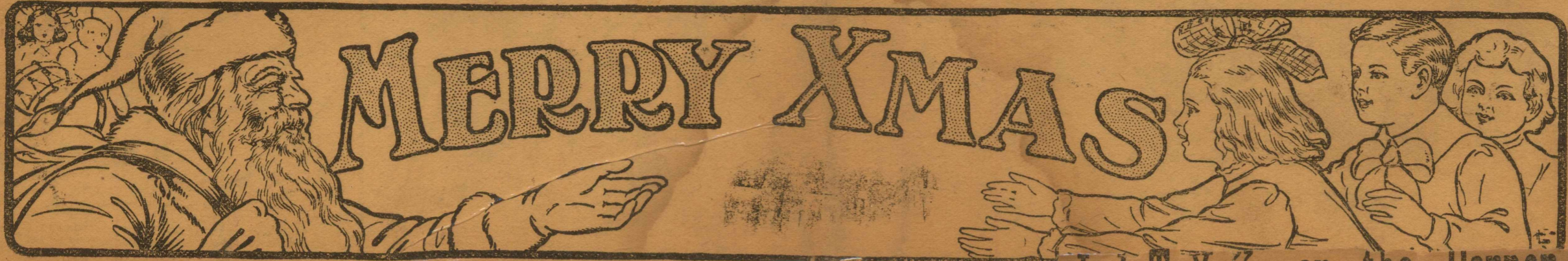


# DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS.

VOL 21

SONORA, SUTTON CO., TEXAS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1910.

NO. 1050



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

The Sonora Mercantile Company has received a large stock of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Clothing, Underwear, Etc., suitable for every member of the family. The Prices are Right.

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And things that make merry the hearts of the Little Ones were not forgotten. Our Grocery and Ranch supply department was never better prepared to help make your Holiday dinners All that could be desired. For happiness for all place your orders with

# The Sonora Mercantile Company.

### Devil's River News

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.  
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SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.  
SECOND CLASS MATTER.

Advertising Medium of the  
Stockman's Paradise.

Sonora, Texas. - December 24, 1910.

### COME CHRISTMAS

Christmas Tree - 75c  
Saturday night Dec. 25 - 1.00  
Poultry show - 1.00  
Dancing and last - 1.00  
Monday - 1.00  
Tuesday - 1.00  
Wednesday - 1.00  
Thursday - 1.00  
Friday - 1.00  
Saturday - 1.00

Cow pony race for Sutton county horses—200 yards. 3 to enter and three to start. \$25 purse—\$15 to first \$10 to second. Entrance fee \$2.50.

Foot race—Free to all—100 yard dash—no entrance fee, \$5 purse, \$3 to first and \$2 to second.

Bicycle race—Free for all—1.4 mile—no entrance fee. \$5 Purse, \$3 to first \$2 to second.

Cigar race—purse \$20—Entrance fee \$1. \$15 to first \$10 to second.

Big dance at Court House Monday night. Everybody welcome Tuesday the 27th. Judging of high class poultry at 10:30 am. Premiums are as follows: Rhode Island Reds—First pen or trio \$2, second pen or trio \$1.

White Plymouth Rocks—First pen or trio \$2. Second pen or trio \$1.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—First pen or trio \$1. Second pen or trio ribbon.

White Orpingtons—First pen or trio 1. Second pen or trio. rib Black Orpingtons—First pen or trio \$1. Second ribbon.

Bluff Orpingtons—First pen or trio \$1.50. Second 50 cents. S C Brown Leghorns—First pen or trio \$1. Second, ribbon. S C White Leghorns—First pen or trio \$1. Second, ribbon. Black Langshans—First pen or trio \$1. Second, ribbon. For best pen of fancy bred chickens, \$1. Entrance fee 50c. Pen or trio will be 50c. Strange fee for single birds or ducks and turkeys. Races on Tuesday at 1:30. 100 yards, saddle horse race for Sutton county horses over 15 years of age. Entrance fee \$1 the win-

ner gets the pot. Free for all horse race 1.4 mile for purse of \$50 \$35 to first, \$15 to second. Entrance fee \$5. 3 to enter three to start. Tournament race for purse of \$20 Entrance fee \$1. \$15 to first and \$5 to second. at Court House Tuesday

The following committees were appointed: Financial committee J. B. Stokely and R. H. Martin.

Christmas Tree committee, Mesdames. J. A. Hegerlund, E. F. Vander Stucken, Theo. Savell, E. S. Briant, Murdoch McDonald, B. M. Halbert, Geo. B. Hamilton, Will Whitehead, Misses Ida Aldwell, Cora Bountree, Rose Stephenson, Emma Chalk, Blossie Evans. Messrs. J. J. North, E. S. Briant, Walter Davis, Bart DeWitt, Rector Cusenberry, Paul Turney, Woodie Martin, Ralph Trainer and Gussie Caruthers.

Race committee. W. L. Aldwell, (chairman), J. A. Cope, J. S. Allison, R. H. Martin.

Dance committee E. E. Aldwell, Bart C. DeWitt and Max Vander Stucken.

Reception Committee. Mike Murphy, J. S. Allison and J. B. Stokely.

### Saved From Awful Death.

How an appalling calamity in his family was prevented is told by A. D. McDonald, of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8. "My sister had consumption," he writes, "she was very thin and pale, had no appetite and seemed to grow weaker every day, all remedies failed, till Dr. King's New Discovery was tried, and so completely cured her, that she has not been troubled with a cough since. Its best medicine I ever saw or heard of." For coughs, colds, lagrippe, asthma, croup, hemorrhage, all bronchial troubles, it has no equal, 50c \$1.00 Trial bottle free Guaranteed by Nathan's Pharmacy.

A slow race of cow ponies has been matched for Dec. 26.

### Banks on Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills again," writes A. Schingek, 647 Elm St. Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of chronic constipation when all others failed." Unequaled for Biliousness, Jaundice, Indigestion, Headache, Chills, Malaria and Debility. 25c at Nathan's Pharmacy.

### DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

Will Surely Stop That Cough.

### PANIC IN SHIPWRECK.

When Men Lose Their Wits and Their Manhood as Well.

What has most struck me in my many experiences of shipwreck has been the strangely diverse ways in which the passengers acquit themselves under intense excitement and panic, said a lifeboatman to the writer. Women cry, faint and cling to each other, but are least trouble. Men often act very strangely. I remember one man throwing into the lifeboat a heavy trunk which he wanted to save, but which we promptly heaved overboard. Some men become quite panic stricken. I've seen strong men, probably brave enough in other cases, fighting fiercely for the lifebuoys and thrusting the women and children aside in frantic endeavors to leap into the boat first; yet, strangely enough, one man who thus disgraced himself has since obtained the Royal Humane society's medal for saving life at sea, thrice volunteering with a scratch crew in aid of a distressed vessel.

I've known others who became so stupefied with fright as to resist all attempts at rescuing them, begging to be left to die and having to be forcibly thrown into the lifeboat. Some persons frequently become half demented, and I've known several cases where they have in a frenzy committed suicide by positively jumping headlong into the sea and drowning themselves, and one man, to insure his sinking, filled his pockets with coal.

Some years ago another passenger, hearing the ship had struck, went and drowned himself in the bathroom, anticipating his fate, as it were. I remember another case where a passenger hanged himself in his cabin just as the lifeboat arrived.—Pearson's Weekly.

### The Art of Advertising.

How to achieve publicity for commercial purposes is a subject on which a vast amount of brain tissue is constantly being expended. A writer in the Chicago Tribune contributes this as the latest triumph of the advertiser.

Suddenly the lecturer's voice failed him. "Gentlemen," he asked huskily, "does any person in the audience happen to have a box of Blank's throat tablets about him?" "Yes, sir," instantly responded a tall, thin man in a suit of faded black, rising and making his way to the platform. "Here you are." "Thanks," wheezed the orator, taking the box, extracting a tablet and placing it in his mouth. "I carelessly left mine at home." Half a minute later he resumed his lecture with a voice as clear as a bell. There is more than one way to bring a thing before the public.

### ELECTRIC BITTERS

THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS.

### Notice—Sheriff Sale.

State of Texas, County of Sutton: By virtue of an Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, on the 8th day of December A. D. 1910, by the Sheriff thereof,

of San Angelo, Texas, versus W. F. Decker and Laura Decker, No. 1918, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in February, A. D. 1911, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Sutton County, in the Town of Sonora, the following described property, to-wit:

All of lot 3, one half of lot 2 and 22 feet 3 inches of lot 4, all situated in block E Town of Sonora, County of Sutton, State of Texas. (This property is commonly known as the Decker Livery Stable.) One large house, barn or stable, with shed room occupied by Fred Berger's boot shop.

Layed on, on this the 12th day of December, A. D. 1910, at four o'clock p. m., as the property of W. F. and Laura Decker, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,662.72 in favor of First National Bank of San Angelo, Texas, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand at Sonora Texas, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1910.

J. S. Allison,  
3t Sheriff, Sutton, Texas.

### Get your Fall clothes looking new for the winter and Xmas holidays.

### Make yourself a Christmas present by getting them done at ICA. Adams & Co., the Tailors.

Phone 117.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-41

The Subscription Committee would rather you call on them. They have work to do, also.

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**DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOW WE HAVE THE SUPPLIES.**

For Low Prices in all lines of General Merchandise See

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**Delta River News.**  
 WEEKLY.  
 Proprietor,  
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 Medium of the  
 n's Paradise.  
 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora, second-class matter.

December 24, 1910.

Who said chicken in this here crowd.

Here's hoping the present you have bought will meet your expectations

Move trees off the right of way before February 1st.

Miss Myrtle Cusenbary is home from San Antonio.

Miss Pearl Parkerson is home from San Antonio.

Miss Hattie B. Cusenbary is home from Nashville, Tenn.

Amor and Loe Whitehead are home from San Angelo for the holidays.

Bud Wyatt, an employe of the Crowther Hardware Co., of San Angelo, will spend the holidays in Sonora.

John Findlater Jr., of the Findlater Hardware Co., of San Angelo was a business visitor in Sonora, Monday. Mr. Findlater looks for Sonora to develop rapidly on the advent of the Orient.

W. L. Aldwell who was in Ozona last week on railway business says that the new school building being erected there is the handsomest, largest and best arranged school building in West Texas. It will cost about \$30,000 and will be another monument to Judge C. E. Davidson.

S. G. Taylor the lawyer of San Antonio, who has ranch interests in this county, as well as many friends, was in Sonora on a visit last week and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Briant. Mr. Taylor's practice is increasing in the Alamo City and his family enjoying good health.

Messrs Cornell & Wardlaw have donated their legal services to the general committee, representing the community, in the matter of the Orient Railway contract.

**MARRIED**  
 At the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dunbar, 13 miles south of Sonora, on Thursday, December 22, 1910, Miss Nannie B. Dunbar and Thomas W. Sandherr were married. Rev. J. D. Worrell of the Methodist church officiating.

The News extends congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Sandherr.

**Knights of the Maccabees.**  
 The following officers for the ensuing year were elected at the last regular meeting of the K. O. T. M. and the night of their installation will be Jan 2. Commander, J. E. Grimland; Lt. Com., Max Vander Stucken; R. cord Keeper, J. A. Hagerlund; Chaplain, Fred Trisner; Sergeant, W. B. Kneiser; Master of Arms, G. M. McDonald; 1st M of G, H. L. Bridge; 2nd M of G, G. G. Stephenson; Pocket, O. W. Dreanna; Sentinel, J. H. Luckie; Past Com, G. W. Stephenson.

**Woodmen of the World.**  
 The Woodmen of the World at their last regular meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Past Consul Commander S. H. Stoker, Commander T. D. Newell, Adviser Lieut B. M. Halbert, Banker J. D. Lowrey, Clerk J. A. Hagerlund, Escort A. F. Bellows, Watchman E. F. Vander Stucken, Sentry Theodora Savell, Physician C. D. Smith, Managers J. A. Ward, B. M. Halbert, Payne Rountree.

The W. O. W. will have an installation of officers elect Saturday Jan 7, and there will also be a supper. Each member is allowed to bring one lady member of the family either wife, sister, daughter or mother. Visiting members are cordially invited.  
 J. A. Ward, B. M. Halbert and Payne Rountree committee on entertainment.  
 B. M. Halbert was elected delegate to State Convention.

Fred Simmons who has been attending the A & M College, is home for the holidays.

E. F. Vander Stucken reports the following wool sales made by Chas Schreiner of Kerrville: R. H. Chalk, W. A. Mires, E. W. Wall, Dan Sessom 17 cents; G. P. Hill, 16 3/4; O. T. Word, 16 1/4; M. V. Sessom, J. W. Mayfield, J. W. Pritcham, J. L. Tarver, J. S. Brown 16 cents.

**12-23-10**  
 With 47 of the best men of the Sonora country to guaranty contract the final papers in the Orient Railway matter were dispatched to Officials of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company Friday evening and the epoch making numbers are 12-23-10. The fight has been a hard one but the more glorious probably on that account. Special effort was made to get the matter closed up so that one and all may enjoy a Merry Christmas.

As the matter stood Friday night the subscribers to the bonus and right of way was as follows:  
 W. A. Glascock, 160 acres for addition purposes.  
 Steve Murphy and Mike Murphy 40 acres for addition purposes.  
 The above 200 acres were taken by the Railway Company at a valuation of \$20,000.  
 C. D. Smith, right of way 2,200 feet, through property adjoining town or practically 25 lots.  
 W. A. Glascock, 60 lots on the right of way.  
 J. H. Luckie, part of lot on the right of way.  
 T. B. Adams, the right of way through 13 acres adjoining town.  
 Villareal & Casullo, one lot in West Sonora.  
 The ranch land owners who have subscribed the right of way, practically all needed but about three miles, are as follows:  
 Russell, Bulkeley & Riley of New York, Thomson Bros, of Austin, E. R. Jackson, — J. W. Pritcham, J. T. Evans, Sr. O. T. Word, R. E. Taylor, A. R. Cauthorn, J. A. Cauthorn.

For fifteen of the 21 years the News has tried to develop this country, no serious consideration or anticipation of a railroad was endorsed or advocated by us. Yes us, the same as 21 years ago "Steve and Mike" doing their best to develop the country. We have assisted in our limited way we think, in the up-building of the "Stock man's Paradise." The

We feel like its our duty to give full details of all this business but it would not be just to some who intend to increase and others who

will do something."

The News feels that a brilliant article is expected from it this week. But under the circumstances we can personally tell any of the subscribers to the Railway contract, "the why's or where's" of the matter of the Orient coming to Sonora—and through it—to the City of Mexico has been definitely settled by the sending of the guarantee list of signers to the final contract Friday night.

The amount necessary had been carefully estimated and on the basis of their estimate and the approval of B. M. Halbert, who had left his ranch (in care of a wolf proof fence)—(boys not over looked) to the mercies of the coyotes for thirty days—and whose personal promise to the signers of the guaranty, that "unless satisfied to him, (B. M. Halbert) the papers would not be turned loose" and they were gone on the m. o. power of Walker Stansell's auto.

The following telegram left Sonora at 4:10 Friday evening:  
 Sonora, Texas December 23, 10  
 W. W. Colpitta, Chief Engineer, K. C. M. & O. Ry. Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Proper signatures have been secured to the guaranty contract and same goes forward tonight by registered mail to you at above address.  
 L. J. WARDLAW,  
 Sec'y Sonora Commercial Club.

Cash subscriptions are as follows:  
 Russell, Bulkeley & Riley..... 7,000  
 E. F. Vander Stucken Co..... 3,500  
 C. D. Newell..... 3,500  
 Whitehead Bros..... 3,000  
 E. R. Jackson..... 2,750  
 First National Bank..... 2,500  
 Theo Savell..... 1,125  
 Sonora Mercantile Co..... 1,000  
 S. H. Stokes..... 1,000  
 J. A. Ward..... 1,000  
 B. M. Halbert..... 1,000  
 T. B. Adams..... 1,000  
 G. W. Morris..... 1,000  
 Geo. S. Allison..... 1,000  
 J. W. Friend & Sons..... 1,000  
 G. D. Fields & Co..... 1,000  
 J. W. Stephenson (Bud)..... 600  
 W. L. Aldwell..... 500  
 L. J. Wardlaw..... 500  
 E. K. Fawcett..... 500  
 City Grocery Co..... 500  
 J. L. Davis..... 500  
 Sol Mayer..... 500  
 Mrs. Josie McDonald..... 500  
 S. G. Taylor..... 500  
 J. W. Mayfield..... 500  
 O. T. Word..... 500  
 R. F. Halbert..... 500  
 Roy Hudspeth..... 500  
 W. J. Fields..... 500  
 W. A. Mires..... 500  
 D. J. Wyatt..... 500  
 W. C. Bryson..... 400  
 J. D. Lowrey..... 400

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 THE BEST BILIOUS KIDNEY  
 Her Forgiveness  
 Marjorie, aged five years, been suffering a painful sary treatment from the sympathetic family physician had always been a great with the little girl. After over the child presented with a cluster of sweet potatoes the mother asked

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**For Sale.**  
 A good Stallion for sale. 42-1f J. A. W.

**HOUSE MOVING**  
 If you want your house or turned around see or write ED PFLESTER 47 Sonora, Tex.

**WANTED.**  
 Wanted to lease for a term to 4 years a ranch from sections. Address "Ranch Devil's River News"

**For Sale.**  
 630 bred ewes for sale. E. M. KIRKLAND Sonora, Tex.

**For Sale or Trade**  
 One Percheron Stallion old.  
 One German Coach Stallion old.  
 Two 6 year old Jacks.  
 One 3 year old Jack.  
 One 2 year old Jack.  
 Will exchange for stock kind except Burdocks.  
 O. T. WORD 42-1f Sonora, Tex.

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 The Best Salve In The World

and are feeling better because of the rain. Don't wait for the Wagon or the Orient—the goods are here—come now.

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Beyond Description are so many, varied and pleasing to the eye that they must be seen by yourself to be appreciated. We all feel better and would like to see YOU at

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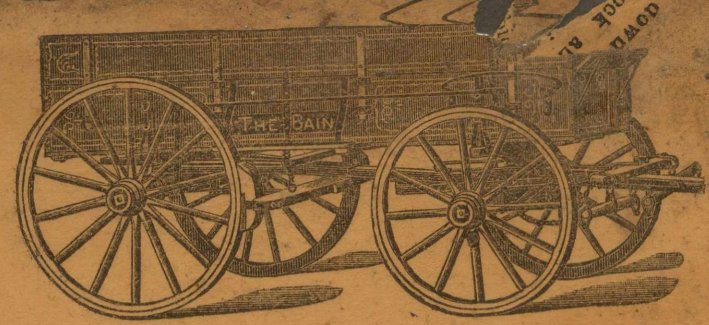
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A teacher  
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Attorneys-at-Law,

known heirs of Bessie Hardee, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in some newspaper published in the Fifty-first Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Fifty-first Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Sutton County, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Sonora, on the 5th Monday in October 1910 the same being the 31st day of October A. D., 1910, then and there the answer a petition filed in said Court on the 31st day of August A. D., 1910, wherein J. M. West and J. T. Evans are Plaintiffs and Ludwig Luck, et al, are defendants, said petition alleging that Plaintiff J. M. West is a resident of Harris County, Texas, and that the residence of Plaintiff J. T. Evans is in Sutton County, Texas and that the residence of each of the defendants above is unknown to Plaintiffs and that the facts with reference to the residence of the defendants are verified by the affidavit of L. J. Wardlaw, Cornell & Wardlaw, Attorneys for Plaintiffs, which is in words and figures as follows:

To the Hon. J. M. West, Plaintiff, and J. T. Evans, Plaintiff, of the State of Texas, County of Sutton, Texas, do hereby certify that the residence of Plaintiff J. M. West, Plaintiff, is in Harris County, Texas, and the residence of Plaintiff J. T. Evans, Plaintiff, is in Sutton County, Texas, and that the residence of each of the defendants above is unknown to Plaintiffs and that the facts with reference to the residence of the defendants are verified by the affidavit of L. J. Wardlaw, Cornell & Wardlaw, Attorneys for Plaintiffs, which is in words and figures as follows:

And further answering herein Plaintiff's says that they claim said land under deeds duly registered and have had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said lands and tenements, cultivating and using the same and



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**CHAS. SCHREINER.**

Put this in your eye here, some glasses, please, sir." The man obeyed and withdrew. Kellogg filled two glasses, handing one to Duncan.

"Now be decent and listen to me, Nat. I've thought this thing over for—oh, any amount of time. I'll bet anything it will work. What do you say? Would you like to try it?"

"Would I like to try it?" A conviction of Kellogg's earnestness forced itself upon Duncan's understanding. "Would it?" He lifted his glass and drained it at a gulp. "Why, that's the first laugh I've had for a month!"

"Then I'll tell you!"

Duncan placed a pleading hand on his forehead.

"Don't kid me, Harry," he entreated. "Not a bit of it. This is straight goods. If you want to try it and will



"DO YOU THINK ANY GIRL WITH A MILLION WOULD TAKE A CHANCE ON ME?" follow the rules I lay down, I'll guarantee you'll be a rich man inside of twelve months."

"Rules! Man, I'll follow all the rules in the world! Come on, I'm getting palpitation of the heart, waiting. Tell it to me, what've I got to do?"

"Marry," said Kellogg serenely.

"Marry!" Duncan echoed, aghast.

"Marry," reaffirmed the other with unbroken gravity.

"Marry, who?"

"A girl with a fortune. You see, I can't guarantee the precise size or her pile. That all depends on luck and the locality. But it'll run anywhere from several hundred thousand up to a million, perhaps more."

Duncan sunk back despondently. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, Harry," he said dully. "You had me all excited for a minute."

"No, but honestly, I mean what I say."

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"Yes," Duncan admitted, half persuaded of the plausibility of the scheme. "I see, and I admire immensely the intellect that conceived the notion, Harry, but I can't help thinking there must be a catch in it somewhere."

"Not if you follow my instructions." Duncan drew a deep breath, sat back and looked Kellogg over very critically.

"If I didn't know you so well, Harry," said Duncan slowly, "I'd be certain you were mad. I'm not at all sure that I'm sane. It's raving idiocy, and it's a pretty darned rank thing to do to start deliberately out to marry a woman for her money. But I've been through a little hell of my own in my time, and it's not alluring to contemplate a return to it. There's nothing mad enough nor bad enough to stop me. What've I got to do?"

Kellogg beamed his triumph. "You'll try it on, then?"

"I'll try anything on. It's a contemptible, low lived piece of business but good may come of it; you can't tell. What've I got to do?"

(To be continued next week)

**Ends Winter's Troubles.**  
To many, winter is a season of trouble. The frost bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold sores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of Burns, Boils, Piles, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Sprains. Only 52¢ at Nathan's Pharmacy.

Now then friends it is not a question of I, you or it, but of WE. WE want the road. Will WE get the road. WE WILL.

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**Notice to Trespassers.**  
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,  
45 Sonora, Texas.

**Notice to Trespassers.**  
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 12 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, hunting hogs or fishing without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
O. T. WORD,  
37 Sonora, Texas.

**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.

Lumber at San Angelo at San Angelo prices or at Sonora with freight added from the wagons. From the yard in small quantities the cost of handling is added. Let me figure on your bill.

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AUTOMOBILE—Leaves Sonora daily, except Sunday, at 7 o'clock a. m., arrives at San Angelo the same evening. Leaves San Angelo at 7 o'clock a. m. and arrives in Sonora in the evening.  
Automobile Fare \$6 one way. Trip \$10.  
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STAGE FARE, \$4.00. ROUND TRIP \$7.00.  
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locate about 25 mi. from the creek, bring out his family in the spring and reside in Sonora. As a matter of course he subscribed for the Devil's River News and you should do the same.

Born on Thursday, October 16, 1890, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Babb, a fine boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holland, on Monday, October the 21st, 1890, a 12 pound boy.

Hog Killing time. If you want a good smoke buy a Bank Note cigar at the Corner Drug Store.

Lee Martin who has his stock in the Merizon country, was in Sonora Saturday.

Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald, of San Angelo is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. T. George.

The Administration of the State of Texas for the year just past (fiscal) cost about \$1 per head or a little less than \$5,000,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Drennan and children visited Oscar's parents at Ballinger last week. They had a pleasant visit and enjoyed the trip.

Robt Anderson, the Red Front Livery Stable man has contracted with Joe Berger the builder to erect for him a grain house.

number of guests who had been invited to breakfast. The count was engaged in berating his butler for negligence to provide oysters for the breakfast. The butler contended that there were no oysters in the market.

It was at this juncture that the count caught sight of his banker serf.

"So," he angrily exclaimed, "you, too, are to annoy me! And with your pestering appeal for liberation! Let me tell you that your errand will prove a fruitless one! But stay! I'll release you on one condition—and one only—that you get me some oysters for breakfast!"

Shalounine bowed low and left the room. When he returned he laid the barrel of oysters at his master's feet.

Whereupon the count, true to his word, called for pen and paper and instantly wrote out a declaration of emancipation making the serf a free man. Then the former master, with a most-gracious air, added:

"And now, my dear Shalounine, will you be so good as to favor us with your company at breakfast?" —Harper's Weekly.

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What is perhaps the most curious book in the world is possessed by the Prince de Ligne. This work is neither printed nor in manuscript, the text being formed of letters cut and pasted on line paper.

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in all the latest colors and designs.  
A full line of Fashionable Silks, Missu-  
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**SOME BEAUTIFUL THINGS**  
In Serges, Henrietta, Cashmere, Plain  
and Diagonal Weaves.  
**MOHAIR** **SERVICABLE**  
and our line is looking at

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**Martin Commission Co.,**  
THE LAND AND LIVE TOCK COMMISSION MEN,  
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Is offering for sale a number of ranches, and has on his 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 me a call or write me.  
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ALL KINDS OF GASOLINE ENGINES PUT UP AND REPAIRED  
Orders left at Merck's Blacksmith shop will be attended to.  
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**CITY MEAT MARKET.**  
We have now been with you for several months in the capacity of City Butchers and general Beef, Pork and Mutton. We leave it to your good will to say whether or not the service we have given you has been the best. If we have in any way failed to please you, tell us and we will get right. Asking your continued good will and patronage, we beg to remain,  
Yours truly,  
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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.**

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**DR. T. K. PROCTOR,**  
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist.  
Has moved his office to the new Trust Building. Elevator service. Tallest building in  
**SAN ANGELO.**

Pies, Cakes and Light Bread at the Wyatt Restaurant.  
Our best wishes are extended to you for a happy New Year.  
Fish and Oysters at the Wyatt Restaurant.  
W. A. Miers was in Sonora Monday buying "Santa Claus" things for the family.  
Just arrived a car load of cook and heater stoves at E. F. Vander Stucken Co.  
E. W. Wall of the Franks Defeat Country and sons Ed and Andy were in town Thursday.  
BOX CANDY—Just what the lady wants and the man enjoys at Corner Drug Store.  
W. A. Thomson who ranches on the divide east of Sonora, was in town Monday trading.  
Fish and Oysters at the Wyatt Restaurant.

We Manufacture  
**Hudson Bottomless Stock Troughs and Storage Tanks**  
Have the Most Complete and Up-to-date  
**Tin Shop in West Texas and are "The Plumbers"**  
We have the Largest Stock of Wire Fencing, Summer Goods and General Hardware in the district and Will Appreciate Your Business For any Goods Not Handled by Your Home Merchants.  
**FINDLATER HARDWARE CO.,**  
**SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.**

Fish and Oysters at the Wyatt Restaurant.  
Bob Peacock and Tom Sandherr were up from the Peacock & Savell ranch Saturday on business.  
Candy—"The kind you and the other girl like," at the Corner Drug Store.  
Joe Cloudt postmaster and merchant of Roosevelt, was in Sonora Monday on business.  
If you have money to burn try a Bank Note cigar at the Corner Drug Store.  
John Ernest the stockman and farmer from the edge of the divide was a business visitor in Sonora Saturday.  
A car load of cook and heater stoves just received at E. F. Vander Stucken Co.  
Fred Millard who ranches on the line of Sutton and Schleicher counties, was in Sonora Saturday trading.  
Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly, and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by druggists.  
W. H. Tapp who is looking after the Twin Hell ranch for Skinner & Hudspeth, was in Sonora Saturday and took out a load of Christmas supplies. He wants to buy some fine mares.  
As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c size, has no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded For sale by all druggists.

Hog Killing time. If you want a good smoke buy a Bank Note cigar at the Corner Drug Store.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Word of Fort Worth, arrived in Sonora Sunday, and will spend the holidays with the old folks.  
We have just received a car load of cook and heater stoves E. F. Vander Stucken Co.  
Mrs. L. H. King of Brady, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Yoas on the ranch near Mayer.  
Crazy Well water for sale at the Corner Drug Store. 38  
H. E. Sharp postmaster and merchant of Mayer, was in Sonora several days this week getting his place worked over.  
When you want your clothes cleaned and pressed phone 117.  
Henry and Joe Murray are in from the Val Verde Land and Cattle Co's, ranch to spend the holidays with the old folks.  
Cakes, Pies and Light Bread at the Wyatt Restaurant.  
W. C. Strackbein was in Sonora the past week. He says Fred has gone to Los Angeles, Calif., and Arthur is in San Antonio attending a business college.  
Town lots in Sonora are for sale by the Martin Commission Co. Buy one now and get in on the ground floor. Do it now before prices advance. The new maps are being made and the dedication of the streets and alleys will be made as soon as possible. Perfect title. No trouble to show you. See Martin Commission Co.

Will Kess... works for, is... ranch near Juno... the holidays in Sonora... friends.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. ... whose ranch is on the Llano near Telegraph, were in Sonora Thursday shopping. Mr. Cardwell gave \$250 to the Orient.  
Mrs. W. F. Decker of San Angelo, was in Sonora several days this week on business. Mrs. Decker is undecided as to whether she will move to Sonora or not.  
Dr. Cox's Painless Blister. Price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain, or money refunded. For sale by all druggists. 20-ly  
Curt Allison found on the range in Allison Bros, pasture, two large bucks with their horns locked in an ununlockable manner. One buck was down from exhaustion and it was necessary to kill both to stop their suffering.  
Malcom Mc Nicol and R. Isbell Franks were in from the Tom Bond ranch Monday on business and to get some Christmas supplies.  
Arthur Martin and Jim Howard representing the Crowther Hard ware Co., of San Angelo, were in Sonora Monday, from a business trip down on the Llano, where they closed a deal with Farmer Willson for a big irrigation pump.  
All Druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Liniment, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.  
Died at Tombstone, Arizona, Dec. 7th, 1910, H. T. (Baby) Foster, aged 41 years and four days. He was sick six weeks, had Typhoid fever, which at the last turned into pneumonia, of which he died. He leaves behind a beloved wife and two little children besides numerous other friends and relatives in Texas. The deceased lived in Sonora several years ago and was in the well-drilling business. He married Miss Pauline Chesser daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Chesser.  
In conclusion I can only hope to be able, should opportunity present itself to return unto another fellowman what you have done unto me. Respectfully,  
Jim Witcher  
Miss Estell McDonald at brother Arthur McDonald who have been in school at Austin for the past session arrived home Monday.  
Curry Brooks has agreed to ride on Monday an unridable black horse from the T Half circle ran A. D. McKnight manager of the ranch and Mr. Gatewood the proprietor does not think the horse can be mastered. The contest will be an exciting one.  
Wants to Help Some One  
For thirty years J. F. Boyer, Ferile, Mo. needed help couldn't find it. That's why wants to help some one now. Suffering so long himself he feels all distress from Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, Lassitude and Kidney disorders. Shows that Electric Bitters works wonders for such troubles. "Five bottles," he writes, wholly cured me and now I am well and hearty. It's also positively guaranteed. Liver Trouble, Dyspepsia, Blood Disorders, Female Complaints a Malaria. Try them. 50c. at Nathan's Pharmacy.  
Advertise and let the people know what you have to sell. This is the secret of the most successful business man of today.  
D. K. McMullan was in Sonora Monday on his way home from trip to Brady where he sold cows at \$21.