great men to be ignored or ill treated by their contemporaries, and that is why he is now detained. "For the thick skulls and those of little sense are jealous of my being the first to discover that we could all live forever if we would only walk on our heads instead of our feet."—London Mail.

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**The Adoration.**

Come where the babe in a manger is lying,  
Swaddled in clothing of innocence fair;  
Look to the east, where the darkness is flying,  
Chased by the gleams of his heralding star.  
See! the gray hills are enveloped in splendor,  
Humbly the shepherds in supplication bow;  
Softly a prayer to their visitants render,  
Spoken in words that are measured and low.  
See the fair angels with radiance surrounded;  
Hear their sweet voices like music divine;  
"Gladness attend you, and be not confounded!  
Jesus, the Christ, in Judaea shall reign!"  
"Glory to God in the highest!" is ringing,  
"Peace on the earth and good will toward men!"  
Angels celestial his praises are singing,  
Chanting their tidings again and again.  
See in the east! may it guide and direct us,  
Ever illuming our wearisome way;  
May its fair gleamings in sorrow protect us,  
And lead us from darkness to heaven's bright day.

hold in McIntosh, Tanglewood, Tex.

Gov. Sayers has called an extra session of the Texas Legislature to convene on January 23, 1900.

Brig. Gen. Metcalf of the famous twentieth Kansas, known as the "swimming regiment," received Washington today and called on the secretary of war. Gen. Metcalf frankly declares that the gov. has a very hard job before it to subdue the Philippines and keep them subdued. He describes the Tagals as Malays who have been given the advantage of Spanish schooling, a combination which he thinks is the toughest conceivable. He gives it as his belief that Aguinaldo can not be captured unless he makes up his mind to surrender. He says the rebel chief when cornered can walk through the American lines un molested and has no doubt done so a dozen times or more.

The rebels have two suits of clothes each, one they use as a uniform and one white suit. When in the field as soldiers they wear their uniform and when they want to visit in the towns within the American lines they simply take off their uniforms and put on white suits in which guise they go wherever they please with perfect freedom.

While the twentieth Kansas was occupying San Fernando it was not unusual to see 400 to 500 Tagal soldiers in the city at one time disguised in white suits and carrying bunches of bananas on their heads or baskets of eggs on their arms which they were offering for sale.

There was no way of proving them rebels, but at night they would disappear and turn up on the firing line, giving frequent utterances to the calls which were heard in the city in day time. They are wily and treacherous beyond the power of description. No dependence can be placed upon anything they say and if the rebellion is suppressed peace can only be maintained by the exercise of constant vigilance and by keeping a large army in the islands.

**War News.**

New York, December 14.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London, dated December 15 says: Cronkers and pessimists have held the field ever since it was known that General Methuen had retired from his advanced position after waiting over night in the hope that the Boers would evacuate their rifle trenches and allow him to convert a drawn battle into a victory. There was a feeble rally of credulous optimists for a few hours, while a stock exchange rumor was current that Ladysmith had been relieved and 10,000 prisoners had been taken by Buller, but the depression and gloom steadily deepened as the full extent of General Methuen's losses were revealed and the cold, hard truth was discerned that the Highland brigade had been entrapped, like Gatacre's force, while seeking to surprise the enemy, and slaughtered without having a soldier's chance of winning a victory.

From every London and provincial came a loud cry for more troops, another division at once, and a fresh army corps behind it, and if necessary, every man to the front in order to retrieve a national disaster and restore the British prestige throughout the empire.

One panic-stricken Tory journal warned the ministry that they were likely to be confronted with a widespread agitation like that which arose during the Crimean war. Military writers lost their self-possession, and advised the abandonment of Kimberley to its fate, the withdrawal of Methuen's force to the Orange river, where it could go to the rescue of Gatacre, and defensive tactics in general until a second and even third army corps could be sent to South Africa. They failed to point the true moral of this week's disasters, which is that fresh troops are not wanted so much as generals capable of directing them cautiously and effectively against a wary and ingenious foe.

The situation is not in reality so desperate as either the leader writers or the amateur strategists imagine. Lord Methuen's army has not been crushed, nor ought there to be serious difficulty in protecting its line of communication, which is guarded by not less than 10,000 troops. The chief danger is that Kimberley may be overwhelmed by the victorious Dutch force and Methuen's army left in the air without an objective or a motive. But the Boer commanders have been slow to follow up their opportunities hitherto, and seem incapable of conducting an offensive warfare, General Methuen's repulse, coming after General Gatacre's reverse, may increase the disloyalty and foment civil war in Cape Colony, but so long as Mr. Hofmayer and Premier Schreiner remain in office these effects will be minimized. General Buller, moreover, will receive the belated howitzer batteries today and be ready for operations on a large scale which may transform the fortunes of the campaign. He has a strong and well equipped army and General White is at hand to co-operate with him. The situation in Natal, if properly dealt with by a man of real military genius, as Buller is known to be, will undergo rapid changes during the next few days.

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**England Gloomy.**

London, December 16.—The social festivities which usually mark this season of the year in London have never been so few and far between, and they are quite unable to dispel the gloom overhanging all classes. The brave show kept up by a majority of the organs voicing public opinion is merely an instance of the grit of the British race. But it is powerless to allay the feeling of bitter grief and disappointment that pervades the length and breadth of the land. Nor is this confined to the regrets for the pent up criticism of the military authorities is finding vent in quarters that heretofore have studiously avoided, as premature, any strictures on either the war office or the generals in the field. Unless some striking change for the better soon marks the course of the British army there bids fair to break over the head of the government a storm of indignation such as has not been seen since the Crimea. That such a storm is not without cause is evidenced by information gleaned by a representative of the Associated Press that the authorities have already decided that a reorganization of the war office is absolutely necessary, and that it will not be delayed a day longer than can be helped, though it can scarcely be done until hostilities cease.

**For sale several new and second hand buggies, at Hunt & Sparks.**

The estimated population of the United States on Oct. 1, was 75,561,000. This is about 14,000,000 greater than in 1890. In the meantime the cattle have decreased 7,700,000 head. In other words in 1890 we had 52,802,000 cattle of all kinds to supply 62,922,000 people with beef and dairy products, we now have only 45,104,000 cattle to supply 75,561,000 people with beef and dairy products.

**Have You Contributed?**

Contributions to the Sonora Cemetery Association have been made as follows:

From entertainments the Association has received:

Fancy Dress ball, March 17, '98, \$38.50,  
Ice Cream and Cake, Sept. 16, '98, 12.70,  
Cake and Coffee, March 17, '99, 10.55,  
Membership dues, 33.00.

The following individual subscriptions have been received:

R. W. Callahan, deeded land to the value of	\$50.00
Geo. S. Allison subscribed cedar posts for fencing, value	25.00
CASH SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID:	
O. H. Wood	5.00
Sam Merck	5.00
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S. G. Taylor	2.50
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R. T. Baker	5.00
R. H. Wyatt	5.00
Dr. H. G. Colson	2.50
D. Joe Wyatt	5.00
T. D. Word	2.50
Anderson & Chisholm of Brownwood, by M. B. Atkinson	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Barksdale	3.00
C. Smith	5.00
Sam White	2.00
John T. Brown	2.50
Joe N. Ross	2.50
Mrs. T. D. Newell	2.50
W. A. Miers	2.50
Oyster supper Nov. 14	22.50
R. S. Holland, agent for the New York Life Ins. Co.	5.00

There are others who have contributed but the amounts have not been handed to the Treasurer.

The fencing is now on the ground.

**Gen. Lawton Killed.**

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major Gen. Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo. He was standing on the firing line in front of the troops, was shot in the breast and died immediately.

San Mateo was attacked at 3 o'clock and a three hours' fight ensued. This resulted in but a few casualties to the American side apart from the death of Gen. Lawton, but the attack was difficult because of the natural defenses of the town. Gen. Lawton was walking along the firing line within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench, conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore and a blue yellow raincoat. He was also easily distinguishable because of his commanding figure, the sharpshooters directed several shots which tipped the grass nearby. His staff officers called Gen. Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed with his usual contempt for bullets.

Orderlies ran across the field for surgeons, who dashed up immediately by their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a cloud of bushes and laid upon a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general. Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys.

San Mateo lies between a high mountain behind a broad, shallow stream in front, with wide sandbars, which the insurgent trenches and the building command. The Americans were compelled to ford the river under fire. It was while they were lying in the ricefields and yalleying across preparatory to crossing the stream that Gen. Lawton was shot. All except the officers were behind cover. A staff officer was wounded about the same time and one other officer and seven men were wounded. After several hours' shooting the Filipino were dispersed into the mountains.

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Governor Murphy granted requisition papers for Upshaw's extradition, and he is being taken back to answer for the crime—El Paso News.

New York, Dec. 12.—Special to the Devil's River News.—Considering news of Britain's reverses in Transvaal and the financial situation in New York, the cotton market has acted extremely well and with the slightest improvements in condition values will advance sharply; receipts below smallest estimates and crops look shorter than ever.

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**Claimants.**

There is daily increasing commotion among Indian deprecator claimants and their attorneys over the decision of the court of claims announced Dec. 4, disallowing a large number of claims growing out of one Indian raid in Menard, McCulloch and San Saba counties, Texas, in the summer of 1866 on the ground that the Indians who committed it were at the time hostile to the United States government.

These Indians according to the finding of the court were Mesquero Apaches.

The court decides that they were hostile not merely during that summer, but for a period of more than five years, beginning in November 1865. The decision therefore applies not only to losses sustained in the counties mentioned and in others adjacent to them in the summer of 1866, but to many others in other regions and extending through the longest period of consecutive hostility of a tribe or band of Indians that has ever been declared by the court.

Numbers of these losses were sustained in parts of Texas, distant from the scene of the particular raid referred to and in New Mexico and Arizona. Some 200 claims in all are said to fall under the ban of the decision, and the attorneys here are receiving many letters from their clients, who feel aggrieved.

These disappointed claimants naturally look anxiously to the result of a movement already in progress of organization and bidding for the support of all interested persons for amendment of the law by striking out the requirements that the Indians in question must have been in amity with the United States Government at the time of the loss technically a citizen of the United States. They make haste in writing to the attorneys to pledge their efforts and influence in support of this movement.

The ninth annual convention of the Texas Live Stock association will be held in the city of San Antonio commencing Jan. 22. A splendid program is being prepared and the attendance will be large.

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is arranged for the care and comfort of patients coming here for general and special treatment. Diseases of women given special attention. Ladies, in confinement will have the attention of a trained nurse. Diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat will be given special attention. Terms reasonable. For special arrangement call upon  
**DRS. TAYLOR & BETTES,**  
Office at Sanitarium.  
Office Hours: { Eight to ten A. M. and from Four to six P. M.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Knutsen-berger at Seattle, Wash., a short time ago a boy.  
Dr. O. B. Love the dentist left for San Antonio Thursday, to spend Christmas with his family.  
Tom Moss the stockman was in Sonora Monday from the ranch and says it is boggy down his way.  
G. W. Chesser the stockman was in Sonora Wednesday and reports that Chas. Schreiner the Kerville, wool man sold his wool, for 14 3/4 cents.  
Get a No. 7 Drop Head Domestic sewing machine for your wife for Xmas. Hagerlund Bros & Co. have them.  
Geo. Haley, one of the most popular cowboys in this part of the Territory where he has been at work for F. Mayer & Sons the cattlemen. George says old man Hord, Mat Lee and Tom Salmon are doing all right and that Tom Salmon expects to get married about Christmas but would not tell us what kind of a girl she was.  
**\$25 REWARD.**  
Lost from the T half circle ranch, about the last of November 200 head of muttons, branded red hat on left side. Will pay \$25 reward for their return, and all incidental expenses in caring for them. Leave information at the News-office, Sonora, Tex.

Full line of fancy candies, fresh fruits and vegetables at McCleary & Deere's.  
Mat Karnes the stockman was in Sonora Monday, for supplies for Christmas.  
If you want to buy stock, ranch or town property, see R. S. Caruthers & Co's list for sale at a bargain.  
J. T. Cate the stockman from near Fort Terrell, was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.  
Extracts, flavorings peppers and spices at cost at McCleary and Deere's.  
Walter Whitehead and Walter Childress, well-known stockmen passed through Sonora Monday on their way to San Angelo.  
Place your orders with McCleary & Deere. They shall receive personal attention. Goods delivered to all parts of town.  
J. P. McConnell left for Brownwood Monday where he will look after the feeding of the Russell & McConnell bulls. He will be absent about two months.  
H. C. Hunt, the new livery man, has received a consignment of double and single rigs. If you want a stylish turnout, see Hunt.

**GRAND OPENING OF  
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Everybody Invited to Call and Examine.  
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Hunt up Hunt's livery stable when you come to Sonora.  
Joe Beck of McKavett was in Sonora Sunday shaking hands with several of his old friends.  
Good drivers and stylish double or single rigs at Hunt's livery stable.  
Louis LeMin bought 2600 muttons from James Patterson of Kimble county at t.p.  
Hagerlund Bros. & Co. have a full stock of gents furnishing goods to select from.  
J. Simon the gentlemanly representative of the Lone Star Brewing Co., of San Antonio, was in Sonora a few days last week in the interest of his firm.  
Do not forget Hagerlund Bros & Co's millinery department. Ladies hats trimmed to order.  
The ladies of the Cemetery association wish to acknowledge the receipt of \$2 from R. S. Caruthers to the cemetery fund.  
Remember we have just received a full car load of furniture.  
Hagerlund Bros. & Co.  
E. P. Chisholm of the firm of Anderson & Chisholm the monument dealers of Brownwood, was in Sonora this week looking after business. M. B. Atkinson is their agent in Sonora.  
When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f  
Generally speaking grass is good in the range districts of the State and cattle have entered the winter in better condition than for years. Wherever practicable ranchmen have provided an abundance of roughness to carry their stock safely through any severe weather and no matter how unfavorable the winter may be, losses will be very light.  
J. W. Waddle the stockman from Edwards county was in Sonora for a few days this week.  
A. W. Haley the Sutton county cowman, came in Saturday, enroute to the London county after a load of cotton seed.  
Mrs. T. B. Phillips has been in from the ranch the past week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner.  
W. A. Williamson, Clarence Atchison, N. C. Patterson and Jas. Turman are attending court in San Angelo, as witnesses in the Will Martin case.  
Sheriff Taylor has received a communication from Sheriff W. T. Catis of Petersburg, I. T., that the man, Will Graves, now in jail here on a charge of hog theft, is wanted at Ryan, I. T., for the theft of a wagon.  
Messrs. Nat Sandherr and Jas. Baker have bought out the 2 Brothers Saloon, formerly run by John Baker and will conduct the business at the same old stand. These are both well know, clever and correct young men, and they propose to carry the best class of goods in their line. The house will be conducted orderly and they respectfully invite their friends to call assuring them fair and courteous treatment.—Kimble County Citizen.  
The bad weather of the past few days did not seriously affect the stock interests of the Sonora country. The poor cows were "drawed" some but the fine season the rain put in the ground will more than offset any damage.  
Do you want a car load of canned pears at McCleary & Deere's.  
W. L. Lock left for Sherwood Monday, where he will spend Christmas with his family.  
For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's.  
Geo. Cox is busy getting their race horse Yellow Wolf ready for the races.  
The finest, purest candies, nuts and fruits at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.  
J. V. Bailey of Upshur county, was in Sonora several days this week wanting to buy a carload of fat mares.  
Buy your candies to trim your Xmas cake from McCleary & Deere.  
Geo. Allison brought in his two race horses, Sundown and Mome, and Jess Mayfield's colt Monday, and is getting them in shape for the holiday races. Geo. Walden has them in charge.  
McCleary & Deere, agents for Dallas News, Houston Post, Chicago Saturday Blade.  
Try those canned pears at McCleary & Deere's.  
W. C. Page was in from the Roundtree, ranch Tuesday for supplies.  
Dan Cauthorn the well known mutton speculator was in Sonora Saturday on a visit to his brother A. R. Cauthorn.  
For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's.  
J. M. Thomason the sheepman came in from his sheep on Dry Devil's Friday and reports everything all right.  
20 per cent reduction on our capes, shirt-waists and sailor hats. Hagerlund Bros. & Co.  
El Jackson the stockman was in Sonora Thursday from Mart Tankersley's ranch where he has his sheep.  
Get the daily market report at R. S. Caruthers & Co's.  
S. H. Gilmer formerly a druggist of Kerville has accepted a position with E. S. Briant our druggist.  
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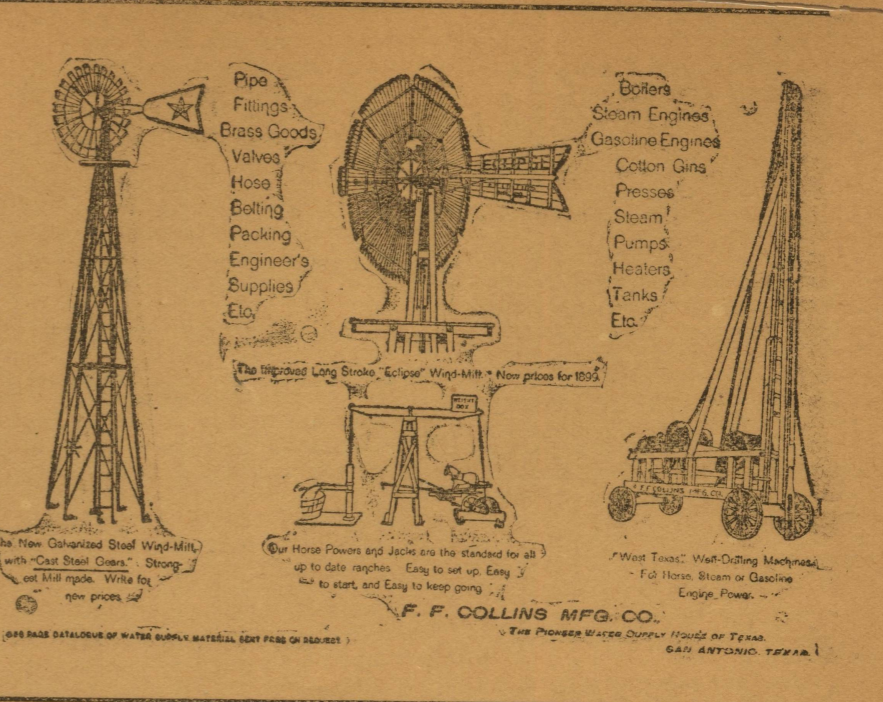
**Christmas Races.**  
New program, larger purses, Bring on your horses and take the money; \$325 in purses. Holiday races Sonora, Texas. December 25, 26, 27, 1899.  
**RACING PROGRAMME.**  
1st race.—Monday, December 25th, one-fourth mile dash; purse, \$100; nothing barred.  
2nd race.—Tuesday, December 26th, three-eighths mile dash; purse, \$100, first horse in first race barred.  
3rd race.—Wednesday, December 27th, half mile dash; purse, \$125; first horse in first and second race barred from entrance.  
Entrance fee, ten per cent of purse. Four to enter and three to start. Purse will be divided as follows: First horse, 70 per cent; second horse, 20 per cent; third horse, 10 per cent.  
American Turf Association rules to govern all races.  
A. J. SWEARINGEN, FRANK SPARKS, MIKE O'MEARA, GEO. S. ALBISOF, Committee.  
Grand ball at the court house, Monday night, December 25th, admission free.  
XMAS GROCERIES:—Preserves Jellies and Jams, Durkees salad dressing, Queen olives, asparagus, pure maple syrup, Andersons concentrated soups, figs, pecans, almonds, Brazil nuts, California walnuts, citron, lemon and orange peel, raisins etc, etc, at Hagerlund Bros. & Co.  
McCleary & Deere will treat you right on anything in the fruit and grocery line. At Benson's old stand.  
For cheap grain and hay go to Hunt's. 91  
Put your team in Hunt's stable when in Sonora. Good care taken of horses and rigs.  
John Mayfield the well known stockman, and Mrs. Cart. Mayfield left on Monday stage on their way to Bosque county, where they will spend the holidays.  
Chas. Zenker has bought the Star Saloon, next door to his old place, and invites his friends from the Sonora country to call and see him. 72-1f  
Hop Wood was in from the sheep Tuesday, and says his mother arrived in Oregon all right and is doing as well as could be expected.  
FOR SALE—3840 acres of good grazing land in a body. One third cash, balance three and five years in Sutton county.  
L. N. GOLDBECK  
Austin, Texas.  
J. Q. Sharp and Lee Fish returned from a hunting trip to the North Llano, Sunday. They killed eleven deer, which they sold in Sonora.  
The famous Harper whiskey and other fine liquors at Fred Schmidt Parlor Saloon in San Angelo. 97  
Dr. H. G. Colson was in from the Whitehead ranch for a few days this week buying Christmas supplies, and shaking hands with his numerous friends.  
M. B. Atkinson the stockman and agent for Anderson & Chisholm the monument men of Brownwood returned from a business trip to Ozona Monday.  
Dr. O. B. Love has arrived in town and has a nicely arranged office at the Commercial Hotel. He invites those needing dental work to call and see him. 21 tf  
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