

# DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

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For Everybody from "THE STORE OF QUALITY" on The Corner.

We are THANKFUL to our Customers for a very Satisfactory Business this season and wish to state that we will have a Very Beautiful and Attractive line of CHRISTMAS Goods on display at an early date  
**DON'T BUY TILL YOU HAVE SEEN THEM.**  
**The Sonora Mercantile Company.**

**KENNETH TALIAFERRO,**  
The Tailor.

NEW SAMPLES JUST RECEIVED. LEAVE YOUR  
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Shop in the Old Bank Building.

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ALL KINDS OF IRON AND WOOD WORK, BOILERS REFLUED,  
GASOLINE ENGINE, WINDMILL REPAIRS DONE ON SHORT  
NOTICE. GOOD WORK REASONABLE CHARGES.

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Quick, Reliable and Satisfactory  
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TANKS, TROUGH, AND ALL KIND OF TIN WORK.  
ESTIMATES FURNISHED. TERMS CASH.

Mr. Windrow will have charge of the shop.

**COMMERCIAL HOTEL,**

Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Proprietress.

Rates \$1.50 Per Day.

Best accommodations, Rates Reasonable.  
HEADQUARTERS FOR COMMERCIAL MEN.

Drummer's Sample Rooms.

SONORA, TEXAS.

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G. W. SOFGE, Proprietor.

MEALS AT ALL HOURS. SHORT ORDERS A  
SPECIALTY. OYSTERS AND FISH IN SEASON.  
ALSO A NICE LINE OF GROCERIES.

SONORA, TEXAS.

M. M. Hargis, Manager  
Walter A. Hargis, Cashier  
T. H. Shaw, Cattle Salesman  
C. M. Bishop, Hog & Sheep Salesman  
Tommy Shaw Jr. } Yardmen  
Leonard Hardin }

J. P. Maddox  
L. C. Smith  
Jno. R. Blocker  
Will H. Ford  
Geo. G. Hardin  
John L. Teague  
Alfred Vander Stucken  
Walter Vander Stucken

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COMMISION COMPANY

and Floor Phon 4106  
Texas.

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Mike Murphy to Congress.

The meeting of the West Texas  
Development Congress is to be  
graced with the presence of Mike  
Murphy, of Sonora, one of the  
editors of the Devil's River News,  
who arrived Saturday night. He's  
a brother of J. G. Murphy, of the  
Standard.—Standard.

**Trials of Winter.**

Do not permit yourself to be a victim  
to a cold or cough. They lead to pneu-  
monia, consumption and elsewhere. Be  
wise: use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It  
cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep  
you right here to enjoy the beauties of  
spring.

L. D. Heyser has accepted a  
position with the San Angelo  
Manufacturing Company, and will  
have charge of the buggy depart-  
ment of that establishment. Mr.  
Heyser was with Hall Brothers,  
"The Buggy Boys," for a long  
time, and he made many friends  
throughout Concho land, all of  
whom will be glad to see him back  
in business after a several months'  
rest. Mr. Heyser has recently  
made several long hustling trips,  
meeting with great success on  
every one of them.—Standard.

**Choked to Death.**

It is commonly said of babies who have  
died of the croup. How unnecessary  
this is. No child ever had the croup  
without having a cold or cough at the  
start. If you will stop the first  
symptom of the cough with Ballard's  
Horehound Syrup there is no danger  
whatever of croup. Sold by all drug-  
gists.

When the dust is on the counter  
and the cobweb's on the shelf, and  
there's no one in the store but  
your own disheartened self, and  
your stock is getting shelfworn,  
and every thing looks stale, and  
bills enough are coming in to  
make a baker pale. Oh! that's  
the time a fellow is a feelin' kind  
o' blue, and is puzzled with the  
thought of the proper thing to do.  
In such a situation but one remedy  
applies. If you want to get the  
customers, you've got to advertise  
—Exchange.

**It's a Crime.**

To neglect your health. The worst  
neglect that you can be guilty of is to  
allow constipation, biliousness or any  
liver or bowel trouble to continue. It  
is poisoning your entire system and  
may lead to a serious chronic disease.  
Take Ballard's Herbine and get abso-  
lutely well. The sure cure for any  
and all troubles of the stomach, liver and  
bowels. Sold by all druggists.

**Chequered Career of an Old  
Timer.**

J. H. Robertson and his good  
wife arrived Thursday and they  
have come to stay. Veteran Rob-  
ertson is an old timer and has had  
a chequered career on some of the  
world's highways and by-paths.  
Born in England. Spent 18 years  
in India. Came to Texas—when  
the Comanches and the cow boys  
were rivals in the live stock in-  
dustry—and has ever since been a  
factor in the development of West  
Texas.

Twenty years ago, Mr. Robert-  
son was major domo at a stage  
stand on the mail line between  
Menardville and Pain Rock, a  
position he held with credit for 18  
months. Later he became identi-  
fied with cattle industry.

He was present when the founda-  
tions of Ozona were laid; he was  
an aid de-camp at the organization  
of Sutton county and attended the  
birth and christening of Sonora  
and helped lace up its first munici-  
pal baby garments. He recalls  
and relates certain judicial pro-  
ceedings had in that embryo city  
that are treasured only in the  
memories of those of the Old  
Guard. For instance: A man  
killed a Mexican, was arrested,  
charged with murder and arraign-  
ed for trial before the Justice of  
the Peace (the late George Trawick  
he says was the J. P.) twelve  
jurors, good and true were em-  
paneled, the accused, the accused  
duly tried according to the rules  
and regulations touching such  
cases, as prescribed by the statutes  
then and there in force. The man  
was honorably acquitted.

At another time, relates veteran  
Jack Robertson, a wrangle came  
up between two lawyers over a  
legal technicality entirely too pro-  
found for the Hon. Court's com-  
prehension. Becoming impatient  
over the sounding qualities of these  
crude desiples of Kant, H zenner,  
the Alcalde, produced a silver  
dollar and holding it up in full  
view, thus addressed the contes-  
tants: "Here you fellows! This  
Court is gettin' d—d tired of  
your nonsense. Heads win; tails  
loose!" He flipped the dollar and  
when the loosing side said some-  
thing about a higher court, he was  
met with: "The Judgment stands  
pat an' I want you to know that  
that's no appeal from this court!"

When Midland country was or-  
ganized and the election of county  
officers was held, Mr. Robertson  
was with a cow outfit as chief cook  
and commissary. When the polls  
were closed a committee waited  
upon him and imported the start-  
ling intelligence that by a great  
majority of his admiring fellow  
citizens he had been elected to the  
important and highly responsible  
office of county attorney. He had  
received 109 votes against the  
other fellow's 9! They hoped he  
would accept and enter upon his  
arduous duties at once.

"Any money in it?" queried

Jack.

"Not much money, but lots of  
honor," queth the committee.

"I beg to decline, I prefer grub  
to glory; I shall stay with the  
chuck wagon," was honest Jack's  
reply.

Midland was laid out as a town  
and began to grow and ere long  
boasted of a newspaper. The  
Live Stock Reporter, owned and  
edited by Prof. Griffin, the pioneer  
newspaper man so favorably  
known in early days in Concho  
land and all West Texas as a  
"Kalamity." The cattlemen  
staked Mr. Robertson, and he  
bought the Reporter of Mr. Griffin  
and for eighteen months through  
the columns of his paper preached  
reform, righteousness and redemp-  
tion, proclaimed damnation to  
thieves and rustlers and foretold  
the good time coming in West  
Texas. At the end of the period,  
Mr. Robertson sold his paper,  
which he had christened the Eye  
Opener, to Col. P. who  
repl-

The Midland  
Since his  
newspaper  
son has de-  
ents to the  
He has be-  
Chadbour-  
Fe depot  
his declining years and  
ple who appreciate talent, merit  
and choice grub.—Standard.

**Robbins-Morris.**

At the home of Rev. W. E. Fos-  
ter, in North San Angelo, at 4  
o'clock Wednesday afternoon,  
Rev. Foster united in marriage  
Miss Myrtle Morris and J. E.  
Robbins, both of this city. The  
bride is the daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. T. J. Morris, and Mr. Robbins  
is a salesman for the Buick Auto  
Company, both being well known  
in San Angelo.—Standard.

**Rich Man's Gifts are Poor**  
besides this: "I want to go on record  
as saying that I regard Electric Bitters  
as one of the greatest gifts that God  
made to woman, writes Mrs. O. Rhine-  
vault, of Vestal Center, N. Y., "I can  
never forget what it has done for me."  
This glorious medicine gives a woman  
buoyant spirits, vigor of body and ju-  
bilant health. It quickly cures Nervous-  
ness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Head-  
ache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy  
Spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing  
and sickly. Try them, 50c, at Nathan's  
Pharmacy.

An editor working 365 days in a  
year to get out 52 issues of a paper  
that's labor. Once in awhile a  
subscriber pays a year in advance  
for his paper, that's capital. And  
once in a while some son-o-f-a-  
cook of a dead beat takes the  
paper for two or three years then  
skips out without paying for it,  
that's anarchy, but the person  
that owes two or three years' sub-  
scription and refuses to take it out  
of the post office, has them all  
skinned.—New Washington (O.)  
Herald.

**CHAS. SCHREINER.**  
BANKER

(UNINCORPORATED)

AND COMMISSION MERCHANT  
KERRVILLE, TEXAS.

A General Banking Business Transacted. Solicits  
Accounts of Merchants and Stockmen.

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IS NOT effected by the passage of the  
PURE FOOD LAW, Our Liquors are  
GOOD. Some Special Brands for Family  
AND MEDICINAL PURPOSES.

OLD BEER AND MI

**THE ROCK**

BARTON & SAVELL, PROPRIETORS

Cold Beer and Soft  
Pure Wines and L  
Choice Cigars, Etc.

PHONE ORDERS TO 97 WILL RECEIVE  
PROMPT ATTENTION. YOUR TRADE  
COURTEOUSLY APPRECIATED

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R. H. MARTIN. C. S. HOLCOMB.

**Martin & Holcomb,**

THE LAND AND LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MEN,  
SONORA, TEXAS.

Are offering for sale a number of ranches, and have  
their list Cows, Stock Cattle, Steers of all ages, Sheep  
and Goats.

In fact if you want to buy or sell anything in the "Paradise"  
give us a call or write us.

**YOUR HOLLIDAY BUSINESS?**



SANTA CLAUS will make his home  
 AT THE "OLD RELIABLE" AS IN FORMER DAYS  
 HE WILL COME EARLIER AND STAY LONGER  
 Grand Opening Of Holiday Goods Monday, December 6th at  
 The E. F. Vander Stucken Company.

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**SILVER WEDDING.**

One of the most enjoyable entertainments of the season, was the reception given Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell in honor of their silver wedding anniversary.

The receiving hours were from 8.30 to 11.30 o'clock. In the reception hall the guests were welcomed by Mrs. Elna Wheat and Mr. G. J. Cope. On entering the hall the guests were met by Mrs. E. S. Rountree and James McDonald. There were several beautiful music selections: Mrs. Payne Rountree sang "Golden Land of My Dreams," charmingly, her voice being exceptionally sweet.

A solo by Mrs. J. B. Blakeney "I love you Forever and Aye," which pleased all.

An instrumental selection by Miss Wardlaw.

Duette by Mrs. J. S. Allison and J. B. Blakeney.

A quartet by Mrs. Rountree, Mrs. Blakeney and James McDonald and Lisa Aldwell, by request, "My Old Kentucky Home," Mrs. J. S. Allison accompanied.

The reception hall was beautiful in green and white, the drawing room with cut flowers and ferns, the parlor in white and gold, the dining room in red carnations and green foliage, the entire reception suit was brilliantly lighted.

A string orchestra played delightful music throughout the evening.

The leaving cards were: Mrs. J. A. Cope, Thomas Bond, C. S. Green, M. M. Parkerson, Josie McDonald, Stella Stanley, Max Vander Stucken, E. S. Briant, C. S. Holcomb, Will Noguessa, J. S. Allison, James Cornell, J. B. Blakeney, W. P. Rountree, W. T. O. Holman, T. D. Newell, Miss Zena Wheat, Cora Rountree, Tincy Doak, Clara Allison, Emma Palmer, Sallie Wardlaw, Clyde Holman and Edna Wheat, Messrs. J. A. Cope, C. S. Green, Thomas Bond, E. S. Briant, Max Vander

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The following is the list of presents:

Mr. and Mrs. Max Vander Stucken, silver table spoon.

Jas. L. McDonald, silver after-dinner coffee spoons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lowrey, silver oyster forks.

Mrs. Josie McDonald, silver nut bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blakeney, cut glass nappy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Newell, silver coffee percolator.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hagerlund, cut glass water pitcher.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Green, set cut glasses.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell, cut glass bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nathan, silver ladle.

Miss Zena and Edna, painted cream and sugar bowl.

Miss Emma Palmer silver cream ladle.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bellows silver sugar spoon and butter knife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Allison, silver oyster fork.

Ed Mayfield silver ladle.

Calvin Nesbit, silver ladle.

Miss Sallie Wardlaw silver berry spoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bond, cut glass cream and sugar bowl.

Mrs. John M. Stanley and Mrs. M. M. Parkerson, silver sirup pitcher.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allison, cut glass olive dish.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rountree cut glass nappy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Yaws, silver tray.

Miss Cora and Mason Rountree cut glass.

Miss Tincy Doak, cut glass pickle dish.

**Alone in Saw Mill at Midnight**

unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as night watchman, at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but all failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle" he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe Colds, stubborn Coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Croup and Whooping Cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1.00. That bottle free guaranteed by Nathan's Pharmacy.

Fireman's Bill Monday Dec. 27 proceeds to be used for new hose.

Jas. Cornell, L. J. Wardlaw, E. S. Briant, E. F. Vander Stucken, and W. L. Aldwell left on Thursday for San Angelo on railroad business.

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**Waters-Pierce Property Sells.**

Anstun, Tex., Dec. 7.—At public auction here this afternoon the property of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company was sold to S. W. Fordy Co., of St. Louis, and associates. The price was \$1,431,741. The property of the Security Oil company was sold to John Sealey, of Galveston, the price being \$85,000. The property of the Navarro Refining company of Corsicana, sold to John Sealey for \$750,000. Sixty cars of the Union Tank Line company was sold to John Sealey, price \$40,000.

The properties were sold upon the conviction of the companies in the anti-trust suits and ouster proceedings.

**The Correct Time.**

to stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—then there will be no danger of pneumonia or consumption. Just a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for sometime the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by all druggists.

**Washing Wool Blankets.**

I have known people to begin sleeping between a pair of wool blankets early in fall and use them all winter without a washing. They do not show the soil as do white sheets, but the body wastes are given out in winter as well as in summer, and the blankets absorb and hold them more readily than do the sheets with their smoother surfaces, so even though they show no soil, they require regular airing out of doors and frequently a washing. In place of the weekly washing that is given sheets, the blankets can be hung out on the line in a sunny place. If there is a good breeze, this will do much toward purifying them. But they still require several washings during the season. To do this, take half a tub of tepid water and make a suds. Soak the blanket for half an hour in this, then rub it thoroughly from end to end, remembering that the upper edges and the fold require most rubbing. When rubbed, pass through the wringer and put in water a little warmer than the first water and containing a tablespoonful of ammonia. Rinse through this and then through a bluing water. Hang on a line which has first been cleaned and stretch the blanket into shape when hanging it; do not iron.—Janet Thomas Van Osdel.

**Don't Be Hopeless.**

about yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by all druggists.

**Stung for 15 Years**

by indigestion's pangs—trying many doctors and \$200.00 worth of medicine in vain, B. F. Ayscove, of Ingleside, N. C., at last used Dr. King's New Life Pills, and writes they wholly cured him. They cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bowel troubles. 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

**Tom Berksdale of Kickspoo**

was in town Wednesday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mills, of the Silver Lake Ranch, spent Monday in town.

Bart DeWitt of Sonora is visiting relatives and friends in Brackett this week.—Brackett News Mail.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

**The Knocker.**

The Meanest person in town is the knocker, who is continually knocking on someone or some home industry, and generally it is his home paper, because he thinks it isn't as newsworthy as the big city papers, but you can bet your last dollar that he doesn't spend any of his time or money in trying to make it so. Even if the editor was to ask him for news he would tell him he didn't know any or would make some remark, that should the editor publish it, he would be around the next day to try to whip him. Again, he is continually rattling his little 2 x 4 rattle-rat-rat-rat-rattle tongue telling Tom, Dick and Harry of the faults of Mike, Pat or Red and at the same time has more and greater faults than the one of whom he is continually rattling.

He can always find fault, but he can never boost, as he is partially blind and can see the fault easier than he can the good thing of a town or person.

Are you this kind of a person? If so, and you can't boost or say something good, tie an iron weight to that rattle-rat-rat-rattle tongue of yours to keep it still. Use your little hammer for nailing her and not to tear down something that someone is trying to build up.

Do not use your ax to chop the cherry trees down, but use it to blaze the way into farther civilization, prosperity and socialibility. Use your plane to put the plan finishing touches to your business by advertising in your local paper then, will everyone feel more sociable and pleasant toward each other and we can all put our shoulder to the wheel of progress start it to turning and watch the rapid strides Soper will take toward making a real city.

Quit your knocking and go to pushing for all you are worth.—Soper (Ozla) Herald.

**Land Title is in Dispute.**

George D. Russell of New York, Alpheus T. Bukely of Albany, N. Y., and Thomas S. Riley of Wheeling, W. Va., have filed suit in the Federal Court against J. W. Bartley, a resident of Telegraph, Edwards county, to recover 640 acres of land situated in that county.

The petition alleges that the plaintiff are owners in fee simple of the land and have owned the same since prior to January 1 1909 and that possession of same has been denied them, wherefore they seek judgment for the purchase of the land valued at \$3 25 an acre and damages in the sum of \$100.

**CORNELL & WARDLAW**

Attorneys-at-Law,  
 SONORA, TEX.

Will practice in all the State Courts

**H. R. WARDLAW, M. D.**

Practice of Medicine and Surgery, [formerly house physician, John Sealy Hospital] Galveston, Texas.

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**DR. T. K. PROCTOR,**

SPECIALIST,  
 EYE, EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT.

Western National Bank Building

San Angelo, Texas.

**Notice.**

After December 1st, I will be obliged to do a cash business. Those who cannot pay cash or settle their accounts monthly will please not ask for credit. I am obliged to pay cash and have not capital to conduct a credit business. I very much regret being obliged to give this notice and hope all will understand my position.

Respectfully,  
 ROBT. ANDERSON.

Red Front Stable. 93 4t

**Employment Bureau.**

All kinds of labor contracted

Also Spanish Interpreting.

Charges reasonable.

Write, see or phone

TRAINER BROS.,

At the Bank Saloon.

**FOR SALE**

All of my stock horses, except Standard breeds. All increases from colts to four year old, sired by the following stallions: Juror Campbell, 2:15, pacing; and he by George Campbell, 2:17, pacing; Elbine, grandson of Old Electioneer; John P. Nasworthy, he by Parole, 2:16, trotting. All the above stock are nice smooth stock and will

**COME TO SONORA AND SPEND YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Christmas Tree and

GRAND BALL

Friday Night

DEC. 24.

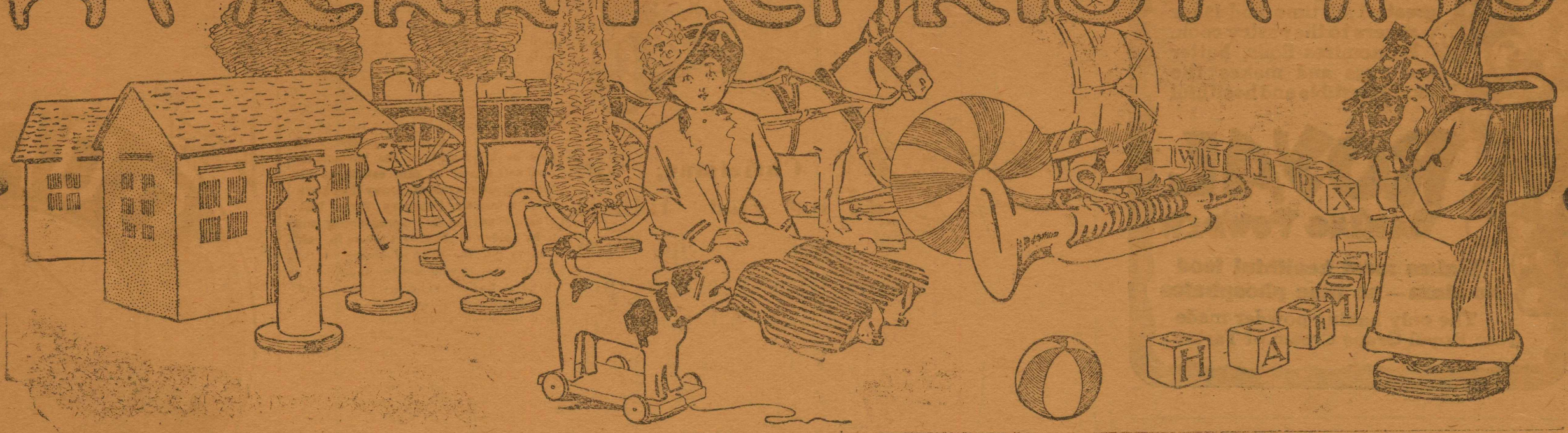
SATURDAY 25, PONY and CIGAR RACES

SUNDAY 26, AUTO RACES

MONDAY 27, PONY RACES AND TOURNAMENT

FURTHER PATIENCE NEXT

# A MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE CORNER DRUG STORE Will present the most elegant line of CHRISTMAS and HOLIDAY GOODS ever displayed in Sonora. You will agree with us in believing that our store now occupies FIRST PLACE in the hearts of SONORA'S Careful Buyers. A Visit to the Corner Drug Store Will convince you that this is so.

• CORNER DRUG STORE, SONORA.

E. R. JACKSON, W. L. ALDWELL, E. F. VANDERSTUCKEN,  
President. Cashier. Vice President.

**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
SONORA, TEXAS.  
CAPITAL AND SURPLUS: \$85,000.00.  
We have never changed our motto: Give us Your Business and we Will Make You Feel at Home.

**NATHAN'S PHARMACY**  
A. H. NATHAN, Proprietor.

When in Sonora make yourself at home among the pretty things which are constantly arriving:

**JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, CUT GLASS and WATCHES.**

If the day be cold he cordially invites you to have a **HOT CHOCOLATE** or **BOUILLON**. If it be a warm one, a **COLD SODA** is yours.

When ever you are ready to make a purchase call on him. He will save you money.

**CORNER DRUG STORE**

WARDLAW & GOSCH, Proprietors.

Drugs, Jewelry and Stationery. We appreciate your Business and try to give you satisfactory service.

**CLARENCE GOSCH, C. B. WARDLAW.**

If you can not buy what you want at home, send your orders to

**COS-HART DRUGS**

Everything in Drugs. Heart of shopping district. In the busy block,  
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**F. GLIED,**  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
FIRST CLASS WORK.  
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300 head of stock cattle Herefords for sale, only a few calves. For further information see or write me at my home, 10 miles north of Rock Springs, Tex.  
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Rock Springs, Tex.

### Watch Lost.

Lost on Wednesday Dec 8 between the Corner Drug Store and my residence near the school house, Gold watch and chain With Woodman of the Word on chain. Liberal reward will be paid for return to  
B. M. HALBERT,  
Sonora, Tex.

Dick Karnes was in town this week haying a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bryson were in from the ranch Monday.

Bob Peacock was in from the Peacock & Savell ranch Monday.

Tom Adams was in from the ranch this week visiting his family.

Are you ready for a Big business during the holidays? A little Ad will help.

Roy Hudspeth was in from the ranch Wednesday trading.

Henry Diebitsch was in from his ranch Saturday trading.

Oysters and fish at the Sonora Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cooper left for Brady and Fort Worth Sunday on a business and pleasure trip.

Jim Alford who has his cattle in the Wes Bryson pasture was in town Monday trading.

Lumber may be bought from B. F. Bellows of Sonora at San Angelo prices and delivered where you want it. Have him give you prices. 93-8.

Walter White the expert windmill man came down for San Angelo Monday to work on Wes Bryson's well.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robbins of San Angelo are visiting Mr. Robbins parents Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins on the ranch this week.

Ask B. F. Bellows of Sonora about lumber. He will deliver to you at San Angelo or in Sonora.

Mrs. W. T. George and baby arrived from San Angelo Tuesday and will reside in the Bert Bellows place.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brown of Marathon, are visiting Mrs. Brown's parents Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Word on the ranch this week.

Have B. F. Bellows of Sonora give you prices on lumber and you will buy from him. 93-8.

J. F. Esher, of the Department of Animal Industry of Parke, Davis & Co. of Detroit, is in Sonora and will demonstrate to our stockmen the new cattle dip put up by his firm. It can be seen at the Corner Drug Store.

**Locking Ones Best.**  
It's a woman's delight to look her best but pimples, skin eruptions, sores and boils rob life of joy. Lister's Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; makes the skin soft and velvety. It glorifies the face. Cures Pimples, Sore Eyes, Cold Sores, Cracked Lips, Chapped Hands. Try it. Infalible for Piles. 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

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**FINDLATER HARDWARE COMPANY,**  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

### CHRISTMAS.

There will be Christmas Tree, Horse and Auto races, Dances, Tournament, Cigar races, etc. at Sonora During Christmas week Something doing all the time.

Clarence Gosh the druggist returned Saturday from a pleasure trip to Ozona.

Jim McDonald the insurance man made a business trip to Ozona last week.

Marion Adams was in from the Llano Monday on business and paid the Devil his dues.

Jas Cornell the lawyer has a nice new Hudson auto

Henry Bridge was in from the R. F. Halbert ranch (the old Holland ranch) on the line of Sutton and Schleicher counties Monday on business.

R. F. Halbert, G. W. Stephen son, Geo. S. Allison, T. D. Newell and Mike Murphy attended the West Texas Development Congress at San Angelo this week.

Geo B Reineke representing the wholesale dry goods house of Burnham, Hannah & Mueger, of Kansas City, was in Sonora this week in the interest of his house

## Dr. L. F. ROBICHAUX, DENTIST

Late of the firm of Drs. Robichaux & Wagoner, Hicks Building, San Antonio, has moved to Sonora

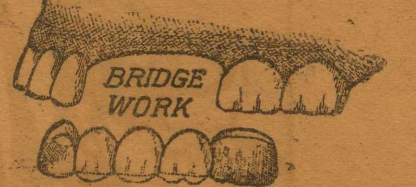


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adjoining towns.

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3 to 5 P. M.

A. N. Galey of Christoval, was in Sonora this week on business.

D. G. Howton of Christoval was in Sonora this week on a business trip.

Geo Hendricks and son Bruce of San Angelo, were in Sonora Wednesday on cattle business.

J. A. Schwabe of San Angelo, was in Sonora this week shaking hands with his old friends.

The convenience of being able to buy a few planks of lumber in Sonora from B. F. Bellows is greater than the increased price. 93-8.

### Wanted.

Man with references to do farm and ranch work.

Bids to build 40,000 gal. rock tank, and to haul lumber to ranch from Brady, Kerrville and San Angelo. O. W. Cardwell, purchaser of E. Cloud's ranch, steers and horses. Telegraph, Tex.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Green and daughter Miss Dorothy and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bond came in Mr. Green's auto last Saturday from the ranches to attend Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell's silver wedding reception.

### For Thirty Years.

"Inclosed find money order for one dollar, for which send me its worth in Simmons' Liver Purifier, put up in tin boxes. I have been using the medicine for thirty years." Thos. H. Kelly, Jonesville, La.

No comments necessary. Price 25c per box.

Rosco Morris was in from the Sol Mayer ranch Thursday.

Fireman's Ball Monday Dec 27. proceeds to be used for new hose.

Oay Stribbling of San Angelo came down Thursday to see O. T. Word's mules.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Baker were in from the ranch Thursday visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Baker.

W. E. Hodges was in from the Whitehead ranch this week visiting his family.

Bob Glasscock the goat man who has his goats on the Brown ranch, was in Sonora Thursday, visiting his family.

Ruby Davis the goat man who has his flocks on the Vander Stuckea, Sutton county ranch, was in Sonora Thursday trading.

Mrs. M. L. Rittiff who has been visiting her son John on the Roy Hudspeth ranch left for her home in Roby, Fisher Co., Tuesday.

Bart DeWitt who has been visiting his folks in Brackettville, for some time arrived home Tuesday. Jim Cornell met him at Juno in his new auto.

Born on Thursday Dec. 9 1909 to Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brooks a 10 pound girl. Mother and baby are doing fine, but not much hopes for the father.

Lige Long the barber has received a nice new set of fixtures.



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## The Lure of the Mask

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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The mystery lifted its head again. One does not hate a country without a strong and vital reason. Was Giovanni partly right, after all? Was this a kind of trap—a play to gain his interest? Was her singing under his window purely accidental?

"Will you not sing?" he asked. This was an inspiration. Music might assist in melting her new reserve.

"You recollect, then, that I possess a voice?"

"It is all I have to recollect. Tell me, whither is all this to lead?"

"To the door and into the fog again."

"On my word, I'm half inclined to believe you to be an anarchist or a red or something on that order."

"Put yourself at ease. I am neither Ledy Lightfinger nor a Socialist. There are no dynamite bombs in this house."

Her severity, her irony and her apparent lack of warmth were more matters of calculation. Her plan was to inspire him with trepidation, to keep him always at arm's length, for his own safety as well as hers. She knew something of men. She was secretly



What do you think of that? Look at the produce. Three or four hundred years ago Europe gave us great poets, great artists, great soldiers, great churchmen and great rascals. I admire a great rascal when he is a Napoleon, a Talleyrand, a Machiavelli. But a petty one! We have no art, no music, no antiquity, but we have a race of gentlemen. The old country is not breeding them nowadays."

"Signora, dinner is served," the maid announced.

"Signora!" thought Hillard.

"After you, Mr. Hillard," she said.

He bowed and passed on before her, but not till he had passed did he understand the maneuver. To follow her would have been nothing less than the temptation to pluck at the strings of her mask. Would he have touched it? He could not say.

That dinner! Was he in New York? Was it not Bagdad, the bottle and the genii? Had he ever, even in his most romantic dreams, expected to turn a page so charming, so enchanting or so dangerous to his peace of mind, a game of magical hide and seek?

And she? A whim, a fantastic, unaccountable whim—the whim of a woman seeking for fulness, not counting the cost nor caring, simply a whim.

On the little table was a Tuscan brass lamp of three wicks, fed by olive oil. It was sufficient to light the table, but the rest of the room was sunk in darkness. He half understood that there was a definite purpose in this semi-illumination. She had no wish that he should by chance recognize anything familiar in this house.

"May I ask you one question?" he asked.

"No," promptly. There was something in his eyes that made her grow wary of a sudden.

"Then I shan't ask it. I shall not ask you if you are married."

"And I shall not say one way or the other."

She smiled, and he laughed quietly.

A running conversation, a fencing match with words and phrases; time after time she touched him, but with all his skill he could not break through her guard.

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precepts. Would you believe me if I told you that at the age of three and thirty I am still heart whole?"

She parried, "I trust you will not spoil that excellent record by making love to me." She reached for the matches, touched off one, watched it burn for a moment, extinguished it and then deliberately drew a line across the center of the tablecloth.

"Now, what might that represent?" he asked curiously.

"A line, Mr. Hillard. The moment you cross that line that moment you leave this house. On guard!"

(To be continued)

### Range bred Horses.

Farmers need not hesitate to purchase range bred horses for what they are worth. It is developing that a brand on a horse may be as much a recommendation as a disadvantage. Of course, a brand is a blemish, but unless it is a disfiguring brand it is no longer a mark of poor breeding. Many of the range horses which have been sold at the St. Louis National Stock Yards and worked on farms have come back after a year or two and sold at the top of the domestic sale ring market.

In New York a lightly branded horse is considered a reliable, long-life worker, and will outlast the soft raised, farm-bred horse of the same weight, that have never the exercise; that is in the inheritance, of the range colt. The Western range is the country to raise them, and the farm is the place to develop them—National Farmer.

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### Mrs. F. A. Gobbie Dead.

After a lingering illness of twelve months Mrs. F. A. Gobbie departed this life last Thursday evening at 7:30 at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Callison, at the age of sixty nine years, of stomach trouble. Deceased lived at Juno, this county, and about two months ago she was brought to this city and placed under the tender care of her daughter.

She was the mother of fourteen children, all living, among whom the following attended her death bed.

Mrs. J. H. Callison of this city, Mrs. Joe Turney, Sonora, Mrs. L. Gobbie and Tom Gobbie of Faucetta ranch, Frank Gobbie, Mexico and William Gobbie, of Sherwood.

Mrs. Gobbie was a consistent member of the Baptist Church and much esteemed. Her remains were shipped to Juno, via Comstock on No. 9, Friday,--West Texas News.

### Old and True.

"For fifteen years I have constantly kept a supply of Hunt's Cure on hand to use in all cases of itching skin trouble. For Eczema, Ringworm and the like it is peerless. I regard it as an old friend and a true one."

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### Death of Col. Tom Martin.

Col. Tom J. Martin brother-in-law of Judge Ed. R. Kone, of Austin, and brother of Judge W. W. Martin of Odessa, Tex., died in Los Angeles, Cal., last night. The remains will be brought to Austin Thursday night.

Col. Tom Martin resided on a ranch in the counties of Mitchell, Midland and Bator the last forty years.—Standard,



Christmas, with its glad tidings, will soon be here. How are you prepared to meet it? You will need a supply of high grade WINES and LIQUORS. Better order your supply now and so avoid the holiday rush. Whether you decide to buy now or later will make no difference as far as your getting entire satisfaction is concerned.

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FOR **GOOD WOOD**  
PHONE 96

NOTICE.  
I forbid anybody laying or tearing down my fences or driving stock through my pastures without my consent.  
Spily R. T. BAKER

**Notice to Trespassers**  
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch east of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
W. J. FIELDS,  
Sonora, Texas,

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THE STATE OF TEXAS: To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sutton County, GREENING: J. A. Sykes, Administrator of the Estate of A. J. Sykes, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the condition of the estate of said A. J. Sykes, deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Sutton, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the February Term, 1910, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the Court house in said County, in the town of Sonora, on the 3rd Monday in said month, same being the 21st day of February, A. D. 1910, when said account and application will be considered by said Court.

Witness J. D. Lowrey, Clerk of the County Court of Sutton County, Texas. Given under [U. S.] my hand and seal of office, at my office, in the town of Sonora, this 12th day of November, A. D. 1909.  
J. D. Lowrey, Clerk of County Court, Sutton County, Texas.  
A true copy, I certify:  
J. S. Allison Sheriff, Sutton County, Texas.

## NOTICE.

On and after October 1, 1909, we the undersigned, will not do any more credit business only with those who pay their accounts on the first day of each month.

To those who know themselves to be indebted to us we take this means of asking them to pay their accounts at once. Our reasons for the above action, are, that we have to pay our bills every thirty days, and unless we pay, or have the goods to show, it places us in a very embarrassing position with those who credit us. Their motto is: "Pay us or show us that you still have our goods in stock." Thanking you for your patronage in the past and asking a continuance of same.

We are very truly yours  
THEO. SAVELL,  
BARTON & SAVELL,  
TRAINER BROS.

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch, cutting timber, hauling wood, working stock, gathering pecans, hog hunting or hunting of any kind or fishing, without my permission will be prosecuted.  
E. F. SAWYER.

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I have taken the agency for the PAGE WOVEN WIRE FENCE



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I can sell you woven fence any height from 18 to 72 inches, any weight, and give the best of terms 6, 12, or 18 months time at 7 per cent interest on good bankable notes.

The Best fence on Earth. Double the Strength of any other wire of the same size. Adjusts itself to uneven grounds. Stretches over hill and down in canyon the same as on level ground.

I will be glad to figure with any one wanting fence.

J. B. MURRAH,  
San Angelo, Texas.  
General Agent South and West Texas.

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Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch known as the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles south east of Sonora, and other ranches owned and controlled by me, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

A. F. CLARKSON,  
Sonora, Texas.

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