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GOOD CHEER

Christmas with all its traditions, means, above all things, "Good Cheer." Nothing will produce the genuine spirit of the holiday season so much as some token of your regards. Our store contains an excellent assortment of such gifts. Easy to pick from our stock as everything is new and our principal aim has been for QUALITY, not the cheapest, but the best for the money. Don't overlook our place when doing your shopping. Below are a few of the many good things.

<p>Genuine Alligator Hand Bags, leather lined at \$4 to \$9.</p> <p>Beautiful Back Combs, good quality stones set in inlaid gold and silver, good quality combs \$3 to \$4.</p> <p>Nothing is more acceptable to a man than a tie. We have gotten in a nice line and you will be sure to find what you want. 25c to 50c.</p>	<p>FOR THE HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT you will be sure to need an Evening Gown. It is too late to have one made; come down and save trouble and worry by getting one ready to put on.</p> <p>An all wool Batiste, <small>WHITE, LIGHT BLUE AND GRAY.</small> handsomely trimmed, made Princess Style, at \$13.50</p> <p>Princess Gowns made of Messaline Silk, you would have to pay at least \$30 in the city for a poorer quality, our price..... \$22.50</p> <p>Princess Gowns made of nice grade of Liberty Satin, an 18 inch satin that would retail at \$1 per yard, made by the best ladies' tailors, all nicely trimmed, black and London smoke, at \$30.00</p>	<p>A nice line of Belts, the latest styles, elastic and leather— 50c to \$1.50.</p> <p>A big line of Sample Handkerchiefs at a big reduction over regular prices. We bought them cheap and sell them cheap.</p> <p>Don't Overlook the NET WAISTS.</p> <p>We have them at all prices from \$3 to \$10. From \$4 up only one of a kind so you will have exclusive patterns.</p>
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Thanking you for the nice business you have given us and wishing all a Merry Xmas, we are

THE LEADER

<p>\$75,000.00 COURT HOUSE.</p> <p>Petitions Circulated Asking Court to Order an Election to Build New Temple of Justice.</p> <p>Monday afternoon several petitions were circulated asking the Commissioners court of Deaf Smith county to order an election for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of erecting a new house for the county. The amount called for is Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars. Nearly a hundred names were secured in a few hours, all signing with pleasure and complete endorsement of the move.</p> <p>The petitions are still to be found at the business houses where voters may have the opportunity to sign. If you have not signed drop in and do so. It is the purpose to secure as large a number of signers as possible. It would speak well for the county to see the name of every qualified voter on the petition.</p> <p>This matter comes up now after lying dormant for several months. A year or two ago the matter of a new court house was discussed but the step was not taken, because it was thought best to wait until the county was a little more thickly settled and values increased. The panic came on and made the sale of bonds slow or even impossible. But now that the "prosperity procession" is passing, it is a good time to provide for this great necessity.—Hereford Brand.</p> <p>Ross I. Winn of Plainview was in the city Monday coming here from Happy where he has been putting in a stock of lumber for the Happy Lumber Company, a new concern opening up at that place.</p>	<p>Roy Irick and wife passed through this city from Plainview last Sunday on a wedding trip. They had just been married in their home town.</p> <p>L. T. Lester, George L. Abbot, Fulton Brown and Judge Buie were in Dimmitt last Monday looking after some business matters.</p> <p>J. C. Pipkins and Rev. M. E. Hawkins left last Monday for Memphis where they will hunt the elusive quail and other game.</p> <p>Clifford Reynolds came up from Plainview last Sunday and spent the day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds.</p> <p>Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Diggs of Plainview were in the city the first of this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Moreland.</p> <p>R. M. Peeler has returned from a trip into the Corpus Christi country. Randall county is good enough for him.</p> <p>E. H. Griggs has returned from a trip to Genoa, Illinois.</p> <p>Ill Health is More Expensive Than any Cure</p> <p>This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from that throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by the Druggists.</p>	<p>SAYS NEED ROAD TO NORTHWEST.</p> <p>T. P. Barry Declares Dallas Should Have Line to Panhandle and Get a New Trade.</p> <p>That the construction of a railroad from Dallas to Northwest Texas will be a determinate factor in securing to this city the trade of a fast developing country is the statement of T. P. Barry, who has just returned from Lubbock, Plainview and other towns of the Panhandle.</p> <p>"The most essential thing to the continued advancement of this city, even more essential than the building of interurbans," said Mr. Barry, "is the building from Dallas of a northwestern railroad. The projected line from Dallas to Albuquerque, N. M., will cross a very rich territory. Such a road would cross the Katy, the Santa Fe, the Orient, the Wichita Valley and the Pecos Valley lines, as well as the road building northwest of Stamford.</p> <p>"If Dallas don't get direct railroad connection with this country, the bulk of the trade from that section will be lost.</p> <p>"The country is being very rapidly settled by a desirable citizenship. Successful farmers from other states are buying tracts and improving them. These settlers are people with means, as a rule, though not wealthy, and they are of the sort that make good citizens. The continued development of this western country is assured, and no road would pay better than one from Dallas to that section."—Dallas News.</p> <p>Geo. O. Renner who recently moved to this county from Illinois, was in our office this week and to the News man stated that he was more than ever pleased</p>	<p>GENOA LODGE ATTENDS.</p> <p>Rev. C. A. Briggs, Sr. of Winslow Officiates at the Church—Large Attendance.</p> <p>According to the rites of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows the remains of Leslie Griggs were laid to rest in Genoa cemetery Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29. The services were in charge of Kane Lodge of Elgin of which the deceased was a member at the time of his death. There were about twenty Odd Fellows here from that city. About forty members of Genoa Lodge No. 768 were also in attendance, all marching to the church from the hall in a body.</p> <p>The services at the church were conducted by Rev. C. A. Briggs, Sr. of Winslow, Ill., assisted by the local pastor, Rev. J. T. McMullen. Rev. Briggs formerly preached at Plato where Mr. Griggs resided for many years. Music was furnished by the ladies quartette. Besides the large pillow of flowers presented by Kane Lodge there were many beautiful floral pieces. The attendance was large considering that rain fell during the entire service.</p> <p>Leslie, son of E. H. and Hattie Patterson Griggs, was born in Plato township, July 15, 1880. At the age of five years he came with his parents to Genoa. Two years later the family moved back to Plato where Leslie resided until the age of twenty-two years when he went to Elgin and entered the employ of the Elgin-Aurora Traction Co. In March, 1907, he went to Canyon City, Texas, near which place he located on a ranch. He was taken sick last August and never recovered, passing away November 29. Leslie is survived by</p>	<p>sister, Jessie. His mother, daughter of Mrs. Abbie J. Patterson, passed away about four years ago.</p> <p>Leslie was one of those big, good natured, manly men whom it is always a pleasure to meet. He was industrious, of clean habits and made friends wherever he went. He was a good citizen, a good Odd Fellow and a good friend.—Genoa (Ill.) Republican.</p> <p>Miss Esta Hightower left yesterday for her home near Haskell. She has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Abbott in this city for several weeks.</p> <p>Joe Foster, tax assessor for this county, went to Waco the first of this week to attend the state convention of the tax assessors which met in that city.</p> <p>Robert Dawson left last Sunday for his former home at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. We give him about three months in which to get back here.</p> <p>Roy F. Rudolph, one of the office force of the Plainview Herald, was in this city last Sunday the guest of his friend, Dan K. Usery.</p> <p>In the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Younger filled the pulpit at the Baptist church at both hours last Sunday.</p> <p>Ab Thompson and E. H. Ackley have returned from a hunt in Moore county and report that game is plentiful.</p> <p>L. M. Williams of Umbarger was in the city Monday transacting some important business.</p> <p>John A. Wallace and John Guthrie made a trip to Lubbock the first of the week.</p> <p>O. E. Bennett and Oscar Gamble were Amarillo visitors last</p>	<p>ROCK ISLAND—FRISCO RAILROADS.</p> <p>Announcement Made That the System Will Spend Large Amount of Money in Extension and Improvements.</p> <p>There has been a great deal said lately about extensions of old railway systems and the building of new roads in the Panhandle section of this state and from time to time there have been issued more or less authoritative statements relative to these matters.</p> <p>The city of Fort Worth has been looking with longing eyes toward that section of the state lying between the Fort Worth and Denver railway on the North and the Texas and Pacific Railway on the south and recently a movement was inaugurated in that city looking forward to the extension of the Rock Island road from Graham into the Plains country and it seems that these hopes are about to have realization.</p> <p>B. F. Yoachim who is chairman of the board of directors of the Rock Island-Frisco combination is said to have issued a statement that his roads would expend the sum of \$80,000,000.00 during the coming year in the extension of its present large systems and in the betterment of the track conditions along the existing lines.</p> <p>In-as-much as the tracks of the lines already are in very fair condition it is expected that the greater part of this appropriation will be spent in reaching out into new territory. Just in what direction these extensions are expected to go cannot be verified from the statement issued but Fort Worth seems to be in a joyful state considering that they will soon have railway connec-</p>
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COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL REUNION

CITIZENS MEETING APPOINTS DIRECTING BODY FOR NEXT YEAR'S CELEBRATION HERE.

Surplus From Last Reunion Amounts to \$240—Statement of What Should Be Done Made by Citizens.

According to announcement a citizens' meeting was held at the court house to hear the report of the reunion-committee which had in charge the annual picnic, reunion and fair held in this city last August and to elect the directors for the ensuing year. The committee for last year consisted of George A. Brandon, J. H. Garrison, J. D. Gamble, Travis Shaw, J. C. Hunt, C. P. Hutchings and George L. Abbott.

When the time for the meeting came quite a representative crowd was present and Judge Brandon presided over the meeting in the absence of Judge J. C. Hunt, the chairman of the committee. The meeting was a short and decisive one everything working very harmoniously.

The report of the committee made by the treasurer showed a balance of cash in hand amounting to \$255.04 against which there are two outstanding accounts amounting to about \$15, which would leave a net balance of about \$240.00. The report of this committee was, by resolution, accepted and the thanks of the citizens tendered them for their faithful services.

The next matter taken up was the selection of the members of the committee for the next year and after the vote was announced, L. E. Cowling, Travis Shaw, O. C. Davis, C. N. Harrison, A. N. Henson, George A.

Brandon and R. A. Terrill were declared elected. The time of holding the celebration was left entirely in the hands of the committee as was all things pertaining to the matter.

A meeting of the directors has not yet been held and therefore the various officers have not as yet been named. Of course nothing definite has been decided upon as a plan of action for the next year's entertainment, but from what we can hear from some of the members there is going to be a decided effort made for a change in the entire program which has heretofore been on somewhat of the same order each year. A great deal more attention will be paid to the exhibits of farm and garden products as well as live stock and poultry. Some of the members state that they expect to get out a list of the premiums early in the year in order that every farmer and every person in the county might be able to compete in the various items should they so desire.

In order that some expression of sentiment regarding the matter might be had the News reporter questioned a number of the citizens of the town last Tuesday morning relative to what could be done to create new interest in the affair and some very good suggestions were offered and we give a few of the suggestions made below:

R. H. Sanford, sheriff—Get to work early and secure two or three good speakers of National reputation. It will cost money but it will bring the crowd. Have some good races. Give us more general exhibit of farm products and live stock thereby creating a great interest in successful farming.

Geo. A. Brandon, attorney—Hold the meeting about the middle of September and have better agricultural exhibits.

M. P. Garner, county clerk—Let's have a good one—better

than ever before. Get up in the collar, get in line and every fellow try to bring something that will attract somebody else.

W. D. Scott, county attorney—We ought to have a better one than ever. The merchants should give a parade and then there should be a floral hall for the exhibition of flowers. It will create an interest in flowers about the home.

P. H. Young, county treasurer—Give the people more free entertainment. They kicked on paying so much last year.

W. S. Keiser, real estate—The thought suggests itself to me for better fair exhibits. From these exhibits we could select a general exhibit to send to Dallas. No county on the Plains can raise more or better products and we ought to be at our celebration and at the state fair at Dallas with the goods to show it.

E. L. Shifflett, real estate—Let's have everything. Entertain the people both by day and at night. Turn the people loose.

T. F. Reid—Get our home people more interested.

R. H. Wright, banker—Have more attractions. Get a carnival company to come here. Get good farm exhibits and have a great deal to see.

I. L. Hunt, banker—It is hard to suggest just what to do. Get the people of the county interested first.

Oscar Hunt, postmaster—Don't think the reunion could hardly be worse. The people want more entertainment.

Newt Reeves, ranchman—Let the people give more money so that the committee can do something that is big.

W. T. Moreland, merchant—Get Molly Bailey's show to come back.

J. H. Jowell, city marshal—The people in this country like good horses and some good races will create an interest.

U. S. Gober, real estate—Give us more and better shows.

T. C. Thompson, merchant—Arrange for an exhibit hall so that the merchants may place exhibits out there. We will do everything possible to help the matter along.

G. S. Ballard, farmer—Show the products of the country and make more of a fair out of it.

J. W. Cowart, merchant—It ought to be held later in the year and then give the people more free attractions.

I. L. Van Sant, farmer—Spend a little more money on it.

W. J. Redfearn, merchant—Get some good speakers of renown.

M. F. Slover, farmer—Have something out there to keep the people busy all day.

George Hutchings—Charge a small entrance fee and make the ball game, broncho busting and such like attractions free. Get up a merchants parade.

C. P. Hutchings, merchant—Get a carnival company here and then have a place for the merchants to make an exhibit of their goods.

Sam Heyser, merchant—Give the people plenty of attractions and let them enjoy themselves.

Jim Foster, butcher—Too many people kicked last year about the various charges. Make a nominal entrance fee for each day and let everything except the side shows be free.

J. D. Gamble, liveryman—Organize a fair association to be owned principally by the farmers of the county. It will amount to something then.

A. S. Rollins, attorney—Hold the reunion after the first of September and give the farmers a chance to mature their crops which they want to exhibit and they will then be worth exhibiting. Make it a fair and a good one.

B. Frank Buie, attorney—Make a complete exhibit of everything of every kind raised in the county, hogs, chickens, horses, mules, cows, calves,

A TRAIN LOAD OF EMIGRANTS.

AT LEAST FIFTEEN CARS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS WILL COME TO THIS CITY ON ONE TRAIN.

People Begin to Move to Randall County in Large Numbers—Other Large Parties Are Announced to Come.

In the history of immigration of business of the United States there never has been so much interest taken in any section of the entire country as is now shown in the Panhandle of Texas. Every state in the Union is lending and sending those who are investing in the lands and are moving to this country.

During the past year and par-

colts, farm products, garden products, children, everything that we raise. Every man in Canyon City ought to select some class and offer a premium of some kind upon it. It will be worth many times the cost.

W. E. Bates, farmer—Make a good county fair out of it.

E. W. Pipkin and Geo. Massey, merchants—Organize an advertising department and advertise it thoroughly; then give a good program and it will be a success from every point of view.

R. G. Oldham, merchant—Get a more attractive place for the exhibits and after the exhibition is over send the best of them to the state fair at Dallas.

The reporter did not have time to see others but the above will show something of what the people think about it. There was an almost invariable expression that we needed a better entertainment. It is up to the people of Randall county to make the matter a success, and Randall county and Canyon City will do it.

ticularly during the past four months the largest number of actual settlers have bought land in Randall county than ever before and they are moving here at a rate that is surprising to the uninformed.

This week there are arrangements being made for a solid train of cars of household goods from Winier, Nebraska, to Canyon City, and it is very probable that the train will be increased to twenty-one cars. This train of people with their belongings are scheduled to leave Winier during the early part of next month and it is expected that it will take about four days to make the trip.

Most of these people are to locate within nine miles of Canyon City, a number of them going to lands in the Block pasture, some out towards Umberger and some south of the city.

To the News reporter, one of our leading citizens said:

"Canyon City has a chance to do some very effective advertising if they take advantage of it. The city should place banners on the cars showing that the train was bound for Canyon City and Randall county in the Panhandle of Texas. The people along the railroad over which the train is to come should be notified so that they could see that the train was an actual fact and it would not be a bad idea for the town to turn out "en masse" to greet these people when they arrive. This is the kind of business that Randall County wants and if the people know that others are coming to this county and those who come know that they are received with a hearty welcome, it will not be long until farmers will come in trains with two sections."

D. N. Redburn expects to leave the first of next week for points in the North in connection with some of his business affairs.



Realizing that the people of this county desired the best that the market afforded in their selection for the Christmas remembrance for relatives and friends, we have purchased and now have on exhibition the Largest Stock of Holiday Goods ever brought to this city.

We have endeavored to buy the best of everything selected and being in a position to investigate the samples of almost every house in the country selling these goods, we were enabled to buy satisfactorily both in quality and in price.

EVERY DEPARTMENT IS FULL

of good goods and the prices are right. Presents for the Children, for the Young Men and Young Ladies, for the people generally, may be found here. We cannot hope to enumerate any number of articles but if you will call we shall be glad to show you the complete stock.

Our Jewelry Department is under the direct charge of an experienced man, the stock is the largest and best assorted in the western portion of the state, and we have just the correct thing in this line.

We Have a Large Line of Christmas Fire Works.

WEST SIDE OF THE SQUARE	THE CITY PHARMACY	CANYON CITY, TEXAS
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JOE FOSTER, PROPRIETOR

NEW BARBER SHOP

I HAVE opened a new barber shop on the south side of the square and will serve you to the best of my ability and assure you that your patronage will be appreciated.

WILL BAILEY

Cattle King RESTAURANT

Re-opened under new management and supplies the best lunches and meals in the city at all hours. Pies and Cakes of all kinds—the kind that mother used to make—at reasonable prices. A trial will convince you.

Opposite the Depot
The Cattle King Restaurant

Campbell's Soil Culture IS MAKING HISTORY

Campbell's Scientific Farmer HAS A FIELD OF ITS OWN

It tells you how to get good crops in dry years by the Campbell System of Soil Culture, and how to double the present yield per acre. A yield of winter wheat, by the Campbell System, at the Nebraska Branch Station, North Platte, Nebraska, this year was 67 bushels per acre.
Mr. Campbell is establishing experimental farms in many sections of the country. This system is being practiced more every year and its great success is becoming more completely demonstrated. It's no longer a theory, but is a proven fact. Sample copy of the Farmer Free! Send for it now. We want reliable, active agents for our paper.
An opportunity for young men and women to work their way thru school or provide for necessities. We pay salary and commission. Write for terms.
Campbell's Soil Culture Co.
32-8p Lincoln, Nebraska

J. R. Harter

EXPERT Horse Shoer
...Blacksmith Too....

CITY Meat Market

JIM FOSTER, Proprietor

WE LIKE GOOD MEAT to eat ourselves and therefore know just what our customers want in this line and

We Supply Them

with the very best meats that can be bought.

We Are Now in Our New Location

in the Smith & Monroe building, south side of the square.

CITY MEAT MARKET

JIM FOSTER, Prop.

STAR Barber Shop

H. E. Muldrow, Prop.

Fine Bathing Arrangements

Agents for American Steam Laundry

FIVE JUDICIAL DISTRICTS WANTED.

Was Movement on Foot to Relieve Congestion in Legislature in Panhandle.

At a meeting held in this city last night by attorneys and others in interest from those judicial districts presided over by Judges Browning, Hendrix and Kinder, representatives were present from Dallam, Hartley, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong and Potter counties. After a general discussion it was determined that a bill shall be framed and the legislature asked to create from the present districts of Judges Browning and Kinder two additional districts, making five in all instead of three, as at present.

It is contended that the work of the districts under the present arrangement is too great, and especially is this true with reference to that district in which Judge Browning presides. It was suggested that while the needs of the situation require two new districts, even one would bring great relief. In the event the situation narrows itself to one new district, that one will be created out of the one now under the jurisdiction of Judge Browning.

A committee of five attorneys was appointed from Judge Browning's district and a like number from Judge Kinder's district, these lawyers to meet in this city December 29 for consideration of the proposed bill to be offered to the legislature. At that time it will be determined whether one or two new districts will be asked for.

State Senator John W. Veale and Representative J. R. Bowman were at the meeting last evening. They seemed heartily in favor of the innovation.

The Daily Panhandle heartily indorses this movement, and the legislative representatives from this section should bend every energy to see that this relief is granted. The Panhandle has become too far advanced in population and business to be handicapped with conditions which were proper at one time but which no longer are suitable to us as a busy people, which we are now.—Daily Panhandle of Dec. 10.

Live by the day is a suggestion from one of these observing philosophers of common life who put so many kernels of truth in their homely shrewd sayings. Of course the phrase is not one of half meaning. On the contrary to "live by the day" means living in the fullest sense of the word, not carelessly indifference to opportunity, to duty, and to trouble when it comes; it does not mean to have no thought for the future. The value of the suggestion lies in this, that every man, every woman, no matter what may be the sphere of life, can have courage and hope and faith for one day, can bear the heat and toil of one day without shrinking. The thoughtful teacher of music, for example, who learns to think more of each day and less of the entire season, comes to think of his or her work as a succession of days, each with responsibilities, with victories, apparent defeats, it may be, yet with no true grounds for absolute discouragement. Once this idea of looking after each day, as it comes, is ground into the teacher's philosophy of living and working he has greater courage. Teaching problems that appear formidable in the aggregate can be solved if taken in detail; difficulties on the business side of the profession lose terror when attacked separately; troublesome pupils can be studied individually. One happy solution a day is a victory and strength for the future.—Etude.

For Sale—White Holland turkeys; Toms \$2, hens \$1 each or \$4 for trio. Plymouth Rock roosters \$1 each. One Poland China boar \$10.
J. H. BELL.

SOMEWHAT AMUSING

Outwitted the Landlord.

When recently leasing a house in a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia the lessee failed to examine closely the terms of the lease. After a time his landlord called and reminded him that he was bound to do all the outside painting at certain intervals. The tenant protested in vain; so he engaged painters, and ordered them to paint the whole front of the house red, white and blue—in stripes.

When it was finished the neighborhood rose up in arms, and the landlord was frantic. The tenant politely explained that there was nothing in the lease about the color, so he intended to finish the job by painting the back of the house green with large yellow spots. The landlord saw that he had met with his match and within a few days the tenant had a new lease, in which the landlord undertook to do all the outside painting.

A Pound of Meat.

"Didn't I tell ye to feed that cat a pound of meat every day until ye had her fat?" demanded an Irish shopkeeper, nodding to ward a sickly emaciated cat that was slinking through the store, according to Everybody's.
"Ye did that," replied his assistant, "an' I've just been after feedin' her a pound of meat this very minute."

The poor cat was lifted into the scales. They balanced at exactly one pound.

"There!" exclaimed the assistant, triumphantly. "Didn't I tell ye she'd had her pound of meat?"

"That's right," admitted the boss, scratching his head. "That's yer pound of meat. But," suddenly looking up, "where the divil is the cat?"

Their Titles to Fame.

That Lord Brougham was fully capable of a quick retort, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, is shown by the following:

"You, my lord," said the Duke of Wellington, angry with him, "will be remembered not for having been a great lawyer, nor for having written profound philosophical essays, but for having given your name to a peculiar style of carriage."

"And your grace," answered Brougham, "will be remembered not for having gained the battles of Victoria and Waterloo, but for having your name to fashionable kinds of boots!"

"Oh!" said Wellington, "—the boots! I forgot 'em."

A doctor came up to a patient in an insane asylum, slapped him on the back, and said: "Well, old man, you're all right. You can run along and write your folks that you'll be back home in two weeks as good as new."

The patient went off gravely to write his letter. He had it finished and sealed, but when he was licking the stamp it slipped through his fingers to the floor, lighted on the back of a cockroach that was passing, and stuck. The patient hadn't seen the cockroach—what he did see was his escaped postage stamp zigzagging aimlessly across the floor to the baseboard, and following a crooked track up the wall and across the ceiling. In depressed silence he tore up the letter that he had just written and dropped the pieces on the floor.

"Two weeks! Hell!" he said, "I won't be out of here in three years."

A young lady explained to a printer the difference in printing and publishing, and in conclusion said: "Now you may print a kiss upon my cheek, but you must not publish it."

he locked the fair form in his arms and went to press.—Lake-wood Progress.

The Language of the Plants.

"He didn't care to write to her when he wanted her to arrange for a secret marriage, so he sent her a running vine."
"What did she do?"
"Sent him a canteloupe."

Both Looking For Him.

The stranger advanced toward the door. Mrs. O'Toole stood in the doorway with a rough stick in her left hand and a frown on her brow.

"Good morning," said the stranger politely, "I'm looking for Mr. O'Toole."

"So'm I," said Mrs. O'Toole, shifting her club over to her other hand.—Everybody's Magazine.

In Doubt About the Head.

Patrick Murphy while passing down Tremont Street was hit on the head by a brick which fell from a building in process of construction.

One of the first things he did after being taken home and put to bed was to send for a lawyer. A few days later he received word to call as his lawyer had settled the case.

He called and received five crisp new \$100 bills.

"How much did you get?" he asked.

"Two thousand dollars," answered the lawyer.

"Two thousand, and you give me \$500? Say, who got hit by that brick, you or me?"—Boston Herald.

Her Usual Place.

"Did you find out what caused that auto accident?"
"Not exactly, but when we lifted the machine and cleared away the wreckage we found that a woman was at the bottom of it."—Houston Post.

Disappointed.

At a dinner of a legal association held in Washington not long ago one of the speakers told of a farmer's son in Illinois who conceived a desire to shine as a legal light. Accordingly he went up to Springfield, where he accepted employment at a small sum from a fairly well known attorney.

At the end of three days' study he returned to the farm.

"Well, Bill, how'd ye like the law?" asked his father.

"It ain't what it's cracked up to be," responded Bill gloomily. "I'm sorry I learned it."

How He Rode.

"Is Mr. Bromley in?" asked the caller.

"He is not, sorr," replied Pat politely. "Shure, he won't be in till 4 o'clock, or maybe after."

"Where's he gone?"

"He went to ride in his interim, sorr."

"His what?"

"His interim. 'Tis a tony name fer buggy, I'm thinking. Half an hour ago Mishter Bromley says to me, 'Pat,' says he, 'I'm ixpictin' Mishter Dobbs here some time this afternoon, but I guess he won't be after gittin' here yet awhile, so I'll go down town in the interim.' An' with that he druv off in his buggy."

They Love Each Other So.

Cora—Have you seen my new photographs, dear? Every one says they look exactly like me.

Dora—What a shame! Can't you get another sitting?

A Patient Sufferer.

Boy (to tramp)—Don't you get awful tired of doin' nothin', mister?

Tramp—Terrible! But I never complains. Everybody has their

C. N. HARRISON & CO.

Fire and Tornado INSURANCE

Only the very best companies are represented through our agency. Here they are:

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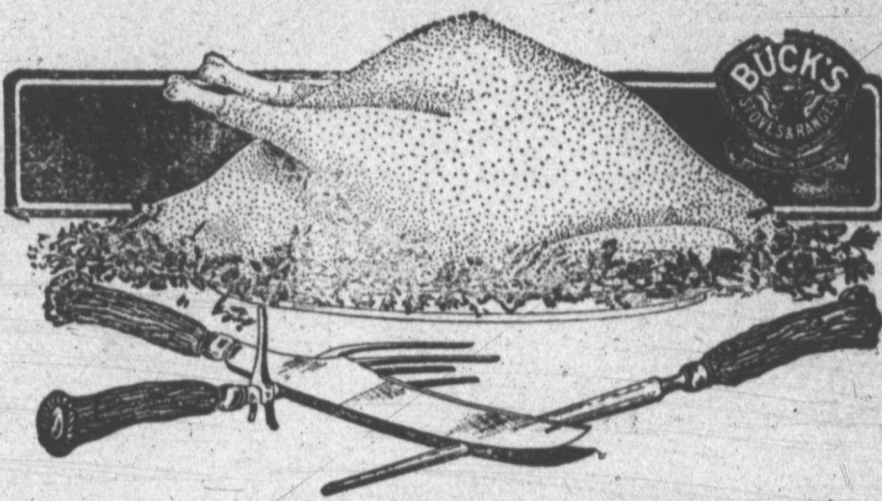


Christmas and Every Day Also

Every day during the entire year there are needs which must be supplied from a hardware store and these needs are just what we want to supply.

Everyday Needs

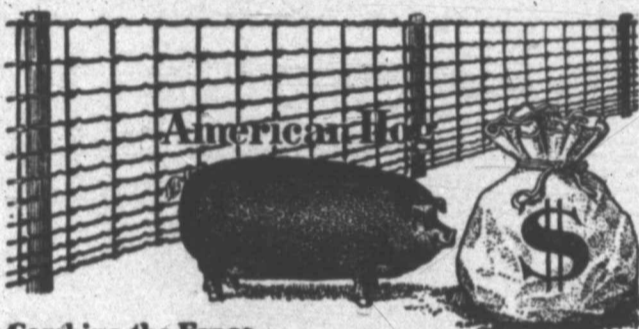
In closing this year we take pride in stating that our stock consists of the best selected hardware and implements that can be imagined. We make it a study. We handle the Eclipse windmill, piping, casing, rods and all kinds of supplies for water systems.



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There never has been a time when we were better supplied with everything you can wish from a hardware store for the home comfort. Nice sets of knives and forks, carving sets, dishes and glassware would make appropriate presents for the household.

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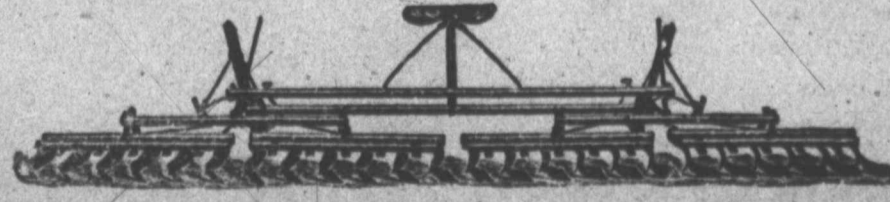
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The editor of this paper is anxious to receive, from time to time, communications from its readers, but we request that all such communications be signed, not for publication, but that we may know the source from which the article comes.

Railway Time Table.

MAIN LINE, WEST BOUND.
No. 37 to Clovis.....2:50 p. m.
No. 39 to Carlsbad.....10:15 a. m.
No. 73 Local Freight.....2:00 a. m.

MAIN LINE, EAST BOUND.
No. 38 from Clovis.....10:00 a. m.
No. 36 to Kansas City.....2:30 p. m.
No. 74 Local Freight.....2:40 p. m.

PLAINVIEW BRANCH, NORTH B'ND
No. 38 to Amarillo.....10:00 a. m.
No. 34 Local Freight.....6:00 p. m.

PLAINVIEW BRANCH, SO. BOUND.
No. 37 to Plainview.....2:40 p. m.
No. 36 Local Freight.....8:10 a. m.

Trains Nos. 37 on the Main line leaving Canyon City at 2:50 p. m. is made up here, and Train No. 38 on the Main Line arriving from Clovis at 10 a. m. stops at this place.
Local freights and trains Nos. 37 and 38 don't run on Sunday.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The people of Randall county deserve the very best that can be had in everything and particularly in the newspaper line and therefore we have not any time stood back in the matter of expense in giving them the very best of everything that goes to make a live local paper. This week we are issuing a Christmas edition of the paper and we are trying to get a copy of it into the home of every citizen of the county. If you know of a citizen who did not get one, kindly send us their name and we will try to see that they do get it. We think that the paper is a credit to many a city which makes larger pretensions than does our city.

Now that the committee for the reunion and celebration to be held next fall has been unanimously appointed by a meeting of the citizens of this city, it behooves every citizen of the county to get behind these people and assist them in making the next year's entertainment far better than any heretofore held. We all know that Randall county can grow practically anything that is planted and we want to see a fine exhibit of the products and there is only one way to get such an exhibit and that is to offer premiums for the various entries. Would you like to help exploit the products of the country? If so just encourage the committee a little bit and you will see "something doing."

Some time ago a movement was started for the establishment of a rural free delivery from this city running west to the county line, thence south two or three miles and back into the city. The matter was held up pending the opening of two miles of new road. Arrangements were made in this city last Saturday for this road to be opened by the first of the year and it is expected that the new rural route will be established by the first of February. This will be the first rural free delivery in the Panhandle which shows to rapid increase in the population of the county.

Some comment was caused in this city this week on account of our editorial in last week's paper entitled "Got Skinned on Groceries." People began to investigate and in every case found out that they had actually been "skinned." We don't want to "scold" anybody but we are anxious that they have gotten their eyes open to the fact that

The editor stood in the entrance of the Post Office one afternoon this week and listened to some of the conversations which took place among some of the boys of this city, and even as tough as the editor is and as well acquainted with various slang and rough words he was actually shocked at the language used by these boys. And they seemed to be careless of the point as to whether or not other persons heard them. We have some boys in this town that will have something to happen to them some of these days. Is it your boy?

Christmas is a time of joyful celebration among all the Christian people of the world, a time when everyone lays aside the cares of business and enters into the abandonment of happiness. We are glad that such a day has been set aside not only because it celebrates the birth of the Savior, but also because of the universal tendency of every person to try and be thoroughly happy for a short time at least. It's a stingy man indeed who cannot be happy in those days of joy.

Say, did you ever see so much lumber going out of a town in your life as is being taken from Canyon City these days? New houses and new barns are springing up as if by magic in every portion of the county. Before long we will have to have rural free delivery in every direction from here.

The city council has pledged its support to a fire department. The merchants certainly would like to assist, therefore what is the matter with starting the movement? Come out and speak up.

As the holiday season comes on people begin to cast their balances for the year. Have you done your share in the development of the county and city? How does your balance stand in this matter?

Many local people do not realize the rapidity with which our county is settling. Just look around and see how many new farm houses have been erected within the past year.

THE PALO DURO NATIONAL PARK.
Citizen's Report of Recent Improvement Association Meeting at Denison—Congress to Take Action.

Editor News:

The undersigned, in the interest of the park, attended the two conventions of the Red River Improvement Association which convened, respectively at Shreveport, La., last spring and at Denison, Texas, the 5th and 6th of November; and I am sure it will be of interest to your readers to give them a glimpse at least of what is going on in the matters above indicated. Some may ask the question: What has the improvement of Red river to do with the park proposition? I answer: Very much.

Proper work at said conventions has resulted in linking and locking the nationalization of the park to, and as a part of, the great plan and work of so improving the Red river as to make it navigable from its mouth to its confluence with the Pease river, at a point far west of Denison. This great work is now enlisting the brain and energies of the ablest men in four of the greatest states in the Union. This powerful association represents and is backed by hundreds of thousands who own and occupy the fertile valleys and rich table lands that constitute the vast watershed of this river; whose hoary head is in the Palo Duro canyon, and whose glittering crown is the park in question— which will be nationalized.

THE TEXAS PANHANDLE

To the Panhandle country, my friend, why not go?
Where the winters are mild and free from deep snow;
Where the cool breeze of summer, refreshing and grand,
Fans the brow of the maid and the laboring man.

Where water is as pure as the dew-drops that lie
And sparkle in sunlight beneath the clear sky,
Is found in abundance, and, thanks to man's skill,
Is pumped to the earth by the clever windmill.

Where the country lies level—rich, fertile and good;
That the rainfall is ample is well understood;
Where the buffalo grass, once the friend of the beast,
Is yielding its place to the grain of the east.

Where corn, rye and barley, Milo maize, oats and wheat,
And fruits of the orchard, the world cannot beat;
Where products of gardens and melons compare
With those on exhibit at a grand county fair.

Where cattle and horses in pastures grow sleek,
And sheep, hogs and poultry—of them I must speak,
Are all grown with profit and but little pains,
By the farmer and ranchman on the great Texas Plains.

Where people are prosperous and live at their ease,
Enjoying a climate that's free from disease—
Pure air and pure water and bright sunny skies;
One glance at the country will open your eyes.

Where land is now cheap, but will not so remain,
As hundreds are coming on homeseeker's trains;
They are buying for homes, for comfort and health,
Advance in investment alone will bring wealth.

My friends, take advice—secure a good thing;
A home in the Panhandle is fit for a king;
Buy while you can—you will find out in time
The truth simply stated in this little rhyme.

—Plainview News.

neither thought nor investigation, that this river is third only in importance of the great navigable rivers of the United States, and that within a very few years it will be second in importance as a water highway to the great "Father-of-Waters." This splendid river, when improved as an artery of commerce reaching from the Panhandle of Texas, will carry to and distribute from the Panama Canal an annual tonnage of freight that is almost beyond computation, and will make every point passed by this great stream "a common point for freight rates," and it is now the marvel of those who have slightly investigated the matter that such improvement has been so long neglected. The extent of the territory and the number of people to be benefited is truly wonderful.

The United States Congress will place the improvement of this river under the supervision of a separate engineering division, with appropriations and provisions for continued and permanent improvements; and this will include forestry protection and conservation of water to prevent overflows all along its upper tributaries, to prevent the disasters so common on the lower river. At each of the conventions above named, the Palo Duro Park received special and earnest consideration, and the deep interest manifested was unanimous.

At the Denison meeting, the convention instructed its chairman, and also each of the Congressmen who are members of the association, to appoint such number of delegates as they respectively deem advisable, to attend the National Waterways Congress which assembles in Washington on the 9th of this month (December). I am not yet advised who Mr. Stephens has appointed from this 13th Congressional District, or from this or adjacent cities, but I must presume that he has not neglected this matter. The park has no wiser or more enthusiastic supporters than Congressmen Sheppard and Randall of Texas; Wallace and Cravens of Arkansas; Carter of Oklahoma; and Watkins and Ramsdell of Louisiana, the latter of whom is president of the National Waterways Congress, as well as chairman of the Congressional committee on appropriations for waterways; and it is not flattery to him to assert that there is perhaps no other one man in the United States so thoroughly in-

portation as is Congressman Joseph E. Ramsdell, and we feel assured that as the exigencies require, the requirements will be met for the work in hand.

Our Congressmen and many of the members of the Legislature of several of the states are beginning to recognize the real merits of the Palo Duro Park and I think it is quite possible—even probable—that Representative Bowman and Senator Veale will find some way to induce the Texas Legislature to regain for the people this wonderful "beauty spot" and preserve it for the generations to come, as well as the present; and doubtless the Legislatures of Arkansas and Louisiana will follow the noble example of Oklahoma in memorializing Congress in behalf of the park.

JASPER N. HANEY,
Chairman Nat'l Park Ass'n.

The Christmas Spirit.

Christmas is the season of kindness. For Christmas celebrates the coming of Christ into the world, and the heart of the Christ message of love—love expressing itself in homely channels of friendliness and good will, love that "suffereth long and is kind." If we have kindly emotions, let them have their way and blossom into kindly thoughts and kindly deeds. Let the free child spirit of open-hearted friendliness prevail. For this is the child's festival, celebrating the birth of a child, the wonderful Giver who gave Himself for mankind. Let us carry the Christmas spirit through all the following days that come and go with all their measure of care or pain or pleasure, and bear in our hearts the inspiration and hope of the blessed Christmas festival of love, bearing ever ringing above the sounds of earth and sense, the song of the angels heralding in the birth of the Saviour of mankind.—Publisher's Auxiliary.

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You Had Better Act Promptly

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Adjoining Town

I am offering for sale 160 acres of land, the West portion of Section 30 in Block B5, adjoining the town plat of Canyon City on the North side.

This property is finely located and has a running stream of water with fine fishing place with about 50 or 60 acres of very fine sub-irrigated alfalfa land about half of which is already planted and the remainder is plowed ready for planting it.

The place is located convenient to town and good public schools and a bargain is offered to the man who wants a good home.

Would subdivide the tract to suit purchaser.

W. E. BATES,

Canyon City, Texas.

Brick Masons Are Rushing the Wall of the Top Floor of the Court House—It Shows Up Well.

The reporter was out in the outer portion of the city last Tuesday and took a look at our new court house from that vantage point and he wants to say that it begins to loom up about right. The contractors have been laying every available brick during the last few days of pretty weather, and the east side of the building is practically completed to the top of the windows on the third and top floor. The brick walls, however, extend four feet higher than these windows and on top of that comes the cornice of terra cotta four feet in height. The other walls are being laid as rapidly as the large force of workmen can do the work, as the contractors desire to finish the brick work on the main building by January 1st.

The building begins to show from the east side the correct lines of a beautiful building and in the opinion of the reporter it will be prettier than the perspective showed it to be. The court room, which is on the third floor, will be large and commodious and the ceiling will be twenty feet in height.

The contractors, Messrs. Gillcoat and Skinner, claim that it will take them about twenty days to place all the roofing timber, after which work on the inside finishing will be begun and rushed.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES.

Junior Union of Baptist Church Will Give Special Program Next Sunday Afternoon.

At the regular hour for their services, three o'clock, next Sunday afternoon a special program will be rendered by the Junior Baptist Young People's Union at the Baptist Church.

These regular services are said to be very interesting and the program which has been given out appears to offer some entertaining numbers. Every one is invited to attend.

PROGRAM.

- Lesson—John, 17th Chapter.
- Recitation—Kittie Bee Burnett
- Duet—Mary Burham and Osce Mills.
- Recitation—Willie Mills.
- Reading—Sarah Miller.
- Duet—Marguerite and Louis Taylor.
- Recitation—Jay Prichard.
- Solo—Mrs. J. J. Taylor.
- Recitation—J. C. Harder.
- Address, "Progress of the Missionary Spirit in Japan"—Douglas Johnson.
- Recitation—Guy Ballard.
- Recitation—Emma Key.
- Papers on the Lesson—J. J. Taylor, Buelah Johnson, Emma Shifflet and Ethel Gatewood.

County Teachers' Institute.

The regular institute for the teachers of Randall county will convene in this city next Saturday at the school house. A very interesting program which has heretofore been published in the columns of this paper, has been prepared and it is expected that every person in the county engaged in public school work as well as many others will attend the institute. The institute will remain in session until Thursday of next week.

A Christmas Picnic.

Arrangements are being made for a number of families living in and near this city to gather their Christmas dinners together and hie themselves away to the canyons east of the city there to spend the day and celebrate with a big turkey picnic dinner. The point selected is a very picturesque place and if the weather is suitable there is no doubt but what these people will have a pleasant time.

Buy home raised celery for

The New Brick Store Buildings.

The three new brick store buildings on the east side of the square are certainly being rushed as far as men can do so. The men are at work on the roofing and expect to have most of this work completed by Saturday night. The work on the concrete floors is in progress and it begins to look like the contractors will certainly make good their word when they said that the new business firms could have possession by the beginning of the new year which is only twelve days off now.

HOGS TO LOWER TEXAS.

Randall County Raises Ship Pigs and Hogs For Consumption by Farmers in Erath County.

That the Panhandle of Texas and Randall county in particular is capable of raising hogs as a profitable "crop" is clearly shown by the large number of inquiries which are coming from Central and East Texas to this county for these animals. These inquiries are widely spread over that portion of the state and go show that our swine have already gained a notoriety both for number and for quality.

A couple of weeks ago John A. Wallace of this city shipped one car of fat hogs to Fort Worth which brought five cents per cwt. on that market more than any other hogs sold that day in the same class, and at the same time he took a car of pigs and shoots on down to Stephenville, in Erath county. Having previously advertised that he would be at that place on a certain Friday and Saturday, when he arrived he found wagons there from all parts of the county almost and the entire carload was disposed of long before the demand was satisfied.

Mr. Wallace received a very large price for these pigs and was encouraged to bring another car of them down which he expects to do, leaving here next Monday. He will take some fattened hogs also on account of orders which he has received.

If you will sit down and figure up the expense of raising pigs up to about fifty pounds in weight you will readily see the immense profit that can be safely made from them. This country is entirely free from hog diseases. So far as we have heard there is not any deaths from disease in this county, therefore there is nothing to prevent the farmers from raising many of them each year.

Store of Man.

He comes into this world without his consent, and goes out against his will, and the trip between the two is exceedingly rocky. The rule of the contraries is one of the important features of the trip.

When he is little the big girls kiss him; but when he is grown the little girls kiss him.

If he is poor he is a bad manager; if he is rich he is dishonest. If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor.

If he's in politics, it's for pie; if he's out of politics, you can't place him and he's no good for his country.

If he doesn't give for charity, he's a stingy cuss; if he does, it's for a show.

If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner.

If he shows affection he is a soft specimen; if he seems to care for no one, he is cold blooded.

If he dies young, there was a great future ahead of him. If he lives to an old age he has missed his calling.—Life.

Clark Smith, formerly proprietor of the Victoria Hotel of this city but now a resident of Tex-

LOCAL MAN IS CONFIDENT.

John Knight Expresses Belief in Future of Randall County by Buying Land—Good Price Paid.

From time to time we have given reports in the columns of this paper of the entire confidence which the citizens of this county have in the lands here and the future development of the land as an agricultural possibility.

This week John Knight who has lived in Randall County for more than eighteen years has very maternally expressed his sentiments when he purchased from W. F. Heller, 172 acres of land lying southwest of this city paying therefor the sum of \$14,400.00 or a little more than eighty-three dollars per acre. There are no improvements other than the fencing on the property and about forty acres in cultivation.

Mr. Knight has always been a believer in this country and has never failed to show his confidence when the opportunity afforded, but he realized that if he ever secured land near town now was the time to take advantage of the opportunity when lands could be secured at even the present prices as he realized that it would not be long before all the lands would be much higher than at present.

Mr. Knight owns other lands close to town and thinks that any person who invests in property in Randall county will be sure for a very material increase within a short time not to speak of the good crops which could be raised in the meantime.

Hoffman Paragraphs.

L. A. Pierce was a business visitor in Wiltorado last Monday.

Mr. Rhinehart of Canyon was in the community this week looking after the improvement of his land.

Misses Ora and Sallie Cage visited friends in Canyon last week.

Services were held at Palo Duro Sunday morning and at Day school house in the afternoon conducted by Rev. Johnson, the Baptist minister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Burnham visited their old home this week.

L. C. Lair and wife and Mrs. Cowling of Canyon were in the community this week, taking a ride in their new auto.

R. A. Campbell and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Stratton, this week. MAX.

A Question in Finance.

"Are you good at arithmetic, my dear?" asked Mr. Perkasio of his wife.

"I was accounted the very best arithmetician at school," replied Mrs. Perkasio, with a touch of pride in her voice.

"I have a problem for you."

"State it."

"How can I buy \$50 worth of Christmas presents with \$10 in cash and no credit?"—Ex.

John Knight has returned from a trip down to Brownfield and Yoakum county and to the News reporter said that he saw land in that section of the county, seventy miles from the railroad, which had recently sold for \$20.00 per acre and that the land was not nearly so good as those in this county, and this, taken in connection with the fact that the land mentioned was so far from a railroad market, made Mr. Knight think much more of Randall county than ever before.

L. A. Pierce of the Hoffman neighborhood was in this city yesterday and was a pleasant caller at this office. While here he ordered the News sent to two of his friends, John Miles of Kenton, Tennessee and Logan Burton of Obion Station, Ten-

The Christmas TURKEY

is good, but 'tis all the better if you have other good things to go with it--things that are suitable for the best dinner ever served to anyone. We are well supplied with the best line of the very best goods that can be handled by any grocery concern.

The White Swan Can Goods

are the acme of quality and flavor. They are put up for strictly high class trade and we do not hesitate to recommend to our customers.

For the Christmas Dinner

as well as for any other occasion, you will find our store filled with all the good things to eat--oranges, bananas, cranberries, nuts, celery, radishes, young onions, mustard and turnip greens, spinach, beets, turnips, new cabbage, pickles--in fact all these things and many more.

Our Meat Market

will be well supplied as usual with our high quality of meats and in addition, we will have several kinds of fresh water fish, lobsters, oysters and frogs, dressed turkeys and chickens.

We Can Supply What You Want.

The White Swan Grocery Co.

Southeast Corner Square, Canyon, Texas.



Every available space in our store will be filled with suitable Christmas goods--presents that will be appreciated by the boy and girl, the young man and young lady, the older man and the older woman--presents indicative of the good will of the donor. We will have a complete assortment of

Jewelry, Silverware, Books, Bibles, Toys and All Kinds of Holiday Goods.

Most of them are already here and we are busy opening them up and they will continue to arrive by almost every train until the 20th. If you want just the thing to please and at just the right price don't fail to come to the Headquarters.

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I am now located at the office of the George Reynolds Co.'s livery barn and treat all kinds of diseases pertaining to domestic animals and those of cattle and sheep especially. Castrating, ridgling and vaccinating together with tuberculosis treatments on short notice. I have had twenty-three years experience in my profession. All calls from the city, county or state promptly answered, day or night.

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Office Phone, No. 6.
Residence Phone, No. 12.

C. B. LOHR

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING.

Grand Old Man Will Appear in Canyon City Before Another Week—Celebration at Churches.

Before another week shall have passed another epoch in the history of young and old alike will have come and gone. Good Old Saint Nick will have been among us distributing to the faithful the remembrances of the yule-tide season.

Never in the history of Randall county have there been so much reason for a joyful time as we may expect during this annual holiday. Every one has prospered according as he has labored and everyone will be able to celebrate the successful year by giving and receiving those tokens of friendship and love as are appropriate to the occasion.

At each of the churches in this city celebrations will be held on Christmas eve. Christmas trees will be the order of the day and appropriate exercises will be had. Already arrangements are being made for the different articles which go to make up the beautiful decorations which will be used and for the fruits, nuts, candies and various other articles which will be distributed.

The stores in this city where holiday goods are on display are being crowded every day with the present-seekers and the merchants report an unusually large advance sale of these articles. It seems that "Old Santa" will be in Canyon City whether it snows or not.

Celery fresh from the garden, crisp as a new spring radish and as fine flavored as any that ever grew, at the Hauter place.

With The City Churches.

The churches of the city invite all persons to attend the services at their various places of worship. The times of the regular meetings are given below.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:00. Sunday school 10 a. m. D. A. Park Supt., Miss Angie Meyers Sec. Senior League Sunday 4 p. m. Dr. F. M. Wilson, Leader. Junior League Sunday 3 p. m. Mrs. John Hibdon, Leader. Home Mission Society Tuesday afternoon at church. Mrs. John Hibdon, President.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. B. White, Pastor. Services Sunday morning 11 o'clock and evening at 7:00. Sunday School—9:45 a. m. Lee Vansant, Supt., Travis Shaw, Secretary. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00. Choir practice Friday 7:00 p. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. S. Groves, Pastor. Regular services at 11 o'clock Sunday morning and 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 8:00 o'clock. Sunday School 10 a. m. H. J. Cavet, Supt., Miss Frankie Gober, Sec. Junior Endeavor Society, 4:15 Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Nixon, Leader. Senior Endeavor Society, 6:30 Sunday evening, Miss Bessie Groves, Pres.

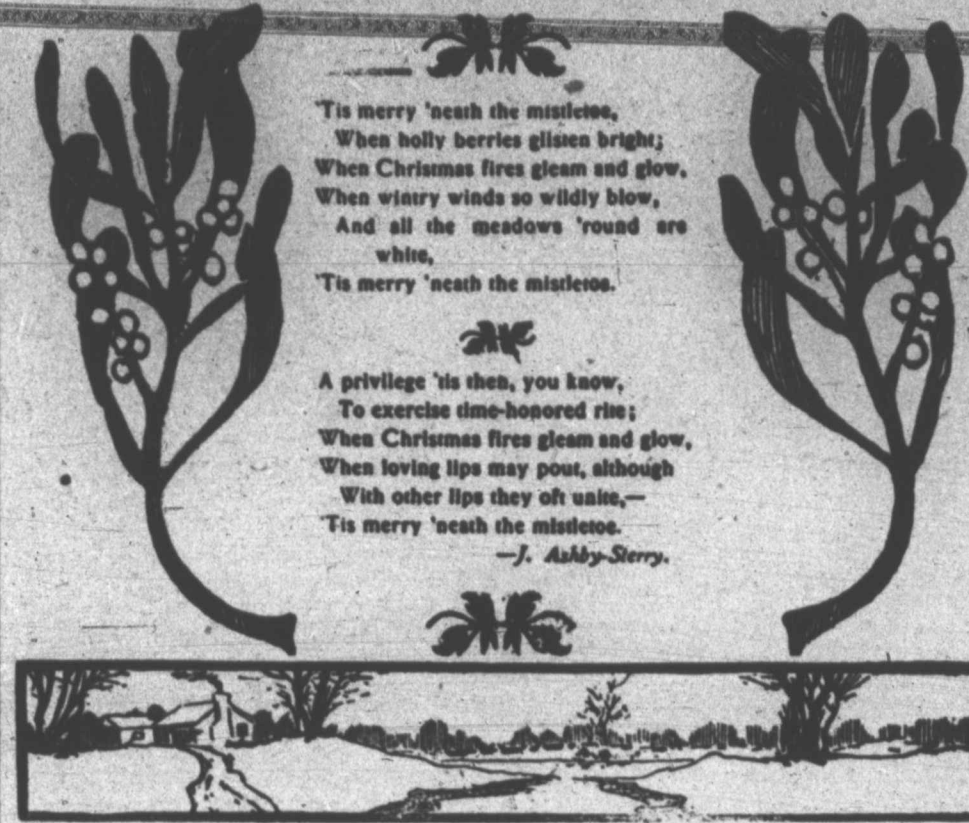
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

Services Sunday a. m., 11 o'clock and Sunday p. m., 7 o'clock. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 7 p. m. V. Edna Henson, C. S., first reader. Sunday school 10:15 a. m. All children under 20, welcome. Only teachers, officers and children present. Mrs. Ava R. Hall, superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. M. Harder, Pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening 7:00. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. C. Hunt, Supt., Miss Columbia Redfearn Sec. Ladies' Aid Society meets at pastor's home every first and third Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mrs. J.

The Merry Mistletoe



'Tis merry 'neath the mistletoe,
When holly berries glisten bright;
When Christmas fires gleam and glow,
When wintry winds so wildly blow,
And all the meadows 'round are white,
'Tis merry 'neath the mistletoe.

A privilege 'tis then, you know,
To exercise time-honored rite;
When Christmas fires gleam and glow,
When loving lips may part, although
With other lips they oft unite,
'Tis merry 'neath the mistletoe.

—J. Ashby-Sterry.

Dramatic Club Organized.

A meeting was held in this city last Tuesday night for the purpose of organizing a dramatic club, the meeting being largely attended and the enthusiasm being reported as very great. Arrangements were made for permanent organization and it is thought that the club will put on a play at an early date. The personnel of the club has not been made public as yet but it is reported that some of the best talent in the city constitutes the club.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

This is a perfectly reliable medicine for bowel complaints, and one that has never been known to fail even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Misses Bourland and Sadler, teachers in the city schools at Tulla, were in the city last Saturday and Sunday, the guests of Miss Ellen Donald.

John Teebken of Umbarger was in the city Wednesday having come to meet a number of his relatives which he expected to come from Nebraska.

James Fairbanks of West Chicago, Ill., is here on a visit to his brother, E. S. Fairbanks, and his sister, Mrs. Dr. Daniels, northwest of the city. It is probable that he will also locate somewhere in this section of the state.

C. M. Houser of Umbarger was in this city Wednesday and when questioned by the News reporter stated that every farmer in Randall county ought to read he thought that they would enter something in an exhibit hall if the re-union committee would get up more of a fair for the next season.

It is reported that Mrs. Sarah J. Cox, who formerly lived at this place but since the death of her husband some months ago, a resident of Amarillo, has been granted a pension by the government as a widow of a Union Soldier.

Rev. A. B. Haynes, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, accompanied by Mrs. Haynes, was in the city this week on a visit with relatives and friends. Rev. Haynes was on his way to Fairview where he will be engaged in a protracted service. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are now making their home at McLean where he has charge of the church.

W. E. Cooper, accompanied by his family and household goods, has arrived in this city from Illinois and is making his arrangements to build a new house and barn upon his place about five miles southwest of Canyon City. To the News reporter Mr. Cooper stated that he was well pleased with this county and

City Schools to Close.

When the time comes to dismiss school this afternoon the children of this city will be free for one week of unalloyed bliss. The school board and teachers have decided not to have any school during the next week on account of the teachers institute which will be in session.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Vance last Friday, a girl.

Mr. Renfro of Amarillo was in this city Wednesday.

J. F. Barker of Hereford was in the city last Saturday.

J. Frank Smith is in the north this week on a business trip.

Mrs. Tom Lester of Umbarger was town last Monday looking after "Old Santa."

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White of Amarillo were the guests of Mrs. B. T. Johnson this week.

G. Q. Burnett of Amarillo was in this city Tuesday on a visit with his brother, Rev. J. T. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Lake Arthur, New Mexico, have been in this city this week on a visit to relatives.

John Knight has returned home from Brownfield where he had been interested in the disposition of some real estate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Meyers will leave next Monday for Denton where they will visit friends and relatives. They expect to be gone about a month.

The subject of the lesson for next Sunday at the reading room of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, will be "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?"

After a business trip to Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Lake Arthur, N. M., spent Monday in this city on a visit with Mrs. John L. Howell Sr. They were on their way home.

Claud, the little son, and Earlene, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davis of this city have been sick the past week, the cause of the trouble being the old-fashioned measles.

LOCAL GRAIN MARKET

The quotations here given are from the Canyon City grain dealers and show the market the day before the issue of this paper. The prices are for grain in sack unless otherwise stated.
Wheat, No. 2, bushel.....\$ 1 02
Oats, best, bushel..... 50
Maize and Kaffir in heads, new crop, ton..... 11 00
Millet hay, per ton..... 8 00
Johnson grass hay, ton... 9 00
Alfalfa, per ton..... 11 00
Corn, best..... 60
Maize, threshed, bushel... 52
Kaffir corn, threshed, bu.. 52
Chickens and Eggs
Fryers, per dozen.....\$3 50

GOOD PRICE FOR HOGS.

Randall County Citizen Disposes of Fat Swine at Good Price on Foot—Says This is a Good Hog Country.

J. D. Kniceley, who lives south of this city, was in the city Monday bringing with him forty-five head of hogs which he had sold to S. M. Downing at five cents per pound. The average weight of the hogs was 254 pounds and therefore the size of the check received for this by-product of Mr. Kniceley's nice farm assumed proportions which would cause a man to stop and look up.

To the News reporter Mr. Kniceley said that he had been raising hogs ever since he came to this country many years ago and had found that they were great profit makers, and that as long as he stayed in Randall county he would continue to raise them. He still has on hand some fifty or sixty head which he expects to keep over until next fall at which time he expects to have very heavy fat stuff for the market.

Mr. Kniceley claims that hogs are entirely free from any trouble of any kind here and that they can be raised at a much smaller expense than anywhere else about which he knows. He also claims that kaffir corn and milo maize make as fine feed for hogs as anything that can be had in the feed line, claiming that the hogs digest every particle of these feeds which are given them therefore making weight out of every pound of the feed.

For a Lame Back.

When you have pains or lameness in the back bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by City Pharmacy.

Mrs. Thomas Rowan, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Garrison and daughter, Miss Earlene, spent last Tuesday in Amarillo.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Be a News subscriber.

Books with cattle bills of sale. Bryan's Commoner and The News, both one year \$1.80.

Let O. B. Cotton do your cleaning and pressing. 37-2t

Phone 41 when you have an item of local news.

You can always find fresh fruits at Cowart's Confectionery.

Good quality calling cards—100 25 cents.

Cowart's Confectionery candies are good.

For Sale—Good piano, used about one year. Inquire at this office. 34-tf

Cattle to Feed—I would like to place my cattle to be fed about January 1. G. G. Foster. 38-2tp

Cattle Wanted.—Ranch and Live Stock to handle on shares. Apply at this office. 38tf.

Let Hibdon supply you with celery as fine as you could wish—and home raised.

Lost—Between Judge Haney's and O. C. Davis' residences, a breast pin. Finder please return to depot and receive reward. 38-1t

Canyon Residence for Land.

We have one of the best dwellings in town to trade for half section of land.

LAIRD-COWLING LAND CO.

Work Team For Sale.

Good work team weighing

Be a News subscriber.

For Sale—One good mare mule colt out of Carney's jack. See Thos. Lester at Umbarger. 37-2t

The candies at J. W. Cowart's confectionery store are the best made.

All kinds of cleaning and pressing done by O. B. Cotton are the best that can be done. 37-2t

The railway committee is or will soon be in the market for some town lots to use on bonus. See L. G. Conner, Chairman. 1f

For Sale—Two buggies and harness, one gentle pony, one bed room suit, one iron bed. 38-1f I. L. VAN SANT.

For Sale—40 pigs and shoats, some good sows with pigs by a registered male. See Bob Foster. 35-4tp

Parties having land joining or near town and desiring to sell same for bonus purposes to railway committee should see L. G. CONNER, Chairman.

You have noticed that the most extravagant claim made by others is that their lumber is as good as Fulton Lumber Co's. You have noticed that.

For Sale or exchange for unincumbered land a clean, fresh stock of drugs and fixtures. Address W. D. CLEVELAND, Canyon. 35-5tp

"All men are made of the same kind of stuff; the difference is in the way the stuff is put together." Be an early and appreciative customer. DORTNOW. FULTON LUMBER CO.

Hay For Sale—I have a quantity of Alfalfa hay and baled sorghum for sale at my barn just north of the square. M. F. Slover. 37tf

The Rogerson Hotel dining room is now under the management of Schultz & Schultz, experienced caterers, and they expect to furnish the best meals in the city. 37-3t

Nature has borrowed the tints of the rainbow to remind us the procession is passing and the months gliding by. Only a few weeks remain and 1909 will be a matter of history. Now is the time to make the year a good one. Fulton Lumber Co's lumber will give enthusiasm to your effort.

For Sale—A 35 h. p. Pope-Toledo touring car. Has just been completely overhauled: tires new and car guaranteed to be in first class condition. Will demonstrate. Has gable horn and speedometer; good road clearance; 36-inch wheels. First check for \$1,000 gets car. Reasons for selling. Runabout answers owner's purpose better. Let me show you this car. Address, P. O. Box 68, Amarillo, Tex. 36-4t

Ladies' Bazaar.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church will open their Christmas Bazaar about December 17th. Location will be announced later. 36tf.

Good Land For Sale.

I am offering the finest combination hog and alfalfa farm in this country for sale. It consists of 617 acres about 2 mile northeast from the court house and has a stream of running water. 400 acres of fine alfalfa land with a residence on the place. Price \$85 per acre with terms.

J. W. PRICHARD, Canyon, Texas. 38tf

Rotten or Ripe.

The Pessimist grows, clouds hide the sun, the world is dark, pie tilts his digestion, friendships are false and everything is "rotten."

The Optimist carries his own sunbeams, hears the music of busy machinery, of laughing flowers, notes the good points of Fulton Lumber Co's lumber.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

New Homes Being Built as Rapidly as Material and Men Can Be Had For Their Construction.

This county has had a very material growth for the past several years but at no time during the entire period has greater activity been shown than at present. New houses are springing up almost every day in various portions of the county. New people are coming in every day and every builder and every carpenter in the county is as busy as any man could wish for.

There are thirty-one new houses being built or have just been completed in Randall county and the larger portion of them are on farms which clearly shows that the development of the farming lands which surround us has farly begun.

During the past week quite a number of people have arrived with their household goods and they must begin work at once on their houses.

Ira H. Jenkins of Battle Creek, Nebraska, is here and has begun the erection of his buildings on his section three miles north of town.

George Ditto of Topeka, Kan., was in town Monday and hauled out a portion of the lumber for his new house on the George Abbott section near Umbarger.

George Renner came in last Saturday from Lanark, Ill., and will at once begin his improvements on his land. His family had preceded him a few days and activity on his place is the order of the day.

J. G. Dorsey of Greenfield, Iowa, is also among those who arrived this week and will arrange to begin at once the construction of a home on a portion of the Dr. Black land eight or nine miles south of this city.

Altogether there have been nine cars of household and farming implements belonging to northern people which have been unloaded in this county during the past week which shows some idea of the rapid increase in our population.

Rules For Christmas Giving.

- Give willingly.
- Give tactfully.
- Put thought into your giving.
- Don't consider return gifts.
- Never give to others what you wouldn't want yourself.
- The unexpected gift insures a special appreciation.
- To give ostentatiously is the height of bad taste.
- Give to the sick and the sorrowful if you would know the true joy of giving.
- Never give more than you can afford. Your friends know your circumstances as well as you do yourself and the pleasure of both giving and receiving is lost.—Exchange.

Rev. Bud Robinson to Speak.

Announcement has been made that the Rev. Bud Robinson would deliver an address at the Methodist church in this city on Saturday evening December 21, at 7 o'clock.

Rev. Robinson has traveled quite extensively and in Texas, his home state, he is known as the Texas Wonder, while in many other states he is designated as the "walking Bible." Those who have heard him say that his talks are very entertaining, instructive and helpful.

Madam Rumor says that Tyler Watson has sold his well digging outfit to Albert Watson and that he will leave in a few days for North Carolina where he expects to take unto himself a better half. He has not decided whether or not he would return to this section of the state.

E. S. Cook, a prominent citizen of Happy, was in the city Monday looking after some of his

A Texas Foodstuff.

Texas has such a variety of fattening feeds for livestock that the wonder grows among the students of animal industry, that

do not go away from the farms and feed lots of the state to the livestock markets of the country. It must be that, having looked upon corn as the chief fattening food for all varieties of livestock, and not raising it in extensive quantities, the farmers of Texas have come to the conclusion that it was useless to attempt to compete with cattle feeders in the corn belt. How ill-founded such a conclusion is, upon what flimsy foundation it rests, may be seen from an examination of the exhibits in the beef classes at the annual National Feeders and Breeders' show at Fort Worth, wherein may be found the results of judicious blending of various fat-producing products of Texas soil.

Cotton seed meal and hulls, cotton seed meal and crushed corn, black strap molasses and cornmeal, molasses and cotton seed meal, and a combination of cornmeal, cotton seed meal and molasses, have produced fat steers shown at the various Fat Stock shows at Fort Worth in the past that in smoothness of finish ripeness of flesh and mellowness of touch were had to excel anywhere.

The feeds herewith mentioned do not half exhaust the menu that Texas can spread before her livestock destined for slaughter; they are mentioned as most readily coming to mind.

In the newly opened section of West Texas the culture of Kafir corn and milo maize has come to be regarded as indispensable to successful farming, since these non-saccharine sorghums produce a top crop of seed that is as valuable as corn in a fattening

ration, while the stover or plant stalk and leaf blades, is relished by stock as much as corn fodder. Hitherto in West Texas the use of these two varieties of grain has been mainly confined to carrying stock through severe spells of weather in the winter when, because of snow or sleet, the ranges were not readily accessible. Now they are coming into use as a fattening ration, it having been demonstrated that they are as valuable as corn in this respect.—Fort Worth Record.

There are too many boys and girls in the country and city, more in the latter than in the former, who are prone to look upon work as beneath them. There are thousands of them on the threshold of maturity who retain the same views and habits which found encouragement in their earlier years. What becomes of this class of people? Some of them awaken and after a desperate struggle overcome that habit and learn to work, to save, and to prepare for the inevitable rainy day. Many of them, however, drift and drift until they become acceptable recruits in the hobo army. Then they speedily reach the conclusion that things are mighty unequal in this world; that the advantages are all with the rich, and that a poor man has no show.—Clovis Post.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For

HOMESEEKERS WITH MONEY.

Half as Many Again to Arrive and 100 Per Cent More Will Purchase Land.

That 50 per cent more homeseekers will come to Texas this winter than for any previous period and will make 100 per cent more purchases is the opinion of C. W. Strain, general passenger agent of the Frisco lines in Texas. Mr. Strain has been in close touch with the homeseekers movement and notes a remarkable augmentation since the recent financial depression and the pre-election scare. "They are coming with bags of money," he said.

"The improvement in the class is most noteworthy. The great bulk coming in now are thrifty and will make good citizens."

He says that on this week's excursion half a dozen train loads of homeseekers will reach Texas, and that there will be an increased demand for land for homesteads.

"Texas is in the minds of the farmers of the United States," he continued. "There is no place in the world where the land is as fertile and as cheap, the climate as good and the possibilities of diversification so great. I look for the population of the state to double within the next ten years."—Dallas News.

Yuletide Musings.

The joyous time is drawing nigh, the time of turkey, pudding, pie; nor do we dream of after ills, of squills, and pills, and Christmas bills.

A girl begins to hang up the mistletoe at about the age when she stops hanging up her stocking.

A pessimist is a fellow who wouldn't hang up his stocking for fear old Santa Claus might swipe it.

Christmas cigars are not always puffed up with pride.

There's many a slip 'twixt the Miss and the mistletoe.

Don't make it too strong. Many a man has been knocked out by one good, stiff punch.

As a truthful woman what she enjoys most about Christmas, and she will tell you the bargain sales afterward.

To sing a rhyme of Christmas time (that line is but the first of it), here's hoping that you may not feel blue because you get the worst of it.

When a child writes a letter of thanks to Santa Claus, it should be cherished like a rare plant. That kid isn't long for this world.

No Christmas present is so useless that you can't pass it on to some one else next year.

Remember that it is better to give than to receive—the things you don't want.

Take off the tags. Many a friendship has been severed by the price mark on a Christmas present.

I have often wondered where-in consisted the wisdom of Solomon when he had a thousand wives. I am now convinced that it must have been in living in the days before Christmas was celebrated.

It's all right to pity the poor at this peace-on-earth season, but it is also well to remember that sympathy doesn't fill an empty stomach.—Auxiliary.

The United States is the only country in which the son of the poorest mechanic or laboring man may become its ruler and where the daughter of a farmer may become the wife of a president and the mother of senators. It is the only country where all earthly honors are within the reach of every citizen, and where it depends upon the individual himself whether he be a senator or a street-sweeper, a railroad president or a railroad section hand, a millionaire or a pauper, a general or a policeman, a banker or a bankrupt. Isn't this a

FURNITURE

For Gift Making

What is more pleasing, what more sensible, useful and durable than a nice piece of furniture as a gift? Could anything be more appropriate than some article to cheer the home?

The perplexed gift seeker should visit our store. Here you will find gift inspiration on every hand. Let us suggest that you get

For Father or Husband

One of our heavy rockers, a library table, a book case or any one of several dozen things that would make his home more comfortable and enjoyable.

For Mother and Wife

Pictures, a China Closet a nice Buffet, comfortable sewing rockers, an elegant Art Square, a Kitchen Cabinet--one of the many useful articles that the housewife appreciates so much because of the labor saved and the comfort given.

For Everyone

Articles that are useful, durable and ornamental, things that will last for years and will bring fond remembrances to the user everytime they are used.

About the Price

This store has always been recognized as a money saving store. No matter what it is you have wanted to buy whether a small article or the furnishings for an entire house you can always find it here cheaper than anywhere else in this Panhandle country.

If you are in doubt, come here. If you have made up your mind, COME HERE

THOMAS BROS.

The Furniture Men

Canyon, : : : Texas.

EASTERN CAPITAL WILLING TO COME

COLONEL PAUL WAPLES FINDS THAT FINANCIERS ARE LOOKING THIS WAY.

Want the Square Deal—New York Investors Ask Only For Fair Treatment and Not For Favoritism.

That New York capital is anxious for Texas investments and that New York capitalists want protection, not favoritism, under the Texas laws, is announced by Col. Paul Waples, prominent business man and city builder of Fort Worth, who has just returned from a trip to the North and East.

Col. Waples says furthermore that money conditions have finally righted themselves again. Wealth, which was hoarded up during the panic, is once more looking for reasonable investments over the land. Confidence, bordering on extreme optimism, has returned in money centers, states Col. Waples.

Almost as a unit the capitalists are watching Texas above every other section of the country, discovered the Fort Worth man on his trip. This state to them is apparently the best field for investments in all the world.

"What is the present financial tone in New York?" Col. Waples was asked yesterday.

"Extremely strong," he replied, "and very encouraging, indeed. About eighteen months ago it was that the first rumblings of the recent panic were heard in New York. But not until six or eight months had elapsed did the storm reach its climax in the financial market. From New York the panic spread over the entire country, reaching the Southwest and the Northwest last and doing less damage here than elsewhere.

But all of the panicky symptoms have disappeared so I noted on my trip. Everything is on the upgrade again; prosperity is returning and capital is beginning to loosen up and seek suitable investments. The capitalists have money, are willing to invest it and it's only a question of fields with them."

"What do the New Yorkers think of Texas?"

"The Texan who stays at home all the time would be surprised to know how interested the northerners and easterners are in this state. In New York, particularly, I observed this universal interest in Texas among the men of means, that is to say, among the men who are in a position to help develop Texas. I can't even estimate the number of questions I was asked about my state. Every fellow with a little money to invest was interested. He wanted to know about the climate, the various cities, the resources and especially about the laws. Everything with the earmarks of Texas about it immediately attracts attention. The legislators might be surprised to know how much they are watched abroad, too.

"Texas is regarded in New York very highly. New Yorkers want to see Texas grow and are ready to help Texas grow. I think I am right when I say the eastern and northern capitalists see better opportunities here for everybody than anywhere else. In fact, they told me Texas looks better than any of the fields.

"And with all this interest in Texas and with all this optimism about Texas eastern capital is not looking for favor here. It wants protection. Protective laws upon the statute books of the state will be the only condition upon which these capitalists will turn their money loose here.

"The fewer and better laws' slogan has reached the ears of the New Yorkers, and they say that it has a true ring to it. This movement, which is becoming so strong over the state, is doing more to advertise Texas, where Texas needs advertising than anything else.

"There is enough money seeking investment now to make Texas the empire state of the union. The capitalists are not exclusively railroad builders, and they are not exclusively factory builders. They have money to put into anything that makes a country grow and that makes a country prosperous. I saw men who wanted to extend old railroads to Texas, to construct new railroads, to put in interurbans, to start factories, to develop uncultivated farm lands, to sink oil wells, to settle colonists, in fact to turn the resources of Texas into wealth and prosperity. Indirectly all these men would be building towns and cities, as well as doing all of these other things.

"The necessary protection is all the encouragement required to bring these men to Texas. If the state offers this protection in the laws, they will come at once in large numbers.

"Eastern capitalists are pleased with the efforts now being made to secure safe and sane legislation, fewer laws and better laws and proper protection. They consider this activity a step in the right direction and an evidence of the state's future course. They are now waiting for further evidence of our good will."—Fort Worth Record.

MUST SWEAR SOME MORE. Department Rules That County Judge, Assessor and Commissioners Must Take Additional Oath.

There is a law on the Statutes of the state of Texas that every officer shall take out a commission from the state before that officer can draw from his county or state any of the fees to which he is entitled according to the fee laws of the state.

When the officers who were elected at the last November election sent down their \$1.00 for this certificate with the request that the commission issue to them respectfully, a rather peculiar order was returned to this county relative to the County Judge, the Tax Assessor and the County Commissioners. The last legislature passed a law relative to the "full rendition" in which it was required of the tax assessor that "before" proceeding with the assessment of the taxes for any year he and his deputies must take a certain oath which was set forth in the law by which the tax assessor and his deputy must swear by all that is good and holy and then some more that they will assess the true value of the property rendered. There was also stipulated that the County Judge and the commissioners "before" they sat as a board of equalization should likewise swear by the great horned spoon and something stronger that they would not allow any property to be assessed at less than its actual value. In neither of the provisions it is stated that this oath shall be a pre-requisite to the issuance of the commission as an officer but it is provided that no tax list shall be approved unless it is clearly shown that all these officers have taken the required oath "before" the tax list was approved by them and sent to the State department.

Now comes the "powers that be" and required the officers of this county to take this oath before the state will issue the commission. There is nothing in the entire statutes which demands or requires either of these officers to take this oath until "before" entering upon their respective work. It has nothing to do with their other duties than that of tax assessment.

The operation of the full rendition law during the past year has been a "fake." The various officers in this county took the oath and worked manfully upon the proper rendition and it is a matter of record that lands in adjoining counties of the same relative qualities and of practically the same distance from markets have been rendered in these other counties at from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per acre than in Randall county. In fact there is one single section of land which lies in four counties, one of which is Randall and upon this section there are four separate and distinct valuations running from \$3.00 to 12.00 per acre and the land is all alike.

It appears that there is something wrong in our method of taxation. Take for instance in this county. One man owning a section along the line renders his land at \$10.00 per acre. His neighbor just across the line renders his at \$7.00. The state rate is the same in both counties therefore the man who renders his land in this county at \$10.00 per acre pays about 43 per cent more of the state taxes than does the adjoining county man.

But we are getting off the subject. We cannot see how the "powers that be" can find any reason whatever for withholding the commissions of our county officers. As far as we have heard there has not been such a demand made upon any other county. It is not required under any law. The "full rendition" affidavit has to be taken only when considering tax questions

until then and in that case it has to be taken each year when the taxes are assessed.

Randall county lands are rendered at a reasonable price when the value of them is considered, but Randall county citizens want justice in the matter. It seems to this writer that the state and county taxes should be separated and the matter could be justly dealt with under such circumstances.—Contributed.

Orphans.

Every orphan or fatherless boy or girl eighteen years old living in Randall Co. is invited to come to the studio any day during Christmas week and have one-half dozen cabinet photos made free of charge.

M. S. LUSBY.

Mrs. David Park Sick.

As we go to press Thursday night it is reported that Mrs. David A. Park is very sick at the family residence on West Evelyn street, it being reported that she is not expected to live. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Cartwright, her father and mother, are with her and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Park, the father and mother of David Park, have been sent for. The direct nature of her illness could not be ascertained at the time of going to press.

Wanted a Retoucher.

A first class retoucher, lady or gent one who does not "hit the pipe" as most of my customers prefer to breathe air to smoke. Will pay \$3.50 per day.

M. S. LUSBY. Canyon, Texas.

Extra Copies For Sale.

We have a limited number of this Christmas number of our paper for sale at five cents per copy.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Cartwright of Amarillo are in the city in attendance upon the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. D. A. Park who has been very sick.

Consign your cattle, hogs and sheep to men who do their own work on the market. Phone or wire us at our expense for information.

E. M. DAGGETT & SON, Stock Yards, Ft. Worth, Tex. 38-3t

FACTS

- ☞ The news items of the home community.
- ☞ The things in which you are most interested.
- ☞ The births, weddings, deaths of the people you know.
- ☞ The social affairs of our own and surrounding towns.

These are the kind of facts this paper gives you in every issue. They are certainly worth the subscription price.

R. W. O'KEEFE, President
J. M. BLACK, Vice President
I. L. HUNT, Cashier
R. H. WRIGHT, Asst. Cashier
No. 7961

The Canyon National Bank
CAPITAL \$50,000.00
SURPLUS \$15,000.00
Canyon, - - - Texas

During the three years of its existence, this bank has acquired the patronage of a very large number of the very best citizens of this town and county, and it seems fitting we should here express our appreciation for the confidence, hearty support and good will of the people.



**Girls==
A
Stove
FREE!**

We are going to give absolutely free a little "Buck's" Range—it will cook and bake just like a big one—to the little girl under fourteen years of age who brings to our store on or before December 24 at noon, the greatest number of our ads containing a "Buck's" trade mark. So save this ad and get as many others as you can. You may be the winner.

Thompson Hardware Co.

LAND TITLES IN RANDALL COUNTY

Do not take it for "granted." Demand an Abstract before you pay out your money. Trades are tied up every day for want of sufficient record title. Our business is Abstracting. Careful and prompt attention to all such matters.

NORTHWESTERN TITLE COMPANY
Office in the court house

Subscribe for the "Newsy" News.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

of all kinds for all people may be found in our excellent stock if you come early before the stock is picked over.

Our entire stock of Holiday goods is all in and the assortment is large enough to suit every person. The price is low enough for any one.

We want to sell you your Christmas presents therefore come and see what we have to offer you. We have Christmas candies.

THE RACKET STORE
South Side of Square

JOHN KNIGHT
Real Estate.

Two tracts of 80 acres each, two miles from the town section, practically all level and smooth, red-sandy loam with about 50 acres in cultivation on each tract. Small amount of improvements.

One hundred acres of land two miles from town, all of it smooth with fine soil, about 12 acres in cultivation and is well fenced.

Sixty acres just East of the 100 acres, every foot tillable, none in cultivation.

Many other good tracts for sale among which are some valley lands within one half of a mile of town section. See me if you want good values. Office with L. G. Conner.

For Farms See
JOHN KNIGHT

A REPORT

Not the puny size of a bean gun, nor the scarcely audible snap of a boy's cap pistol, but the deafening belch of a ponderous, strictly modern, large calibre, rapid firing, well aimed gun mounted to defend the interests of the community in general and the depositors of "The Old Reliable" in particular.

Read the Report. Its adoption is by unanimous vote of a large majority of our honorable citizens.

L. T. Lester, President. John Hutson, Vice-Pres. D. A. Park, Cashier. Travis Shaw, Asst. Cash.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
CANYON, TEXAS.
At Close of Business, November 27th, 1908.
STATEMENT CONDENSED FROM REPORT TO COMPTROLLER

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$300,219.74	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Bonds & Premiums	154,746.65	Surplus and Profits	47,203.08
Real Estate and Fixtures	17,000.07	Circulation	100,000.00
Demand Loans	\$45,000.00	Deposits	350,584.37
Cash	79,824.99		
Total	\$597,787.45	Total	\$597,787.45

I certify that the above is correct. D. A. PARK, Cashier.

The First National Bank of Canyon

THE PANHANDLE OF TEXAS.

"It Offers Greater Opportunities Today Than Any Other Place on American Continent"

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16th.—(Special) J. B. Dickerson, editor of The Southwestern News Syndicate, and one of the best known newspaper and magazine writers in the Southwest, was shown an item which appeared in The Carthage Press under date of Dec. 5th. While he did not care to criticize the author of the erroneous and slanderous statement published, said it was a pity that such misleading stories were given publicity. He said an investigation by an impartial judge would disprove many of the statements, and if Chas. H. Smith owns land in Jasper county, Missouri he desires to sell, he should give this as a reason for "knocking" against the Panhandle.

After reading the Smith "Special correspondence to the Press" dated Amarillo, Texas, Nov. 30th, Mr. Dickerson says:

"Practically every positive statement made by Mr. Smith can be disproved by men who neither have lands for sale in the Panhandle or elsewhere, but men who only desire justice. I spent three months in the Panhandle not long ago in the interest of a syndicate of leading newspapers and magazines who wanted the truth and nothing but the truth about that country. I gathered data from every source, much of which was more or less unreliable, it is true, but any sane man can distinguish between the two when the facts are before him. In the first place Mr. Smith goes

out of his way to falsify against that country, when he says:

"Sixteen years ago this country had a bigger boom than that now on. Farm land ran up in price along the railroads. Far more settlers were drawn here then than now. Everything bloomed as the rose. Then came the great drought. It lasted nearly six years. Farmers lost nearly everything they had. Many walked out while on every road were covered wagons drawn by lean horses, taking the once prosperous families back to 'God's Country.'" Quoting further he says.

"But the whole Panhandle country is something different when it fails to rain. Then all crops fail, the grass dries up, cattle perish, fruit trees wither, and die and gloom and despair is everywhere extant throughout the region."

Mr. Dickerson further states: "To reply to Mr. Smith in detail would require more space than the average newspaper could spare, but enough can be said that would convince any fair minded man he is either a chronic 'Kicker' or else has an ulterior motive in 'Knocking' on the fairest land in the South, The Texas Panhandle.

"The Government weather bureau at Amarillo was established nearly 15 years ago, and since that time the average annual rainfall has been about 24 inches. Ten years ago, or in 1897, it was 19.16, the lowest any year since the station was established. Mr. Smith evidently reckoned without his host when he bewailed and moaned over the terrible fate of the alleged drought of six years ago which never came. Six

years ago, according to the official report in Amarillo, the rainfall was 23 1-2 inches, and strange to relate, it came during the growing, or crop season. It rained 9 inches in May, 2 in June, 1 1-2 in July, 2 1-2 inches in August, and nearly one inch in Sept. Certainly this could not have been the "terrible drought" Mr. Smith speaks of?

"This erudite gentleman with the small 'Hammer' also mentions 'Dry river beds' in the Panhandle, and attempts to decry the fate of 'Suckers' who might be lured into that country by 'Land Grafters' and others, Etc. The truth is that only one stream crosses the great Plains country, the Canadian river, and that runs across the extreme Northern edge of what is known as the Plains proper. His reference to the Prairie Dog Fork of Red River, the Palo Duro Canyon, is a slander on the people of the Panhandle and shows how totally ignorant he is on the subject he attempts to deal with. The Palo Duro Canyon will, ere long, become a National Park and Game Preserve. It is the most wonderful gorge on the American continent, and will become a famous rendezvous for scientists, and men who seek rare natural treasure in art and the handiwork of God. It contains numerous never failing springs and through its center runs a beautiful clear stream of water. It has not been dry since 1866, according to Capt. Chas. Goodnight, the oldest settler along that romantic wonderland.

"Mr. Smith asks: What do you want to leave Jasper County for? You will appreciate your blessings there, perhaps, if you

get where they are denied you, and that is the ONLY reason I would suggest for you to try a change. Be satisfied and you'll be happy."

Now, dear reader, what do you think of a man who would lambast a country, pick every flaw imaginable, wilfully misrepresent actual conditions, and then wind up a long, rambling description by saying: "And this is the ONLY reason I would suggest for you to try a change. Be satisfied and you'll be happy." Would't this put your cork a-bobbing? Mr. Smith is one of those weaklings who get away from home and when "Home-sickness" comes over him, begins to dish out free advice by the hand full, let it be right or wrong, it makes no difference.

"Personally I am not interested in the Panhandle country, but I am willing to go on record that it offers greater opportunities today for the man with ordinary means and is not afraid to work, of any place on the American Continent. Farm lands in the Plains can be bought today at from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per acre, on easy terms, and where else on earth can one beat this? The Panhandle country is not a land of 'Milk and Honey,' as many might suppose, but it is a land of great opportunities and possibilities already partially developed. The country is not an arid waste, with dry river beds and frequent disastrous droughts—and 'Booms that catch suckers,' as Mr. Smith would have one believe. This 'Knocker' is only one of those misguided, misinformed and malicious homesick farmers who hopes to farm the farmer rather than buckle down to real

home-making, and looks through smoked glasses. His 'Hammer' is entirely too light to do much harm, however."

The Wisdom of Dealing at Home.

A well known Chicago mail order house has been indicted at Des Moines, Iowa, on three counts charging fraud by the use of the United States mail. It is charged that the firm sold paint which it represented to contain white lead, which was false; that it sold a ring represented to contain four pearls and four sapphires, which was false; that it sold another ring represented to contain twelve pearls and two rubies, which was false.

The firm may be convicted and required to pay a fine, but the dupes who bought the spurious goods still have the bag to hold. They have parted with their money and can never get it back. But the mail order house, though it may have to pay a fine and costs, will recoup itself with more chalk paint and colored glass stones. The moral is to buy goods at home and thus refuse to help these Chicago cormorant pay fines and costs. It is one of the second seven wonders why people will send cash in advance to these mail order houses and risk being swindled when they can buy goods just as cheap at home and on credit besides. Goods purchased at home can be taken back if they prove defective or unsatisfactory, while the mail order stuff has to be kept, good or bad. Or if it could be sent back the purchaser would have to pay transportation charges both ways, which would be as much a losing game as

keeping it. Leaving out all considerations of duty to patronize your neighbor first, it is always a money making deal to buy at home. Prices on goods are governed very largely by quality, and cheap price means cheap quality.—Henrietta Independent.

A tower boomer gets off this: "Tell me not in mournful numbers, that the town is full of gloom, for the man's a crank that slumbers in these bustling days of boom. Life is real, life is earnest, and the grave is not its goal; every dollar that thou turnest helps to make the old town roll. But enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way; if you have no money, borrow—buy a corner lot each day. Lives of great men all remind us we can win immortal fame. Let us leave the chumps behind us and we'll get there just the same."—Ex.

Up in the Panhandle country and throughout Central West Texas they are breaking the land with steam plows. That's meeting the intensive demands of development. Outside capital is the steam plow demanded by inside opportunities for enterprise and commerce. The one-mule power turning plow and the dime invested in the grouch are not heavy enough for the firing line in Texas today. We need the wonderful energy and power of the investment dollar. Progressive sentiment has retired the dime. Let Texas grow.—Fort Worth Star.

O. B. Cotton thoroughly understands cleaning and pressing. Let him do your work. 37.2t

Keiser Brothers & Phillips

CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

Buy and Sell Panhandle Lands.

THE COUNTRY of good crops, fine climate, plenty of water, moral, prosperous and happy people, great advantages, cheap and productive lands. Lands are cheaper now than they will ever be again.

Investigate Panhandle Lands.

Keiser Brothers & Phillips.

CHRISTMAS SWEETS

You should buy your candies and fruits for the Holidays from some one who makes a study of these things—some one who knows how and where to buy the very best of them.

We make a careful study and have purchased the largest assortment and the largest stock of

Candies, Fruits and Nuts

ever brought to Canyon City. Over one hundred different kinds of candies to select from, while our stock of Fruits and Nuts contains the choicest of these things that are shown on the wholesale markets.

CITY CONFECTIONARY

J. W. COWART, Prop. East Side of Square

Groceries Groceries Groceries

We are headquarters for everything good to eat. Have just gotten in a full line of new crop canned goods and can sell them much cheaper than last season. Have everything you want for your Xmas. fruit cake. All kinds of sweet and sour pickles in bulk or bottles cheaper than ever before. All grades of P. & F. Syrup, F. F. O. G. Pure Maple Syrup, all kinds of dried fruits, new crop; flour from \$2.75 to \$3.50, that we guarantee. If you get a sack of Buttes Excellence that you don't like, it wont cost you a cent; White Swan flour, while this car lasts, at \$3.00 per hundred pounds. Don't fail to get a few hundred before it goes up. In fact we have the most complete stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries in town and are positively under sold by none. We pay the highest market price for all kinds of country produce. Don't fail to come to see us or phone No. 25.

CANYON SUPPLY COMPANY

Weak Women

frequently suffer great pain and misery during the change of life. It is at this time that the beneficial effect of taking Cardui is most appreciated, by those who find that it relieves their distress.

TAKE CARDUI

It Will Help You

Mrs. Lucinda C. Hill, of Freeland, O., writes: "Before I began to take Cardui, I suffered so badly I was afraid to lie down at night. After I began to take it I felt better in a week. Now my pains have gone. I can sleep like a girl of 16 and the change of life has nearly left me." Try Cardui.

AT ALL DRUG STORES

TOP PANHANDLE HOGS.
Load From Swisher County Outlets Others on This Market.

The Texas Panhandle again had the honor of topping the hog market today. A load sent in from Swisher county, consigned by J. M. McNaughton, averaging 272 pounds, sold at \$5.65. O. S. Currie, part owner of the hogs, accompanied the shipment and of course felt good over the way they sold. Mr. Currie says there is a large number of hogs in Swisher county, and they have proved so profitable that farmers are getting more interested in that branch of live stock raising. They are raising high bred hogs, for that is the kind that mature early and put on fat, and bring good prices. There is no better place for hogs than the plains, for there they are noticeably free from cholera and other swine diseases.

The foregoing clipping taken from the Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter but goes to confirm the statements often made in these columns that the Plains country raises the finest and best hogs in the state or the south for that matter.

Mr. McNaughton lives across the line in Swisher county near Happy and is an earnest advocate in diversification not only in soil crops but in crops of all kind of animals. He thinks there is always a good profit to be made from hogs here.

New Telephone Manager.

Sid Stephenson, who has been located for some time in Memphis, has arrived in this city and taken charge of the management of the affairs of the local telephone exchange.

Happy News.

Mrs. O. Malcolm and Miss Jessie June were in Amarillo shopping Monday.

P. J. Neff will leave Sunday for Nebraska to return in a few weeks with his family.

Misses Edna and Sadie Cook were in Canyon Friday.

County Assessor Hutchison of Swisher county was in town Monday on business.

Miss Carter is attending Institute at Tulia this week and will also be there next week.

A few of the "Ramblers" went to the canyons and brought back a fine cedar to be used as a Christmas tree.

O. Malcolm and J. Hendel were in Tulia Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Durrett went to Kress Monday evening to take charge of a store and bank there. He will be missed here as cashier in the Happy Mercantile Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble entertained the "Ramblers" Friday at their home five miles north of Happy. About twenty couples were in attendance and all report a splendid good time.

The Tulia Decorating Co. is busy papering, painting, etc., on several houses here.

County Sheriff Potter was in town on official business Tuesday.

Mr. Griffith of Hereford, brother of Mrs. J. C. Bradenbaugh, is visiting his sister this week.

The building the barber shop was formerly in has been moved across the track east of the Plains Lumber & Grain Co's. office and J. Hendel will run a short order house.

D. F. Felton was in Amarillo Sunday.

The Happy Mercantile Co. expect to move into their new store room this week, the new room to be for dry goods and groceries and the old room for hardware.

HAPPY.

H. B. Reed of Lubbock was in

VIRGINIANS COMING, TOO.

Farmers From Eastern State Buy Land and Will Establish Farms in Randall County.

Through one of our local real estate firms seven people from Virginia recently visited our county and each of the seven bought land near this city. They all expressed themselves as being glad that they had come out to this country to investigate it, and the expression was further ratified by their purchases.

These seven men expect to come out to this country during this winter and early spring and will develop the land which they bought into modern farms.

With the large increase coming from northern and northwestern states, and an influx of farmers from the east there is going to be the best development in this country the coming year that we have ever seen.

The Pretty Weather.

The Plains of Texas have always been noted for their fine weather but for all this notoriety a person could hardly expect such weather as we have been having during the past week, at this season of the year. It has neither been too hot nor has it been too cold—just that pleasant, mild temperature which is agreeable to any person who has anything like an agreeable mind. If anyone has had any fault to find with what the weather bureau or whoever runs the temperature of this country has been sending out to us this week, it is time he looks after his liver.

Sherron-Dison.

At the home of the bride's parents in the southeastern portion of the city last Monday afternoon, Robert E. Sherron of Tulia and Miss Kate Dison of this city were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Judge A. N. Henson performing the ceremony, in the presence of quite a number of the friends of both parties. The bride and groom left that afternoon for Tennessee and other points to spend the holidays after which they expect to return to this country to live either at this place or at Tulia.

Downing Goes to Market.

S. M. Downing who has been feeding cattle and hogs east of this city during this fall, left last Monday for Fort Worth taking with him a carload of hogs which he will place on sale there at the packing houses. There have been a number of cars of these animals shipped from this city lately and every car of them have topped the market in their class and the carload which Mr. Downing took with him this week are said by those who saw them to have been the best that has been shipped so far this winter. We expect to hear some good reports from the sale when made.

W. S. Llewellyn and his family of Longstreet, Louisiana, have arrived in this city and will make their home here. Mr. Llewellyn stated to the News reporter that he was through this country some sixteen years ago and that he had had his eye upon it ever since that time and that he thought that it would eventually become one of the finest farming countries in the entire southwest. He stated that he was very agreeably surprised at the large number of improvements going on in this country.

N. Thompson is putting in a private system of waterworks back of his building on the south side of the square and will serve both the tenants in his two buildings. He has had a well dug this week and has erected a tank and windmill.

The Canyon Mercantile Company pays the highest price for

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The Canyon Lumber Co.

FOR



Canyon, : Texas

The Last CHANCE

For the benefit of those who have not taken advantage of our special sales we will give you one more chance to get cheap Christmas presents. We will offer for

49 Cents

Saturday, December 19th, our entire line of stove mats with binding, our entire line of scissors, our entire line of bread bowls and bread boards, a large line of pocket knives and a large number of valuable pieces of china-ware. Any of these are exceptional bargains.

Please do not ask us to sell these goods at this price after that day as it is impossible and we will not do so.

The Date: Saturday, December 19.
The Price, 49 Cents.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT
Canyon Mercantile Company

Letter Heads
Statements
Bill Heads
Envelopes
Cards

Anything and everything in the way of high-grade commercial printing. Our assortment of job type is complete, our press facilities of the best, and our workmen true typographical artists. This tells all the story of our facilities for doing job printing of the right kind at the right prices.

Cards
Envelopes
Bill Heads
Statements
Letter Heads

A Complete Hardware Line

Those who have been our customers for years know that we have always tried to keep the best line of hardware to be found in this section of the state both in quality and in quantity. This knowledge has led these people to have complete confidence in our stock of goods and when they know that they can get what they want when they want it and at the very lowest price they become permanent, satisfied customers. These are the kind we want and are endeavoring to have. We always keep a large stock of everything in hardware, including Builders' Materials, Wagons, Implements, and Tools of every known kind. Our stock is complete. The price is right.

Just Arrived

We have just received a car load of those justly celebrated MOLINE WAGONS, wagons that have stood the test of this climate for many years, a vehicle that you can depend upon at all times. We have the regular wagon and the wagon with the low wheels and the wide tire. These wagons are better than others but the price is the same.

Farm Trucks with the wooden wheels and the iron wheels.
Extra Wagon Beds.

Farming Implements

We are agents for the celebrated JOHN DEERE IMPLEMENTS and people have become so well acquainted with them that it is not necessary for us to extoll their good qualities. An inspection will reveal them to those who are not acquainted. People expect more from the JOHN DEERE implements than from any other and they have a right to do so; they are better and of course should give better satisfaction.

John Deere Disc Plows, with one, two or three discs.

John Deere Disc Harrows with trucks.

John Deere Gang Plows, with two or three gangs.

John Deere Drag Harrows, the best ever made.

John Deere Sulky Plows, with foot lifts.

John Deere Implements of all kinds.

John Deere Land Rollers, the new style, the kind used by the most successful farmers everywhere.

Buggy Department

We show nothing in this department but the very best quality made in just the correct manner for the most service combined with neat appearance. **THE VELIE BUGGIES ARE ACKNOWLEDGED LEADERS.** Our Rubber Tired Traps are neat and good and our Surries are without competition on this market.

Harness Department

To our stock of leather goods we have in transit a very large shipment of the very best grades of harness--harness that there is some satisfaction in purchasing. We have team harness with the slip tugs, stationary tugs and chain harness of all kinds. Buggy harness that are made from the best quality of hides and put up for looks as well as service.

Stoves

We claim that in our stove department the quality is not excelled by any other store located at any point. For heating stoves we especially recommend the Coles' Hot Blast Heater, the Charter Oak Hot Blast Heater or the Charter Oak Heater and for cooking purposes the Charter Oak Stoves and Ranges which we handle are as good as can be made.

The Arcadian Malleable Charcoal Range

which we offer you is absolutely the best on the market. It is non-breakable, non-comparable and we show you more good points about it than can be shown you about any other range made.

Full line of Barbed and Smooth Wire, Hog Fencing, Star Windmills, Piping and Supplies.

We are strictly a home concern and therefore have your interest as well as ours at heart.

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

Canyon Mercantile Company

The Annual Holiday Season

brings to mind the fact that we have had the most successful business that we have ever enjoyed, a business that has been satisfactory both in point of the volume of business done and the satisfaction with which our efforts to please our trade has been received by the customers.

We feel that both the customers and ourselves have been very materially benefited for the reason that they have always been able to get from us the very best goods at reasonable prices--in fact these two things are the key note to the entire success.

At the Christmas season it is sometimes hard to select the thing that would be suitable for a person to whom you desire to make a remembrance. In such cases it is desirable that you select something that will be useful, and that is what we are offering you for your selection.



For the Ladies

- Scarfs
- Neck Throws
- Back Combs
- Comb Sets
- Furs
- Ladies' Wraps
- Hand Bags
- Hosiery
- Gloves
- Belts and Belt Pins
- Brooches
- Oxford Traveling Bags
- Skirts
- Dress Goods Patterns
- Net and Silk Waistings
- Felt Slippers

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspenders Cuff Sets Neckwear Stick Pins Gloves Hosiery Traveling Bags Handkerchiefs 	<h2 style="margin: 0;">For the Men</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fancy Vests Sets of Suspenders, neckties and hose supporters to match. Hats Bath Robes House Slippers Overcoats
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Let Children combine and give an **ELEGANT RUG** to Father and Mother. They are fine & useful.

These are merely a few suggestions for your consideration and a visit to our large store will reveal many other useful articles which would be appropriate for the occasion.

In any event come to see us when doing your Holiday Shopping.

Canyon Mercantile Co.