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To the Readers of the Mountain Sun,

## GREETING

Almost every week for a year I have met you at this corner and had a chat with you. You have treated me very nicely, indeed. May you be happy and prosperous during 1906. Owing to the trade rush during the past two weeks I am behind with my bench-work. For awhile I shall "saw wood and say nothin'."

## SELF

Jeweler and Optician  
Rock Drug and Jewelry Store.

### Outrage at Quitman.

Quitman, Tex., Dec. 25.—The whole community is stirred as it has not been stirred for years. Every man who is able to be up and about is scouring the country for a negro who attempted to criminally assault Mrs. James Bateman, a bride of two weeks, who is the youngest daughter of Representative W. R. Blalock, of this district.

The details of this shocking affair caused every head of a family here to quake at the awful possibilities. Mr. and Mrs. Bateman reside with the parents of Mrs. Bateman on the farm of Mr. Blalock, four miles from Quitman.

Today the entire family went to eat Christmas dinner with a son of Representative Blalock, Lee Blalock, who lived a few hundred yards—probably 200—from the home of his father. After dinner Mrs. Bateman left the home of her brother to go to her father's house and change her clothing. She went to her home and when she was partly disrobed a tall black negro, wearing a cap, dressed in a light coat, with his feet wrapped in sacks and with the most awful countenance that Mrs. Bateman has words to depict, sprung from behind a piece of furniture in the room.

The negro grabbed her by her clothing. With all the strength she could muster she tore herself loose.

The negro had in his hand a butcher knife, that he never used, so quickly did all this take place.

Once freed from the grasp of the brute, Mrs. Bateman ran to the door, calling loudly for help.

The negro at this point evidently took flight for he made for another door and disappeared.

The screams of Mrs. Bateman were heard and help at once came. In the excitement it was several minutes before it could be learned what had taken place.

These minutes were precious ones for the negro, for when the awful truth of reality burst upon those who were present, the negro had gone well out of sight.

The alarm was at once sounded. Sheriff W. J. Ray had just started to take a train for Austin, where he was going on official business. He was at Mineola when word reached him of the attempted outrage. He lost no time in reaching the scene. Constable W. H. Wilingham, of Mineola, also joining the hunt. In an hour the whole country was being scoured by hundreds of determined men. Word was sent to the convict camp at Alba, and the bloodhounds there were sent to the home of Mr. Blalock, but it cannot be learned whether or not they struck a trail,

for it was night when the hounds arrived.

If the negro is caught he will be summarily dealt with.

Mrs. Bateman says she can identify the negro. His whole form, face and frame was vividly impressed on her memory.

Mrs. Bateman is the youngest daughter of Representative Blalock. She is about 17 years of age and was married December 10. She is one of the most accomplished ladies in this section. Her husband is a farmer and is prominently connected.

The posse of 100 people, including the sheriff and four deputies, found a negro at midnight hiding in the barn of Allen Fesson, two or three miles north of the scene of the attempted assault. He was much agitated, and said he was afraid. As soon as he was captured the posse started across the country to have him identified by the intended victim of his assault. The sheriff and his deputies are guarding him closely, but if she says he is the man it will be difficult to restrain the crowd.

The feeling that prevails is something that cannot be described.

### LATER.

A later dispatch reports the capture and identification of the black brute and is substantially as follows:

Quitman, Tex., Dec. 26.—Trembling with repulsive horror, Mrs. James Bateman this afternoon pointed an accusing finger at one of the two negroes who had been brought before her and exclaimed: "If I am not very much mistaken that is the one."

The negro gave his name as Ernest Turman, and was captured last night while hiding in the gable of a barn about 300 yards from his home.

Turman was taken to Greenville, Hunt county, and placed in jail.

### Blanton-Zuch.

Yorktown, Tex., Dec. 25.—Married, at the home of the bride's parents in this city, at 2 o'clock yesterday evening, Mr. James W. Blanton and Miss Agnes Zuch.

Mr. Blanton is the well known and talented editor and proprietor of the Nordheim View. For the last fifteen years he has served on a number of different papers in Southwest Texas and is admittedly one of the best writers in this part of the state.

His bride is the popular and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zuch. For a number of years she has successfully conducted a private school in this city. Immediately after the wedding the young couple left for a wedding trip. Rev. J. K. Rock performed the ceremony.

### Fell From Bluff

Sanderson, Tex., Dec. 25.—W. F. Fowler, expert geologist and professional well driller, while inspecting different formations near Sanderson today, by some means lost his balance and fell from a bluff some twenty-five or thirty feet sustaining very serious injuries. Postmaster Carmichael was with him at the time and secured assistance and brought Mr. Fowler to town. Mr. Fowler is resting well and hopes for his early recovery are entertained by the attending physician.

Coming, the Mobile Minstrels.

### Killed by a Grizzly Bear.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 25.—The information reached this city that Simon B. Clark, one of the best known pioneers of Nebraska, was recently killed in a battle with grizzly bears in the Big Horn country.

The news was contained in a letter from a ranchman named Adams, who said Clark's horse came to his catch December 21. Recognizing the animal, Adams followed his trail back five miles into the mountains, where he found the badly mangled body of Clark at the mouth of a cave and beside it two dead grizzlies. Clark is known to have been hunting in the Big Horn country for several weeks. Clark, who was generally known as "Blindy," was an old soldier and was a well known plainsman and hunter. He has held numerous public offices in Omaha.

### Girl Came to Life.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 26.—A telephone message from Talequah tonight states that Carrie Moss, the girl who was supposed to have been frightened to death by the explosion of torpedoes, is not dead, and a story even more remarkable than her reported death attaches.

The Moss family is very poor. They live in the country. After the unfortunate circumstances which were supposed to have caused the girl's death a collection was taken up in Talequah and money enough raised to purchase a coffin and shroud. The body was taken to the home several miles in the hills and there prepared for burial by an undertaker.

The girl showed no signs of life until after she had been placed in the coffin, when she came to life. The family was almost frightened to death. The girl does not recall any recent events, and, according to the story, is now hovering between life and death with small chance for recovery.

### Shot Friend for Burglar.

Monterey, Mexico, Dec. 26.—A Mexican shot dead and an American a fugitive from justice in this country is the climax of a tragic story of a mistaken burglar.

Hipolito is a little division point on the Mexican Central Railroad half way between this city and Torreon. A freight train was forced to wait there Christmas eve. Two of the brakemen, finding they had plenty of time on their hands, went into the village. The conductor, worn out by long hours at work, went to sleep in the caboose. About two hours later the brakemen returned and found they had been locked out of the caboose. As the night was cold they were anxious to get into their bunks.

Not wanting to awaken the tired conductor, Juan de la Fuente, one of the men, climbed to the top of the car and was just swinging down when the conductor, J. H. Landon, was awakened. The country is wild, and robbers and "bad men" abound. Thinking one of these was coming in to do him bodily harm, the conductor opened fire, dropping the brakeman at the first shot. Lighting his lantern, he made a hasty examination and found him to be his best friend, whom he had shot through the heart.

Unlocking the door the half-crazed conductor dashed into the night and has not been heard of since. The friend of Fuentes immediately went into the car, found the dead body and reported the matter to the police.

### Judge Abernathy Dead.

Hon. B. R. Abernathy, of Gonzales, a distinguished lawyer and prominent Mason, died at his temporary home on Madison street Monday morning at 4 o'clock, of a complication of troubles.

Judge Abernathy was 57 years old. He was District Judge of the Gonzales County District for many years. Since his retirement from the bench he has been one of the leading lawyers in that section. For twenty years he has been a regular attendant on the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas. In 1896 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He filled his position with distinction. He was always an important factor in the proceedings of the grand lodge and was much beloved by Masons throughout the state.

He is survived by a daughter and three sons. Capt. Robert Abernathy, a cadet at West Point, is his eldest son.

The interment was held in Gonzales on Tuesday. A Masonic escort accompanied the body from San Antonio. The funeral services were conducted by the grand lodge, Past Grand Master W. S. Fly officiating.

Judge Abernathy lived in San Antonio during the last six months, in hope that his health would improve.—Daily Express.

### Frank Grice Spoke Spanish.

"Speak Spanish? Well I should say que si," said Frank Grice, the fighting owner of The San Antonio Express, as he strolled through the lobby of the Angelus yesterday.

For six months I put in my spare time prior to my first trip to Old Mexico, learning how to say 'please pass me another plate of beans,' in Spanish. I bought a whole carload of such books as 'Spanish-While-You-Sleep,' warranted to send you to bed at night a good American and wake up in the morning a full-fledged Don, 'Castilian Without An Effort,' and 'How To Keep From Starving To Death in Mexico.' "After neglecting my business and friends for half a year in the fascinating pursuit of the tongue of our southern neighbors, I went down into the domain of General Diaz and lost no time in seizing my first opportunity of taking a party of friends to dinner at the Maison Doree, in order to show off my new accomplishment. Courageously tackling the bill of fare, I ordered clear down through the list, while the waiter stood respectfully at my elbow, an expression of wonder upon his face to find an American so well versed in his tongue. As for my friends, I saw immediately that I had excited both their wonder and envy by the fluency with which my tongue babbled with the foreign sounds.

"At last it was done, and I sat back in my chair in all complacency. Surprised that he did not dash away to bring in the toothsome viands, I looked and met his stony stare and was fairly frozen stiff when he blurted out:

"Hell, man, can't you speak English?"

"And it cost me a pretty penny to keep the mouths of my fool friends subsidized until they had forgotten all about it."—Los Angeles Times.

### Burned to Death in a Dallas Fire.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 25.—In a fire that destroyed the two-story dwelling house at 623 Main street, between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, Hugh McCallum, a native of Scotland, aged about 40 years, was burned to death. The fire originated from the explosion of a lamp in a room occupied by McCallum and Arthur Herman. The flames had gained much headway before being discovered, and the occupants of the house had a narrow escape. Assistant Chief Myers and other firemen made a desperate fight to reach the room in which McCallum was said to be, and upon reaching it found him outstretched on a bed. All of the bed clothes and wearing apparel were burned from the body and life was extinct.

Deceased was employed by the Collum Commeree Company.

The household effects were completely destroyed and the owner held no insurance. The cottage was valued at \$3,000 and was the property of Mrs. S. E. Kirkpatrick. The place was rented by Mrs. E. F. Owens, who is spending Christmas in Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis and Arthur Herman escaped from the burning building in their night clothes.

### Driving It Back.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Gradually the Salton Sea is driving the Southern Pacific Railroad into the mountains as it rises in the California desert, and today material was taken out to extend the track still farther around the rising waters.

As a result of the construction of these detouring tracks which are gradually pushed back a little further each month or week, the distance from San Antonio or El Paso to Los Angeles is now forty-one miles greater than before this phenomenon made its appearance. The officials of the road expect ultimately to be driven back into the foot hills several miles away.

### Killed in Pitched Battle.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 27.—A special to the News from Meridian, Miss., says that in a pitched battle between a posse of white men and three negro desperadoes near Williams Cross Roads, Choctaw county, Ala., last evening, two negroes were killed, and the third captured. Kid George and Bob Berry are the names of the dead men, while Joe Johnson is in jail at Butler, Ala. George is said to have murdered a white man of the Gulf & Ship Island railroad in Mississippi some time ago, and Berry and Johnson are believed to have been escaped convicts from Alabama. The gang is said to have been engaged in robbing whites and blacks and causing a general reign of terror in the community where they were run down, for the past ten days.

### Skyscraper on Alamo.

George Saur, owner of the four-story Reuter building, at the corner of Alamo Plaza and Crockett street, is having plans made for the addition of several stories to this building. Mr. Saur may add four stories, but it is practically certain that he will add three. The present building will be rearranged somewhat and the new seven or eight story building will be known as the Saur building.

Coming the Mobile Minstrels, Friday, Jan. 5.

# A Happy New Year To All

## "THE FAMOUS"

OSCAR ROSENTHAL, Proprietor,

NEXT DOOR TO POSTOFFICE, KERRVILLE, TEXAS.

### PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Gathered Here and There By  
SUN Reporters.

Coming, the Mobile Minstrels.

S. H. Oatman, of Japonica, was in Kerrville Saturday.

Enoch Hatch was in from the Divide country Monday.

Gus Sproul, of Mountain Home, was in the city Wednesday.

Welge Bros. pay highest prices for hides, goat skins and furs.

W. A. Morris, of San Antonio, visited relatives in Kerrville this week.

Ticket No. 1734, held by Rob. Duncan drew the lamp at H. Noll's.

Cotton seed for sale at Welge Bros.

Dr. A. A. Robinson and party returned on Friday of last week from a three weeks' hunt.

W. T. Grider, of Leonard, is visiting his brother, John Grider, of this city.

Miss Velma Hodges, who is teaching near Harper, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Hodges.

J. A. Salmon, of Atoka, I. T., who spent several months in Kerrville last winter, returned last Saturday for another visit.

S. H. Huntington, N. B. Smith and the Gutzeit brothers returned Christmas day from a hunting trip.

Henry Burney is at home from the university at Austin to spend the holidays with his parents, Judge and Mrs. R. H. Burney.

Coming, the Mobile Minstrels.

A. C. and G. F. Schreiner left Monday for a visit to New Orleans.

Miss Lila Bradwell, who is teaching the Lock Hill school, near San Antonio, is home on a visit to her parents.

John Peterson has returned to the city after a trip to San Antonio and Luling, at which places he disposed of a car load of horses.

A hunting party composed of Capt. T. Thomas, W. T. Grider, E. C. Felty, and J. P. Grider left Monday for the thick brush to spend the remainder of the hunting season in quest of deer.

Miss Ruth Robinson, who is attending school at San Antonio, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robinson, at their home in this city.

Chas. Lockett, of New Orleans, spent a couple of days with his parents, Col. and Mrs. C. C. Lockett, of this city. He left Thursday for home.

B. J. Hyde, a well known ranchman, formerly of this county, but now living near Cuero, was shaking hands with old friends in Kerrville Wednesday.

Misses Aimee and Hattie Garrett, who are attending college at San Marcos, are at home to spend the holidays with their parents, Judge and Mrs. W. G. Garrett.

Judge Ewing Boyd, of Cooper, Tex., who had been spending Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Boyd, of this city, left Wednesday for his home.

Mr. Geo. B. Field, of Helena Montana, Misses Dewees and Hamilton and Mr. Charles T. Dewees, of San Antonio, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. S. Gunn on at the ranch.

Dan Reed, of Ozona, who is working on the Joe Pierce ranch, spent Christmas in Kerrville. Mr. Reed says an abundance of rain has fallen in Crockett and adjoining counties, but it came too late to benefit the range. However, it will be of much benefit in starting the grass next spring. Cattle, Mr. Reed stated, are doing well.

### Suits Cleaned and Pressed.

I do all kinds of repairing and altering work promptly done. Ladies skirts cleaned.

**S. Friedman,**  
The Tailor, Kerrville, Texas.

### Died.

Mr. R. H. Burney, who for many years was a citizen of Kerr county, but who has been living for some time at Alamogordo, New Mexico, died suddenly at that place on Saturday evening, the 23rd inst. No further particulars of the sad occurrence could be learned. Mr. Burney was the father of Mrs. J. B. Williams, of this city.

### Christmas Reunion.

Among the happy incidents that took place in Kerr county during the season of festivity was a Christmas reunion at the home of Mrs. L. Leinweber near Camp Verde.

Mrs. Leinweber had around her board on Christmas day nine children and eighteen grand children. The day was happily spent by all present. It is probable that no house in Kerr county witnessed more genuine pleasure on Christmas day than that of Mrs. Leinweber.

Use Liberty Bell Flour. It is the best. WELGE BROS.

### Happy Greeting.

During the fifteen years of our business experience in Kerrville, no one year has been more completely filled with satisfaction in business and general prosperity. We are glad to have shared the general prosperity of the town and country, and wish to thank our friends and patrons for a generous trade. We look forward to the new year with much pleasurable anticipation, and respectfully solicit a continuance of the favors we have enjoyed in the past.

To all the people of Southwest Texas we extend the season's greetings. We wish for you peace, plenty and prosperity. May the maximum of happiness and the minimum of sorrow be yours throughout 1906.

Yours for a happy and prosperous new year,

J. L. PAMPELL.

### New Year's Greeting.

The time has come for the bells to ring out the old year and ring in the new, and as we step through the invisible door bidding farewell to 1905 and seeking the acquaintance of the unchronicled 1906. We desire to thank our patrons for a liberal patronage during the past year and solicit a continuance of their kind favors. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year.

FAWCETT, BARNES & CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hatch and little daughter, Grace, were in from their ranch, negotiating with Santa Claus last week. We regret to learn that Mr. Hatch will sell his ranch with a view to making Corpus Christi his future home. He is a good citizen, and we wish him abundant prosperity wherever he goes.

### At the Churches.

**M. E. CHURCH SOUTH,** J. T. King, Pastor. Services every Sabbath, except the 3rd Sabbath in each month, at 11 a. m. and at 7:15 p. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., J. J. Starkey, Superintendent. Senior League 3:30 p. m., A. L. Starkey, President. Junior League Sundays 2:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday 7:15 p. m.

**PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Services every Sabbath, except the first in each month, at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday school every Sabbath at 9:45 a. m., John C. Graves, Superintendent. Wednesday night Prayer Meeting at 8:00. Every one cordially invited. J. DRUMMOND.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**—Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday morning and night Sunday school Sunday morning at 10 a. m. Young People's Union every Sunday at 4 p. m. Business meeting first Sunday in each month. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Meet with us.

**ST PETER'S CHURCH.** Service Kerrville every Sunday in the month, except the 3rd at 11 a. m., also on the 4th at 5 p. m. Morris Ranch, services on 3rd Sunday in month. R. GALBRAITH.

### Stork Played Santa Claus.

On Christmas eve the stork played Santa Claus at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Leavell, by leaving with them a brand new boy. The young man will be able through life to combine two celebrations and have a red-hot time at Christmas.

### Draw the Prize.

Ticket No. 486, held by Mrs. L. L. Rees, of Center Point, drew the handsome set of China given as a prize by the Kerrville Book Store.

Buy a genuine Singer Sewing Machine. J. C. BAXTER, Agt. Kerrville, Texas.

Coming, the Mobile Minstrels.

### Loafing Around.

This is the time of year when a man perforce exchanges the sunlight and the stars for the study lamp and the grate fire—or its equivalent. The sun and stars seem made to bask under, or dream under, and the summer which they illumine is the prescriptive loafing season, and yet it is possible to loaf under a study lamp or before a grate fire, and it is proper and necessary to do so. As a Western contemporary urges, is no commendation to a man to say "he hasn't a lazy streak in him." That is saying that he is mostly automaton, and that the human remnant is pitiful. Majesty's finest expression is repose, and incessant activity never gets nearer majesty than the hither side of dignity.

Loafing is worth while in itself, if it is the loafing of a purposeful man. That is the philosophic justification of the hearty dinner taken in hand by the healthy appetite. It puts men in a restful python mood. It is also the season for tobacco. The soul of tobacco is contemplation. A full meal or a good cigar calls the mind back from its phantasmagoric pursuit of life's "little black men," and concentrates it restfully on a Nirvana in which worlds are resolved to their original vapors. What is the red glow of the cigar's end, indeed, but a spark stolen from the grate's Promethean fire? You may bask in the grate fire as you bask in the sunlight, and whether you sit in the sun or before the grate, or under your study lamp enwreathed in the smoke of the weed, you are getting very near to the serene heart of things.

Then loafing is worth while for what it brings to you. It enriches the soil of the soul with unsuspected nitrates. It corrects the perspective. It acquaints you with the profound. "Beware of the man of one book," says the proverb. Beware also of the man who knows how to loaf, as Lincoln knew how to loaf. All things come to him, in the waste to which he has withdrawn himself. And when he issues from it may give new meaning to the always significant words of Victor Hugo, "There is nothing so startling as a dreamer in action."

### Copy Famous Crowns.

Some Eastern society leaders have adopted the vogue of having their diamonds set, not as ordinary tiaras or coronets, but in imitation of the royal crowns worn by the sovereigns of Europe. Mrs. John Jacob Astor and Mrs. Clarence Mackay have had their coronets made in the shape of the English crown. Mrs. Howard Gould possess one exactly like that of Queen Helen of Italy. Mrs. Charles Y. Jones wears on her brow a facsimile of the Spanish queen's diadem, while Mrs. Bradley Martin has had the historic crown of Empress Josephine copied for her personal use.

### Oldest Locomotive Engineer.

Archiebald Starrock, formerly locomotive engineer on the Great Northern railway in England, has just entered his ninetieth year. Mr. Starrock joined the Great Northern railway in 1850, and practically revolutionized the locomotive narrow-gauge system. Mr. Starrock is now the oldest locomotive engineer in the world. He is also the oldest volunteer field officer in Great Britain, having joined the force in 1850. He served upwards of twenty-one years as captain, three as major, and possesses the King service decoration.

### When Conversation Lags.

A German publicist who spent part of the summer in a boarding house at Teignmouth, England, says: "English seaside visitors display most remarkable ingenuity in sustaining a lengthy conversation founded on no other topic than the weather. When this is exhausted they turn to their aches and pains. Each individual adduces some striking examples of bodily suffering on his or her part, and the combined ailments of the company afford themes for endless discussion."

### The Triplet Habit.

The Los Angeles lady who has brought into the world a second pair of triplets has certainly delighted President Roosevelt's heart, whether she has her husband's or not. There may be some small clouds on the husband's joy. If the triplets are boys, he must shudder occasionally when he thinks of what their appetites will be at the age of 14 years, and the havoc that six juvenile feet, all of the same age, can make in shoe leather. If they are girls, the case is worse yet. He can only tremble when he imagines the three at the bargain counter age. But in the president's view of the matter there can be no qualification. He is perfectly sure that triplets are a fine habit.

That they and twins are a habit is suggested by the case of this Los Angeles lady. Her present is her second offense. She is herself a twin, and two of her aunts have borne triplets. They run in families. They are an acquired habit, but a very persistent one when once acquired.

It is not altogether certain that either twins or triplets add to the sum of the world's energy and accomplishments, as compared with single births. Sometimes it seems as if twins were but half individuals after all, the triplets, by the same token, but one-third individuals. Great men and women who were twins have been few in the world. So far as we recall no celebrated person was ever a triplet.

Nevertheless, the habit of producing triplets is vastly better than the more prevalent one of having no children at all.

### In Mad Chase.

Millions rush in mad chase after health from one extreme of fadism to another, when, if they would only eat good food, and keep their bowels regular with Dr. King's New Life Pills, their troubles would all pass away. Prompt relief and quick cure for liver and stomach trouble. 25c at the Rock Drug Store, guaranteed.

### Labor at Panama.

Chairman Shonts illustrates the quality of the tropical labor largely employed on the Panama canal by relating an incident which came under the observation of Senator Millard during his visit on the isthmus. Sitting on the deck of the steamer Havana, he was watching the unloading of a heavy piece of machinery from the hold of the vessel. The tackle, not caught in the rigging on the deck above, the foreman in charge of the gang of laborers sent one of them above to free the tackle. The laborer went to the place to which he was sent, and did what he was told to do. The foreman, paying no attention to him after he started on his errand, raised him a few minutes later, and, looking around for him, discovered him sitting peacefully at the spot to which he had been sent. "What are you doing here?" yelled the foreman. "You told me to come here, sah." "Well, why didn't you come back?" "You didn't tell me to, sah."

"It is to this class of labor," says Mr. Shonts, "that we are paying from 80 to 90 cents a day in gold, and out of which it is estimated we do not get more than 25 per cent of the efficiency of labor in the United States."

### Mosquito in Politics.

John Martin, candidate for borough president in Richmond, Staten Island, has dragged the mosquito into his campaign. In a manifesto just issued he says: "Scientific methods for exterminating mosquitoes are known. They require only energy, money and official backing to make them effective. We could considerably reduce the discomfort from mosquitoes if our borough president would take up the campaign energetically. I pledge myself, if elected, to use all my power and to devote at least one-fifth of my salary to rid the island of the mosquito pest. A successful campaign would double real estate values."

### Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church of Harpersville, New York, will interest you. He says: "I suffered agonies because of a persistent cough, resulting from the grip. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies without relief, until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, which entirely cured my cough, and saved me from consumption." A grand cure for diseased conditions of the throat and lungs. At the Rock Drug Store for 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

### Typical Sea Fighter.

Prince Louis of Battenberg made an immense hit in New York with his manly bearing and democratic ways. If there is anything snobbish about him it cannot be detected in his manner of greeting. It is whole-hearted, as if he meant every word of it, and he does; for there is about him the simplicity that attracts sailormen, and one knows that the greeting is genuine. The prince looks and talks like a strong man. He likes to talk about athletics, boat races, sparring matches and things of that sort. He likes to talk of the sea or guns or engines and other things that make timid men shudder and turn pale. In short, he is a sailor, who needs only a pair of flaring boots, a long word and a romantic background to be the living example of a good old sea fighter.

### Furious Fighting.

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffman, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you by the Rock Drug Store, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

### Women in Hotels.

To the amateur student of human nature the average woman in a hotel affords rare opportunities for the increase of his stock of knowledge of the other sex. She rings the bell three times to a man's once. She apologizes and explains so profusely to the bellboy that the lad comes downstairs without the least idea of what he is to do. Your lady in a hotel will invite some nine or ten letters a day, and each envelope seems to contain three sheets of the hotel's paper. She will send the missives down, one by one, to be posted, and each time she sends the naive message, "Ask the office to put a stamp on for me." She never makes out a wash list, but she "just knows" what she had, and one pair hasn't been returned. She indignantly refuses to confide more to "the office" when he inquires, but she affords a wealth of detail that in no way helps matters.

### A Fearful Fate.

It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at the Rock Drug Store.

### King Edward's Bad Bargain.

When King Edward agreed to place the hereditary revenues of the crown at the disposal of the nation he made a bad bargain. Instead of the revenues being used to accept a clear yearly sum of \$2,350,000 and the nation making a profit on the bargain, it amounted to \$112,500 last year and is increasing. Among the properties assigned by the king were considerable portions of the West end. Rents have risen greatly. One instance is the Carlton hotel, for which the ground rent was only \$3,815 per annum, but which is now \$21,000.

WE WISH YOU A  
**Merry Christmas**  
AND A  
**Happy New Year**  
**PAUL JONES & CO.**  
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**DAVY CROCKETT**

The "Saps" row night  
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San Antonio & Houston

Leaves Houston 9:45 p. m. Arrives San Antonio 7:10 a. m.  
Leaves San Ant. 9:00 p. m. Arrives Houston 7:15 a. m.

Each train strictly up-to-date, wide vestibule, pintsch lighted, soft berth Pullman sleepers, free parlor car, one combination coach and one baggage car.




**WHEN YOU TRAVEL**  
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### NEW YEAR WISHES.

The New Year marks the sixth mile post of years that have passed since we took the helm of THE SUN. During that time many changes have come to Southwest Texas. THE SUN has prospered as a weekly newspaper; and while no business concern can hope to have all the people of its territory friendly to its interests, yet we are deeply gratified to know that a large majority of the people, not only in Kerr county, but in Southwest Texas, are our friends.

We realized many years ago that no man or concern could shape a policy that would meet the approbation of all the people, so in dictating the policy of THE SUN we have tried, while making it conform to our ideas of what is best for Kerrville, Kerr county, and Southwest Texas, to so order things that our methods should not be radically antagonistic to the ideas of the majority of our constituents.

The editor and owner of THE SUN has no political aspirations. Our only desire is to continue in your midst, chronicling the marriages of your children and the deaths of your friends when they have served out their time of usefulness on earth; to lend the little aid in our power toward the erection and improvement of public institutions, and to assist others as our ability will permit and their necessities seem to demand.

We thank our friends for that liberal patronage which has enabled us in the past six years to place THE SUN in the front rank of weekly newspapers in the Southwest. Our every aim in future shall be to maintain the position to which the paper has risen and to merit the esteem in which it is held by the people.

We wish for all the people and the public institutions of our great country, a bright, prosperous and happy New Year.

### THE EDITOR.

NEW YEAR'S resolutions are only supposed to cover a few of the most open and obviously vicious habits. Such as getting drunk, gambling, smoking two-bit cigars when your children are barefooted, wife beating and horse stealing. There are many reasons why these bad habits should be abandoned, but the consideration of the enormity of these short comings should never blind us to the greater evils of lying and repeating things we hear to the detriment of other people who are doubtless as good as we are. One old woman can cause more harm in five minutes by leaning over the back yard fence and telling her neighbor "what she heard" and adding a little disparaging comment, which will be repeated by her neighbor as part of the facts in the case, than the most persevering horse thief in America can do in a

year working over time. That is what a woman who talks too much can do and a man gossip is so much worse, that he is even beneath the contempt of a woman gossip. Gossiping is condemnation of an individual without the right to be heard in his own defense, which is unlawful in all civilized countries.

CHRISTMAS 1905 is a matter of history. The last spasm of the festivities will be over Monday and then the change from ten cent cigars to cob pipes, from fruit cake and turkey stuffed with oysters to the more healthful and wholesome corn bread and bacon. After all things are only good or bad by comparison and when the turkey and cigars are gone the pork and pipe will look all right to most of us because "that is what we've been used to at home," in most cases.

BLESSED is the man who paid cash for his Christmas and knew what he could afford to give. It's pretty tough to have a head ache every morning through Christmas week and attend the same menagerie every night, but to have the whole show brought back to you after New Year's by the presentation of bills for the "fiddler's hire" is almost beyond human endurance. If Christmas came twice a year no one could afford to celebrate except rich people, and they wouldn't.

DON'T take more than your share. The time is about ripe for the political pot to begin to boil. Now if you are going to make any New Year's resolutions, let one of them be to take only what belongs to you. You have the right God gave every man, to an opinion of your own, but when you try to rob the other fellow of his opinion, you are about to become a thief. There is no use for personal quarrels arising over political matters.

SOME fellow said: "It is better to make no resolutions, than to make them and break them." Making resolutions is at least evidence that a man has sufficient sense of his faults to know he has them, and sufficient good in him to at least want to mend his ways, if it is only a temporary spasm of his conscience that will only last two days.

THERE is much being said about grafting recently. Well grafting is a bad thing for the fellow who gets grafted, but did you ever stop to think that it is only the predominance of the strong, mentally, over the weak. Grafting has been going on ever since the world began, the smallest pig has always had to "suck the hind tit."

It is to be hoped that this pretty weather will hold out until people can save enough off their wood bill to get even on Christmas, but what will the wood man do? The whole scheme of life seems to be a gambling game and every time you win some other fellow has to lose.

THE SUN acknowledges receipt of an invitation for the editor and lady to attend the reception in honor of the Texas Teachers' at the Menger Hotel parlors, on the 27th inst., by De Zavala Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

If you hear that a man is going to do a certain thing, first make sure that it is any of your business, and then go ask the man.

### Happy Center Point.

On this happy Christmas week, there are so many other things to do and so many places to go that A-meri-cus finds it difficult to take time to gather news for this letter, and other people seem too busy to do any part of it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walker entertained a few friends at their happy home Thursday, the 28th, at a sumptuous feast.

Miss Bettie Scott is at home this week spending the holidays with her father and mother.

Miss Lila Walker entertained her Sunday School class Monday afternoon of this week at her home. She received many beautiful presents.

The "Mother Goose Reunion" at the country home of Capt. and Mrs. Neal Coldwell Wednesday night was indeed an enjoyable affair. The great house and yard were full of merry youngsters bubbling over with Christmas joy. Everyone took his pound of goodies and brought away his bushel of gladness.

The entertainments for the children at our churches grow better every year, and it seemed like the climax was reached Monday night. At the Methodist church, the decorations and audience were abundant. At the Christian church, there was not standing room and many looked through the windows. The drill by 16 young ladies, representing 16 types of American beauty, under the direction of Bro. Streater, was perfectly executed, while the songs they sang put the audience in a splendid humor to greet Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus as they marched down the aisle. The little folks will never forget it, and the older ones like to think of it.

### A-MERI-CUS.

Grand New Year's Ball Monday night, Jan. 1, at Pampell's Hall. Ladies free, Gentlemen \$1.00

### See Herman the Great.

Prof. DeVoe with the Mobile Minstrels Friday, January 5th.

### For Sale.

My entire flock of White Wyandotte chickens.

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### Chenoweth Rescued.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Howard Chenoweth, under sentence of fifty years for killing City Marshal Milburn in Silver City, N. M., was rescued last night by masked men, who overpowered the jailer and locked him in Chenoweth's cell.

If you want to hear good music, see the Mobile Minstrels, Friday, Jan. 5.

### China Growing Warlike.

Chan Chun Man, head of a Canton firm employing over 10,000 hands, has been studying American industries. In Philadelphia, apropos of the Chinese awakening, he said: "China has for thousands of years been highly civilized to despise war. Her new-born respect for war is not an unmixed good. There is, perhaps, a little of degeneration, of barbarism, in it. But at least China will no longer be the laughing stock of nations more warlike than herself. It will no longer be possible to say of her, as the Japanese once said, that a Chinese general explained a defeat with such a report as this: 'The ignorant enemy, unaware that guns could be fired against an object behind them, came upon us from the rear and thus rendered all our cannons useless.'"



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## HOME NEWS.

### Interesting Items From Town and County.

Coming, the Mobile Minstrels.  
Cotton seed for sale at Welge Bros.

C. C. Lockett returned last Saturday from a business trip to Houston.

Dr. J. F. Noe, of Boerne, was among the visitors in Kerrville Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Jeffers, of Little Rock, Ark., are visiting relatives in this city.

E. C. Felty and wife, of Myra, are visiting the latter's parents, Capt. and Mrs. T. Thomas.

Miss Grace Bate, of San Antonio, is spending the holidays with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elam Christian.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Liebold, of Fort Worth, arrived in Kerrville Wednesday on a holiday visit to friends and relatives.

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P. R. Bailey, of Ingram, left on Saturday of last week for a Christmas visit to his brother, at Navasota, whom he had not seen for thirty-five years.

Miss Helen Christian, who has been visiting relatives in San Antonio, joined her parents at their new home on Mountain street last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thomas, of Leonard, arrived in Kerrville Wednesday on a visit to the former's parents, Capt. and Mrs. T. Thomas.

Miss Daisy Bradwell, who is teaching in the Llano public schools, is home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bradwell.

### I CARRY

A nice selection of Fall and Winter samples. Call at my place of business on Mountain street, and look at them.  
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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hadden, who had been visiting the latter's parents, Col. and Mrs. C. C. Lockett, left Tuesday for their home at Fort Stockton.

Oswald Herzog, who is attending the Columbia University at Columbia, Missouri, is home to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. Herzog.

Joe Corwin, county clerk of Travis county, arrived in the city Wednesday. Mr. Corwin left in the afternoon in company with B. M. Hixson for the latter's ranch for a few days' hunt.

Rev. J. Drummond, who has been serving the Kerrville Presbyterian church as pastor for the past several months, went to San Antonio Tuesday, to be admitted into the Presbytery and regularly installed into the pastorate.

W. A. Hadden, county clerk of Pecos county, arrived in the city Saturday last, to spend Christmas with his wife and child, who are visiting at the home of Mrs. Hadden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lockett.

Walter Schreiner, who had been spending Christmas with the homefolks, left Wednesday for his ranch in Mason county accompanied by his brother-in-law, S. L. Jeffers. Mr. Jeffers will spend the remainder of the hunting season at the ranch.

Coming, the Mobile Minstrels.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Weeks of Fort Worth, spent Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. L. A. Schreiner, of this city.

Mrs. H. B. Shiner of San Antonio, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Schreiner.

And now good old Santa woe-fully beholds the flatness of his wallet and meditates upon the "goneness of the past."

D. F. McCollum, T. G. Koger, and Misses E. Daugherty and H. Martin, all of Junction, were in Kerrville Monday, and were seen at the Gerdes hotel.

H. R. Colbath and Misses Ola Colbath and Adda Denton, of Eagle Pass, spent Monday in the city guests of the Gerdes hotel.

Geo. Haby, wife and children, of the Leaky community, were in Kerrville on Saturday of last week.

Miss Mae Hatch of Mountain Home, was in the city on Saturday of last week, and registered at the Gerdes hotel.

Miss Fannie Reeves of Ingram was among the visitors to the city on Saturday of last week.

John Brown of Harper, a well-known stockman and farmer, was in Kerrville on Saturday of last week making business for our merchants.

Prof. H. W. Morelock left Wednesday for San Antonio to attend the State Teachers' meeting.

Henry Heinen of the Cypress creek country, was in Kerrville Thursday.

Robert Renschel will leave on Wednesday of next week, for Poughkeepsie, New York, to enter the Eastman Business College at that place.

## CHAS. SCHREINER CO.

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Tickets now on sale at Pampell's for the Mobile Minstrels, Friday night, Jan. 5.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton on the 24th inst., a daughter.

Mrs. Lou Whorton, from the famous Whorton ranch on the Divide, spent several days with friends in Kerrville this week.

N. B. Smith and S. H. Huntington, who had been spending several days in the mountains in search of big game, returned to their homes in this city this week. They have not made their final report.

Chas. Rawson, who is attending the medical department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rawson.

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### Death of Gilbert Morris.

Mr. Gilbert Morris died at the home of his brother, Chas. Morris of Morris Ranch, Wednesday, December 27, at noon. Mr. Morris' home was at Burr Oak, Mich. He had been at Morris Ranch about two months, having come to this country for the benefit of his health. Sometime in October Mr. Morris contracted a severe case of pneumonia, which developed into rapid consumption.

The funeral took place yesterday at 11 a. m. at Morris Ranch, conducted by members of the Masonic fraternity, of which order he was a member.

### Happy New Year.

While the season of general rejoicing and festivities is at its height and the people are glad over the prosperity of the year just past, I desire to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to my friends for the patronage they have given me in 1905. I respectfully solicit a continuation of your favors and wish you and all a bright and happy new year.

W. H. RAWSON.

### A Happy New Year.

We herewith wish to express our sincere acknowledgment to our many friends for their liberal patronage during the past year. We appreciate your trade and shall make every effort to merit your continued favors. Wishing you all a prosperous and happy New Year, we remain yours truly,  
H. NOLL.

There are 53 Sundays in 1905, something that will not happen again for 116 years.

Don't fail to see the Mobile Minstrels, Opera House, Jan. 5.

Henry Peterson of Douglass, Ariz., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peterson, of this city.

### Christmas Weddings.

#### HATCH-M'NEALY.

Mr. J. Marvin Hatch and Miss Emma McNealy were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McNealy, near Ingram, Sunday, December 24th, at 2 p. m., Rev. J. T. King officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the newly wedded pair left for Kerrville where they took the train for a bridal trip to San Antonio. Both of the young people are well known and have many friends in Kerr county who join in wishing them godspeed on the journey of matrimonial happiness.

#### PAGE-NEWTON.

Mr. Geo. R. Page and Miss Clara Newton were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Newton, of this city, Wednesday evening, December 27, Rev. J. T. King officiating. The young people have spent most of their lives in Kerrville and comment upon their many excellent qualities would be superfluous. After spending some weeks with relatives they will go to Llano, where they will make their home.

#### CHILDS-BROWN.

Mr. E. I. Childs of Harper and Miss Lillie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Brown, who live four miles southeast of Kerrville, were married at the home of the bride's parents, at 2:00 p. m., Wednesday, December 27, Rev. J. T. King officiating. The good wishes of a host of friends follow these happy young people to their home at Harper.

#### LEE-LEWIS.

Mr. H. L. Lee and Miss Jennie Lewis were married at the county court house in Kerrville Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Judge E. H. Turner officiating.

A Japanese syndicate has bought 10,000 acres of land near Beeville, and will settle a Japanese colony upon it for the purpose of growing tea, truck farming, etc. They will also cultivate the silk worm.

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### Happy New Year.

We stand upon that invisible line that divides the old year, with its joys and sorrows, its successes and its failures; its 365 days passed into history and its 366 days before us no more, from now on, from this day forward, upon whose unexplored territory of time no man has yet trod, we are constrained to pause and consider the events of the past. The year that ends tomorrow has been one of unusual interest in many ways, and the history of the world, as it will be read by future generations, will have many bright pages of the most engrossing interest under the date of 1905. While many great events have transpired and many great calamities have befallen the nations of the earth, our great country has been unusually peaceful, prosperous and happy—especially have Texas and Texas people been abundantly blessed in bountiful crops and the absence of untoward circumstances. Southwest Texas and Kerr county in particular have received a generous share of the good things. The homes of our people are happy and their hearts are filled with songs of peace and contentment.

We have shared in this general prosperity and we desire to express to our friends and patrons our sincere thanks and appreciation for the generous trade we have had during the past year.

It has been our aim since the firm of T. F. W. Dietert & Bro. was organized to make our friends feel that our store was not so much of the "busy marts of men," as a place where the things people need might be bought at a fair living profit. We entered the mercantile business for a permanent avocation, and builded upon what we considered the "firm rock" of absolute merit of wares and equal prices and equal courtesies to all men. We are deeply gratified to find, as the years go on, that we have builded wisely, and our business has prospered. It is to this prosperity that we desire to express our appreciation.

During the coming year we wish for our people happiness and prosperity. May the fields bear rich fruit to fill the garner, and may the flocks and herds on a thousand hills wax fat; may no calamities befall and no deep sorrows enter your homes. Indeed, to sum up all our good feeling toward you, we wish you "A Happy and Prosperous New Year."

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### The Bloodstained Rug.

It is stated on the authority of a London magazine that the czarine, fearing the baleful influence of a historic rug sent by the Sultan of Turkey as a gift to the imperial parents on the occasion of the infant's birth, has sent the young heir to the throne to a place of hiding known only to herself and the czar. The rug sent by the sultan is said to be one known as "The Bloodstained Rug of the Tenth Century," which was taken from the walls of a Moorish palace in the twelfth century, when it was pronounced bewitched. It next appeared in Rome in the fourteenth century, but was banished from an Italian palace because of its uncanny influence, and was moved from place to place during the next 100 years, leaving death and destruction in its wake. It was lost during the sixteenth century, reappearing in the palace of the sultan at the beginning of the eighteenth, where it remained until sent to St. Petersburg, where it arrived at the beginning of the war with Japan.

### THE HOLIDAYS.

The Christmas holiday season passed off very quietly and peacefully in Kerrville. The people spent the time happily in their homes with feasting and entertaining their friends. On Saturday night, 23rd, Christmas trees were given at the Methodist and Baptist churches. On Christmas night the Presbyterian Sunday school had a Christmas tree and on Thursday night the Episcopal church had its Christmas tree. All the trees were well laden with handsome gifts that made glad the hearts of young and old alike.

Their usual reputation for orderly conduct, was sustained by the people of Kerr county in a very gratifying manner. No disturbances of any kind occurred so far as could be learned. Both the Mayor's and the Justices courts have a clear docket, and no one was crippled by the premature explosion of fire works, or the unexpected discharge of an unloaded gun.

The young people enjoyed a ball Christmas night at Pampell's hall.

The performance of "Told in the Hills" by the Kerrville Dramatic Company, Tuesday night, was an all round success. The house was well filled and everybody was pleased.

On the whole, while not a season of startling or unusual events, Christmas 1905, in Kerrville was a time of much innocent pleasure and deep satisfaction.

### Santa at Colored School.

Mr. Kris Kringle Saint Nicholas Santa Claus, who has for centuries, in peace or strife, laughter or tears, never yet failed to call on rich and poor, white and black, great and small, made a visitation to the colored city school building last Saturday night, where he crowned the hopes and joys of every one present.

The patrons of the school and friends donated very liberally in order to have everything fixed to suit Santa Claus' taste.

JAS. DUNCAN, Teacher.

### Millionaires in Overalls.

New York society experienced a sensation when the announcement came out of California that young Charles Chauncey Stillman, son and heir of President James Stillman of the National City bank, who is one of the leading ministers in the Standard Oil cabinet, was earning a meager \$75 a month in Oakland as an ordinary—or extraordinary—baggage smasher. Simultaneously with this bit of news came a paragraph from London saying that John Cecil Rhodes, a nephew and heir of the late South African nabob, had donned overalls and gone to work in the Kimberley diamond mines. Other instances of millionaires wearing the habiliments of toil have come to light in such numbers recently as to resemble an epidemic of labor—a plague of overallitis which is smiting scions of wealth throughout the social and financial world.

### A Strange Physiognomy.

Count De Brazza, the explorer who was sent to Africa by the French government to reform administration abuses, and who for his life there, had an odd-looking personality. A Paris correspondent says: "He had the strange physiognomy I can remember never to have seen, and the most serpentine form—tall, lithe, extremely thin. The profile was the skeleton of an eagle, but the nose very long. The black eyes had I know not what that struck me as Hungarian and opoidian. The jet-black hair was cut close enough to resemble a skull cap. The complexion had the color of a not very fresh lemon under black gauze. The eye was evasive and one could not conceive him as ever having laughed."

### Obituary.

Mrs. Della Williams (nee Della Holliman), beloved wife of D. S. Williams, died in Kerrville, Texas, on the 17th day of December, 1905, at 4 o'clock p. m. Born April 18th, 1887; united in marriage to D. S. Williams the 16th day of November, 1904. She professed a hope in Christ, united with the Baptist church, and was baptized by Rev. P. D. Swift the 15th day of May, 1904, and lived a consistent Christian until God called her home.

To know her was to love her. She leaves a husband, an infant son, father, mother, three sisters, six brothers, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss; but our loss is heaven's gain.

May God's greatest blessing ever rest on the bereaved ones, and may they ever look to Him who doeth all things well, and may they be led home to meet their loved one in heaven by the God she so earnestly trusted.

How sad the thought that one must die,

And yet it is God's will  
That all alike, both young and old,  
The cold dark grave must fill.

Last Sunday as the clock struck four,

Near the close of day,  
A loving, faithful one  
Did quietly pass away.

She was a faithful daughter,  
Trusted, true and tried,  
A loving wife, a worthy friend,  
In whom one could confide.

And now she sleeps, yes, sweetly rests,  
"Secure from all alarms,"  
Forever free from pain and death,  
Safe in the Savior's arms.

Then loved ones dear, just look away  
From a world to sorrow prone,  
And some sweet day you'll meet  
Around that great white throne.

MRS. W. B. CHANEY.

### Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby notified that no trespassing in or upon my pasture or hunting with dog or gun will be allowed in my pasture. Any person found so trespassing will be prosecuted.

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### Trespass Notice.

All persons are warned against trespassing in or upon my pasture or premises, known as the W. M. Eagle pasture I will pay \$100 reward for the conviction of any person stealing a cow or hog in my pasture.

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We will pay \$100.00 for the conviction of any person stealing any horse, cow, hog, goat or sheep. Also \$25.00 for the conviction of any person found trespassing in any of our pastures.

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B. M. HIXSON,  
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