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ERECTING APARTMENT BUILDING

Friday dirt was broken to lay the foundation for a 32 room apartment house by Mrs. N. L. Hall on the site of the building known as the Episcopal Mission on North Third street. This move on the part of Mrs. Hall will fill a long felt want in this city.

Everything throughout the building will be substantial, artistic and the very last word in modern equipment and convenience.

There will be 8 complete and separate apartments consisting of a living room dining room, kitchen sleeping porch and bath. The kitchen will be furnished with sink, hot and cold water. The house will be ready for occupancy in sixty or ninety days depending on the weather.

BURNS KILL LITTLE GIRL

Thursday morning Dr. N. F. McDonald was called by telephone about 8 o'clock to the residence of Emery Shamblin, east of town, to attend a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shamblin which had received serious burns by its clothing catching fire.

The little girl was almost four years of age, and it is supposed that she had obtained some matches and went out into the yard to play with them, as some struck matches were found near where she caught on fire.

She lingered until about 2 o'clock when death ended her suffering.—Blackwell Times.

NEGRO WOMAN CLIMAS GIRL

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The Chicago juvenile court had before it today the plea of an aged negro wash woman, Mrs. Camilia Jackson, she be allowed to retain custody of Marjorie Delbridge 14 year old white girl.

The evidence showed she was charged to rear the child when it was a week old by the mother, Zema Delbridge, an actress, who died in Jacksonville, Fla., seven years ago. She was paid \$10 a week during the lifetime of the mother and for a few years substantially by a Mr. "Davis," whose identity was not known to the negroes.

Juvenile court officers who found the two living in the negro quarter here urged that an attempt be made to find the girl's relatives and that failing in that she be placed in a white home. The wash-woman aided by sympathetic customers, however, engaged attorneys and began a fight.

Marjorie, 14, said she wanted to stay with "Mammy Camilia."

STAR-TELEGRAM CUTS BOOZE

The Star-Telegram of today carries an important announcement on its front page to the effect that after January 1st 1917 it will accept no more advertisements of whiskey of any kind.

The Wood woodward—Phone 376

MOOSE CLUB WILL ENTERTAIN

The Moose Club will entertain its friends at the opening of the new year and has sent out the following invitations:

"We wish to have you as our guest at the Moose Club Room in Sweetwater, Texas, on Monday morning the first day of the New Year as we wish to entertain you with Dancing, Games and a four o'clock a. m. German Breakfast.

Dancing will start at twelve-one A. M. Bring your lady friend or family.

Loyal Order of Moose.

NO STRIKE FOR MONDAY

By Associated Press:

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—W. S. Stone and W. G. Lee, brotherhood heads, say there will be no strike, Monday notwithstanding the railroads refusal to put the Adamson law in effect then. They said the brotherhood heads had not been empowered to call a second strike.

Family Moves In House

J. C. Scott and family of Boyen passed through Sweetwater today on their way from Crosby county to the coast country.

There is nothing new in this item alone as people by the dozens pass this way daily in search of new homes in different part of the state.

However, the manner of moving of Mr. Scott is different from that of any other family passing this way. A house, twenty feet by seven feet was built on the frame of an ordinary farm wagon with broad tires on the wheels. The little house is weather boarded, and has glass windows on the sides and is covered with regular roofing as is used on ordinary houses. The inside of the house contains a cook stove, a table, chairs and one bed and a cot.

Four big mules were hitched to the wagon that rolled into town this morning about 11:30. Big black smoke was pouring out of the cook stove as the wife on the inside was busy getting dinner ready for the family, who proceeded to raise the windows on the inside and look out. Mr. Scott did not seem to know his exact destination and was not worrying any about it, but seemed "happy on the way."

COTTON UNCHANGED

The local cotton market is unchanged, from yesterday and is worth 16 1-4 cents midling basis here today.

HOGS STOLEN FROM THE PEN

Sheriff Register was called to Hawley Monday morning that which appears to be about the boldest theft ever perpetrated in any man's country. Some time Sunday night some unknown person entered the pen of Mr. Hatcher, a resident of Hawley, knocked two of his shoats in the head loaded them in a buggy and made off with the pork. The officer found evidences of the hogs having been carefully slaughtered in the pen and followed the buggy tracks for some distance finally losing them in the shinary sand.—Anson Enterprise.

LESS HOPE OF AN IMMEDIATE PEACE

BALLINGER MAN ENDS OWN LIFE

C. R. Crews was called to Winters early Thursday morning to embalm the body of M. T. Rush, who ended his life early Wednesday night by taking a dose of cyanide of potassium. It was first expected that the remains would be shipped to some other point for burial, but a telegram from relatives stated that they were coming to Winters to bury the body.

According to details of the tragedy Rush had planned his self destruction in a calm and premeditated way, and retired for the last time. The man was stopping at the Stokes hotel in Winters, and after eating supper as usual, he asked for a glass to take some medicine and went to his room. Nothing more was heard of the man until about nine o'clock when Mr. Stokes noticed a light in his room and thinking perhaps the man had gone to sleep and left the light burning, he called Rush. Failing to get an answer Mr. Stokes entered the room and found the man dead in bed with the glass containing a part of the poison nearby.

The despondent man left a note directing where his relatives might be found, and friends communicated with a brother at Decatur and a sister at Dallas, and they were instructed that the remains be prepared for burial at Winters and that they were coming to attend the funeral.

Rush was about fifty years old. He had never been married and for some time had been working at farm labor in the Winters-Wingate country. The man had recently visited San Angelo and had been staying at the Stokes Hotel since returning from San Angelo. He had not indicated to any one that he intended to kill himself.—Ballinger Ledger.

New Trial For Bishop

Attorneys Rattikin and Rodgers report that they have completed their bill of exceptions in Bishop case and same has been approved. It will probably require three weeks for the district clerk to complete the transcript. Bishop is under death sentence for the murder of J. C. Ewins, in Fisher county.—Anson Enterprise

Mrs. Ed Middleton is suffering with La Grippe.

Dickson For City Marshal

The Reporter is authorized to place in its announcement columns the name of J. F. (Fred) Dickson for Chief of Police in the April election.

Mr. Dickson is one of the "old timers" in Sweetwater having resided here for more than 30 years. He is well known by nearly all the voters and an extended mention in these columns is unnecessary. If honored with the position he promises to serve the city in an efficient manner. He promises to treat everyone alike, without fear or favor.

He asks your careful consideration of his claims in the approaching election.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 30.—A Copenhagen dispatch quotes the Berlin Lehalanzier as saying "as a result information received in well informed circles, we have gotten the impression that the hope of a speedy peace becomes more remote. The feeling in the leading circles in the Belligerent capitals is too plainly in favor of continuing the war."

Washington, Dec. 30.—In speaking of a second note by President Wilson to the Belligerents, other officials, however, said they were certain no second note had been sent and that the Berlin dispatches referred to the two statements by Secretary Lansing, issued on the day after the dispatch of the original note was announced.

Refuses to Comment
Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of State Lansing refused to confirm or deny comment on the Berlin report that a second explanatory note had been sent the Central Powers and the Entente.

Published Sunday
Paris, Dec. 30.—The Allies, answer to the German note of December twelfth will be handed to Ambassador Sharp tonight and published tomorrow.

The petit Parisian says "It sets forth the responsibility of the Central Empires for the European conflagration."

Near Peace Says Emperor
Berlin, Dec. 30.—A Budapest dispatch quotes Emperor Charles as saying "Our Enemies are finally commencing to understand that they cannot conquer us. I have, therefore, reason to believe that the loyal offers of peace by Central Powers have brought us nearer peace."

Wilson's Second Note
Berlin, Dec. 30.—It has been learned that a few days ago, President Wilson sent a second note, explanatory of first note to the Central Powers and Entente nations. This note has not been released.

Spain's Peace Note
Madrid, Dec. 30.—Spain's reply to President Wilson's note will be handed to the American Ambassador tonight and will be made public tomorrow. The Spanish government denies that it proposes that the peace conference be held in Madrid.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DEAD

Uncle Bill Jones, one of the most prominent men of Scurry county, died at his home in Snyder Thursday.

During the funeral exercises Friday all the business houses of that town were closed.

It is said by those who have been to Snyder recently that the feeling in the Sims-Johnson case up there is still very high and that two rangers patrol the streets each day.

LATE NEWS OVER WIRE

By Associated Press.

Noted Man Dies
Berlin, Dec. 30.—A Vienna dispatch announces the death of Edward Strauss, a noted composer of music.

A Rumor

Washington, Dec. 30.—General Funston advises the War Department that he is unable to substantiate the rumors that Felix Diaz with a filibustering party had crossed into Mexico from United States.

LOADED GUN CLAIMS BOY

Lee Gray, a small boy whose home is on the plains was visiting at the home of his Uncle J. R. Handy, two miles from Buford in Mitchell county. Lee and other children were playing Tuesday when he reached up to take down a small gun and in some way the gun was fired and Lee was killed. The body was taken to Plains Wednesday for burial.—Snyder Signal.

WAR NEWS FROM FRONT

By Associated Press:

Drive Back Enemy
Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Teutonic entered the entrenched Russo-Roumanian positions on Transylvania front yesterday and drove the enemy back along the whole front between the mountains and the Danube.

Fires on Steamship
New York, Dec. 30.—A British freight steamer bound for Chicago city, from Bristol, England was fired on and stopped by a German submarine on December fourteen, one hundred and twenty miles off Fastnet. The steamship was saved from being sunk by the arrival of a British destroyer which was attracted by the firing. The submarine is described as two hundred feet long and of a new type.

Take Down
Petrograde, Dec. 30.—Strong Teutonic forces, assisted by the artillery, continued the attack on the Russo-Roumanian positions yesterday in central Roumania. The invaders captured the village of Bordestosi, on the river Rinnik and pressed back the enemy.

Germany Release Prisoners
Berlin, Dec. 30.—In response to a suggestion by Pope Benedict, Germany has decided to release for internment in Switzerland one hundred French prisoners of war, fathers of three or more children and inmates of German prison camps many months. It is said the action will be extended if France displays a disposition to reciprocate.

PREACHER'S WIFE DIED

Mrs. H. H. Lishes, wife of Pastor Lishes of the Methodist church at Dunn died there Tuesday night.

Mr. Wilks, of the Stokes Undertaking House went down Thursday to direct the funeral.—Snyder Signal.

TO REGULATE PICTURE SHOWS

Austin, Dec. 29.—Amusement interests of Texas will have to fight five or ten bills at the next session of the legislature or be burdened with additional taxation, it is understood, among theatre owners. The various bills, which are now being drawn up, call for additional taxes upon theatres upon a seat basis, increased license taxes, and the establishment of a state board of censors.

It is also understood that a bill is being drawn up requiring the remodeling of operating rooms. In all probability a bill will be introduced making it a jail penalty and a fineable offense to operate a theatre or picture show on Sunday.

Other pieces of proposed legislation would force all film concerns operating in this state, but incorporated in other states, to take out a Texas charter, and force the bonding of all persons operating theatres or picture shows with a view to better protection of the public against the violation of fire prevention and sanitary laws.

GREAT MANY LAUNDERERS ARE COMING

On Saturday, January 6th, the Western District of Texas Launderers will meet in Sweetwater for the first time since its organization and C. W. Clark, Secretary of the Association, is very anxious that Sweetwater show off to the very best advantage while the visitors are here.

Plans are under way to entertain the visitors most royally when they reach the town with the "Cleanest Laundry in Texas."

There are thirty five launderers in the association, from towns from Mineral Wells to El Paso.

It will be a great opportunity for Sweetwater to do some first class advertising when the leading citizens of the towns over such a large area gather here.

BEN L. COX CHIEF CLERK

Austin, Dec. 29.—Churchill Bartlett of Marlin, who was appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John G. McKay, arrived in Austin this morning and at 11 o'clock took the oath of office.

The new Secretary of State's first official act was to announce the appointment of Ben L. Cox of Abilene as chief clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lon A. Brooks, who resigned to return to the practice of law.

Cox was formerly clerk in the office of the Secretary of State and more than a year has been secretary of the State Industrial Accident Board. His successor in that department has not yet been announced.

Mr. Cox is well and most favorably known in Sweetwater, being the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hord of this city.

Pastor Beck Entertains

Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Beck the beloved pastor and his wife of the Central Presbyterian church entertained a merry crowd of young people in their lovely home, Wednesday evening, Misses Beth Maddox and Ruby McGill of Colorado, Ted Myers and James Henry Beall were their honor guests.

The home was transformed into a Christmas picture, with evergreens, and Christmas bells used in a most artistic and beautiful manner and giving a most pleasing effect.

Games and contests filled the evening with pleasure for the merry throng. Little Hilda, the daughter of the home, gave much pleasure by rendering a violin solo, although only a pupil of Miss Pettey's for the past two months this little lady shows a decided talent and bids fair of becoming an accomplished violinist. Miss Ruby Hemby gave a much appreciated reading. Prof. Ned Walker was a guest and contributed his share of fun and instruction too, by reading the palms of a number of the young ladies.

This delightful party concluded with a refreshment course and all bid good bye to Miss Maddox who leaves Saturday with her parents to make her home and this circle of friends realize the fact she will be sadly missed. Mesdames S. D. Myers, B. L. McDonald and Mrs. Fuqua assisted Mrs. Beck in receiving and entertaining her guests.



THANK YOU

For the biggest and best Holiday business I have ever had, and ask a continuance of your appreciated patronage and your personal influence with your Friends. Hoping every purchase you made at my store was satisfactory. If not I will be glad to make it so.

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Methodist Church
Rev. G. S. Hardy pastor.
Sunday School 9:45 J. L. Ross Supt.
Morning Service 11 o'clock.
Evening Service 7:00 p. m.
Epworth League 6:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.
Woman's Missionary Society meets Monday afternoon.

First Baptist Church
Rev. T. Y. Adams, pastor.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. A. D. Ellis, Supt.
Morning sermon 11 o'clock.
Evening sermon 7:00 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock.
Ladies Aid and Missionary Society Monday afternoon.
You are cordially invited to attend the above services.

Church of Christ—West Side
Bible lesson 10 o'clock.
Singing Service every Sunday and Wednesday evening 7:15.

Catholic Church
Rev. Joseph Keller, Rector.

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. C. A. Engle, pastor.
Sunday school at 9:45, W. S. Taylor, Supt.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Sermon 11 o'clock.
Evening Sermon 7:00.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15.
Ladies Aid Monday afternoon.
The public invited.

First Christian Church
Bible school at 10 a. m. J. H. Bright Supt.
Communion service 10:45 a. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:15.
The public is invited.

Central Presbyterian Church
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. with graded lessons, J. H. Beall Supt.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock with sermon appropriate to the New Year Season. Subject "The Right Use of Time."
Evening service at 7 o'clock. Subject of sermon, the last in the series on "Jonah"—"Prophetic Wickedness; or Sins in which America Leads the World."
Prayer service Wednesday at 7 o'clock p. m.
There is always a hearty welcome at the homelike church where all services are bright and brotherly.
Geo. W. Beck, Pastor.

Second Baptist Church
Pastor Rev. J. H. McLeod.
Supply Revs. Dee Trammell, J. C. C. Evans.
Sunday School at 10 a. m. John R. Lewis, Supt.
Morning service 11 o'clock.
Evening service 7 o'clock.
Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.
Ladies Aid meets Monday afternoon.
The public is cordially invited.

WILL VETO PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL
Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson told callers today that he would veto the \$28,000,000 public buildings bill if it comes to him in the form it is now pending in the House.
The President has reached no decision on the Rivers and Harbors Bill laid before him recently by Chairman Sparkman of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee.

NOTICE

Ted Myres will play violin selections of Sacred music at both the morning and evening services of the Central Presbyterian church.

D. W. Meador of Snyder has returned home after several days visit with his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Stephenson and family.

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Announcement Column

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W. H. GARDNER
CHAS. STARR.
J. F. DICKSON
FOR CITY SECRETARY.
W. H. BARTLETT.

ALL MEN FOR ARMY

Washington, Dec. 29.—Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 is held liable for service in the national guard in time of war without further act of Congress by war department regulations for the government of the guard issued under the national defense act. In a circular prepared nearly two months ago but made public today, the militia bureau that where national guard regiment is called for war, a reserve training battalion to fill vacancies shall be organized out of the national guard reserve and voluntary enlistment.

The statement goes on to say: "If for any reason there shall not be enough reservists or not enough volunteer enlistments organized to keep the reserve battalions at prescribed strength a sufficient number of unorganized militia will be drafted by the president to maintain such battalion or lesser units at the prescribed strength."

The language follows closely that of the national defense act which the unorganized militia is defined as including every able bodied man or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens. The national guard regulation which will be amplified later strikes at the problem of dependent families of soldiers which has cost the government several million of dollars. Recruiting officers for the guard are directed to discourage the enlistment of married men or those with those dependent on them. Such persons are to be accepted only for reason in the public interest, men who wish to become officers being the only class specifically excepted. It is provided in the regulations that no officer of the guard hereafter shall be recognized as such under the defense act, unless he shall have subscribed to an oath binding him to obey the orders of the president and the governor of his state. Appointment will be made on recommendations of the secretary of war from governors to the commanding officers of state or territorial units of the guard and after proper physical and mental examination by a board of officers.

Fresh vegetables to arrive from California ever Monday and Thursday morning.—Davis Cash Grover.

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Sweetwater Theatre TO-NIGHT

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Fatty Arbuckle

"The Waiters Ball" Two Reels

Sweetwater Theatre

REUNION CLASS 1915-1916

Friday evening the members of the Senior Class of 1915-1916 held a reunion at the home of the "class beauty" Miss Lois Hogue, and one of the merriest parties of the Yuletide was added to the long list of good times these young people have shared together. Throughout the merriest movement though ran a thread of sadness for Miss Beth Maddox one of the most popular members of the old class was due to leave the city on the morrow.

Four tables were placed for forty-two and many closely contested games were played.

Misses Naomi Focht and Mildred Crutchfield gave several piano numbers.

At the conclusion of the games the dominoes were cleared away and the hostess assisted by her mother and sister, Miss Mildred Hogue and Mrs. Lisman served a salad course to the following guests: Misses Beth Maddox, Janie Hightower, Freda McLeod, Mabel Goodrum, Naomi Focht, Wren Ray, Genoa Cole, Messrs Owen Barker of Roby, Edgar Harp of Plainview, Louie Hardy, Robert Neblett, Frank Morgan, Beverly Neblett, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lisman.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

W. W. Davis was a business visitor to Snyder Friday.

Miss Polk of San Augustine is holiday guest of Mrs. Stalworth.

T. Vard Woodruff is reported much better today.

Pete Brady, cashier of the State Bank at Snyder, was here yesterday.

The city schools will all reopen Monday after two weeks' vacation for the holidays.

Give us a chance at your grocery bill during January. Perry's Cash Grocery. Phone 71.

Mrs. Roy Hendrick is entertaining the Saturday club this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Bowe have returned from a visit to her mother at Coleman.

Mrs. W. R. Carr and daughter Helen have returned from Big Springs where they have been guests of Mrs. Carr's sister, Mrs. Barrick for several days.

We make a specialty of low prices and prompt delivery. Perry's Cash Grocery. Phone 71.

Mrs. J. L. Hutchinson and daughter, Miss Faye Hutchinson of Snyder, who have been spending the holidays with relatives in Weatherford, will be guests of friends here as they are en route home tomorrow.

Misses Annie Wight and Annie Hope will leave Monday night to resume their studies in C. I. A. at Denton.

Resolve to pay cash for your groceries during 1917. Perry's Cash Grocery will save you money. Phone 71.

Thos. F. Hodge will leave Monday night for Austin to look after the interest of the West Texas A. and M. College during the coming session of the Legislature.

Shipments of fresh vegetables arriving daily. Buy your fruit and vegetables where you can get them right.—Allen Bros. Cash Grocers.

Prof. and Mrs. Julius Skinner of Louton, Okla., are here to see the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Allison.

Owen Barker of Roby is guest of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Rhodes and friends in the city.

Edgar Harp of Plainview is guest of his uncle, M. L. Harp and family for the remainder of the holidays.

Miss Lillie Sanders is guest of friends in the city today. She will leave tonight to re-enter the State Normal at Denton after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sanders at Nolan.

Phone 71, Perry's Cash Grocery for prompt service and low prices.

Ed Bunch returned last night from a business trip to Roby, Rotan and Longworth where he has spent the last several days auditing the books for the Oil Mill and Gin Company of this place, who have been operating branch gins at those places.

If you have not tried Perry's Cash Grocery, ask your neighbor about the good service and low prices offered, Phone 71.

MRS. VINSON RESIGNS

After many years of continuous, faithful, efficient service with the Reporter, Mrs. L. C. Vinson has resigned to accept a more lucrative position in the office of Doctors Chapman and Dudgeon. She will begin her new duties on next Monday.

The Reporter wishes for her much success in her new position. The Reporter's loss is the Doctors' gain.

FOR SALE.—A nice Jersey cow. Milks the year round without calf. Box 322. W. E. Caperton. 28-3tdp

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America falls, the multimillionaire is made Governor-General of the Province of America, with the title of Prince, and the United States becomes an imperial Domain.

The American forces, driven westward, but not defeated, spent two years in preparing. They are aided by a Women's "Loyal Legion," which was organized by the Prince to spread the Doctrine of Imperialism. When the time comes to strike the blow the reorganized American army sweeps in from the west, falls on the invading forces, and drives them to the sea. The foreign power is driven out for good and all, and the "Flg" once more flies over the LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

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Matinee at 2:30 p. m. Admission 25c
Night at 8:00 p. m. Admission 50c

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Mrs. W. C. Fairey and little daughter, of Fort Stockton, passed through Sweetwater this morning on their way to Cisco to attend the funeral of Mrs. Fairey's brother, George Farrington.

James Beall will leave for Austin tonight after spending the holidays with the home folks.

A crowd of young people will watch the old year out and welcome in the new year at Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Foelt Sunday night.

J. E. Hopper, prominent farmer and dairyman of Roseoe was in the city today trading and selling the week's production from his choice dairy herd.

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Dallas Is Largest City

According to an estimate by the Federal Census Bureau made in May Dallas is the largest city in Texas, with San Antonio a close second.

Other towns above ten thousand and are as follows.

City	1916
Dallas	124,527
San Antonio	123,831
Houston	112,307
Fort Worth	104,562
El Paso	63,705
Galveston	41,863
Austin	34,814
Waco	33,385
Beaumont	27,711
Amarillo	18,124
Texarkana	18,760
Laredo	15,749
Denison	14,779
Abilene	14,238
Marshall	13,712
Sherman	13,667
Temple	13,504
Brownsville	13,163
Paris	12,469
Cleburne	12,259
Wichita Falls	12,124
Tyler	11,865
Palestine	11,854
Corpus Christi	10,432
Greenville	10,099
Corsicana	10,022

CANDY PULLING

Miss May Kendall, decided there was more real Christmas fun in an old fashioned candy pulling than any other form of entertainment appropriate to the season and the following were her lucky guests: Misses Midge Kendall of Dallas Mildred Crutchfield, Ruth Morgan Viva Sheppard, Messrs Robert Withers, John Foelt, Albert Garrison, George Trevarthan, and Lloyd Kelsey.

Mrs. Herman Harp and Miss Mary Hardy are joint hostesses for a reception and miscellaneous shower this afternoon in honor of Mrs. John Perry, nee Miss Ione Dulaney.

Prof. and Mrs. J. E. Burnam, of Simmons college, are visiting Mrs. Burnam's brother, W. H. Jobe, and family.

HOLDEN DEFEATS LEM JOHNSON

By the narrow margin of 4 3/5 seconds, Lem E. Johnson of Sonora Thursday afternoon lost \$1,000 and failed to win another thousand when he was beaten by Allen J. Holden of Brownwood and Garden City in a matched goat roping contest staged at the fair grounds. A large crowd, including many people from surrounding towns in West Texas, witnessed the sport.

Consistent Work Wins

Consistent work on the part of Holden won the contest. The Glasscock county man missed as many first throws as did Johnson, but with a second rope held in reserve he always made lightning-like speed, tying fast, although he dismounted from his horse several times. As the result of the goat getting loose, Holden lost 30 seconds on his first attempt. Two throws were also required to catch the fourth, fourteenth and eighteenth goats.

Each Man Roped 20 Goats

Each man roped twenty animals. Johnson set the pace on the first five goats, due to Holden's bad start, the relative standing when the match was one-fourth completed being: Holden, 94 2/5; Johnson, 66 4/5 seconds. Johnson took up 34 seconds in roping and tying his seventh goat, however, failing on his first two throws and when the match was half over, Holden was in the lead by a margin of only 12 1/5 seconds.

Two Throws to Catch Thirteenth

Holden increased his lead 17 seconds during the third period, Johnson requiring two throws to catch his thirteenth goat, and three swings to stop the next. Holden also took two twirls at the fourteenth and fifteenth goats, but the respective times were comparatively fast, 22 and 15 seconds.

Johnson Makes Sensational Spurt

Almost 30 seconds behind, Johnson made a sensational spurt in roping and tying his last five goats. The Sonoran was at his best in this frame, outclassing Holden in every particular. The margin was too great to be overcome, however, the match closing with Holden's

total time at 312 seconds, flat; and Johnson's at 316 3/5.

\$20,000 in Side Bets

It is estimated that at least \$20,000 in side bets changed hands Thursday afternoon after the match was over. During the morning \$6,000 alone was posted at a local saloon, it was learned.

Sonora invaded San Angelo more than thirty strong and supported Johnson in loyal fashion throughout the contest. There was also a sprinkling of Menard, Mason and Garden City people here, the majority of whom favored Holden, but there was little cheering at the fair grounds when the last goat had been roped and tied. The disappointed ones apparently outnumbered those who were on the winning side.

Another Match in Tapis

It is likely that another big match will be staged somewhere in West Texas within the next few weeks. Sonorans still believe that Johnson is as good a roper as Holden, and Fritz Rau of Menard and Louis Jones of Christoval are also men who can swing a good lariat. —San Angelo Standard.

MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday evening Miss Anna Winkler contributed a most delightful evening's pleasure to a few couples of her friends. Tables were laid for a series of Bunco games. Music, songs, fortune telling and making New Year resolutions formed a most pleasant diversion.

At a late hour a most delicious salad course was served. The hostess was assisted by her charming mother and sister in serving and entertaining the following guests:

Misses Allene Beall, Juanita Beall, Julia Perkins of Clovis, N. Mexico, Helen Douthit, Josephine Hamner, Thelma Howard and Messrs. Eric Bagwell, Grady Dicks, Ted Myers, Copperfield Grisham, Edwin Stamps, Charles Winkler and Charlie Chapman.

Chas. Lewis is entertaining his father-in-law and mother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. W. T. George of Ft. Worth in camps near Blackwell this week, where they are fishing and hunting.

H. C. Williams, of Springfield, Mo., is spending the day in Sweetwater on business.

WATSON DENIED A NEW TRIAL

Waco, Dec. 29.—At 1:20 this afternoon Judge R. I. Munroe in the Fifty-fourth district court overruled a motion for a new trial for T. R. Watson convicted here four weeks ago today of the murder of John S. Patterson late commissioner of banking and insurance, and given 99 years in the penitentiary.

As soon as the decision of the court was announced counsel for Mr. Watson excepted, and gave notice of appeal to the court of criminal appeals.

The defendant, who was in court, when the motion was presented and Judge Munroe's decision announced, was asked whether he had anything to say as to why sentence should not be pronounced. He replied in the negative, and was then sentenced. He betrayed no emotion while the court sentenced him to state's prison, he to be confined in the McLennan county jail, pending the decision of the higher court.

Mr. Watson was accompanied to court today by his wife, and one of his sons, W. R. Watson, was also in the court room during the proceedings.

No Decision Before June

It is hardly probable that the case of T. R. Watson will come before the court of criminal appeals until June of next year. The defendant has been allowed sixty days to prepare and file his statement of facts. He must remain in jail here, until the case is heard and a decision rendered by the higher court.

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