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CONTRACT LET FOR NEW BUILDINGS

BIDS WERE RECEIVED LAST SATURDAY FOR LUBBOCK MERCANTILE BUILDING AND TWO OTHER BRICKS

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN WITHIN A FEW WEEKS

These Buildings Will be of Pressed Brick, Plate Glass Fronts, Steam Heated, Modernly Equipped. Uniform Front. To be Completed by the 15th of June 1912

According to former announcements the contract for the rebuilding of the Lubbock Mercantile building was let last Saturday, and along with it contracts were also let for the Vickers and Cope building where the Palace Pharmacy formerly stood, and the Morrow building where the Palace Barber Shop and W. D. Benson's law office now stands. The contracts were all let to the same party, S. Goodrum, of Sweetwater, being the successful bidder. Eight different bids were received, being from R. C. Lewis, J. H. Hurmons, W. R. Summons, Bialkauski, McRay Building Company, Hensley & Galley, S. Goodrum and Chas. Cassler. Henry Mount, of this city is the architect on the job.

According to the terms of the contract. The building is to be commenced by the first of January and completed by the 15th of June, 1912. The buildings are to be constructed of gray pressed brick, trimmed in Cedar Park Stone, plate glass fronts, with up-to-date show windows, all steam heated with fire proof boiler and coal rooms. These three buildings are to be one

story structures, uniform fronts and awnings, making a very pretty half block of bricks. This will add greatly to the appearance of the south side of the square as well as make it much safer against fire loss. These buildings will be occupied as soon as they are ready. There is no scarcity of tenants for good buildings in Lubbock, unlike other towns that we know of. There is always something doing in our town.

Our readers will be kept thoroughly posted as to the progress of these buildings, and Lubbock is to be congratulated upon having people who are willing to put their money in to something substantial.

As stated before Lubbock is building substantially. It is no longer guess work, but the people here know that this town has the reins in this section of the state, and will guide the van of progress in the Plains country. Get in the material wagon and go the rounds with us and see for yourself that there is really something spelled much doing in this town, more than any other in this part of the country.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

A Number Have Been Received by the Avalanche, Which we Reproduce Below.

Following are letters received by this office addressed to Santa Claus and we take pleasure in presenting them to our readers for their kind consideration:

Dear Santa: We are two little boys and would like very much for Christmas a foot ball, a gun, some tin soldiers, and would like some picture books and an auto. With love and best wishes, Fred and Leonard Heim.

Lubbock, Tex., Nov. 21, 1911. Dear Santa Claus:

As I want a little automobile, I thought I had better write to you. As you did not have one for me last Christmas, I want one sure this time. I would also like to have a telephone and a goat. Now I will be a good boy, and I want you to come and bring them to Aunt Lotties, for I will be there.

Laurence Bacon.

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 7, 1911. Mr. Santa Claus:

Dear Santa: I am a little girl five years old and live in southwest Lubbock. I want you to bring me one large doll, a ring, and I will be proud of anything else you bring me. I am being as good as I can be.

Your little friend, Lois Modelle Simpson.

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 8, 1911.

Dear Old Santa Claus:

This is my first letter to Santa Claus, but as all other little-boys, I want some nice toys for Christmas. Please bring me a hobby horse, tricycle, tool chest, a big train, and lots of candy, oranges, apples and nuts. Please think of our baby brother, and bring him a rocking horse, little rocking chair and some candy and obliged.

Your little friend, Milton Kyle Good.

COMPLETING BUILDINGS

First National Bank Building, and two Adjoining Bricks are Receiving Finishing Touches

The half block of bricks on the west side of the square are showing up to the good now, and within the next two weeks they will be ready for occupancy by their respective occupants. The First National Bank is included in this line up of buildings, which will be occupied in the lower story by the bank, the Lubbock Drug Company, W. M. Crawford Jeweler, Wells Fargo Express Company, and Sam T. Davis barbershop. The upper story to be occupied by doctors, lawyers, and others who need only office room.

The first building south of the bank is the Caraway building, in which the Lubbock Mercantile Company are now opening up a large stock of dry goods and clothing. The other building will be occupied by L. B. Wright, and all are receiving the finishing touches.

The Weather Man

It would appear from the conduct of the weatherman this week that he is a believer in diversification. We have had quite a variety of weather during the days belonging to the first of the week. Snow, rain, freezing, thawing, sunshine, all blending into one great mess of mud is about the sum total of the weather for the week, up to the present writing, and the indications are not flattering for clear weather at this time. It is exceptional weather for the plains. It is neither severe or pleasant, but it is giving the ground a first class soaking and things are going to be in good shape to bring about a good crop for another year, if the rain maker does not forget to send our portion along in the warmer days of the coming year.

TELEPHONE PEOPLE ARE VERY BUSY

LARGE FORCE OF MEN NOW AT WORK REBUILDING ENTIRE LOCAL SYSTEM

WILL BE THE BEST ON THE PLAINS WHEN FINISHED

Will Require Several Months Time and Expenditure of Large Amount of Money to Carry Out the Plans of the Company—Lubbock is Considered the Hub

Some months ago the Avalanche contained a write-up of the proposed improvements in the telephone system at this place, and nothing more has been heard of the matter till a few days ago when the managers of the company began to look very suspicious and upon investigation and an interview with the local manager, H. H. Hurt, we learned that the work of tearing down and rebuilding the system at this place was then in action. The contemplated improvements are many and of such a nature that it means a great deal for our town.

The first work being done is to reset all the poles, which is being done by replacing them with new ones and much better ones than the old ones ever were. The new poles are being set in the alleys, which eliminates any poles at all on the square—gets them clear out of the way, and helps the appearance of the town a great deal. Instead of the individual wires that have been the prevailing style heretofore, there is being stretched a cable to all the different parts of town, and there will be no single wires except where the phone is connected with the cable, which will insure much better service than we have ever had.

We were informed that the order had been placed for a new switchboard, tailor made, and it would take several months to deliver it here, but would be installed early in the year, or by spring at least. It will be an entirely new system when completed and the best on the Plains. It is far superior to many systems in larger towns, and this alone goes to show that the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company have the utmost faith in the future of Lubbock. They are building as though this was to be the hub of the entire Plains and Panhandle, and they have said, so we have been told, that they expect to make this their western headquarters, which report is being borne out by their great activity in this vicinity.

The long distance service to this place is being greatly improved. Sweetwater is now connected with this place by copper metal system, and Lubbock is now in position that they can communicate with Fort Worth and Dallas as easily as if they were in the next building.

There are many great things in store for Lubbock for 1912, and the people who are in position to know most about the conditions are the surest of this.

DISTRICT COURT

Light Business Since Last Report. Mostly Civil Cases—Grand Jury Returns Six Bills.

O. C. Belt vs P. B. Acuff et al., judgment for plaintiff.

Alice Rayner vs W. S. Posey, et al., continued.

Annie Rose vs Manley Rose, continued.

First National Bank vs I. S. Mast et al., judgment for plaintiff.

Mrs. Minnie H. Goodman vs Van Sanders et al., judgment for Plaintiff.

M. E. Merrell vs W. T. Bush et al., continued.

J. C. Phillips vs Walter Horton et al., judgment for plaintiff.

JURY FOR FOURTH WEEK

J. H. Bryan, A. C. Buchanan, Sam Montgomery, R. C. Burns, J. C. Burns, J. D. Peeler, J. A. Caldwell, J. W. Perkins, J. A. Cannon, Walter Reiger, Colby Thomas, Frank Chase, John Uselman, W. S. Clark, J. A. Cockerel, J. C. Coleman, Baxter Honey, J. W. Hooker, E. F. Cooper, A. M. Rankin, Clarence Reed and Charlie Lupton.

The grand jury re-convened last week and returned six additional bills. No arrests have been made, therefore did not secure the names of the parties involved.

Married

Mr. E. S. Rowe and Miss Susie Carpenter, of Plains, were married in Brownfield last Sunday night and are spending a few days in Lubbock. They are among the most popular young people in Plains and have many friends to extend their congratulations. —Yukon County News.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Local Camp Elect Officers for Ensuing Term. Public Installation Planned.

At the regular meeting of the local camp, Woodmen of the World, last Monday night the election of officers was entered into and resulted in the following parties being elected to fill the several offices for the ensuing term:

W. D. Benson, Consul Commander; Jim Robinson, Advisor Lieutenant; H. H. Hurt, Clerk; Wm. E. Taylor, Banker; R. J. Hall, A. Judd, J. O. R. Phillips, Manager; J. B. Young, Watchman; R. G. Burns, Sentry; J. T. Hutchinson, Camp Physician.

On the 8th of January, 1912, there will be a public installation of these officers at the hall, beginning at 7:30 p.m., of that date and every member of the Woodmen of the World, together with his family, or sweetheart is cordially invited to be present on this occasion. There will be free entertainment for all. Special music and recitations. Also an oyster supper will be served, and a general good time promised to all who will attend.

Honored With State Office

Dr. R. M. Johnson, of this city received a telegram from his son, Fred, who resides in Arizona, bearing the information that he had been elected by a large majority in the recent election in that state to the office of State Treasurer.

Miss Annie L. Good, of the Spade ranch was here Thursday. She is now bookkeeper and private stenographer for the Spade ranch in Lamb county.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

The subscription department of the Avalanche has not been making its owners any money for some time, and it is necessary that some action be taken to make it a revenue producing department the same as other departments of the business. We have studied the matter over. We had thought of raising the price of subscription of the paper in order to overcome the deficit in the subscription department, but did not wish to increase the cost to our readers, (though the paper is worth twice what we charge for it) so we have decided upon a plan that we believe will to a certain extent correct the matter. Heretofore it has been the custom of the paper to send it to the subscribers till they ordered it discontinued, and by this method we have pleased many, while others continue to take the paper from the office and when sent a bill for it, either write us an insulting letter stating that they did not appreciate our liberality with them and refuse to pay for it, or else treat our notice with silent contempt, thereby causing us a loss of several hundred dollars out of a list of two thousand, which causes a loss in the subscription department. It will be the policy of this paper in the future beginning with the 1st day of January 1912, to cut off the names of those who have not paid for their paper in advance. We intend this to cover all. It may take a week or more after that date for us to get the name off of the list, but it will be dropped as soon as our book-keeper can get to it with his pencil, and if you fail to get your Avalanche after that date you will know what is the matter with it. Of course there are mistakes that creep into any business. You may be dropped off by mistake, but we will endeavor to be as accurate as we know how, and if an error should happen to be made, we will gladly correct it brought to our attention. The date your subscription is paid to appears on the label of your paper opposite your name. You can see for yourself when your subscription expires as the date on the label indicates. For instance if the date reads 1-1-12, your subscription expires on the first of January, 1912. Notices have been sent to all our subscribers whose names have already expired and notices will be mailed to those subscriptions will expire, in time for their renewal to reach us before being dropped on account of expiration of their time. We do not wish to drop any of the names from our list, but we must remedy the deficit that has occurred every year for a number of years in our subscription department, and we believe by the pay in advance plan, which will insure that we get pay for the paper that we send out, will to a certain extent remedy the ailment. The Avalanche is worth the price that we charge for it and more, and a dollar in advance to you is a small amount, while in the past we have been carrying hundreds of dollars on our arrearage accounts, and then lose a certain percentage of that. Watch your date on the label, and when you see that it is about to expire, drop in and hand us a dollar to extend it another year, or if not in town mail it to us and we will receipt you for same. We believe this will be better for all concerned, and work a hardship on none of us, while the other way sometimes the paper goes on to some one you are sending it to, when you really thought it was stopped and had not intended to send it longer than the time paid for and failed to state so when you ordered it sent. Look up your label and act accordingly.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Methodist and Cumberland Sunday Schools Have Made Arrangements for the Occasion

The Methodist Sunday School has appointed their committees and every thing is lining up for a Christmas tree at the church Monday night. The indications are that there will be a delightful entertainment at that place for the little folks on this occasion. The program committee will have something nice, and the tree will no doubt be a thing of beauty and a joy for the time.

We understand that the Cumberland Sunday School is also making preparations for a tree and other festivities on the same date, and very much in the same manner. We have been unable to learn what the program is for the occasion in the other churches. Will endeavor to secure the information in time for next issue of the paper.

Nearly the whole of the Huntville penitentiary was destroyed by fire last Monday, the loss amounting to \$300,000 and no insurance. Recently nearly \$50,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire at the A. & M. College and no insurance. Why does the State persist in neglecting to insure its property? Is it because the people of the state are easily taxed to reimburse such needless loss? Business corporations do not follow such a policy.—Texas Christian Advocate.

THE CITY WATER WORKS

Bad Weather is Greatly Delaying the Work—Material Arriving Every Day

Since our last report on the City Water System the weather has been very much against the contractors. About half the week there has been nothing doing and as a matter of fact there has been very little progress in the work since last Thursday.

The material is being received every day and unloaded, so there will be no more delay in the work on account of the absence of material.

The ditcher has been operating on West Broadway, and has been witnessed by a number of the people of this city who had never had the pleasure of seeing this powerful machine in operation.

Purchases Residence Property

District Judge W. R. Spencer last week purchased residence in Lubbock, located on Galveston Street, Overton Addition, now occupied by T. C. Greenhill. Judge Spencer and wife have been here several weeks, having been boarding, and will continue to board for several months yet as we understand it, but will make Lubbock their home in the future. The Avalanche is pleased to welcome them as citizens of our city, and assure them that they have cast their lot with an hospitable set of people as they could have ever found.

KAFFIR AND MAIZE ALSO GRAIN OF ALL KIND

While the weather will not permit the gathering of cotton, bring in a few loads of heads. There is a ready market for them. We have a car enroute of cotton seed cake and meal and by this time we should have your order for your fall supply.

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Glenn-Dillard Grain Company

GETS THIGH BROKEN

Son of O. M. Daniel Victim of Roping Contest Near Brownfield.

Just after the public school closed yesterday afternoon, several of the little boys gathered at O. M. Daniel's and began practicing roping one another, this being a favorite sport with all western boys.

The boys were passing Geo. Cardwell like cattle or horses and he was practicing putting the twine over the hoofs, and was very successful in lassoing little six-year-old B. L. Daniel, but the jerk light as it was, was sufficient to break his thigh.

Dr. J. W. Ellis was called immediately and with the able assistance of Bert French, put the wounded member in plaster of Paris. The little fellow is resting well at this writing.

It is not necessary to dwell on the danger or even cruelty of this sport, or try to get the boys to desist from the practice, as we understand that practically every parent in the town has already lectured the "would be cowboys," backed up with a threat sufficiently forceful to keep larriest ropes hanging peacefully in the barn for some time to come—Terry County Herald.

PUTTING THE WOOD TO IT

Umpire O'Loughlin Falls to Appreciate One Handed to Him by St. Louis Catcher.

"An umpire must be dignified on the field, and if there is one thing that peeves 'Silk' O'Loughlin it is to ruffle his dignity," says Umpire Billy Evans in the Cleveland Press.

"Catcher Krichell of the St. Louis Browns put one over on 'Silk' one day that drew a laugh from both teams. O'Loughlin failed to appreciate it.

"In baseball, when a player hits the ball squarely, some of his teammates sing out: 'That's putting the wood to it, old boy.'

"In the game in question O'Loughlin was working the plate, and a foul tip struck his mask, near the top, sailing into the grand stand at great speed.

"Nice work, 'Silk.' That's putting the wood to it, old boy."

"In an instant O'Loughlin's expression changed from pain to astonishment. He glared at the St. Louis player, and O'Connor was relieved when he didn't start a procession of athletes to the clubhouse."

Realty Exchanges

Santa Fe Development Company to P. E. Jordan, lots 1, 2, 3, in block 66 in South Slaton Addition to the town of Slaton, Texas.

J. M. Dupree to A. Anderson, W. 1-2 of E. 1-2 survey 73, block A.

H. O. Mahoney to N. R. Porter, N. E. 1-4 survey 39, abstract 428, block D-7.

Santa Fe Development Com-

pany to J. S. Edwards, lots 4, 5, 6, in block 60, in South Slaton Addition to the town of Slaton, Texas.

Carl Rosser to F. E. Wheelock, lots 10, 21, block 24, in Overton Addition.

P. & N. T. Ry. Co., to J. Foster Scott, lot 3, block 62, Slaton, Texas.

P. & N. T. Ry. Co., to First State Bank, lot 7, in block 81, W. Park Addition.

Robert Alley to Robert B. Holt, N. E. 1-4 survey 24, block D-2.

Robert B. Holt to Albert G. Hinn, N. E. 1-4 survey 24, block E-2.

E. M. Carter to W. J. Dunaway, survey 21, block D.

Roscoe Wilson to W. M. Crawford, lot 4 in block 9, Robinson Addition.

Frances C. Echols to R. E. Scholes, N. W. 1-4 section 30, block C-2.

Arch Y. Echols to R. E. Echols, S. W. 1-4 survey 30, block C-2 and W. 1-2 S. E. 1-4 of the same survey.

B. O. McWhorter to T. M. Atkins lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, in block 100 O. T.

Geo. M. Hunt to C. E. Hunt, lots 14, 15, 16, in block 166, O. T.

Jno. F. Robinson to Sallie M. Brown, lots 10, 11, 12 in block 1, Neal and Alexander Addition to the town of Lubbock.

Santa-Fe Development Com-

We have a full line

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Paints, oils, varnishes



Also Post, Stays Lumber Lime, Cement

A. C. Houston Lumber Company

8, 9, block 53; in South Slaton Addition to the town of Slaton, Texas.

C. McCullough to T. G. Stokes, E. 1-4 of E. 1-2 survey 3, block O.

Sallie M. Brown to Jno. F. Robinson, lots 17 to 20, block 144, Old Town.

Fred W. Warner to C. W. Brown, survey 69, abstract No. 388; survey 63, abstract No. 412.

J. D. Baker Co. Judge to Jno. J. Ellard, Leagues 105-106-106-107-108, Fisher County School land in Cochran County.

J. A. James to D. E. McGlasson, lots 2, 4, 9, 14 in League 164, Garza County School land in Cochran County.

A. L. Harlan to J. J. Ellard, Subdivisions 16, 16, 18, 19 League 163, Hockley County.

B. F. Montgomery to S. A. Montgomery, surveys 4, 5, 9, in block D, Hockley County.

W. W. Moore to D. M. DeVitt, League 29, in Hockley County.

I have one-quarter section near Knowles, New Mexico, Eddy County. This place is in one mile of Knowles. Thirty-five acres in cultivation, three room house, painted and ceiled inside. Plenty of water in yard. About half of land all good tillable land. All fenced. Will trade for Lubbock county property, either town property or land.

Apply to

W. L. SIMPSON

Seven miles east of Lubbock

Special Notice

I wish to state that we are prepared to do first class hand engraving and any one expecting to give presents engraved should make the selection early, or we will not be able to get it done before Christmas. It takes quite a little time to do nice engraving work. Articles to be engraved must be paid for before the engraving is done. Crawford the Jeweler. 23 lt

Jno. F. Turner returned last Saturday from a business trip to Fort Worth and other points in that portion of the State. He reports business very slow in most all the places visited. It seems that Lubbock is away above the average in business and conditions of the farmers in this section are much better than in other parts of the State.

LISTEN LITTLE CHILDREN

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE AT

THE RETREAT Saturday, December 23rd, 1911

and will give a big stick of candy to every child accompanied by its parents. Santa Claus is having this candy made now and you want to be sure and see him at the Retreat between the hours of

2:30 and 4:00 o'clock

Bring your letters to him and mail them in our letter box. Tell him what you want.

The Retreat has the largest line of home made candies that Lubbock has ever witnessed. Now on display for Christmas.

Come One, Come All

and see for yourself what we have to offer in the way of Sweets, Fruits, Nuts and Cigars in Christmas packages and put your name on the list for the five pound box of candy that is to be given away.

Don't forget to leave orders for Christmas day deliveries. We will take care of them and see that they are delivered as you want them to be.

BRING THE CHILDREN TO SEE SANTA CLAUS

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WE ARE PLEASED TO STATE that our trade has been good, but we are offering strong inducements for a bigger scope of business.

See us for what you need in building materials.

C. E. Hunt, Local Manager

WEST PLAINS LUMBER COMPANY

Phone 331 Lubbock, Texas

Adjoining County News

From Our Exs.

TERRY COUNTY HERALD

Roscoe Wilson, a prominent young Attorney, of Lubbock, was in Brownfield a day or two last week.

Percy Spencer went to Lubbock last week as counsel for Mr. Moorhead in the case styled Long vs. Moorhead. Percy won his case as usual.

M. V. Brownfield and daughter Miss Effie, visited in Lubbock several days this week.

Mr. Bernice McClung, of Springtown, was here Saturday and Sunday on a prospecting tour, and visited his uncle W. G. Hardin while here. He owns 80 acres of good land in Terry county. He will probably buy a tailor shop at Lubbock and locate his family there.

The little baby of Arch McPhaul and wife, of the Harris county, developed a severe case of membranous croup this week and was brought to town for treatment. Dr. Murphy, of Lubbock, was called in consultation with Dr. Ellis and large doses of antitoxin were administered with the result that the little fellow is much better at this writing.

RALLS BANNER

A. J. Randolph, our enterprising drug man, was in Lubbock on business Wednesday.

Wiley Garrett came down from Lubbock on Wednesday's train to assist in the erection of Mr. Baird's two story building.

B. H. Hinds returned from a trip to Lubbock Wednesday

where he had been for the purpose of having his jaw lanced for a tumor.

Mr. Huston of Dickens passed through our town this week en route to Lubbock. He expressed his surprise at the growth of our city in so short a while.

LYNN COUNTY NEWS

H. C. Hickerson, of a mile and a half north of Tahoka, came in to town Monday with a ton of kaffir heads, a crate of fine Rhode Island red chickens and a couple of fine shoats. If this doesn't spell "diversefication" what does? There are three things that Lynn county cannot be excelled for; feed crops, hogs and chickens, and Tahoka is situated right in the center of this highly favored country. Come to Tahoka.

Thursday evening while Mrs. George Small and the children were sitting in the buggy in front of the Higginbotham-Harris Lumber yard, the horse became frightened and ran west along porterfield street until he got nearly home, when he turned the corner to go to the barn, the buggy struck the corner fence post jerking the whiffletree loose and throwing Mrs. Small out of the buggy. Beyond a few slight bruises no one was hurt.

An emigrant car came in the first of the week with some parties from Callahan county, who are improving a place in Terry county west of Gomez. Sam Hamlin went out the first of this

week to build a four room house for them. They stored their things in the McDaniel house on East Porterfield street while they are hauling their lumber from Tahoka and building their house.

ALL COURTS MUST BE OPEN

Secret Proceedings of Any Kind Are Contrary to Spirit of Our Law.

When two such eminent lawyers as Hannis Taylor and William E. Chandler contend that newspaper men may not properly be excluded from deposition proceedings because such proceedings constitute a court, and all courts must be open, the general public may be assured that the point is well taken. Mr. Taylor is one of the greatest living authorities on constitutional law, and Mr. Chandler, his colleague in a cause celebre, is likewise celebrated.

While it was undoubtedly to the interest of their clients that the proceedings should be open to newspaper men and consequently to the public, and while there might be fine-spun and even plausible arguments on the other side, it nevertheless remains true that under our legal system all courts are and must be open courts. Secret proceedings of any sort are contrary to the spirit of our law, which wisely recognizes that publicity is the refuge and the defense of the weak and innocent. Any encroachment upon that principle is to be feared and resisted.

Representative J. J. Dillard of Lubbock was here this week looking over city property and seeing the oil fields. Representative Dillard made the Panhandle country an alert and active representative during the regular and called session of the 32nd legislature. —Clay County Searchlight.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Saturday is the Opening Day of the County Institute. Cousins Will Deliver Address.

Some weeks ago there appeared in the Avalanche the program for the Lubbock County Teachers Institute which meets at the High School building in Lubbock next Saturday, December 16, 9:00 a.m. Many of the people, with the exception of the teachers have forgotten the date and the time, so this is offered as a kind of a reminder of the occasion.

They have a very interesting program, and one that will be of great benefit to the teachers and

those who hear the different subjects discussed, and it is hoped that the people of Lubbock will take a greater interest in this work this year than they have ever taken in the past.

Hon. R. B. Cousins, of Canyon is on the program to address the Institute Tuesday evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock, on the subject "Necessary Factors in successful Public Schools."

Mr. Cousins is a strong man in educational lines, and we are certain that there can be a great good done among the patrons of the school if they will be present and hear this gentleman on the subject. This address is intended for the public. The patrons and friends of the school are urged to attend and hear this

address. Mr. Cousins has written Prof. Wester to the effect that he will be here without fail, and no disappointment is looked for this time. Remember the date of the Institute and especially the time for Mr. Cousins' address.

TRUE AUTHORITY.

Self-government, with tenderness. Here you have the condition of all authority over children. The mother should consider herself as her child's sun, a changeless and ever-radiant world, whither the small, restless creature, quick at tears and laughter, light, fickle, passionate, full of storms, may come for fresh stores of light and warmth, of calm and courage. The mother represents the divinity to childhood. The religion of a child depends on what its mother and father are, not on what they say.

Bargains At The Bargain Store

We have bought a clean stock of groceries and some dry goods and we are going to sell them out at once, regardless of cost.

COME EARLY AND GET PICKINGS

And also remember that we are here with the second hand goods. We buy or sell and always have what you want. Come on and get some of these present bargains.

THE BARGAIN STORE

South Side Square.

Lubbock, Texas.

AUCTION SALE

I am going to conduct one of the Biggest Auction Sales ever attempted in Lubbock

Beginning Saturday, at 2:30 p. m.

AT THE NEW FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
C. E. PARKS, AUCTIONEER

This sale has been forced on me on account of the fact that I could not get into my new place of business in time to display my holiday goods and therefore am compelled to auction them off.

THESE GOODS CONSIST OF AN UP-TO-DATE LINE OF JEWELRY, CLOCKS, WATCHES AND CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES.

It is a well bought stock of good stuff. Not one article will be offered in the sale that is not first-class in every respect. Come and take advantage of this golden opportunity.

Remember---The Sale Begins at 2:30 Saturday afternoon, December 16th. Be on hand early and get in the first bid. It will be a mammoth sale in every respect. A chance to get some of the biggest bargains ever offered. Come to the Sale. Everybody Come.

W. M. CRAWFORD, THE JEWELER

Office Supplies

We have for sale in our office, office supplies of different kinds and we are in position to order anything that you want and will take pleasure in doing so, and will give the matter our careful attention.

We Have In Stock The Following Articles

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS

Densmore Visible, Densmore Invisible, Fox, Oliver, Remington Visible, Remington Invisible, L. C. Smith, other makes ordered

INK PADS: We have several sizes in stock and if we haven't what you want we will take your order for same.

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Avalanche Office

Church Notes

[We will be glad to make any announcements of Church Service, Programs, etc., in this column free of charge, where no revenue is received from the services.—Editor.]

Rev. Weary, of the Episcopal church was here Sunday and conducted services at their usual place of meeting Sunday morning and at night.

B. Y. E. U. PROGRAM

Sunday Dec. 17.
Subject—What the Bible Teaches About the Final Judgment.

Leader—Ruth Earhart.
Scripture Reading by the Leader; Matt. 25: 31-46.

The Topic for the Day—Final Judgment; Johnnie Roy.

Papers on—Final Judgment—

1. The Judge; Florence Brooks.
2. The Judged; Grace Green.

Scripture Reading; Matt. 25: 34-36—Clyde Topie.

Scripture Reading; Matt. 25: 41-46—Frayier McCrummen.
The Judgment—Kathleen Farris.

Scripture Reading; Rev. 20:12
—Maxline Marshall.
Music—Murrell Adams.

Preparation for Final Judgment—Mertie Long.

Scripture Reading; Romans 12: 14—Charlie Ward.

Scripture Reading; Eccles 12: 14—Aubry Baker.

Song.
Benediction.

See our window it is full of nice things for Christmas. Crawford the Jeweler.

James Ikard, a farmer of near Bowie, Clay county, was in Amarillo Friday night and left for Lubbock Saturday morning where he expects to locate.—Daily Panhandle.

Notice

I have received an order of sale for the Greenhill Brothers stock and fixtures, and anyone wishing to buy same will call and see Jno. A. Glenn. Also those indebted to the Greenhill Bros., estate please call and settle same as I wish to close the matter up at once.

Respectfully,
Jno. A. Glenn, Trustee.

Lubbock, Texas.

Court Upholds Sunday Laws

For sometime there has been an effort made in some of our centers of population to overturn our Sunday laws and turn all sorts of Sabbath desecration loose upon society. As a result, months ago the variety theaters and vaudevilles boldly threw their doors wide open Sunday afternoons and evenings, and local authorities winked at them. They would arrest them, give one of them a nominal fine and turn the rest free, and by this practice established these amusements on Sunday.

Finally a fine was put upon some of them, more than they cared to pay, and they appealed it to the Court of Criminal Appeals. Here is where they made their mistake, for Judge Prendergast and Judge Harper sustained the sentence of the trial court and knocked Sunday theaters into a cocked hat. After that one of the moving picture shows took his Sunday case to the same court, and now it turns out that these same two Judges affirmed that sentence and made the Sunday law apply to Sunday moving picture shows. So the Sunday moving picture shows are out of commission. Of course, Judge W. L. Davidson, the other member of the court, dissented from the majority opinion. He usually does when moral legislation is involved.

Now, what is transpiring? why, an effort is being put into action by lawyers who oppose local option laws, Sunday theater laws and Sunday moving picture laws, and those who want things run wide open regardless of the laws, to defeat Judge Prendergast for renomination in the primaries next summer. They cannot use him and want to destroy him. He is the ablest lawyer on that bench and as fearless as Julius Caesar, and he does not suit certain designing men. They have already agreed upon their man, so we are told,

and they are grooming him for the race, agreeing to meet the expenses of his campaign, and to elect him if possible. Therefore the law-abiding people of the State cannot afford to sit idly by and see this sort of thing carried out. They must show to the world that when an honest public official has the courage to do his duty, he will have their approval and their triumphant support.

Judge Prendergast and Judge Harper have shown themselves worthy of the high position they occupy, and good people who believe in the just enforcement of the laws against the criminal classes, and who believe in the maintenance of the sanctity of our Sunday, as one of our fundamental institutions, must show these two men that they have the endorsement of the substantial citizens of this commonwealth. Judge Harper has four more years after the next one on this bench, but Judge Prendergast will have to come before the primaries next summer. His position is in no sense political. It is judicial and beyond petty politics, but his continuance in that office depends upon the votes of honest and God-fearing men, and we do not hesitate to call the attention of our readers to the necessity of doing their civic duty in this important matter. As long as these two men are kept on the Court of Criminal Appeals, our moral legislation is safe. To permit either one of them stricken down by the enemies of moral legislation, will be to overturn our local option laws and to destroy our Sunday laws. Then let every man do his duty!—Texas Christian Advocate.

Jess Davis, who has been spending several months in the vicinity of Sweetwater has returned to Lubbock to spend the holidays.

Baracca Class Luncheon

You are cordially invited to attend the luncheon of THE BARACCA CLASS

to be had at the Furniture Store of W. E. Robinson

Friday, December 15th

at which time the following menu will be served:

Soup	
Oyster	Chicken
Ham Sandwiches	Chicken Salad
Pumpkin Pie	
Gelatine and Cake	Chocolate and Cream
Coffee	
Luncheon 35cts	Short Orders Served

This luncheon is given to help secure a room for the Baracca Class of the Methodist Church and we urge you to come out and help us in this worthy cause.

Remember the date, the place and come.

Luncheon will be served beginning at twelve o'clock
All are invited.

BARACCA CLASS OF M. E. CHURCH

For District Attorney
In this issue of the Avalanche will be found the announcement of J. E. Vickers who enters the race for District Attorney to succeed himself for that office in the 72nd Judicial District. Mr. Vickers was appointed to this office by the Governor when the new 72nd district was created by the legislature last year. He is a young man of great ability, and ambitious, and so far as we know is making an excellent attorney for the state. Mr. Vickers has been in Lubbock several years, and has become very popular with the bar throughout this section of the state. He asks that you give his candidacy due consideration before casting your vote in the 1912 primaries.

SOME CLOSING OUT SPECIALS

All Boy's Suits with straight pants go at half regular price

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Society Items

BY MRS. D. ROBINSON

On last Friday afternoon the Neighborhood Embroidery Club met in regular session with Mrs. F. E. Craig. Notwithstanding the inclement weather the meeting was well attended, and all thoughts of the dreary exterior was forgotten during the pleasant hours.

Mrs. Craig favored her guests with an interesting reading, after which the Misses Kimbro and Craig rendered beautiful piano selections. All were delighted with the vocal solos of Mesdames Wheelock and Craig. A delicious two-course luncheon was served, which consisted of chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, coffee, cake, and gelatine with whipped cream.

Besides the club members, the following ladies were present: Mesdames Kimbro, Wheelock, Quick and Parks.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD EMBROIDERY CLUB (de'ayed)

One of the most pleasant meetings of the Neighborhood Embroidery Club was at the home of Mrs. J. T. Bullock, Friday November 24th.

The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation while each busily plied her needle. Very delicious salad rolls, tea and wafers were served, after which the guests departed voting Mrs. Bullock a charming hostess.

BOX PARTY

Last Friday evening Miss Ona Webb entertained quite a number of young people at her home in the northwest part of town with a box party. "Fort-two" also being one of the features of the evening.

Right in the exciting part of the game, a curtain was drawn and a fishing pole brought forth for each party to fish for their

fortune. Each card had corresponding numbers and whoever matched numbers would go to supper together. This proved to be quite interesting indeed, as some drew two numbers, which of course gave them a better advantage to get more boxes. Misses Marshall and Burns gave several piano selections which were greatly enjoyed.

At a late hour they all expressed themselves of having spent one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season notwithstanding the bad weather.

Those present were as follows:

Misses Hicks, Wilkerson, Clark, Nelson, Webb, Marshall, Misses Glenna and Maud Burns, Norris, and Mesdames Marshall and Webb, Messrs Goggans, Robertson, Kimmell, Earhart, Holland, Porter, McCrummen and Wilson.

CAMPHOR FOR A COLD.

In its early stages an acute cold may be avoided by use of camphor. If the chest seems "tight" rub it thoroughly with equal parts of sweet oil and camphor, and wear a compress during the night of flannel saturated with the mixture, heated and covered with dry flannel. Three or four drops of camphor in a glass of hot water, taken at night, is excellent. If the throat is a little sore use a gargle of ten drops of camphor to a tablespoonful of water, being careful not to swallow this. Rubbing the nose with sweet oil and camphor and inhaling the fumes of the latter will help matters when the head has a sensation of fullness.

NO FAVORITISM.

"Is your town doing anything in the uplift way?"
"Oh, yes! We have a committee appointed to see all shows suspected of being immoral, and report on them."
"Good!"
"Yes, a committee of one thousand."
"Indeed! Isn't that a—er—rather large committee?"
"Well, you see, we can't afford to create any hard feeling, and so we made it large enough to include about everybody."—Lippincott's.

HE WAS DIFFERENT KIND

Magnate Makes Wrong Guess on College Man Who Applies for Job.

The young man entered the magnate's office.
"So you want a job, do you?" the latter gruffly remarked. "Just out of college, no doubt?"
"Yes."
"The magnate sized him up. "Think you know it all, eh?"
"No, sir."
"Imagine you own the earth, no doubt?"
"No."
"Believe yourself to be a much better man than your father?"
"No."
"What was the subject of your graduating essay?"
"Human Dynamism."
"Remarkably practical. Too clever to do any real work, of course?"
"No. I want to learn the business."
The sneer on the magnate's face deepened.

"O, I've heard of you college smarties. The newspapers are all on to you. If I gave you a job in a week you'd be showing me how to run the business, wouldn't you?"
"No, sir."
The magnate stared at him.
"All right, son. That will be your desk over yonder. You'll get \$25 a week as a starter, with an increase as soon as you familiarize yourself with the work. Good luck to you."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sunday School Association
The next meeting of the Lubbock County Sunday School Association will meet in the South Side Christian Church, December 24, at 2:30 o'clock. Following is the program for the occasion:
Song Service.
Prayer.
Address by President (five minutes)—J. K. Wester.
The Needs of My Sunday School—Five minutes talk by Dr. R. M. Johnson, E. L. Klett, W. S. Palmer, Jno. R. McGee, T. P. Gibson, J. L. Dow.
Music.
General Discussion, all talks limited to five minutes.
Business session.
Adjournment.
Committee.

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SWEETWATER VS. LUBBOCK

Lubbock Team Defeats Visitors in a Clean Game of Foot Ball Thanksgiving

Heavily outweighed and outplayed, but never outfought, Sweetwater High was badly beaten at football by Lubbock High Thanksgiving Day. In spite of the fact that they were outweighed over 30 pounds to a man, and outplayed by a squad of superior training, the Sweetwater men fought gamely. The

putting of James Henry Beal and the long forward passes. Hope to Ragland, were Sweetwater's principal ground gaining plays. Cox, Sweetwater's 100 pound quarterback, ran his team in good fashion, but was unable to score against a team so much heavier than his own. The tackling of Trammell and Hope was exceptionally good, though the entire team tackled low and well. The Lubbock squad showed excellent coaching. Their backfield was fast and heavy, and their line was an impregnable

barrier to the Sweetwater backs. They played straight football most of the time, but made several successful forward passes. Sweetwater had an excellent chance of scoring in the second quarter when they played Lubbock to a standstill, holding them scoreless throughout that period, once in the third period Tom Trammell intercepted a forward pass, dodged several tacklers and started toward the Lubbock goal with a clear field before him, but was overtaken and tackled on Lubbock's 30 yard line. The game was exceptionally

clean and sportmanlike, Sweetwater never being penalized and Lubbock but once.

Special Session Unnecessary Austin, Tex., Dec 8.—Gov. Colquitt expects to leave Austin Monday night for Huntsville to confer with the State Prison Commission relative to rebuilding the factories destroyed by fire and also regarding the financial condition of the prison system. He also intends visiting the cane fields of South Texas. The penitentiary finances are in poor condition, it is said, and made worse by the fire and by

the freeze to the cane crop.

While quite a number of persons think that the Governor can not reorganize the prison finances without legislative action, the Executive is still positive that he will call no special session. Some insist that the financial condition is so bad that only the Legislature can do the things necessary to bring order out of chaos.

The Governor does not think so.

R. B. McClung, of Brownfield, has leased the New Elite Cafe, and is now in charge of same.

I will give a liberal discount on all monuments in stock at Lubbock or Amarillo till January 1. Call me at my residence. 23-1f L. O. BURFORD.

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Little Child Dies

Little Camilla Nannie Louise Roberts, the 21 months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Roberts died last Sunday morning after a long illness caused by an accident that befell the little one some time ago, when she fell from the porch striking her head on a nail, which penetrated the skull and entering the brain. Everything was done that medical skill could conceive to save the little one's life, and several days after the delicate operation of removing a portion of the skull, the little sufferer succumbed to the effects of the injury and the operation.

The remains were laid to rest

in the Lubbock cemetery Monday afternoon. Rev. Lane, pastor of the Methodist church conducting the services at the grave.

The parents have the sympathy of the entire community, in the loss of this flower of the family, and we can only point them to the One who does all things for the best.

For District Judge

Judge W. R. Spencer, the present incumbent this week announces through the columns of the Avalanche to the voters of the 72 judicial district that he is in the race to succeed himself for the judgeship of this district. Judge Spencer was appointed

to this office by Hon. O. B. Colquitt, over the application of a number of other aspirants at the time the new district was created, and he has filled the bench to the general satisfaction of the people of this district. He is a gentleman of ability, and a good judge of law, and keeps things busy during court session. He has been a citizen of this section of the state some years. Until recently he has been a resident of Brownfield, but has purchased residence property in Lubbock and expects to make this his home in the future. He has received very favorable mention by the press throughout the district, and will no doubt be a hard one to down in the coming campaign.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the cause of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing her work. The proprietors have much faith in its curative powers that they offer \$100 reward for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
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ANCIENT GAME OF "BOWLS"

Thirteenth Century Sport That Promises to Become Popular Again in England.

The ancient English game of "bowls" is being revived and promises to become as popular as golf or tennis, an exchange says. One decided advantage that the game has over many played is that both men and women can play with equal chances of success, and no one is too old for it. A very small section of grass-grown real estate suffices for the bowling green. The balls are a little smaller than those used in a bowling alley. To begin the game one of the players rolls a small white ball, keeping it within the course marked by a flag. When the white ball has been properly placed the bowlers begin. Each man has two balls, distinguished from the others by his initials, which are usually worked in the ball with inlaid ivory. The object of the bowler is to get as near to the white ball as possible. At the end of the round the distance of each ball from the white ball determines the score of each player. The balls are weighted at one side to permit of curving when bowling, and the skill of the player is exerted to so curve the ball that it will pass around another's ball in the direction of the white ball. It is permissible to knock another player's ball out of the way and replace this ball with the ball bowled.

According to the players talked with, the origin of "bowls" dates back as far as the thirteenth century.

STOLIDITY OF THE CHINESE

Give Them Rice and Tobacco and Nothing That Can Happen Matters Much.

The following extract, quoted by All The World, affords an insight into the character of the Chinaman as Griffith John, a missionary, found him: "From the Yangtze branch of the river a flood poured, which gave both town and surrounding country the appearance of a lake. Great destruction of goods and property ensued. Thousands of Chinese houses were deserted by their occupants, after they had clung to them as long as possible. The Chinaman is, however, patient and good humored. His house may be ready to tumble down; he and his family, and perhaps a friend or two, are sitting upon the piled up furniture on the roof in a state of half nudity, smoking, punning, gambling and sipping tea as if nothing out of the way had taken place. So long as a Chinaman has his bowl of rice and pipe of tobacco, and a tolerable appetite, he cares neither for life nor death. A fatalist at heart, he calmly, and without a murmur, submits to the inevitable."

PAPER-COMB IS NOVELTY.

The paper comb is a novelty which has made its appearance. It is made of smooth finished, hard cardboard. The teeth are coarse and far apart, but it is quite useful for combing the hair. The paper comb is one to be used once and then thrown away. It is designed for travelers and for use in public baths, and in various places where now might be found combs kept for common use; in such places these combs might be furnished by the establishment free. It is not costly, the paper comb, put up in a waxed paper holder, being sold at retail at one cent.

BEST HE COULD DO.

"Cold comfort, that," said Senator La Follette apropos of a letter sent to a defeated candidate by a faithful voter. "It reminds me of Joe Blank's guide."

"Joe Blank went shooting last autumn after reed birds. He was a poor shot, and though his guide brought him to many a cove full of birds, none fell to his gun."

"The first eight or nine misses the guide said nothing, but on the tenth he said as the uninjured reed birds rose in a great cloud:

"By gosh, sir, ye made that lot shift their quarters!"

CHANGE.

She (pouting)—Before we were married you often used to catch me in your arms.

He—Yes, and now I catch you in my pockets.

EVERY ONE WOULD.

Marks—Would you have courage to go up in an airship?

Park—If some one would repeat the words of gravitation.

DICTION OF CAMERA MAN

Woman Subject Required to Rest an Hour Before Posing for Picture.

Three o'clock was the hour of the busy woman's appointment with the photographer, but early in the day he telephoned for her to come at two o'clock. She went, and found him busy with another subject.

"I wanted you to come ahead of time," he said, "so you could lie down and rest for an hour. It is the hardest kind of work to get you busy people into a proper condition to be photographed. You rush around up to the last minute, then come here nervous wrecks and expect me to take good pictures. I can't do it. Nobody can. Tightly drawn lips, sunken eyes, and a generally tense expression don't look well in a photograph. You are a good looking woman and deserve good looking pictures, but you won't get them unless you rest an hour before facing the camera."

The woman appreciated the wisdom of his remarks, but she was so angry because she had been cheated out of a valuable hour that it was doubtful if the rest improved her appearance.

ONCE COSTLIEST OF WARES

Vessels of Odoriferous Clay So Rare Only Wealthiest Collectors Could Afford One.

Vessels of odoriferous clay were imported early in the sixteenth century from Peru, Chile and Mexico by the Portuguese merchants, to which were given the name of buccaros. So highly was this ware esteemed that only the wealthiest collectors could afford to possess entire specimens. Broken pieces were set in gold or silver or ground to powder to be used to scent cakes and confections and to perfume gloves and handkerchiefs. It was also supposed to possess medicinal properties and was prescribed by contemporary physicians for certain ailments. The great demand for the buccaros resulted in the alleged discovery of scented clays in Portugal and the potters of the time used them to fashion all sorts of drinking vessels, on which they impressed a seal or stamp, hence the adoption of the name terra sigillata.

STORAGE FOWL POISONS SIXTY.

Cold storage chicken served at the wedding supper of C. M. Artman, Chicago, caused ptomaine poisoning among about sixty of the guests.

Dr. George B. Young, health commissioner, concluded an investigation of the affair. He refused to give the name of the concern which sold the chicken, saying, "It might hurt their business." No prosecution will be instituted.

The chicken was served in a salad. On the morning after the supper nearly every one who had eaten of it became ill. Those who had not partaken of the salad were unaffected. That circumstance, in the opinion of Dr. Young, fixed the guilt upon the chicken.

Alderman Joseph T. Mahoney of the Thirtieth ward was one of the victims.

SAVING THE YOUNGSTERS.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington says that the idea of the juvenile court grows very slowly in the south. She says that boys and girls are sent to prison for slight offenses and there associating with older prisoners learn much evil. Local colored women's clubs in Alabama have taken the matter up, she says, and have succeeded in establishing reformatories where had boys and girls may be taught as well as punished. The governor of the state found the reformatory of so much good that he took charge of it. In Pennsylvania, Arkansas and Kentucky colored women's clubs have been working along the same lines.

POPULAR GERMAN PRINCESS.

The most talked of princess in the German emperor's household is Princess Eitel Frederick, the wife of the second son. She is a very charming woman and the kaiser is quite fond of her, his only regret being that his son has no children. The wife of the oldest son, heir to the throne, is the mother of three children, which pleases the kaiser.

A GUARANTEE.

"Why are women so ready to marry in the army and navy?"

"Perhaps because they want a uniform."

HE WAS EASILY SATISFIED

Negro Whose Lot Was Invaded by Circus Only Wanted His Ownership Admitted.

The circus had come to a certain southern town. Just before the parade a prosperous looking negro approached the manager of the show, doffed his hat and said: "Did you all showmen know you has ybuh show on my lot?"

The manager replied he knew nothing about the matter and ordered the negro out of the way. The claimant, however, stood his ground and finally proved to the manager that he did own the lot. Then the manager looked up the real estate agent who had rented the lot for circus purposes. The real estate man came up. "What you want here?" he asked of the owner.

"Nuth'n, co'n'l, nuth'n, cap, I was jes' tellin' dese yere show fo'ks they done got th' tent on my lot."

"Did they tear your fence down?"

"No, sir, co'n'l, case dey ain' no fences."

"Well, don't you know you can't keep people off your lot unless it is fenced? They can play ball on it, or dig bait on it, or have a show on it, or pasture their cows on it, so long as it isn't fenced and no house is on it."

"Is dat so?" inquired the owner anxiously. "All right, co'n'l, all right. I wasn't wantin' nuth'n cep' to have you all admit I owns that there lot."—Saturday Evening Post.

MILLINERY FIRST



Hubby—I honestly think I'm going to have appendicitis.
Wife—Well, I'm sure I'm going to have a new hat, and your old appendicitis can wait.

PHOTOGRAPHS ON FINGER NAILS.

One of the latest fads in Germany is the mounting of photographs on the fingernails, the idea growing out of the whim of a cousin of the kaiser, who had an enameled portrait of her fiance worked on the nail of her little finger. This portrait was a work of art and cost \$90, but now the fashionable manicures of Berlin have taken up the idea in the photograph form. The feature of this work by manicures is rendering the photograph waterproof, which is done by coating it over with a shellac-like substance burned upon the nail. It is said that, with careful handling, a photograph so mounted will last about four months without renewal.—Popular Mechanics.

AN EMERGENCY DOOR.

An emergency door for theaters has been invented by a Chicago man which cannot be opened from the outside without the use of a special key, and is, therefore, secure against the entrance of unauthorized persons, and yet the slightest pressure on any part of the inner surface of the door opens it at once. In its construction the door is built of two parts, each comprising a shell, and upon pressure from within the hall the one shell collapses into the other, and in doing so throws the bolts and catches out of operation and the door springs open.

AFTER THE TOUR.

"Well, Binks, I see you've returned from your thousand mile tour in New England," said BJones.

"Yep," said Binks.

"How did you find the hotels en route?" asked BJones.

"Hotels?" retorted Binks. "We didn't stop at any hotels. We passed all our nights in the county jails."—Harper's Weekly.

INTERRUPTED REPOSE.

"So you don't care for chess?"

"Not much. It's annoying to be awakened every time you drop into a nice nap, merely to be told that it is your move."



SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS FOR GOOD THINGS TO EAT

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Don't send away for nice packages for your sweetheart when we will sell you the best at the lowest prices. See us for all kinds of Christmas goodies.

We have a solid car of canned goods, just in, and this puts us in a position to make you very close prices on goods by the case, as we bought these goods before the advance and will give our customers the advantage of the old prices.

We have also received fifty boxes of very fancy apples and we want every customer we have to get a box of these apples.

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Classified Ads.

FOR SALE—Span of young mules. See W. J. Stalcup seven miles east of town. 21 tf

FOR SALE—Five room bungalow bath, pantry and attic, four lots, Overton Addition, four blocks from High School. J. W. Agnew. 22 2tp

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished. Phone 349. Mrs. Dolph Robinson. 21-4tp

FOR RENT—Farm of 250 acres. Good house, barn and water, near Lubbock. Apply to Morton Smith, Lubbock, Texas. 22 tf

FOR SALE—A fine jersey cow, owner paid \$100 cash for her. Who wants her at a bargain. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A good piano, fine tone, in good shape, will take \$25 down \$10 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A nice little two room house, with well, barn, lot, storm house, fifty foot lot. A bargain at \$600, \$50 down \$10 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A nice three room house, close on old town section, in good repair, good well, no incumbrance, on three lots. Price \$1200, \$100 down \$10 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building, Waco, Texas. 23 tf

FOR SALE—A nice four room cottage, located three blocks west of the new school building on Overton Addition, being the South East corner, all fenced with pickets, house newly papered, water piped in, electric lights, nice kitchen, windmill barn and wash house. A bargain on easy payments. \$20 per month. Address J. A. Craven, room 1814 Amicable building, Waco, Texas. 23 tf

STRAYED—Three blue greyhounds about nine months old. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery. Phone 199-2r. 23 tf

LOST—Light brown overcoat, ten buttons in front, strap behind. Lost somewhere between the city wall and the sanitarium. Suitable reward for return of same to J. R. Whitely, or this office. 23 tf

LOST—One Olive green blanket branded U. S. in center. One Navajo blanket, black and white stripe. \$5.00 reward for return to R. L. Slaughter, care of this office. 21 4tp

FOUND—Winter lap robe, near White School house. Owner may have same by paying for this notice and describing the article. 22 tf

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Avalanche will place the names of candidates for the following offices at the rates given below. This carries your name up to the primaries, and should you be the successful nominee your name will appear in the proper column up to the general election;

District Offices	\$20.00
County Offices	\$12.50
Commissioners	\$ 7.50
Justice of the Peace	\$ 5.00
Congress	\$25.00

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce J. H. (Hurd) Standerfer as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Lubbock and attached counties, subject to the action of Democratic Primaries of 1912.

We are authorized to announce S. C. Spikes, as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor for Lubbock and adjoining counties, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, in 1912.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. K. Porter as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor, (re-election) for Lubbock and attached counties subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries, 1912.

FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce W. H. Flynn as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector for Lubbock and attached counties, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, in July, 1912.

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

I hereby announce as a candidate to succeed myself as Judge of the 72nd Judicial District subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July 22nd 1912.

W. L. SPENCER.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for District Attorney of the 72nd Judicial District of Texas to succeed myself subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July 22nd 1912.

LAND FREED FROM TICKS

800,000 Acres in Pecos and Terrell Counties in Condition for Removal of Quarantine.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 12.—Tick eradication has so progressed in Pecos and Terrell Counties that 1,200 sections, about \$800,000 acres are clean and will be recommended for freedom from quarantine restrictions by Dr. P. B. Scott of Sanderson, United States Inspector at that place.

This report was received by Chairman Waddell of the State Livestock Sanitary Commission today. The recommendation for release goes to Dr. L. J. Allen, United States Inspector in Texas and Oklahoma. The new regulations will be issued this month and the release of this body of land is then anticipated. This work began July 1 and the report cites this fact in support of the contention that this work can be speedily done. The cooperation of the State inspectors is noted.

Thirteen dipping vats have been installed in the two counties named and one for public use of those with moving herds at Sheffield Bridge. That is for the convenience of those moving cattle, horses or mules over the line.

Chairman Waddell says much of this country is rough and mountainous and yet, in face of the difficulties made by this physical condition of the country, the work progressed rapidly and effectively. He also added that eradication work had freed King and all of Howard counties from ticks, except a small corner of Howard.

The Christmas Spirit

The Denton Record-Chronicler: While we are having charitable thoughts, let us not forget that charity begins at home, and that there are some families in Denton whom old Santa will not visit this year unless he receives the suggestion—also the means from outside sources. The Christmas spirit that fails to take in all children is somehow lacking, for Christmas as a modern institution is a time set apart largely for the giving of joy to the little folks, and not a one in a comfortable community like Denton should be slighted.

There ought to be a law which would compel every old bachelor and childless widow to play Santa Claus to at least two poor children. If there is any time in the life of a human being when he feels hurt rather than bitter over his poverty, probably it is when he is about seven years old and realizes that Christmas is mostly for those who are passing rich. The little boy, or little girl, of tender years who is by reason of parental neglect or parental impoverishment, cheated out of the joys of Christmas has a right to feel that society has outraged him. The young man who is old enough to suffer, but too young to bring philosophy to bear upon his little problems, endures per-

haps a keener anguish than those of other ages. It is not right for one child to secure from Santa Claus a bewildering assortment of gifts—precious to childhood and another little child to receive nothing. Whatever the well-to-do may contend in defense of their bounties to their own, they cannot deny that they are not in some degree obligated to remember the less fortunate but not less sensitive children who are never far away. —State Press.

The Lubbock Way

Lubbock is a thriving little city goes without saying—Why? because it's merchants are known far and wide, to be the most liberal advertisers in West Texas, which has made Lubbock one of the best trading points in this part of Texas. They believe in turning up things—not waiting for things to turn up, which has made for her a reputation, which will go down the annals of history as one of the most progressive cities in West Texas. —Ralls Banner.

Card of Thanks

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to each and every one who in any way assisted us during the recent illness and death of our baby. We cannot in these hours of sadness recall all personally who rendered us valuable assistance and appreciated sympathy but we thank you each and every one from the depth of our heart, and command God's richest blessings upon you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Roberts.

L. B. Smith, of Amarillo, was here the early part of the week. He is looking for a location for a first class cafe. We have not learned whether he has succeeded in closing a deal or not.

D. M. Flinn, of Mangum, Okla. was in the city Saturday morning, en route to Lubbock where he has been called on account of the illness of his brother. —Amarillo Daily Panhandle.

Society Items

BY MRS. D. ROBINSON

Music lovers of Lubbock were given quite a treat Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Carl Roberts invited their friends in to hear Silvio Scivnti, a brilliant piano artist, interpret the classics of such of the old masters as Chopin, Rubenstein etc, and of McDonell a composer of modern, popular, music.

Mr. Scivnti, is of the "American Conservatory of Music," of Chicago. He is concertising, and is in this part of the country through the influence of one of his pupils, Miss Huff. Although the weather was very inclement, quite a number were present, as an invitation extended by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts always meets with a hearty response.

The Amarillo Daily News says of Mr. Scivnti:

"Too much praise cannot be given of his wonderful playing. He possesses exceptional finger velocity and his entire attitude towards his art is that of a musician of the most scholarly understanding and breadth of conception and the most liberal temperamental endowment."

THIS SUNNY WEATHER

should make us feel brighter, especially when we remember the good business our friends are favoring us with.

The best way to insure brightness in this life is to have a good bank account. Several boys are opening accounts with us, and we urge others to do so. No deposit too small for us to accept and appreciate.

A bank account should be kept for many reasons and one reason is that is the best way to establish credit, and none of us know just when we will need some help.

We make a special point to care for our customers and hope you will come to us when in need and we will extend every favor consistent with good banking.

The First National Bank

OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS

JNO. W. BAKER, Pres. C. D. LESTER, Cashier W. K. DICKERSON, SR., V. Pres.
 C. E. PARKS, V. Pres. E. C. PRIEST, Ass't. Cashier. F. E. CRAIG, Ass't. Cashier.

WILL BEGIN WORK SOON

Merrell Half Block Will be Built Within Short Time—Construction Soon to Commence

M. E. Merrell informed the Avalanche man that everything is in good shape with regard to his building on the northwest corner of the square, and there will be something very much akin to activity going on in that particular spot within a few days. The contractor is getting everything ready. Material is being purchased and workmen secured, and after the dirt is once broken there is no anti-

A Christmas Present

for the different members of the family is the upmost thought in the mind of the people of this great country. Let me suggest that you subscribe for the Ladies Home Journal to be sent to them. They will all enjoy it. I am agent in Lubbock and will take your subscription or renewal for the Journal or the Saturday Evening Post.

MRS. W. M. SHAW

ings will be ready for occupancy by early spring, and we understand all the rooms have been spoken for, which will insure the owners a revenue from the beginning.

It is expected that these build-

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This two inch continuous pillar bed in Vernis Martin finish for \$9.50, other things as cheap. Matting covered shirtwaist and skirt boxes \$3 to \$12.50 each.

Nice Princesses Dressers with large French Plate Mirrors at \$15.00 to \$50.00 in Mahogany, Cercassian Walnut, Oak or Bird's Eye Maple.

Most complete line of best values in Center Tables and Library that has ever been shown in Lubbock.

Everything late in Dining Room Furniture—Buffets, China Closets, Combination China Closets and Buffets, in Oak, Mahogany or Early English.

You know that we were showing an immense line of Art Squares and Rugs, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$45.00 but we can now show you another large consignment of patterns, never before shown. Strictly new spring goods.

Absolutely the most complete line of good Rockers that could be found anywhere, also a good assortment of odd Chairs, Reception Chairs, etc.

Passpartout binding and other Picture Framing Material.

Come to the Bazaar and let us show you how many useful and substantial Christmas presents we have for you.

W. E. ROBINSON

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AND YOU SHOULD INSIST ON THE BEST. We have the sure enough fresh line of Groceries—all fresh—and they are yours for the asking—with a small profit added. Make your store your store for the December orders.

R. G. WAY GROCERY COMPANY

BUILDING WAGON ROADS

Midland is Taking Active Interest in Getting Trade From Her Adjoining Counties

Midland, Tex., Dec. 7.—For the first time in the history of good road building one county is going outside its own confines and building good roads in adjoining counties. Midland will next week begin the construction of roads in both Andrews and Gaines counties in order to show their neighbor in these two counties how to construct model highways and to educate them to the great advantages both in time and money which accrue from the construction of modern first class roads the citizens of Midland have arranged to build at once sample stretches of several miles of strictly first class roads in both of these adjoining counties.

"Having decided to help their neighbors the Midland people determined that nothing was too good for them and they have therefore secured the service of a Good Road Engineer attached to the United States Government who will be in Midland next Monday. He will immediately take a large force of workmen and all the necessary machinery to Gaines and Andrews counties and begin the work.

"The County Commissioners of the two counties will be on hand and select the places where they want the model roads located. The entire cost of the work is paid for by the city of Midland.

"This action is sure to give a great impetus to the building of good roads not only on the counties of Gaines and Andrews but all over West Texas. As an illustration of public spirit and progressiveness, this action on the part of Midland is, so far as known, without parallel."

To a considerable extent the same conditions confront Lubbock as does Midland with regard to the road proposition. Lubbock is the logical trading point for the counties west of us and over into New Mexico to a considerable extent. On the west end of the road there is a great amount of sand, some of it so heavy that it is almost impossible for loaded wagons to pass over. The same conditions exist between Seminole and Midland, and since the building of the railroad to Lamesa, Midland has suffered heavy loss of trade from the north, and this is the cause of the movement being made that is spoken of in the above article under Midland date line.

We are of the opinion (Lubbock being the logical trading point) that this town should make a strong effort to hold this trade, which they can do by furnishing a good road to travel over. In Lubbock county, with the exception of a possible mud-hole and very little straightening of the road, has excellent roads, but we believe that we should go further than the line of Lubbock county, we should go on through Hockley and Cochran counties (attached for judicial purposes) and make a good road to the line of New Mexico. The difference in the amount

of business received would pay for the investment with interest.

Lubbock people, think about it. Do not wait till some other place starts something and then rush in and try to wrestle it away from them, but begin now. The people along this route we are sure will tell you that it would be a sure way to get the trade of the western counties and over into New Mexico, and that trade is worth the effort to secure.

BOY SCOUTS IN RUSSIA

Tiny Warriors Go Through Their Evolutions Under the Eye of the Emperor.

The review of the boy scouts by the czar at St. Petersburg was a delightful spectacle. The vast expanse of the Mars field was checked by the scarlet, green, white and khaki uniforms of the tiny warriors, whose evolutions were watched with delight by immense crowds. The bright sunshine was tempered by a breeze.

As the emperor and his suite rode down the lines, greeting each detachment, the boys answered in Russian soldier fashion: "We wish good health to your majesty." Each separate command then demonstrated its special aptitudes. To the accompaniment of their own bands they went through drills and gymnastic exercises. The Tashkent battalion produced some excellent fences; the Odessa contingent, 1,000 strong, showed admirable training; there was a football team, which kicked the ball among the imperial suite, much to the czar's amusement; and small firemen climbed dummy houses. The march past of the 6,000 boys lasted 40 minutes. One little drummer was five years old. A tiny brigade had a tiny ambulance drawn by a donkey. The czar, who was hugely delighted, thanked each detachment, and after the review expressed his gratitude to the officers and the schoolmasters.

The movement is growing rapidly. Russia will soon have 200,000 boy soldiers.

A SURE THING



Customer—Is this cough medicine a good thing?
Druggist (absently)—It is, for the manufacturer.

Jack Fox to Amarillo

Jack Fox, than whom there is no more popular railroad man in this section, and whose reputation for wit and repartee are even better known, has been transferred from the Santa Fe force in this city to Amarillo. While small in stature, being only 52 inches tall, nature has more than paid him in mentality. His hosts of friends here wish him abundant success in his new field, and will look forward with pleasure to his visits to this city.

Sweetwater Reporter.
Jack is kindly remembered here by a large number of our people. He was stationed here several months and has a host of friends in Lubbock.

No. 6195

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK at Lubbock, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 5 1911.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$181,247.99
Overdrafts secured and unsecured	1,705.35
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U.S. Bonds	1,850.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	23,008.90
Other Real Estate owned	17,137.12
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	17,177.06
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	3,061.56
Due from approved Reserve Agents	18,479.75
Cash and other Cash Items	908.43
Notes and other Claims on Banks	380.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	53.50
LAWS ON RESERVE IN BANKS:	
Specie	\$3,084.00
Legal-tender notes	\$4,740.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,500.00
TOTAL	\$265,461.56

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expense and Taxes paid	13,762.94
National Bank Notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	588.92
Individual deposits subject to check	100,005.63
Time certificates of deposit	1,974.36
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	10,000.00
Liabilities other than those stated above	15,000.00
TOTAL	\$265,461.56

STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Lubbock) ss:
I, C. D. Lester, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
C. D. LESTER, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:
JNO. W. BAKER, W. K. DICKINSON, Sr., C. E. PARKS, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Dec. 1911.
[SEAL] GEO. R. REAN, Notary Public.

SHE LOST ENGAGEMENT

Carnegie's Story of Girl Who Took Pledge to the Jeweler's for Valuation.

"I was among the guests at Skibo when Andrew Carnegie entertained Lloyd George."

The speaker, a New York millionaire, smiled complacently.

"What a raconteur Andrew Carnegie is, to be sure!" he went on. "At dinner one evening the talk turned to the set of gold clubs he had sent to the president, and some one made a joking remark about the invisible strings attached to the clubs. 'But Mr. Carnegie declared that no strings, no conditions, attached to his gift. He said he didn't believe in gifts that could possibly cause unpleasantness, and then he told an appropriate story.

"Two girls, the story ran, were drinking tea and eating scones at Sherry's. The first girl said: 'Maud is so sorry she took Reggie's ring back to Dymon's to be valued.' 'Why?' asked the other girl, as she opened a fresh one. 'Dymon kept it. He said Reggie hadn't been in to settle for it according to his promise.'"

BAD CONDUCTOR



First Passenger (on street car)—That conductor will never get struck by lightning.

Second Passenger—Why so?
First Passenger—He just collected ten fares and rung up six.

Mrs. Ira Judd, of Amarillo, is visiting relatives here this week.

We Said Unto

30 You

in our last ad wait for us and save money, and that we would be open about the 5th, but because of unavoidable delay in the construction of building we are to occupy, we will not be open until

Saturday the 16th

at which time we will be pleased to meet you. If you need merchandise you will be fortunate indeed as we will have nothing but new goods at astonishingly low prices. These goods were purchased from the jobbers during their annual pre-inventory sale at much less than regular price.

REMEMBER THE DATE
WAIT FOR US

LUBBOCK MERCANTILE CO.

"THE HOUSE OF QUALITY"

School Happenings
The recital was postponed on account of the bad weather, but will be given sometime this week.

Five teachers wrote the examination last Friday and Saturday.

Remember the County Institute convenes next Saturday. We hope the citizens will come out and help in these meetings.

The children enjoyed the beautiful snow on last Tuesday.

Mattie Roy sprained her ankle playing basket ball on last Thursday and has not been able to walk to school since. We hope she will be with us again soon.

Mrs. Stubbs visited us during chapel last Thursday.

Mr. Cousins, President of the Canyon State Normal, will be in

Lubbock Tuesday evening and will talk to the people at the High School building at 7:30 o'clock on the above date. Come out and hear something good.

This is the last week of school before the holidays and the different grades are planning a program. The primary grades are delighted over their Christmas tree.

The teachers of the Ward building are preparing a program and will also give the little ones a tree.

We certainly feel grateful to some of the patrons and friends of the school for the assistance they have given us in trying to make the little ones happy. They are not children but once and

lets make them happy while we may, for they soon will be gone from us.

Mrs. May Koerpel, one of our teachers last year, made us a short visit last Thursday. Come again.

Misses Crosset, McGee and Nevels and Prof. Atkinson will spend the holidays with loved ones at their home.

Reporter.

See the samples of engraving in our window. Crawford the Jeweler 23 1t

Walk away then all on engravings & Miller's alka phone 95

SPEND YOUR MONEY AT HOME

And there is a chance that you will get to see it again. We have a line of goods that will compare in design, quality and price with any you secure at any market.

Let us prove this to you the next time you want wall paper. Pictures satisfactorily framed.

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IS A FINE THING TO HAVE. A policy on your home is about the only way to be really protected. We insure you in the old line companies. They are as solid as a rock. Get in. Better be save than sorry.

S. P. ROBBINS & COMPANY, "Are Talking"

BUY NEW EXCHANGES

Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company Purchases Five Additional Exchanges

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company has purchased a number of exchanges in the Panhandle country, along with something over a hundred miles of toll lines, which will be connected up with the main leads in the near future.

The local exchanges at Pampa, Miami, Canadian, Glazier, and Higgins were the ones purchased, while 127 miles of toll lines leading out of Amarillo, and which have been operated by independent com-

panies were purchased.

Engineers for the Southwestern have been sent out for the purpose of making estimates on the construction of all metallic copper circuits, to replace grounded return iron circuits now in use, and this work will probably be commenced early next year.

It is believed that the line from Higgins will eventually be extended into Oklahoma, connecting with the Pioneer Telephone Company, also a Bell property, making a new line between Amarillo and Kansas City.—Fort Worth Record.

L. T. Lester, of Canyon, one of the big stock holders in the First National Bank in this city, was here the first of the week looking after business matters.

OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

"Why, how do you do, my dear sir?"

"You can't just place me, can you?"

"Oh, yes, indeed. You are Mr. Bjenks, whom I meet in the humorous paragraphs nearly every day."

J. T. Pritchett, returned to his home in Mitchell county Friday, after spending several days here looking over the farm lands around Lubbock. He is well pleased with the country, and wants to locate here if he can make a deal.

R. D. Draper, of Amarillo, representing the Southwestern Coal Company, was here the latter part of the week interviewing our coal dealers with reference to their coal supplies.

A SHINING METAL.

There is a legend among the peasants of Cornwall in England that at night there may be observed a faintly-shining mineral among the rocks, brought from the mines. That this is not pure fancy has been proved by Professor Strutt. A specimen of the mineral autunite, which is also found in Wales, was sent to him from Portugal because of its luminosity. He finds that it closely resembles artificially prepared salts of uranium, and that its luminosity is due to spontaneous radio-activity. The light it sheds is stronger than that of nitrate of uranium. Upon parting with its water of crystallization the mineral loses its luminous property.—Scientific American.

Geo. Kelley, of Terry county, was here the first of this week looking after business matters. He was en route home from a business trip to Wellington.

To Extend Courtesies

should be the pleasure of every banking institution. To conduct a banking business along conservative lines is DUTY. We are here to help in the development of the Plains country and will do our duty at all times. Come to see us.

The Citizens National Bank

GEO. C. WOLFFARTH, Pres.

A. G. HUNT, Cash.

G. A. CARLISLE, V. Pres.

S. R. PIERCE, Ass't. Cash.

THERE IS LIGHT AND LIFE AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE GREAT SOUTH PLAINS

They know what it is to live. They know what they want and they know the best place to get it. Our business is kept up to the requirements of particular people and we please those who know. See us for GRAIN, HAY, COAL, POSTS, WIRE, SALT, Etc.

LUBBOCK GRAIN AND COAL CO.

SHIPPING FROM TERRY

McLennan County Farmer Ships Feed From Terry County For His Farm Stock

Dr. T. F. Miles, of Lorena, McLennan county a few miles south of Waco, came in some three weeks ago to look after his farm and ranch properties in Terry county, and is now making preparations to ship a car of corn and maize from his ranch to his big farm in McLennan county. We have not learned whether he will load at Lubbock or Tahoka, but one thing is sure, he will have to ship feed from the Arid (?) West this year to the never failing (?) Central Texas, so that his big mules and renters will be able to make another cotton crop. Yes the West is coming to the front and at such a rapid pace it almost makes the prejudiced East Texan's head swim. But Dr.

Miles hasn't got it in for the South Plains country, and on the other hand he has had great confidence in the country a number of years, as he came here a long time ago and bought a splendid little ranch and is still swinging onto it with a terrapin's grip. He is just the kind of a man that is going to make money here overhanded in the near future. It was the man who come here when the country was young and wild and hard to get at, and who has swung on through thick and thin that is going to make money in the future.

While the shipping out of a car of corn and maize from one farm in Terry county to supply several farms in Central Texas is a booster for Terry, it is no less so for Mr. Baird and his one hired hand who has worked the Miles farm this year. They will have plenty of feed left to feed the big herds of cattle and horses on the ranch after shipping this

car, so you East Texans need not fret about starvation up here.

Yes, East Texas used to laugh about having to feed the West of hard years, but as the wind has changed and the lane has at last turned, we will not laugh at their plight, but are rather moved to tears through sympathy.—Terry County Herald.

Stone-Slaton

Mr. Harry N. Stone and Miss Mattie Slaton were married Sunday evening, November 26, at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Slaton, Rev. C. H. Ledger pastor of the Methodist church officiating.

The wedding was a quiet home affair and the impressive ceremony that made these two happy hearts as one, was witnessed by only a few friends of the contracting parties.

The bride wore a beautiful white silk chiffon dress over self colored satin messaline. The

groom wore the conventional black.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Slaton. She is a young lady of pleasing personalities and has a host of friends who wish her and the one of her choice much happiness in her married life.

Mr. Stone came to Seminole from Bamden, Ark., something over a year ago and since that time has been connected with The Sentinel. He is a young man of splendid business ability and has bright prospects before him in the newspaper world.

The Sentinel joins the many friends of this happy couple in wishing them much happiness and prosperity.—Seminole Sentinel.

Mr. Eubanks, was here Friday and took a load of household goods to his farm five miles south of Lorenzo, where he will make a crop the coming year.

Juniors Campaign Manager

It is probable that Felix Ramsey, of Cleburne, will be in charge of the campaign headquarters of his father, Judge W. F. Ramsey, in the latter's race for Governor. He is the eldest son of the Judge. A coincidence is that Rawlins Colquitt, eldest son of the Governor, will also have charge of his father's campaign in opposition to Judge Ramsey. Early next year Judge Ramsey will open North Texas headquarters in Dallas.

F. W. Foresman, state auditor for the Alfalfa Lumber Company, was here Saturday checking up the business for the year, and we are sure that he will find everything in good condition in the yard at this place.

J. H. Heckman, of Wichita Falls, was here Saturday figuring on the Lubbock Mercantile new building.

W. A. Goggin, of Post, was here the first of the week trans-

acting business with our merchants and meeting old acquaintances.

STRADIVARI.

Antonio Stradivari, the Italian violin maker, was born in 1649 and died in 1737. He was the pupil of Nicolò Amati, in whose employment he remained until about 1679, when he began making violins on his own account. He settled the typical pattern of the Cremona violin, and his instruments, for tone and finish, have never yet been excelled. His improvements consisted chiefly in lowering the height of the arch of the belly, in making the four corner blocks more massive, in giving greater curvature to the middle ribs, in altering the setting of the sound holes and in making the scroll more massive and prominent. He reached his greatest perfection in his art about 1714. He also made many other kinds of musical instruments, but it is on his violins of all kinds that his fame rests.

There are many so-called Stradivari violins in existence, but few, if any of them, are genuine.



FLOUR MILLING HAS REACHED PERFECTION

YOU WILL SAY, AFTER USING A SACK OF THE W. O. W. BRAND YOU CANNOT IMAGINE A BETTER FLOUR BEING MADE.

A SACK OF W. O. W. COSTS NO MORE THAN ONE OF ORDINARY FLOUR, THOUGH IT SHOULD BE BETTER AND BIGGER BAKING QUALITIES ARE CONSIDERED. IF YOU ORDER A SACK TODAY YOU'LL SURELY ORDER ANOTHER AS SOON AS THE FIRST RUNS OUT. THERE ARE REASONS.

WE ALSO URGE YOU TO SEE US FOR EVERYTHING IN THE GROCERY LINE AND REMEMBER THAT WE ALSO HAVE FRESH MEATS ALL THE TIME

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BOMB THROWERS

A certain writer says: "Now that the people are pointing the finger of scorn at confessed dynamiters and it is announced that other criminals will be forced to join the parade of deep disgrace, it is well to turn a leaf in the nation's docket and consider other destructive agencies.

"It is seldom a legislature meets that some member dodging about in the low-lying forests of discontent does not hurl a legislative bomb hissing into the ranks of industry and screaming with haste and seething with spite, it carries its message of terror to the investor. There is no more pitiful sound known in civilization than the crash of a fallen industry and no crime is so terrible as one that destroys opportunity.

"After all, the man who twists a few bands of steel with a stick of dynamite has committed a much less crime against society than he who would wrench industry from its socket by statutory enactments or blow up the walls of progress with legislative explosives."

Looks funny. Strange we should say. Henry Clay Beattie took the life of one woman and suffered the death penalty. McNamara killed twenty-one, we believe, and was permitted to pay for them with a life imprisonment sentence. Strange we say, the difference. Evidently the courts place an extravagant price on women, when shot to death, but do not consider the families who are subjected to starvation almost by being left husbandless and fatherless. Strange world this. Eh!

There are those, who would not own a farm if they could. There are those who cannot own a farm but would very much like to, but their financial condition prevents. The latter is very true in the east where the price of land is high and very high. This circumstance can be overcome in Lubbock county, and the land owners here are among the important factors in bringing about conditions that will give the renter and the man with limited means a chance to become a property owner in the county. The land holder can place a set of improvements on his property in 160 acre tracts, offer them for rent for a year or so, till the tenant can get enough ahead to make a reasonable cash payment on the property, then sell it to him at a reasonable price and give him liberal terms and small interest. It will make you rich anyway, and will also be a great help to the man who wants to become a property holder in a small way in this country, if he only had the means. Put the land within reach of the man who wants it for a home and plum out of reach of the man who wants it for speculative purposes and that alone. There should be a difference. The man who wants it for a home is the one who develops the country.

Lubbock is a good place to do business in. Here every social advantage can be enjoyed. Merit, brain and energy reap the pecuniary reward to which they are entitled.

And they say John D. Rockefeller has quit the oil business for good. We hardly think that it could be for worse.

UNTO EVERY MAN IS GIVEN THE RIGHT OF INVESTIGATION

Many remain ignorant by taking somebody's word for a thing.

We give the WHY and WHERE-FORE for everything we do in our Optical Work, and prove it to your eyes.

We don't claim to know everything but we do know how to fit spectacles so as to relieve many ills and ailments that will never be relieved any other way.

WE PROVE WHAT WE SAY W. S. NORTON, Optician

He who is too narrow to see that his own success is more or less contingent upon his neighbor's is not broad minded enough to realize the possibilities of cooperative advancement.

The three banks of Lubbock this week have their sworn statements to the departments of currency and Commissioner of Insurance and Banking and each one has a good showing to their credit. Lubbock country is not suffering. All we need is more people to make this an exceedingly prosperous and wealthy country.

Texas again sets the pace for plans for a state's advancement. This time it is the Welfare Commission. Towns and cities have heretofore undertaken development along systematic lines, but never before has the movement been statewide. Texans have shown their ability to rise above mere community levels by the organization of the Texas Welfare Commission. This commission will have for its aim the industrial and commercial uplift of the entire State, and in this is unique. There is no other State in the Union that has any such organization.

A dollar spent in patronizing home industries will eventually come back to the spender. But the dollar that is sent away from home is given such a solar plexus blow that it can't come back."

The boosting and the building of a city should go hand-in-hand. If the booster can show the building to back up his boosting, the desired end is attained and effective advertisement of the city (which is the object of boosting) is accomplished.

The high quality of Texas cotton is evidenced by the fact that the Brazilian Government has decided to use Texas cotton seed almost exclusively in the development of the cotton industry in that country. It is stated by D. A. Saunders, of Austin, a cotton expert of the Federal Government, that the Brazilian Government is to decrease the production of coffee to a certain extent in order to devote more attention to cotton cultivation. Brazil does not now produce enough of the staple for home consumption.

Egyptian Cotton

Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—In order to give the much-talked-of Egyptian cotton a thorough test, Director B. Youngblood, of the State Department of Agriculture has secured about sixty-five pounds of seed of a number of rare varieties of the Egyptian staple. This will be distributed to the various Experiment Stations throughout the State. Mr. Youngblood has been much interested in the production of this variety of cotton and has had a great deal of correspondence relative to the subject. He has been in communication with A. McLochlan, of Baird, California, agent for the bureau of plant industry, western extension of the federal department of agriculture, and with the American consul at Alexandria, Egypt. The seed which Mr. Youngblood has just received was sent by Mr. McLochlan.

Home Made and Factory Harness

WE KEEP BOTH KINDS FOR YOUR ASKING, WHILE, OF COURSE, WE BELIEVE THAT HOME MADE GOODS ARE THE BEST.

New line Men's and Boy's Saddles and Ladies' Astride Saddles. Horse Blankets, Lap Robes and Saddle Blankets of all descriptions. I have everything to be found in a first-class saddle and harness shop and it is all of the best. Fine line for Christmas purchases. See me for all kinds of saddle and harness repair work.

J. J. Reynolds

WHEN COSMOS REIGNED

You could not collect your thoughts. Everything was in turmoil and strife. There was no system known by which one could be guided. All this has passed away and the people are able to think for themselves. They are showing their good judgment by placing their orders for groceries and feed with us. It's the best way.

BARNETT & TOMLINSON

North of Postoffice

PHONE 163

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

While Christmas giving is one of the greatest of life's pleasures, at the same time people are giving more and more of the useful things of life. We, as a nation, are gaining ground. What could be nicer than a "Free" sewing machine or a "Coles" Hot Blast Range.



A FEW OTHERS

Silverware, knives, forks, Spoons, etc. Fancy hand painted cake plates, salad bowls, chocolate sets, vases and sundry articles in these lines.

TOYS FOR THE BOYS

WHEELBARROWS, CARTS, TRUNKS, TOOLS CHESTS, VELOCIPEDES, ETC.

TOYS FOR GIRLS

STOVES, DOLL BUGGIES, DOLL TRUNKS, TRICYCLES, VELOCIPEDES, ETC.

I also invite your inspection of my fine line of pocket knives, scissors, and in fact any and everything that one could hope to find in a first class Hardware and Furniture store. You are invited to make my store your headquarters for Holiday goods.



The Model Kitchen and The Happy Cook

All of your time spent in worry and annoyance with your old stove or range can be changed to hours of comfort, by using in your kitchen

Cole's Hot Blast Range

The greatest help and assistance to the housewife is a good cooking apparatus.

The unsatisfactory range or cook stove has spoiled and ruined more happy dispositions of housewives than any other cause in the home.

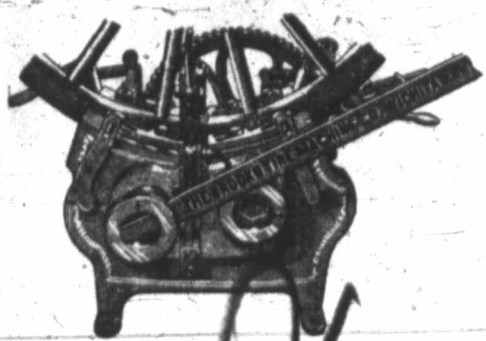
For your comfort, we suggest that you come to our store and examine this new range marvel. Burns any kind of fuel. Has (14) special and patented features of Convenience and Economy to make the kitchen work easy.

Cole's Hot Blast Combustion makes it possible to boil on top of the back lids—also gives greater cleanliness with soft coal.

It is a beauty—made with plain or polished top.

L. BRAXTON WRIGHT

IT IS NOW HERE



THE COLD TIRE SHRINKER

one of the best on the market. It does the work without injuring the wheel in any way. With this machine, we are prepared to shrink any tire four inches wide or under. It is the only cold tire shrinker of the size in this part of the country. We want your business and guarantee every job.

THE BIG SHOP

Does Machine Work, Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing, Woodwork, Rubber Tire Work, on

short notice in the best possible manner. All work guaranteed to please and we solicit a reasonable share of your work.

B. F. Daugherty
General Manager

BOYD'S RESIDENCE BURNED

L. R. Boyd Who Recently Moved to Teague Loses Residence by Fire Last Monday

We note with regret the heavy loss L. R. Boyd, formerly of this city and who recently moved to Teague, caused by fire which swept his residence together with its contents away Monday, December 4th. His many friends will sympathize with he and family when they learn of their heavy loss.

The Teague Herald gives the following account of the conflagration in its issue Dec. 7th: "This morning the fine residence of L. R. Boyd was totally consumed by fire, everything being so unfavorable that nothing could be saved but a few articles of furniture. This residence had just been erected, and Mr. Boyd and his family had only been occupying it for a few days, as they had just removed here from Lubbock."

"The family were at home at the time of the fire, but their efforts were of no avail when they tried to stop the roaring flames. They were handicapped by the lack of water, and the fresh timber was soon in a mighty blaze. The origin of the fire was from a defective flue, and it had made good headway before it was discovered. Mr. Boyd was out at the wood yard when he

discovered it and made a dash to try and save something, but he did not have time to have much success.

"The building was insured for \$2000 and the furniture and other household effects at \$1,500 with Foster & Farrington. The furniture and other articles were valued at \$3,000, a small amount being saved.

"The fire started about 8:30 a. m., and in a short time everything was totally destroyed except a few pieces of furniture which were saved.

"Mr. Boyd is entitled to much sympathy in his misfortune. He had been here only a short time and to have everything swept away so suddenly doubtless goes very hard with him."

J. C. Pritchett, who has been here several days visiting the editor and family, returned to his home near Colorado Monday, of this week. He is a cousin of "Mrs. Avalanche." It was his first visit to Lubbock, and he is very much pleased with the town and would like to become a citizen of our city and probably will some time in the future.

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage permits have been issued by our county clerk during the past week:

Mr. Mack Newton and Miss Ellzey. Mr. Geo. Yoakum and Miss Azie McDaniel. Mr. Alvin Ragar and Ida Hubbs.

Bank No. 365

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE LUBBOCK STATE BANK at Lubbock, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 5, day of December 1911, published in the Avalanche, a newspaper printed and published at Lubbock, State of Texas, on the 14th day of December 1911.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 132,964.14
Loans, real estate	82,196.38
Overdrafts	2,514.79
Real Estate (banking house)	20,600.00
Other Real Estate	3,460.00
Furniture and fixtures	4,500.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	336,200.76
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	40,890.25
Cash Items	3,889.68
Currency	8,889.00
Specie	3,619.00
Interest in Deposits - Guaranty Fund	1,740.11
Other Resources as follows: Assessment - Guaranty Fund	322.91
Total	\$ 361,826.25

STATE OF TEXAS: County of Lubbock: I, O. L. Slaton as president, and W. S. Posey as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

O. L. SLATON, President
W. S. POSEY, Cashier

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of Dec. A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

F. W. BOERNER, Notary Public.

Correct - Attest
R. A. BARKLEY, Directors
T. H. ELLIS
R. H. LOWREY

Paying Proposition

Baird, Texas, Dec. 12.—What is considered one of the largest yields of peanuts per acre in this section has just been reported here. Sam Strahan, of near Cottonwood, has thrashed 1900 bushels of peanuts and made 519 bales of hay from 40 acres of land. Mr. Strahan has refused seventy cents per bushel for the nuts. Figuring the crop on a basis of seventy cents for the nuts and forty cents for the hay, the total gross value of the yield from the forty acres is \$1,537.50.

SPRING TRUCK IN WINTER

See me for all kinds of vegetables three times a week. Sweet potatoes at all times at \$1.00 per bushel. I also handle fruits. Phone 364.

J. R. WHITELEY

Guard the Family Health

Health is often endangered by unsanitary cooking utensils. Physicians have found that cancer is caused by enamel ware chipping off and irritating the stomach.

If you have children or invalids in the family beware of cheap cooking utensils that crack, scale, peel off, tarnish or rust. Disease germs lurk in the worn places and there is further danger of tainting the food. Health is too precious to take risks with it.

Be safe. Use

"1892"

Pure Spun Aluminum Cooking Utensils

which are guaranteed for 15 years constant service and will never spoil food nor endanger health.

This new ware is featherweight, beautiful, easy to clean—does not tarnish nor rust. The slight extra cost is more than made up by long service and absolute safety.

Look for Trade mark on Every Piece

The Maltese cross with the words Pure Illinois "1892" Aluminum—the original, insures that you get the genuine. There are imitations, so be sure this trade mark is on every piece.

For Sale By

The Western Windmill Company

Mr. Skinner, of Tahoka, was here the first of the week, shaking hands with his many friends and transacting business.

Santa Claus Headquarters

IS AT THE

Red Cross Drug and Jewelry Store

Our store is now radiant with Christmas Splendor. The custom of exchanging gifts is either pleasant, fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable or a burdensome duty according to ones opportunities of seeing and selecting. Our immense Christmas stock of holiday novelties and jewelry will afford you the pleasure that a well selected up-to-date stock affords the tasteful buyers. People are buying earlier than formerly which argues well for their peace of mind later on. Do your shopping early. Bigger stock, better assortment. Give us more time to show you. Come and see our lines.

<p>Books</p> <p>We will have the biggest and most up-to-date line of books that has ever been on display in Lubbock before and we want you to be the judge.</p>	<p>Toilet Sets</p> <p>You can get anything you want in this line in stag, ebony, silver, and many other designs.</p>	<p>Candies</p> <p>We have a large assortment of sweets for the sweets. You can find any size from 1/2 pounds to 5 pound boxes.</p>	<p>Toys</p> <p>A store full</p>
<p>Chinaware</p> <p>We have anything from a Salt Shake to Handpainted Tea set.</p>	<p>Jewelry</p> <p>We have a new and complete line of jewelry, such as, watches, watch chains, lockets, bracelets, neck chains, cuff buttons, collar buttons, stick pins, collar pins, hat pins, baby pins, rings, signet and sets rings, of all kinds and prices. Come see our line.</p>	<p>Silverware</p> <p>We will handle the noted Community and 1847 R. Wallace lines. They are guaranteed and we will stand behind the guarantee to the fullest extent. Kindly come and let us show you our line and prices. We are here to please.</p>	<p>Dolls</p> <p>We have a nice, new and up-to-date line of dolls. Ranging in prices from 5c to 5.00. The biggest doll in town to be given away.</p>
<p>Kodaks</p> <p>We have the noted Eastman line and carry a complete line of films and developing outfits.</p>			<p>Cut Glass</p> <p>We have the biggest and best line in town. Come and compare prices.</p>

In conclusion we wish to extend to each and every one a cordial invitation to come and inspect our stock. You have all to gain and nothing to lose by seeing this display. You will find the store comfortable at all times, with polite and courteous salespeople to serve you. Remember, nothing too good for the patrons of

Red Cross Drug and Jewelry Store

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THAT POLL TAX RECEIPT

If it's getting along toward the time when every voter should be securing that permit from the county tax collector to cast his vote in the elections next year. If you are not a voter now and if you will be by the time the primaries come along, you should procure an exemption receipt which answers the purpose the same as a receipt for taxes. Those who wish to have any say in the election next year must attend to this matter between now and the 30th of January. You must have your receipt by that time too. As we understand the new ruling a receipt is not legal if issued after the midnight hour of that day. Get at it early and avoid a possible delay that would knock you out of your otherwise legal right to exercise your right of citizenship in the way of voting.

A number of people are visiting this section of the plains with a view to locating. They are most all well pleased with the land, the social and commercial conditions, and the only reason a large number of them do not buy and become citizens of this great country is because they cannot dispose of their holdings in the less fortunate sections of the state. This country with its broad expanse of fertile soil and pure water is certainly attracting the attention of the agriculturists of the state. They can see very plainly that this part of the great Lone Star State is fast forging its way to the front and that its rich soils are going to be the bread producing portion of the state within a few years. All it needs is development to make it show such now. The land is just as rich to day and will produce the crops just as well, but it needs someone to help nature in the way of cultivation. It is not necessary to irrigate to raise stuff here. It is alright to irrigate and crops that are given water at the proper time will yield abundantly, but it is necessary only at certain times, and not all the time as the irrigation boosting from this section of the country has lead a number to believe.

Do your shopping early.

Brooks county in the southern part of the state, created by the 32nd Legislature voted on the question of local option last week, and resulted in the county going dry by a majority of over a hundred. This county is starting out in good shape, and will no doubt become one of the States favorite sons.

Pay your poll tax.

CAN'T BE DID

Evidently the Lubbock Avalanche has trod on somebody's toes. It says: "The Avalanche has a job for the first local editor that comes along that can please the taste of everybody." Hopeless task, Brother Avalanche. It can't be did.—Fort Worth Record.

Mrs. W. W. Walters of Lubbock, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. P. North, left Wednesday for Amarillo where she will join her husband on a trip to Missouri and Kentucky. Hereford Recorder.

Resolution

On motion of C. E. Parks, seconded by N. R. Porter, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution determining the necessity of assessing the cost of improving North First Street and Broadway in the city of Lubbock by constructing and putting in fourteen foot concrete sidewalks in front of and abutting Lots 11 and 12 in Block No. 105; Lots 12 and 14 in Block No. 106; and Lots 9 and 10 in Block No. 107, on North First Street and Lots numbered 16 and 17 in Block No. 134 on Broadway against the owners of said property and their property and ordering a hearing of owners of said property, and notice thereof to be fixed the time and place for such hearing:

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lubbock Texas:

Whereas, the City Council has heretofore, by resolution, directed the improvement of North First Street and Broadway by the construction of fourteen foot concrete sidewalks in front of and abutting Lots Numbered 11 and 12 in Block No. 105; Lots No. 12 and 14 in Block No. 106; and Lots No's. 9 and 10 in Block No. 107, on North First Street and Lots Numbered 16 and 17 in Block No. 134 on Broadway; and whereas, thereafter plans and specifications were prepared by L. A. Hitchcock, consulting engineer, for said improvements, and advertisements were made for bids therefor, and thereafter bids were received therefor, and opened and considered by the City Council and thereafter the bid of Willmering & Mullen for the said work of improvement was adopted by the Council; and whereas, thereafter said Engineer prepared and filed with the Council his report, stating the total cost of such improvement and the proportion of such costs payable by each owner of said abutting property and the costs of such improvement per front foot of abutting property, and the names of the persons, firms, corporations and estates owning the property abutting on the proposed improvement, with a description of their property, and the total costs of such improvement to each parcel of property; and whereas, said report was approved by the Council by resolution; and

Whereas, the City Council has finally determined to assess the cost of said improvement against

the owners of the said abutting property and their property:

1. That it is finally determined hereby to assess the cost of said improvement against the owners of the property abutting upon said streets and their property, as herein provided.

That a hearing shall be given before the city Council to the owners of said abutting property, their attorneys or agents, which hearing shall be held in the Council Chamber in the City of Lubbock, Texas, on the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1911, at 2 o'clock p. m., and shall continue from time to time and day to day, until all persons interested in said property shall be fully heard, at which time the owners of said property or any person interested therein shall be entitled to a hearing as to the benefits of said improvements to their property or as to any invalidity or irregularity with reference to said proceeding, or as to any other matter of objection connected with the said proceedings, and at which hearing said owners or any other person interested in said property may produce evidence in support of any objections.

2. That, after said hearing, said Council will, by ordinance, assess against the owners of said property and their property, such sums as shall be determined to be just and equitable, and that said assessment will be made in accordance with the front plan and rule, as the frontage to each owner is to the whole fronting to be improved, provided if the said rule or plan shall be determined in any case to be unjust or inequitable, then that the Council will adopt such rule of apportionment as shall be just and equitable, having in view the benefits to each owner and burdens imposed upon them, provided that no assessment shall be made against any owner or his property in excess of the benefits to said property in the enhanced value thereof by reason of said improvement.

3. That the total estimated cost of said improvements is the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars and Twenty-four Cents (\$678.24) and that the amount per front foot, which it is proposed to assess against each parcel of property and its owner is Three and 16-100 Dollars.

That the names of the persons, firms, corporations and estates owning property abutting said improvements, the description of their property and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of property and its owner is as follows, to-wit:

LIST OF PROPERTY ABUTTING SAID IMPROVEMENTS.

J. M. Pyatt, Block 105, Lot 11-12, Front 50 Feet, Costs \$159.00, R. R. White, Block 106, Lot 12, Front 25 Feet, Cost \$79.00, Frank Bowles, Block 106, Lot 14, Front 25 Feet, Costs \$79.00, S. B. Norwood, Block 107, Lot 9-10, Front 50 Feet, Costs \$159.00, Mrs. M. C. Abernathy, Block 134, Lot 16-17, Front 64 Feet, Costs \$202.24.

4. That the city Secretary of the City of Lubbock is hereby directed to give notice hereof by publication of this Resolution, signed by him, which publication shall be by advertisement inserted three times in The Lubbock Avalanche, a newspaper published in said City of Lubbock, the first publication of which shall be at least ten days before the date of the aforesaid hearing, and such notice will be further given by the City Secretary mailing a copy of hereof, signed by him, by registered mail to each of said owners at their addresses, if known, or if unknown, then to their agent or attorney, if known, which said notice shall be deposited in the Post Office of the City of Lubbock at least ten days before the date set for said hearing aforesaid.

5. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

On motion duly seconded the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

R. L. Travis, of Emma, had business in the city Saturday.

How Do You Feel

About conditions in this section?

ARE YOU SATISFIED? If not, put the right price on your land and let us help to fill this country with farmers.

The Bullock Land Co.

Notice of Trustee's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Lubbock
Whereas, by virtue of the authority vested in me, as trustee, named and appointed in a certain deed of trust, recorded in volume 4 page 427, of the Deed of Trust Records of Lubbock County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1910, by J. J. Dillard, for the better securing the payment of one certain promissory note for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, and more fully described in said deed of trust, executed by the said J. J. Dillard, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1910, and payable to the order of W. W. Dillard, at Lubbock, Texas, one year after its date, and bearing ten per cent interest per annum from date until paid, interest due and payable monthly as it accrues, providing for the payment of one per cent additional as attorney's fees, if caused in the hands of an attorney for collection or if collected by suit, on the following described property, to-wit:

All those certain lots, blocks, or parcels of land situated in the town of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, and being blocks 1, 2, 4, 5, 14 and 15; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 7 and 8 in block 1; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in block 2; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in block 7; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 in block 11; the Dillard subdivision of survey and certificate of block E2, Brooks & Burleson, Lubbock County, Texas, as shown on map of said subdivision recorded in vol. 15, page 375, of the deed records of Lubbock County, Texas.

And whereas the said W. W. Dillard, is the holder and owner of said note, and the said J. J. Dillard, has made default in the payment of said seven thousand five hundred dollar note above described, due one year after its date, and the same is now past due and unpaid, principal and interest, by reason thereof, and as provided for in said deed of trust, the said W. W. Dillard has declared said indebtedness due, and has heretofore so notified the said J. J. Dillard, and whereas, the said note is now past due and unpaid, now accruing interest, and whereas, I have been requested by the said W. W. Dillard, to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale between the legal hours thereof, to-wit, between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m., at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the first Tuesday, in January, A. D. 1912 (the same being the 2nd day of said month), at the court house door in the town of Lubbock, in Lubbock county Texas, the lands above described, with all the rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Witness my hand this 11th day of December, A. D. 1911.

J. Harvey Moore, Trustee.

A. W. Hogue, formerly here as express man on the Wells Fargo wagon, has returned to our town for a few weeks visit.

Bought Ties for R. S. & P.

L. W. Hughes is back from a two week's sojourn in East Texas, and North Louisiana, where he bought quite a lot of new railroad ties for the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific railroad company.

He says the road so far as he knows is not contemplating extension but will use the ties only to replace some defective ones on the road.—Abilene Reporter.

W. W. Dillard, who has been spending several days in the vicinity of Bowie, returned the

latter part of last week. He reports conditions in that community not so flourishing as might be. He says crops were very short indeed this year, the farm he had rented out having barely paid expenses. He rented it out again for another year, and is back home ready to begin work here another season.

Dr. R. W. Bounds this week hauled lumber out to build a five-room residence on his land eleven miles from this place. Dr. Bounds recently purchased this property and is just now beginning to improve it.

Specials For Christmas

Silver mesh Beaded Velvet, Leather and Tapestry Purses.

ALSO HAVE A SPECIAL LINE OF CHRISTMAS HANDEYCHIEFS.

FRILLS AND ALL KINDS OF NECKWEAR PRETTY LINE OF WAISTS. SILK PETTICOATS, ALL COLORS. IMPORTED GLOVES, all Lengths. SCARVES AND VEILS.

MRS. LOUISE FRIEDRICH

When life's December comes, and come it must your money will be a sure warm friend



As a man grows older his earning power dwindles away. So THE SAFE THING to do is to BANK money while young manhood lasts, and earning power is great. COMFORT late in life can come only from ECONOMY early in life.

Let OUR Bank be YOUR Bank.

The Lubbock State Bank



THE MAN ON THE ROOF

Knows that it takes good tin to do a job that will stand the storms. He will have no other kind. He is the kind of a man that we employ to work for us and we make it a point to handle nothing but the best. Make us prove it.

CITY PLUMBING AND SHEET METAL WORKS

EVERY HOME OWNER
 is a nation builder. Home owners are the hope of all nations.
 WE HAVE THE MATERIAL
 W. C. BOWMAN LUMBER COMPANY

CHRISTMAS

Round Trip Excursion Fares

via
 The Texas & Pacific Railway

To
 All Points in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma
 and Texas

Also to the SOUTHEAST, St. Louis, Kansas
 City, Chicago, Memphis, Denver, Colorado
 Springs, and various cities in Mexico.

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE
 Electric Light, Sleeper, Chair Cars and Diners



Consult the Agent or
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GEO. E. HUNTER
 General Passenger Agent
 Dallas, Texas

from this place, which is the
 County Seat and the only town
 in the county. All others are
 country schools.

Very truly,
 F. F. Shell,
 Chairman County Board of
 Education.

The Avalanche believes this is
 a record breaker, and the county
 that beats it will have to be
 away up in the line of education.
 Yet some people will complain
 about West Texas having no
 schools. Even prejudiced corres-
 pondents will come here and re-
 port back to their papers that
 the school facilities in the west
 are not what they ought to be.
 Show us a county in east Texas
 with the average of attendance
 of the above, and the average
 salary paid.

Texas Industrial Notes

Three cars of pecans, aggre-
 gating 90,000 pounds were ship-
 ped this week from Marble Falls
 and Burnet to St. Louis and
 New York.

San Angelo wool growers have
 shipped approximately 130,000-
 000 pounds of wool this season.

The display of a four-year-old
 orange tree from Alvin is one of
 the most attractive exhibits of
 the United States Land and Ir-
 rigation Exposition now on in
 Chicago.

Fuller's earth has been found
 in Ellis, Burleson, Smith, Fay-
 ette and Shelby counties.

A farm of 834 acres near San
 Angelo has been bought for
 \$18,000 and will be converted in-
 to a hog ranch.

It is reported that the Kansas
 City, Mexico and Orient Railway
 Company has filed application
 with the Public Utility Corpora-

GOOD CHANCE FOR SOME MAN

Who owes on his land. We have 160 acres, improved
 near Hooker, Texas county, Oklahoma. One mile
 from good school and church. Will exchange for
 half section Lubbock county improved land and will
 pay the difference in cash.

ROBINSON BROTHERS, LUBBOCK TEXAS

GOOD SCHOOL RECORD

3-10 percent of the enrollment.

Gaines County Schools Make a
 Wonderful Showing in Attend-
 ance the Past Year.

Third: The average term was
 7 months. Every school but one
 had money enough left to have
 continued for a full nine months.

Fourth: The average teachers
 salary was \$71.00 per month.

Seminole, Tex. Dec. 7.—The
 records of the County Superin-
 tendent's office show the follow-
 ing concerning the public schools
 in Gaines County for the last
 year:

If there is a county in Texas
 or anywhere else (without a
 compulsory attendance law) that
 can make a better showing, we
 would appreciate the information.
 The outlook for this county is
 better this year than last. We
 hope to make some gain on the
 above. There is not a railroad
 touching Gaines County, and our
 shipping point is forty miles

First: The actual enrollment
 was 90 1-3 per cent of the
 scholastic census.

Second: The average attend-
 ance for the entire year was 77

SAY==ARE YOU AWARE

That the best selected, most up-to-date line of goods for the holiday season is being shown at your very door? A line that covers every demand that you will have. A selection that offers a wider range of articles than ever before displayed in Lubbock.

Jewelry, Silverware

Cut Glass from 50c to \$12.00

Books from 15c to \$2.00

Bibles and Testaments

Mirrors from 35c to \$7.00

Dolls from 5c to \$12.50

Cut Glass, a display of which we are proud.

Fancy Goods of all Kinds---Toilet Sets
 Manicure Sets, Etc. Etc.

Metal Goods, Gold and Silver Clocks,
 Jewel Boxes, Etc.

YOU MUST SEE OUR LINES

To appreciate our offerings. We make the claim that there has never been brought to this city before such a wide variety of toys—useful and novel. We will prove this to your entire satisfaction if you will pay us a visit. Think of it—we claim to cover the entire field in everything that you would be apt to want for your mother, wife, sister or sweetheart.

We know that this is going some but we also know what the Lubbock people want and that is just what we are here for, to supply them. Come to see us for the best to the cheapest. Presents for the babies, too. You'll be surprised. You'll be pleased. Come on in. Our phone number is 152.

The Lubbock Drug Company

North Side Square, Lubbock, Texas.

OH! HEAR!! LISTEN!!!
When you get ready to build—see us
A. G. McAdams Lumber Company

6/90

LIVES IN FOUR STATES
Ranchman Has the Honor of Being a Resident of Utah, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico

The following is from one of our exchanges whose name we fail to recall having clipped it and then forgot the name of the author before reproducing it:

When Fred Terron stretches his long legs of a morning and slides out of bed into his spurred boots, he allows:

"These Utah nights are great for sleeping."

As he combs his hair he strolls over into Arizona and touches a match to the fire he laid in the kitchen stove upon retiring.

When the bacon is well frizzled and the eggs begin to sputter, Terron drops into Colorado, where he lays out a plate and some eating tools. Breakfast over, he lights his cigarette and settles himself in a big rocker in New Mexico, where he reads last week's paper while waiting for his bronco to be caught and saddled.

Terron, perhaps is the only man in the world who actually

lives every day in four states. His ranch lies in Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah, and his house sits on the spot where the four boundary lines come together.

His bedroom is in Utah. His parlor is in New Mexico. The kitchen lies in Arizona and Colorado claims the dining room. Recently Terron went to Kansas with a load of cattle and put up at a hotel. The clerk shoved the register at him and handed him a pen. The ranchman wrote his name and then paused:

What's the matter? ask the clerk.

"I don't know where I live," responded Terron.

"It's tough to have no permanent home," said the clerk, sympathetically.

"Oh, I have a home alright," replied the cattle man, "but never had to write down before just where it was, and I'm plum locoed."

"It must be a houseboat," suggested the clerk.

"No, it stands still, and there isn't more than two pints of water within gunshot of it at one time, but part of it is in each of four states."

Terron explained the arrange-

ment of his domicile, whereupon the clerk proved that all the hairtrigger intellects behind hotel counters are not on Broadway or Michigan Avenue.

"Where you eat you live," he said didactically. "Put down Colorado, if that's where your dining room is. But say, I'd hate to be you around election time. When the politicians of those four states find out they'll tear you from limb to limb trying to get your vote."

KEEP SHOULDERS STRAIGHT.

Comparatively few people have really evenly balanced shoulders; there may not be much difference according to the casual observer, but a dressmaker or tailor will make no secret of the fault. Of course, padding is resorted to, but this does not always remedy the fault. The worse the deformity the more patient and persistent effort is required. Because the right shoulder dips just a trifle, do not ignore the fact, for middle age will find the trouble to have progressed considerably. Take your place in a stiff backed chair—and practice raising and lowering the higher shoulder for 20 to 30 times a day. In fact, practice this exercise whenever the occasion will permit. Keep the back erect against the back of the chair, and you will soon see an improvement.

SURE ENOUGH.

Mr. Gotham—If you women ever are permitted to vote, you'll have to swear you are twenty-one years of age.

Mrs. Gotham—No, we won't either. We'll have that law changed, too. What difference does it make how old a person is if she wants to vote?—Yonkers Statesman.

WELL, WELL!

"Money is on trial in this country."

"Well, some of it is being acquitted. I met a lawyer this morning who said he had just cleared \$1,000."

IMPORTED MUSHROOMS.

Mushrooms are imported into the United States to a large extent, the receipts for the nine months ending March 31, this year, being 5,000,000 pounds, worth \$1,500,000.

Trying for Appropriations

Hon. W. R. Smith, congressman from this district, is going after some appropriations for different portions of his district. He asks for an appropriation to increase the amount of money for public buildings as follows: Abilene, \$50,000; to increase the appropriation for the El Paso site from \$60,000 to \$200,000, and asking an appropriation of \$100,000 for a building at Big Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Kight, and daughter, Mrs. May Wilson, of Claude, Texas, passed through Lubbock last week en route to Rockport, Texas, to spend the winter. They were making the trip in their E. M. F. auto. Mr. Kight stated he had been in the mercantile business in Claude for twenty years, and during the time had not had as much as one week of rest, or recreation. They are old acquaintances of E. R. Haynes and wife, and stopped with them a while in passing through.

THUS A MISSION EXPANDED.

Ten years ago the Rev. P. N. Tsu, now the rector of the only self-supporting native church of the Protestant Episcopal mission in China—St. Saviour's, Shanghai—came to Wush with two boys and lived on his boat until he could establish a mission. He was soon joined by the Rev. G. F. Mosher. The work has expanded, as it does in all stations where men can be supplied, until there are now two compounds—on one a dispensary and residence, on the other the chapel, a woman's building, a residence for the missionaries, and soon there will be a church and a catechists' school. From the Spirit of Missions.

It Helps!
Mrs. J. F. Daniels, of Sip, Ky., writes: "I was so sick for 3 or 4 years, I had to hire my work done, most of the time. I had given up hope. When I began to take Cardui, I knew, right away, it was helping me. Now, I am better than ever before in my life, and Cardui did it."

Take CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic

Cardui has helped thousands of weak, tired, worn-out women, back to health. It has a gentle, tonic action on the womanly system. It goes to the cause of the trouble. It helps, it helps quickly, surely, safely. It has helped others. Why not you? It will. Try it. Get a bottle today!

A TEN POUND PAIL OF COTTOLINE FOR \$1.30
at my store, and everything else in proportion in the grocery line. Remember my complete line of Racket goods. Many suitable articles for Christmas presents.

J. H. MOORE, The "Close" Price Store

Your Old Hat Blocked
and made to look as good as a new one at a very small cost. If you have not had us do any work of this kind try us and make us prove what we say.

CLEANING AND PRESSING
is a branch of our business that we never fail to please our customers. Bring that suit of clothes to us and we will make it look like new and save you the cost of purchasing a new one for the holidays. ORDERS TAKEN FOR LEADING TAILORS OF THE U. S.

The Lubbock Tailor Shop
PAUL SELMAN, Prop.
Phone 85 and we will come after your work and return it to your home.

R. C. Lewis, a contractor and builder, was here Saturday looking after the contract on the Mercantile building and the other two buildings adjoining it. He was one of the bidders for the job.

J. M. Petty, auditor for the A. C. Houston Lumber Company, with headquarters at Amarillo, was in the city the first of the week checking up the business for that company for the year.

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

CONFEDERATE HOME FULL
Appeal to People of Texas to Not Send More Helpless Veterans to Austin.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 3.—Superintendent Col. R. M. Wynne and the board of managers of the Confederate Home today addressed the Confederate Veterans of Texas, especially, and the people generally as follows:

"We are compelled to make known the fact that the Confederate home is now full to its utmost capacity, and that we can not admit another soldier, except as present inmates die or take discharge, to make room for more.

Since the administration began we have admitted old, needy, afflicted soldiers sent here from different parts of the State, even when application had not been made or approved for their admission, because they had been sent here penniless, often sick and a stranger in this city, but we can do this no longer, and it will be a great cruelty to send them here without means to return to their home and to the people who know them, and a great injustice to the generous people of Austin, whose patience with, love for, kindness and devotion to old Confederate soldiers is unparalleled, but the limit of their ability to provide for those helpless old men, together with the needy poor of the city, has been reached.

"We have built additional quarters, enabling us to take in forty more inmates, and have done all in our power, aided by our patriotic and generous Governor, who directed us to spend every dollar to the constitutional limit, if necessary, to provide for the needy Confederate soldiers in Texas, and this we are doing, as nearly as lies within our power.

"We have now in the home 450 inmates, 110 more than were ever here at any one time before, and this is as many as can be taken care of within the limit of the Constitution.

"It has been the earnest hope and desire of the present management to admit every old, needy Confederate in the State who asked for the protection of this home. At one time we believed this could be done, but expenses have demonstrated that it is not possible. We are receiving an average of fifteen applications a month and we now have a waiting list of fifteen whose applications were approved at our last meeting, besides a number of others who have been approved and ordered to come to the home, but for some reason have failed to come.

"The hard conditions existing in the State, and the spirit now manifest in business, to employ young men only gives these old soldiers but slight opportunity to earn their bread, hence many of them are driven at last, after many years of battling with fate, to seek the home's protection. To deny them admission, and to send them away friendless,

feeble and without means even to buy a meal or a night's lodging would melt hearts of stone.

"We are all Confederate soldiers ourselves, and deeply sympathize with our unfortunate comrades. We would gladly take them all in, but we must obey the Constitution under our oaths of office. We, therefore appeal to the old soldiers of Texas to take care of these old men in the communities in which they now are, until room is made for them in the Confederate home. It is our purpose to admit the most afflicted and destitute first, if we can get in possession of the facts.

"All county papers are respectfully requested to copy this."

ELECTRICITY AND BANANAS.
Among recent extensions of the use of electrical machinery, attention is called to the employment of motor-driven "marine-leg" machines to unload bunches of bananas from the holds of fruit-carrying vessels at New Orleans. Not only is there a great saving of labor, but it is said that the fruit is much less damaged than when unloaded by hand. At Louisville electric radiators have been employed to ripen bananas for local consumption. The fruit is hung in ripening rooms, and subjected to a temperature of 75 to 80 degrees during a period of 48 hours. Afterward it is kept in storage at a temperature of 60 or 70 degrees.—Scientific American.

J. T. Bullock, of the Bullock Land Company, spent several days in Big Springs this week looking after business matters.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting
Of the Crosbyton-South Plains Railroad Company, to be held Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to issue bonds, etc.

To the Stockholders of the Crosbyton-South Plains Railroad Company:

You and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 28th day of October, 1911, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the stockholders of said company to be held on Wednesday, February 7th, 1912, at the offices of the Company in Crosbyton, Texas, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to execute a mortgage upon the property of the Company and to issue bonds thereunder to an amount and for a period to be fixed by the stockholders at said meeting; and to authorize the directors to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue such bonds; and to take such further and other steps as may be necessary under the laws of Texas for the final approval by said Commission of said bonds; and to obtain the authority of said Commissioner to register said bonds when issued in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas.

Dated this 28th day of October 1911, at Crosbyton, Texas. 20 St [SEAL] R. M. BASSETT, Secretary

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Phone 95

ROCKY ROADS ON THE PLAINS ARE THE ROADS THAT PEOPLE TRAVEL WHO DO NOT TRADE WITH US
They should learn where to go and the going is fine. We offer the best at all times, in feed and coal. Seeing is believing. Come and see.

W. B. DOWNING & COMPANY "PRICEMAKERS"

Test 'em! Best 'em!

THAT IS THE BUICK WAY

If the Buick is not the best car, the manufacturers want to know. If by test you can prove that they are not the best you get a car free.

See us for repairs of all kinds and get your fittings, tubes, casings, oils, gas, etc. from us.

Cass Auto Co.

Getting ready for Christmas makes these weeks in December full of pleasant labors and anticipations. The majority of people are not millionaires. They do not have full purses with which they can go to the shops and buy their Christmas presents, without regard to cost. They have a little money and it requires a good deal of planning, of invention and loving thought, to make it go around. Often time the money is only enough to buy the raw materials, from which patient and skillful fingers will fashion the gifts. If we could look into many a home we should see the children planning some surprise on Christmas morning for fathers and mothers, and the parents in turn consulting how to manage to give the boys and girls what they want. It is this mutual thoughtfulness for others that imparts to these December days a peculiar atmosphere. It will soften the heart of the cruelest old bachelor to go into the Christmas shops and overhear the consultations among the purchasers as to what they shall get.

Will Grow Alfalfa

Midland, Dec. 4.—One of the largest land deals negotiated with West Texas for some time was concluded at Midland when Henry M. Half, of Midland, purchased from Mrs. S. E. Townsend twelve whole sections of land, comprising 7,680 acres. This sale embraces some of the choicest land in Midland county. It is one continuous tract two miles wide and six miles long and begins just at the outskirts of the city of Midland. The consideration was \$90,000, one-twelfth cash and the balance in equal payments.

Mr. Half, states it is his intention to sink wells on the property and turn the land into an immense irrigation farm, making a specialty of alfalfa.

Back Stamping Suspended

Uncle Sam evidently anticipates a heavy postoffice business during the holidays this year, for back stamping of mail from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 will be suspended.

This order was contained in

the railway mail service, issued Wednesday morning. It is signed by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The back stamping process is for the purpose of giving the public information as to how much time was consumed in the delivery of mail after it is received in the local office. The single exception of special delivery and registered mail is made in the Christmas order.

CORSET TURNED BULLET.

The wife of Charles Firth of the Firth Steel company was in the dining room of her home at Phillipsburg, N. J., when a bullet crashed through a pane of glass alongside her. The missile struck her in the left hip, but a corset steel deflected it and it did not penetrate her body. The woman fainted, and although not wounded, is suffering from shock.

The police arrested four hunters, who admitted they were shooting, but do not believe any of the bullets they fired struck Mrs. Firth. The police, however, will hold the prisoners for further examination.

An Important Request

By Annie Hinrichsen

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Nella snapped her fingers and whistled a few summoning notes. Prince, beaming delightfully, hurried across the room to her.

"Of course you came," she said exasperatedly. "I whistled as I do to my dog and you, a man, came."

The young man grinned cheerfully. "You wanted me, didn't you?" he asked. "I was so glad that you wanted me that I didn't care what means you took to call me."

"I didn't want you. I wished to see if you would come at a whistle."

"Well, I came," affirmed Prince, cheerfully. "Ralph, have you no spirit? You obey the most ridiculous commands I give you. Are you devoid of pride? Can't you show a little self-assertion?"

"Lots of it. I'm a duffer only when I am with you. I can hold my own with men, but you have reduced me to a jelly-like state of submission. I am so desperately in love with you and so afraid of you that when you speak I become a groveler. But if you will marry me," he suggested hopefully, "I might become brave."

"I'll not marry a groveler to reform him. And you wouldn't change. You would always be a henpecked mental nonentity, a joke for a cartoonist."

"A joke doubtless enjoys being a joke, and if I were a henpecked husband I should be perfectly happy."

"I shall not marry a groveler. Why you have been successful in business and politics I cannot understand. You are a member of the legislature, and father-says you are immensely popular both at home and at the capital. Yet to me you show never a whiff of independence of thought or action."

"Love has made me a slave."

"And you are not ashamed of the fact. You seem proud of it."

A few weeks later the legislature convened. Soon after the beginning of the session a bill was introduced that brought to the capital representatives of all the street-railways in the state. The bill was one to compel owners of street railways to place upon their cars satisfactory shelter for the motormen and conductors. Nella—Carroll's father owned the street railway of Hilton City. Immediately after the introduction of the bill he went to the state capital and Nella went with him.

The bill, owing to the efforts of a powerful lobby against it, dragged slowly on its course and Mr. Carroll and Nella remained at the capital.

The devotion of Ralph Prince became more and more conspicuous, and Nella's exasperation and impatience increased with it.

A party of young people had gathered in the Carroll suite at the hotel. The governor's messenger knocked at the door and asked for Mr. Prince.

Prince came to Nella. "I must go, Nella," he said. "The governor has sent for me."

"Send word to the governor that I need you here."

"But, Nella, the governor's requests are commands."

"So are mine. Tell the messenger you cannot come. There is an important reason why you should remain here."

Prince took the messenger into the corridor and in a few minutes returned alone. "I sent word to the governor that I could not come, Nella. Tell me the important reason why you wished me to remain."

"To make a Welsh rabbit. No one else can mix a good one. Light the chafing dish lamp and gate the cheese."

The day before the railway bill was to be voted on in the house, Nella sent for Prince.

"Ralph, father told me something today which utterly astonishes me. He says you favor the passage of the railway bill."

"I do."

"But, Ralph, this bill will cause our company an enormous and unnecessary expense."

"The lives and health of our employees are of more importance than money."

"Then change your mind, Ralph. I wish you to vote against it."

"I shall not."

For a moment she stared at him in speechless amazement. "Ralph, you don't mean—it isn't possible—"

"I shall vote for the bill."

"The opponents of the bill lack one vote of enough to defeat it. Your vote is the one they need. It will decide the fate of the bill."

"I am sorry that it will bother your father."

She misunderstood the anxiety in his face and voice. "You will vote against it, Ralph? You have never refused a request of mine. This is the first important one I have ever made. You will grant it, will you not?"

Surprise took the place of pain in his face. "This is the first time you have asked me to do a thing that I believe is wrong. I am not a prig, but I respect the oath I took when I became a member of the legislature—the oath to give my best services to every meritorious measure."

"Will you vote for that bill when you know that I shall never speak to you again?"

"Yes." The word was a troubled sigh.

"Will you vote against it if—I promise to marry you?"

"No." His voice had the sound of a cracked whip. "My vote is not for sale, nor do I buy a woman's promise."

Before he could reach the door she was beside him. "Ralph, don't go. Let me tell you. You aren't a gro-



"I Might Become Brave."

eler. I have learned that you are a real man whom I can love—if you want me to—"

"Is this a scheme to influence me?" he demanded sternly. "If it is, it will not succeed. I shall support the bill."

"Of course you will vote for the bill," she agreed. "You will always act as you think best. I am sorry for father. But I am glad for myself. You will have to take me without any wedding clothes or cake, for the railway bill will cost father so much that there won't be any money for anything else."

WOULDN'T WASTE HIS BEER.

There was one class of Englishman who would never have suffered the indignity of having his liquor poured down his sleeve. The agricultural laborer of the past could stand his round with the greatest of sportsmen. Richard Jeffries, in one of his essays, casually mentions a proof of this quality of swallowing ale. "There is scarcely any limit to their power of absorbing beer," he wrote. "I have known reapers and mowers make it their boast that they could lie on their backs and never take the wooden bottle, (in the shape of a small barrel) from their lips till they have drunk a gallon."

WHAT KILLED IT.

"Do you think his play is a success?"

"I do."

"Is it original?"

"It is."

"Has it a good lesson?"

"Splendid. It is a powerful play, and one I am sure would create a profound impression the country over."

"Then why are you withdrawing it?"

"New York doesn't like it."

EGOTISM.

"Before I knew you," he said, "my life was a blank."

"Dear me!" she sweetly replied, "what an erudite I have to be!"

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Ladies' Overshoes

Four buckle at \$2.00

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MAINE BLOWN FROM OUTSIDE

Naval Board Confirms Report of Original Investigators of Wreck

Washington, Dec. 8.—The United States battleship Maine, which sank beneath the waters of Havana harbor in February, 1898, as the result of an explosion, was blown up from the outside. This was announced today by the naval board which has been examining the wreck. The finding confirms the report of the original investigators who made a superficial examination of the wreck shortly after the disaster.

The statement given out by the navy department is brief. Secretary Meyer does not believe it necessary to issue any extended explanation of the board's conclusions, except the flat statement that an exterior explosion was responsible.

The statement follows: "The board finds that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of low form of explosives exterior to the ship, between frames 28 and 31, strake B, port side.

This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine A-14-M, said contents including a large quantity of black powder. The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the

remaining forward magazine followed. The magazine explosion resulted in the destruction of the vessel.

Secretary Meyer announced that there might be a further statement on the report of the board after it had been considered by the President. One member of the board was of the opinion that the report would never be published in full but would be kept in the archives of the Navy Department.

The declaration that a "low form of explosive" was used in the outside explosion indicates a belief that a mine and not a dirigible torpedo was the instrument of destruction. This only deepens the mystery. A mine charged with sufficient gunpowder to blow in the bottom of the ship must have weighed several hundred pounds. To plant such a mine and lay the electric connections necessary for its discharge would have required the service of several men.

Married

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Perkin last Sunday afternoon, Mr. Mack Newton and Miss Lillian Ellzey were united in marriage, Rev. B. F. Dixon officiating.

Mr. Newton is one of Lubbock county's promising young farmers and Miss Ellzey is the step-daughter of Mr. Perkins, also one of this county's prominent families.

The Avalanche wishes these young people a happy and prosperous life.

Bank No. 8208
 REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
 CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, at Lubbock, in
 the State of Texas, at the close of business,
 December 5, 1911.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$222,591.79
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	6,532.89
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	619.48
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	47,428.51
Other Real Estate owned	5,896.67
Due from National Banks (Not Reserve Assets)	7,782.66
Due from approved reserve agents	35,290.72
Checks and other cash items	642.97
Notes of other national banks	160.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	110.06
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK VIE:	
Specie	5,504.25
Legal Tender Notes	1,230.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
TOTAL	362,979.79
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	9,319.50
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to state and private banks and bankers	933.48
Individual deposits subject to check	154,291.79
Demand certificates of deposit	5,710.00
Time certificates of deposit	27,724.93
Bills payable including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	30,000.00
TOTAL	362,979.79

STATE OF TEXAS
 County of Lubbock I, A. G. Hunt, Cashier
 of the above named bank, do solemnly swear
 that the above statement is true to the best of
 my knowledge and belief.

A. G. HUNT, Cashier.
 CORRECT - Attest:
 GEO. C. WOLFFARTH, W. A. CARLESLE,
 E. Y. LEE, Directors.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this
 11th day of December 1911.

R. Q. PIERCE, Notary Public.
 M. F. Hancock, of the South-east part of the county was here this week transacting business and was a pleasant caller at our office. He reports everything moving along in good shape in his community.

JNO. B. STETSON HATS Just Received
 IN BLACK AND WHITE AND A VARIETY OF BEAVERS.

See my line of rubber boots and shoes for men and rubbers for ladies. I also call your special attention to my bargains in mens and boys suits and mens overcoats.

Nice line of toilet sets and decorated lamps for christmas presents and I can please you in a new arrival of dry goods from St. Louis—a general assortment.
 You are cordially invited to visit my store and look through the many bargains I am displaying. I will save you money. Yours for business.

D. C. Worsham Supply Store
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Falling Back on West Texas
 A. M. Gilbreth of Hunt county, was a visitor in the city this week. Mr. Gilbreth several years ago purchased land in the northeast part of the county with the intention of making his home in the Big Springs country, but later became dissatisfied, rented his farm and moved back to Hunt county. This year, however, he was glad to fall back on West Texas and has been shipping feed from his West Texas farm to run his farm in East Texas, having met with a failure as to his feed crop in Hunt county. This is

one instance to show that the Big Springs Country is about as dependable a section as the eastern country, where lands are rated at \$100 an acre.—Big Springs Herald.
 People will learn after a while that the western part of the state delivers the goods just about as often and as promptly as any other part of the state. They will remain in some portions of the east year after year and make a failure about as regular, but there is nothing much said about it, but if they happen to make one light crop in this section of the country it

is told to the world in every language that it can be translated into and scattered abroad throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Strange people in this old world especially those in the eastern part of the state.
Sold His Business
 Jim Scott, this week sold his stock of groceries to J. A. Moore and Company, who have moved it into their second hand store on the south side of the square. Mr. Scott is now out of the mercantile business. He sold his meat market several weeks ago to the present owners.

Come to our store and buy your christmas presents, and then your family and friends will be glad to get them.

Don't throw money away an no-count trash. Buy something that is common sense.

Of course, we have pretty things that will please the wife—"Him" and the children.

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