

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS IN LUBBOCK

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON BROUGHT JOY TO THE MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN LUBBOCK

### CHRISTMAS TREES FOR THE CHILDREN AT CHURCHES

As Well as Many Private Trees in Town, Brought Much Joy to the Little Ones—Behavior Good in Town—No Fatalities to Mar the Festivities—A Happy New Year to All

Since the last issue of the Avalanche Christmas has come and gone. It is history, pleasant to remember by a very large percent of the people of our town. It was pleasant times. The occasion was celebrated to a large extent in a most commendable manner by the people of Lubbock. Although the weather was not as clear and nice as usual in this part of the state, still the festivities of the season were engaged in and greatly enjoyed by most every one.

There were Christmas trees at the Baptist, Methodist and Cumberland churches for the Sunday School children, and all were most successfully planned and presented. The Baptist people had their tree on the Saturday night preceding Christmas, while the Methodist and Cumberland trees were on Christmas night. The weather was cold but the attendance was good and the conduct excellent, at each of these churches.

A number of private family trees were given in town, and were the source of much joy and genuine pleasure among the little folks, as well as many of the older ones.

Taking the occasion all through the conduct in town was very fine. The peace officers report no serious trouble, in fact none except a few who imbibed too freely of "joy water" who had to be corrected.

The boys enjoyed themselves to the full extent of the word, and with all the celebrating that was engaged in, there is not a fatality reported from Lubbock. We believe that Lubbock kept straight all the way through as a whole, and her fair name stands

#### PRIZE WINNERS

Successful Winners of Prizes in the Contests in Lubbock During the Holidays

During the holidays a number of our merchants offered special inducements to the holiday trade in the way of prizes, and we have obtained a list of them as follows:

The Red Cross Pharmacy gave away a beautiful doll to the person guessing the nearest to the exact number of beans in a jar, and City Marshal Fry was the successful man and the doll was delivered to Mr. Fry, who in turn presented it to his daughter, making her a most highly appreciated Christmas gift.

Crawford the jeweler, proposed to give away a pretty clock to the person who guessed the time it would stop after having been wound up. Callie Dean made the successful guess, being within one minute of the time that it stopped.

At the Retreat a box of chocolate candy was offered the party who held the corresponding number to the one opposite which they signed his name in a book

as an example to the eastern towns that the west is civilized—that we know as well how to behave as they and the only difference is that we do and they do not.

Before the Avalanche reaches our readers again a new year will have been ushered in. It will bring with it many "New Year resolutions." Keep them, for we know they will be good ones—live them and the world will like you better for it. The Avalanche wishes all its readers a happy and prosperous 1912. We have worked hard to help build the town and develop the country during the past twelve months. We believe that we have not labored in vain. We are expecting still greater things in the future, and expect to be here to help bring them about as best we can. As a whole, we believe the Avalanche is appreciated. Some people do as much as they can without injuring their own business to pull us down, but they are so hopelessly in the minority that we scarcely notice what they do. We can but forgive them for they do so because they infer too much and do not take the trouble to investigate. We hope they will make some good resolutions for the new year, and keep them, it'll be better for us all.

We wish you success during the next year, and believe that there is greater things in store for us during the next twelve months than we have enjoyed in the past.

Live better. You'll feel better. Work for Lubbock and you will do better. Good-bye—old year—Good Morning New Year.

prepared for the purchase, and Miss Blanche Friedrich was the successful one.

Judd & Son offered three prizes for the boys who guessed nearest to the number of bales of cotton ginned by the two Lubbock gins up to the 24th of December, and the following boys were the successful ones: Donald Constable won first prize a suit of clothes, his guess being 1373; Claude Davis, second, a pair of shoes, his guess 1362; Virgil Davis third prize, a hat, his guess 1382. The exact number ginned to the date of December 24th 1372 bales.

Mrs. A. J. Hicks writes her husband that she and family will arrive in Lubbock next Sunday. They have been away several months, but are returning to make this their home again. They will occupy their residence in the Overton Addition as in the past and their old neighbors will be pleased to have them return.

D. W. Osborne, of Pampa, is spending the holidays here, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Osborne, who reside six miles south of town.

#### A LETTER—AND REPLY

Mr. Geo. M. Hunt Receives Letter and Replies to Same—Doubtful Identity

Some days ago Mr. George M. Hunt of this city received the following letter. He does not know whether the author is a young lady, elderly lady or a gentleman, but replied to the letter politely and in a very gentlemanly way:

Mr. George M. Hunt, Lubbock, Texas.

Dear Sir:—I saw your name in Home and State, and I presume you are a pro. I used to be a pro., and thought it was right, at least, I supposed it was, it always looked good to me. St. John says "Judge, not by the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh at the heart; "all is not gold that glitters." Prohibition is a whitened sepulcher, beautiful without, nice to look at, nice to contemplate, but it won't bear investigation, it's contrary to both scripture and reason—it's Satans remedy for intemperance, in order to divert our minds from the true remedy which is education. I can't agree with his Satanic Majesty. I believe that ignorance, and not the saloon, is the cause of intemperance, therefore education, and not prohibition, is the remedy. What is the curse of the world? God didn't put Adam and Eve under prohibition, but under law. Law makes us responsible, while prohibition makes us irresponsible. I admit prohibition for children, criminals, invalids and lunatics, but not for responsible persons. I believe parents should say whether their children should use intoxicants and stimulants. If a man steals a horse, put him in prison for a period of correction. Many a convalescent would relapse from over eating if allowed to do so. Prohibition is the axis upon which the world revolves, "the larger the axis, the greater the friction, and the smaller the axis, the less the friction." I suppose this truth in philosophy, as applied to prohibition, is apparent to all, the more prohibition there is in the world, the greater the friction in both church and state, and the less prohibition there is in the world the less the friction in both church and state. Prohibition generates friction, and don't you forget it.

Very kindly Yours,  
GEO. M. HUNT.

P. S. I hope you will appreciate the fact that in our first correspondence I have endeavored to touch you lightly.

Jim Tera Anderson left last Thursday for McCauley, where she visited her grandmother, and was also present at the marriage of her uncle, Jno. A. Wilson and Miss Tennie Cellum, which occasion was solemnized last Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The bride is known by a large number of the people of this city, having resided here several months and was employed by Mrs. A. E. Greenhill in the millinery department of her ladies furnishing store.

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Christmas afternoon at five o'clock Mr. Jack Tubbs, son of Isham Tubbs, of this city and Miss Mary Dean Martin, daughter of Raleigh Martin, one of Lubbock's prominent grocery dealers, were united in marriage.

The Avalanche joins their many friends in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous journey over the matrimonial seas.  
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one of the greatest living curiosities of the world. Among other things you say, "Man looketh upon the outward appearance, but God looketh upon the heart."

How very true. Then God pity the dram seller, who fills his coffers with blood money, wrung from the bleeding hearts of widowed mothers, and homeless childhood. Now A. B. if you do not get a job with friend Barnum, I wish you would return to the prohibition fold, and help us to rid Texas of the accursed saloon. Then we can mutually enjoy the happy songs that will arise from once desolate homes, while Angels will peep over the silvery parapets of heaven, and bend a listening ear to catch the sweet echos of that music, as it floats out upon our southern breeze.

You further say, "Prohibition is a whitened sepulcher, beautiful to contemplate,—but it won't bear investigation. Its contrary to both scripture and reason." I am afraid you have neglected your Sunday School, or you wouldn't write thus. Again, you say, "Prohibition is the axis upon which the world revolves. The larger the axis, the greater the friction. And the smaller the axis, the less the friction."

This is certainly a remarkable proposition, and it seems to me that it could only be produced by a spontaneous combustion resulting from a chimerical ostentation of your cerebellum. Uncle Solomon, that wise old man, has furnished us with two proverbs, which gives something of a double geared argument, and I am at a loss to know which one to apply in your case, for in one verse he says, "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him."

And in the next verse he says, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."

I would notice some other points, (not arguments) but my letter is already too long, so I will close with the words of a certain preacher. "The God that made the lofty mountain, made the little hill. The God that made the might ocean, made the little rivulet." and I will add, that when God made you, he made a daisy.

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## GREAT PROMISE OF THE SEASON

IS THAT THERE WILL BE A BOUNTIFUL YIELD OF ALL KINDS OF FARM CROPS NEXT YEAR

### GROUND WET DEEP; WILL PERMIT EARLY PLOWING

Farmers Will Have a Splendid Opportunity to Prepare Their Land For the Ensuing Season—Stock Doing Splendidly—Range is Good—More Small Farms Necessary

The promises of the season seem to be that there is something great in store for the people in this section—the promise is that of well filled barns, bigger bank accounts and other conditions that make the country prosperous. Up to the present time there has been more rain and snow fell in this section of the state at this season of the year than for several seasons past, and the prospects are good for more moisture before the weather clears up. The ground is wet thoroughly, and the farmer will have an opportunity to prepare his land early for the reception of the seed for next season's crop.

While we have been having continuous cold weather for the past month, the weather has not been so severe that livestock suffered to any great extent, and ranchman state that their stock are doing splendidly the range being good; and they are not anticipating other than their entire herd will go through the winter without any loss.

The wheat crop of this section will be larger than any previous year, and with the present prospects at hand there is little

doubt that the yield will exceed any other.

The people of this section we believe will diversify next year more than ever before, and if the intensified method is also adopted there will be no doubt of even greater success than in the past. The great need of the country now is smaller farms and more farmers. We believe that the land owners would do well to divide their large tracts into smaller ones and place a set of improvements on the land, which would be inducements for farmers to come here and make crops. Rent it to them, until they are able to buy it. Don't hold on to your large tracts of land with the hopes of making the only profit that it will ever make—let the other fellow have a chance, and the country will settle up and your small holdings will be worth more than your thousands of acres will ever be worth as they now stand.

Ira Judd, of Amarillo, brother of A. Judd, of this city, spent several days here during the Christmas festivities, returning Tuesday to his work in the Santa Fe offices at Amarillo. His wife who has been visiting here several weeks returned with him.

#### 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 if 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 whose 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.

# THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE

And if you want to keep in good spirits all the time it will pay you to see us for your groceries and racket goods. We also have a line of attractive Christmas offerings and you will do well to examine them before making purchases. Let us figure with you. It pays.

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### 3,860,386 BALES IN TEXAS

Prior to Last Wednesday 92.4 Per Cent of Present Crop Had Been Ginned.

Washington, Dec. 20—Of the enormous cotton crop grown during 1911 and estimated by the department of agriculture at 14,885,000 bales, there has been ginned prior to last Wednesday 92.4 per cent, or 13,759,652 bales according to the Census Bureau's report issued today. This exceeds by more than 3,000,000 bales the amount ginned to December 13, last year and by almost the same amount the ginning of previous record years.

The Census Bureau's report of cotton ginning for the seventh period of the season, from Dec. 1, to 12, inclusive, issued at 10 a.m. today, shows the number of running bales ginned to the latter date from the great record-breaking cotton crop grown in 1911, with comparative ginning statistics to the corresponding dates of last year and the former record years of 1904 and 1908, as follows:

FIGURES IN DETAIL  
United States 13,759,652 bales,

compared with 10,659,443 bales last year, when 92.5 per cent of the entire crop was ginned prior to Dec. 14; 11,904,269 bales in 1908, when 91 per cent was ginned, and 11,971,477 bales in 1904, when 89 per cent was ginned.

Round bales included were 93,294, compared with 106,486 bales last year. 140,024 bales in 1909 and 215,059 bales in 1908.

Sea Island bales included were 99,436, compared with 75,228 bales last year. 85,177 bales in 1909 and 80,316 bales in 1908.

### Has Opportunity Knocked

Opportunity has been tapping on the roll top desk occupied by wholesome, clean, energetic, efficient young Texans. Leastwise, from every section of the state comes news of advancement and increased responsibility for those who make good by application, diligence and eternal striking-at-it. The age of pull and nepotism and the sort has passed. Merit counts. Those who deliver the goods and look about for something else to keep them busy are wanted in every line of activity. Listen son: These are the golden days. Be clean. Be energetic. Keep the

eye off the clock and on the indicator of your job. Be frugal. Dimes saved now are dollars ten years hence. Keep good hours now and the years to come will keep you. If you are a young Texan in any division of the day's work you should be making good. If Opportunity hasn't been tapping on your desk there's something wrong. And right now's the time to apply the remedy. Talk this over with yourself. Then get busy.—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

John Hufstetler, one of the Avalanche composers left last Thursday afternoon for Hood County, where he will spend the holidays with his parents, whom he had not seen for five years previous. The Avalanche wishes him a pleasant journey and safe return to his family.

Mrs. C. W. Ratliff and children left last week for San Angelo, where they will visit till after the first of January.

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## "I Am Well"

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### ANOTHER FIRE AT SNYDER

Joe Strayhorn's Implement House Destroyed. Heavy Explosion Aroused Community.

Snyder had another destructive fire last night. This time it was in the concrete store building of Joe Strayhorn across the street from the city pumping

station. The building was filled with a stock of buggies, plows, binders and other machinery and farming implements. It is said that the community was aroused by a loud explosion and immediately the house seemed to be in flames all inside and the fire was bursting out of the roof. Guns were fired, whistles were blowing and the fire bell set to ringing a vigorous alarm. The

fire company had soon rigged up two streams of water and by heroic work saved other property from burning. The implement store was a complete loss and the front wall of the building was tumbled down and broken. Mr. Strayhorn roughly estimates his loss on building and stock at \$22,500 with \$14,500 insurance there and \$1,000 on his iron clad house adjoining and

\$750 on his barn. Both these were considerable damaged.

It is supposed the fire originated in the southwest corner where the office was located.

The explosion which was heard by the people several blocks away led to a suspicion that somebody had tried to blow the safe, but it cannot be determined whether that is so. The idea has been advanced that

yeggmen probably tried it with nitroglycerin and that the charge failed to work and may have set fire to the house instead.

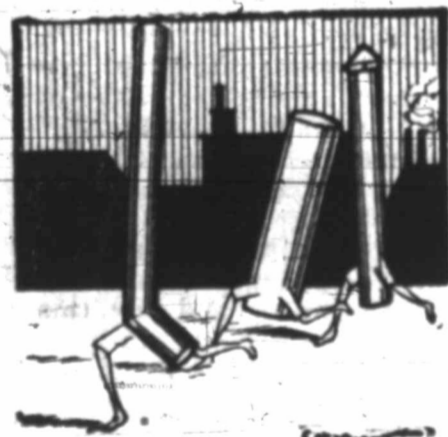
Mr. Strayhorn doesn't think there is anything in the idea.

Mr. Darby whose business is a block from the Strayhorn corner stated today that his warehouse door was opened sometime early in the night and this adds to the suspicion that

burglars may have been searching for tools, though nothing has been missed.—Snyder Signal.

Walter Lupton was here from Yoakum county the latter part of the week.

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### TEL. OFFICIAL OPTIMISTIC

S. W. Telephone Co. Has Faith in the Country and will Assist in Development.

J. F. Henderson, superintendent of the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Co., left Friday for Fort Worth to spend the holidays with his family after spending several days here. Mr. Henderson says he missed

Thanksgiving day from home and is determined to be at home to help his family celebrate Christmas.

In speaking of West Texas to a reporter for this paper, Mr. Henderson said he was glad to see the fine rains and it did him good to hear such optimistic people as inhabit this city and country talk about what good times they expect next year that they have a fine winter season in the ground. He too is confident

that West Texas "will come back" next year and that prosperity will reign supreme in this country in 1912.

He says the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company has confidence in the country and will do as it is now doing, its full share in bringing the country general prosperity.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

W. E. Cope left Saturday afternoon for Abilene. He will spend several weeks visiting var-

ious points in Taylor county and will then go to Houston, where he will probably remain with one of his daughters the coming summer. Mr. Cope says he is well pleased with this country and is not leaving because he does not like here, but says the young men of the plains have robbed him of his house keepers and left him to batch and he does not take kindly to the new arrangement and will not farm here the coming year. Mr. Cope

says he brought three grown daughters to the plains three years ago and the last one of them have been persuaded to leave the parental roof and left him to paddle his own canoe. He recommends the Lubbock country to the man who has more girls than he can take care of.

O. E. Patterson last week sold his residence in the west part of the Overton Addition to Albert Taylor, who will occupy same in

the future. Mr. Patterson is shaping things up to move to Haskell, where he expects to reside in the future.

### \$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, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving strength by building up the constitution and restoring nature to doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative power that they offer \$100,000 Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CLEGG & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, etc. This Hall's Family Pills advertisement.

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**TWO TRAINMEN KILLED**

Lose Lives While Operating Snow Plow on Fort Worth & Denver Road, Wednesday

Engineer, C. T. Callahan and Fireman Sterling C. Williams, both of this city, lost their lives in an accident on the Fort Worth & Denver Wednesday afternoon. They were on their engine operating a snow plow when the engine left the track and turned

homes later in the morning. C. T. Callahan, has been employed as an engineer on the Fort Worth & Denver for about fourteen years, having been a resident of Amarillo all these years. His home was at 303 North Grant street. He was considered one of the reliable engineers of the company and was prominent as a member of the B. of L. E. At the time of his death he was secretary-treasurer of the Panhandle Division No. 574. He has previously

His brother was expected here from Electra today. Mr. Williams was a member of the Modern Woodmen and carried a policy for \$2,000. The remains of Mr. Williams will be shipped to Olustee, Okla., for burial. Mr. Callahan will be buried at Amarillo probably Saturday. Edgar Twitty went over to Crosbyton Friday afternoon to do some electrical work, returning on the Saturday morning train.

**KILLING IN KENT COUNTY**

Dick Sampson Reported Dead and His Brother Wounded

News has been received here of the fatal tragedy enacted yesterday morning at the O-O ranch in Kent county in which Dick Sampson was shot to death and his brother "Big" Sampson was wounded. The Sampson's were managers of the ranch. It

is reported that Frank Erwin is accused of doing the shooting. No particulars up to late yesterday evening could be had. The Signal tried to call up the Sheriff at Clairmont but could not get wire connection. It is said that Erwin formerly lived in Scurry county, near Ira. Snyder Signal. Christian Boller was in to see us Saturday and requested us not to send him the Avalanche any longer. His requests is as promptly complied with as if he

had handed us a dollar and told us to keep 'er coming. While we regret to lose a subscriber, still we do not wish to force the paper upon anyone.

Dr. Rumph is here spending the holidays with his family.

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completely over on its side down a fourteen feet embankment, clearing the main line by about fifteen feet. Engineer Callahan met instant death under his engine and it was only for an instant that Williams showed any sign of life and for that brief moment he may not have been conscious. The accident occurred at 3:15

done valuable service for the brotherhood as a member of the legislative committee. He was 53 years of age and died on the twentieth anniversary of his marriage. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. John Davis of this city, and Miss Leota, who resides at the family home. His mother and his brother and sister, J. T. Callahan

**ODESSA RANCHMAN DIES**

Patrick Murray, Here for Eye Treatment, is Victim of Heart Disease

Fort Worth, Dec. 22. - Patrick Murray, 76, a wealthy ranchman of Odessa, Texas, died suddenly Thursday morning as he sat at

breakfast in a restaurant near Sixteenth and Main streets. Two weeks ago Murray came to Ft. Worth to undergo treatment for an affliction to the eyes. He was rooming with N. H. Ellis at 1613 1-2 Main street. The body was removed to the rooming house after taken to Robertson's undertaking establishment. Justice Maben held an inquest

over the remains later in the day and rendered a verdict of death from heart disease. The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge and no arrangements for the funeral will be made until the Masonic organization at Odessa has been communicated with. As far as is known Murray has no surviving relatives. He had

lived at Odessa for a number of years. Truly Texas is only another name for diversity. While the citizens of Amarillo are shoveling snow from their back steeps, the people of Laredo are sitting down to breakfast at which are served cantaloupes, tomatoes and lettuce fresh from the garden.

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and it was only a very short time till the report reached Amarillo. About 4:30 the wrecking crew left for the scene taking with them an undertaker to have charge of the dead. The caboose turned almost over, but remained on the grade. Trainmaster G. T. Groves was cut about the face by flying glass and Conductor W. O. Smith was injured about the limbs but the injuries of neither are serious. It was about 10:15 p. m., or seven hours after the accident when the bodies of engineer and fireman were removed from under their engine. They were brought to Amarillo on the second No. 8, arriving here shortly before 4 o'clock this morning when they were taken directly to the Eakle undertaking parlors and prepared for burial. Both were removed to their

and Mrs. Maggie Hodder, reside in East St. Louis. Sterling C. Williams, was a native of Cleburne, Texas, but for some time had made his home with his mother and sister at Texline until they moved to Amarillo about two months ago. He had been employed on the road for about a year. He was 20 years of age and unmarried. His widowed mother Mrs. Hattie Williams, and his sister, Miss Lela, reside at 702 South Fillmore street. Another sister, Mrs. Charles Parker, resides at San Mana, Cal. He also leaves two brothers, Carl of Electra, and Rice who is in the government service, has been stationed at the United States training station at San Francisco and has recently been ordered to the seat of trouble in China.

**"ROOSEVELT WOULD ACCEPT"**

Washington Correspondent of New York Times Writes About Possibility of Convention Action

New York, Dec. 22. - The New York Times says this morning, in a dispatch from its Washington correspondent, that Col. Theodore Roosevelt though not an active candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1912, would not oppose his name being placed before the convention, and if nominated would accept it and go before the country next fall as standard bearer of his party for the highest office in the gift of the voters. The dispatch cites the fight he made for the New York State

ticket in 1910, knowing all the time the certain defeat that his party was facing. It states that the recent publication in a Philadelphia paper of an article saying that Mr. Roosevelt would not be a candidate in 1912 was inspired by the La Follette campaign managers and was issued in the hope of laying to rest whatever opposition might loom up from time to time detrimental to Mr. La Follette's campaign. "If there should be a spontaneous demand for Roosevelt," says the Times dispatch, "to lead next year's Republican fight, regardless of all that he has said and written on the subject, what would he do?" "Well, he would accept. That is the only answer that can be made to that question."

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Notice of lodge meetings will be inserted in this column for 50 cents per month, payable semi-annually. Changes to be made upon request of the properly authorized representative of the lodges.  
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WANTED—By man and wife, position on farm or ranch. Address, box 753, Lubbock, Texas. 25-1tp

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

J. H. Pettitt and Mrs. Maddox, were united in marriage on the 21st of this month. Mr. Pettitt is quite well known in this country, having resided here a number of years and is one of the prominent stock farmers of the county. Mrs. Maddox is also well and favorable known by the people of the community in which she has resided for the past two years, and all join in wishing them a happy, prosperous life.

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### WOULD DO HENRY MUCH GOOD

Wise Wife Appreciated the Bishop's Reply to Her Too Serious Young Husband.

At the opening of a large religious meeting in Iowa a few years ago a missionary bishop from a neighboring state took the usual steps toward putting his audience in good humor by paying some compliments to the state in which they were assembled. He praised the products of Iowa one by one, and congratulated the people on living in so rich a land.

When his speech was ended a solemn young clergyman rose and said that he ventured to call the bishop's attention to one serious omission from the list of Iowa products, namely—eggs. The bishop, abundantly endowed with humor, promptly replied, to the delight of the assembly:

"I am extremely glad to learn that the hens of Iowa have so competent a young rooster to crow for them."

Now, besides his humor, the bishop had a tender heart, and could not help fearing that his impulsive remark might have wounded the young man—to say nothing of the young man's wife. When he met her at a reception after the meeting his fears were happily dispelled.

"I want to thank you," she said, "for your speech—especially for your answer to my husband. It will do Henry a great deal of good." "Fortunate Henry! Fortunate every young husband with an inclination to take himself too seriously who has a wise and devoted wife with an inclination of quite the opposite kind!"—Youth's Companion.

### THE WAY NOWADAYS.



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### THACKERAY'S THANKS.

Thackeray's playful habit of wrapping rhyme up in prose is happily illustrated in the letter below, which was written to his friend Hole:

"Did you ever write and comply with your desire to have a page of autograph? You're welcome to a quire. Tell your friend the lady I have no pleasure higher than in writing pretty poetry and striking of the lyre in compliment to a gentleman whom benevolence did inspire to send me partridges and pheasants killed with shot or wire (but whatever the way of killing them, I equally admire) and who of such practices, I trust, will never tire. May you bring your birds down every time, this, my noble sportsman, is the fond desire of William Makepeace Thackeray, editor and esquire." —Youth's Companion.

### COUNTRY BOARD.

Simeon Ford, New York's humorist and hotel man, was talking about country board.

"Some of it is pretty steep," he said. "I once boarded at a farm in Vermont. While I was stopping there the postmaster said to me: 'Yer puttin' up at a fine place, young feller. Yer landlady was tellin' me this mornin' how long she keeps all her boarders.'"

"Well, you see," said I, "she keeps them so thin that they look longer than they really are." —Exchange.

### NECESSITY.

Mrs. Patt—Do you allow smoking in the house?

Mrs. Bett—When it's the kitchen stove how can you stop it?

### ENGRAVING STEEL DIES.

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### WHAT STARTED THE CONFLICT

Gen. Fred Grant's Story Told to Illustrate the Uselessness of Arbitration.

Gen. J. F. D. Grant, apropos of the uselessness of arbitration as exemplified in the case of the Turko-Italian war, said the other day in New York:

"It reminds me of a story. According to this story, a war was going on, and one day, the papers being full of the grim details of a bloody battle, a woman said to her husband:

"This slaughter is shocking. It's fiendish. Can nothing be done to stop it?"

"I'm afraid not," her husband answered.

"Why don't both sides come together and arbitrate?" she cried.

"They did," said he. "They did, way back in June. That's how the god-durned thing started."

### ROSEN'S TRIBUTE TO PRESS

Former Russian Ambassador Says He Hasn't Been Misquoted by Reporters in 35 Years.

When Baron Rosen, the retiring Russian ambassador, took passage at New York in the Muretania on his return trip to St. Petersburg, where he is to be minister of foreign affairs, a reporter sought to procure from him his opinions on current events. Baron Rosen naturally had nothing to say under this head, but what he did have to say is worth noting:

"I have spent 35 years in this country, and in all that time I have never been misquoted by a newspaper man. I am, therefore, certain that none of you will misquote me now incorrectly, when I say that I cannot speak on any public subject, for I am still true to my training as a diplomat."—Exchange.

### AN \$8 CRY.

"My wife had a three-minute cry the other day that cost \$8," said the man. "But she says she got her money's worth, and I guess she did. It was her birthday. She had not seen her mother for two years, and in a generous spirit befitting the day I had arranged that she and the old lady should have a little chat over the long distance telephone. It was a dead secret. I had made all the plans on my own initiative, and the call came to her as a complete surprise. I answered it myself.

"Belle," said I, "what do you think? Your mother wants to talk to you."

"She nearly fainted. 'Oh, mother,' she shouted into the receiver, and then began to cry. With the exception of occasional repetitions of 'Oh, mother,' that was all she did for three minutes. I had it from her afterward that her mother's vocabulary was equally limited. Personally I considered the interview a failure, but my wife insists that both she and her mother had one of the loveliest experiences of their lives." —New York Sun.

### SUCH A HORRID JUDGE.

The woman jury had been out for hours.

The judge looked tired, the clerk yawned, the loungers slept.

The bailiff, after listening at the keyhole several times, shook his head with a discouraged air.

And then, quite unexpectedly, the jury announced it was ready to report, and the 12 women filed in.

"Have you agreed upon a verdict?" the judge demanded.

The forelady nodded and smiled.

"We have agreed upon 12 verdicts, your honor," she told him in her flutelike voice.

"You are discharged!" roared the judge.

"Isn't it horrid!" said the women.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### CLOSE CALCULATION.

"It seems to me," said a customer to his barber, "that you ought to lower your price for a shave in these hard times."

The barber shook his head sadly and said:

"Can't be done. Nowadays everybody wears such a long face that we have a great deal more surface to shave over!"—Life.

### THEIR NATURE.

"Coal strikes ought not to be considered big news."

"Why not?"

"Because they are bound to be classed as minor sensations."

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## COMMISSION ISSUED IN 1879

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith has been Postmistress at Mount Blanco Without Break in Service

Mount Blanco, Crosby County, Texas, Dec. 17.—In your issue of Dec. 5, I see an article stating that S. D. Hughes of Margaret, Foard County, has a record of having been postmaster of that place for a period of over twenty-eight years. Later I have seen an article by G. F. Meyers of Carrollton, Texas, claiming to have been in the Government service over forty-one years. I note, however, that he has served but sixteen years and five months of that time as postmaster. While I wish to give these gentlemen honor for records of long continuous service, I think that we of Mount Blanco, Crosby County, have the honor of having a postmaster who has a far longer record without a break than I am sure any postmaster in Texas has, serving under the original commission executed by the Government. Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, postmaster of Mount Blanco, was appointed in 1879. Her commission is dated Sept. 1 1879, and she has been serving as postmaster thirty-two years three months and seventeen days. Her commission is signed by David M. Key, Postmaster General. A postoffice inspector on a recent visit said her commission was the oldest that he had ever seen and that he was sure she was the oldest postmaster with an actual continuous service in charge of one office. She is until this day giving the patrons of this office universal satisfaction. She bids fair to give us many more years of her very efficient service. H. C. Smith, the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, the postmaster of Mount Blanco, came to this county in 1876 and settled on the site of what is now Mount Blanco. In 1877 Mr. Smith built a large two-story house of hewn stone. The stone was quarried near by and the lime used in the construction was burnt on the ground. The lumber used in the house was freighted by ox wagons from Fort Worth, a distance of 300 miles. The lumber cost \$40 per 1,000 there and \$90 per 1,000 to

freight it here. In 1879 a postoffice was established and named Mount Blanco. Mrs. Smith was appointed postmaster. When Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to this county there were many buffalo and Indians. Postoffices were very few and far between in this part of the State in those days. When Mount Blanco was established a postoffice, patrons of this office came as far as fifty and seventy-five miles for their mail, the nearest other offices to Mount Blanco being Fort Sumner in New Mexico, a distance of 200 miles northwest, Fort Elliott, in Wheeler County, Tex., a distance of 180 miles northeast, Fort Griffin, 175 miles southeast, and Fort Conecho, 200 miles southwest. Settlers were few and scattered many miles apart. The nearest settlers to this place were twenty-five miles away at Dockum in Dickens County. Mr. Smith has been Government weather observer since 1894, when the Government established a weather station at Mount Blanco. Mr. Smith still occupies the home which he built when he came here—the first house built in Crosby County. They are both in excellent health and it is the wish of all their many friends that they be with us many years, giving us their very efficient and appreciated services.

WILLIAM ECTOR  
—In Dallas News.

**A Brick House for Old Santa**  
On last Saturday night the children and grand children of Geo. M. Hunt with a few others, gathered at the beautiful home of Geo. C. Wolfarth, for Christmas greetings. Santa Claus was very liberal with his gifts, both for young and old. An imitation brick house had been arranged with doors and windows. A chimney with a fire place extended above the roof. When all was ready old Santa poked his head out at the top of this chimney to the very great delight of the children. This pleasant entertainment was followed the next day with a turkey dinner and a family reunion. The occasion was enlivened with delightful instrumental music by Misses Eva Wheelock and Ruby Ellis, and especially so by their piano duets.

John W. Dale, state cattle inspector, left Wednesday to spend the holidays with home folks in Parker county. He will bring his family back with him when he returns. The Brand extends to Mr. Dale and his family a hearty welcome to Hereford and trusts he will find the place a pleasant place in which to live.  
—Hereford Brand.

J. W. Ellison and family of Slide left Friday afternoon for Mt. Calm where they go to spend the holidays with Mr. Ellison's mother, and other relatives in that vicinity.

Miss Flora McGee, one of the teachers in the grammar school department of the Lubbock High School, is visiting relatives in Amarillo this week.

**The Peanut**  
The peanut is a kindly plant—being of two kinds and, also, taking very kindly to the Texas Panhandle.

The American peanut is large and robust, although it has not, as yet, been placed on a pedestal on account of its bust.

Its prominent kernel has led Kentucky to claim the original nativity of the American peanut, while Georgia cherishes it as one of her Major plants.

The Spanish, or Mexican peanut, is, of course, much smaller than the American member of the family—and, as a family, has fewer little peanuts. The Mexican peanut is noted for its grease, which gives it a national characteristic and, also, probably explains why the average Mexican is called "A Greaser."

The American and Spanish peanut have been successfully crossed in the Philippine Islands, where, according to Uncle Sam's military civilization had or wholly rotten. Filipinos seem to be the rule.

The peanut is progressive in planting and, also, has considerable uplift to it—while being dug.

Although the peanut is not strictly classed as a root, it is very popular with soothing hogs—and besides is often en route to market.

The peanut has a vine, but even the females of the family are not of the clinging variety. The peanut is nutty, but this may be an account of its being roasted so much.

The peanut has a shell but never shells out unless it is compelled to.

Taken as a whole, the peanut is all that is claimed for it—especially as it leaves more or less of a hole after its removal from the ground.

**Honey From Cotton Blooms**  
Haskell, Texas, Dec. 22.—Paul Zahn, a farmer living ten miles north of Haskell, sold \$50 worth of turkeys here. Mr. Zahn said that he recently took from three hives of bees 252 pounds of honey of fine flavor and quality. This honey was made from mesquite and cotton blooms, principally the latter. Mr. Zahn is one of the very few who have tried bees here, and his experience seems to indicate that they would be a great success in this country as owing to the drought and scarcity of wild flowers, this was a hard year for a test to be made.

Mr. Crews, of Terry county, was here the latter part of last week with a wagon load of turkeys, which he offered for sale on the local market.

Miss Crossett, teacher in the primary department, in the Lubbock High School, left Friday for Lamesa to spend the holidays with home folks.

W. A. Watkins, who has had charge of the Tremont Hotel for several months disposed of his lease and returned to his former home in Snyder.

Dr. Rumph has been spending the holidays with his family at this place.

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### Plainview Elects Secretary

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 23.—At a called meeting of the recently reorganized Plainview Chamber of Commerce, Z. E. Black was chosen secretary and R. W. Brahan treasurer. The secretary, who will devote all his time to the work, has been placed on a salary and will enter upon the duties of his office at once. An extensive publicity and development campaign for Plainview and Hale county is being mapped out by the secretary and his various committees and the citizenship are rallying as a

unit to the support of the organization. Hale county needs more farmers on her virgin acres and Plainview wants more smoke from factories and railroads and the Chamber of Commerce proposes that 1912 shall witness the greatest development in the history of this section. A number of entries have already been turned in to the executive committee in the slogan contest which closes February 1. A bonus of \$25 will be paid by the Chamber of Commerce for the slogan which nearest fits its needs and any citizen of Texas is qualified for the contest.

### Ranchman Dies

Midland, Tex., Dec. 24.—W. Clark, a well-known cattleman, died here. Mr. Clark was the owner of a large ranch north of Midland in Midland and Martin Counties, residing at the time of his death in Midland. He is survived by a wife and one son.

Suggestions are in order as to the correct way of carrying our individual drinking cups. Hardly do to hang them from the waist by a string, the way a hobo carries his tomato can.—Medical Bulletin.

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**MISREPRESENTATIVES**

Hall County Herald (Memphis): A bill is now before Congress to pay all old Federal soldiers who served during the Civil War a pension of \$1 per day whether they need it or not. The Congressman are falling over themselves to support it. It is a bit of sop for the old soldier vote, and is outrageous.

State Press: A large majority of the Democratic Congressmen voted for that shameful grab. They did it frankly to secure benefit in the "doubtful States" next year. What shall it profit a Democratic people to gain all the offices and lose their own Democracy? Why commit the Democratic party to class legislation so gross that even its apologists have to defend it on "policy" grounds? Why should anybody have any confidence in a party that votes the taxpayers' money away to clamorous applicants merely in order to secure the votes of the clamorers? Isn't self-respect of some value even to a political party with a long string of cowardly evasions to its discredit? As far as the Republican party is concerned, nothing better was expected of it.

J. W. Millsapps, who for a number of years guided the old newspaper craft known as the Sweetwater Reporter, has sold his interest in the paper and plant and will engage in job printing exclusively. Mr. Wade who has been conducting the job printing having purchased Mr. Millsapp's interest in the Reporter. It seemed to be a swap out and in. Both are good men on the job and no doubt will succeed admirably.

The high price of many farm products during the past few years has given ground for the popular inference that agriculture in this country was unequal to the needs of the increasing population, but an investigation conducted by the Federal Agricultural Department fails to reveal a cause for alarm. On the contrary, the report states we may expect an increase in production greater than the increase in population.

The Byers Herald dressed out in Santa Claus garb last week and announced to the public that it was the last issue before New Year and for all its readers to have a good time till they meet again.

**VITAL STATISTICS**

From the Texas State Board of Health Bulletin for October.

"A colored school teacher was heard to make the assertion the other day that 'aristocracy and childlessness go hand in hand.' When one notes that the births of October show a decrease of 508 over that of September we wonder if Texas is suddenly becoming aristocratic. There were only 5225 babies reported to us this month, out of which were only 31 sets of twins, and 1 set of triplets; a decrease of 21 sets of twins and 1 set of triplets being shown.

"On the other hand there were 22 more deaths than in September. Tuberculosis of the lungs, as usual, heads the list with an increase of 31 deaths over September, due doubtless to the setting in of cooler weather.

"Typhoid still holds its own as the leading cause of death (excepting, of course, the Great White Plague). October has been called by some the typhoid month. The word typhoid means a stupor-like fever, and it has been proven by statistics that out of every 100,000 inhabitants of the United States, 46.5 die ever year from typhoid fever. The death rate per 100,000 in Scotland is 6.2; in Germany 7.6; in England and Wales, 11.2; in Italy, 35.2. Differences in climate, soil and geographical peculiarities are not sufficient to explain these variations. The explanation is dependent upon differences in the sanitary intelligence of the people of these countries. We lose 35,000 lives every year in the United States from typhoid fever, in addition we have 35,000 others sick on an average of six weeks each. Certainly the typhoid problem is a grave concern for our country to grapple with, and we of Texas are supplying our quota. Texans should remember that 'A sanitary privy costs ten dollars; a case of typhoid fever costs a hundred.' One seldom has both.

"Senility and still-births follow next in order, 86 and 83, respectively. Pallagra has dropped to 22, a decrease of 5 over September.

"Considering deaths from violence, we find that cooler weather put fresh hope in the breasts of the disconsolate. Only 17 took their own lives in October and only 15 the lives of others, a decrease of 41 over September; 9 were drowned accidentally. Lightning claimed 1, and 14 died suddenly.

"We have the report of the death of an infant caused by Winslow's Soothing Syrup; this is another case of a baby having been soothed to sleep never to wake again."

**PRESIDENT SANTA CLAUS**

Remembers White House Employees, Policemen and Secret Service Men.

Washington, Dec. 23.—President Taft played Santa Claus today to two score policemen, more than twenty clerks, the secret service men who are on guard at the executive offices and dozens of other employees of the White House.

To each policeman and married man employed about the White House outside the office force, the steward presented a fat turkey with the compliments of the President and Mrs. Taft. Each clerk found today an envelope with a \$5 gold piece in it on his desk.

The President himself acted as Santa Claus for the secret service men who have traveled with him from Boston to Seattle, from Washington to Panama, and on many other journeys. Each guard was given a gold stick pin. One present for Mr. Taft himself that had reached the White House came from Postmaster Douglas of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. It was a 45-pound

turkey, one of the biggest ever to grace the Presidential Christmas dinner.

Robert Ritchie, Madie and Lucy Judd are spending a few days in Hale Center, visiting relatives.

J. I. Mabry returned home Tuesday from a business trip to Lubbock.—Plainview News.

The Bureau of Statistics of the Federal Agricultural Department announces that the purchasing power of an acre of cotton in 1909 was forty-four per cent more than in 1899. The bears may scamper to their dens and the bulls take to the tall timbers, but King Cotton will reign supreme, so long as the human race wears clothing.

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### POPULATION STATISTICS

The State's Population According to Elements of Race, Nativity, Etc, as Shown by Last Census

Washington, D. C. Dec. 22. (Special) - A preliminary statement giving for each state and territory of continental United States the distribution of the population according to its elements of race, nativity, and parentage as shown by the returns of the Thirteenth Decennial Census taken as of April 15th, 1910, was issued today by Director Durand of the Bureau of Census, Department of Com-

merce and Labor. Below are given the figures for Texas: The total population in 1910 was 3,896,542, compared with 3,048,710 in 1900, an increase for the decade of 847,832, or 27.8 per cent. In 1910 the total white population was 3,204,896, compared with 2,426,669 in 1900, an increase of 778,227, or 32.1 per cent. The total number of whites represented 82.2 per cent of the entire population of the state in 1910. In 1910, the total native white population was 2,964,884, compared with 2,249,088 in 1900, an increase of 715,796 or 31.8 per

cent. The total number of native whites represented 76.1 per cent of the entire population of the state in 1910. The foreign white population in 1910 was 240,012 compared with 177,581 in 1900, an increase of 62,431 or 35.2 per cent. The total number of foreign whites in 1910 represented 6.2 per cent of the entire population of the state. The negro population in 1910 was 690,020, compared with 620,722 in 1900, an increase of 69,298, or 11.2 per cent. The total number of negroes in 1910 represented 17.7 per cent of the entire population of the state.

### ROUTE INSPECTOR

Looks Over Route From Lubbock to Brownfield—Looks Good For Lubbock

The following from the Brownfield Herald is self explanatory: "Mr. Kingsil, route inspector for Texas, in company with Messrs. Cass, Bullock and Posey of Lubbock, came in Monday over the Lubbock route and left Tuesday morning for Gomez, Plains and Bronco to inspect that part of the route. Mr. Kingsil gave it out that he wanted people to speak up and tell him where they wanted the route and many

talked with him Tuesday morning and on his return Wednesday another petition was circulated while the inspector was at Plains, stating that the signers wished the Tahoka petition eliminated and the route to Lubbock established, because the people of Yoakum County were a unit to Lubbock and Brownfield people concluded that harmony must prevail to get either one or the other. The inspector is not personally interested but said the route serving the most people would be established. He is in Brownfield at present waiting for the Tahoka people to carry him over the route."

Texas is the greatest cotton-producing state in the Union; is nearer the center of population than the New England States, the present seat of the manufacture of cotton goods in this country, possesses a much more suitable climate for profitable manufacturing and has cheaper labor. Texas needs the cotton factories and it seems to us that the factories need our cotton, climate, labor and our large field of home consumption. Prof. G. N. Atkinson principal of the Lubbock High School and teacher of English and History, left Friday for a week or so in Burnett, Texas.

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### LIBERAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Santa Claus Visits Many Poor People Through the Aid of Donations from Different Sources

SENDS CHECK FOR \$12,000. Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 24. Stirred by recollections of a boyhood of unusually hard condition in an unpromising part of Indiana, where his parents were able to make out a bare living—a boyhood that brought an intense longing for toys which other children had, but which of necessity were denied him—John

W. Bookwalter, a local multi-millionaire, tonight, although nearly 4,000 miles away in Geneva, Switzerland, played Santa Claus for thousands of Springfield's poor, including several hundred children. In sending his check here for \$12,000 for the poor of the city for a happy Christmas Mr. Bookwalter especially stipulated that a goodly share of the sum should be spent in the purchase of toys for children who would not be likely otherwise to get them. The commission in charge of the money given carried out the donor's plans to the dot. Tomorrow nearly 3,000 poor

people of Springfield will enjoy their Christmas dinners through the bounty of Mr. Bookwalter. Between 500 and 600 baskets containing Christmas dainties and substantial have been distributed. \$500 CHECK FOR VETERANS. Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 24. At the regular meeting of R. E. Lee Camp, U. C. V., this afternoon, B. B. Paddock presented a check for \$500 as the Christmas gift of the people of the city for the old veterans relief fund. Capt. Paddock explained in presenting the check that the gen-

erosity of the citizens had been taxed this Christmas by numerous calls for subscriptions and assistance and therefore the amount of the check was not as large as the donors desired to give, but all they felt they could give for the purpose at this time. A rising vote of thanks was tendered the contributors to this fund and to Capt. Paddock, who was, as he reported, a self-constituted committee of one to make this collection. Claude Hamilton of Falls, was over spending the holidays with D. C. Worsham and family.

### THE RETREAT THANKS YOU

FOR A VERY LIBERAL BUSINESS DURING THE PAST SEASON AND FOR AN EXTRA LARGE BUSINESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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### Better Prices for Cotton

Austin, Tex., Dec. 23. The rebellious subjects of King Cotton who have become disgusted watching the bulls and bears tearing at the fleecy staple should study the year book issued by the Federal Agricultural Department, which gives the farm value per acre of the leading produce in 1910 in Texas, as follows: Corn, \$12.98; wheat, \$14.70; oats, \$16.70; hay, \$18.81; cotton, \$20.86. The farmer has been led to believe that the next best thing to chasing a bear to its den and shooting the boll weevil back into Mexico was to diversify, but the figures presented by Uncle Sam make it somewhat difficult for the apostles of diversification to select a more profitable money

crop than cotton. It is true the price of cotton per pound has decreased this year as compared with 1910, but the production per acre has increased, and while no authoritative figures have been announced for 1911, it is known that the value of cotton production per acre will still have a strong lead over other products, and in some instances as wide a margin as it had in 1910. The Texas cotton farmer has a serious problem before him and he needs reliable data, and the intelligent co-operation of all citizens.

### High Cost of Living

The December Crop Reporter makes some interesting statements on the high cost of living. Under the head of "Farm values and purchasing power of farm

products" it is reported that the value of an acre of farm crops in 1909 was 73 per cent more than in 1899 and on the opposite page is shown the purchasing power of products of many articles used by the farmers. Making a comparison on trust-made goods, a class of articles Texas courts have declared to be controlled by a trust, it is found that the products of an acre of cotton in 1910 would purchase 195 gallons of coal oil; in 1899 only 88 gallons. In 1910 an acre of cotton would purchase 158 pounds of lard and in 1899 only 129 pounds. In 1910, it would purchase 4.3 barrels of flour and in 1899 only 2.8. A reversal of this statement indicates how the situation looks from the viewpoint of the manufacturer, who must buy the products of the farm by exchanging the output of this factory.

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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 Holiday purchases. See me for all kinds of saddle and harness repair work.

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It has been my besife to please all my customers and your liberal buying makes me feel that I have succeeded. During the coming year I will strive to meet every demand and will appreciate a continuance of your custom.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

## MRS. LOUISE FRIEDRICH

### Encouraging Results

The man who won the first prize offered by the Texas Industrial Congress for combined yields of cotton and corn, each crop to consist of ten acres, grew 1,695 bales of cotton per acre and 31,734 bushels of corn per acre. This was in Cameron County, down in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, which is popularly supposed to be unsuited for successful corn growing. Yet the yield was more than the average for the whole State.

The winner of the second prize, Collin A. Humley of Freestone County, made on his ten acres an average of 1,331 bales of cotton to the acre and 51,278 bushels of corn, more than double the average yield of the State even in good seasons.

The winner of the third prize, Charles A. Doss of Milam County, made 52,826 bushels of corn to the acre and 1,192 bales of cotton.

None of the winners of the first five prizes made less than a bale of cotton to the acre, and none except the winner of the first prize, who lives in Cameron County, made less than fifty bushels of corn to the acre. The Cameron County contestant was decidedly first in cotton production and decidedly last in corn growing, but he got the first prize because it was a combination contest.

All these results were achieved on ten-acre tracts, so that they hardly fall within the classification of "toy farming," an epithet which is often employed to disparage the accomplishments of these who practice the intensive methods of cultivation. The value of intensive methods was never more impressively shown than it is by the figures of the results of this contest. Such results as these tempt one to believe that the farm wealth annually produced in this State now could be as easily produced on one-half the acreage that is devoted to the growing of crops. The energies of the farmers are being distributed over too wide an area. In this, as in every case, greed defeats its purpose. The greater acreage demanded for cultivation does not bring correspondingly greater return. It will be observed that in the boys' contests, the yields of both corn and cotton were uniformly larger than in the men's contests. The boys were only required to cultivate two acres in each crop, whereas the men were required to cultivate ten acres in each crop. Thus the value of intensive cultivation would be further proved, if proof of any kind were longer needed. The boys made more corn and cotton, not because they expended more energy than the men, because as a matter of fact they expended less. They made more corn per acre because they expended more energy per acre. Had the men put the same energy in five acres that they put in the cultivation of ten, they would have made more corn per acre than the boys did. It is to be remembered that these remarkable results were

achieved during probably the poorest corn-growing season in Texas that has been known for many years. One hesitates to venture a guess what might be accomplished by the same method during a normal season, because the figures which reason prompts him to put forth sounds incredible big. Nevertheless, one may, in all safety, say this: The general adoption of intensive methods of cultivation must bring to this State a prosperity that will surpass the estimates of the most sanguine imagination. The Texas Industrial Congress is to be congratulated for doing a work which makes such consequences possible. —Dallas News.

### Alfalfa as a Row Crop

Authentic reports come from high lands of Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado, of at once successful and profitable cultivation of alfalfa as a row crop for market seed production.

This cultivation is through the medium of windmill well pumpage irrigation—the water being lifted from depths of from 200 to 350 feet with a pumpage flow of from 1-2 inches to 2-1-2 inches and discharged into surface dirt excavated reservoirs.

The alfalfa culture is similar to that of corn and gives from 5 to 7 bushels of seed per acre, the great accruing profits including the facts that the crop is grown on \$10 or \$15 per acre land and a seed sale ranging from \$7.50 to \$15 per bushel, the original well plant investment rarely reaching \$500.

Owing to the smallness of the pumpage flow the crux of this irrigating system is contained in the reservoir conservation of the water.

These reservoirs are as cheaply constructed as they are effectively used, consisting merely of a connecting chain of surface dirt excavated basins, the first basin receiving the pumpage discharge and the basins feeding each other to the end of the serial chain.

The primary and practically the principal, irrigation under these reservoirs is that of fall or winter flooding, the water being turned on the land in September, and allowed to freeze in the soil to a depth of several inches and thus constituting a subirrigation for next year's planting, which moisture is not exhausted until the latter part of June, or the first of July.

Alfalfa row crop cultivation thus proving profusely profitable under windmill well irrigation pumpage in the high altitude lands and great water depths of Western Kansas, Western Nebraska and Eastern Colorado what almost incalculable profits would accrue from similar alfalfa irrigation in the Texas Panhandle altitudes; minimum water lifts, and minor costs of windmill well pumpage plan installation.

The answer to this News question should be the early initiation of a general alfalfa row crop culture through windmill pumpage irrigation which will inevitably develop the Texas Panhandle in the greatest alfalfa seed producer on the globe. —Amarillo News.

### Texas Industrial Notes

The San Antonio Automobile Club has plans well underway to construct a motordrome between one and three miles in length.

It is rumored that Dallas will organize a trust company with \$3,000,000 capitol under the laws of Arizona.

Iowa capitalists have purchased 18,000 acres of land near Plainview and are dividing it into 40-acre tracts for small irrigated farms.

The business men of Hico have agreed to provide a large premium list for the boys of that community to grow the best corn in 1912.

Orange county has organized a Good Roads Association.

A Collin County farmer has offered the county free gravel to build three miles of good road.

A stockman of Oldham county sold a seven-months-old calf, this week in Kansas City for \$41.30. The calf weighed 590 pounds.

The citizens of Carizzo Springs have recently organized a city beautiful club.

During the past year approximately 90,000 homeseekers and alien immigrants have entered Texas.

Texas has 165,747,000 acres of surface land, of which about 30,000,000 are under cultivation.

The Commercial Club of Stamford is at the head of a movement to have an expert on hog raising to spend some time in the county, giving information and instructions with reference to a practical plan of raising hogs.

Plainview has recently organized a Chamber of Commerce.

It has been demonstrated by the Bennett-Sims Mill and Elevator Company at Clarendon that milo maize produces a good flour for Graham bread and breakfast foods as is ground from wheat.

It is reported that the K. C. M. & O. Ry. will complete its line between San Angelo and Del Rio within the next eight months.

In a recent deal at Dalhart, 2,000 head of steers sold for \$100,000, the entire lot going to Emporia, Kansas.

Plans are being made at Brownwood to establish a peanut factory.

Memphis contemplates the erection of a modern hotel in the near future. This hotel will be up-to-date in every way and will cost approximately \$50,000.

The Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Exchange and other organizations of Amarillo have acquired 29 acres of land and will construct an experimental irrigation system.

The Commercial Club and citizens of Rotan have recently held a meeting to take action on the proposed line of the Santa Fe, Rotan & Southern Railroad. Thirty-five miles are in operation and one hundred and fifty miles are under construction.

Two carloads of cows and one of calves were shipped from Marfa last week to Fort Worth markets. One carload of three-year-old heifers weighed 1000 pounds per head.

One of the directors of the Commercial Club of El Campo has purchased a carload of long staple cotton seed and will distribute it to the farmer at cost.

# IT WAS A BIG SALE

Despite the fact that I had such a hard time to get a place to display my stock and I want the people of this section to know that I fully appreciate their liberal buying.

My auction sale was far better than we had any right to expect and in the line of regular sales I am highly pleased.

It will not be many days before you will find me in the new location, in the First National Bank building, facing north on North First Street and you are cordially invited to come to see me.

Wishing for everybody a Happy and Prosperous New Year and again thanking all I am yours to serve.

## CRAWFORD

"THE JEWELER"

The value of good roads as a commercial asset has been fully tested in Abilene precinct No. 1, Taylor county. This precinct has been expending \$150,000 in good road building since last February and has completed about 35 miles with about 25 miles more laid out. The unprecedented rain of 4.65 inches within 25 hours flooded the country but the good roads stood the test in every particular

not a break in the roads, some slight damage around a very few bridges. These roads were not built under contract, but under the direct supervision of the County Commissioners' Court with the County Surveyor as supervisor. Notwithstanding the heavy rains hundreds of farmers are bringing in heavy loads of products of all kinds over the good roads.

Stabbing Affray at Ovalo Abilene, Tex., Dec. 24.—While returning home from Ovalo yesterday afternoon Mose Johnston and John Turnbow became involved in a difficulty, in which Turnbow was stabbed several times with a knife. Johnston was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Obar and carried to Abilene last night.

## The Farmers Of Next Year HAVE BRIGHT HOPES

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**Texas Potato vs. the Usury Law**  
Austin Texas Dec. 22.—The preliminary report of the Census Bureau, just issued, shows that nature favors the Texas farmer in his cultivation of the potato, and that the man who wishes to invest his money can hardly do better than "plant" it in a Texas potato field.

Using the census figures as a basis, it is found that in 1909 the yield of potatoes per acre was valued at \$50.57 for Texas, while the value of the yield per acre for the United States as a whole was \$45.36, a difference in favor

of the Lone Star product of \$5.21 or 11.5 per cent.

Thus a wise investor will discover that although the Texas law does not allow him to charge more than ten per cent for money loaned, he can obtain a return of 11.5 per cent more than he will make on the average potato farm of the United States (and potato growing is profitable in the country at large), if his capital is invested in raising that tuber in our state.

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

**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

Miss Vera Murfee, who has been attending Georgetown College is home this week for the holiday vacation.

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### New Year Reveries

Happy Thoughts of the New Year

If you find it difficult to keep your New Year's resolutions, perhaps it would be a good idea to make a few bad ones this time, for a change. For instance, you might resolve to be cross to your wife (if you have one) every day during the year, and then give her gentle words and loving kisses instead. You can thus be consistent with your past record, and possibly be a better man when another year rolls around.

The old country Englishman never fails to unbar his door at 12 o'clock New Year's eve to let the old year out and the new year in.

Happy is the man who has nothing to swear off and therefore swears off nothing. He will not have to invent reasons for smashing his pledge a few days hence.

The noblest resolution that any citizen could make for the new year would be the resolution to live more faithfully by the golden rule, that sublime principle of conduct for this world and for all worlds. Failure to live by this law causes the chief sorrows and collisions among men.

The only consistent pessimist is a dead pessimist, but unfortunately there are a good many of these hapless brethren of ours alive. Never are they more active, and happily unhappy, than toward New Year's day when all the rest of the world is looking hopefully and cheerfully forward in expectation of good luck and kind fortune during the next 365.

Sometimes one's enthusiasm evaporates when it is much spoken of. But don't let us allow the enemies of the race of men to discourage us in making new resolutions; and then don't let us fail to keep those to the best of our ability. There is room for improvement in all of us, and when we have acknowledged that, and set ourselves to improve, why, we are on the nearest road to success and happiness.

The first of January is the initial day of the year, and as such is honored by a multitude of observances, chief among which are the New Year calling customs, the interchange of gifts, the cordial greeting, "A Happy New Year," and the demonstrations attendant upon the contemplative habit of seeing the old year out and the new year in.

The pessimist delights in derision of the good resolutions which mark the celebration of New Year in the minds of many people. Shame upon the man or women who would dull the bright ambitions and desires for the better of any human being! But there is little time to give to habitual mourners and augurs of evil. The new year will be what we make it, so far as our individual lives are concerned, and the man or women who resolves to be happy in a healthful unselfish way, is taking the first road toward happiness.

If the old year has brought sorrow and desolation, and hung

crape on our doors, the new year will bring us the leaves of healing, and we are glad to part with one and welcome the other. If, on the contrary, the old year has brought us only joy and comfort, we part from him sorrowfully but meet his successor with the ardent hope that he, too, comes with blessing. The sober jollity of New Year's day is always of an impressive nature.

A new year is here. It is a time for invoice. Business men take an invoice of their stock. Wouldn't it be business for you to take one of yourself. Life, each life, is a business. Have you gained or lost last year? Have you used the talents that have been given you so as to gain other talents? These are pertinent questions that press us all for an answer. Let the result of the self invoice be a spur to us in living the coming year, or a cause for great congratulations as we review the past and go forth to build "more stately mansions" for the future.

Another year is drawing to a close. Another milestone of life is in view and we shall, in all human probability, pass it and struggle on to the next. We are all after happiness, in one way or another. Even the recluse, even the martyrs of old were on the endless search for happiness, though the joy of heaven rather than that of earth was the goal fixed upon in the eyes of those who sacrificed the present for the future. Eternal happiness what they desired. Unselfish happiness is always waiting right around the corner if we will take our eyes off the far distance and look nearer home. The resolve to make next year a happy year for those nearest us will bring a good deal of real joy and satisfaction to the maker of the resolution, if he holds out well.

The local paper is the only one identified with home interests. It takes note of every happening in your town and you will find a weekly record of everything of interest transpiring in the place. It furnishes a complete compendium of its history, and the longer it continues the more are its interest interwoven with yours. It gives your town notoriety and reputation abroad and puts it in close relation with the outside world. It is a living indicator of your daily business, and a chronicler of all that transpires from day to day and year by year. Stand by it and encourage it to go on improving and adding to your prosperity during the year of 1912.

Ben Oliver, representing Colliers Weekly, was here last Friday on his once-each month visit and was a pleasant caller in our office. He authorized the Avalanche sent to his brother J. L. Oliver, at Quitman, Mississippi for one year.

J. B. Crabb, of King, N. M., was a pleasant caller at our office Saturday. He was here trading and taking out a load of supplies for King.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1911

#### Teachers Institute

Saturday morning, December 16th, at nine o'clock, the teachers of Lubbock County met at the high school building in this city for the annual teachers' institute.

The welcome address was delivered by P. F. Brown. His account of the progress of Lubbock County Schools for the last twenty years was interesting to those who are now teaching in the county and know the standard the schools have now attained.

R. L. Showalter responded to the welcome in his usual pleasing manner. He closed by giving a dream he had of the institute.

Following this Judge Jno. R. McGee gave a very interesting and instructive address on the workings of the mind. These talks are especially interesting to teachers who above all, should have a thorough knowledge of the science of the mind.

Before adjourning for noon, the institute organized by electing Jno. R. McGee chairman, S. A. Martin secretary, and a press reporter. The chairman appointed the following committee on resolutions; G. N. Atkinson, H. P. Webb and R. A. Burgess. When the secretary completed his enrollment of members, he found he had enrolled eleven men and twenty-four women. It seems that in Lubbock County, as elsewhere, the men teachers are greatly in the minority.

Both Saturday's and Monday's sessions were very interesting and profitable. Tuesday at noon R. B. Cousins, president of the West Texas Normal at Canyon, arrived and added much to the interest and instructiveness of the program for Tuesday and Wednesday. At 10:30 Wednesday morning he addressed the teachers and a few visitors. He first outlined the plan of the West Texas Normal School for building up the teaching profession in West Texas. He then told in a forcible manner some of the things necessary for a teacher to do to be really successful. He gave much stress to the thought that a teacher should be an important factor in the mental and spiritual uplift of the community.

Monday evening the Twentieth Century Club entertained the teachers and their friends at the residence of Mrs. James O'Neal. The weather was so very inclement that few of the teachers attended, yet those present report a very pleasant evening.

Every teacher on the program showed that he had spent much time in preparation. This is probably where most of the benefit of a teachers' institute comes from. The preparation he must make causes him to do

study that he would probably not otherwise do. Taken as a whole, this institute has been more interesting and profitable than any institute ever held in the county. The committee on resolutions reported the following:

Resolved 1. That it is the will of the members of this institute that they extend to Judge Jno. R. McGee their sincere thanks for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties as presiding officer of the sessions of this body.

2. That they express their gratitude to the Trustees of the Lubbock Independent School District for the use of their school building during these meetings.

3. That they, in this manner, voice their appreciation of the wise and kindly words of counsel and wisdom given by the local pastors, Bros. Afbuckle, Elliott, and Word.

4. Be it further resolved that the members of this institute express their appreciation of the inspiring address of Prof. R. B. Cousins, also that they thank Mr. Paschal for his helpful and practical paper and talks on the subject of agriculture.

Press Reporter  
RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.  
Whereas since the last meeting of our County Institute death has claimed one of the noblest and best of our Teachers and while we greatly miss her from among us, and still more her inspiring influence, yet we humbly bow to the inevitable.

Therefore be it resolved by the Teachers of Lubbock County Institute assembled that we realize that in the death of Mrs. Ruth R. Hill, the children of the county have lost a proficient teacher, the profession a true and loyal friend, society a worthy member and the county, and state a noble citizen.

Resolved 2nd. That we, as teachers, extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy and condolence in this hour of sadness.

Resolved further that these resolutions be published in the Avalanche, our county paper and that a copy of same be sent to the family.

Begin the New Year right by bringing me your blacksmithing. A. J. Hicks, east side square. 25-1t

There is no doubt that the eyes of the country are turned, Texasward and that with the completion of the Panama Canal all roads will lead to the Gulf.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Johnson left yesterday for Lubbock where they will spend the holidays with his father and mother. —Hereford Brand.

Miss Mahony, who has been attending College at Amarillo, returned home Friday to spend the holiday vacation with home folks.

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O. Likes, of Sweetwater, has leased the Tremont hotel and will operate same in the future.

### 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  
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FOR TAX ASSESSOR  
We are authorized to announce J. H. (Hurd) Standefer 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. R. 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 in July.  
J. E. VICKERS.

#### Society Items

BY MRS. D. ROBINSON

MR. AND MRS. C. A. PIERCE ENTERTAIN.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pierce entertained a number of their friends on Christmas night. A beautiful tree was decorated and loaded with presents for the little folks and an excellent program of music, songs and recitations was rendered. At the close of the program the company repaired to the dining room where delicious cake and hot punch were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Word, Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Haynes, Mrs. John Wright and Misses Evelin Word, Gladys Rossen, Helen and Johnita Wright.

MISS LONG ENTERTAINS  
At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long, on West Broadway last Monday night Miss Myrtle Long entertained a number of her girl friends very pleasantly for a few hours after the Christmas tree. Many pleasing games were engaged in after which refreshments were served. Each guest was presented with a pretty handpainted card with their initials on it, of the holly and berry design, being very attractive and a pleasing gift.

Those present were: Jewell Burrus, Johnnie Roy, Ruth Earhart, Cathaline Farris, Thelma Caraway, Maxine Marshall, Grace Green, Bertha Bullock, Myrtle Guinn, Venita Martin and Alvin Johnson.

To My Friends  
I have bought an interest in the Big 3 Blacksmith Shop and will be pleased to meet all my friends who need any work in our lines.  
A. B. PHIPPS.

The Ladies Auxiliary will give a dance at the Towle building Monday, January first. Starts promptly at 8:00 p.m.

T. S. Rucker is spending the holidays with his sister in Balinger this week.

## Happy New Year

We have had a good business during the past season and want to show our appreciation of same. And another feature that we are truly thankful for is the fact of our immense Christmas trade. It is true we made heavy purchase for this season and are pleased to know that the stock was practically sold out.

### REMEMBER—WE MOVE NEXT WEEK

back to our old stand in the First National Bank building. Come to see us and we invite you to give us a share of your custom during the coming year. Thanking you again we are

## The Lubbock Drug Co.

Mrs. Lagrone Dead  
Last Friday night at 10:10 o'clock, Mrs. Lou Lagrone, mother of Mesdames J. W. Bounds and T. P. Gibson, died at the home of T. P. Gibson after a long illness. She was 74 years of age last August, and was a splendid christian character, having been a church member for many years. Her remains were shipped to Merkel Saturday and interred Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Bounds and Miss Dora Bounds accompanied the remains to that place and were present

at the funeral. The Avalanche extends to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.  
S. R. Pierce and wife, and

nephew, Guy Pierce, are spending the holidays with their parents and grandparents in Waxahachie, and will be absent several weeks.

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As we round out the old year it affords us great pleasure to extend our thanks for the liberal patronage we have received and sincerely trust our treatment of you will merit continuous pleasant relations. As we face the new year, it is with a desire to make the year 1912 the best in the history of our business. If you have never given us your business trust you will give us a trial. We begin the new year with some very low prices which should interest you.

Special prices on all ladies skirts, cloaks and suits. \$3.50 to \$5.00 off any man's suit in the house. One pattern in men's suits regular price \$12.50 to close at \$6.50 10 dozen men's pants worth \$5.00 to close at \$2.50. About 50 pair children shoes sizes 7 to 8 worth \$1.25 per pair at 75c for choice. One lot of boys shoes sizes 3 to 4, worth \$2.50 at \$1.50.

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**CROSBY COUNTY**  
 Crosbyton Review:  
 The wheat in the Crosbyton Country is looking as green and growing as fast as it could. The fine seasons assures a good crop for 1912.

B. W. Ellison is building a nice residence out on his farm and will soon have it in shape for the people who will occupy the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leatherwood are the happy parents of a fine boy baby. Born Monday and mother and child doing nicely at last reports.

R. S. Martin and J. C. Smith left last week for Wise County, where they go to move Mr. John Martin to this community.

**CROSS-WEAVER**  
 Mr. Marvin Cross, of Crosbyton, was married last Tuesday week, the 12th day of the present month, to Miss Cassie Weaver, of Rock Spring, Texas. Judge Allison officiating. Miss Cassie is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. M. Z. Weaver, of Rock Springs, Mr. Weaver being one of the leading business men of that city. Mr. Cross recently came to Crosbyton from Hereford where he was engaged in the hardware business. He is a member of the Crosbyton Hardware Company, of this city, and is one of our most prominent business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross arrived in Crosbyton on the evening train last Friday and are at present stopping at the Crosbyton Inn, but will in the near future build a home and begin housekeeping. We are glad to have these people with us and hope for them a prosperous journey down the path of life.

**GARZA COUNTY**  
 Post City Post:  
 Monday evening Dec. 11, from 8 to 11 o'clock, Mrs. C. D. Morrell and Mrs. Chas. L. Pickett entertained the St. Cecilia Music Club members and their husbands with progressive "42," at the home of Mrs. Morrell.

Mr. B. A. Crane, from Fort Worth, recently visited Post City, and after looking over the country, decided to locate permanently in Garza county. He has bought forty acres of smooth plains land from W. A. Rogers, about five miles west of town and will at once begin to improve the property.

On Sunday, Dec. 17, Mr. George Dent and Miss Leo McDougal were married at the bride's home in Post City, Rev. J. H. Vinson officiating. The groom has lived in Post City for nearly five years and is one of our worthiest young men. The bride has lived in Post City only about one year, but is a most estimable young lady in every respect.

Ground is being broken for the construction of a sanitarium for Post City. This structure when completed is contracted to be sold to Dr. A. R. Penton who will conduct the same. This building is to be of native stone, 30 feet by 118 feet, two story, 24 rooms, of colonial style architecture.

**YOAKUM COUNTY**  
 From The News:  
 Mrs. Pearl Couley, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Beal, of Plains for some time, left Sunday for her home. She was accompanied as far as Lubbock by her father, Mrs. Bert Jackson and

Mrs. V. H. Whitlock. They made the trip in L. E. Boyd's car.

Chas. G. Kinzell, special mail route inspector, came in from Lubbock Tuesday and spent the night here. He was accompanied by Messrs. Posey and Bullock of Lubbock. He came to investigate the feasibility of establishing a daily line through here from the north and we feel sure that we will get the service either from Lubbock or Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrain McAdams, of Petersburg, Tenn., have sent out cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Wilma, to Mr. P. Z. Conrad, of Yoakum county, Texas, which is to take place January 4, 1912.

Mr. Conrad is one of Yoakum county's most highly respected young men and will receive hearty congratulations on his return with his bride.

J. A. Hanson received a letter yesterday announcing the death of his sister, Miss Emma Hanson of Chicago. Miss Hanson was teaching in the public schools of Chicago, but it had been arranged for her to come here and make her home with her brother. Mr. Hanson has many friends here who deeply sympathize with him in his bereavement.

I am to leave for Austin soon, and have a good four-cylinder automobile I will trade for land or notes. It has been run but very little and in good shape. See me before the 15th of January. I have some fine chickens, white Wyandots and black Monoreas, pure bred for sale. Don't forget to give me a list on your land.  
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**FRANK BOWLES**

**Olivette Gleanings**  
 Dec. 27.—After a two weeks holiday vacation our school will begin again New Year's day.

George Cooper and family have moved to Mr. Kimbro's farm. We are glad to have them in our midst.

We decided not to have our Christmas tree on account of the illness of Mrs. Nunley, however, quite a number of the young people enjoyed a Christmas tree at Mr. Wylie's residence Monday evening. Santa came in and "cut some shines," which the little folks enjoyed hugely.

Mrs. T. U. Brown, our teacher, attended the Teachers Institute at Lubbock the week before Christmas.

Misses Effie Rich and Leafie Hart, visited Miss Kate Wylie Tuesday afternoon.  
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**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.]

**B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM**  
 Subject: "Our Missions in Asia, Japan and China."  
 Leader—Aubry Baker.

Song.  
 Prayer.  
 Topic explained: "Our Missions in Japan and China."

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42: 10-13—Jewell Burrus.

The Seven Daily Bible Readings: "Jesus to Come," Isaiah 9:6—Marine. "Jesus to be Born in Bethelhem;" Micah 5:2—Johnnie. "Jesus and the New Kingdom;" Dan. 2:44—Alvin. "Jesus Born;" Luke 2 1-7—Marshall. "Jesus and the Shepherd;" Luke 2 1-8—Ruth. "Jesus and the Wise Men;" Matt 2 1-12—Bertha. "Jesus, God's Christmas Gift;" John 3-16.

Japan; her Marvelous Growth—Clyde Lokey.

Japan; our Mission Field—Charlie Ward.

Japan; our Missions—Frazier McCrummen.

China and her Millions—Johnnie Roy.

China and her Future—Mabel Guinn.

China; our Missions—Ruth Earhart.

China; our Christmas Gift—Bertha Bullock.

Texas; her Missions and Contributions in 1911—Homer Arbuckle.

Offering.  
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**SUNBEAM PROGRAM**  
 Song.  
 Prayer.

Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 13th Chapter—Clarence Seitz, Leader.

Talk on Lesson—Bro. Arbuckle.

Roll Call—New Year's Resolutions.

Song—Mary, Aline, Alice and Carrie.

Story—Clara Glean.

Rec.—Sylvia Wilson.

Rec.—Willette Waters.

Quartette—Lonnie, Madge, Yancy and Madelle.

Benediction.

**SUNBEAM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
 The Sunbeam's rendered a very interesting Christmas program last Sunday night at the Baptist church. At the close of the exercises a collection was taken for Buckner Orphan's Home and a nice sum was received and forwarded as a Christmas present to the little orphans.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church in this city at the regular hours, on the Fifth Sunday. Morning services at 11:00 o'clock and 7:00 o'clock p.m.

**TEACHERS MEETING**  
 The officials of the Sunday School of the Methodist church together with the teachers of the school and the pastor of the Methodist church met in regular session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robinson of West Broadway last Tuesday evening, and after the general routine of business, discussions on the best methods to get results from the Sunday School, and talks about the lesson were made, they were invited into the dining room where refreshments of chocolate,

**THIS YEAR IS GOING AND ANOTHER IS COMING**

To those who have favored us with their business this year we return our sincere thanks and trust that during the year just coming in, as well as years to come we shall be favored with your valued business. We should be delighted to have a number open new accounts with us. We feel the duty of a Bank is to serve its customers in such a way as shall be of a material benefit to them hence our motto is "Mutual Benefits." All business entrusted to us will be cared for, so as to make it mutually beneficial.

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late, whipped cream, cake and fruit were served. The session was a very enjoyable and instructive one and will no doubt result in great good for the Methodist Sunday School in the future. The next meeting will be held at the Methodist Parsonage Tuesday evening, January 2.

Begin the New Year right by bringing me your blacksmithing. A. J. Hicks, east side square. 25-1t

Ed Alexander of Marfa, was here this week spending the holidays with his brother Arthur and family. He reports everything in fine shape in the Marfa country.

Judge Joe E. Lancaster, of Plainview, who is a candidate for Congress, state at large, was here Wednesday, looking after his candidacy in this part of the territory. Mr. Lancaster is a West Texas man. A man of

ability, as we have it, and will make a good representative in congress if elected, and his chances are very flattering at present. It looks like he will be elected without much opposition.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1911

#### UNREASONABLE REQUEST

This paper is receiving so many requests to omit court items that a word on the subject will not be considered out of place.

To begin with, we wish to say that we regret exceedingly that it is the PLAIN DUTY, demanded by the public, that a NEWS-PAPER publish court news. Since this is the case and we cannot change it, it becomes our duty to publish all court items.

The man who commits the blackest crime would be glad to have the newspapers to say nothing about it, but the people demand that the newspapers publish the news. The man

who has a small case in court may feel that it makes no difference if HIS case is left out, forgetting that the other fellow had his case published and that a newspaper MUST treat all alike, the rich and the poor, the influential as well as the poor fellow who is down and out.

The hard thing about running a NEWSPAPER, and we mean every word of it, is that items must be published that simply tear the very heart out of some mother, father, brother or sister. Newspapers do not fail to deeply regret such occurrences, they almost make us want to quit the business, but duty is plain, and if ONE case is published all

must be published or the newspaper has failed in its mission.

In all kindness this paper wishes to call attention to the unreasonableness of requesting us to omit court items in the belief that the public will see the correctness of our position. It would give us pleasure to comply with all requests, but to do so would absolutely exclude court news and the paper would cease to be a newspaper.—Abilene Daily Reporter.

#### SMALLER FARMS

Colorado Record: With a thousand more 80 and 160-acre farmers in Mitchell county, owning their own homes and raising everything they can for home consumption, and spending every dollar they can with the home merchants, there is no county in Central West Texas that would be able to compare with it as a successful agricultural proposition. The land in Mitchell county is singularly adapted to the cultivation of cotton, while East Texas can not surpass the shinneries of Mitchell county for fruit or anything that grows on a vine. What the country needs above all else, is a thousand independent small farmers; and faith, she'll 'ave 'em, too.

Yes, she will have them all in good time. The little farm is the farm of the future. It has always been the farm of profit. The big farmers have been going broke gradually ever since

big farming began. Even in Europe, where land ownership has long been the firmest foundation of the nobles, the great estates are being cut up and sold to small farmers. There has been a mighty waste in our agricultural practices. We have supposed that a hundred acres were necessary to one family's comfortable sustenance. And each hundred acres has been farmed haphazardly, with much extravagance of space and lost motion. The average Japanese farmer could make a good living for himself and family off the turnrows of the ordinary Texas farm. It will be a long time be-

fore population in America becomes dense enough to compel rake and spade and wheelbarrow farming, but eventually that time will come. Meanwhile, those farmers who will versify and intensify will be the ones to whom agricultural dividends will be paid.—State Press.

The Avalanche is in receipt of a magazine published at Seadrift, Texas, by A. D. Powers. It is entitled "The Magazine Without A Name." Mr. Powers in his introduction says: "If you like this magazine send Twenty-five Cents for a year's subscription. If you don't like

it don't read it, mabe somebody does. This is my own magazine. I pay for the printing and I am going to say what I please. This is volume one, number one; those that follow may be better or they may be worse, time only will tell. If you subscribe for the magazine and don't like it, say so and I will return your quarter."

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