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## A LOST AZTEC CITY

Story of a Vain Search for a Missing City. Sounds Like one of Joe Mathbatton's.

Tradition had it that somewhere in central western Mexico there exists the ruins of what was once a populous Aztec city. It was there that Montezuma was reported to have stored the vast treasure which Cortez and his followers endeavored to find after the conquest of Mexico, which ended in the capture of the capital city. Within the last half century explorations have been made in various parts of Mexico, both under the direction of the Mexican government and foreign societies, for the purpose of verifying the stories told by the natives coming from the interior, who declare that back in the country there is a great city ruled by a king, lineal descendant of the Montezuma dynasty.

Col. H. C. Baddington, who for many years has been a resident of Mexico, and whose service as a civil engineer in the employment of the government and various private enterprises has taken him all over the greater part of Mexico and Central America, visited Chicago recently. Like others of his profession he had sought for the inland city, and, failing to find it, had undertaken to discover the solution of the mystery. His last effort in this was made last fall, when, accompanied by two companions, he spent six weeks in the wilds of south-Mexico. When discussing his experience with a Chicago Inter-Ocean reporter, he said:

"The story of a lost city is familiar to all Mexicans, and believed in by most of them. For nearly 20 years I was unable to carry out the project I formed of investigating the matter, although during the period I gathered all the information I could bearing upon La Ciudad de Perdido. It was not until last October that I could command the time necessary to search for the missing city. I was in the City of Mexico at that time and became acquainted with a Conrad Quinby, a Colorado miner, and with an attaché of the French legation. I showed them the information I had already acquired, and upon my invitation they consented to accompany me.

"We left San Luis Potosi early in October, and went south 150 miles, striking the Blanca range mountains. The country through which we passed was extremely rugged, absolutely devoid of wagon roads or trails. It was a case of travel by compass, sometimes assisted by a guide, who would spend a few days tramping with us, but most of the time by ourselves. About the first of November we had traversed the Blanca mountains, and were ready to descend their southern side. We had been on the road nearly a month, and my companions were beginning to urge the uselessness of going farther and the advisability of getting back as soon as possible. You see, there is some kind of an understanding between foreign countries and Mexico which limits, in some respect, the action of legation representatives, and the French attaché was in doubt about the propriety of going any farther in the matter. I urged them to keep on for a week longer, for I thought I had begun to see the

thorough investigation, and if I failed finding the 'lost city' I wanted to satisfy myself that it did not exist. After we descended the Blanca range we found ourselves on the banks of a river locally known as the White Hog, and there we camped, intending to spend a few days hunting and fishing. I think we had been on the river about a week, when one morning we were aroused by the intrusion of a dozen of the dirtiest peons I ever saw. I soon discovered that they spoke an Indian dialect, although they understood a little of the Mexican lingo. I explained what we were after, and was much delighted when one of them volunteered to guide us to the lost city. No inducement would elicit a promise to see us into the city, however, and he professed that it would be impossible for him to do more than take us to a point from which it could be seen.

"Of course, that was all we wanted. We set off the next day accompanied by the whole crew, and traveled south until sundown. When we camped we had reached a point in the mountains where a valley, apparently twenty miles long and seven or eight wide, spread out. It was a beautiful sight, and we regretted not having a large panoramic camera, for the picture would have been a winner at the next international photographic exhibition.

"After finishing our night repast and smoking four evening puro (cigar), we got into our hammocks and prepared for the last night's rest before sleeping in La Ciudad de Perdido, as our guide had promised on the morrow to show us the city, and then leave us to negotiate for admittance as best we could.

"Perhaps it was the novelty of the situation, possibly I was a little nervous at the prospect of being the first white man to tread the streets of the 'lost city of Mexico'—whatever the reason, sleep did not come easily and it was well on towards daybreak before I lost consciousness, and I slipped off into a troubled dream. I dreamed that I was about to make a grand entry into a wonderful city, more fantastic than anything I have ever seen or read of, crowded with a strange people distinct in type and manner from those with which I was familiar. In an instant the city had vanished, and as I opened my eyes I beheld the face of our guide peering down into my own.

"Indicating that I should keep silent, the guide led the way to the end of the spur on which we were camped. Pointing off to the south, he said: 'See yonder range of hills? Well, look well to the western slope and you will see La Ciudad de Perdido.'

"For several minutes I strained my eyes, but could see nothing. Then, suddenly, as if a great search light had been turned on gradually, I caught the outlines of a large square. Judging from the distance I estimated it to be a mile or more in extent. Slowly it lost the indistinctiveness at first marking the sight, and slowly the outlines of houses began to appear. One thing which I recalled afterward was that at the time a mist seemed to extend across the valley and to within a few hundred feet of the nearer wall. From the slant of the city I concluded it was built on the sloping ground which led up to the hill further south. It was certainly a very remarkable

ted, which gave the place the appearance of a city of the dead. The houses, I noticed in particular even at the great distance which intervened, shone as though incrustated with silver, while from the flat top of the pyramidal temple I caught a glimmer like the reflection of beaten gold.

When I had looked at it for some time I turned to the guide, who was resting on a large flat stone, apparently as much absorbed in the spectacle as myself, and asked: 'What is the name of the place and have you never been any nearer than this?'

"He shrugged his shoulders and pointing to the city, replied: 'For many years I have yearly seen a Ciudad de Perdido, but I have never tried to go there. My father once saw it and told some 'gringos' (Americans) about it. They never came back, but my mother got a letter from 'el padre' telling her never to let me or any of her people attempt to find La Ciudad de Perdido. She expects him to come back some day, but I don't think he will, for 'mi padre es un hombre muy muy malo.' When he finished his explanation he turned on his heel and slyly walked back to camp.

"Of course I had a hard time convincing my companions that I had located the lost city of Mexico, but at last I persuaded them to make the trip with me to the hill district and the next day we set out. Well, we tramped around those hills all day and could not find so much as a footprint. The next morning, just before daybreak I led my companions back to the spot where I had seen the city.

"We sat around the rocks for an hour, and were about to give up our vigil, when Quinby suddenly jumped up and pointing to the hills south of where I had directed them to look, exclaimed, 'There it is!' Sure enough, it was. But I made two discoveries: first it was a mile below where I had seen it before, and, secondly it was at least 300 feet higher up on the hills. We watched it for an hour, while all the time it seemed to get nearer the hilltop, until at last it hung in the sky just above the range. It was a beautiful sight. Such colors I never saw before. I began to feel a sense of awe creeping over me, and had I not had my explanation ready at hand would have gone away as fearful of the delusion as the average native. Of course, it was a mirage, the most remarkable in the world. Just where the city thus pictured in the sky is situated, I would not attempt to say but it must be well to the east of the Blanca range. It is probably some half deserted Aztec town."—Mexico Herald.

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**A PROPOSITION.**

The Coming West desires to be as progressive as possible, and as the country is progressing and rapidly filling up, we are desirous that every one see our paper and know just what kind of a paper we are getting out. To accomplish this we propose to send The Coming West to every person in the county whose name we can secure for one month free of charge. In doing this we do not expect anyone to subscribe who does not want the paper and when we have sent four copies no more will be sent unless we are authorized to continue same. We feel sure that there are many who would like to be readers of this paper if they only knew of its merits, and we make this offer in order to secure their names.

If you have a friend whom you know is not a subscriber give us his name and we will send him the paper one month. Then if he does not express a desire to continue we will leave his name off and feel assured that we have failed to please him.

This arrangement will be of great benefit to our advertising patrons and we suggest that they take advantage of.

The full title of King Edward VII is "King of the United Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India."

Many parents would be spared the mortification of seeing their children make "pigs of themselves" when guests are at the table if they would feed them more when there are no guests. —Dallas Times-Herald.

A little boy while in the yard one day watching the clouds move by thought he could see some very curious things in the clouds, and as he caught sight of a peculiar cloud, he ran in the house and called, "Oh Mama! I saw Dad's legs hanging out."

The Chicago city council has passed an ordinance doing away with bill boards. An ordinance doing away with board bills would probably have suited the bachelors of that city better. —Dallas Times-Herald.

Some men go through life hardly taking enough time from their business to keep up an acquaintance with their own families. When the break-down comes they are at a loss to account for it. —Denison Herald.

A movement for independence has been started by the Canadian league of Montreal. Its promoters hope to see established a United States of Canada and have already drafted a constitution consisting of 18 clauses. —Dallas Times-Herald.

The upbuilding of his home town should be among the first of a man's ambition. When the chance comes to help it along either by word or work it is the plain duty of every citizen to do all in his power. —Terrell Transcript.

Don't expect more of a paper than you do for it. If you expect the paper to speak well of you, you must speak well of it. Some say the paper has nothing in it, the editor has no get up, is too old foggy, has no enterprise, and yet if the paper would say half that much about them or their business, even though it be true, they never would take the paper again and perhaps never speak to the editor again. "Do unto the paper as you would have the paper do unto you." —Ex.

A owed B for a note. When the note was due, A called on B and said, Mr. B. I have come to pay you some money on that note. I can't pay it all to-day but will pay the balance in a few days. B's little child said, "Mr. your's not like Jesus. He paid it all."

According to an item in the Saline County Index a man in that county owns the most wonderful cow in the world. The item is headed "Private Sale," and reads "I will sell at private sale at my residence in Marshall, one Jersey cow, full blood, giving milk, three tons of hay, a lot of chickens and several stoves.—Roby Banner.

The Nevada News, a bright six column quarto, comes to our table this week marked "X." Rafferty & Bowles are its publishers and we gladly send them this great moral and tolerably religious journal in exchange and hope they may often take the time to read of Snyder's greatness and the prosperity of West Texas.

Outsiders sometimes criticize Texans for not being conventional, but they generally do what seems necessary under the circumstances—even if not provided for in the statutes. Rather than take hell sauce and such things a Texas cadet furnished the coroner an inquest. Another Texan rather than be robbed by New York's leading green goods man, gave an undertaker a job. A Texas deputy United States marshal a few days ago made two of the rebellious Creek Indians tear down their whitecap notices and made one of them eat the notice—bad spelling and all. —Dallas Times-Herald.

**Every Dog, Etc.**

The country editor may not be in it with the banker and broker when pay day comes on the first, but he gets there all the same when the minstrel show comes to town. —Sweetwater Review.

**Stockmen and Farmers.**

We will have in Snyder for sale on the 11th and 12th of February some full-blood Hereford bull calves. Their sires are registered and their dams full-blood. ELKINS & HENRY.

**Should Not Send Valentines.**

"It is a woman's privilege to be courted," writes Margaret E. Sangster in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "Therefore the man sends the valentine, not the girl. Thoughtless and silly girls sometimes overlook this fact that they are to be sought and never do the seeking, and an old observer sees with pain that they employ little arts to attract the other sex; that, save the mark, they behave, here and there, as if everything they could do should be done to gain the approving notice of the opposite sex. This creates a false position and is always cheapening to a girl, not only in the eyes of others, but also in time, when the awakening comes, it is degrading to her self-respect."

**To the Citizens of Snyder.**

We respectfully request that all allies be cleaned, privies disinfected and the town thoroughly cleansed within the next twenty days. The cause for this request is too apparent for discussion.

Very Respectfully,  
 W. H. Harvey, Co., Judge.  
 A. G. Person, M. D., Co., Health Officer.

WANTED—Active man of good character to deliver and collect in Texas for old established manufacturing wholesale house, \$900 a year, sure pay. Honesty more than experience required. Our reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Third Floor, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.

**Officers Installed.**

Snyder Lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F., met last Friday night and installed the following officers:  
 A. H. Thornton, noble grand;  
 E. W. Pool, vice grand; W. H. Wilson, secretary; T. J. Ellis, treasurer; J. A. Suits, warden;  
 Dr. A. G. Person, conductor,  
 Rev. W. W. Werner, chaplain;  
 F. C. Bell, inside guardian; Ben Burnett, outside guardian; B. L. Crump, right supporter to noble grand; R. W. Ramage, left; A. J. Grantham, right supporter to vice grand; J. W. Baker, left; J. M. Henderson, T. J. Faught, scene supporters.

On Monday night Valentine Camp No. 544, W. O. W. met and the following officers were installed:

H. B. Patterson, C. C.; W. A. Kincannon, Adv. Lieut.; A. J. Grantham, clerk; E. B. Baugh, banker; J. A. Reddell, escort; H. V. Williams, watchman; R. C. Grantham, outside sentinel; Dr. A. G. Person, camp physician; T. F. Baker, F. A. Grayum, Ira Kutch, managers; W. H. Wilson, delegate to Sovereign Camp; T. F. Baker, alternate.

**Here From Iatan.**

Scott W. Greene and family came in yesterday from their home in the Iatan valley and are guests of the families of W. J. Wilks and L. D. Grantham.

In speaking of range conditions in his section Mr. Greene said stock were in fine shape, owing to the open winter, and that grass was good.

Water is the scarcest article in that section, except the Iatan lake, and Mr. Greene and L. Coffee are contemplating having Guy Finley, the boy with X-ray eyes of Uvalde, Texas, come up and hunt for water on their ranch.

It will be remembered that an article appeared in this paper two week ago regarding this wonderful boy and since then a number of stockmen in different parts of the state have secured his services. Messrs. Greene and Coffee, are the first we have heard mention bring him to West Texas, however.

**Dark News.**

The weather continues dry and very warm for January.

Mrs. Will Scrivner left Saturday for a visit to her mother in Palo Pinto.

The young people enjoyed a social last Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Griggs.

The Bookout school, under the management of Miss Arneatha Turpen is progressing nicely. There are about twenty-three in attendance.

Rev. W. R. Knowlton preached at Bookout Sunday morning.

Mr. W. O. Richardson is on the sick list this week.

JOHNIE.

**Ex-Confederates.**

All members of Camp Bill Scurry, U. C. V., whose postoffice is other than Snyder, will please forward their address to Camp Headquarters, at Snyder.

Some Ex-Confederate literature is expected here for distribution soon.

You are further requested to watch for further orders, which will appear in the county papers for the attention of the Camp.

By order of  
 H. H. MARSHALL, Com.  
 B. F. WILKS, Adjutant.

Rev. E. A. Smith, presiding elder for the Abilene district, M. E. Church South, was here Tuesday and intended going to Clairmont to hold quarterly conference, but was called home by telephone on account of the serious illness of one of his children; two of them being sick with scarlet fever, but only one dangerously. It is hoped he will find them both convalescing.

**League Program.**

The following program will be rendered at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by friends and members of the Epworth League:  
 Song, by League.  
 Scripture reading,

A. J. Grantham.  
 Prayer, Rev. A. B. Roberts.  
 Song.  
 Recitation, Ione Scarborough.  
 Song, Why Stand Ye Here Idle?  
 Dr. and Mrs. Person.  
 Paper, Why Stand Ye Here Idle?  
 Prof. B. W. Hudgins.  
 Address, League Work,  
 Rev. E. A. Smith.  
 Song.  
 Benediction.

**Bulls for Sale.**

Manager Monroe says they have for sale at the 9R ranch some fine highgrade and thoroughbred Hereford bulls at from \$50 to \$75 each. These bulls are of the best strains and parties wishing such stock would do well to see them before purchasing elsewhere.

Mrs. A. C. Wilmeth's music pupils will entertain the public, on Feb., 8, with a music recital. Everyone is invited to attend, and by their presence encourage the pupils in their good work. A small entrance fee of 15c for children and 25c for adults will be charged to cover expenses. Reserved seats on sale at the book store on the west side of the square.

The teachers institute met last Friday and Saturday and all who attended were well pleased with the proceedings. Owing to the short time in getting it up many of the teachers were not present. The next meeting will be Friday night and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in February and Judge Harvey states that every teacher in the county will be expected to be present.

All practicing physicians in Scurry county are earnestly requested to report to me any and all contagious diseases coming under their care, such as measles, small pox, chicken pox, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, diphtheria, etc., so that the proper precautions can be taken to prevent the spread of such.

W. H. HARVEY, county judge.

Lee Boren, who has been ranching in Kent county has sold his ranch to a man named Ford and came in the first of the week with his entire family, wife, baby, cow and dog, and will occupy his residence here in the future.

The worst after effects of Influenza arise from deranged functions of the liver. Clear the blood at once with HFRBINE, for it will strengthen the liver to withdraw from circulation the biliary poisons. Price 50 cents. For sale at F. J. Grayum.

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 E. H. DeLozier, Division Pass. Agent, Memphis, Tenn.  
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**LOCAL NOTES.**

Dr. A. G. Person's office is at Dodson & Wasson's.

A. D. Dodson made a flying trip to Colorado Tuesday.

The Snyder Bank, established 1890. General banking business.

E. B. Weaver was in from the ranch Saturday.

Wellborn will soon have in more new goods. Just come and get prices. J17.

Judge A. M. Craig returned Tuesday from a business trip to Austin.

If you want cheap harness goods, go to Wellborn. We are receiving a big stock. 4t

C. T. Girard returned Tuesday from a visit to his family at Weatherford.

C. Beavis is an expert watch and jewelry repairer, at Doss Bros., Colorado, Texas.

Frank Inman was here yesterday from his home on Rough Creek.

When you want up-to-date barber work, go to Matthew Looney, west side of the square.

Sheriff Darby is having a well bored at his new home in the east part of town.

FOR SALE—A good span of horses, harness and hack apply at this office.

J. M. Bailey of Afra, was a pleasant caller at this office last Monday.

Will Davis left for Lubbock Sunday, where he goes on business.

Mayo & White will sell you groceries if you will only give them a chance.

John Mason of Kent county was here Monday night to attend the Woodmen lodge.

Mrs. Wood is having a well put down on her premises in the west part of town.

J. N. Henderson who ranches on Bluff Creek was in town Saturday after supplies.

W. A. Lowrance, who lives five miles east of town, was here Saturday trading.

Another fine line of furniture to arrive at F. J. Grayum's in about ten days.

The Duke of Ennis, B. Y. Duke, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

T. J. Loftin, manager of the Llano ranch, was here yesterday in route to Ft. Worth.

Jasper Brooks, foreman of the Coppinger ranch, was greeting friends in our city Saturday.

Ottis Guinn of the Afra neighborhood was a pleasant caller at this office on last Saturday.

G. G. Williamson of Dunn attended the Woodmen meeting here last Monday night.

The improvements on the west side of the square add very much to the appearance of our town.

Miss Arneatha Turpen, the accomplished young lady teacher at Dark, was in our city Saturday.

When you read everything in this paper, please remember that Mayo & White is in the grocery business.

Manager Baker received six new phones the first of the week and will have those spoken for in place as soon as possible.

Bring your hides and furs to Thomas Lockwood, north side of square, who pays the highest price for them.

Miss Belle Person is spending this week with Mrs. W. A. Johnson at the ranch fifteen miles northeast of town.

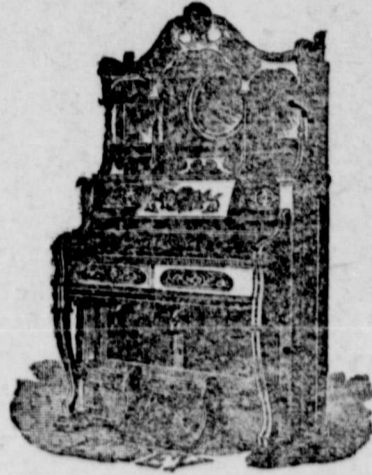
Hereafter the City Meat Market will be closed at 9 o'clock on Sunday mornings.

Oliver Johnson, Prop.

The first quarterly conference M. E. Church South for Snyder will convene here Saturday. Rev. E. A. Smith, presiding elder of Abilene will be here if the sickness in his family is not too serious to permit his leaving.

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An interesting communication from Bethel came in too late for publication this week.

Any one who would like to purchase a hack at a bargain, would do well to call on S. R. Fickas.

Miss Hattie Dawson, who is teaching school at Ennis, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Watch for cleanliness—and cleanliness for watches—Beavis does the work at Doss Bros., Colorado, Texas.

Will Scrivner, conductor on the fast freight from Colorado to Dark, spent a few hours in our city Saturday.

On and after Monday, Jan. 14, Strayhorn Bros will only gin on Mondays and Saturdays. The mill will be run as heretofore.

J. A. Suits has added very materially to the appearance of his new home in west Snyder by the liberal use of paint.

Call and inspect the very latest and strictly up-to-date wall paper designs, at Doss Bros., Colorado, Texas.

John Whitten, formerly of this place, but now of Colorado, was here Monday greeting old friends.

Remember good people when you are in need of good fresh groceries you will find them at Mayo & White, west side.

M. E. Sewalt of Light was on our streets Saturday transacting business and shaking hands with his numerous friends.

Don't let tinkers spoil a good time piece. Take it to C. Beavis if it needs cleaning or repairing at Doss Bros., Colorado, Texas.

L. H. Weatherly of Colorado was here Tuesday, in company with Jim Scott, en route to the latter's ranch on Block 97.

All parties due us either by note or account are requested to call and settle at once.

E. T. PRUITT.

Esq., V. A. Beck is giving the Masonic hall and Wellborn & Son's harness establishment a coat of paint this week.

Have your eyes tested by an optician and fitted with the proper glasses. Ask for Mr. Beavis, at Doss Bros., Colorado Texas.

C. T. Girard & Co., have added to the appearance of their business establishment very materially by the use of paint.

If you are contemplating buying furniture wait for the arrival of the large shipment already ordered by Dodson & Wasson.

Doss Bros, of Colorado, whole sale druggists, will give you the very closest prices on anything in their line and solicit your patronage.

Misses Maggie Mason and Jettie Elkins were down Friday and Saturday from Kent county visiting relatives and attending the teachers institute.

More new harness goods and saddles at Wellborns. Come and take a look at our stock. Bascomb Wellborn will take pleasure in showing you our stock. 4t

Joe Strayhorn came in Sunday from the east where he has been the past two weeks purchasing the stock of implements, etc., for the new firm of Strayhorn Bros.

When the country people come to town if they will notice on the west side of the square in the Crist building, they will see Mayo & White is selling groceries.

The local and long distance telephone lines were in bad shape the first of the week, having been broken down, but Manager Baker has them all in good working order again.

The celebrated Washington mandolins and guitars can be bought for just a little more than the so-called "cheap" ones from Dodson & Wasson.

Miss Janie Scarborough, who is teaching school at the Elkins school house, came down Friday to attend the teachers institute and visit her parents, returning Sunday.

When in Colorado go to Fred and Sam Lasky's, in the Lasker block, for your meals and short orders. Everything first class. Ice cream, soft drinks and cigars in connection.

J. Benjamin F. Wigginton, foreman of the West Texas Stockman, was a visitor in our city Friday. This was Mr. Wigginton's first visit to Snyder and he spoke in very complimentary terms of our city.

If you would like to make peace in your family and enjoy the happiness of this world, about the best thing for you to do is to go to S. R. Fickas and buy the Peacemaker flour. He has just received a fresh carload.

W. H. Wellborn has been moving some houses this week and will make two rent houses out of his former residence and use a part of it in a new residence he is erecting just east of the Baptist church.

Will Doss, of the popular firm of Doss Bros, druggist, Colorado, was here Friday and Saturday in the interest of his house.

He was a pleasant caller at this office and paid THE COMING WEST an appreciated compliment. He left us a nice line of local which will be found in this issue.

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George Kidd has been making some extensive improvements to his building on the west side of the square this week, repairing the floor, weatherboarding the front, placing a neat awning in front, etc.

E. L. Cooper arrived Monday from Colorado and is now comfortably situated at Nelson & Nation's store prepared to do any and all kinds of jewelry repairing and guarantees his work.

Jack Smith, one of the solid friends to this paper, was an appreciated caller Tuesday, bringing with him his friend, W. H. Perry, of Clairemont, who left an order for this paper to be sent him regularly for the next year.

For the next thirty days I will give 10 per cent discount for cash on my hats, shoes and clothing and many other things in order to make room for a big spring stock. Come and price my goods. A. D. DODSON.

C. C. Thornton, who has been spending some time with his cousin, A. H. Thornton, on the Grimes ranch, left Monday for his home in Merkel, and we learn will go to Abilene to engage with Sam Lapowski, the well known dry goods man.

Several couples of young people went out to W. A. Johnson's ranch last Saturday night and were royally entertained by the host and hostess, assisted by Miss Belle Person. Refreshments were served at the proper hour and mirth and good humor held full sway the entire evening.

Mrs. Jas. W. White is staying at the Duubar Hotel and would be glad to get music pupils. Mrs. White has finished music and has been teaching four years and can furnish the best of recommendations. If you have daughters who are not taking music, you would do well to see her.

Many an innocent little darling is suffering untold agony and cannot explain its troubles. Mark your child's symptoms, you may find it troubled with worms; give it WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE and restore it to quietness and health. Price 25 cents. For sale at F. J. Grayum's drug store.

W. T. Baze has fixed the well at the rear of his business house which is one of the best wells of water in town. Mr. Baze says if the business men on the South side of the square will pay \$1.50 each per month he will erect a large tank 30 feet from the ground and pipe the water into each building. This would be of incalculable value in case of fire and would also furnish plenty of water for all uses in the different houses, and seems to us a very liberal proposition.

WANTED—Active man of good character to deliver and collect in Texas for old established manufacturing wholesale house. \$300 a year sure pay. Honestly more than experience required. Our reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Manufacturers, Third Floor, 334 Dearborn St., Chicago.

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Washington Letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent. Washington, January 25, 1901. Nicaragua Canal legislation is practically dead for this session.

The House has devoted the entire week to District of Columbia legislation and the regular appropriation bills.

The Senate restored the Ship Subsidy bill to its old place as the unfinished business without a division, but the doubt of its ever reaching a vote is still strong.

Public opinion endorsed the action of the President in ordering the flags on all the public buildings in Washington half-masted for the death of Queen Victoria, although it was the first time that such a thing had ever been done, and, as usual, there are a few croakers who express fear that the precedent established is not a good one.

There was not a vote to spare when the Senate ratified the treaty for the purchase from Spain, for \$100,000, of three islands of the Philippine group that were left outside of the geographical boundaries fixed by the Paris treaty.

The Indian appropriation bill as amended by the Senate committee carries \$9,870,526, of which \$626,000 is for the Dawes commission. The Committee report expresses the opinion that this amount will enable the commission to complete its work.

A Deep Mystery.

It is a mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles.

The worst after effects of Influenza arise from deranged functions of the liver. Clear the blood at once with HPRBINE, for it will strengthen the liver to withdraw from circulation the biliary poisons.

Kidnapping in Billville.

The Billville Banner says: Several esteemed relatives who were spending a lifetime with us have been kidnapped. Let the good work go on.

Major Williams has been missing from home for ten days. His friends fear he has been kidnapped by a moonshine distillery.

Three persistent bill collectors were kidnapped on Wednesday evening last. The lord will provide.

The widow Jones says she has been patiently waiting to be kidnapped for seventeen years, but so far no kidnapper has appeared.

We are too poor to offer a reward for the return of our mother-in-law who was kidnapped Tuesday. We would not call her back again.—Mike Co. (Ga.) Journal.

Blown To Atoms.

The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure constipation and Sick Headache.

Powerful Yeast.

The veteran editor of the Golden (Colo.) Transcript, who hates a liar as he hates a delinquent subscriber, and who uses only the old reliable George Washington brand of truth in his business, fathers this strange story:

"A Larimer county farmer lost a cow in a very queer manner last week. The animal in rummaging through a summer kitchen found and swallowed an old umbrella and a cake of yeast. The yeast, fermenting in the poor beast's stomach, raised the umbrella, and she died in great agony."—Denver Post.

It Cures The Globe.

The fame of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, as the best in the world, extends around the earth. It's the one perfect healer of Cuts, Corns, Burns, Bruises, Sores, Scalds, Boils, Ulcers, Felons, Aches, Pains and all skins Eruptions. Only infallible Pile cure.

Texas Patents.

List of patents granted Texas inventors the past week, reported by C. A. Snow & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C.

J. H. Allison, San Antonio, transmitting gear for windmills. D. M. Campbell, Houston, turning tool for bale band fasteners. A. S. Jones, Belmont, gate latch. R. L. Kerr, Vineland, cultivator. T. J. McKinnon, San Antonio, water heater.

In pulmonary trouble, the direct action of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP upon the throat, chest and lungs, immediately arrest the malady, by relieving the distress, cutting the phlegm and freeing the vocal and breathing organs.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company is one of the old leading American Companies. It is writing more than \$100,000,000 more insurance annually than other company in the world.

It entered Texas in 1900 and is going to write more business in this state in 1901 than any other company.

J. A. MUSE. Agent for West Texas.

TABLER'S BUCKEYE PILE OINTMENT is the only remedy for blind, bleeding or protruding piles, indorsed by physicians; cures the most obstinate cases. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75 cents. For sale at F. J. Grayum's drug store.

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Makes any mother proud. There are a great many proud mothers whose children have been puny and sickly until they began the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. That medicine which "makes weak women strong" has given them the strength to bear hearty, and healthy children for the first time.



Six years ago after the birth of one of my children I was left in a weak run down condition," says Mrs. O. Hayes, writing from Brookland, D. C. "My health seemed utterly gone. I suffered from nervousness, female weakness and rheumatism. Life was a burden. I doctored with three different physicians and got no relief. I tried several patent medicines, all with the same result. I began to get worse and to add to the complications I suffered terribly from constipation. I changed to see one of our advertisements and I commenced to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and Pleasant Pellets and began to improve right away and continued improving and gaining in strength. I cannot express the relief it was so great. Several months later my little daughter was born without much trouble. I feel that I would never have been able to endure my confinement only for the help she solely to Dr. Pierce's medicine. She was a fine healthy child and the only one I have ever been able to nurse. She is now two years old and I have never had any medicine since, so I feel that your medicine has made a lasting cure with me."

Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to defray expense of mailing only. Send at seven-cent stamps for the book in paper binding, or 11 stamps for cloth. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Everything in my line, come and see the splendid values I have to offer you. Fine gold-filled 14 kt., watch cases guaranteed 20 years, fitted with the best Elgin 7 to 15 jeweled movements, best gold filled full length vest chains guaranteed 20 years, good value ladies brooches, solid gold 14 kt plain and set rings, splendid line of gold filled and all-iuminum spectacles fitted with best quality periscope lenses, best gold filled ladies guard chains with solid gold slides set with real opals.

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SCURRY Lodge No. 709, A. F. & A. M. Meets Saturday night on or before full moon. John A. Stavely, W. M., C. C. Johnson, Secy.

Churches Etc.

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Rheumatism-Catarh, are Blood Diseases-Cure Free.

It is the deep-seated, obstinate cases of Catarh or Rheumatism that B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) cures. B. B. B. has made more actual cures of these diseases than any other remedy.

Look Out!

We are selling a high grade Kentucky Whiskey, full quarts, bottled by ourselves, for \$1.00 per bottle.

Come One And All!

Wellborn has just returned from the East and has bought the largest stock of saddle and harness goods ever brought to Snyder. We ask all to come and get prices. We buy for spot cash and we will not be undersold. One price to all alike.

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Look at the next ten people you meet and see how much is worn of the so-called jewelry. From a \$500.00 watch chain to a five cent stick pin. Jewelry has come to be a staple article of dress.

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