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MIDLAND PUTTING ON A FESTIVE AIR

The Approach of Christmas Finds Our Stores Ready for the Joyous Season

We should appreciate it greatly if the readers of The Reporter would look over its columns and select places to trade during the season that is now on. There are good, legitimate reasons for this wish of ours, reasons that should be accepted by the loyal citizenship which wishes the best interests and welfare of our little city.

In the first place the advertisers now to be found in our columns offer you the best to be found in their lines, and their lines cover a range sufficiently wide and varied to enable you to make any reasonable selection in your Christmas shopping. In the second place their appreciation is manifest in the invitation to you to come and inspect their offerings. In this day of sharp competition this amounts to something. They advertise not only an invitation to you to come and see, but the fact that they have the utmost confidence in their wares, and back the merits thereof with reputations that have been established by years of painstaking honesty. It is thus safe to deal with them.

There is yet a third reason why we should like to see our advertisers liberally patronized. They make it possible for The Reporter to exist. Were every subscriber to The Reporter, some 1400-plus, to pay up promptly, we should yet fall some three to four thousand dollars short of the actual expense of producing the paper 52 times per year. You may not be able to understand this, but the explanation is simple, and our advertisers and patrons of our commercial printing department are to be thanked that Midland is enabled to support this medium of publicity, a medium of representation of which the city and its trade territory has no good reason to be ashamed.

The Reporter is a conscientious booster for Midland and the Midland Country. Its every utterance, however it may sometimes fall amiss, is intended somehow somehow to be of good to all. It may be in an expression of sympathy, perchance but a word of praise; again, criticism may be its mode of procedure, and at times a warning sounded; all, though, aye all is breathed as a prayer, speeded on the wings of good will.

These are some of the reasons why we urge you to patronize our advertisers. There are others, however, and none of which will suggest to you a possible sacrifice in your plans for this Christmas.

Midland is now beautiful in its array, commemorating the birth of the Christ-child. A sweet sentiment of good will abounds, and it is The Reporter's hope that the joyous days approaching precede the dawning of a New Year that will be happy and prosperous to all.

OSCAR GRAHAM IN "THE END OF THE TRAIL"

Two new ladies are added to the cast in Oscar Graham's latest play, "The End of the Trail." They are

Miss Pearl Townsend and Miss Ruth Chandler. Both are young, beautiful and accomplished. Both are provided with parts which accentuate these most desirable gifts and they play them with that fervor of enthusiasm which is always so refreshing when one is watching youth, beauty and art.

Edward C. Paulus, who has so delighted in past seasons in his comedy work as an Irishman, a tramp, a cockey, a gambler, a dude and a Chinaman, is fitted with a part this season in which he excels, and as Leviticus Livingston, a darky butler, is more exuberantly funny than ever. Oscar Graham as a cultured Indian has a strikingly romantic part to which he is particularly suited—and, in fact, each member of the company is seen to splendid advantage.

"The End of the Trail" will be at the opera house Dec. 22nd.

UNIVERSITY VISITOR MAKES REPORT

Praises Work of High School and Recommends Additional Credits and New Building

In our last issue we published an account of the visit to our high school of the official inspector of high schools for the University of Texas, Prof. W. S. Taylor, and gave many of the complimentary statements which he made while here both to the high school, to the superintendent and to the teachers, and to others whom he met while in our city. We are pleased to publish below a copy of his official report to the University, which was received by our superintendent this week and which is highly complimentary to our splendid high school and the excellent work which it is doing:

Midland High School Visited by W. S. Taylor
Supt. W. W. Lackey
December 5th, 1916.

The visitor spent a delightful half day in the Midland high school. The school is unique in many respects and thorough in all. It should be mentioned that high standards and excellent work are the rule. The children are given more than text-book training. A better chorus than the one made up of high school students would be difficult to find in any high school. Physical education is taught and taught well. The entire program of the school is calculated to develop originality, individuality, and thoroughness.

The physical conditions of the school are not as good as the school and the town deserve. They do not begin to measure up to the work. If the amendment voted on at the last election carries it is probable that Midland will build a modern home for its high school.

The equipment of the school is very fair. The money invested in apparatus and supplies has been spent wisely and there is no material stored around in nooks and corners that is not usable.

The discipline and routine of the school are good. The student body is made up of a courteous, well behaved group of boys and girls. Their attitude toward their work and their



Advance Program for the week ending December 23rd Unique Theatre

MONDAY, DEC. 18th

Red Feather Night

Dorothy Davenport and Emory Johnson in a strong, gripping love story, "BARRIERS OF SOCIETY."

TUESDAY, DEC. 19th

Paramount Night

The supreme screen artist, Blanche Sweet in

"THE THOUSAND DOLLAR HUSBAND"

Another LKO Comedy with Gertrude Selby and Dan Russell in

"LURED BUT CURED"

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20th

"A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS," with the great favorite, Helen Holmes as the Heroine.

Read the first episode of this story elsewhere in this paper.

A Gold Seal Feature, "THE WRATH OF CACTUS MOORE," with Mm. Mong and Peggy Courday.

A Joker Comedy, "FATHER GETS IN WRONG," with Gale Henry and Wm. Franey.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21st

The 9th episode of the great serial, "LIBERTY," subject of this episode, "A DAUGHTER OF MARS."

Carter DeHaven in the "TIMOTHY DOBBS" comedy series; subject this week, "BORROWED PLUMES."

A Nestor Comedy, "HIS OWN NEMESIS," with Eddie Lyons, Lee Moran and Priscilla Dean.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22nd

Paramount Night

America's leading film star, Fannie Ward, in

"A GUTTER MAGDALENE"

Replete with stirring adventure and romance.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23rd

A 101 Bison Drama, "NIGHT SHADOWS," with Alfred Gordon and Alice Nelson.

An Imp production, "GOOD AND EVIL."

A Big U, "THE WISHING LAMP."



loyal to the school. Much of the credit for the conditions in this school is due to the superintendent, who has spent nine years in building up the schools. He is a real leader and the town appreciates his services."

Prof. Thos. Fletcher, official visitor of schools for the University, said in his report the previous year, speaking of our high school:

"This is a splendidly organized and well taught school. The discipline is good and the routine is nicely worked out. There is an excellent school spirit among the pupils, and an enthusiastic and studious atmosphere about the whole school. The pupils sang the morning songs with a swing and vim that surpassed anything the visitor has heard."

Units of Affiliation
Our high school has at present 20 units of affiliation with the University

Other Reports
Dr. J. L. Henderson, head of the Department of School Visitation for the University said in a report concerning our high school in January, 1915:

"The Midland high school is undoubtedly one of the best in West Texas. The course of study is strong and the teachers are competent. A fine attitude is manifested toward the work by teachers and pupils; all are

school is good. In the classes visited the assignments were well prepared, the instruction good, and the recitations interesting. The school is asking for a unit in general science. This work is in good condition. If the papers and notebooks submitted compare favorably with the class work the subject will be entitled to recognition.

of Texas, as follows:
English, 3 units.
Ancient History, 1 unit.
Mediaeval and Modern History 1 unit.
English History, 1 unit.
American History, ½ unit.
Civics, ½ unit.
Algebra, 1½ units.
Plane Geometry, 1 unit.
Solid Geometry, ½ unit.
Physiology, ½ unit.
Physiology and Hygiene, ½ unit.
Physics, 1 unit.
Chemistry, 1 unit.
Latin, 4 units.
Spanish, 3 units.
Total, 20 units.

Whitman's candy in gift packages at the Elite. adv

Lost—A square black leather auto cushion, for single seat. Lost between Midland and Stanton on the public road south of the railroad. Finder return to Stokes & Wolcott and receive reward. adv

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For Sale—One Emerson typewriter, second hand, good as new. Cost with case, \$55. Can be bought for half price. If interested, call at this office. adv 5tf

Do you need glasses? See Prof. J. D. Shaw, phone 434. adv 49-tf

For Sale—Two lots next to the square. Very desirable for residence, close in. Phone 192. adv 24-tf

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W. P. Alexander, of Rannels County, is a visitor to Midland this week, a guest of W. B. Fullen and family.

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Dr. Buchanan, practice limited to diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat, and fitting of glasses. Office over Basham, Shepherd & Company's music store. Here 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. adv 3-tf

REWARD \$25.00
Strayed or Stolen

Description of the G. H. Coyle mare which was lost out of my south Townsend pasture about three weeks ago, same being one bay mare about 15 hands 3 inches high, branded figure 2 on left jaw, white spot on left hind ankle above hoof. Notify Henry M. Hallif. W. E. Bradford, Sheriff Midland County, Texas. adv 10-5f

COWDEN & SON BUY FINE ANGUS

Junior Member of Firm Just Back From Visit to Inter-National Livestock Exhibition

Elliott F. Cowden returned yesterday morning from a visit to Chicago, where he took in the great International Livestock Exposition, and where he made some handsome purchases of Angus cattle to add to the firm's already wonderfully fine herd. He only purchased three animals, but they are dandies, and cost \$5000.

Mr. Cowden purchased Prizemore, the senior yearling bull of the International fair. For Prizemore he paid \$2500. He bought two heifers, also, paying \$1250 each for them.

He did make one other purchase, but sold the animal. This was a 3-year-old heifer for which he paid \$850 and sold for \$1250.

The two heifers that will be brought here, and we heartily congratulate Messrs. Cowden upon their purchases.

Young Mr. Cowden returns to Midland very much enthused over his visit. He feels that it was profitable to him from a number of viewpoints, and is especially delighted over the many victories won by the Angus breed.

Said he: "There were five classes for single entry steers in grades and cross-breeds. Angus cattle lost but one of these contests, that of the grand champion steer of the fair. This was a cross-bred Hereford-Shorthorn, shown by the University of California.

"Angus cattle won the grand champion steer herd over all breeds, the grand champion car load of steers over all breed, and an Angus won in the carcass contest, both on foot and on the block."

There are several other features of the fair that we shall try to give in a later issue of The Reporter. This week we are badly crowded for space.

Wanted—To sell two or three good cows for cash, or trade for good second hand Ford. Phone 394, H. R. Houston. adv

There is nothing better for Christmas than a package of Whitman's. The Elite. adv

The most complete line of pipes and smoker's articles in Texas at the Elite. adv

Lost—Two cranks to Cole car. Return to Reporter office and receive suitable reward. adv

"Goober" Glenn returned last week from a visit to Hot Springs, Ark., and is much improved in health.

MRS. T. L. NUGENT
Beauty Parlor Specialist.
Employs an Electric Hair Dryer, giving scalp treatment and cleaning the scalp, thus causing the hair to grow. Also other Beauty Parlor Accessories for removing wrinkles and other facial blemishes. Will work up combings, no matter how badly tangled. Will call on ladies at their homes, giving facial treatments and shampooing. Patronage respectfully solicited. Phone 306. adv 10-5f

SPECIAL SALE ON OVERCOATS

For Ten Days, Beginning Saturday Morning, December 16

\$16.50 Overcoats, Special Sale	\$10.85	\$15.00 Overcoats, Special Sale	\$9.75
20.00 Overcoats, Special Sale	14.85	12.50 Overcoats, Special Sale	8.35
18.00 Overcoats, Special Sale	12.85	5.00 Overcoats, Special Sale	3.85
		4.00 Overcoats, Special Sale	2.15

IN OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT---Fruit Cakes, Nut Cakes, Nuts, Oranges, Apples, Candies and many other things we cannot mention.

Grocery Phone No. 6

"THE MERCANTILE"

"THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY"

Dry Goods Phone No. 284

Shop Early!

Don't put everything off till the last minute. Do your Christmas shopping early. You get better selection, better service and save yourself lots of worry in the final rush. Packages will be held for later delivery if wanted. *This Cash Store will help to make your money go further*

This Cash Store is doing more to keep the price of dry goods down than anything else in Midland.

Although the price of almost every item in the dry goods line has advanced from 15 to 50 per cent, we are still selling almost every item in this store at the same price or less than they were sold for a year ago. This saving is due to our foresight in buying early and in doing business for cash only.

We are Still Selling

- Two pairs of ladies' good quality Black Stockings for 25c
 - Two pairs of boys' and girls' School Stockings for 25c
 - The same Guaranteed Pony Stockings that we have always sold, at the pair 25c
 - Three pairs of Ladies' Black Silk Lisle, three pairs to the box, per box \$1.00
 - Ladies' Silk Lisle and pure Silk Boot Stockings the pair 50c
 - Three pairs of Men's Cotton Sox in black, grey, tan, for 25c
 - Extra Quality Boys' Red Wool-mixed School Sweater, all sizes, each \$1.00
 - Ladies' Munsing Union Suits, the best in the world, light or heavy weight, long or short sleeves, the suit \$1.00
 - Ladies' Munsing Vests and Pants, all sizes, each 50c
 - Good quality Light Outing, the yard 10c
 - Extra quality Outings, solid colors and fancys, the yard 12 1-2c
 - Yard wide Percales, light and dark colors, absolutely fast, the yard 12 1-2c
 - Yard wide Bleached Domestic, the yard, 10c and 12 1-2c
 - 36-inch Wool Serge, navy, red, brown, black, the yard 50c
 - Men's Union Suits, all sizes, heavy and light weight, the suit, \$1.00 to \$3.00
 - Men's and big Boys' sizes in Boys' Scout School Shoes, the pair \$2.50
 - Boys' Calf, lace or button, extra good School Shoe, the pair \$2.50
- No matter what you may need in Dry Goods, you will find that our Cash Prices will save you money

Practical Christmas Suggestions

Gifts that will be Appreciated, for they are Useful

For the Men and Boys

- HANDKERCHIEFS—Plain handkerchiefs at 5c to 25c each. Initialed at 50c and \$1.00 the box.
- GLOVES—Dress Gloves at \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2. Lined Auto Gloves at \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.50 the pair.
- FUR CAPS—for the man outdoors, \$2.50 each.
- GRIPS and SUIT CASES—at \$1.50 to \$15.00 each.
- SWEATERS—in men's and boys' at 50c to \$6.00.
- NECKWEAR—all kinds, at 25c, 50c and \$1.00.
- BELTS—Plain at 25c and 50c; with gold buckles at \$1.50 each.
- SOX—in Silk and Lisle, 25c and 50c.
- HOUSE SHOES—at \$1.00 to \$2.00.
- BATH ROBES—at \$3.75.
- SUSPENDERS—at 50 cents
- MACKINAW

and for Women we suggest---

- FURS
 - SILK HOSE
 - KID GLOVES
 - COMFY SHOES
 - HANDKERCHIEFS
 - KIMONAS
 - WAISTS
- and a DOWN QUILT, a pair of WOOL BLANKETS or TABLE LINEN is always appreciated by Mother.

WADLEY-PATTERSON CO.
ONE PRICE—THE LOWEST—FOR CASH ONLY

In the Ladies' Ready-to-Wear department is to be found the biggest saving of any place in this store, not only now, but all the time.

\$10.00

will buy a new Fall Suit that is really worth \$20 to \$25, because we bought them at half the regular wholesale price.

This offer is for sizes 14, 16 and 18 only. Larger sizes at \$13.75, \$16.75 and \$18.75

Don't fail to see these—for you can't appreciate the values until you do

For Christmas

we are showing some beautiful new numbers in Petticoats and Waists. These range in prices from \$2.45 to \$12.00

Children's Gingham Dresses in sizes 6 to 14 at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.50

Misses' Wool Serge and Shepherd Check Dresses in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, at \$3, \$5 and \$5.85

New White Flannel Collars—at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, are quite the newest things in collars and cuffs.

Our little store is crowded sometimes, but it's a pretty good sign it's a good place to trade.

WITH THE CHURCHES

The Ministers of the City are Cordially Invited to Use this Column as They Care

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Following services for Sunday, December 17th:
 Sunday school at 10 a. m.
 Senior Endeavor at 6:15 p. m.
 Junior Endeavor at 4 p. m., at home of Junior superintendent.
 No preaching services.
 Bishop E. A. Temple of the Episcopal church, will preach in this church next Tuesday evening at 7:15 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

METHODIST CHURCH

Services for Sunday and following week:
 Sunday School at 9:45, a. m.—Phil Scharbauer, Supt.
 Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Subject for morning sermon, "Christian Stewardship." Subject for evening sermon, "The Best Paying Investment."
 Junior League at 3 p. m.

Senior League at 6:15 p. m.
 Stewards meeting at 2:30 p. m.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:15 p. m.
 Teachers Training Class, Wednesday at 8 p. m.
 J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 a. m., Bible school.
 11 a. m., preaching. Subject, "A Night Before the First Christmas." This is a sermon that all should hear who would appreciate the coming of Jesus into the world.
 6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.
 7:30, preaching. "Those Dark Periods in the World's History."
 The coolest house in summer and the warmest in winter is a place where you may hear a gospel sermon. Come out to the services and you will find help and comfort. A cordial invitation is extended.

All members remember Jan. 12th.
 Ernest Quick, Pastor.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR

Subject, "Peeps at Many Nations."
 Lesson, Ps. 148: 11-13.
 Leader—Ernestine Moore.
 Song No. 45.
 Lord's prayer.
 Bible lesson—Leader.
 Bible references—Elsie Wolcott, Thord Dockray, Francis Miller, Ortel

Horton, Ruth Price, Mary Hill.
 Recitation—Seth Ingham.
 Round Table, "Where I had Rather be Missionary."
 Sketches of Jamaica—Howard Hendricks.
 Sketches of India—Geneva Shaw.
 Sketches of Mexico—Jack Heard.
 Sketches of Porti Kice—Homer Ingham.
 Sketches of Africa—Laura Eichelberger.
 Sketches of South America—Grey Heard.
 Sketches of China—Wade Heath.
 Sketches of New Zealand—Willie Preston.
 Sketches of Canada—Eveline Estes.
 Sentence prayers.
 Recitation—Christine Moore.
 Mizpah.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Subject, "Big Jobs Awaiting Us."
 Leader—Carl Jones.
 Scripture reading, Ex. 3: 1-14—Vi-da Shaw.
 Song "Help Somebody Today."
 Prayer.
 Special music.
 Short Talks:
 "Bible Examples of Men who were Not Afraid to Tackle Big Jobs"—Goda-wah ihite.
 "Church Union"—Ruth Moore.
 "Fitting Ourselves For Our Task"—Virgil Shaw.
 "What is the Biggest Problem the World Has to Solve"—Ethel Johnson, Bessie Reynolds and Van Camp.
 Chalk talk—Ray Camp.
 Instrumental music.
 Reading—Kathaline Marshall.
 Prayer, business, benediction.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Subject, "Defy Evil."
 Leader—Miss Judith Clark.
 Song and prayer service.
 Scripture lesson, 1 Kings XXI: 15-22.
 Bible examples of defiers of evil:
 1. Moses.
 2. Gideon.
 3. Esther.
 4. Daniel.
 5. Daniel's three friends.
 6. Peter and John.
 7. Paul.
 —Mrs. May Tidwell.
 Instrumental solo—Mr. Ned Watson.
 Modern defiers of evil:
 1. Preachers.

2. Gov. Whitman.
 3. The Editor.
 4. The Commander.
 —Miss Gayrite Garner.
 "What Makes a Man Defy Evil"—Miss Fannie Kate Price.
 Announcements.
 Benediction.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Leader—Bessie Johnson.
 Subject, "Giving Ourselves."
 Reference word, "Give."
 Opening hymn No. 66.
 Prayer by the leader.
 Scripture lesson, Matt. 25: 40; Mark 12: 31.
 Song No. 205.
 Roll call and response with reference word.
 Vocal solo—Vera Rohlfing.
 Story by supt.
 Song No. 158.
 Lesson thoughts.
 Benediction.

Card of Thanks—Through the columns of The Reporter, we wish to thank our many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our husband and father. May God's richest blessings rest upon them.—Mrs. D. L. Vest and children.

CROW-ELKHART AGENCY WITH W. R. AYCOCK

J. C. Moore and son, Harrold, accompanied by their special salesman, a young Mr. Davis, returned to San Angelo Tuesday. While here Mr. Moore sold a touring car to our young townsman, W. R. Aycock, and with him placed a sub-agency for the Crow-Elkhart. It is indeed a nice car and young Mr. Aycock proposes to push sales thereof in his territory, Midland, Martin, and Ector Counties.

Notice—After Dec. 15th, retail cream will sell at 70c per quart, 35c per pint and 20c per half pint. Phone orders to 394. Midland Dairy.

Rev. Walter L. Thompson, pastor of the Christian church at Odessa, was a visitor to Midland last Tuesday. We appreciated from him a very pleasant call at our office.

Miss Josephine Scruggs arrived this week from Corpus Christi to accept a position as stenographer in the office of Judge E. R. Bryan.

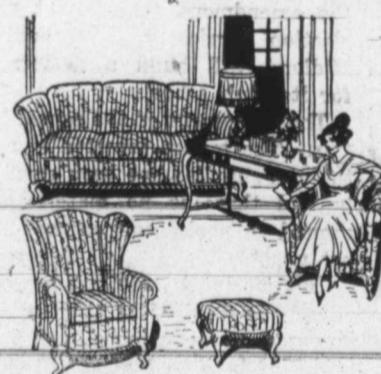
I am paying 17 cents for green and 30 cents for dry hides, and you will find me at the same old stand, always paying the highest market price. C. M. J. Stringer, phone 408.
 adv. 10-15t

Wanted—A job on ranch for man and wife. Address "R.L." in care of C. S. Robertson, Midland. adv pd

Will Gates came down from Andrews Tuesday and reports that he sold to Spence Jewell 169 steer calves, and 140 cows to Bob Hadden, of Eunice, N. M., at private terms.

For Sale—The Texas Colonel, registered Duroc Jersey boar, weight about 650 pounds. See H. M. Ramsey.
 adv 9-tf

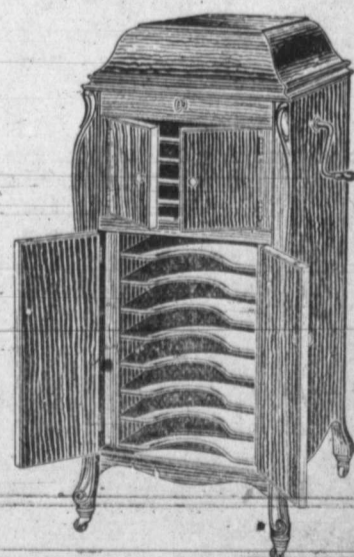
Much Enjoyment



will be experienced by you and your family if your living room is furnished with our furniture. Every article will be a source of constant delight. All our furniture is well made and guaranteed to give long service. Ours is the kind of furniture that is most economical in the long run.

Only the Victrola

brings you such celebrated musical organizations as Conway's Band, Pryor's Band, Sousa's Band, Vessella's Band and Victor Herbert's Orchestra. Only the Victrola brings you such leading entertainers as Nora Bayes, Barney Bernard, Kitty Cheatham, Raymond Hitchcock, DeWolf Hopper, Elsie Janis and Harry Lauder.



Its wonderful array of famous artists and the absolute fidelity with which it presents to you all the world's best music, make the Victrola not only a joy at Christmas but a delight all the time.

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PHIL SCHARBAUER
Midland, Texas

STOCK CATTLE LOANS
On Favorable Terms

Merchant's Nat. Bank

of
Lawrence, Kansas

Christmas Shopping

With only (8) more days in which to make selections for our loved ones. The City Drug Store has many valuable and useful articles to select from, for all members of the family. While our line is broken, we have yet many pretty and appropriate gifts.

Do not delay your Xmas shopping with the idea that things will be cheaper. You can get just as good bargains today, and possibly, while looking through you may get some new ideas of things you would like to give.

Remember we have a nice assortment of jewelry and might save you a few dimes on that diamond ring, LaValliere, watch bracelet, or gents' high grade watch. What would give the whole family more pleasure than a Columbia Graphonola?

City Drug Store

If Kept in Drug Store, We Have It

AT THE UNIQUE

Once again the fans have had the opportunity of seeing who we consider the queen of the movies, Mae Murray. She was seen in a Paramount production last Tuesday night in "Sweet Kitty Bellairs," from the play by David Belasco. This was an Irish drama, and Miss Murray won the audience from the start by her charming personality and beauty. Miss Murray is noted as "the girl with the cute mouth," and when she

puckered up her lips to be kissed by the gallant young army officer, and he refused and kissed her hand instead, we knew he wasn't truly Irish, for if he had been an Irishman he wouldn't have waited for an invitation.

The Red Feather feature on Monday night with Myrtle Gonzales and Val Paul in the "Romance of Billy Goat Hill," was perfection itself. This is a southern story and one phase alone pleased the patrons if nothing else didn't and that was the fact that it showed the play to be all "South," with no yankee fellow coming down

from the north and making a southern girl fall victim to his charms. All were southern gentlemen and ladies pure and undefiled. Even the weakling of the plot had some manly traits, and "Chip," the little dummy, won the hearts of all.

The other pictures of the week demands special mention, but as our space is limited we will have to say as we have said before, "You should have been there." We are to have Blanch Sweet in a Paramount production on next Tuesday night. Save your 20 cents—something fine.

Manager Garner informed us one day this week that he would soon have Helen Holmes in a serial. We all remember this noted actress in the serial here last summer, "The Girl and the Game." It is said that this is the most thrilling production that this little lady and her big husband, "Spike," have ever worked in. Notice for the date and commence on the first episode.

Read next week's program found elsewhere in this issue. It promises a whole week of rare entertainment by the most noted of the Universal stars.

Tonight the noted English actress, Peggy Hyland, will be seen in a Paramount production, "Saints and Sinners." This is picturization by Henry Arthur Jones, and is said to be one of the strongest photo dramas ever put out for the public's approval.

Sheriff's Sale

Midland Grocery & Dry Goods Company vs. Harris Bros.

Whereas by virtue of an execution issued out of the county court of Midland County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 15th day of October, 1915, in favor of the Midland Grocery & Dry Goods Co., a firm composed of Burl Holloway and B. F. Whitefield, against the said Harris Bros., a firm composed of Geo. P. Harris, T. B. Harris and W. W. Harris, in cause No. 599 on the docket of said court, I did on the 10th day of November, 1916, at ten o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Midland, State of Texas, to-wit:

The north 100 feet of lot No. 1 in Block No. 8 in the town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, as per map or plat of said town recorded in book 3, page 232 and 233, deed records of Midland County, Texas. Said lot of land being 100 by 140 feet.

And on the 2nd day of January, 1917, same being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten a. m., and four p. m., on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all of the right, title and interest of the said Geo. P. Harris, T. B. Harris and W. W. Harris in and to above described property. Dated at Midland, Texas, on this 10th day of November, A. D., 1916.

W. E. Bradford,
Sheriff Midland County, Texas.
adv 9-3t

Sheriff's Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland. In the District Court of Midland County, Texas.

Mrs. Birdie Wilson, Walter Wilson, Mrs. Luelia Taylor, W. R. Taylor and T. J. Stewart for himself and as next friend for Wilson Stewart and Van Steward.

vs.

H. L. Collins Mrs. W. B. Benson, Mrs. Bessie Souter, Robert L. Souter, Mrs. Willie Gore, Jim Gore, Bryan Ardis, Lois Ardis, Onie C. Ardis, Mattie E. Ardis, Robert Ardis, Isaac H. Ardis, Mrs. Bob Keith, Brown Keith, Mrs. C. C. Collins, a widow, Willie F. Collins, Mabel Martin, formerly Mabel Collins, Robert L. Collins, and James F. Collins.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the District Court of Midland County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 5th day of September, A. D., 1916, in favor of the said plaintiffs and against the said defendants, I did on the 7th day of December, A. D., 1916, at 9:20 o'clock, a. m., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land situate in the county of Midland and State of Texas, belonging to said defendants, to-wit:

The central 100 feet of land fronting west out of west one-half block No. 29 in Homestead Addition to the town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, being 100 feet fronting on the west of said block and extending 140 feet deep in said block in the alley running north and south through the same; and on the 2nd day of January, A. D., 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said defendants in and to said prop-

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erty. Dated at Midland, this the 7th day of December, A. D., 1916.

W. E. Bradford,
Sheriff of Midland County, Texas.
By J. C. Roberts, Deputy.
adv. 9-2t

DIED AT THE AGE OF EIGHTY-NINE YEARS

The elderly gentleman whose death is mentioned in the newspaper clipping below was a grandfather of Mrs. N. W. Bigham of this city, besides being well known to a great many of our citizens:

Dr. T. M. Blakemore died at the home of his son, L. M. Blakemore, Wednesday afternoon at about one o'clock, from old age.

He was born in Galetan, Tenn., October 2, 1827, hence was 89 years of age, Oct. 2nd. He moved to Texas in 1849, locating at Austin, later he moved to La Grange, where he was married to Emily Scallorn. They moved to San Marcos and in 1883 located at Abilene, where the family remained. Mrs. Blakemore died in 1904. Six children were born to them, three of whom survive—L. M. Blakemore, of Plainview, Mrs. Robert Malone, of Seminole, and Mrs. Alice Briggs, of Abilene.

He began the practice of medicine when about twenty years of age, and continued it until several years ago. For many years he was a leading citizen of the Abilene country.

He was a lifelong member of the Baptist church, and was a Mason and Shriner.

He came here about six years ago to make his home with his son, and because of his optimism and cheerfulness he was highly esteemed by all he came in contact with. He was often referred to as "the youngest man on the plains," as up to several months ago his health was the very best and he could read without glasses.

The remains were shipped yesterday morning to Abilene, where this afternoon the funeral will be held at the First Baptist Church, and he will be laid beside his wife, who preceded him to the Better Land. Accompanying the remains were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Blakemore, W. C. Malone, Mrs. Kate Malone, J. M. Malone and Robert Malone.

COLEMAN & ALLEN IN BETTER QUARTERS

The local news of the week in our last issue was crowded out and we failed to mention the removal of the Coleman & Allen garage to new quarters. They are now much more desirably located, in a building 40 x 100 feet and with a solid concrete floor. It is, too, just opposite their old stand, west, and their friends will have no trouble in finding them. They now have one of the better class of garages of the city, gradually their reputation for service is growing and the future for their business seems full of promise.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 15, 1916

"A MILLION IN OUR BANKS NOW NEARLY"

So reads the caption of a booster first-page article in a recent issue of the Merkel Mail. And the comment following this caption causes The Reporter to smile a bit. We smile because the Mail overlooked Midland in a recent reckoning, and because Midland is really not much larger than Merkel, in point of population. But to proceed. The Mail gushingly proclaims that:

"The greatest line of assets in cold cash this town ever boasted of is now on deposit in the two banks of Merkel. The total is less than \$45,000 short of a million dollars. This is a record that no town the size of Merkel can boast of, or at least no town between Fort Worth and El Paso, that has even one thousand greater population, and all our money is not yet on deposit from this year's crop."

Last week The Reporter published the statements of the First National and the Midland National Banks of Midland. In the First National Bank the sworn statement of the cashier declared that there were \$623,904.17 on deposit, while in the Midland National swore to deposits of \$387,171.48, a total in the two banks of Midland of \$1,011,075.65.

Now Midland is just midway between Fort Worth and El Paso. The Mail, of Merkel, was only a bit too enthusiastic. Let it err in the future, we offer that the bank clearings of Midland for 1915 were a bit more than \$40,000,000.

Excepting Midland, it is possible that the Merkel Mail might have gotten by, probably would.

THRIFT AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

For the past few years one of the timely and important topics has been the high cost of living, remarks the American Bankers Association in its National Thrift Campaign. Food-stuffs have been increasing in cost with a rapidity that has made read-

justment necessary in many lines, and only as wages have kept pace with the increase in other things have we been able to keep our financial ships off the rocks. War conditions have not helped the matter, for in spite of our great prosperity the cost of living still mounts up.

As individuals we are in a large measure helpless to remedy the difficulty, for the causes are economic and beyond our control; but we can do much toward alleviating the resulting ills. We cannot all be teachers of domestic science, but we can all practice the art of good living. We cannot change the price of beefsteak, but we can make better use of our porter-houses. We can do some solid thinking and apply thrift principles to our kitchens and dining rooms and offset in a very large measure the added strain of high prices.

The trouble with many housekeepers is they take the easy way and stay in a rut. They don't study their jobs and like every one else who does thoughtless work, do the work poorly. For instance, in a large boarding house, as in all such establishments, one of the principal items of food is steaks and chops. Their cost is high and the waste is large. The landlady complains that she cannot make a living. But she doesn't know how. Many of the guests are fond of fish in various forms, yet the menu seldom includes fish; and fish is cheap. On a single meal she could save from three to five dollars and please her guests immensely. She might often substitute a stew for a steak, and accomplish the same results. She might use cheaper cuts of meat made up into appetizing forms. But she sticks to her chops and steaks and grumbles at the high cost of running a boarding house. It's the high cost of ignorance that she ought to blame.

We have been charged, times without number, with being a nation of wasters. This waste takes the form of household inefficiency more generally than any other form. More homes are wrecked from a financial point of view, from the waste of the kitchen, than any other cause. If, as Doctor Wiley estimates, one-third of our food is wasted, thrift in food might be a very effective remedy for some of our present day domestic problems. With meats costing thirty cents a pound, and half bone and fat, eggs at five cents each, butter fifty cents a pound, and other

things in proportion, we must do some readjusting if we would keep pace with the recession. You cannot increase your income half as easy as you can make it go farther. You need not do without porterhouse, but you can make it go a long way. Learn the secret of French thrift and find the secret of little economies in food values.

Your youngsters will relish a dish of home baked beans as much as a choice tenderloin. They will grow fat on spaghetti. They will have fewer stomach disorders on bread and molasses than on candy and soda and lobster salads. It's the appetite that counts—not what satisfies it. Go easy on the butter and take only as much as you can use. Examine your garbage can to see if your high cost of living is not due to the high cost of thriftlessness, live better, and save more. Thrift is the panacea for many ills and the high cost of living—yea, even the cost of living high can be considerably reduced by applying thrift to the little things about the house.

In Society

C. W. B. M. Meeting
The Christian Woman's Board of Missions held its regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. H. M. Horton last Thursday afternoon, with Mesdames Hill, Spruell, Eriksen and Horton, as hostesses. Mrs. S. W. Estes led the meeting. The following book reviews were read:

"The Desire for Political Freedom," prepared by Mrs. F. F. Elkin.
"World Missions and World Peace," by Mrs. F. G. Jones.

A discussion of the division plan of our society was led by Mesdames Garner, Horton and Eriksen. Questions and answers on our work was given by all. After the program a social hour was held. Reported.

A Very Successful Bazaar

The Library Building was thronged with ladies last Saturday afternoon when the bazaar, under the direction of the Wednesday Club, was held. The several articles donated were arranged in booths, the entire display, thus being made pleasing to the anxious purchasers, though this necessary as the things so generously contributed were of such a nature that buyers were numerous. Indeed a lit-

tle rivalry of a good natured sort was indulged in to obtain possession of some of the beautiful gifts in evidence.

The candy booth, under the direction of the F. S. M. Club, was liberally patronized and a nice sum, nearly \$16, was realized there.

Delicious sandwiches, doughnuts, tea and coffee were served throughout the afternoon, adding materially to the social success of the occasion. Wight & Anthony kindly donated the tea and coffee which was used, for which the ladies are very grateful. The entire proceeds, \$151, will be used in building up and improving the library.

Ninety-Nine Club

The Ninety-nine Club met Tuesday afternoon with Miss Myrtle Tanner at the Rhea Cottage with a good attendance. The lesson, devoted to a discussion of the important cities of Peru, was ably conducted by Mrs. W. A. Dawson. Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith read an interesting paper on the "1915 Peruvian Expedition," which was followed by an enjoyable reading by Mrs. E. R. Thomas. Mrs. Pearl Rankin was received as a member of the club.

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club held its regular meeting with Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer this week, at which time the program was of unusual interest. Mrs. Chab. B. Gibbs told of the life and work of William Penn and described his colony. Mrs. Scharbauer told many interesting things about Philadelphia of modern times.

Lyceum Course

Dr. Edwin A. Boyd will deliver a lecture replete with wit, humor and oratorical phrases at the Christian church on December 27th. Dr. Boyd ranks among our foremost platform orators and those who hold tickets to the lyceum course under the auspices of the Mothers' Club will miss a rare opportunity if they fail to go. Individual tickets may be secured at the Elite Confectionery.

Priscilla Club

Mrs. Herman Klapproth was hostess to the members of the Priscilla Club Wednesday afternoon. After two hours pleasantly spent in needlwork of all kinds, most of the articles in process of construction being

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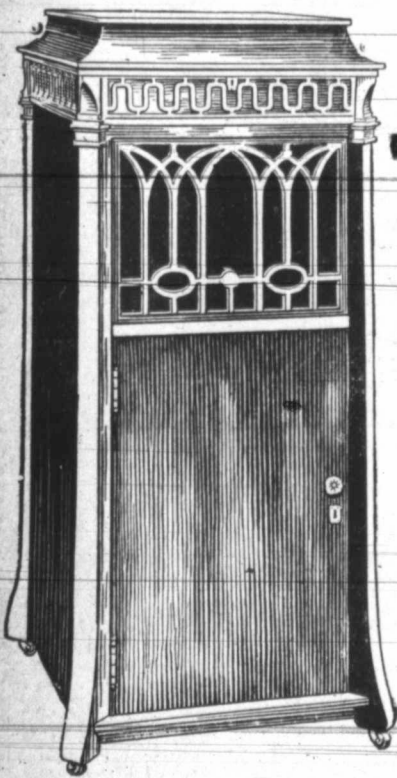
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\$219,607.19

Deposits

\$680,594.61

Total Resources

\$925,200.80

Saturday, December 16th, will be "Carnation Day" at the Elite Confectionery. Every lady who visits our store during the day or evening will be given a beautiful carnation.—M. R. Hill. adv

No. 6410
Report of Condition of
THE MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK
at Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on Nov. 17th, 1916

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$ 450,520.05
Total loans.....	450,520.05
Notes and bills rediscounted.....	6,500.00
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	50,000.00
Total U. S. bonds.....	50,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged.....	3,697.30
Total bonds, securities, etc.....	3,697.30
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....	4,500.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	8,471.98
Real estate owned other than banking house.....	387.99
Net amt due from app. res'v'e agts. in N. Y., Chiago and St. Louis.....	6,074.32
Net amt. due from app. res. agts. in other res. cities.....	46,413.24
Net amt due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 18).....	7,079.24
Outside checks and other cash items Rev. Stamps 50.11 (less cash over \$1967).....	1,664.49
Fractional currency, nickles and cents.....	98.54
Notes of other national banks.....	1,763.03
Lawful reserve in vault and with Federal Reserve Bank redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	38,387.86
Customers' liability account of "Acceptances" executed by this bank.....	2,500.00
Other assets, advances on livestock.....	7,185.00
TOTAL.....	\$620,590.01

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	75,000.00
Surplus fund.....	75,000.00
Undivided profits.....	17,942.24
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	7,151.94
Circulating notes outstanding.....	50,000.00
Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30).....	1,628.23
Individual deposits subject to check.....	382,713.06
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	4,458.42
Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40.....	387,171.48
Certificates of deposit.....	21,000.00
Total of time deposits, Items 41, 42, and 43.....	21,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$620,590.01

Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank..... \$6,500.00
State of Texas, County of Midland, ss:
I, B. C. Girdley, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
B. C. Girdley, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November, 1916.
Ralph M. Barron,
Notary Public, Midland County, Texas.
Correct—Attest: J. R. Dublin,
Chas. L. Sinclair,
W. H. Brunson, Directors.

CASH SHOWER FOR THE BUCKNER ORPHANS HOME
(On Father Buckner's 84th Birthday, January 3rd, 1917.)
Is the manifest desire of the friends of the institution. Churches, Sunday Schools, associations, women's societies, young people's unions, and many individuals have so-expressed themselves during the year. No doubt many who take part in this noble work will not be able to attend, or be present at the Home, on January 3rd, and yet will be desirous of being represented at that notable hour and blessed occasion. So you can begin sending in your contributions to the Home and if you want your money to go to the credit of the Cash Shower just write on the margin of your money order or check "Cash Shower," and the bookkeeper at the Home will give you proper credit. All contributions should reach the home on or before January 3rd, 1917. Address all letters to Dr. R. C. Buckner, Route 3, Dallas, Texas.
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Otto Tribble, of Abilene, was a visitor to Midland this week.

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H. McDonald, real estate man from Rankin, was a visitor to Midland on Tuesday.

Mrs. Addison Wadley returned last Saturday from Dallas, after a month under treatment by a specialist. Her many friends rejoice that her health is so much improved.

W. L. Wright was in from his Gaines County ranch Tuesday. He reports the recent sale of a section of land in Midland County to Allen Holder, at \$4000.

Look Here—Bring your hides or anything you have for sale to Powell's wagon yard. adv 9-4t-pd

MIDLAND BOY MAKES S. M. U. GLEE CLUB

In the Dallas News of last Tuesday, a half-tone cut of the Southern Methodist University appeared and in the second row we noted the picture of Goree Allison. Goree is a former student of Midland College and received all his early training in vocal in this institution. He is possessed with a tenor voice of unusual sweetness and we are glad and congratulate him upon his success in making the glee club of one of Texas' largest universities. Goree is also studying violin in S. M. U. and with his knowledge of music that he has gleaned here and there, no doubt he will come out with flying colors in the musical world.

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Colds

should be "nipped in the bud", for if allowed to run unchecked, serious results may follow. Numerous cases of consumption, pneumonia, and other fatal diseases, can be traced back to a cold. At the first sign of a cold, protect yourself by thoroughly cleansing your system with a few doses of

THEFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

the old reliable, vegetable liver powder.

Mr. Chas. A. Ragland, of Madison Heights, Va., says: "I have been using Theford's Black-Draught for stomach troubles, indigestion, and colds, and find it to be the very best medicine I ever used. It makes an old man feel like a young one." Insist on Theford's, the original and genuine. E-67

MOTHER ARRIVED JUST BEFORE SON'S DEATH

Mrs. H. R. Vest, of Paducah, was on her way last week to Midland to visit her son, D. L. Vest. She stopped at Lubbock for a brief visit. On Wednesday she received a message that her son was very ill, and hurried here. She arrived just a few hours before the sufferer died. The death occurred at about 9 o'clock Thursday morning, and her visit to Midland has been a sad one indeed. With her and the bereaved young wife and the fatherless little ones all of Midland deeply sympathize.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS MADE LAST SUNDAY

Inspector Lee Bell reports the following shipments, inspected by him, made last Sunday:

J. T. Ragsdale five cars to market at Fort Worth, and four cars to the range at Pyote.

Kyle Coats, two cars to Fort Worth.

C. F. Cowden, one car to Ft. Worth.

O. O. Bradley, of Hobbs, N. M., was with us this week, on business. We are very glad to add his name to our subscription list.

JUST RECIEVED

100 boxes California Naval Oranges, all sizes, \$3.15 per box, while they last.

Fancy imported table raisins, 40c to 60c per lb.

Full line of candies, cigars and tobaccos.

Fresh vegetables of all kinds.

Full line of shelled nuts.

Full line of pecans, walnuts, almonds, coconuts, peanuts salted and fresh, Japanese chestnuts, Filberts and Brazil nuts. Full line of boxed apples, Washington, Oregon and Colorado, \$2.00 per box and up.

Fancy barrel Red Emperor Grapes, 2 lbs. 35c.

MIDLAND FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STORE
G. O. Hoffman, Prop.

COTTON BOLL

Here at last is a WHITE soap that will work better in HARD water than most soaps will in rain-water. Will you try it once and see?

A Hard Water Soap That Conquers Hard Water

Created in our laboratory after three years experimenting. The one soap produced that effectively cuts hard water without the use of harsh caustics.

A big bar—extremely white; lathers in a jiffy—cleanses perfectly—and rinses away in a twinkling. Hard and firm—lasts 1-3 longer—always sweet and fresh.

Made of Pure, Natural Oils—Cannot Injure Hands

Use it day in and day out on coarsest clothes or finest linens. It will never injure anything or make the hands rough and red.

No other white laundry soap will do what Cotton-Boll will. Ask your grocer for some today. Try it once and you'll never use the old kind again.

PREMIUMS!
Write the Products Mfg. Co., Oklahoma City, Okla., for free catalog of premiums given for wrappers.

Distributed by
H. O. WOOTEN GROCERY CO.
Abilene, Texas.

Wichita Falls Stamford
San Angelo Big Springs
Sweetwater Texas



DO YOUR GIFT BUYING NOW!

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more shopping days until
Christmas

We want to help you select your gifts with
Gifts that Satisfy

LADIES HOSIERY

The Glove Silk in all colors.

GLOVES

A beautiful line and they are useful.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Dainty designs put up in Xmas boxes.

Great Bargains in our Ready-to-Wear Department. Suits, Dresses and Trimmed Hats sold in Lot Prices as follows:

LOT NO. 1 FOR \$15.00
Suits ranging from \$18.50 to.....\$22.50

LOT NO. 2 FOR \$18.50
Suits ranging from \$25.00 to.....\$28.50

LOT NO. 3 FOR \$22.50
Suits ranging from \$32.50 to.....\$35.00

LOT NO 4 FOR \$25.00
Suits ranging from \$42.50 to.....\$45.00

LOT NO. 1 FOR \$9.50
Dresses ranging from \$15.00 to.....\$17.50

LOT NO. 2 FOR \$12.00
Dresses ranging from \$18.00 to.....\$19.75

LOT NO. 3 FOR \$14.50
Dresses, regular price.....\$22.50

LOT NO 4 FOR \$16.50
Dresses, regular price.....\$24.50

TRIMMED HATS SOLD IN LOTS AT \$1, \$2, AND \$3
THESE PRICES COVER EVERY HAT IN PRESENT STOCK
CHILDREN'S HATS, YOUR CHOICE, AT.....50c

An extra price will be made to do any alternation at these reduced prices.
These prices continue as long as this present stock lasts.

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Christmas

TRAVELING CASES

Many styles. Pullman aprons and sleeves.

BOUDOIR CAPS

Many styles in Xmas boxes.

HANDSOME BRASSIERS

in Xmas boxes, a gift sure to please.

WATER-PROOF HOUSE APRON

Very useful.

A handsome line of hand-made gifts that's pleasing, such as bungalow breakfast sets, bed spreads, guest towels, etc.

The Ladies' Store

LISTEN!

We are equipped with modern plans for the construction of most anything in the building line. We invite you to use us and our facilities.

Midland Lumber Co.

WHY

wait until the last few days before Christmas to do your shopping, when every one is so rushed, and you hardly have time to select just the thing you want?

WHY

not stop in the first time you are down town and just look around? Maybe you will find just the things you want and a much bigger line to select from.

Bell & Tolbert

Phone 150

We pay special attention to our Cleaning and Pressing Department

OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Oscar Graham

—WILL PRESENT—

His Newest Comedy-Drama Success

"The End of the Trail"

Not a moving picture, but a New and intensely interesting Comedy Drama with well known flesh and blood actors.

Reserved Seats on Sale at

Taylor's Drug Store

Dodge Brothers Motor Car

One of the sincerest compliments paid the car is the eager demand for it at second-hand.

You will rarely see it mentioned in the second-hand advertisements. There is a constant waiting market and the price is always high.

The gasoline consumption is unusually low
The tire mileage is unusually high
The price of the Touring Car or Roadster complete is \$785 (f. o. b. Detroit)

STOKES & WOLCOTT
Midland and Big Spring

Wanted—Job on ranch or farm by middle-aged couple, no children, man understands windmills and farm machinery, also handling stock. Address F. M. Tarver, care C. L. Warnock, Midland, Texas. adv 3-1f

Read Xmas ads in Reporter.

See Me For

House Heating
Plumbing Goods
Water Heating
Holiday Goods
and Labor

WALTER JERDEN
Phones 19-J—19-Y

SHOULD SLOAN'S LINIMENT GO ALONG

Of course it should! For after a strenuous day when your muscles have been exercised to the limit an application of Sloan's Liniment will take the soreness and stiffness away and get you in fine shape for the morrow. You should also use it for a sudden attack of toothache, stiff neck, backache, stings, bites and the many accidents that are incidental to a vacation. "We would as soon leave our baggage as go on a vacation or camp out without Sloan's Liniment," writes one vacationist. "We use it for everything from cramps to toothache." Put a bottle in your bag, be prepared and have no regrets. adv No. 2

H. A. McDonald was in town this week from Rankin and gives a good report of conditions.

Fine stationery in gift packages, at the Elite. adv

"Will Be Home For Christmas"

Whether this glad note rings from "John" or "Mary" who are away at school, or from relatives or friends, it brings the same joy. But there will be the parting again. How photos do help to keep sweet these pleasant memories.

"A photo," a gift without an obligation.

Studio open evening by appointment.

"Home portraits" a "specialty"—will come to your home any time of day or evening.

Come now and be ready for Christmas.

Miller's Studio

Practical Gift Suggestions for the Family

Gifts that are useful are gifts that can be worn.

Make this a season of useful presents

Gift Suggestions for Father, Brother or Gentleman Friend

A STEAMER TRUNK
TRAVELING BAG
AUTO GLOVES
DRESS GLOVES
SILK SHIRTS
WOOL SHIRTS
SMOKING JACKETS

BATH ROBE
SILK HOSE
NECK WEAR
CUFF LINKS
TIE PINS
HANDKERCHIEFS
SILK SCARF
HOUSE SHOES

Practical Suggestions for Mother, Sister, Wife or Lady Friend

SET OF FURS
TRAVELING CASE
TOILET SET
STEAMER TRUNK
LADY DAINTY SETS
SILK SHIRT WAIST
KID GLOVES

AUTO VEILS
SILK HOSE
BOUDOIR CAP
BOUDOIR SLIPPERS
BED ROOM SLIPPERS
EARRINGS AND BEADS
SILK UNDERWEAR

Only one week until Christmas
Come here and let us help you decide on your gifts

"EVERYBODY'S" Midland's Quality Store