

## A 30 DAYS' COST SALE NOW ON!

Dating from Monday, December 12th, to January 12th, 1905, our store will make the greatest cut in Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Notions, Etc., that has probably ever been made by a Dry Goods House in the West. We are determined to discount the prices of Amarillo or any other Panhandle town as the following will show:

<p><b>MEN'S BOOTS</b> Men's Boots worth \$7.50 now \$4.95 " " " 6.00 now 4.50 " " " 5.00 now 3.30 " " " 4.00 now 3.05 " " " 3.50 now 2.50 " " " 2.50 now 1.95 Bootees worth \$4.50 now 3.30</p> <p><b>MEN'S SHOES</b> Men's Shoes worth \$5.00 now 3.95 " " " 4.00 now 2.75 " " " 3.50 now 2.50 " " " 2.50 now 1.95 " " " 1.50 now 1.10</p> <p><b>BOY'S SHOES</b> Boy's Shoes worth \$2.00 now \$1.50 " " " 1.75 now 1.28 " " " 1.50 now 1.17</p> <p><b>LADIES' SHOES</b> Ladies' Shoes worth \$3.50 at \$2.49 " " " 2.50 at 2.10 " " " 1.75 at 1.38 " " " 1.50 at 1.10</p> <p><b>MISSES' SHOES</b> Misses' Shoes worth \$2.00 at \$1.54 " " " 1.75 at 1.38 " " " 1.50 at 1.10 " " " 1.25 at .85</p>	<p><b>CHILDREN'S SHOES</b> Children's Shoes worth \$1.35 at \$1.10 " " " 1.25 at .85 " " " .60 at .40</p> <p><b>WOOLEN BLANKETS</b> Blankets worth \$6.00 at \$4.40 " " " 5.25 at 3.75 Cotton Blankets worth \$2.00 at 1.45 " " " 1.75 at 1.00 " " " 1.50 at .90 " " " .85 at .55</p> <p><b>Ladies' Dress Skirts</b> Skirts worth \$10.00 at \$6.00 " " " 8.25 at 5.50 " " " 6.00 at 4.13 " " " 4.50 at 3.00 " " " 2.90 at 1.93</p> <p><b>Ladies' Jackets</b> Jackets worth \$8.25 at \$5.50 " " " 6.00 at 4.13 " " " 5.75 at 3.85</p> <p><b>Misses' Jackets</b> Jackets worth \$6.00 at \$4.05 " " " 5.00 at 3.00 " " " 4.00 at 2.75 " " " 3.25 at 2.20 " " " 2.00 at 1.28</p>	<p><b>Fine Knit Shetland Shawl</b> Shawls worth \$1.65 at \$1.10 Shawls worth \$1.10 at .75 Shawls worth .75 at .55 Shawls worth .60 at .41</p> <p><b>Cotton Flannel</b> Cotton-Flannel worth 16¢ at 11¢ " " " 12¢ at .9¢ " " " 10¢ at .8¢ Pillow Tubing 42-in worth 20¢ at 15¢ " " " worth 30¢ at 26¢</p> <p>Best grade B. Domestic now 9¢ Good grade Fine Mirlin at 8¢ Good grade B. Domestic now 6¢ Good Indian Head Domestic at 11¢ Good grade Brown Domestic at 6¢ Good grade Brown Domestic at 5¢ Outing worth 12¢ at 10¢ Outing worth 10¢ at 8¢ Eiderdown worth 40¢ at 25¢ White Flannel worth 40¢ at 28¢ White Flannel worth 30¢ at 19¢ Blue Flannel worth 30¢ at 22¢ Black Flannel worth 40¢ at 17¢ Calico at 4¢ and 5¢ Percales at 7¢ and 8¢ Creton worth 12¢ now 9¢ Creton worth 10¢ at 7¢ Creton worth 8¢ at 6¢</p>	<p><b>Ladies' and Misses' Hose</b> Hose worth 25¢ at 19¢ " " " 20¢ at 15¢ " " " 15¢ at 11¢ " " " 10¢ at 6¢ Children's Hose worth 10¢ now 6¢</p> <p><b>Men's Hose</b> Hose worth 35¢ at 26¢ " " " 30¢ at 20¢ " " " 20¢ at 12¢ " " " 15¢ at 10¢ " " " 10¢ at 7¢</p> <p><b>Men's Ties</b> Extra Long Four-in-Hand Ties at 4¢ Extra Long Four-in-Hand Ties at 10¢ Might Ties worth 25¢ at 15¢ White Bows at 3¢ and 7¢</p> <p><b>Men's Wool Sweaters</b> Sweaters worth \$1.65, at \$1.10 " " " 1.25 " .85</p> <p><b>MEN'S OVERCOATS</b> Overcoats worth \$15.00 at \$10.50 " " " 14.00 " 9.95 " " " 12.00 " 8.30 " " " 10.00 " 7.15 " " " 7.50 " 4.95 " " " 5.00 " 3.25</p>	<p><b>BOY'S OVERCOATS.</b> Overcoats worth \$7.00 now \$4.40 " " " 3.50 " 2.47</p> <p><b>Men's Duck Overcoats</b> Overcoats worth \$3.50 now \$2.50</p> <p><b>MEN'S DRESS SUITS</b> Suits worth \$15.00 now \$9.90 " " " 13.00 " 8.80 " " " 12.50 " 8.25 " " " 11.00 " 7.15 " " " 7.50 " 4.25</p> <p><b>BOYS' DRESS SUITS.</b> Suits worth \$9.00 now \$6.60 " " " 7.00 " 4.95 " " " 5.00 " 3.85 " " " 4.00 " 3.00 " " " 3.50 " 2.75 " " " 3.00 " 2.20 " " " 2.50 " 1.65</p> <p><b>Men's &amp; Boys' Hats</b> Stetson Hat worth \$6.00 at \$4.00 " " " 5.50 " 3.85 " " " 5.00 " 3.60 Thoroughbred Hat \$3.00 at \$2.50</p>	<p>Statesman Hat \$2.50 now \$1.60 Beaver Hat 3.00 now 2.05 " " " 2.00 now 1.10 Best in the World \$2.50 now 1.50 Montana Hat 1.50 now 1.00 Boys' Hat worth \$1.25 now .85 " " " .85 " .55 " " " .65 " .45</p> <p><b>Men's and Boys' Caps</b> Caps worth \$1.60 now \$1.10 " " " 1.25 " .85 " " " .85 " .55 " " " .60 " .44 " " " .40 " .28 " " " .30 " .18</p> <p>It is now time to buy your Holiday presents and we believe that we can supply your wants for many useful articles for people of all ages. Try us and see.</p> <p>Of course we have not quoted prices on everything you want but the reduction has been made on everything in the Dry Goods department.</p>
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We cordially invite our friends to come in and look through our stock. We will take pleasure in showing you our goods whether you make a purchase or not.

## CANYON MERCANTILE CO.

**The Blazed Trail**  
By STEWART EDWARD WHITE  
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CHAPTER XII.  
**A**FTER Wallace left them the two men settled again into their customary ways of life. Up to the present Thorpe had enjoyed a clear field. Now two men came down from above and established a temporary camp in the woods half a mile below the dam. Thorpe soon satisfied himself that they were picking out a route for the logging road. The two men, of course, did not bother themselves with the timber to be tramped, but gave their entire attention to that lying farther back. Thorpe was enabled thus to avoid them entirely. He simply transferred his estimating to the forest by the stream. Once he met one of the men, but was fortunately in a country that lent itself to his pose of hunter. The other he did not see at all.

But one day he heard him. The two up river men were following carefully but noisily the bed of a little creek. Thorpe happened to be on the side hill, so he seated himself quietly until they

should have moved on down. One of them slouched to the other, who, crashing through a thicket, did not hear. "Ho-o-o, Dyer!" the first repeated. "Here's that infernal come over here!" "Yop," assented the other, "coming." Thorpe recognized the voice instantly as that of Radway's scaler. His hand crisped in a gesture of disgust. The man had always been obnoxious to him.

Two days later he stumbled on their camp. He paused in wonder at what he saw.

The packs lay open, their contents scattered in every direction. The fire had been hastily extinguished with a bucket of water, and a frying pan lay where it had been overturned. If the thing had been possible, Thorpe would have guessed at a hasty and unpremeditated flight.

He was about to withdraw carefully lest he be discovered when he was startled by a touch on his elbow. It was Injun Charley.

"They go up river," he said. "I come

see what de row."  
The Indian examined rapidly the condition of the little camp.

"They look for somethin'," said he, making his hand revolve as though rummaging and indicating the packs.

"I tink dey see you in de woods," he concluded. "Dey go camp get 'um boss. Boss he gone on river trail two tree hour."

"You're right, Charley," replied Thorpe, who had been drawing his own conclusions. "One of them knows me. They've been looking in their packs for their notebooks with the descriptions of these sections in them. Then they piled out for the boss. If I know any thing at all, the boss 'll make tracks for Detroit."

"Wot you do?" asked Injun Charley curiously.

"I got to get to Detroit before they do, that's all."

Instantly the Indian became all action.

"You come," he ordered and set out at a rapid pace for camp.

There, with incredible deftness, he packed together about twelve pounds of the jerked venison and a pair of blankets, thrust Thorpe's waterproof match safe in his pocket and turned eagerly to the young man.

"You come," he repeated.

Thorpe hastily unsearched his "descriptions" and wrapped them up. The Indian in silence rearranged the misplaced articles in such a manner as to relieve the camp of its abandoned air.

It was nearly sundown. Without a word the two men struck off into the forest, the Indian in the lead. Their course was southeast, but Thorpe asked no questions. He followed blindly. Soon he found that if he did even that adequately, he would have little atten-

tion left for anything else. The Indian walked with long, swift strides, his knees always slightly bent, even at the finish of the step, his back hollowed, his shoulders and head thrust forward. His gait had a queer sag in it, up and down in a long curve from one rise to the other. After a time Thorpe became fascinated in watching before him this easy, untrailing, loping, hour after hour, without the variation of a second's fraction in speed or an inch in length.

At first Thorpe followed him with comparative ease, but at the end of three hours he was compelled to put forth decided efforts to keep pace. His walking was no longer mechanical, but conscious. When it becomes so a man soon tires. Thorpe resented the inequalities, the stones, the roots, the patches of soft ground which lay in his way. He felt dully that they were not fair. He could negotiate the distance, but anything else was a gratuitous insult.

Then suddenly he gained his second wind. He felt better, and stronger and moved freer.

At midnight Injun Charley called a halt. He spread his blanket, leaned on one elbow long enough to eat a strip of dried meat and fell asleep. Thorpe imitated his example. Three hours later the Indian roused his companion, and the two set out again.

From 3 o'clock until 8 they walked continually without a pause, without an instant's breathing spell. Then they rested half an hour, ate a little venison and smoked a pipe.

An hour after noon they repeated the rest. Thorpe rose with a certain physical reluctance. The Indian seemed as fresh as when he started. At sunset

they took an hour, then forward again by the dim intermittent light of the moon and stars through the ghostly haunts of forest until Thorpe thought he would drop with weariness and was mentally incapable of contemplating more than a hundred steps in advance.

"When I get to that square patch of light I'll quit," he would say to himself and struggle painfully the required twenty yards.

"No, I won't quit here," he would continue. "I'll make it that blech. Then I'll lie down and die."

And so on. To the actual physical exhaustion of Thorpe's muscles was added that immense mental weariness which uncertainty of time and distance inflicts on a man. The journey might last a week for all he knew. In the presence of an emergency these men of action had actually not exchanged a dozen words. The Indian led, Thorpe followed.

When the halt was called Thorpe fell into his blanket to get weary even to eat. Next morning sharp, shooting pains, like the stabs of swords, ran through his groin.

"You come," repeated the Indian, stolid as ever.

Then the sun was an hour high. The travelers suddenly ran into a trail, which as suddenly diverged into a spruce thicket. On the other side of it Thorpe unexpectedly found himself in an extensive clearing dotted with the blackened stumps of pines. Ahiwari the distance he could perceive the wide blue horizon of Lake Michigan. He had crossed the upper peninsula on foot.

"Boat come by today," said Injun Charley, indicating the tall stacks of a mill. "Him no stop. You mak' him stop

take you with him. You get train Mackinaw City tonight. Dose men, dey on dat train."

Thorpe calculated rapidly. The enemy would require even with their teams a day to cover the thirty miles to the fishing village of Munising, whence the stage ran each morning to Seney, the present terminus of the South Shore railroad. He, Thorpe, on foot and three hours behind, could never have caught the stage. But from Seney only one train a day was dispatched to connect at Mackinaw City with the Michigan Central, and on that one train, due to leave this very morning, the up river man was just about pulling out. He would arrive at Mackinaw City at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, where he would be forced to wait until 8 in the evening. By catching a boat at the mill to which Injun Charley had led him Thorpe could still make the same train. Thus the start in the race for Detroit's land office would be fair.

"All right," he cried, all his energy returning to him. "Here goes! We'll beat him out yet!"

"You come back?" inquired the Indian, peering with a certain anxiety into his companion's eyes.

"Come back!" cried Thorpe. "You bet your hat!"

"I wait," replied the Indian, and was gone.

Thorpe saw over the headland to the east a dense trail of black smoke. He set off on a stumbling run toward the mill.

(To Be Continued.)

The best Bakers' light bread at Wilson's. Fresh and good.

**CANYON CITY NEWS.**

**GEO. A. BRANDON, Prop.**

A Weekly newspaper devoted to the interests of Randall county and published at office on West Evelyn St. Canyon City, every Friday.

Papers sent out of the county promptly discontinued at expiration of time paid for.

**SUBSCRIPTION.**

One Year, ..... \$1.00  
Six months, ..... 50

**CHRISTMAS.**

Next Sunday is Christmas, the day of all days of the year in which children are interested; the day in which the visions of Santa Claus, which for sometime have been coursing through the juvenile mind will come to a finish for the good year 1904.

Take the world over and Christmas is the day of days for family reunions, for friends to get together and for the good cheer that not only includes the stranger within our gates, but reaches out along the byways of poverty bringing relief and gladness to the hearts of thousands upon thousands of the lowly in life.

To the older ones among us Christmas recalls memories of the "good old times." Of the days when the "man of God" used to "sing the hymns" and the congregation sat with truly Christian patience and often for hours upon puncheon benches; of the days when cotton was seeded by hand, carded and spun on grandmother's wheel and then worked into honest jeans on old fashioned hand-made looms; of the husking bees, the log-rollings and the hearty jolly times that always went with these Christmas-tide doings; of the big backsticks, the Yule logs of poetry and song; the old folks chatting in the chimney corners while the youth of the land, uncorrupted by modern civilization, drew enjoyment and inspiration from the old Virginia reel. These and many other scenes of "old times" will come to the minds of all who have passed the half century milestone on the journey of life.

"Peace on earth and good will to man." So it was written in the "old days." "A merry Christmas!" "A Happy Christmas!" Such were the salutations in the days of "Prince Hal," so the "Pilgrim fathers" greeted each other, nor, have we changed in these respects, but ah! The settings in the scenes are changed, and how different are the backgrounds.

"But Christmas, Happy Christmas!" The same now as of yore, commemorating God's greatest gift to the world—the Savior of mankind—will be now as in "ye olden times" associated with the best and purest emotions of the human soul. So mote it be, now and forever.

The thoughts that crowd upon this writer on the subject of Christmas and its memories are legion, but he breaks away, closing by heartily wishing for all, especially every reader of The News, a Happy Christmas.

**Get Ready!**

The Lockney Beacon of Dec. 15, has the following "straight" news concerning the new railroad:

"Two complete surveys have been made from Canyon City to the T. & P. railroad and we learn that the Lockney route is much preferred, and work on the road will begin in January."

Bro. Oliver has right recently been elected Justice of the Peace at Lockney and he knows what he's talking about when he says it "will begin in January."

Get ready!

Canyon City is still getting the cotton.

The Dallas Semi-weekly News and this paper one year for \$1.00.

The Amarillo Advocate came out last week under the colors of H. B. Martin as editor and proprietor—Lockney is left entirely out of it. From this index number, under the new head, a radical change in the policy of the paper seems to be promised—a feature that will undoubtedly lead to financial betterment. Success to you friend Martin.

**Burton-Lingo Co-Lumber**

A Northern "Catalogue House" dealing chiefly in vehicles, harness and agricultural implements, in exchange for advertising space in The News, to begin with the January number, offers ten per cent on all orders from Randall county. Ar'n't they reaching out after business? We have the proposition on file if you desire to see it.

**Compliments of the Season.**

We desire to extend to every member of The News family our best wishes for a most enjoyable Holiday Season, and a New Year full of success and happiness. May the prosperity which has attended you during the past year be renewed and increased many fold in 1905.

The same devotion to high principle, the same energy in following out your ideals, the same determination to succeed, the same unflinching spirit of conquest that has made it possible for us to place The News where it now is—in almost every substantial home in the county—will, we are sure, permit still further gains in the year that is upon us, provided we receive the same hearty co-operation from our friends in the future that has been accorded in the past. So that, when once more we celebrate in The News family another Christmas-tide, we may mutually congratulate ourselves and say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

**Be Careful Boys!**

School will be out this week for the Christmas holidays and the boys will be, and it is right top, for having all the fun they can possibly crowd into the short vacation. No doubt a good part of this sport will be with fireworks. Nothing wrong in this either, but it is well to have a care lest they burn the town. Everything is very dry now and with the winds loose at both ends such a disaster as this could happen and the result then would be about as bad for the boys as anybody else.

So be careful boys and when you celebrate with these toy powder magazines steer clear of buildings and even then 'tis well to see that all the sparks are out.

The News likes boys, good true boys, boys full of nerve and bubbling over with life and fun; such boys make the men of affairs who control the destiny of this grand world of ours, and in the days to come Canyon City will beyond doubt furnish her share of them.

Amarillo has developed the largest newspaper advertisement of the season. They have one dealer using four full pages of the Amarillo Herald. The paper is not one of cheap prices, either, and no doubt the space costs them more than \$50 per week. Newspaper advertising is a great science.

Memphis Herald.

It might be added that the advertisement cost the advertiser—The Famous—\$75 for that issue.—Amarillo Herald.

**Get Your Trees From the Hereford Nursery.**

Over 100 varieties growing here; 100,000 trees in stock, all of which are Plains' grown. Have had 14 years experience in Texas. Write me for catalogue. Visitors welcome.

L. P. LANDRUM, Proprietor, Hereford, Texas.

We understand that Col. A. G. Boyce has resigned the position of General Manager of the XIT ranch which he has so long held and will remove to Amarillo. His sole reason for resigning, we are told, is for the purpose of retiring from actual business. He is to be succeeded by a Mr. Frasier.—Dalhart News.

The friends of education will rejoice to learn of the change which will soon be made in the Panhandle Christian College. While there has not as yet been anything definite done in the way of a transfer, the fact that the leading men of the church endorsed the move at the Lectureship at Temple last week and recommended the state board to accept the Hereford property is the best evidence that the deal will go through. With the Christian church of the state behind the school, the Panhandle Christian College will soon be numbered among the leading institutions of the state and will be the means of sending forth many young men and ladies of the Panhandle, equipped for life's conflicts and responsibilities. Not only will the school have the backing of its churches throughout the state, but all the local churches will renew their efforts in advancing its interests.—Hereford Brand.

**FOR QUICK SALE**

A three-room house, 2 Southwest corner lots, in best part of town—going for \$450.00, if sold at once. Apply at this office.

**SCHOOL NOTES.**

The Public School will close, Friday, Dec. 23, for a vacation of one week. This may not be long enough to suit some, but long vacations are detrimental to school work. In fact, short vacations do not add anything to the benefit of a school. We will have to call winter vacations a necessary evil.

The 23 of Dec., closes three and one half months of school. Comparatively speaking the work has been quite satisfactory. The new school building has aided greatly to the efficiency of our work. However hard and cold the north wind may blow, it is "Summer Time" in the several rooms.

The teachers and pupils have been very careful that no marking or defacing school property occurs. I don't think any writing or marking can be found on the school property that has been done since school commenced. We trust this kind of a record may continue. Anyone that would intentionally mark, cut, break or deface school property should be dealt with seriously. In fact, I think expulsion is the best remedy.

A. Ernsberger, Supt.

**News Roll of Honor.**

- M N Gallagher.....\$1 00
- A M Smith.....1 00
- J A Grundy.....1 00
- Lamar Whitworth.....1 00
- W F Schmedt.....1 00
- Gus Thompson.....25

**For Sale or Rent.**

The Dr. Odell residence: An almost new, and substantial 7 room frame house; desirable location; large lot, fine well and new windmill, garden, outhouses etc. Will sell at much less than real value or exchange for land near town. Will rent to good tenant.

GEO. A. BRANDON, News Office.

If you want to buy a gold-brick get a 3-year case guaranteed for 20-years and then watch it fade. My motto is "not how cheap but how good."

D. N. Redburn.

**A GREAT REDUCTION SALE!**

**In Dry Goods And Groceries.**

Commencing December 19th, 1904, and continuing until January 20th, 1905, we will sell everything in the Dry Goods line at COST--Nothing held in reserve. Everything from a paper of pins to the most expensive articles in the house will be sold at ACTUAL COST. Following are a few of our many bargains:

<b>Woolen Dress Goods</b>	<b>Men's Caps</b>	Men's T.oo Shirts for.....68c
Imperial Suiting worth 75c at.....55c	Caps worth \$1.50 at.....\$1 10	" 75 Shirts for.....48c
Imp. Broadcloth worth \$1.25 at.....82c	" " 1.25 at.....90	<b>Wool Blankets</b>
Dress Goods worth 65c at.....48c	" " 1.00 at.....60	Blankets worth \$8.50 at.....\$5 75
Dress Goods worth 75c at.....63c	" " 75 at.....55	" " 6 00 at.....4 50
Dress Goods worth 75c at.....59c	Boy's Caps from 18c to.....40c	" " 5 00 at.....3 75
	<b>Men's Shoes</b>	Comforts worth 2.00 at.....1 70
	Sir Knight Shoe worth \$4.00 at \$3.25	" " 1.50 at.....1 25
	Riguer Shoe worth \$3.50 at.....2 75	<b>Grocery Dept.</b>
	Amigo Shoe worth \$3.00 at.....2 35	25c Can. B. Powder for.....19c
	Several pair of Men's Shoes will be sold at less than actual cost.	Best 3-lb Can Tomatoes for.....9c
	<b>Boy's School Shoes</b>	Best 2-lb Can Corn for.....9c
	(The Webster—The Best)	3-lb Can Pie Peaces for.....10c
	Boy's Shoe worth \$2.25 at.....\$1 65	3-lb Can Pie Apples for.....10c
	" " 2.00 at.....1 60	Blackberries 3 cans for.....25c
	" " 1.75 at.....1 30	1 gal. Pie Fruit.....25c
	" " 1.40 at.....1 05	Per gal.
	Ladies' Shoes worth \$3.50 at \$2 30	Iowa Sorghum.....40c
	" " 3 00 at.....1 75	Fancy Table Syrup.....40c
	" " 2.50 at.....1 65	East Texas Ribbon Cane.....55c
	" " 2.00 at.....1 30	Old Fashion Open Kettle.....55c
	" " 1.50 at.....1 00	Syrup De Batterie.....\$1.00
	<b>Men's Shirts and Collars</b>	Good Rice 24-lbs for.....1 00
	Men's 4 Ply Collars for.....10c	10-lbs Evaporated Apricots for 1.00
	Men's \$1.50 Shirts for.....\$1 10	12-lbs Standard Peaches for.....1 00
	" 1.25 Shirts for.....82c	Raisins, 15-lbs for.....1 00
		Prunes, 12-lbs for.....1 00
		7 Bars Clairette Soap for.....25
		5-lb pkg. Banner Oats for.....25c
		10-lbs Best Lard for.....\$1.15

**SEEING IS BELIEVING**

Come in and inspect our stock and see our greatly reduced prices. Our entire stock of Dry Goods and Groceries will be at the mercy of the price whacker from now till January 20th, 1905. It is just the time of the year when shoppers most appreciate Big, Honest Bargains, and we guarantee perfect satisfaction.

**R. G. OLDHAM & CO.**  
CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

**L. G. CONNER,**  
**LAND, LIVE STOCK AND CANYON CITY PROPERTY.**

Thousands of acres of fine Grazing and Agricultural lands at from \$1 to \$5 an acre, owing to location and improvements.

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We invite you to open an account with us. We guarantee as liberal accommodations as are warranted by the account and prudent banking.

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**CITY MEAT MARKET.**  
Beef by hind quarter, 6 cents  
" " fore " 4 cents  
Beef, yearling or calf hind quarter 7 cents  
fore quarter 5 cents  
Pork, half or whole hog 7 cts.  
Delivered at your house.

**From the World's Fair**  
Beautiful cards in latest styles and everything necessary to make nice Xmas. Photos, just received at Lusby's.

We want to benefit you so that you will always trade with us.  
THOMAS BROS. FURNITURE.

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**TRY US**  
Before sending off for Letter Heads, Note Heads, Envelopes, Type writer paper, Bill Heads, or any other class of printing, try the News office on quality and price.  
We need the work and will do our very best to meet competition. Only give us the same order you give the foreign house and ten to one we can meet the price.  
We carry a full stock of material. Give us the same chance we propose to give you—This is all we ask.

## Local.

### Christmas Photos.

Miss Bowyer left yesterday on a visit to homefolks in Missouri.

R. B. Redfearn moved back to his home in town Tuesday.

Be sure to figure with us before placing your order.

CANYON LBR. CO.

W. C. Baird is visiting old friends in Grayson and other counties back east.

Wilson carries a nice line of Tablets, Pencils, Pens, Ink, etc. for the School children.

**For Sale**—The Tom Cochran residence—one of the nicest places in town.—This office.

J. E. Coleman and family moved into the Tom Rowan house last week, having come here from Krum, Denton county, for the purpose of trying Plains climate.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Reid leave this week for Chillicothe, Texas, and Leger, Okla., to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Mrs. A. S. Rollins will spend the holidays with her parents at Fort Worth.

Look out for a wedding in town about Christmas. Inquire of John about it or see Lusby.

The News would like to see those pictures in which the gray mule figures.

From now till Jan. 1, I will fit Watch crystals of any kind for 5cts. D. N. Redburn.

Geo. G. Long, his daughter Miss Jessie, and son, Bunk, will all be home for Christmas.

Miss Minnie Donohoo, who has been attending college at Sherman, came home Tuesday for Christmas.

Robt. Campbell, Nash Hix and Harry Howell, all attending college at Weatherford, Okla., will take their Christmas vacation at home.

Coffee Bros. have been building another room to I. N. Hix's town residence this week.

S. V. Gentry has purchased the Donaldson residence, and will move in about Jan. 1st. He paid \$750 for the property.

No film gives so much for a dollar as we do. We give the most, nobody can give more than that.

Thomas Bros. Furniture.

We may safely say that nearly everybody in the county and many from the outside have been in town "on business" this week.

A bulletin recently issued from the Lick observatory says there is a great crack, some 80 miles long, on the face of the moon.

According to the London papers, Father Ignatius, a famous Anglican monk of Wales, is working miracles right along, even to raising the dead.

Mrs. W. E. Lair anticipates leaving next Saturday for a visit to her old Mississippi home.

H. M. Bridges and wife and Wm. Black and wife left Monday evening for Clinton, Okla., where they will spend the holidays with old friends and relatives.

John Orr has purchased the interest of Geo. Reynolds in the business of Thomas & Reynolds. Brent Taylor also claims a "working interest," good until Thomas gets back off his horse trading trip.

This town is clear of sickness. The only serious case for some time has been that of J. Rusk, who had pneumonia or its next of kin, and he is now able to be up.

C. N. Harrison left Tuesday evening on a missionary trip to Chicago. He intends to tell the folks up there about the great country we have laying all about us, and if possible get a lot of Illinois people down here to see it.

G. J. Hudson, traveling representative for the Dallas News, was a pleasant caller at the News office yesterday. He informs us that A. R. Carnes, the former representative for this paper in this part of the State has resigned his position to accept a more lucrative one with a wholesale drug company.

The Bazaar held by the ladies of the Christian church Tuesday at Judge Vansant's residence, added some twenty dollars to the Aid Society fund. The articles left over are now on sale at R. G. Oldham & Co's. store.

### Board of Trade Meeting.

Monday night, the second of January, is the time for election of officers. Then there is other business. Come to The News office at 7 p. m.

Geo. A. Brandon, Pres.

Three of the churches will have Christmas trees to-morrow evening—the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist. At each one of them a short program will be rendered after which the distribution of presents will take place.

C. K. Kelsey, I. W. Spence and J. F. Holden with their families, all from Grath county, arrived here this week en route to Estacado, their future home. Mr. Kelsey has already purchased property there and the others intend to.

W. F. Schmedt, a young man who came here from Fayette county with C. W. Jochen, now of Umbarger, left Thursday for his old home at La Grange. He ordered a year's supply of The News.

Harry Miller came in this week after several months absence and has taken charge of the Stringfellow-Hume Hardware Co's. Saddlery and Harness department. "Mike" Hileman, the former employe in this dept. has "gone east."

Sam Heyser and Dan Wallace got in this week from a hunt down in the J. A. pasture. Sam reports 1 deer killed and lots of quail during the ten days they were out and says they would have stayed longer but ran out of horse feed.

No. 1 of the Weekly Messenger, a new Journalistic venture at Plainview, reached our exchange table Wednesday. J. H. Foster, not unknown to newspaperdom, is at the helm and he salutes his Hale county readers with a 6 column all home print and excellent reading, as a starter. Success to you Bro.—we X with pleasure.

A petition was circulated among our citizens this week, asking the Honorable Railroad Commission to make Amarillo a common shipping point. So far as we were able to ascertain, everybody, to whom it was presented signed it. If the commission should grant this, the freight rates into Hereford would be reduced about five dollars on the car.—Hereford Brand.

Dr. Guest, Parum Posey, Mr. Moore and Bee Crawford took a five days hunt in the Tule canyon, killed and brought in, Saturday, 5 fine black-tail deer. We lift our hat to the boys for a fine piece of venison, a nice sample of which they sent to various friends. They report great sport, killing the deer at ranges from 400 to 1000 yards.—Lockney Beacon.

The big wolf hunt mentioned in this paper sometime ago will take place in the Block pasture Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next. Parties from Canyon City and country south are requested to meet at ranch of E. A. Cartwright by sun-up Monday morning. The News wanted to publish the rules, but they failed to reach this office before press time.

Friday our editorial table was favored with a copy of the first issue of the Amarillo Academy Echo, a monthly magazine published by the students of the institution from whence it derives its name. The reading matter is appropriate and excellent; the typographical work, done at the Herald office, as good as a city could produce. It is a highly creditable Journal and deserves to succeed.

Tom Rowan and family and Mrs. John Rowan left yesterday for Ft. Worth, Terrell and other points in that part of the State where they will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Oh yes, quite busy, but have time to make baby's picture yet before winter storms set in. M. S. L.

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### Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Program.

A union-meeting of the two Societies to be held at the C. P. church, Sunday, Dec. 25; at 3:30 p. m.

Subject, "The Light of the World."

Leader—A. S. Rollins.

Song.

Reading Scripture lesson, and comments. Isa. 9:2-7; Mr. Rollins.

John 3:16-21; T. C. Thompson.

Prayer.

Song.

"How is Christ the Light of the World?"—Miss Thompson.

"In what way will Christ be the Light of Heaven?"—Miss West.

Special Song.

"The First Christmas"—Miss Parker.

"How Christmas should remind us of earth's dark corners."—B. F. Hodges.

Song.

C. E. Benediction.

### THE CHRYSANTHEMUM BOY.

(Contributed by Miss Lillie Leonard, Canyon City, Texas.)

They in their fresh snowy beauty,

On a bed of damp cotton lay;

And she wondered while lifting them gently.

Who'd sent them that bright Christmas Day.

For through the long years of her womanhood,

She had wished for just such a gift;

But among the sweet memories she cherished,

There were no white petals to drift.

And then she slowly arranged them.

While pondering the mystery hard,

There dropped from their stems long and leafy.

A closely-written neat little card.

She secured and eagerly scanned it.

"From Ned to Aunt Meggie," it read.

"I thought you would like them at Christmas."

And the story I tell you," it said.

"Wont you be my chrysanthemum boy?"

Of purity and truth, they are emblems.

My favorite flower—you see

That is why I want you to love them

And let them your badge be.

And I have, Aunt Meggie; God bless you!

And I feel it will give you more joy

Than gifts from the "Kings of the Earth" could.

To know I'm your chrysanthemum boy."

Now that was the happiest Christmas

That merry Aunt Meggie has known

For she feels by her help, he was able

To establish King Truth on the throne.

And she thinks it would please the kind Savior

To see, on the day of his birth,

A snow-white chrysanthemum blossom.

On every bright youth on the earth.

If it means (and of course, he will mean it)

That now, henceforth, evermore,

FOR SALE—A neat three-room house situated just west of the Dr. Odell residence—two southwest corner lots. House has just recently been painted and papered throughout. This place is in the best part of town, being close to town, school and churches. Owner wants to sell and leave at once. Price \$450. Apply at this office.

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