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A Merry Christmas to You.
We wish our readers a Merry Christmas. May your joys be all that you can wish for. Enjoy the holidays to the full extent, but let your conduct be such that will not bring reproach on you or sadden the holiday of your relatives and friends.

Be temperate in all things. Give gifts and show kindness to those not as fortunate as you have been. Eat heartily, but not too much. Drink Colorado river water—the purest on earth, and don't imbibe too freely of that liquid, which is calculated to cloud your brain, and make you not your self. Do these things, and you, your family and friends will have nothing to regret. We have been greatly blessed the past year with prosperity in every branch of industry—good crops and high prices. Let's celebrate the holidays in the true spirit as it should be celebrated—with thanksgiving and good will toward all men.

The Observer will not be issued next week, as is the custom of most all weekly papers, we will take a week off to clear up and get ready for 1916, which promises to be one of the most prosperous the county has ever enjoyed. The Observer will greet you again January 7, 1916, and providence permitting will make weekly visits to your home throughout 1916, carrying to you the weekly local happenings. Be good—do right and keep sober, and make the children enjoy themselves—as only children can.

Program for Christmas Tree.
Opening Song—No. 214.
Prayer—Supt. W. J. Varnadore.
Address—Pastor D. T. Murdoch.
Song—No. 210.
Recitation, "This is Christmas Eve Night"—Pearce McFarland.
Recitation, "The Baby Stocking"—Bonnie Murdoch.
Recitation, "Bosch's Christmas Dream"—Ruth Hamilton.
Recitation, "Teddie's Christmas Gift"—Frank Murdoch.
Recitation—Marguerite Greer.
Song by the children—No. 169.
Committee for trimming tree: S. C. Wilkins, J. T. Varnadore, Mrs. Murdoch, Mrs. C. T. Bradley, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Hamilton, Misses Lavada Wilkins, Pearl Varnadore, Evelyn Laf-ton, and Lizzie Varnadore.
Committee to get tree: W. J. Varnadore and J. T. Varnadore.

Owes Good Health to Chamberlain's
"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. B. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid day to day, and in trouble. I took three bottles of these Tablets and have since been in the best of health. Obtainable everywhere. Adv."

Mrs. W. L. Hayley and children were up from Bronte Monday afternoon. They came to bring Mrs. A. M. Killingsworth and son, A. M. Jr., of Dallas, who will visit her mother and other relatives here during the holidays.

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The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable, Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

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J. C. Sned Jr., left Tuesday for Brownwood and Zephyr. He will visit his relative, Rev. I. A. Clark, at Zephyr.

All kinds of the best candies, nuts and fruits, at Green & Terry's.

Miss Jessie Newton, teacher of the Paint Creek school, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Just received—a car load of Newley's Best Flour, Corn meal, and bran. Call and get some. W. H. Neil & Co.

Fine line of Furniture, Food Choppers, Rockers, Dressers, Kitchen Cabinets, etc. at W. K. Simpson's.

Mrs. Joe Turney is holding a position as saleslady at McCullum Reed Co., during the holiday rush.

A Dinner Party

Just as Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Newman were finishing their evening meal, Saturday, two new Fords glided up to the front. Imagine what a jolt surprise when upon going out they found the owners of the cars to be T. A. and W. E. Puckett, of Mazeland, sons of Mrs. Newman. They were accompanied by their respective families and Messrs. Douglas Storm, Richard Puckett and Robert and J. En-sor. In honor of the occasion, a regular Christmas dinner was served Sunday, consisting of turkey, cranberries, dressings, salads, fruits, vegetables, cakes, pies, and other good things too numerous to mention. The evening was spent in kodaking, joy riding, and other amusements. In the late evening, the parties bade the host and hostess good-bye, and dispersed to their respective homes.

Those present were: Mrs. W. E. Puckett, Mrs. T. A. Puckett, Mrs. W. D. Newman, Mrs. H. C. Childress, Mrs. Connie Newman, Mrs. M. V. Newman, Misses Eunice Puckett, Altha Price, Verdie Ellis, Lillian McFarland, Sallie Wilson, Mrs. J. K. Lofton, Mrs. Frank Roane, Mrs. Tom Boykin, Messrs. W. E. Puckett, T. A. Puckett, W. D. Newman, Douglas Storm, Richard Puckett, Grover Price, Connie Newman, Henry Childress, J. K. Lofton, and an uncle from Dallas, W. T. Newman and eleven little folks. (One Present.)

Commercial printing of all kinds done on short notice.

Toletsky and the Peasants.
Toletsky, the great Russian novelist, spent his whole life in a close communion with the peasants and was persuaded that all the wisdom he might have attained concerning life, its true meaning and its true aim, was due but to this fact. He knew the peasant soul; he spoke and he wrote, especially in his religious and moral works, the language of the peasants. He always says, speaking of truth, that he means "the simple peasant truth." He considers the work of the peasant the only dignified labor, and he never ceased to investigate the simple thoughts and the clear judgments of the true workers—the peasants. At the very end of his life, when he left his home he walked with his daughter through a village and said to her: "I don't yet know our peasants. I will take a stick and wander from door to door, knocking at each house. Then, perhaps, listening to the answers they will give me, I will penetrate into their true minds."—Exchange.

Color Schemes in Rooms.
When following out a color scheme in furnishing a room a little touch of an entirely different but harmonizing color produces an excellent effect. This was brought out by a professional decorator who was discussing the furnishings of her own home.

One room which was furnished in green and had a green velours couch cover was especially noteworthy. "The room needs something to break the monotony," she said, "and some pillows with a bit of old rose coloring will do it."

A bedroom where the color scheme is blue and white is attractive, but requires another color to give it warmth.

A straight color scheme is easy enough for any one to carry out, but it calls for considerable skill to make it distinctive, as in the practical application of a little variety is usually necessary to make the furnishings really charming.—Good Health.

Not Fatal.
"I hear there is an execution in the house over the way."
"You don't say so?"
"Yes, indeed. They're hanging some wall paper."—Baltimore American.

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Perfectly Clear.
"My husband has the clearest head of any man I ever met."
"So my husband tells me. He says there's nothing in it."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Who is She?
Hamp kissed the postage stamp on the letter she had sent. Hamp even licked the mucilage off and into raptures went. He wrote and told her what he did, and his love nearly froze. When she replied, "I wet that stamp, on darling Pido's nose."

Mrs. L. M. Morrow and little son, Douglas Payne, of Ballinger are here visiting relatives and friends.

Dudley Patteson and Chas. Bryson, of San Angelo, were here Tuesday, visiting friends and relatives.

Elder John Reed, of the Pecan section, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

I have a car of implements at Bronte. W. E. Simpson.

J. B. B. Overall sold to A. J. Russell an Overland of the '85 series, last week.

If it's something good to eat we have it. Tell us your grocery wants. Green & Terry.

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Christmas Greetings

From Robert Lee Hardware Store

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We thank you for past favors, and respectfully solicit your Hardware trade for next year.

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OH! CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK. DON'T STAY BILIOUS, CONSTIPATED

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Calomel makes you sick, you lose a day's work. Calomel is quicksilver and it salivates; calomel injures your liver. If you are bilious, feel lazy, sluggish and all knocked out, if your bowels are constipated and your head aches or stomach is sour, just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone instead of using sickening, salivating calomel. Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your head-ache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and bowels regular. You will feel like eating. You'll be clear, fat, full of energy, vigor and ambition.

Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal guarantee that it will clean your sluggish liver better than nasty calomel; it won't make you sick and you can eat anything you want without being salivated. Your druggist guarantees that each spoonful will start your liver, clean your bowels and straighten you up by morning or you get your money back. Children gladly take Dodson's Liver Tone because it is pleasant tasting and doesn't gripe or cramp or make them sick. I am selling millions of bottles of Dodson's Liver Tone to people who have found that this pleasant, vegetable, liver medicine takes the place of dangerous calomel. Buy one bottle on my sound, reliable guarantee. Ask your druggist about me.

HOW THE LOVE POTION WORKED

Amusing Result of a Scientific Experiment.

"I tell you, doctor, we have no knowledge of the point where the imagination gives place to the germ or the germ given place to the imagination."

"And I tell you, doctor, the imagination has nothing to do with it. The germ produces the disease."

"How do you account for the deaths that have occurred in cases where the subject supposes himself to have been poisoned, when he has not been poisoned?"

"I don't believe one has ever been substantiated."

"Do you admit that men and women have gone mad for love?"

"No. They have gone mad while in love. They would have eventually gone mad anyway."

"I will produce love by means of the imagination."

"Nonsense."

Dr. Finch, who made this daring proposition, sat thinking, while his companion, Dr. Hargrave, lighted a fresh cigar. Presently Finch said:

"Your Alice is now about fourteen, I believe. My Dick is fifteen. For my part, a match between them, when older, would be acceptable. How do you feel about it?"

"I should not object."

"Very well. We will give the children lessons in germs and their effects, then administer to each a dose, telling them that it is an infection of love, after which they shall be kept for a time in proximity with each other."

"Agreed."

A week later each one of the children was given a dose of some sweet smelling liquid—the principal odor was of violet—and told that it would infect them with love. Then they were packed off together to a farm owned by Dr. Finch, where they were put under the care of the farmer and his wife, Alice, who took far more interest in the disease than Dick, had performed the duties from which her father had given her the infecting dose and proposed to experiment with it on her own account. Dick told her that he had been given a dose, and she was interested to know how the disease would first appear. But Dick found some farmer boys, who piloted him to the trout grounds and the swimming hole, and for the first two or three days Alice saw nothing of him. When he got back to the farmhouse he had forgotten all about the love germs.

Not so Alice. She watched eagerly for the first symptom of the infection, feeling her pulse and looking at her tongue a dozen times a day. In her letters home, which she was told to mail once a week, she said that she "didn't think the potion could have been strong enough, because she didn't feel any different from when she left home." Her father showed the letter to his friend Finch in triumph, but the confident Finch told him to wait. Soon after this a letter came from Dick to his father, in which he mentioned the fact that Alice had said that he needed more of the infecting dose, and she was cramping it into him.

A month passed, and the doctors were beginning to consider the experiment a failure, when a letter came from Alice which changed the situation.

"I've got the disease," she said. "And I feel so funny. I like it. Dick's got it too. I got it first, then Dick came down with it. I wonder which will

get well first. It is the nicest disease I ever had. Nothing at all like that nasty old measles."

Dick wrote in a different vein. "Alice says that I'm infected," he said, "but I don't know. I don't feel exactly like she does, but I suppose that's right about it."

Drs. Finch and Hargrave met on the street soon after the arrival of these letters, and Finch crossed over his opponent, though he consoled him on the ground that their friendship would be continued by the union of their children.

The next day each received a telegram from the farmer to come at once. Fearing that their children had been thrown under a mowing machine, they met on the first train to start for the farm. Hiring a wagon at the station, they were driving down the road when they met Alice walking beside a red faced, freckled country gawk about twenty years old in a woolen shirt, no coat and his hair sticking through holes in his hat.

"The germs have worked, papa," she exclaimed. "I've given Hank a dose, and he's got it too. He says he's got it awful."

"Got in here," said the father angrily and evidently unmindful of the scientific features of the case. Alice obeyed the order, and Hank was left standing in the road. Dr. Finch went back to his seat, put his handkerchief to his face and roared with laughter. But when they reached the farmhouse the tables were turned. There sat Dick beside a homely young woman of eighteen in a calico dress and sunbonnet.

"I'm glad you've come, pop," he said. "I'm tired of this business. Alice says I've got a love fever, and so does Miss Hargrave, but I don't believe it."

Dr. Finch, whose laughter had died away, looked at Dr. Hargrave.

"Our next experiment will be under the care of a trained nurse," said the farmer.

"And this one will not be reported in the medical journals," replied the latter.

Black Varnish For Iron.

A good black varnish for cast iron and forgings can be made of half a pound of lampblack, half a pound of resin, one pound of asphaltum, one quart of turpentine spirits and a small quantity of linseed oil. The lampblack is first rubbed up with the linseed oil, no more oil being used than necessary for this purpose. The other ingredients are then mixed with it thoroughly. The varnish will be found to be durable.—Blacksmith and Wheelwright.

When to Use Bronze Bearings.

For bearings that must stand heavy pressures some form of bronze or brass is used. A bronze or a phosphor bronze is best when the bearing must also stand high temperatures, such as the piston pin bearing of a gas engine where the piston is attached to the end of the connecting rod. Here the bearing must withstand the heavy pressure and high temperatures produced by the explosions within the engine cylinder.

Deodorizing Lard Buckets.

Lard buckets are the most easily obtained and the most satisfactory of articles in which to pack food or cook for a small party or catering party but it is very difficult to remove the odor of the lard. This may be easily accomplished by boiling the grounds from the coffee-pot in the bucket with about one pint of water.

Care of the Varnish Brush.

Turpentine is best to keep the varnish brush in, because it not only imparts the spring or elasticity of the brush but the turpentine gets into the varnish and cures specks.



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in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Theford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

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The scientists have been trying to decide when a man is drunk. Eph Wiley says a man is drunk when his friends have to put on raincoats to protect themselves.—Abilene Reporter.

An Arkansas justice of the peace, (the same who sentenced a man to the pen for two years for stealing a sheep,) gave it out from the bench that no man was plumb, irresponsibly drunk so long as he could lie in the public road and motion to wagons to drive round him. Science and sophistry, to the contrary, notwithstanding, this is a fairly dependable gauge, for the ordinary type of inebriety.—Colorado Record.

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GEO. COWAN, EDITOR

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GIBSON, THE DWARF.

This Seventeenth Century Midget Wins Fame as an Artist.

Purveyors of side show amusements are agreed, it is said, that dwarfs no longer may be counted upon to draw audiences, no matter how gifted these Lilliputians may be. In Charles Stratton, known the world over by his pseudonym of Tom Thumb, this country furnished the most attractive dwarf that ever exploited his accomplishments and who, as stated by his sponsor in what was considered the most "stunning" advertising of the day, was "the delight of all the crowned heads of Europe" as well as of the uncrowned sovereigns of America.

Great as Tom Thumb was in his time, there were dwarfs preceding him that made most enviable reputations. Among these were Richard Gibson, age seventy-five at his death, July 23, 1830, and his widow, who died nineteen years later at the advanced age of eighty-nine. Gibson was a miniature painter—miniature in every sense of the phrase—as well as court dwarf to Charles I. of England, and his wife, Ann Shepherd, was court dwarf to Queen Henrietta Maria. Her majesty prompted a marriage between these two clever but diminutive persons, and the marriage proved a happy one. The little couple had nine children, five of whom lived to years of maturity and were of ordinary stature.

Gibson's works were valued, and one of them was the innocent cause of a tragical event. This painting represented the parable of the lost sheep and was highly prized by the king, who gave it in charge of Vandervoort, the keeper of the royal pictures. One day the king asked for this picture. Afraid or ashamed to say that he mislaid it, Vandervoort committed suicide by hanging. A few days after his death the picture was found in the spot where he had placed it. Gibson and his wife have, however, been exalted in brevity of stature, as the united height of the two was about seven feet.—Indianapolis News.

MEANING AND SAYING.

Lines of Good Writers That Mangle the Laws of Grammar.

The late and delightful Professor Tom Lounsbury of Yale always maintained that usage made language and his contempt for critics who were strict constructionists was far from concealed; he rather rejoiced in it. Presumably, therefore, he would say that a couple of sentences, which we are about to quote, were all right. They are justified by his standard—they convey to the reader the idea the writer had in mind. For what else is an article written?

Here are the cases, accidentally happened upon in casual reading. Arthur Christopher Benson in his series of essays on "Real" writing of Sam Johnson, says, "No biographer likes, and seldom dares to," etc. Now you know what he means, but what he says is that "no biographer seldom dares," and, anting the negative, this means that a biographer usually dares, and that is exactly what Mr. Benson didn't mean.

The other quotation is from George A. Birmingham's clever travel sketch, "From Dublin to Chicago." In this, telling of the slowness with which so many American hotels and restaurants fill the order for meals, he says the guest could smoke a cigarette "between each course." There, too, the reader knows what is meant, but in fact you can't get "between each." It must be between each and something else. Can you get between a stone wall or between noon, or between 98 in the shade, or, indeed, between the soup? What he should have said to complete his English was "between each course and the next."

In his instances every reader knew what the writer intended to convey. Would the professor have pronounced these breaks justifiable? They are far from being exceptional. You can find them in the standard authors.—Hartford Courant.

She Knew Better. Ostrich Head of the Family—Maria, there was a canvasser at the office today who wanted to sell me a work on etiquette and good behavior. Teaches it in six lessons. I told him I'd ask you if you thought we wanted it.

Real Head—It's all humbug, John. It can't be taught in six lessons. I've been trying to teach it to you for all these years and haven't succeeded yet.—Exchange.

It might be to your interest to read the Bonus vote proposition on another page of this paper.



Colds Need Attention

Internal throat and chest troubles produce inflammation, irritation, swelling or soreness and unless checked at once, are likely to lead to serious trouble. Caught in time Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey loosens the phlegm and destroys the germs which have settled in the throat or nose. It is soothing and healing. Pine is antiseptic, honey is soothing—both together possess excellent medicinal qualities for fighting cold germs. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c all Druggists. Adv.

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Because it has an established reputation won by its good work. Because it is most esteemed by those who have used it for many years, as occasion required, and are best acquainted with its good qualities. Because it loosens and relieves a cold and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. Because it does not contain opium or any other narcotic. Because it is within the reach of all. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

Gas in the stomach comes from food which has fermented.

Get rid of this badly digested food as quickly as possible, if you would avoid a bilious attack. HERBINE is the remedy you need. It cleanses and strengthens the stomach, liver and bowels, and restores energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by P. D. Coulson & Son, Advertisement.

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Few of us realize the danger of Coughs and Colds. We consider them common and harmless ailments. However, statistics tell us every third person dies of a lung ailment. Dangerous Bronchial and Lung diseases follow a neglected cold. As your body struggles against cold germs, no better aid can be had than Dr. King's New Discovery. Its merit has been tested by old and young. In use over 45 years. Get a bottle today. Avoid the risk of serious lung ailments. Druggists. Adv.

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If you have spells of dizziness, headaches, biliousness or constipation, look to your liver for the cause. You can get relief by taking Doan's Kidney Pills. It acts quickly on the liver, helps it to discharge the poison and tone up the system. Helps the stomach too. Only 50c at Druggists. Advertisement.

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When urinary disorders set in. Women's lot is a weary one. Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

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Photography was discovered in this way: Daguerre was lying on a couch in his attic abode and saw a sunbeam fall upon a spot in the darkened room. He was startled to see the objects on the street vividly portrayed in all their colors—in fact, a panorama of the incidents outside. He studied the subject, and his search in the mystery was the beginning of all that is beautiful in photography today.

Little Miss Lena Mae Beeman of San Angelo, is spending the Christmas holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Newton.

Just received, a car of the famous Cake flour and fresh corn meal to go at low prices at W. M. Simpson's.

L. H. McDorman left Saturday for Halltown, Mo., and other points, to spend the holidays with relatives and old time friends. He will return home after the holidays.

We make the housewife good by delivering the best groceries always fresh. W. H. Bell & Co.



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Everything From Everywhere. Presents For Both Young and Old.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS

HERE are Christmas bells and bells. The real Christmas bells ring out only in the morning of the sacred day. It must be between each and something else. Can you get between a stone wall or between noon, or between 98 in the shade, or, indeed, between the soup? What he should have said to complete his English was "between each course and the next."

The Christmas doorbell is a great institution. It is the busiest bell of the lot. All day long the doorbell has pressing engagements. When the doorbell rings on Christmas day, everybody gives heed to its sweet sounds. And everybody rushes to the front door as if the house had caught on fire, and that was the nearest exit. The doorbell has everyone in the family hopping as if they were so many trained ducks.

There are two reasons why the Christmas doorbell is a welcome visitor when it jugs upon the ear. In the first place, you know that no bills are going to be presented by the caller at the door. In the second place the doorbell may announce the arrival of a package.

A sawed-off express wagon driver, with a chunky, holly-bound package under his arm, can get more attention on Christmas day than the governor of the state, surrounded by his military staff and preceded by a Chinese orchestra, playing "Tippecanoe."

The Christmas dinner bell—one at a time, please. Don't all rush in at once!

dozen eager hands. It is strange how ready everybody is to help in relieving the deliveryman of his 12-ounce burden. Then the package is conveyed in state to the inspecting department. It is opened with nervous anticipation, and there is great rejoicing when it proves to be a knitted muffler for father from Aunt Jessica. The muffler is as large as a young hamcock, and is plumper than papa's cheeks when we insist that he try it on.

If there is a grown-up daughter in the family, she beats all records getting to the door when the bell rings on Christmas day. If anybody beats her to the knob it is not her fault, as she slid down the banister and took a fly leap, which was the best she could do without breaking bones. His exploits the kind of presents which are not found in fireplaces after Santa Claus visit. She's looking for bonnets of flowers, huge boxes of candy and other tokens of regard. Sometimes, though not very often, the bell ring announces a neatly wrapped wedding ring.

The Christmas telephone bell is an important feature of the Yuletide. It rings Christmas tidings which formerly were sent on decorative cards, which, with their imitation snow, made handy match scratchers.

The Christmas dinner bell—one at a time, please. Don't all rush in at once!

A Drop. In the new British pharmacopoeia a "drop" is defined as coming from a tube of which the external diameter is exactly three millimeters, twenty such drops of water at 15 degrees C. being equivalent to one millimeter or cubic centimeter.

Society. Mrs. Clumber—You will find society is made up of two classes, my child. Daughter—What are they, mother? Mrs. Clumber—Undesirables and people we don't know.—Life.

Women and Wills. Some women break their husbands' will long before he dies. And it isn't the kind you put on paper, either.—Macon News.

Life without endeavor is like entering a jewel mine and coming out with empty hands.—Japanese Proverb.

The Angelo Restaurant, THE PLACE OF GOOD MEALS.

The most up-to-date and popular restaurant in San Angelo. Short Orders at all times. Regular meals 35 cents. Eat with us when in San Angelo.

ARNOLD & PATTESON LAW LAND AND LOANS. Office in Masonic building.

Notice. All persons knowing themselves indebted to us, will please call and settle at once, as we must have the money. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

J. L. RICE DENTIST BRONTE TEXAS

Will be in Robert Lee the 1st of each month to do any dental work wanted. Office at City Drug Store.

Program for Christmas Tree.

The following are the committees for the Christmas Tree and exercises, to be held at the Robert Lee Baptist Church, on Friday night, Dec. 24th:

Finance Committee: Mrs. Jim Story, Misses Addie and Nettie Turner.

Program Committee: Miss Jewel Pillans, Prof. Crutcher.

To get the Tree: Mr. Turner, Chas. Escue, Prof. Crutcher. Committee to dress Tree: Mrs. Will Cumble, Mrs. L. R. Rhodes, Mrs. Chas. Escue, Mrs. Willie Swofford and Misses Addie and Nettie Turner.

Program as follows: Chorus—"Holy, Holy, Holy." Prayer—Mr. Jim Story.

Welcome Address—Mr. Tunnel.

Quartet—Selected.

Reading—Ivy Crutcher.

Christmas Song—Ione Cumble.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend and participate.

Lame back may come from overwork, cold settled in the muscles of the back, or from disease. In the two former cases the right remedy is BAL LARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It should be rubbed in thoroughly over the affected part, the relief will be prompt and satisfactory. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson & Son, Adv.

To Drive Out Malaria and Build Up The System Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OF REAL MERIT. Illustration of a woman playing a piano. ESTABLISHED 1890

GEO. ALLEN THE HOUSE RELIABLE. Pianos, Sheet Music, Music Books and Musical Merchandise. NOW IN ITS 26TH YEAR. Oldest and Largest Music House in Western Texas, Maintaining Acknowledged Leadership. GEO. ALLEN, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

BLACKSMITHING!

To My Friends and Customers:

I have sold one half of my business to F. E. Estep, of Bowser, San Saba county, and he is now located regularly with me at Robert Lee, and will endeavor to give you the best work during 1916, you ever had done and we will appreciate all the work. We will save you the same discounts, that I have this year. We will have a cold tire setter and we will set tires for 25 cents each, and save you so much on anything that it will pay you to come to see us. Don't forget the place where the horse shoeing sign is—by W. M. Simpson's.

I thank you for 1915's work and we, as Brown & Estep, will do you first class work at 10 to 50 per cent discount. We need your work and money. You need the work and what we save you. We will start back of all work. Satisfaction guaranteed. We don't care how the night. We are both young men and want the business.

BROWN & ESTEP

LOCAL NEWS.

Two cars of lumber for Christmas. W. K. Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Menelle paid San Angelo a visit Tuesday.

Ribbon Cane Syrup in barrel at W. H. Bell & Co.

Eli Austin, of Sanco, was a visitor to the city Tuesday.

Car of wagons to arrive soon. W. K. Simpson.

All the schools of the county are out for the holidays.

Groceries, confections, fruits and the best in can goods. W. H. Bell & Co.

Robert Allen this week bought the farm of V. A. Silliman at Silver.

For Sale—A number of second hand wagons. Robert Lee Hardware Co.

Prof. Robert Allen of the Silver section was a visitor here Tuesday.

Fresh and pure table delicacies always to be found at W. H. Bell & Co.

Oscar Cliff, the big merchant at Fort Chadbourne, was in the city Tuesday on business.

Everything in candies, fruits, etc., for Christmas at Green & Terry's.

All kinds of candies, fruits, etc., for the holidays at Green & Terry's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Cleverer of Sanco, were visitors to the city Tuesday.

Arrived, 1000 pounds of all kinds of fancy Christmas candies. W. M. Simpson.

Workmen are busy repairing and re-flooring the Colorado river bridge.

I have many substantial things in my line for Christmas. W. K. Simpson.

For good things for that Christmas dinner, buy your groceries from Green & Terry.

Elder V. A. Silliman and family, of the Silver section, were visitors to the city Wednesday.

I am selling large quantities of furniture but still have a large stock. W. K. Simpson.

Miss Ethel Snead is assisting as a saleslady at the City Drug Store, during the holiday rush.

Just received, a car of the famous Seal Flour. None better. Green & Terry.

Miss Maggie Newton, teacher in the Union school, is here to spend the holidays with relatives.

Plies Cured in 6 to 14 days. Your druggist will refund money if FAZO CEMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 5c.

THIS BALLOT IS GOOD FOR 700 VOTES
In The Observer Piano Contest

CANDIDATE

Address

This Coupon when neatly clipped out with the name and address properly filled in and sent to the Observer office will count the number of votes named above if sent in within the time limit below.

NOT GOOD AFTER JANUARY 27

Musical Recital.

Miss Irene Lytton, Music Teacher, assisted by her pupils, gave a most enjoyable recital at the Robert Lee Baptist Church Saturday night. The recital was well attended and universally enjoyed. A lengthy program was rendered, as published in last week's Observer. Miss Lytton is a finished musician and has given universal satisfaction to a large class, both pupils and patrons.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of HERBINE in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Price 50c. Sold by P. D. Coulson & Son, Advertisement.

T. E. Estep and family, of San Saba county, have become citizens of our city. Mr. Estep has purchased a half interest in Walter Brown's Blacksmith Shop. We welcome them to our city.

Sickly children need WHITES CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by P. D. Coulson & Son, Advertisement.

J. C. Snead returned Saturday from Waco, where he attended the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. He went as a delegate from this lodge.

Let us fill that order for your Christmas dinner. We have just what you need—Anything in groceries, fresh and fine. Green & Terry.

Christmas Tree Program

To be rendered at the Methodist Church, Friday night, Dec. 24th.

Song by children.

Invocation.

Talk by Sunday School Supt.

Song, "Be Kind"—Katherine Durham.

"Santa Claus Substitute"—Devit Snead.

"Santa's Letter"—Vida Mae Coulson.

Quartette.

Notice.

I have been advised by the Internal Revenue Agents, not to put any more revenue stamps on orders for poll tax, so you can send in your orders as you have always done.

J. H. Burroughs, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Our New Fall Goods

COMPRISING THE LATEST IN

Ladies' Dress Goods, Gingham, Percales, Outing



ALL STEEL KITCHEN CABINET

GIVEN AWAY

ABSOLUTELY FREE

Ask for Coupons. A Coupon will be given with every 25 cent purchase of Enamel Ware.

A coupon will also be given with every \$1.00 worth of Merchandise of any kind purchased from this house.

ASK FOR PLAN OF CONTEST.

Ample Room Enables us to take Care of our Grocery Trade Which we Furnish With the Choicest Groceries

McCallum-Reed Company.

In Memory of

Little William Claud Brown, who died at the home of his parents, near Maverick on Dec. 10th, 1915. He was born Sept. 5th, 1913. He lived only a little more than two short years. His suffering was intense, but the little fellow here up well under his affliction, and was playful until almost the last. He was a very intelligent child for his age, and his vacant place in the home, will be felt by his brother, sister and parents. The Observer extends condolence to the bereaved ones.

Laughter Aids Digestion

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effective help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They only cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

ever receive the proper balance of food to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol. Scott & Borne, Bloomfield, N. J.

E. W. Escue and son, Ted, went to Austin last week. Mr. Escue went to have his son given medical attention by a specialist.

Mrs. E. W. Escue will leave Thursday for Oklahoma to spend the holidays with relatives, she has not seen for forty years.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC drives out Malaria, enriches the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

The Piano Contest

The Special Bonus offer period of the Contest, is now well under headway, and our contestants are busy working for the Big Bonus votes. Many subscriptions are now being turned in daily. The big Bonus vote offer will close on December 24th. All subscribers knowing themselves in debt to the Observer, will please hand the amount to one of the Contestants, thereby helping them to secure the handsomely \$350 Maynard piano, to be given away January 15th, to the Contestant securing and voting the largest number of votes on or before that date.

We have just received a car of bran, meal, and plants for cow feed. Good feed means more milk. At W. M. Simpson's.

Taking Tea With Dolly



Rev. J. C. Mayhew left Wednesday for Winters to visit his sister, Mrs. D. B. Ham and other relatives.

BIG SURPRISE TO MANY IN THIS TOWN

Local people are surprised at the QUICK results received from simple heartburn bark, cures, etc., as mixed in Adolph's, the remedy which became famous following appendicitis. The simple remedy draws off such a nature has a lot of old food matter from the bowels that ONE SPOONFUL restores good stomach, gas and constipation INSTANTLY. It is the best remedy we have ever sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Barber, of Hayrick, were visitors to the city Tuesday.

McCall's Magazine and McCall Patterns For Women

Have More Friends than any other magazine or patterns. McCall's is the reliable Fashion Guide monthly in one million one hundred thousand homes. Besides showing all the latest designs of McCall Patterns, each issue is brimful of sparkling short stories and helpful information for women.

Save Money and Keep in Style by subscribing for McCall's Magazine at once. Costs only a few cents a year, including any one of the exclusive McCall Patterns.

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Assist Your Stomach

To Get Rid of the Poisonous Gases and Fermenting Food.

A good long fast will do this sometimes. A trip to the mountains, tramping, toughing it. Yes, very good remedies.

But are you going to avail yourself of either one of these remedies? No? Then the next best thing is to try a bottle of Peruna. Take it according to directions. You will have a natural appetite. All gas and fermentation in the stomach will disappear.

Read what Mrs. Emma Bell, Box 204, Fort Pierce, Florida, says: "I was taken suddenly with swelling of the stomach and bowels, and great distress. Very painful. Three doctors gave me no relief. Could not eat anything. Everything soured. I was starving to death. I began taking Peruna and was soon strong enough to do work. After taking five bottles I can truthfully say I am well. I gained twenty pounds."

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With a store full of suitable articles that make appropriate gifts OFFERING THE BUYING PUBLIC

The Best Bargains that can be had in San Angelo.

Rockers, Rugs, from \$1.50 to \$35.00 Cedar Chests, Matting Boxes,

Dining Room Table, Buffet, China Closet, all to match.

With Every \$50.00 Purchase, we Will Give One of Our \$5.00 Rockers.

See our Dayenports in Fumed or Golden Oak. Library Table and Chairs that will match and make an entire library suit.

Our Store will open each night until Xmas.

DON'T BUY UNTIL YOU TRY

Sanders Furniture Comp'ny

11 West Beauregard, "SELLS YOU CHEAPER" San Angelo, Texas.

Fourteen Fords Sold.

Jess Craddock, local Ford agent, has sold cars to the following parties during the past ten days: F. C. Wojtek, John McCutchen, Lewis Wilson, J. S. Robertson, Dan Campbell, J. R. Patterson, L. S. Bird, J. O. Garton, B. W. Bibbo, W. L. Clawson, Jake Gates, Ira Bird, W. E. Dixon, John Childress.

In printing the directory of the Robert Lee Telephone Exchange last week, a mistake occurred in the ad of N. W. Kiker, the mail and express man. We stated the fare was \$1.00 one way and \$1.50 for round trip. It should have read \$1.00 each way or \$2.00 for the round trip.

G. W. Peay, one of the most substantial farmers of the 6th section, was in the city Tuesday doing his Christmas shopping.

Dan Burns and family, of Sanco, have become citizens of our city the past week. We extend them a hearty welcome.

The young people enjoyed a delightful social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Taylor Jr., Tuesday night.

Curtis Keenan, Mark Chumley, Bryant Ivey and Frank Harrel were in the city Sunday from Bronte visiting friends.

The Ointment That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of S. W. GROVE, INC.

The young people enjoyed a delightful social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, Monday night.

The Junior young people enjoyed a delightful social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, Tuesday night.

WE WANT YOUR BLACKSMITHING!

We have had a lifetime experience in everything done in a blacksmith shop. Good substantial work at moderate price. You need the kind of work that we do—we need the money. Let's get together.

SAM STORY & SONS.

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You'll Find Everything from Everywhere

Toys of every description at the very lowest price. If you want something that will make the children happy you'll find it here. Your patronage is appreciated.

NOAH POWERS.