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OUR X-MAS GIFT TO THE PUBLIC FOR 20 DAYS BEGINNING DEC. 10th.

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7c Brown Domestic, during this sale,	at 5 1-2 c.	\$ 9.00 Capes, most fashionable designs,	at 85.30.
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10c Bleached domestic, Fruit of Loom,	at 8 1-4 c.	1.75 and \$2. Capes, splendid values,	at 1.20.
85 c and \$1. Fancy Novelty Suitings	at 55 c.	1.00 to 3.50 Shirt waists, Less than cost, 55 c to 1.80	
50 c Wool Jacquards, during this sale,	at 25 c.	22 1-2 Yards of Calico	for \$1.00.
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WE HAVE AN ARTIST IN CHARGE OF OUR MILLINERY DEPT. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRICES AND GET YOUR WINTER HAT. THE STYLES ARE CORRECT.

HAGERLUND BROTHERS & COMPANY.

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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

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Stockman's Paradise.

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Sonora, Texas, Dec 8, 1900.

PRESENTS FOR HIS WIFE.

The World's Story of How He Finally
By Came to Turn.

"Hello, old man! What have you in all these bundles?" asked a gay, airy young bachelor of a careworn, solemn looking young man as they met in a suburban railway train.

"Presents for my wife," was the sentimental reply. "It's her birthday."

"Well, what are you bringing your wife in that package from your tailor's?" gayly pursued the bachelor.

"Trousers," was the answer.

"What?"

"Yes, I repeat—trousers. Just you listen. On my birthday my wife got me three or four beautiful lace handkerchiefs, such as women carry at afternoon teas and such places, and a black velvet hat with high feathers, one of the three story kind that obstruct your view of the stage in the theater. They looked mighty well on her, and she asked me if I wasn't having a nice birthday.

"Well, I didn't mind that very much, but when Christmas came I got another deal of the same sort. I gave my wife a pretty gold ring. She gave me a turquoise ring too small to go over any of my knuckles, and she wears it now next to the one I gave her. But that wasn't the worst of it. She got her sister to give me some after dinner coffee cups and my sister to make me a lot of lace doilies. That was all I got for Christmas.

"Tomorrow is my wife's birthday. In this package I am bringing her a pair of trousers which I had made to my measure and which I shall wear. In this parcel is a pair of the very best patent shoes, size 8 1/2, a good deal too big for my wife; in this package is a box of cigars, and in my pockets I have a new meerschaum pipe and a packet of tobacco. Now, I don't see how she can fail to have a happy birthday. Do you? I hope she'll enjoy it, for I want to get even for all the pretty things she has given me."—London Tit-Bits.

A Case of Highway Robbery With a Peculiar Ending.

What the hero of this story kicks about is the fact that his wife forgot her sacred word never to say anything regarding it. His business keeps him out late, and he frequently carries considerable money. When footpads are reported in evidence, he gets as near home as he can by street car and then takes the best lighted route to his house.

One night he had reached the front of his own place and had just drawn a long sigh of relief when the order "Hands up!" startled him into compliance. One man held a gun in the immediate neighborhood of his ear and another systematically robbed him of everything worth carrying off. The order then was that he walk around the block so as to defer the use of his telephone, and it was clearly stated that any attempt to turn back, run or call for help would result in his being assassinated.

Before he reached the corner it struck him that the voice of one of the men sounded familiar and then that its owner was a near neighbor graciously given to practical joking. Back he went on tiptoes, his revolver in his right hand, and surprised the footpads as they were dividing the spoils. He made them lay everything on the walk, and when they straightened up awaiting the next order he discovered that both were total strangers. His hand dropped from sheer terror, and then the robbers ran one way, while he sprinted the other. Half an hour later he, his wife and a lantern, a revolver and the hired girl went out and found his money, watch, papers and diamond pin. His wife simply rained the story by telling it first.—Detroit Free Press.

A Clever Canary.

A lady who had lost a canary happened to be attracted by a bird that was hopping about in its cage in the front window of a house in New York. Thinking that it looked very like her own, she knocked at the house door and asked a few questions about it. She was told that it had been found one cold morning sitting on the window sill and was taken in and cared for. The lady said her bird could perform the pretty feat of picking up a pin and sticking it in the carpet. Being allowed to test this bird, the cage door was opened and a pin thrown on the floor. The canary—at once flew down to it, picked it up in its bill and cleverly stuck it upright in the carpet, after which it burst into song, as if rejoicing at its success. The folk of the house, believing the lady had proved her ownership of the bird, permitted her, says Little Folks, to take the songster away to her home.

A Lunatic's Wit.

As Horace Mann sat in his study one evening an insane man rushed into the room and after abusing him for all kinds of fancied grievances challenged him to a fight.

Mr. Mann replied: "My dear fellow, it would give me a great pleasure to accommodate you, but I can't do it, the odds are so unfair. I am a Mann by name and a man by nature—two against one! It would never do to fight."

The insane man answered: "Come ahead, I am a man and a man beside myself. Let us four have a fight."

Don't Be Slow.

If a child is "slow" around home and takes an hour to dress when only a quarter of that time is necessary, it is a bad habit. The "slow" men and women are those who fail to make a success of life. How often you see grown people tinker about something a half a day that could be done in an hour! They learned the habit as children.—Atehlson Globe.

An Instantaneous.

Lawyer (examining witness)—Where was your maid at the time?
Lady—In my boudoir, arranging my hair.

Lawyer—And were there also?
Lady (indignantly)—Sir!—Exchange.

The men-of-war of the Romans had a crew of about 228 men, of which 174 were oarsmen working on three decks. The speed of these vessels was about six miles an hour in fair weather.

On the Edge.

A little boy fell out of the bed at his home in Idlewild some nights ago, and when his mother and some of the other members of the family teased him about it he felt very much as if he had done something disgraceful and cried as if his little heart would break.

His mother saw that she was on the wrong tack, so she ceased to tease him and made the others quit doing so and made a show of sympathy by asking:

"My child, how on earth did you come to fall out of bed?"

"I don't know, mother," he replied, "unless I went to sleep right where I got in."—Memphis Scimitar.

Pocketed the Insult.

At the close of a performance given as a benefit to John Brougham, the actor and dramatist, one of the audience threw upon the stage a purse of gold. Brougham picked it up and after examining it said, "Ladies and gentlemen, circumstances compel me to pocket the insult, but," looking grim, "I should like to see the man who would dare to repeat it!"

\$150.00

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F.N.E

Turkey Shoot
CHRISTMAS MORNINC.

Grand Free Ball
CHRISTMAS NICHT

SPLENDID
Christmas Tree
CHRISTMAS EVE.

Selecting Glassware.

To select glass with discretion it is necessary to understand somewhat of its manufacture and to recall the properties of the chemicals of which it is composed. These materials are chiefly soda, potash, lime, alumina and oxide of lead. The quality of the glass to be manufactured depends upon the amount of the basic material united with the silica or sand. The best glass is made with lead, which gives to it luster, fusibility and high refractory powers. It is often called flint glass to distinguish it from lime glass, which is much cheaper and of a decidedly greenish tint.

Flint glass is that which is most generally used for cutting and polishing. It may be plicked out by the clear, bell-like tone which it sends forth when struck. This test may be made without any danger of breaking the glass if it be held firmly in one hand while the upper part or edge is sharply struck with a pencil or other instrument, the only care requisite being to see that the glass does not touch any object when it is struck, since if there be room for it to vibrate glass will never break.—Harper's Bazar.

A Beggar's Reasoning.

First Beggar—Why didn't you tackle that lady? She might have given you something.

Second Beggar—I let her go because I understand my business better than you. I never ask a woman for anything when she is alone, but when two women are together you can get money from both, because each one is afraid the other will think her stingy if she refuses. This profession has to be studied, just like any other, if you expect to make a success of it. See?—Harlem Life.

The Remedy.

The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg was one day gambling at the Duberan tables and was betting on the same numbers as a rich master potter who stood next to him.

Both having lost their money, the grand duke—inspired, "Well, potter, what shall we do now?"

"Oh," replied the master potter, "your highness will screw up the taxes, and I shall make pots."

No Time to Be Lost.

He (timidly)—Now that we are engaged I—I presume I may—may—kiss you as much as I please, mayn't I?
She (encouragingly)—Yes, indeed. Make the most of your time, dear. There's no telling how long an engagement will last nowadays, you know.—Stray Stories.

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Absolute Lease Sustained.

The decision of the supreme court of Texas upholding the constitutionality of the absolute lease law puts an end to an agitation that has been prejudicial to the range interest without being helpful to any other interest. A different result would have introduced chaos in Western districts which are now sites of abundant and general prosperity, would have heavily decreased the revenues of the state school fund, and would have retarded rather than advanced the development of Western Texas.

Without a definite and permanent tenure in leased holdings, there could be no stability for cattle investments in western Texas, and that industry would revert to the nomadic conditions of twenty years ago. Neither the pioneer farmer nor the cattle raiser can thrive under such conditions.

The state has millions of acres of land for sale to home makers, and whenever the lands now held under absolute lease are wanted for such use they will be available. Until that time comes, the plainest considerations of business and of justice to the schools require that they should be so managed as to produce the largest possible annual revenue, and that is to be had only under the absolute lease.—Texas Stock and Farm Journal.

Just Saved His Life.

It was a thrilling escape that Charles DAVIS of Bowerston, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of Consumption. Then he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cure have for 25 years, proved it's power to cure all throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles free at E. S. Briant's drug store.

Wool Sales.

C. Palmer, of the firm of Hill & Palmer, San Antonio, purchased 90,000 pounds of 12 months wool, last spring's clip, from March Bros., at from 1 to 1 1/2 cents per pound less than the same stuff could be purchased for last August.

Geo. R. Topf, of Boston, bought the Carmichael, Perner & Co. wool clips, 8 months spring, from Chas. W. Hobbs, 200,000 pounds, at about 13 1/4 cents. He also bought from Chas. W. Hobbs 100,000 pounds 12 months wool at 14c.

Holders of twelve months wool, here and there over the state, are asking as much as 18c. This is said to be more than manufacturers can pay for such wools delivered at their mills north or east.—San Angelo Standard.

W. T. Campbell, one of the most prominent business men of Lampasas, was in the city yesterday on private business. Mr. Campbell says they are holding 12 months' wool in Lampasas at 17 cents.—San Angelo Standard.

E. F. Vander Stucken Co., will pay the highest market price for hides and pelts.

Lumber is on the ground for the building of an addition to the Mrs. R. A. Halbert residence now occupied by Mrs. Raudolph.

Christmas Celebration.

An enthusiastic meeting of citizens was held at the Court House Monday afternoon for the purpose of arranging a programme of the celebration of Christmas at Sonora.

John W. Hagerlund was called to the chair and D. B. Woodruff elected secretary.

It being the sense of the meeting that there should be given in Sonora a genuine good time to the people of the country and visitors, it was decided to have a Christmas tree, racing, turkey shooting and a grand ball.

It was decided to have two days racing and to hang up a purse of \$150 for same. The races are to be held on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th.

The first days racing to begin at 2 o'clock p.m., and to be a 3/8 mile dash, free for all for a purse of \$40.

The second race to be a 1-4 mile dash free for all, for a purse of \$35.

The third race to be a free for all 1-4 mile dash, for a purse of \$40, to be run at 2 o'clock Wednesday.

The fourth race to be a 300 yards dash for saddle horses only, for a purse of \$35.

It will be the endeavor of the committee in charge of the racing to bring the races off without the unnecessary and tiring delays that have been the custom.

The entrance fee for each race will be ten per cent of the purse. The winning horse taking all the purse. Four horses must be entered for each race and three to start. The winner of any race being barred from entrance in succeeding races.

The following committee to raise money for the purses were elected: J. J. Ford, T. D. Newell and A. J. Swearingen.

The following were elected a committee to arrange for and manage the races: R. C. Dawson, J. J. Ford, Frank Sparks, W. L. Aldwell and T. D. Newell.

The committeemen elected to take charge and make all arrangements for the turkey shoot on Christmas morning, are Geo. T. Kirkland, S. H. Stokes and D. B. Woodruff.

A grand free ball to be given. Christmas night will be under the management of the following gentlemen who were elected by the meeting: D. H. Burroughs, J. J. Brumley, Frank McGonagill, Max Vander Stucken and Alex. McGonagill. This committee was empowered to select others to assist as floor managers, reception committees, etc.

The Christmas tree will be held at the court house Monday the eve of Christmas and the public generally are invited to use the tree for the distribution of presents.

Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Mrs. A. R. Watson and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, were elected a committee to solicit subscriptions for the purchase of gifts for all children under eight years of age.

E. F. Vander Stucken was elected a committee of one to secure tree and have it placed in position.

The following ladies and gentlemen were selected as a committee to purchase gifts and decorate the tree: Mrs. J. H. Bradley, Mrs. J. L. Burroughs, Mrs. J. W. Hagerlund, Mrs. J. J. Ford, Mrs. A. R. Watson, Mrs. W. A. Anderson, Miss Mona Rountree, Miss Mattie Brown, Prof. J. H. Bradley, J. J. Rice, C. J. Nichols and Burt Bel lows. It is also the duty of this committee to secure the names of all children under eight years of age who will or who are likely to be present at the tree.

Paid Dear For His Leg.

B. D. Blanton of Thackerville, Tex., in two years paid over \$300.00 to doctors to cure a Running Sore on his leg. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles 25 cts, a box. Sold by E. S. Briant druggist.

A Keen Clear Brain.

Your best feelings, your social position or business success depend largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen, clear brain, high ambition. A 25 cent box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by E. S. Briant Druggist.

Jack McCrohan to W. C. Jones 60 cows and calves, at \$30.

F. M. Ellis, of Eden, sold 47 feeders steers, three up, to George E. Baugh, for \$27.

Yesterday Harris Bros. bought two cars of fat cows from Albert Kincaid for \$18.60 and shipped them to Kansas City.

Noble Fisk, of West Tom Green, bought from Doran of Sterling City, 65 cows and calves at \$50.

Payne & Jones sold to W. A. Glascock of Sonora, their Hereford bull Allison, for \$500.

W. L. McAuley, of Maverick, sold a half interest in his ranch and cattle in Crockett county, to W. E. Allen, of Ballinger, for \$20,000.

D. Swift, of Sonora, received in San Angelo Tuesday a car of cattle from Pittsburgh, Texas.

It is reported that Jim Rose sold his thirteen sections ranch, near Eden, to Sam Waring, of Concho county.

Hassard Bros. bought 19 ones and twos from J. S. Estes at \$15 and \$18.

Harris Bros., three cars of fat cows that they purchased from Thomson Bros. average \$10 in Kansas City and sold for \$3.10.

Jim Hinde sold to Bob Campbell, his nephew, 200 stock cattle, at \$16 a head. Bob is a worthy young fellow and the Standard hopes to see him a cattle king right before long.

R. H. Harris shipped a car load of his fat grass cows from his ranch in Coke county last week. They averaged 936 pounds at Kansas City and sold for \$3.30. This is probably the best article of common grass cows that has ever been loaded at the San Angelo stock pens.—San Angelo Standard.

Don't forget your coupons at Hagerlund Bros. & Co. and J. Lewenthals.

Braye Men Fall.

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles, as well as women and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at E. S. Briant's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

YOUR COUPONS PLEASE

The ladies of the Baptist church want all who have not promised their coupons to others to save the coupons for them in order to try and get the organ for the Baptist church. Those wishing to assist the ladies may hand their coupons to Mrs. A. R. Watson, Mrs. W. A. Anderson or Mrs. J. L. Davis.

A regular good old time is yours if you take Christmas in Sonora.

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EVERYTHING FIRST-CLASS.

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Gunsmith and Machinist,

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Plain Spurs or Bits \$2.50.

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All work First Class and Guaranteed

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REPAIRING A SPECIALTY.

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Suitable Gifts & Presents

To select a CHRISTMAS PRESENT is generally a vexing problem. But the Difficulty will be Easily Overcome if You will only Look through my stock. Experience has made me familiar with Your Wants and this season I offer for your inspection.

The Choicest, Prettiest, Finest Presents

Personally selected from the best houses in the Eastern and Northern Markets and consisting of

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IF YOU DON'T FIND WHAT YOU WANT

AT LEWENTHAL'S ITS NOT IN FASHION.

You are Invited to attend the GRAND OPENING OF CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY GOODS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER, 5th.

My Holiday Goods Must be seen to be Appreciated.

COUPONS WITH YOUR PURCHASES.

J. LEWENTHAL.

Moore's Pills are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamy Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Bloatingness, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poisoning produced from malarial poisoning. No Quinine. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. G. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street, St. Louis, Mo. or at J. Lewenthals drug store.

The Chas. Schreiner Company has established another distributing point for their vast trade by purchasing the stock of general merchandise carried by J. C. Taylor of Junction City, and will hereafter maintain a branch house at that place. Mr. Nathan Herzog has been absent in Junction all the week taking stock and supervising the arrangements for the opening, which occurred yesterday. Mr. A. C. Dauchy, who was in business in Prairie Lea for several years, and a man of fine qualifications, will have charge of the store.—Kerrville News.

"I'm sorry your marriage has turned out such a failure—and a rich wife, too."
"Yes, that's just it. Rich things never did agree with me."

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

W. J. FIELDS,
Sonora, Texas,
Dec. 8th, 1900.

Animal Barometers.

Shepherds and others who spend much time in the open air say that we may always know when it will rain by watching the ways of animals.

Thus, it donkeys bray more often than usual, or if they hang their ears downward and forward and rub against walls, rain will come on. When cats sneeze and when, also, they give up chasing their tails, look out for rain.

It will be rainy if the dog eats grass or is drowsy and stupid. Expect rain when sheep turn their backs to the wind, and when peacocks squawk a great deal and when pigs carry straw to their sties, or are very restless and give to much grunting, and when the mole throws up plenty of soil. Rain will come when horses

stretch out their necks and sniff the air. In districts where bats are found it will rain if they fly into the house or cry much.
And should oxen lick their fore feet or turn up their nostrils and sniff the air or lie on their right sides we may count confidently upon wet weather.

A cowboy appeared at a rail road station in Nevada and stated that he desired to ship to parents East, the body of a comrade who had been killed by a grizzly bear. In shipping the boy the agent noticed that it was quite heavy and not of the usual shape. In a few days came the cablegram: "Some mistake. Bill's body not arrived. Box contained a bear." The cowboy who was still at the station on a protracted spree, wired back: "No mistake. Bill inside bear."—R. by Banner.

"Yes," said the man, who is impecunious but amiable, "I'm working like a Turk now."

"What a Turk?"
"Yes. The Sultan of Turkey, for example. About the only exercise I get is dodging creditors."

Come to Sonora for Christmas and help us celebrate.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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Paid up capital - \$50,000.00.

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Buy your corn, oats and bran from C. M. Deere.

Mrs. I. N. Brooks was in Sonora Monday accompanied by her father W. T. Carroway of Robert Lee.

If you want to buy stock, ranch or town property, see Caruthers & Hill's list for sale at a bargain.

John Masterson of Galveston, was in Sonora Friday, on land business.

J. H. Baber livery man of Rock Springs, was in Sonora, Thursday on a business trip.

Rec Thomson manager of the Thomson Bros. ranches in Sutton and Schleicher counties, was in Sonora last Saturday on business.

For family use in numberless ways Ballard's Snow Lintiment is a useful and valuable remedy. Price, 25 and 50 cents at J. Lewenthals drug store.

Eb Keton came in from Juno Thursday and reports that Mod Cowsett sold his saloon business to Theo Williams for \$1770 and that Mod and his family left for Arizona.

My stock is new and complete. Prices right. C. M. Deere.

C. L. Beckett was in from the Dickinson ranch Wednesday to see Dr. Taylor.

Arthur Stuart was in from his ranch Wednesday and took out a load of wire and other supplies.

John Keton returned from a month's prospecting trip across the Pecos.

S. G. Taylor bought from J. O. Rountree 85 head of 3 and 4 year old steers at \$24 per head.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

Arthur Collins of the stock firm of J. F. Collins & Son, left his home in San Angelo, Tuesday, after spending a few weeks out on the ranch.

Miss Maggie Word the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Word will be one of the many attractions at J. Lewenthals and will help to dispose of the Christmas presents.

Miss Florence Black is visiting her brother Geo. B. Black.

Sam Cox sold 7 head of mares to John Ogden at \$12 25 per head.

Jim Barton was in from the ranch Wednesday enjoying him self.

Mrs. D. B. Cusenbary was in from the ranch Wednesday shopping.

John Paul Jones and son Eli of Rock Springs were in Sonora Tuesday with a load of sweet potatoes.

Jeff Mills was in from his sheep on Devil's River Wednesday, on his way to visit his family in Sherwood.

R. W. Barton the ranchman was in Sonora Tuesday. Mr. Barton returned Saturday from a visit to his family in San Antonio.

Mrs. Ada Stewart and son Forrest went over to Ozona Wednesday to attend the Nolen-Gurley wedding.

There are other votes to be counted in the buggy and organ contest, coupons only at Hagerlund Bros. Co's. and J. Lewenthals.

Henry Cusenbary was in from D. B. Cusenbary's ranch Wednesday, Henry says he has a fine time hunting.

Disease and danger lurk in the vital organs. The blood becomes vitiated and the general health is undermined whenever the stomach and liver fail to perform their functions as nature intended. Herbine will tone up the stomach, regulate the liver, where other preparations only relieve. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthals drug store.

Disolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the copartnership heretofore existing between E. Jackson and John Hefflin is this day dissolved by mutual consent. E. Jackson will continue the business of dealer in grain, hay, etc., and will assume all liabilities and collect all debts due the late firm
E. JACKSON,
JOHN HEFLIN.
Sonora, Nov. 24th, 1900.

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranches and lands owned or controlled by the undersigned in Schleicher and Sutton counties, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
THOMSON BROS.,
9 St. Eldorado.

For Sale or Trade for Cattle

About 20 head of well bred stock horses, four yearlings in the bunch by The Asp, and the mares all bred to The Asp last year.
Enquire at the First National Bank, Sonora. 98

The matched race between Mat Keton's Valentine and Lon Reynolds' Tripod, Wednesday afternoon, was a pretty race. The distance being 200 yards dash for \$50. Considerable money changed hands on the result, but the Valentine people stayed the longest. It was nip and tuck for 150 yards, but Valentine came under the wire a winner by six feet.

Mrs. H. C. Hunt and children are enjoying their visit to relatives and friends at their old home in Brackettville but will return to Sonora shortly. Mr. Hunt says that the rumor that he intended leaving Sonora is but yellow talk and entirely without foundation. H. C. Hunt intends to continue to conduct the best livery and feed stables in Sonora.

Worms take refuge in the small intestine, where they can easily multiply. White's Cream Vermifuge will destroy these parasites. The verdict of the people tells plainly how well it has succeeded. Price, 25 cents, at J. Lewenthals.

Tom Holmsley the young stockman bought from Sam Henderson this week 400 fat cows at \$17.50 per head delivered at the San Angelo stock pens.

Dr. L. Taylor arrived in Sonora Monday, and will reside in the Dr. Dodson residence in East Sonora and will have his office at J. Lewenthals drug store.

El Jackson president of the First National Bank of Sonora, arrived in Sonora Saturday from a visit to San Antonio.

Dennis Green, colored, cook at the Marfa House for some weeks past, died of pneumonia last Friday.—Marfa New Era.

Highest market price paid for hides and pelts at E. F. Vander Stucken Co's.

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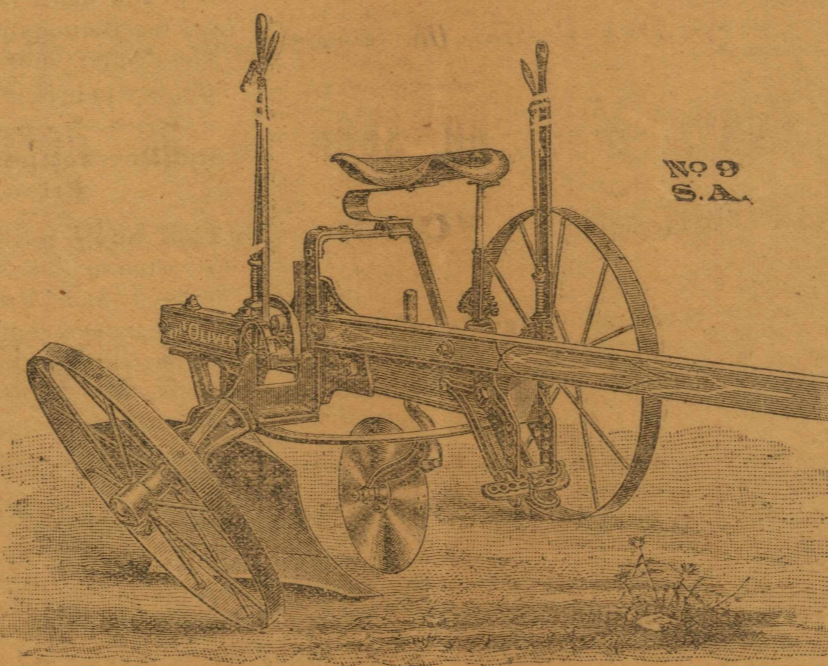
Is the time FOR YOU TO BUY your WINTER SUPPLIES.

Old Jack Frost has been rather shy in this part of Texas so far, but you had better look out. When he comes again he will come to stay. If you wish to give him a warm reception DRESS YOURSELF IN ONE OF OUR

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Send in your order. We can fill your bill. Yours for business,

E. F. Vander Stucken Company.

Fresh goods for fruit cakes, at C. M. Deere's.

Concho Valley celery for sale at C. M. Deere's.

Otis Boggs came in from San Angelo, Monday on a visit to friends.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Gillespie were in from the ranch Saturday shopping.

Sheriff E. S. Briant went over to Ozona, to attend the Nolen-Gurley wedding.

De Swift the stock man was in Sonora Sunday on his way home with a bunch of stock cattle which he bought at Pittsburg, Texas.

M. B. Atkinson the stockman and representative of Anderson & Chisholm the marble dealers of Brownwood returned from a business trip to San Angelo Monday.

Am. Savell one of Eldorado's merchants, was in Sonora Thanksgiving night and took in the dance.

Miss Ada Debord, the artist made a business trip to Juno, this week.

Medicated Salt Rock at Hagerlund Bros & Co.

Tabler's Buckeye P.1e Ointment has been thoroughly tested for many years, and is a positive cure for this most distressing and embarrassing of troubles. Price, 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents, at J. Lewenthals drug store.

Albert Bailey the young stockman of Eldorado, came in for the dance on Thanksgiving.

Henry Wetjen the well to do sheepman, was in Sonora Tuesday on his way to the ranch, from a business trip to Kerrville.

Walter White the liveryman returned from a trip to San Angelo Sunday, where he went with Geo. Wilcox and family.

An attractive woman thrive on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her form glows with health and her face blooms with its beauty. When troubled with a costive habit, she takes a few doses of Herbine to cleanse her system of all impurities. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthals drug store.

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WALTON-SPARKS.
Married at the residence of the bride's mother in Sonora on Wednesday, December 5, 1900, Frank M. Sparks to Miss Grace E. Walton, Rev. A. R. Watson of the Baptist church, officiating.
A number of friends and neighbors were assembled at the home of Mrs. Walton to witness the happy union and at 8:15 p. m. the contracting parties entered the front room and taking their positions before the Rev. Watson were pronounced husband and wife.
The ceremony was very pretty and the Rev. Watson spoke the words in a most impressive manner.
The bride who is an unusually attractive and pretty girl was becomingly attired in a handsome dress of white albatross, white gloves, slippers and long veil with wreath of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums.
The groom was dressed in conventional black and looked his best.
After the ceremony the bridal party and guests were driven to the new home of the happy couple in East Sonora where they received the greetings of their friends and where a fine wedding supper was partaken of by those present. The table was tastefully decorated and the spread was substantial as well as fine in every respect.
The supper over the boys tendered Mr. and Mrs. Sparks a reception and dance at the Court House. There was a large attendance and as everyone danced in honor of the bride they had a most enjoyable time.
Mr. and Mrs. Sparks have the best wishes of the News for their future and they are comfortably situated in a cozy little home. The bride was the recipient of many presents, of which the following is the list:
Mrs. Walton, lamp and feather pillows; Ora Walton, water set; Gordon Walton, tea pot; Mark Walton, vases; Frank Walton, cream pitcher; Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Watson, work basket; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Black, pie knife; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dawson, fruit stand; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rice, table cloth and napkins; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Deere, bible; Mrs. J. L. Burroughs and D. H. Burroughs, carving set; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holland silver tea spoons; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Swearingen, fruit stand; Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hill, cake stand; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Parker, cracker jar; Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewenthals, fruit stand; Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Rountree, cake stand; Mr. and Mrs. Mat Keton, ink stand; Misses Florence, Agnes and Elliza Black, napkin rings; Mattie Brown, tea set; Luella Word, dessert plates; Monte Rountree water pitcher; Annie Stokes, berry spoon; Alma Rountree, dolls; E. F. Vander Stucken, hem stitched table cloth and napkins; Fred Koenig, carving set; George H. Bros. & Co., silver knives and forks; Lucylee Yaws, lamp; Jim Alfred and Jim Barton, knives and forks; C. J. Nichols, toilet set; W. H. Cusenbary, pickle jar; Steve and Mike Murphy, cut glass sugar bowl.

Praise the bridge that carries you over either a flood or cough. Ballard's Horehound Syrup has brought so many over throat and lung troubles, such praises are sung everywhere. Price, 25 and 50 cents, at J. Lewenthals drug store.

Ira Word of the stock firm of O. T. Word & Son, returned on Thursday from a business trip to the Territory.
Experienced well-driller wishes position with steam well drill.
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YOUR OWN VOICE.

You Would Be Surprised If You Heard Its Exact Imitation.

"One of the strangest things in life," said an amateur philosopher of Camp Street...

"I supposed that I was perfectly familiar with my own voice and thought privately that it was rather agreeable."

"Merciful heavens!" I said to myself. "Is it possible I talk like that?"

"Mistake of the New Riveter." A party of six brawny men were engaged in an animated discussion at McKee's Rocks.

"Sulphur Disinfection." To disinfect a room with sulphur after washing all the surfaces in the room...

"Wanted a Big Collar." It was told of Daniel Webster that when he asked at a Boston haberdasher's one day for a collar or "dickey"...

"The Other Man's View of It." Little Willie—Pa, what's a financier? Pa—A financier, my son, is a man who is capable of inducing other men to pile up a fortune for him.

The wood of the redwood tree never decays, it is said, and fallen trunks which have been overgrown by old forests are as solid as the day they fell.

It takes a good horse to run down a game, and if the least advantage is permitted the wild creature the race is lost.

Kitchener Made Her Tremble.

During the Anglo-Boer war a smart, good looking married woman of about 30 years of age acted as a Boer spy.

WIDE TROUSERS, NARROW STREETS.

La Lucha de Havana in a long editorial "giving bits" to American visitors to Cuba generally comes out strong in defense of Cuban trousers and of the narrow streets of the Cuban capital.

"Again, the statement is frequently made that the streets of Havana should be widened and made modern."

"The Pie Foundry." A man who recently visited a pie factory in Chicago thus describes it: "The day we were there a special run was being made on pumpkin pies."

"German Law of Libel." The German law of libel is a curiosity. An editor recently said in his paper that a certain gentleman "was an unmanly boor."

"Our Little Sticks." Ages ago the Hindoo "medicine man" knew all about disease germs and microbes, although he was jeered at by western scientists because he called them "little worms."

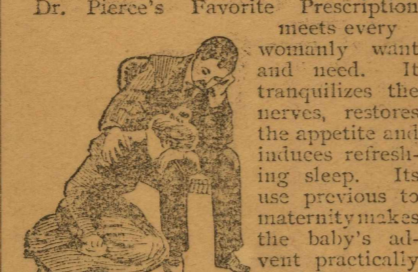
"Up to Date." Enterprising Advertiser—Pardon me, sir, but I heard you tell the gentleman who just left that you "would wash your hands of the whole affair."

"Notice to Trespassers." We hereby give notice to wood haulers and persons who are leaving our fences down by going over same with wagons, that any persons caught hauling wood from our pasture will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

"Simply Cutting." Gussie—Just what I wanted out of it began raining, and I had to turn back. Miss Kostique—How fortunate that there was some one here to tell you. Gussie—To tell me what? Miss Kostique—That it was raining.

Sympathy

It is a good thing for the young husband to give the young wife, but sympathy will not abate one jot of her nervousness or lift her to that plane of sound health where alone the wife and mother can find happiness.



Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription meets every womanly want and need. It tranquilizes the nerves, restores the appetite and induces refreshing sleep.

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ETHICS OF FISHING.

A SCIENTIFIC VIEW OF THE ALLEGED CRUELTY OF THE SPORT.

"The Creatures Are Most Happy When They Are Hooked—They Have Little Capacity For Suffering and Even Little Pleasure In Eating."

"A little boy was fishing for the first time. With the customary luck of a beginner he had bass and perch galore to answer the invitation of his bait."

"Presently the impulses of the humane side of his nature made a little hesitating protest against the more savage instincts of the sportsmanlike side. The wriggling of the fish when he caught them troubled him, and he sought to apologize to his conscience for the suffering he was apparently inflicting."

"It is time to get this matter of fishing upon its moral legs, as it were, and to be accomplished merely by telling the truth about it."

"The Dog's Watchfulness." The dog's watchfulness, so much and so thoughtlessly lauded as the expression of his devotion to man, is merely the instinctive watchfulness necessary to his safety in a wild state and is a characteristic which he would exercise quite as readily for his own kind and the preservation of his lair as he would for the benefit of man."

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"There is one animal which lives entirely in trees, but is able to maintain its position during slumber without the least exertion of muscular force. This is the sloth, common in the forests of tropical America. Its long claws are so bent that they hook over the branches and allow the creature to hang upside down like an animated hammock."

"The great attraction, which is both a kinsman and fellow countryman of the sloth, has an enormous tail, which it uses in a very remarkable manner. I recently saw two of these strange animals lying together asleep, and they had arranged their tails so cleverly that their whole bodies were hidden from view."

SAVED BY PALMISTRY.

Tattered Individual Proves His Case by Showing His Hands.

"Reasoning from antecedent probability," said the justice to a prisoner with a sopping hat and a turned down mouth. "I would say that when this policeman accuses you of being a tramp it is speaking with a high regard for the truth."

"I can't tell whether you have work by the looks of those hands," said the justice. "But in the interest of the good of knowledge, I will digress and say to you that an article known as soap was invented some years ago."

"Low Neck Dinners." A few days ago a lady in pursuit of a cook was interviewing and being interviewed at a certain employment bureau. "I shall want you to go into the country with me," she remarked to the mighty personage, who was eying her from head to foot.

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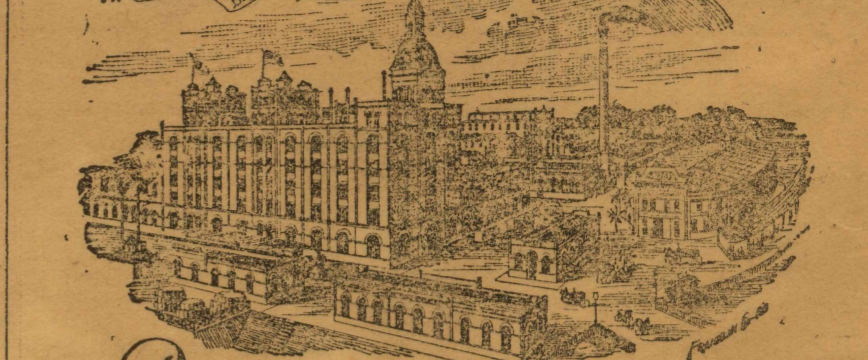
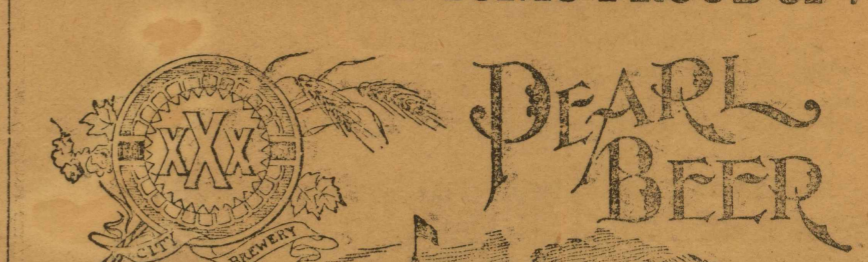
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