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## THE PROGRESS OF LUBBOCK COUNTY

THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS HAVE SEEN MANY CHANGES AND MUCH SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE CITY.

### BUILDINGS CHANGING FROM WOOD TO BRICK

The Country is Being Developed. Cattlemen are Prosperous. Farmers are Hopeful For a Better Year in 1913 and are Putting up Many Substantial Improvements.

Many people who have resided in Lubbock the past twelve months have probably never given the progress of the city a thought. They have not taken an inventory of what has happened during the past twelve months. Some of them are even heard to say at times that there has been nothing doing in Lubbock the past year. But they are mistaken. Lubbock has been on the line of progress all the year. She has been on the firing line. She has been in the thickest of the fight and has accomplished a great deal in her battles with the knockers. When we say knockers we do not confine the statement to local pull-backs, but there are knockers on all sides of us. They are jealous knockers; would be rivals. They are willing, in some instances, to use false statements in order to swart the best interests of our city and to hinder our city in her steady advance and improvements. In spite of all this however, we have moved steadily on. Many changes have been brought about in the town of Lubbock in the past twelve months. We have practically changed the business section of the city from wooden buildings to that of brick. All modern in their construction and exceedingly substantial, adding very materially to the looks of the town as well as to the convenience of those who use the buildings. Numerous improvements have been made in the city and if you will sit down with your pencil and a large sheet of paper you will be surprised to know just how much you can put down to the credit of improvements during 1912. Do your home town justice by giving it a fair representation to your friends and relatives abroad. From the date of this paper only five days remain of this good year 1912, and but little more can be done for the upbuilding of the town in that length of time, but you might use the remaining days shaping up for a good start on New Year's morning.

Let every good citizen of Lubbock be ready to place his shoulder to the wheel of progress the first day of the year 1913, with the determination that they will push with all of their might every enterprise that is helping in any way to build up the town and develop the country in a legitimate way. Let us keep a keen lookout for new enterprises. Remember that smoke stacks are splendid city builders and every one that presents itself should receive a hearty welcome. Not only has the city of Lubbock undergone many changes, and good improvements been made, but the country cousins have been busy also; cattle men are prosperous and are restocking their ranges with better cattle. Much improvement has been made in the rural districts. Many new farms have been opened up and many new farms

now grace the prairies that were nowhere to be seen last year at this time. New school buildings and new churches are now being erected where last year at this time cattle and horses gathered their daily rations, and where the lonely coyote would tread. People have moved here from other parts of the state and from other states. They have come with the intention of making it their home. They are farmers and know their business and it will mean a great deal more to the country than merely so many added to the population. It will mean the raising of greater numbers of livestock of better grades, and it will mean that more schools will be established and it will mean that the country has been transformed from a bare prairie to that of beautiful homes and rich farms. The progress of this country has been steady. We have not experienced a boom, and do not want to, the growth has been so gradual that people hardly notice it, but the records will tell. The Avalanche is willing for any one to figure it out and bring it in for publication. We want the people abroad to know about the development of the great South Plains country, and if you doubt the correctness of this article we ask you to figure it out for yourself.

**Wofford-Brott**  
Last Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, at the residence of Rev. W. M. Lane, a pretty wedding was solemnized by that worthy gentleman, the contracting parties being Mr. E. E. Wofford and Miss Velma Brott. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple took the train for Abernathy, where they spent the holidays visiting the parents of the bride.  
Mr. Wofford is a young man of excellent business qualifications and has many friends here. We are not personally acquainted with the bride, but we know her to have many friends in Lubbock and Abernathy, and we are sure that this young couple start out with bright prospects for the future.  
The Avalanche extends congratulations.  
Clyde Crawford was up from Post City Saturday.  
Jack Linn of Lorenzo, was in Lubbock Tuesday.  
J. M. Webb was here Tuesday from Lorenzo.  
M. L. Cotton of Lorenzo, had business in Lubbock Tuesday.  
J. D. Tinker was here from Kress today.  
G. M. Bartlett of Tulsa, spent Christmas day in Lubbock.  
H. R. Johnson is here today from Seminole.  
Ed Little of Littlefield, was in the city yesterday and today.  
S. F. Joiner of Lorenzo, is in Lubbock.

### WILSON AND BRYAN CONFER

Talk of Men Suitable for Cabinet Members Bryan Not Mentioned.

After a day of lengthy conferences in Trenton, the most important of which was with William J. Bryan, President-Elect Woodrow Wilson returned Saturday to his home at Princeton, tired and ready for a rest.

So far as shedding light on the gossip as to Mr. Bryan's future relations with the administration, the conference between the two men today was productive of nothing more than speculation. Mr. Wilson said very frankly that while he had talked about men for his cabinet with Mr. Bryan, the name of the Nebraskan was not mentioned. As to future conferences with Mr. Bryan, none was arranged or talked of, Mr. Wilson said. While discussing to-night the subject of Patronage, the President-elect made it evident that those who expect to get political appointments from him had better not manifest their ambition in person or apply directly to him in any way.

**Mrs. Walton Doing Nicely**  
It will be remembered by many of the Avalanche readers that some ten days ago Mr. J. G. Walton left with his wife for Abilene to place her in the Sanitarium at that place. Mr. Walton returned Tuesday and informs us that she was operated on and was getting along nicely. There are many friends here of the family who will be glad to know that this good lady is doing so well.  
W. C. Holt was a business visitor in the city from Slaton, Saturday.  
E. Howard was down from Plainview Tuesday.  
R. E. Meyers of Plainview, spent Tuesday in Lubbock.

### BUYING POLO PONIES

Easterners at Midland, Tex., Trying Out Special Breeds for Games.

Midland, Texas, Dec. 21.—There is great activity around Midland at this season in polo circles, a number of match games being played here against polo players from the East. Several Eastern buyers are here and have purchased a fine lot of ponies, some to be shipped direct to New York, some to be played at Camden, S. C., while others are being tried out here on the field. The buyers claim the ponies to be far above the average and expect great things of them in the East.

There is also activity in the cattle market and top prices were realized. The range conditions are excellent and Midland county has not as bright prospects in years, especially in weather conditions.

**Greenhill-Collier**  
Tuesday evening at 4:30 o'clock, in the County Judge's office a quiet wedding was solemnized, Judge E. R. Haynes performing the ceremonies in a most impressive way. The contracting parties were A. E. Greenhill and Miss Artie Collier.

Mr. Greenhill was formerly a business man of our city and has a host of friends in Lubbock and surrounding country. The bride resided with her father some few miles northeast of town and numbers her friends by her acquaintances.  
The Avalanche and a host of friends of these people offer them congratulations and wish for them a bountiful amount of the pleasures of this world.  
L. M. Lane was a business visitor in our city Saturday, from Houston.  
Andy Pettitt of Abernathy, had business here Tuesday.

## THINGS CONTEMPLATED NEXT YEAR

MORE NEW BRICKS FOR THE TOWN AND BIG IRRIGATION PLANTS FOR RURAL DISTRICTS

### COAST TO COAST RAILWAY SERVICE DURING THE YEAR

Santa Fe Will Complete the Long-Talked-of Cut-off Which Will Mean the Connection by Rail of Coast With Coast Big Development Expected

While recounting the things that we have done during the year just closing we do not forget that there are still greater things contemplated for the coming year than we have ever witnessed in the growth and development of the city of Lubbock and the Lubbock country. While this year has been one of wonderful development 1913 will be beyond doubt eclipse anything that the Lubbock country has fallen heir to. A number of new brick buildings will in all probability be erected early in the new year, not counting those now in course of construction, besides a number of new residences are being planned for the new year building list.

The irrigation proposition in Lubbock will be worked early in the new year and plans that have been on the shelf for several months are being worked over and will be put into use. 1913 will be a banner year for irrigation on the South Plains and Lubbock County will do a big portion of it. Several individual plants are sure to be installed early in the year, besides the big demonstration ir-

rigation plant is an assured fact, there remaining only a few minor details yet to be worked out none of which will delay the progress in the development of this very important item of improvement.

Another important event on the development calendar of the Lubbock country is that of the completion of the last link in the great railway system of the Santa Fe, that connect coast with coast and give us service that only a few towns can ever hope to have. It will be done next summer; not away out in the dim future, but it is plainly in sight. Other railroads will also figure largely in our 1913 developments and the next twelve months will show great strides in the direction of making Lubbock the railroad center of the South Plains, and forever settling the question of the exact spot on the map where the metropolis of the West is to be located—and its name shall be Lubbock.

The Avalanche has prophesied much, and much of what it has said in this way has come to pass. Watch its columns for further mention of the developments of the great South Plains, and through its columns watch our city grow—then come to Lubbock.

- M. E. Moses of Dallas, was a business visitor here Friday.
- N. J. Nunn was up from Slaton Monday.
- S. Culbertson was over from Crosbyton Monday.
- W. H. Gray of Abilene, was here the first of the week.
- W. J. Nunn of Slaton, was here on business last Friday.
- W. C. Brown was in town from the Spade ranch Saturday.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hila Boyd were in from the ranch Saturday.
- Mrs. Collins was in from the Boyd ranch Saturday shopping.
- J. M. Kilpatrick of Rails, is spending the day in the city.
- W. H. Gist was here from Meadow yesterday.
- J. F. Miles of Lorenzo, spent yesterday and today in Lubbock.
- S. A. Wilkinson was here from Dallas this week.
- O. Webbs of Dallas, was a business here yesterday.
- W. F. Cone was here from Cone, today.
- Mrs. F. Robinson of Dallas, is visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins.
- Attorney Fred C. Pierce was here from Plainview Friday and Saturday.
- J. E. Griggs was here from Plainview the latter part of last week.
- J. H. Joyant of Los Angeles, was a business visitor here Monday.

## THE MELON CUT THAT HURTS



An investigation made by the Wisconsin Legislature disclosed the fact that it required \$82 to carry \$18 to an injured employe.—Texas Welfare Commission.

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### THE BRIGHT SIDE

The sun does not shine on the back side of the moon and the moon does not always show its bright side to us. In the process of evolution human society has come up out of the darkness of barbarism and has begun to manifest the universality of certain laws of development and progress. But there are portions of human life on which the sun never shines; there are others that are constantly exposed to the cheering influence of sunshine, and some that alternate between the sunshine and shadow of peace and prosperity.

We are so constituted that in our survey of human life it is possible for us to select the parts to which we will give attention and shut everything else out of the field of mental vision. We may see the various parts of human life all dark, all light, or parti-colored, according to our disposition.

The process of evolution necessarily includes beginnings, low down in the brutal strata of existence with intermittent and irregular accessions of mental and moral power, with struggles between the contending forces, which are seeking equilibrium. Right is often on the scaffold, but it is not always there; wrong is often on the throne, but justice and wisdom have occupied that high place. Lowell's words have done much harm when they were taken without the accompanying qualification—that God within the shadow was keeping watch above his own. Investigations that have been made by anthropologists and archaeologists show that even thousands of years ago there were perfect communities which had settled down to the enjoyment of a pastoral life without fear of the incursions of wild beasts or savage men; they had no words for war and no weapons of warfare. In time such peaceful communities were invaded by hordes of stalwart barbarians and overwhelmed by the brutal elements which on other lines and in other ways were blindly feeling their way toward the beginnings of civilization.

Just now the whole world is waking up from a condition which a thousand years hence will cause the century in which we live to be described as the beginning of a renaissance. Dark ages are passing, all the world is being opened to the forces which make her civilization. All

classes of human beings in all lands are challenged to solve new problems, to answer new questions and to adopt measures to make what had been for ages dreams of prophets and sages the sober realities for all men and nations. These are vital days, the whole world is moving; all its parts are in commotion, the prophecy of the ancient thinker is coming to pass; many run to and fro, and knowledge is increased.

The bright side of the new times may be seen by any one who is willing to face the sunrise, and see its gleams spreading over dark valleys and sunlit mountain tops; meanwhile the darkness lingers, and many tribes and nations are living in conditions which, to those who are free and happy, suggest only misery and despair. It is possible for us to dwell upon these elements in the process of evolution until we lose the power to see that which is encouraging and the impulse to do that which we might bring success and prosperity to all classes of our fellowmen.—Christian Register.

### THE GOSPEL OF SUNSHINE

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have the headache, backache or rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels but are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good humored man or woman is always welcome. The world is a land of echoes, the message we call to it comes back to us from every side. In truth we get out of life what we put into it.—Exchange.

The Lubbock country is so abundantly blessed with water, and her soil is so rich that when we learn to properly blend the two by irrigation this will be the greatest country on earth. Come to Lubbock.

The Lubbock county dirt is all right. The greatest trouble with this farming proposition, the majority of our farmers do too much of it coming to town.

### ALCOHOL IS NOT KING

The use of alcohol is receiving some hard knocks these days. A prominent railroad system not content with the general rule heretofore in force on railways forbidding employes to drink while on duty, now forbids employes to indulge at all in drinking out of employment hours, or in any other conduct that will impair their health or make them less alert and less capable while on duty. The owner of one of the nation's pets—a prominent baseball team—announces that moderation in drinking is not sufficient; the players on his team must leave alcohol alone and abandon cigarettes. The justification for such rules may be found not only in the difficulty of being moderate in indulgence, but also in the cumulative and after-effects of dissipation. The world is moving; the old fetish of "personal liberty" at whatever cost of danger to the public at large seems to be losing its power. The Journal of the American Medical Association thinks that the time may come when every man to whom the life and safety of others are entrusted may be expected or even required to be abstemious as ball players and railway employes.

The attitude of the public toward epidemics in past years has been either one of mystery or of panic. Pestilence has been regarded as something to placate by magic or to flee from in terror. But in the last half century, disease has been largely robbed of both its mystery and its fearfulness. We know it as a product of natural causes, and overcome by common sense and expert knowledge. The importance of social conditions in the production of disease has been recognized, as well as the public responsibility for its existence. The public and the physician are now recognized as co-workers in the suppression of disease. If partners in this work, it is only fair that both parties should know the facts, and that, in times of epidemic disease, the public should be told the whole truth. This important obligation of the modern health officer is recognized by Dr. Juan Guiteras, health officer of Havana. In a recent issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, in an article on bubonic plague in Havana Dr. Guiteras condemns the old policy of suppression of facts and says: "I have contended for the following fundamental rule in sanitary practice: Work must be done in the broad daylight; the people should know what we are doing and what to expect. If we never deceive them, they will believe what we say; we obtain their co-operation, we minimize panic, and we can begin active operations at once. All this is but the most elemental of common sense; but, strange to say, the general acceptance of this golden rule has been slow and difficult. Only last year the presence of cholera was concealed in several communities. Such deception was dangerous to the infected region, and, to the uninfected neighbors, it was cruel and inhuman."—Praetorian.

### KAFFIR CORN SPECIAL

Demonstration Train to Cover System to Exploit Value of Feed Crop.

According to advices received at the general offices of the Rock Island railroad in Fort Worth from H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner for that road, the Rock Island will operate a kaffir corn special train over its lines in Texas about the first of February. A definite date had not been decided and the itinerary was not decided, but it is customary for such trains to stop at every town along the lines.

The tour is planned for the purpose of interesting the farmers in the cultivation of kaffir corn and demonstrating the large profit that has been and may be realized from the production of the crop.

Except in the Panhandle, kaffir corn is not grown on the Rock Island lines in Texas. Mr. Cottrell declares that ten bushels of kaffir corn has the same value as nine bushels of corn for feeding work horses, beef and dairy cattle, hogs and sheep and that it will produce at least twice as many bushels to the acre as corn.

The Rock Island is devoting a large sum of money and time to exploiting the production of kaffir corn along its entire system. One of the special demonstration trains was sent over the Texas lines in April, 1911.

The agriculture department of the road issues a monthly agricultural journal, The Southwest Trail, which is mailed free to patrons who are interested in subjects handled by the paper. Tens of thousands of copies are issued every month. Crop reports are published and every means of co-operation with the farmer is employed. Kaffir seed, as well as information regarding its culture is furnished by the road.

Buy a Cream Separator and make your living at home. Martin & Woodlett sells the best Separator on earth, the "Sharples." We have different styles and prices to offer you. Come and see them. 20 tf

Mrs. W. E. Bledsoe was shopping in Lubbock from Abernathy Friday.

See L. O. Burford for monuments all guaranteed. 52tf

Five gallons coal oil at J. H. Moore's for 75c. 22 tf

### Hunt to Lubbock

I. L. Hunt has resigned his position as vice-president of the First National Bank and will move to Lubbock about the first of January where he has accepted the position of cashier of the Citizens National Bank. He will take the position in Lubbock resigned by his brother, Mr. Hunt has been connected with Canyon banks for a number of years and will be greatly missed in these circles. He was cashier of the Canyon National when this bank was sold to the

First National. The people of Canyon are very sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and their splendid family leave but wish them great success in their new home.—Canyon News.

Five gallons coal oil at J. H. Moore's for 75c. 22 tf

Mrs. M. P. Glaze, of Plainview, paid Lubbock a business visit Friday.

See Spices. Son before you sell your grain. 11 tf

Bob Ford, of Paducah, was a business visitor here the latter part of last week.

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WE WILL SOON ENTER ANOTHER YEAR and we wish to impress upon your minds that we are making arrangements to start the New Year better prepared to take care of your trade than we have ever been in the past, and ask that you call and feel us out. With best wishes, we are

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Miss Pearl Travis, who has been attending college at Canyon City, passed through our city Friday on her return home. Ralls to spend the holidays.

## WILL AID CONSUMERS

Officials Believe it Will Reduce the Cost of Living. Places Consumer Closer to Producer.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In the opinion of the officials of the Postoffice Department, the inauguration two weeks from today of the parcels post system will have a vital effect on the problem of the cost of living. Based on examinations covering a period of two months, the officials today declared their conviction that the parcels post will do more toward reducing the cost of food necessities than all the legislation investigations in the past and all that may come in the future.

The department officials believe that the parcels post system once in smooth running order will prove to be a great boon to the food consumers in the cities of 75,000 and up. What the department expects is that the parcels post will be the agency to break up combinations of commission merchants and middlemen in the large cities. It is believed that the new system will bring the city consumer directly in touch with the food producers, particularly the truck farmers adjacent to the large cities. The farmers, the department says, will take advantage of the parcels post to rush food products directly to the tables of the city consumers.

The investigation carried on by the department of covering conditions in and about the larger cities of the country has disclosed the fact that the farmers in the rural sections adjacent to such cities have not been slow to recognize the possibilities of the parcels post. Letters have been received by the department showing that the truck gardeners, farmers and poultrymen are anxious to build up a daily farm service among regular customers for shipments of eggs, butter and chickens. The farmers realize, it is stated, that patronage can be developed and made remunerative to the producer as well as highly satisfactory to the customer.

Attention is called to the fact that the British system of parcels post was in operation in this country ten years ago. Shipments made from Great Britain were by contract received at ports of entry by the American Express Co. and flat rates given by that company for carrying packages to any part of the United States were as follows:

Thirty-six cents for packages up to three pounds weight, 48c between three and seven pounds, 60c between seven and eleven pounds.

By this arrangement a citizen of England could send an eleven-pound package from Liverpool to San Francisco for less than an

## A FAR SIGHTED

### MAN

Never puts off till the last minute, things that he knows must be done. How about your far sightedness?

Can't you see where you will have to do some fixing up around the place before long, and repairs to make that will require some lumber? Then, why put it off? Why not come in and let us tell you the rest of the stuff you'll need next time you're in town.

But whenever you buy, be sure and see us first, even if you have to drive out of your way to get here. It will pay you in dollars and cents to remember this.

## W. C. BOWMAN LUMBER COMPANY

American could send a similar package from east of the Mississippi to San Francisco by express. An investigation of this business shows that the American Express Co. found this business extremely profitable, although the greatest revenue came from packages weighing less than 5 pounds on the shorter hauls in this country, where in some instances the charges exceeded the regular express rates.

Buy a Cream Separator and make your living at home. Martin Wolcott sells the best Separator on earth, the "Sharples." We have different styles and prices to offer you. Come and see them. 20 tf

Rev. W. M. Lane returned Saturday from a weeks visit to the bedside of his father, who was very dangerously ill. We are glad to report the afflicted one greatly improved and on the road to recovery.

Did you know that you could get five gallons of good Coal Oil as you will find in town at J. H. Moore's for 75c. Let us sell you your oil. 22 tf

Mrs. Householder and baby, who have been visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Porter, for the past two weeks returned to her home at Houston Friday.

J. C. Bullock and family of Bell County, passed through our city the latter part of last week enroute to Cedric where they will make their future home.

Five gallons of the best quality of Coal Oil at J. H. Moore's for 75c. Bring your can and let us fill it for you. 22 tf

The Western Windmill Company took an invoice of their large stock of hardware last week.

## TEXAS' CLEANEST TOWNS

Prizes in Holland's Magazine "Clean Town" Contest Awarded Gonzales and Memphis.

Dallas, Dec. 14.—Part of the final prize winners were announced today in the Texas cleanest town contest, promoted by Farm and Ranch.

Gonzales won the \$800 prize in class B, and Memphis took the \$200 prize in class C. In class B, 2,000 to 4,000 population finals were Gonzales, 87.8, New Braunfels, 86.85, Eagle Pass, 86.55, Balingier, 86.5, Stamford, 86.05 and Snyder, 84.4.

Class C, 1,000 to 2,000, finals: Memphis 81, Hubbard City 80.9, McGregor 80.9, Hico 80.5.

Class A finals are not yet complete. In class A the prize for which was \$500, three small cities were tied for first place at the end of the contest period, and further observations in this class, begun some time ago, are not yet complete. The three towns tied in class A were Brownwood, Gainesville and Hillsboro, with 89.5 per cent each.

Dr. M. M. Carriek of Dallas made the gradings.

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### Lost

What? Lost your temper, did you say?

Well, dear I wouldn't mind it; It isn't such a dreadful loss— Pray do try to find it.

'Twas not the gentlest, sweetest one, — As all can well remember Who have endured its every whim From New Year's till December.

It drove the dimples all away, And wrinkled up your forehead, And changed a pretty, smiling face To one— well, simply horrid.

It put to flight the cherry words, The laughter and the singing; And clouds upon a shining sky It would persist in bringing.

And it is gone! Then do, my dear, Make it your best endeavor To quickly find a better one, And lose it— never, never!

—Harper's Young People.

See Spikes & son before you sell your gram. 11 tf

Mrs. A. W. Jones was here shopping from Abernathy the latter part of last week.

N. R. Thompson was here from Stanton Friday.

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## Jno. W. Cone

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## NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

While you are formulating your New Year's Resolutions, let one of them read: "I am resolved that I will start a bank account at the beginning of the new year, and will save part of my earnings every month by making a deposit in the bank."

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A big Stock of Grain, Hay, Feed Stuff of All Kinds, Also Wholesale Flour and Meal. A Good Supply of Coal Always on Hand.

Town Orders Delivered Promptly to Any Part of Town.

## WE THANK YOU

We wish to thank our many customers for the liberal patronage they have given us through the past year, and wish to solicit a continuance of the same through 1913. We will do our level best to serve you right at all times.

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Manager

### GIVE US YOUR ORDERS FOR SUNLIGHT COAL

ALSO  
Hay or Grain of Any Kind, Cotton Seed  
Cake and Meal, Kaffir, Maize  
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P. S.—Don't forget to mail your letters before the 31st if you wish to enter the contest for the \$10 cash prize by giving your reasons why Sunlight Coal is the best.

**May Refuse Castro Right to Land**  
Washington, Dec. 23.—Whether Cipriano Castro, former president of Venezuela, will be permitted to land in the United States is being considered by U. S. officials. It is reported that he has started from Paris to New York.

Officials frankly confess they have not yet reached a decision as to the treatment to be accorded if he should appear at an American port. Technically there is no charge against Castro, though the treatment he meted out to the diplomatic corps in Caracas while he was practical dictator of Venezuela and his disregard for every representation made by the American minister in the interest of Americans who held valuable concessions, incensed the state department against him. Furthermore there has been a tacit understanding that American influence should be used to prevent Castro from returning to Venezuela and disturbing the peaceful conditions and relations with foreign countries, which

the government of Gomez now enjoys. Officials of the immigration service, whom it has been suggested might prevent the landing of the ex-president as an undesirable alien, have so far no request from the state department to act in that manner.

John Goins of Crosbyton, was in the city yesterday and today. He came over to see his wife who was operated on at the Sanitarium last week for appendicitis.

Mrs. R. H. Baker of Floydada, who visited her sister, Mrs. Geo. L. Beatty, for a day or two the first of week, left Tuesday for her home.

W. L. Ketcham, who was formerly agent here for the Santa Fe, but now of Amarillo, was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. W. L. Harrington was called to Lubbock Wednesday on account of the sickness of a grandchild. Plainview News.

B. F. Hawkins of Cordell, Okla., was here Monday.

**Negro Soldier May Go for Good**  
Washington, Dec. 23.—The proposal to eliminate the negro as an American soldier is a topic slated for consideration when the conference of the ranking officers of the army takes place here Jan. 8. Some officers favoring the plan are prepared to urge it on the ground that the natives are said to resent the appearance among them of black troopers, and that there are signs of dissatisfaction in Hawaii owing to the fact that the Twenty-fifth infantry, a negro organization, has been ordered to the islands to form a permanent garrison.

Friends of the negro soldiers are preparing to make a strenuous fight in their behalf, pointing to their good record in time of war in Cuba and in the Philippines.

Mrs. John Young of Crosbyton, spent several days of this week in Lubbock visiting relatives.

Miss Vera Walker of Falls, is in the city today.

#### Classified Ads.

#### Church Notes

**FOR SALE**—Maize Chops ground to order. See W. O. (Ollie) Wilkins. 22 tf

**FOR SALE**—Good, young Percheron mares. V. Brown, Lubbock, Texas. 24 2tp

**FOR SALE**—Good second hand automobile. Army of Bradley Auto Company. 24 1t

**FOR SALE**—On trade, one 3-year-old Black Percheron stallion and one 4-year-old Black Spanish Jack. R. J. Echols, 23-4t. Petersburg, Tex.

**FOR SALE**—Two houses close in, cheap for cash, or will take in vacant lot as cash payment and \$10.00 or \$25.00 monthly thereafter. Address J. A. Craven, 704 Amicable Building, Waco, Texas. 21 tf

**FOR EXCHANGE**—\$6,000.00 worth Lubbock city property, close in, for land in Lubbock, Lynn, or Terry counties as part pay. Address J. A. Craven, 704 Amicable Building, Waco, Texas. 21 tf

**FOR EXCHANGE**—222 acres 10 miles north of Waco, will take 160 or 320 acres in Lubbock, Lynn, or Terry counties as part pay. Address J. A. Craven, 704 Amicable Building, Waco, Texas. 21 tf

**FOR EXCHANGE**—A house and 3 lots, clear of debt, in 5 blocks of the court house, rented. Will take vacant lots close to the square. Address J. A. Craven, 704 Amicable Building, Waco, Texas. 21 tf

**FOR TRADE**—Jersey cow and calf for good spring. J. C. NEWTON. 23-tf

**FOR RENT**—Three good farms. See M. C. McCrummen, Lubbock, Texas. 22 tf

**FOR RENT**—Two well improved farms, including all necessary out buildings, well equipped for making money. See Kimbro & Parks. 24-tf

**WANTED**—To buy two good young mares, cheap for cash. J. C. NEWTON. 23-tf

**WANTED**—Second hand sacks, must be in good condition. Lubbock Grain and Coal Co. 19 1t

**WANTED**—Light housekeeping rooms, or a furnished house. Want it NOW. Ring the Avalanche office. 25 1t

**WANTED**—To buy a second hand roll top desk cheap. Howard Hotel. 25 1t

[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.]

#### THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT

The pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Lubbock and his family claim the first Christmas gift of the season. On Wednesday night, Dec. 18th, after a live and interesting prayer-meeting, quite a number of the members and friends of the Cumberland church stormed their pastor, Rev. J. L. Elliott, and unloaded at the parsonage an elegant supply of well selected groceries, including almost everything needed in that line and in very practical proportions, ranging from 250 pounds of flour down to dainties, and all in such proportions as are exactly right for use. Some one headed this move who knew how to select a stock for actual benefit.

The pastor and his family hereby express their hearty thanks to all who participated in same, and shall gladly continue to render the best and most efficient service possible.

At the Christmas tree at the Cumberland church a nice program was rendered on Tuesday night, following which Santa and his wife both arrived and disposed of an elegant selection of presents in a very orderly and interesting manner.

#### A Beautiful Tower

An Avalanche reporter had the pleasure of viewing one of the most beautiful and unique arrangements Christmas eve night, that we have ever seen. It was at the residence of J. B. Green in North Lubbock, which was a family and neighborhood affair. It was made out of a toy windmill tower and was most beautifully decorated, there being presents on it for the old, middle-aged and the young. It will be many years before we expect to enjoy another entertainment so daintily gotten up and so beautifully arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Pou, of Post City, are visiting Mrs. Pou's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins.

S. G. Cone of Cross Plains, spent several days of this week here.

#### School Notes

The advanced Spanish class entertained the beginners' class at the High School Friday night. Several Spanish games were played, Misses Farris and Caraway winning the prizes—Spanish linen lace, which has not yet reached the United States. Refreshments were served and the evening was passed very pleasantly. There is talk of organizing a Spanish Club, such as they have in larger cities. Those present were: Misses Tabbs, Glenn, Guinn, Bullock, Farris, Clark, Elliott, Caraway, Beard; Messrs. Medicus Rumph, Frazier McCrummen, Herbert Stubbs, Chester Hubbard, Chester Wright, Lester Faw and Edwin Glenn.

#### PROUD ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCOUTS

Dr. D. E. Dolloff, Biddleford, Me., is enthusiastic over his scouts. He says that if he had eight thousand such boys as he has in his patrol of eight he would come down and capture New York. In a letter to Jas. E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, he writes: In the year 1912, one of my patrols has assisted in putting out four big fires by night, and in fighting two forest fires. In two instances they worked steadily for eighteen hours a day without relief. They have marched 18 miles in six hours searching for a man lost in the forest. They spent two weeks in camp. The boys have qualified in many activities and if I had eight thousand of them instead of eight, I would come down and take your little burg in the night."

Rev. J. L. Elliott started Thursday at Sweetwater, Roscoe, Loraine and Colorado City to visit his parents, who live at Roscoe, and to attend to several items of business. He expects to return the latter part of next week.

W. F. Schenek and family left today for Meridian where they will spend a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Ellis, of Crosby county, is in the city today the guest of Mrs. Fred Spike.

Jno. P. Lewis spent Christmas day with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Atwood, at Abernathy.

Mrs. N. H. White of Crosbyton, came over today and is visiting her children at this place.

W. A. Stewart was down from Amarillo on business Saturday.

T. J. Cassidy was over from Crosbyton Monday.

## The Welcome Sale

**Six More Days of This Great Bargain Feast.**

You cannot afford to miss the opportunity offered you in this sale to purchase seasonable goods at astonishingly low prices. Our sales to date have been highly satisfactory, and although we have sold large quantities of goods, the stock is still well assorted and you can find numerous articles that you need in every day life. Look over the list below and note the splendid prices:

Men's and Boys' Furnishings	Men's Sweater Coats and Jerseys	Dress Gloves
At the welcomed prices	1.50 sweater coat	1.50 Mocha gloves for
Men's handkerchiefs worth 10c, only	4c	1.20
Men's handkerchiefs worth 15c, only	6c	1.75 Mocha gloves for
Men's handkerchiefs worth 25c, only	8c	1.45
Men's handkerchiefs worth 35c, only	10c	2.00 Mocha gloves for
Men's suspenders worth 25c, only	15c	1.60
Men's fancy shirts worth 75c, only	35c	1.75 dress Cape gloves for
Men's fancy dress shirts worth 1.25, only	95c	1.45
Men's neckwear worth 35c, only	20c	2.00 silk lined Cape gloves for
Men's neckwear in holiday boxes worth 50c, only	35c	1.65
Men's neckwear worth 75c in holiday boxes, only	50c	
<b>Men's and Boy's Over-shoes</b>		<b>Men's Shoes</b>
1.50 overshoes for	1.20	6.00 shoes for
2.50 overshoes for	1.65	4.50
3.00 overshoes for	2.45	5.00 shoes for
3.50 overshoes for	2.75	3.95
One lot of comforts at	1.25	4.50 shoes for
		3.65
		4.00 shoes for
		3.10
		3.66 shoes for
		2.90
		2.50 shoes for
		1.75
		<b>Men's Gauntlet Gloves</b>
		1.50 calf gauntlet gloves, for
		1.20
		1.75 Siberian colt gloves, for
		1.45
		\$3 fleecy gauntlet deer skin fur gauntlet
		2.60
		3.50 auto gauntlet
		2.95
		3.50 Siberian colt

Remember there remains only six more selling days of this Great Reduction Sale. It will positively close at 7:30 p. m. January 1st. Look for the Welcome Banners and walk in.

**SIMEON O'NEAL, Agent**  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

STORE WILL BE OPEN TILL 9:00 O'CLOCK EACH NIGHT OF THE SALE.

**Abstracts = Fire Insurance = Loans**  
**STUBBS & ADAMS**  
Office: Guarantee Abstract & Title Company. Lubbock, Texas

An Ideal place to trade next year would be at the

**IDEAL**

We keep a well assorted stock of Dry Goods and Notions and we are satisfied with a small profit.

We wish you a happy New Year and ask you to call and see our stock often.

**THE IDEAL**  
GEO. L. DESHAZO  
MANAGER

"GRIP" MEN WANT VOTE  
Traveling Men Petitioning Authorities to Amend Election Laws for Their Benefit.

"Help Traveling Men in Getting the Privilege of Voting" is the caption of a petition being circulated all over the United States, several of which have been received in Fort Worth.

The petition asks that a law to vote in state or national elections be passed that will enable traveling men even though they are not at their home town on election day. The petition recites that thousands of them are denied the right of suffrage as a result of the law as it exists at present.

These petitions have been mailed to every hotel in the United States that the committee in charge of the matter can get the name of. The United Travelers are requested to sign the petitions if they favor the amendment, which will be presented in the house and senate.

**PLANS TO RE-Forest EAST TEXAS.**

Timber Supply Decreasing.  
Houston, Texas: Mr. Jno. H. Kirby in his report to the Texas Welfare Commission estimates that the forests of Texas will be exhausted in a period of fifteen years and recommends that plans be considered for re-foresting East Texas. The report is quoted below in part: "There were 31,934 mills in operation in the United States in 1910 producing 40,018,902,000 feet of lumber and of this quantity 11,173,421,000 feet was yellow pine. "There are 466 mills in Texas, 26 mills operate exclusively upon hardwood timber and 70 mills operate on both pine and hardwood, while the remaining 376 operate exclusively upon pine. The average annual production of these mills is in round figures two billion feet. The consumption of lumber in Texas is about equal to the production of Texas mills. The Texas sawmills produced in 1910 an aggregate of 1,884,134,000 feet board measure which was 4.7 per cent of the total amount of lumber produced in the United States.

"It is estimated that there is about 30,000,000,000 feet of yellow pine timber still standing in Texas. I think this estimate ultra-conservative. Taking this estimate, however, as a basis, it will be seen at a glance that at the present rate of consumption, the volume of raw material will be exhausted in a period of fifteen years. I do not believe that the forests will be entirely denuded in that period. On the contrary, I think the manufacture of yellow pine will be carried on in this state for half a century at least, though it goes without saying that there will be an annual reduction in the volume of the product as well as a steady increase in the volume of consumption.

"It is unfortunate that no practical plans for re-foresting the lands of east Texas are being considered. These are the only lands in Texas to which yellow pine is indigenous or upon which forests may be cultivated at a minimum expense. It is true that the present generation of home builders enjoys a condition of cheap material which will be denied to succeeding ones. These same benefits might be preserved to our posterity if the public which is interested, would provide the means therefor by appropriating funds from the public treasury for the promotion of practical forestry plans."

**Pecos Commissioner Killed.**

A dispatch from Pecos under date of Dec. 19th says: "J. T. Tucker, county commissioner, was shot and killed at his farm near here. Jack Hines surrendered and admitted that he shot Tucker, claiming the dead man attacked his wife yesterday. The two men have been near neighbors and good friends, and yesterday Hines carried groceries from Pecos to Tucker. It was while Hines was absent that the assault is alleged to have occurred."

**Lady Poisoned.**

Last Friday night Mrs. Forsyth, wife of the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Plainview, was seriously poisoned from eating some canned goods. For quite awhile it seemed that she would succumb, but doctors finally relieved her, though she is still ill from the effects.

Bob Stoker was in Lubbock Saturday and Sunday from his ranch west of the city. Bob says the late snow will put an Al season in the ground for spring crops.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. McWhorter of Lubbock, were here Wednesday. — Plainview News.

Miss Pauline Milwee will spend the holidays in Lubbock. — Plainview News.

J. L. Higginbotham, of Redland, N. M., spent Sunday and Monday in Lubbock.

**TRIO OF RAILROAD BUILDERS DISCUSS STOCK AND BOND LAW.**

Law Prevents Independent Construction—Texas Only State Requiring Roads to Be Built Before Bonds are Issued.

Houston, Texas.—The practical effect of the Texas Stock and Bond law upon railroad construction in Texas is of course best understood by those engaged in railroad construction than perhaps any other class of people. The Texas Welfare Commission invited the opinion of the leading railroad men of the country and those of the most prominent men are quoted below.

Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Houston line, said in part: "I do not know of any independent line of considerable importance that has been constructed in Texas since this stock and bond law went into effect. The stock of the Trinity & Brasos Valley, as I understand it, is owned jointly by the Rock Island Company and by the Colorado & Southern and they have backed that enterprise. The Brownsville line and the Yoakum line, from Houston towards New Orleans, as I understand, have been backed and financed by the Frisco system. I do not recall any other line. There may have been many lines started but if you can show me a single line one hundred miles in length that has been constructed in Texas in the last twenty years—without the backing of a large system from outside the state—I should be very much obliged because I do not remember any. Of course, one effect of this has been to retard the construction of other lines. Some may consider that that has been beneficial to the existing lines."

Mr. Frank Trumbull, executive head of the Katy system, said in part: "Under the present law you have got to furnish your railroad first and get your securities afterwards. That is, if you are selling bonds. That is not done anywhere else in the world, so far as I know, and it is not good financing, and it is not good financing, it is not good for the State of Texas."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, said in part: "We have been able by means of our credit acquired outside the state to borrow money on that credit and spend it in Texas in spite of the stock and bond law. To say, as our Texas law practically does, that no bonds will be authorized until the money is spent, is equivalent, as to any new promotion of small lines, to forbidding their construction."

Rev. G. B. Overton has been undergoing a spell of sickness the past week and was unable to go to his appointment at the Canyon School House Sunday afternoon. Rev. Lane, accompanied by the Avalanche editor and Harry Stone, another member of the Avalanche force, faced the snow storm to the Canyon School House in order that Rev. Lane might fill Bro. Overton's place in the pulpit at 3:00 o'clock, but we found no one there, and after kindling a fire in the auditorium stove to warm our feet, we journeyed back to town. The people of Canyon no doubt missed a mighty good sermon, however the weather was so bad a congregation was hardly expected.

Claud Green left Monday for Littlefield, where he will spend several days painting in that town. Claud is there with the goods when it comes to slinging the paint brush, and the people of Littlefield may rest assured that the town will have a bright appearance when he gets through with the job.

M. F. Brown of Rochester, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Brown traded for two sections of land near Harris while here and was well pleased with this part of the plains.

Frank and Little Barclay left Saturday for Jefferson, where they will spend the holidays visiting relatives.

W. H. Pierson of Amarillo, spent Monday in Lubbock.

**Belle of Wichita Flour**

is just as good for New Year Baking as it was for Christmas and we insist that you buy a sack next time you need flour.

**I Have Everything Good to Eat**

It is my endeavor to give you prompt service and your business is appreciated. Make my store your store and when you want groceries

Phone Two Dozen.

**C. E. HUNT, Grocer**

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**TEXAS' OIL AREAS**

United States Geological Survey Bulletin Tells of Our Oil Districts.

Regarding the Texas oil fields, the latest bulletin of the United States Geological Survey says:

The feature of greatest interest in the petroleum industry in Texas in 1911, according to the United States geological survey, was the discovery and development of the Electra pool, in Wichita county, on the northern edge of the state.

The oil in this field proves to be of an exceptionally fine quality, being almost identical with Pennsylvania oil. There is considerable prospect of extending this pool to the southeast and southwest, and good indications of oil are to be found as far east as half way to the next producing region, in Clay county.

The latter district has not been as profitable as the new Electra field, but has yielded sufficient gas to supply Wichita Falls, Dallas and Fort Worth. Much prospecting is going on in the western half of Texas in many different localities, where seepages and other indications show the probability of fine oil supplies.

The asphalt production of Texas, which is principally res-

due from heavy asphaltic oils, according to the United States geological survey, amounted to 57,713 short tons, valued at \$1,040,825, in 1910, and 55,826 tons, valued at \$786,785, in 1911.

M. E. Lane, of Houston, spent Friday and Saturday of last week here on business.

T. C. Ivey and wife of Plains, were in Lubbock the first of the week.

O. L. Allen of Brownfield, spent the first of the week in Lubbock.

George Elcott of Portales, N. M., spent Monday in the city.

G. M. Williams was here from Portales, N. M., Monday.

**WE WISH YOU A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**



**Dusting, Cleaning and Polishing**

All at One Time

THE old way to clean a hardwood floor was to dust it, then clean it, then oil and polish it. A holiday's task—lots of back-breaking work—and even then the result was not always satisfactory. But the new way with the O-Cedar Polish Mop—you dust, clean and polish all at once—easy, quick and satisfactory. No stooping or bending. No hard rubbing. You simply pass the mop over the floor—all the dust and dirt is collected and held and the floor is given a hard, durable, lasting polish. A few minutes easy work and the result is always satisfactory.

**O-Cedar Mop Polish**

for cleaning and dusting everywhere—not only the floors, but the tops of doors, the stairs and banisters, etc. Everywhere, all the hard-to-get-at places. You don't have to move the beds and heavy furniture, you can reach under them easily, for the handle of the mop is 54 inches long.

Try it at Our Risk

The price of the O-Cedar Polish Mop is only \$1.50, and every cent of your money will be refunded if after two days' trial, you do not find it satisfactory in every respect. We guarantee you will find it the most satisfactory household article you ever used.



We are indeed grateful to you for your liberal patronage the past year and solicit a continuance of the same during 1913.

**R. A. RANKIN & SONS**

**The Christmas Trade Was Fine**

I THANK YOU FOR IT. YOU KNOW WHAT GOOD SERVICE THIS STORE GAVE YOU AND WE SOLICIT A CONTINUANCE OF YOUR TRADE ASSURING YOU THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION AT ANY AND ALL TIMES. Phone us your orders for Groceries.

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

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**FOR INAUGURAL EXPENSES**

**Bill Introduced Asks For \$23,000 to Pay Expenses of Keeping Order Two Weeks.**

The first measure to provide arrangements for the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President was a joint resolution introduced Wednesday by Representative Johnson of South Carolina, at the instance of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, to appropriate \$23,000 for the expense of special protection of life and property and maintenance of order for two weeks beginning Feb. 25.

The resolution would authorize the commissioners to make special regulations for maintenance of order, fixing fares of public vehicles and their movements; would provide \$2,000 for erection of information booths and other arrangements for the inaugural crowds. It would penalize any persons violating the inaugural regulations by a maximum fine of \$100, or a workhouse imprisonment of sixty days.

The resolution was referred to the appropriations committee.

**Another Election Necessary**

The recent city election, in which \$12,000 street improvement bonds and \$10,000 sewer extension bonds for Plainview were voted almost unanimously, has been declared by the Attorney General to be null and void on account of the failure of the Aldermen to sign certain papers pertaining to same. Mayor Dorset announces that the City Council will order another election at once.

H. C. Rogers of Ranger Lake, N. M., spent a few days here the latter part of last week.

Tom Norton was here Friday from Fort Worth.

Ingram was over from Monday.

**New Highway Plan.**

The co-operation of the commercial clubs of Texas is sought by Congressman Stanton Warburton of Washington state who proposes to introduce a bill during the present session for the construction of a system of National highways connecting the capitals of every state with the national capital. The proposed bill contemplates the construction of about fifteen thousand miles of roads the estimated cost not exceeding twenty thousand dollars a mile. The necessary money for the payment of the work will be collected by the government within five years according to the plan. According to the route of the proposed highway, Austin, Texas, would be joined with Santa Fe, New Mexico, Oklahoma City and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, which in turn would be connected with the capitals of adjoining states.

During the last eleven months there have been reported to the State Insurance Board at Austin 20,610 fire losses in Texas of 15,021, or 73 per cent, were preventable.

Less Collier was in the city Sunday and Monday. He was on his way to Crosbyton to spend the holidays with his parents.

Chas Canaday was a business visitor here Saturday from St. Louis.

N. R. Thompson, of Stanton, spent Friday and Saturday in Lubbock.

Miss Mollie Brown of Chilton, was in the city the first of the week.

A. A. Ulery of Manchester, was a business visitor here Saturday.

W. J. Miller of Lamesa, was here looking after business matters the first of the week.

M. W. Hampton of Snyder, had business in our city the latter part of last week.

**The Real Santa Claus**

While human nature is fairly bulging with the Christmas spirit and our strenuous lives are rested by a refreshing dash of childhood and we watch with lingering hope the disappearance of Santa Claus who has annually ministered to our fancy since the holy babe lay in the manger, let us now turn our attention toward the real Santa Claus.

The real Santa Claus is the man who makes a payroll. Upon industry must rest all the happiness of the human race and from it society must get its inspirations and joys. Without the hum of industry and the jostle of the harvest there would be empty stockings and a cheerless Christmas.

Mrs. C. C. Boyd is visiting her daughter in Whitney during the holidays.

W. B. Ramsey of Brownfield, was a Lubbock visitor the latter part of last week.

W. Miller of San Antonio, was an out-of-town visitor in Lubbock Monday.

Fred Neil was in Lubbock from Abilene, Sunday.

L. G. Bias of Abilene, spent Saturday in our city.

Abe W. Rosenthal of Merkel, was here Sunday and Monday.

J. I. Pitts was over from Floydada, Saturday.

L. D. Farris of Waco, was here Monday.

J. K. Johnson of Lamesa, was in the city a few hours Saturday.

J. H. Wyatt of Gomez, spent Saturday in Lubbock.

S. E. Maxey was here from Chilton Monday.

Chas. Ellis was over from Estacade Sunday.

G. C. Smith of Crosbyton, was here Saturday.

J. H. Rengan was over from Floydada Saturday and Sunday.

**PARCELS POST FACTS**

**System will Go Into Effect Jan. 1**

**A Few Facts You Should Remember.**

The parcels post law becomes effective Jan. 1, 1913.

When the parcels post law goes into effect it will be possible for the housewife to telephone the grocer and have fresh meat, eggs, vegetables, etc., sent out by mail.

Any person residing within 50 miles of Lubbock may order perishable foods from the city and have same delivered promptly by parcels post.

The new law permits of eggs being sent through the mail when packed according to regulations.

Firearms, explosives and infernal machines are among the articles barred.

Books and printed matter are third-class and cannot be sent by parcels post.

To find the size limit: Take a piece of string seventy-two inches long and wind it once completely around the parcel crosswise and then around the parcel lengthwise. If the ends of the string meet the parcel comes under the limit.

No package weighing in excess of eleven pounds will be accepted for transmission under the parcels post law.

The country is divided into zones. The first zone embraces 50 miles; the second, 50 to 150; the third, from 150 to 300; the fourth, from 300 to 600; the fifth, from 600 to 1,000; sixth, from 1,000 to 1,400; the seventh, from 1,400 to 1,800; the eighth, all distances over 1,800 miles.

The local rate is 5c for the first pound and 1c for each additional pound.

Parcels post packages may be insured for their full value up to \$50 for a charge of 10c additional.

No parcels post package will

**be received for registration.**

The fourth-class matter weight limit is increased, from 4 to 11 pounds, by the parcels post law. Only parcels post stamps will be accepted by the postoffice authorities for the transmission of parcels post matter.

Each parcel must bear the name and address of the sender, otherwise it will not be accepted for mailing.

It is expected the mail-order houses and all lines of retail trade will use the parcels post extensively in the delivery of small orders.

After the parcels post law goes into effect fourth-class matter can be mailed to the Philippine Islands, Alaska, Republic of Panama and Cuba at the rate of 11c per pound.

Salted, dried, smoked or cured meats are mailable under the law.

Queen bees may be sent through the mail under the parcels post law.

Poisons are barred from being sent by parcels post.

Articles sent by parcels post must not be sealed.

"Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and other similar greetings may be written upon the wrapper of parcels post packages.

The department agrees to furnish the sender of an insured package with a receipt from the addressee.

Certain liquids and oils may be sent through parcels post if properly packed for mailing.

The parcels post law does not create a new department, it merely amends the previous regulations pertaining to fourth-class matter.

The inauguration of the parcels post law will mean additional carriers and wagons in this city.

Parcels post matter may be delivered for mailing at any of the sub-stations as well as the main postoffice.

Flop Johnson was over from Crosbyton Tuesday.

**Texas Needs More Cotton Mills.**

Building more cotton mills in Texas would increase the price received for cotton from 11 and 12 cents to 25 cents per pound according to a statement recently made by President R. T. Milner of the Agricultural and Mechanical College in commenting on the need of more cotton mills in Texas. The department of textile engineering maintained in connection with the college operates a mill equipped with modern machinery and is ready to co-operate with the people of Texas in the establishment of cotton mills. President Milner advocates stock companies being formed of Texas farmers to manufacture the staple at home instead of shipping it raw and importing it back again in the form of cloth and clothing.

The farmers of Brown county have found farming under the government demonstration system much more profitable than the old way of producing crops and their results are positive proofs of the possibilities of soil conservation. In this county 54 farmers produced part of their cotton crop under the government system and 38 raised part of their corn according to this method with the result that on the cotton yield the 54 averaged 49 per cent increase over the balance of the crop raised on the part of their farms cultivated by the common system, and 5 of them averaged 126 1-5 per cent increase. On corn the 38 showed an average increase of 54 per cent over the balance of their crop and all of them an increase of 88 per cent where government demonstration methods were used.

The Lubbock Orchestra went to Slaton Monday night and played for a dance in that city. They report a most enjoyable time.

W. B. Downing and family are spending this week visiting relatives in Brownfield.

**Another Year will Soon be Gone**

We cannot but feel proud of the large list of customers that we have and the great volume of business that we have enjoyed the past year. We have at all times done our best to give entire satisfaction and trust that we have not fallen short of our ambitions along this line. We have a large and well selected stock of Hardware to enter into the new year with, and trust that you will see fit to favor us with as liberal patronage in 1913 as you have this year.

Our stock is composed of goods that will stand the test. We handle only that kind that has stood the test for years and we can recommend every article that we sell as being just as represented.

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### KIMBRO & PARKS, REAL ESTATE AND INVESTMENTS

## At Opera House

# “Hamlet”

## January 2nd

## The Whittaker Co.

## 2 Nights

## January 15 and 16

### Neighboring County News

From Our Exchanges

#### GARZA COUNTY

**Mrs. W. L. Baugh**, of Lubbock, who has been visiting Mrs. C. L. Pickett for several days, left for home Wednesday. E. W. Clark came up from Snyder last week and spent a day or two looking over the construction work on the brick business houses he is building on Main street.

Geo. Duckworth, from Lynn county, and Geo. Carter, from Lubbock county, were here last week looking after some cattle.

#### TERRY COUNTY

Mrs. J. W. Ellis and B. Dixon made a trip to Lubbock last week. Miss Pearl Lewis accompanied them up here and took train for East Texas points. Mrs. Dixon's daughter, who has been going to school at Lubbock, returned home with them and will enter school here after the holidays.

We learn that J. O. Jones has purchased the Jenkins home in Lubbock, and will move up there for the holidays. We certainly hope to lose this good family from Terry. He still holds his property in the southern part of Terry county.

Tom May and family moved at the Ray Brownfield ranch at week, on the line of Terry and Yoakum, where he will start a stock farm. Tom was in Saturday buying supplies and seemed to be tickled to death over his new business.

Mack Harper came in from Lubbock Tuesday to visit home folks.

We noticed W. K. Dickinson at Lubbock, at the Hill Hotel Tuesday night.

Miss Irene Speigle and little brother, Raymon, will leave Saturday for Lubbock, where they will take the train for points inarker county.

#### GOMEZ

Mr. Brannon was hauling a load of feed last Wednesday and a passing under phone wire, the wire caught on the load and the noise it made frightened the horses causing them to turn the

wagon over. Both Mr. Brannon and Jim Moore were on the wagon, but Jim escaped unhurt, but Mr. Brannon had a rib broken. He is now up and we hope he will be well soon.

The gin ran until midnight on last Saturday night, ginning cotton that was brought in from New Mexico, and on Monday Mr. Winn brought in a load of seed cotton; also several bales were on the streets here on their way to the railroad.

Jim Key left last Saturday for Lubbock. Like all the rest of these farmers his wagon carried more to market than it will bring back.

#### HALE COUNTY

Mr. Moreland, our barber, made a trip to Lubbock this week. He has bought the City Barber Shop, and while at Lubbock made arrangements to have a tailor here in a few days to be associated with him in the barber and tailor business.

O. C. Sanders of this place, has shipped over 60 cars of grain and some 10 or more of hay, this fall, and will continue shipping until spring. From best reports available there has been between 35 and 50 cars of hogs and cattle shipped from here.

Mr. Osborne, the soap man, left last Tuesday for Lubbock and points south.

C. E. Green shipped two cars of 3-year-old steers to his home in Peabody, Kansas, last Saturday.

#### DAWSON COUNTY

Mr. Adams, manager of Lamson gin, reports 514 bales ginned up to date. In dollars and cents this easily represents 700 bales of last year. The total cotton crop of Dawson county this year will not fall very much short of 800 bales, which at the prices paid here, will equal 1400 bales of last year. R. D. Simpson's books show 297; Lindley's 354 bales, including that bought at O'Donnell, making a total of 654 bales. The number of bales shipped individually or sold out side of the county, it is safe

to estimate at 100 bales—it may go considerably above that.

Taking into consideration the prices paid here, our cotton money this year is fully up to that derived from last year's larger crop.

When Joe Curlee secured a market for rabbits, he certainly did the farmers of Dawson county a good turn. The rabbits are being killed off in great numbers, the money comes in most handy to buy Christmas presents, the “boys” have great sport shooting the rabbits, Joe makes a few dollars profit, and our city cousins can enjoy the luxury of a “game” dinner at little cost. So everybody is happy and the number of cotton-tails grows beautifully less with each succeeding day.

P. H. Simpson of Caldwell, Texas, a brother of Geo. W. Simpson, has bought the I. M. Bennett farm south of town. This is a fine place and has one of the best orchards in the county. Mr. Simpson, it will be remembered, was here on a visit a short time back and was very favorably impressed with Dawson county.

#### CROSBY COUNTY

Miss O. H. LaRue informed us yesterday that she will leave Crosbyton next Saturday for the east where she will spend the holidays. She will return in about two weeks and her many friends wish for her a happy trip and a safe return.

J. L. Moore has purchased the barber shop and tailoring establishment on the north side, and is doing a fine business.

The safest and cheapest way to have meats for the family table is to raise the animals on the farm and put up a supply for home use. When one depends upon buying meat one is apt to be dissatisfied with both the quantity and quality obtainable, especially when crops are short and there is such a great demand for food products.

On Wednesday evening of last week Mr. Lloyd Andrews and Miss Maye Fullingim were married at the Methodist parsonage. Rev. C. D. Pipkins officiating. Mr. Andrews has been employed for some time on the CB Live Stock Farm and ranch and is favorably known to his acquaintances. Miss Maye is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Fullingim and she is a very popular young lady, loved by all who know her and is one of Crosbyton's most charming young ladies. The Review extends congratulations.

J. L. Benton and wife of Lubbock, visited Mr. Benton's parents south of town Sunday.

N. L. Green is moving to his farm this week and will try farming another year.

Cotton continues to be brought in and 40 bales were marketed here Saturday.

W. E. McLaughlin made a business trip to Lubbock since last issue.

A number of our young folks attended a dance at the home of Mr. McDermott north of Cone Friday night.

Jim Thornton, who had been in Temple for the purpose of having an operation performed for tumor of the stomach, has returned to his home at Estacado and was mingling among the big crowd here, Saturday.

Miss LaRue, of Crosbyton, was shopping in the city Saturday.

### Stock Notes

Midland Reporter.

#### MANY STOCK DEALS AT MIDLAND

I. C. Bell came down Tuesday from the ranch. While here he bought 200 calves that he will put on his ranch for winter pasturage.

Holloway & Poole came in the first of the week from their ranch. They gave a favorable account of general conditions and state that they have sold to Sid Pitts, 600 good cows at \$40 each. Mr. Pitts will trail the cows to his ranch, 30 miles northwest of Lovington, N. M.

Mitchell & Pruitt, of Marfa, report the sale of 2,000 calves to Jack Puckett, an old time grocer of Midland, but now living in Amarillo. The calves were sold for spring delivery.

J. W. Smith came down Wednesday from his father's ranch twelve miles from Pecos. He states that they have recently sold to buyers from Fort Worth, 600 calves at \$16 around.

O. B. Holt came in Monday from his ranch, where he is feeding several hundred calves. He states that he has just finished vaccinating 600 calves and they are doing well. He reports that the recent rains have been of great value to the winter range.

A. A. Estlock was in from Eunice, N. M., this week and informed us that he had recently sold his calves at \$19 apiece.

Marvin O'Keefe came in Wednesday from his ranch near Panhandle City, to receive 500 three-year-old steers, recently purchased from the Scharbaur Cattle Company. He will place these steers on his ranch. Mr. O'Keefe states that the range is fine in his part of the country and the farmers and stockmen made plenty of feed to winter their stock in good shape.

Ingram & Son shipped out Monday, three cars of calves to their pasture in Loving county. This shipment makes a total of 1,000 that they have placed on the grass out there. They also report the sale of 200 steers at \$43 per head to Amarillo buyers.

Zumwalt & Changler, of Ft. Cobb, Okla., have bought and received of C. P. Benedict, six carloads of yearling steers,

which they are shipping out to their feeding pens, where they will put them on full feed for the winter.

J. H. Lchliittler, of Odessa, came down on a business trip Monday. He informed us that he had disposed of his calf crop at a uniform price of \$22.50 per head.

B. C. Davis came down from his ranch Monday. He states that he has recently disposed of a good bunch of calves at \$20 around.

#### Andrews News

John Logsdon returned Wednesday from East Texas, where he shipped a car of young mules. Mr. Logsdon bought two fine stallions while away, which will make the season at his ranch.

Spence Joel passed through town Sunday in his new Cadillac accompanied by two Englishmen, who purchased eight polo ponies from Mr. Joel. The Times representative was told that excellent prices were obtained for all the ponies. They will be shipped to New York.

#### Last, But Not Least

C. E. Spath was a pleasant caller at the Times office this week. Mr. Smith is a great advocate of irrigation and had considerable to say along that line. He had just returned from Plainview and Lubbock where large irrigation plants are being installed. The South Plains is recognized as one of the best sections within the United States for irrigation purposes and one of the last to be developed.—Andrews News.

S. M. Earhart of Dallas, spent a few days in this section of the country last week, taking in voices of the McAdams Lumber Yards.

“Pat” Green left the first of the week for Littlefield, where he has a contract for several months painting.

Mrs. Robert Marshall of Plains, was in our city for a few hours last Friday, enroute to Fort Worth on a visit.

Claud Burrus and family of Crosbyton, visited relatives in Lubbock Saturday and Sunday.

George Stancliff was here Friday and Saturday from his home in Snyder.

#### SLATON NEWS ITEMS

The Town Has Another Fire—Many Post Office Aspirants—Personal Mentions.

Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock fire broke out in a corner of Jesse Jones' grocery store and destroyed about \$300.00 worth of merchandise before the blaze was put out. The origin of the fire is unknown as there was no one in the store at the time.

Postofficeitis struck Slaton this week in virulent form. Anticipating that a change might be called for, for a new postmaster at Slaton by the new Wilson administration, G. H. Orr was the first aspirant to cast his hat in the ring and precipitate the movement. A. L. Brannon was the next candidate to come out, and rumor had J. W. Patterson and J. G. Wadsworth are in the race. Interviewed by a Slatonite reporter, Messrs. Wadsworth and Patterson deny the allegation, and state that they are not seeking a federal appointment.

H. D. Talley evidently invoiced his years of democratic activity as totaling up into a postmastership, as he came out a candidate yesterday.

R. A. Blanton, J. S. Edwards, and C. D. Swift were out in Terry and Gaines counties in Mr. Blanton's car last week on a hunting trip, and report a big time.

A. E. Whitehead is getting his coal, grain and hay business lined up in good shape to go after the trade right this winter. He is also handling cotton seed meal, and is selling quite a lot of stuff already.

R. C. Hampton left for Big Springs today where he will go on his farm. Mrs. Hampton is visiting her mother at Merkel.

Mrs. C. F. Stubbs says the Avalanche erred last week when it stated that the young people enjoyed a dance at her house. She says it is against her religion and asked that we correct the statement which we gladly do.

Miss Ruth Essex, who is teaching school at Justiceburg, came in Saturday and is spending the week with relatives.

## L. B. WRIGHT HARDWARE AND FURNITURE

I thank you for your patronage during the year just closing, and solicit your business next year. When you trade at this store you can rest assured that you will get prompt service and courteous treatment as well as splendid values in every article. My stock is large and well assorted. You can find anything you need in house furnishings, and I also have a splendid line of hardware and buggies.

I WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## L. B. WRIGHT THE HOUSE FURNISHER WEST SIDE OF THE SQUARE

**Proper Buying Has Much To Do With One's Prosperity.**

At this season of the year many people are apt to make changes in their place of trading to enter the New Year and as obtaining good prices has a great deal to do with ones prosperity, we invite you to call and talk the matter over with us. We might be able to save you many dollars in the purchasing of Dry Goods and Groceries next year. We want your business and assure you that every cent spent with us will be appreciated and you will get value received for it.

**The Cash Bargain Store,** D. C. WORSHAM  
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LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1912

**HAD TO QUIT THE FARM**

S. S. Buzbee of Petty, who has been employed as a riding deputy tax assessor for a long time in his end of the county, said yesterday that while the farmers have made a plenty of corn this year to do them and made a good cotton crop for which they have been getting good prices, and that while there has been general prosperity among the farmer, it is the hardest proposition among the tenant class of farmers that he has ever seen to get land to rent for next year. He says that there is not enough land to go around and that there are a lot of people without a home. They have no place for next year and can't get any. Numbers of the tenant class, he says, who would prefer farming if they could get land to work, are moving to Petty, Roxton and other places and are hunting work as day laborers. Mr. Buzbee says that there used to be some good neighborhoods in his end of the county twenty years ago where there isn't a church now, and that white people are being displaced by negro tenants.—Paris News

One of the principal reasons people left Petty was for the cause cited by Mr. Buzbee. The action of the black land owners ruins the churches and schools and hurts society. Let us illustrate: A man who recently bought one of the finest residences in Paris owns 500 acres of black land adjoining the town of Petty. A few years ago he had as tenants four as good men and farmers as we ever knew. They were all members of the Baptist church. The landlord "bired" them and put negroes in their places. The church was employing a preacher for half time. Deprived of their support, the church could only employ a preacher for one-fourth time next year. Other landlords have followed suit and now the church has no pastor. Good white men have been forced to leave one church has been killed and the school has suffered. The only hope of the black land renter is for him to come to this section and make himself a home, while land is so

cheap he can buy with the hope of paying for it.—Bogata News. There is another way these farmers could get relief from the difficulties they encounter on the East Texas tenant farms and that is come to Lubbock. Here you will find a vast territory of unsettled country, rich soil, pleasant climate, an abundance of water, good society, fine schools with long terms, churches of every denomination and you can make money while you are surrounded by all these pleasures of life. Come to Lubbock.

Though a little late in congratulations to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram upon its greatest of great achievements in the newspaper business, we do not any the less appreciate the enormity of the undertaking of printing a 250 page edition of the Telegram of December the 15th, each paper weighing three and a half pounds. It was printed in 16 parts, required 4 cars of paper and was devoted to the history of Fort Worth and many predictions as to what it would be some day. It was a great paper, and the management certainly deserve great credit for their progressiveness and in having a plant so well equipped for printing as they have in the publication of the Star-Telegram.

The Snyder Signal cheered its readers last week by printing and mailing to them a 24-page Christmas number. It was dressed up in a Santa Claus cover and contained a great amount of good Christmas stories. The business men of the town also used quite a liberal amount of advertising space telling the people of the Snyder country of their splendid bargains, etc. The Signal pushes things along in good shape and give the people of Snyder one of the best papers in the west.

**LEST YOU FORGET**

Before our next issue is in the hands of the reading public, the new year will be upon us. The first day of the new year the Parcels Post system will go into effect all over the United States.

You have had an opportunity to educate yourself as to the requirements in the use of this system, but lest you forget, read these important pointers carefully:

Distinctive parcels post stamps must be used on all fourth class matter beginning January 1st and such matter bearing ordinary postage stamps will be treated as "Held for postage."

Parcels will be mailable only at postoffices, branch postoffices, lettered and local named stations and such numbered stations as may be designated by the postmaster.

All parcels must bear the return card of the sender; otherwise they will not be accepted for mailing.

**WE WILL MISS THEM**

The Avalanche will miss a number of its most valuable exchanges from the exchange table next week. They announce that they will rest a week, get their breath and take a new start in January for another year's race with the proverbial wolf, and we are sure they are entitled to a week's rest and in some instances the public will appreciate a rest. The Avalanche, however, makes its appearance as usual on Thursday afternoon, that's today. Though we do not carry the same gay cover that enveloped the pages of the Avalanche last week, we are here with a liberal amount of advertising from our business men, who have a message to the public every time the paper appears, and we also have a few personal mentions and a few clippings from the columns of our exchanges, a few original articles, etc. We have not missed an issue under the present management and have been late only a few times.

J. T. Godfrey, editor and publisher of the Stanton Reporter, got a doubled geared hustle on last week and presented his readers with a Christmas edition of the Reporter. It was a good one for a town the size of Stanton and Godfrey is ok on the job.

Talking about looking for a happy home—Come to Lubbock.

**Flour=Flour=Flour**

Remember we have a big stock of the Celebrated GERMAN MILLS FLOUR which is recognized as the best on the market. We are exclusive agents for this flour and we want you to try a sack, if you have never had the opportunity to do so. You will like it.

**Have You Any Cream?**

We want it. And will pay you the highest price the market will afford. It beats churning and selling the butter. Ask us about it.

**Long Brothers**

**IF YOU WANT MONEY**

I have the best loan proposition that has been offered to this section. I want loans on improved farms and ranches at 8 per cent annual interest with privilege of paying part each year if desired. No stock or insurance connected with my proposition. See me if you want loans.

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**PROGRESS OF CUT-OFF**

Denison's Outfit Moved from Lubbock to Texico and will Rush Work on that End.

D. W. Jones, general manager for contractor Walter H. Denison, has had employed the past two weeks a force of men and teams unloading car load after car load of merchandise, feed, fuel and machinery here, which will be used while constructing the last few remaining miles of grade on the Texico-Coleman Cut-off.

The grade on the Lubbock end is now finished and ready for the ties and rails, and the remainder of the crew including Mr. Denison's store and office force arrived here Saturday night.

The large double store room south of the bank houses the retail department of the commissary and offices, while just back of this building a large ward house is being used in which to store feed, fuel, etc.

Heavy loads of supplies are going out daily to grading camps along the line through Bailey county. Work is expected to

commence at the end of the spur in the city limits within the next few days.

We are told that work is progressing rapidly all along the line and on account of the ideal weather conditions this road will be in operation much sooner than was expected.

With the completion of the road and the building of the road north and south from this point who can say that Texico-Farwe will not be permanently fixed on the map.—Texico Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Lewis and children left Sunday on the southbound Santa Fe. Mrs. Lewis and children went to Graham to spend the holiday and Mr. Lewis returned to Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. E. L. Meredith and children accompanied her brother G. C. Hufsteler, to his home at Tolar, Monday. They will spend some time there visiting relatives.

Earl Stacy left Monday for Austin to be gone until after the holidays.

W. W. Hill left Monday for Hale Center where he will visit this week.

**THIS IS OUR LAST AD THIS YEAR**

We have enjoyed a splendid business. We have a large list of customers and we have a splendid stock of Groceries. We thank you one and all for the good patronage the past year and assure you that your patronage, little or much, has been greatly appreciated. We have endeavored to treat every customer as we would have them treat us, had we been in his place, and our splendid business makes us believe that we have in a manner, at least, been able to please a large number of the grocery buyers of the city.

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If you will let us put your car in good running order. We have the best of machinists; men who know their business and specialists in auto work. Bring your car in and let us diagnose the case and apply the remedy.

## TUBBS BROTHERS

CASS AUTO COMPANY'S OLD STAND

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### GOVERNORS AFTER GAMBLERS

Eight Governors Now Signify Willingness to Wage Campaign in Respective States.

A movement against gambling started in Chicago a week ago by a fraternal order, promises to become nation wide. Eight state governors have notified Arthur Burrage Farwell, who is at the head of the crusade, that they would help launch and carry on the fight in their respective states against all kinds of games of chance in churches, clubs, lodges, as well as in professional gambling rooms and at race tracks.

The governors are Osborne, of Michigan; Colquitt, of Texas; Gilchrist, of Florida; Dix, of New York; Goldsborough, of Maryland; Vessey of S. D.; Morris, of Montana and Carey of Wyoming.

"In Texas we are sending gamblers to the penitentiary," remarked Gov. Colquitt, in answer to a request for a suggestion as to how to stop gambling.

Five gallons coal oil at J. H. Moore's for 75c.

### LEASING OF CONVICTS

It is a Thing of the Past Says State Prison Commissioner, R. W. Braham.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 19.—Hon. R. W. Braham, member of the state prison commission, declares that the leasing or contracting of prison labor in the state of Texas is a thing of the past.

Almost all the state's contracts have expired by limitation, while one or two have been cancelled by agreement. Two share contracts are still in existence, but these will terminate next month. After the first of the year the state prisoners will be working exclusively for the state.

Braham says the state could proceed with the present plan of administration all right if the legislature would finance it.

Buy a Cream Separator and make your living at home. Martin & Wolcott sells the best Separator on earth, the "Sharples." We have different styles and prices to offer you. Come and see them. 20 It

Ben Oliver, representing Collier's Weekly, was calling on the reading public this week in the interest of his employers.

### LITTLEFIELD POSTOFFICE

The New Town is Now Assured Postal Service—C. J. Duggan Postmaster.

Advice has been received from the postal department stating that the order had been issued establishing the Littlefield postoffice. C. J. Duggan has been appointed postmaster. The Littlefield mail goes by way of Hale Center to Bartonite, which is already an established line, and will be carried from Bartonite by and at the expense of the Littlefield Land Co. This arrangement is only temporary, but it will be kept up until the train service is established into Littlefield, which will be about the first of April.

Notice  
The tax rolls for the City of Lubbock are now open for the payment of taxes for the year 1912. These taxes will become delinquent after January 31st 1913. 24 3t  
W. M. SHAW, Sec.

A. L. Robertson and family of the V ranch, spent a few days the latter part of last week in the city.



## The Cash Market

Phone 146

### Fresh and Cured Meats

You will find everything usually kept in a first-class meat market and it will be delivered to you in first-class condition. Below you will find a list of a few things you can get at this market:

Beef	Smoked Cow Tongue	Bologna	Crackers
Veal	Cured Ham	Cheese	Sweet Relish
Pork	Bolled Ham	Souse	Celery Sauce
Sausage	Dried Beef	Pure Lard	Mastard
Mutton	Mince Meat	Chili Meat	Pickles
Goat	Pickled Pig Feet	Hamburger	Olives
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Phone us your orders for Fresh Fish and Oysters

We can sell you Turkeys and Chickens dressed or undressed

## Cash Meat Market Phone 146

On New Year's Day you may have a nice comfortable home. The next day you may be made homeless by fire loss. Let

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Miss Mary Overton, who has been teaching in the school at Montavalo, Ala., is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Buy a Cream Separator and make your living at home. Martin & Wolcott sells the best separator on earth, the "Sharples." We have different styles and prices to offer you. Come and see them. 20 It

Lee Underwood was in the city from Lockney, the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Geo. Wagner and children, of Trenton, Texas, came in on Saturday's northbound passenger and will visit at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lane for a time. Mrs. Wagner is a sister of Rev. Lane.

WALL PAPER  
Artistic and up to date. Colors and designs. Pictures artistically framed. A. J. Towle, Northside Square Phone 269.

### Good Fortune

The Texas state treasurer's statement of school lands receipts for November must be decidedly interesting to practical men both at home and in other states.

Nearly a half a million dollars in interest payments on school lands was added to the available fund and over \$50,000 to the permanent fund which already amounts to a large interest-bearing fortune for the benefit of the children of Texas. It cannot but impress the citizens of other states and make them look toward Texas, to learn that efficient public schools are kept up and made available to every child very largely without direct taxation through the accumulating interest on deferred payments on public lands sold and on a great and growing permanent fund from the same source.

The states whose public lands were held by the federal government had no such foundation on which to build an educational system for present and future generations. In many of them direct taxes for school purposes had to be high, and in some are yet. There was no other way to get the money, and the people simply had to "dig up."

Texas this year made a levy of only 16 2-3 cents on the \$100 valuation for school purposes. The people of Iowa, or Nebraska and other states, in the days when they were building school houses and colleges, would have considered such a state tax a joke, or a streak of luck too good to be

true. We Texans at times hardly stop to think how wisely the fathers of Texas built and what a wonderful structure they passed on to posterity.

Good citizens of course notice each year what the "apportionment" is and how much their towns or districts are entitled to, but seldom congratulate themselves, as they should, that there is such a thing as an apportionment at all; for in too many cases the district school is maintained solely on this state distribution.

The man in the North who has to pay his school taxes every year, five to ten times the average ad valorem in Texas, is bound to be attacked with a longing to live in a state having school money rolling in each year from nowhere in particular and that calls for a merely nominal rate for school purposes—just enough to keep the people from forgetting all about it.

Who was it wrote the line? "How blessings brighten as they take their flight!"

If by any stroke of ill fortune Texans could be deprived of the great and increasing educational fund that supports all school in part and many in full, they would not be long in realizing the size of the blessing that had taken wings.

If the amount of the annual apportionment had to be raised in the counties, towns and districts by direct taxes, there would be a sad old season in the fall of the year, sure enough.

The melancholy days would be

a grim reality. The fact that we don't have to do this is one great and substantial ground of thankfulness that was perhaps scarcely thought of or mentioned on the last Thursday in November.

Next year we ought to work it into the program.

Why not have a "School Fund Day" in Texas as a special season of celebrating our good fortune in this respect?—Star-Telegram.

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Men's Suits, Ladies'

Our own A. & M. stock judging team took seventh place among American and Canadian colleges at the International up Chicago way. Considering the meager facilities at hand for animal husbandry at A. & M., the showing made by the Texas squad is admirable. Some day Texas lawmakers will quit walking in their sleep, wake up to the real needs of state institutions, and make general provisions accordingly. To emphasize the point we lift this excerpt from a reported interview with Prof. Burns, who piloted the Texans to the Chicago show: "We are obliged to a number of interested stockmen of Texas for financial help in paying the expenses of our team. The state makes no appropriation for this purpose and the men have to foot their own bills or rely on the aid of breeders who hope to improve the livestock of our

state." Texas stockmen are the salt of the earth. And their generous impulse belongs credit for the plucky showing at Chicago. Keep that well in mind.—Fort Worth Telegram.

Miss Mae Goff of Crosbyton, who has been visiting at Plainview, passed through our city Friday on her return trip home.

**Women!**  
If weak, you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is made from gentle herbs, acts in a natural manner, and has no bad results, as some of the strong drugs sometimes used. As a medicine—a tonic—for weak, tired, worn-out women, Cardui has been a popular success for over 50 years.

Take **CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic  
Mrs. Lula Walden, of Gramlin, S. C., followed this advice. Read her letter: "I was so weak, when I first began to take Cardui, that it tired me to walk just a little. Now, I can do all the general housework, for a family of 9." Try Cardui for your troubles. It may be the very remedy you need.

**HOLIDAY RATES**  
TICKETS ON SALE DEC. 20TH TO 26TH INCLUSIVE AND DEC. 27TH TO JAN. 1ST  
Return limit Jan. 6th to 15th. One and one-third fare for round trip to all points in Texas. For further particulars apply to  
**A. G. COX, AGENT**  
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The World's Greatest Artists  
MARY GARDEN; TETRAZZINI DALMORES; FRAEMSTED; CARANINI and many others of world-wide renown will appear in Grand Opera in Dallas, under the auspices of the "Grand Opera Committee" of Dallas, on February 28th and March 1st, 1913. The railroads will offer special rates for this unusual event to Dallas and return.  
For ticket reservations and information call over Southwestern Telephone, Dallas., Main 3732.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That on the First Day of the Year 1913 that I will feed my stock better, and will give them choice feed, such as Kaffir or Maize Chops, Corn Chops, Bran, Cotton Seed Meal or Cold Pressed Cake, Pot Green, Alfalfa or Bright Millet Hay. **RESOLVED FURTHER:** That I will buy good Coal so that my family will be comfortable when the chilling winds do blow. Feed and Fuel Purchaser.  
By way of suggestion we will state that we have all of the above, and will be pleased to add you to our list of regular customers if you are not already one

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1912

### BEAUTIFY OUR CITY

A clean street with good sidewalks leading to a cottage home, surrounded by a nice lawn, few trees and a clean back yard, makes the CITY BEAUTIFUL.

Then why not awaken that dormant civic pride and write the name Lubbock, this coming year, on the list of one of the cleanest towns in the State. An hour a day will work wonders, which will enhance the value of your property, make the town more attractive, and last but not least, bring a smile of joy and pride to your wife and children; perhaps they have never known in the beauty of their surroundings.

Cleanliness is the dreaded enemy of the fly. The fly the enemy of humanity. "Swat the Fly" and you swat a dreaded disease. BEGIN NOW.

Henry Mount has been appointed by the State Board of Architects as a member of the Civic Improvement Committee of the State, and will confer with anyone interested, and will secure any data that might be desired on any line of civic improvement leading to the State Beautiful.

The newspaper boys all over Texas seem to have caught the Christmas spirit and endeavored to bring good cheer to their many readers with a Christmas number "diked" out in Santa Claus clothes. Among those other than mentioned elsewhere was the Mineral Wells Index, Seminole Sentinel, Clarendon News, Canyon News, Baylor County Banner, Paducah Post, and possibly others that we fail to recall at the time. It costs money and a good big chunk of it to produce these extra numbers and the managements of these papers show progressive-ness in the issuing of them.

One of the Avalanche advertisers received a communication the first of the week from Washington, D. C., in answer to his ad. Does it pay to advertise in a newspaper? Echo and these people think it does.

Miss Ruby Black, of Crosbyton, was a visitor in our city for a few hours Tuesday. She was en route to Tahoka, where she will spend the rest of the week visiting her parents.

Miss Willie Wilson left Tuesday for Tulsa, where she will spend the week as a guest at a house party given by Mesdames J. A. and B. L. Jordon.

### IN YOUR STEPS.

In an adjoining town, while a ladies' card club was playing for a \$2.00 book as a prize, the sons of these same ladies, small boys, were arrested in a hay mow while playing for a 50c prize. They had organized a club like their mothers. The mothers cried and said: "What a terrible place this town is to raise children in!" Served them right. They might have known the difference between a haymow and a parlor, and a \$2.00 and a .50c prize—Tucumcari, New Mexico, News.

We may be wrong, but such a scene as this will likely happen in Lubbock some day if this "club" craze doesn't cease. We believe that every one should enjoy themselves. Our mother enjoyed herself, but she did not play "42," 43 or any other such game. When you made tracks in the snow the little fellow that is following is pretty apt to place his foot in the same track, and if it is in the middle of a mud puddle he will not know the difference, and will likely wade right in, and possibly fall down (getting in worse) just the same as the New Mexico boys. Have a good time, but by all means not at the expense of the character of your boys.

### Notice

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 24, 1912. To Our Customers and Friends: This will serve to announce the resignation on January 1st, of Mr. A. G. Hunt, who has faithfully discharged his duties as Cashier of this bank for the past six years.

After due deliberation Mr. Hunt has made this decision in order that he might engage in another line of business, and this action is entirely voluntary upon his part. The best wishes of the Officers and Directors of this institution go with him in his new field of labor, and we hope to see him again in our city. It was dressed up in a Santa Claus cover and contained a great amount of good Christmas stories. The business men of the town. THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, By GEO. C. WOLFFARTH, 25 1t President.

"Pat" Murphy, lumberman of Crosbyton, was in the city for a few hours Tuesday en route to Dallas and other points in that section of the state, where he will spend several days.

Miss Grace Harrer of Post City, came in Tuesday and is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Porter.

W. R. Byrd, of Dublin, Texas, spent Sunday in our city.

### NEW TEXAS ROAD LAW

Col. T. H. MacGregor Would Use Convicts In Improving 2,713 Miles of Highways.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 21.—Hon. T. H. MacGregor, Senator-elect from this district, has prepared a comprehensive road law for the State of Texas wherein he proposes to use state convicts for improving the highways. The bill makes the prison commissioners ex-officio state highway commissioners and makes them responsible for the administration of the law which provides for a system of state trunk highways.

Mr. MacGregor provides for 17 routes, aggregating 2,713 miles of roadway, a large part of which has already been constructed by the several counties. He does not expect that the legislature will strictly adhere to the routes he has selected, nor to the order of their construction, but maps a general plan for legislative action. To secure funds for the construction of the highways and meet expenses of maintaining the convicts the bill sets apart one-half of the moneys collected each year from liquor dealers. The aggregate collections from liquor dealers' licenses is about \$600,000 at this time, which would give approximately \$300,000 per annum for good roads, under Mr. MacGregor's bill. The bill provides that all expenses with reference to transporting, guarding and caring for convicts shall be borne by the funds set aside under the bill and shall not constitute any charge against the funds of the prison system.

Mr. MacGregor has gone into the minutest detail in providing for a road system and the maintenance of the roads after they are once constructed. He also establishes road houses with free water and free telephone service for those using the highways. His bill is decidedly particular in several particulars.

### Thanks

I wish to thank my many friends for the patronage during the past year and to solicit same for the year 1913. Hoping all my friends a happy New Year.

BARBER SHOP, Sam T. Davis, Prop. 25 1t

### McCrummen-Burns

Last Thursday afternoon at the residence of R. C. Burns, a beautiful wedding was solemnized by Bro. J. P. Word. The contracting parties were Mr. R. I. McCrummen and Miss Maude Burns. There were only a few intimate friends present. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Mr. McCrummen's ranch near town. Mr. McCrummen is one of Lubbock's leading young men and is held in high esteem by all who know him, while the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Burns, and is loved and respected by numberless friends.

The Avalanche joins with many friends in wishing for them a bright and prosperous future and their share of the worldly goods.

### Hand Badly Hurt

Last Friday night John Penney had the misfortune to get his hand caught in the fly wheel of the fan in his automobile while cranking it up and it took ten stitches to close the wound up. Mr. Penney with several others were at Lorenzo and were fixing to start home when the accident happened, and he had to wait until he made the run to Lubbock before medical assistance could be had. At the present time his hand is doing nicely and it is hoped that before many more days he will have the full use of it again.

Don H. Biggers left Tuesday for Dallas, where he will spend the week.

Judge Benson, who has been in Fort Worth on business, returned Tuesday.

# JNO. P. LEWIS & CO. DISCOUNTS Greater Than Ever!

We have decided to take our inventory January 1st, and in order to reduce stock as much as possible have placed a special discount of

**20 PER CENT OFF FOR CASH ON ALL LADIES' SUITS AND CLOAKS AND ON ALL BOY'S KNEE SUITS.**

Regular price Ladies' Suits Fabian and other good brands \$15.00, 17.50, 20.00 and 25.00. Regular price of "Wooly Boy" Suits \$5.00, 6.00, 7.50 to 10.00.

**EVERY ONE GUARANTEED TO GIVE SATISFACTION**

**15 TO 25 PER CENT OFF All Men's Suits and Overcoats from now till New Year.**

Remember there is 1-5 off of the price on any Suit or Cloak you select. Good assortment of sizes and patterns, but the best is for those who come first.

**REMEMBER THE PLACE: The Store without a sign in the State Bank Building.**



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We Wish You a Happy New Year  
**JNO. P. LEWIS & CO.**

SKIDOO 1912 ENTER 1913

Let one of the last purchases for the year 1912 be a sack of CREAM OF THE PLAINS FLOUR.

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## TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

Please accept my thanks for the business that you have given me the past year. I certainly wish for you one and all a happy and Prosperous New Year. I earnestly wish a continuance of your business during 1913.  
Yours very truly,

## DAVIDSON FEED STORE

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### Market Letter

Special Correspondence

**Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 23, 1912.**—Small receipts of cattle last week after Tuesday allowed the market to get on its feet, and a part of the recent loss was put back before the end of the week. Steers above medium grade did not improve much, and closed generally 25 cents lower, with cheap steers, butcher grades of cattle, and stockers and feeders closing week to 20 lower for the week. Shippers loaded lightly everywhere yesterday, only 7,000 cattle here today, and the market unevenly higher, 25 cents in some cases. Top steers here today brought \$8.70, and quotations above nine dollars will be rare from now on, unless there is further substantial gains. Feeders exhibit continued confidence in the future of cattle prices, as their purchases here last week were upwards of 18,000 head, which was twice as many as went to the same trade corresponding week last year. The market on country grades is firm today, tops \$6.75 to \$7.15, about one dollar higher than a year ago. Buyers of stock cattle take into consideration that one-third of the winter has been passed. Stock cows and heifers are a quarter higher than a week ago. Fed quarantine steers sell at \$5.75 to \$7.40; low grade southern \$3.40 to \$5.00. The finishing shipments of range cattle are appearing, recent sales of Colorado beef steers at \$6.85; feeders \$7.00, cows and heifers \$6.25, Wyoming heifers \$7.00, range bulls \$4.75 to \$5.40. Small receipts of cattle will be the order for the next ten days. Hog receipts dropped down forty per cent last week, which was enough to turn the market upward. Prices ranged 10 to 15 cents last week from the low point, and 5 cents was added today, top \$7.42 1-2, bulk \$7.05 to \$7.35. Feeders are satisfied to put on weight at present prices, and a liberal portion of the run is good heavy pigs. This is the usual order

when there is plenty of corn. Packers show indifference as soon as urgent orders are filled, and the close is generally weak wash day, showing the way buyers will act if the run increases. Sheep and lambs declined 25c to 35c last week, account of fairly liberal runs, and the competition of poultry and game on the market. Prices are higher today, and there are no bears to be found when it comes to predicting future markets. A shipper paid \$3.50 per head in New Mexico for lambs to be delivered this week; the highest price ever paid in that state; they weigh about 65 pounds there. Top fed lambs here today bring \$7.90, yearlings \$7.00, wethers \$4.85, ewes \$4.75, feeding lambs \$6.25 to \$7.00.

J. A. RICKART,  
Market Correspondent.

Quannah, Acme & Pacific

The work on the extension of the road is getting along nicely. The rails have been laid several miles out of Paducah, and they are rushing the work as fast as possible. A number of the contractors have finished their work and will soon be ready to leave. Within all probability the road will be finished as far as Roaring Springs by next June.

Moore is Again Winner.

Monday night at the Schuck opera house in Plainview "our Bomar Moore" added another laurel to his wrestling belt by throwing a local Plainview man twice in less than an hour. The first fall came in twenty minutes and the second in five minutes. Moore is making himself quite a reputation along this line and we predict that he will become famous as a wrestler.

As we go to press we learn that W. D. Kincannon has a child that is not expected to live. We hope, however, that in our next issue we can report its recovery.

We are in receipt of a dollar from Sam Arnett of Meadow, which runs his subscription up another year.

### PROMINENT EDUCATOR

Representative of Extension Department of the State University Visits Here.

Mr. Jno. H. Keen, representing the Department of Extension of the University of Texas, was in attendance at the County Institute Friday and talked interestingly regarding the department of work in our State University. He said: "The Extension work of the University is an effort to take, so far as possible, the training offered at the institution to those people who are unable to enroll as regular students; to bring university education to the entire community. The University does this, in part, when it sends educated young men and women back into their home communities. As a further advanced step, however, toward making the University directly useful to large numbers of people who are unable to attend its classes, the Extension Department was organized. Through public lectures by members of its faculty on the great questions of the day and interesting phases of literature, science, and art; through college courses that may be taken by correspondence; through the encouragement of public discussion and debate on live topics by high school students; through the work of collecting information that will improve economic conditions in cities and in the country; and through educational exhibits which are sent out to the fairs and other large gatherings, the University hopes to spread useful information to many thousand citizens of Texas.

Short practical bulletins have been prepared on such subjects as, wholesome cooking under rural conditions, beautification of home and school grounds, model rural school buildings, and model high school buildings. All of these bulletins are sent free to those who apply for them. In addition loan libraries on such subjects as, prohibition, woman suffrage, the initiative and referendum, prison reform, compulsory education, the commission form of government, the tariff and free raw material, have been prepared and are being loaned to such clubs and individuals as request them.

In three years more than 2000 students have enrolled for college correspondence courses. By means of these courses it is possible for one without leaving his home or giving up his regular work to obtain a fair college education. Special courses in law are given as well as courses that have been arranged for the benefit of teachers who wish to raise their certificates.

The Extension Department was created to serve the public. Any citizen of Texas should feel free to write to this department for any information he wishes on any subject whatever. With the exception of a small charge made for correspondence courses, its services are absolutely free."

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lemonds and Miss Johnson came in from the Lemonds ranch Tuesday and took the train for Crosbyton to spend Christmas.

R. Russell, a prominent business man of Crosbyton, passed through our city yesterday en route to parts in the east on a visit.

Mrs. G. S. Debardeleben left Saturday for Dallas and other points of interest in that part of the state to spend the Christmas holidays.

Bryson Williams of Crosbyton, was here Friday and Saturday looking after business matters.

Dr. and Mrs. Bernsd of Thornton, passed through Lubbock Tuesday on their way to Rails.

Mrs. Abney and daughters, Misses Moneta and Carrie, are spending the week at Lorenzo.

## THE SENSATION OF THE SEASON

Everything is looking better, and our people are feeling fine over the prospects for their immediate future.

We are delighted that our people are being blessed, and getting the things they ought to have.

Now is the time to lay a foundation for future success, and the only recognized way to do that, is by having a bank account.

Our officers are successful local business men, and understand the needs of our country, and study the needs of every individual customer.

Let us have your valued business, and we will handle it in a way that will please you, and make it profitable to you.

The man with a bank account is the only man that is always ready for the many opportunities that are constantly presenting themselves.

Give us your business, and establish a credit, that with your deposits will enable you to be independent, and accumulate wealth that will bless you and those dependent upon you.

## The First National Bank

OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS

W. K. DICKINSON, SR., V. P.  
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Pres.

C. D. LESTER, Cashier  
F. E. CRAIG, Ass't. Cashier.

### A Good Snow

For the last few days the entire Lubbock country has been covered with a good coat of snow. Coming at this particular time, its worth to this part of the state can not be estimated. It has put a fine season in the ground and the farmers can now do their winter plowing and most of them with the assurance that they will reap a bountiful harvest. Another good thing about this excellent snow is, that it was not attended with very cold weather, and therefore the stock have not suffered very much from the effects, as is usually the case.

J. G. Walton returned from Abilene Tuesday where he has been for the past week.

### George-Bennett

Mr. Cleo George and Miss Mollie Bennett were married at the residence of Dr. Chapin Monday afternoon, Bro. J. P. Word officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Mr. George's ranch which is located some ten miles northwest of town.

These young people are held in high esteem in the neighborhood in which they live and are receiving the congratulation of many friends. The Avalanche joins these many friends and wish for them happiness and success.

Prof. Atkinson left Friday for Burnett, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

### Christmas Trees

Tuesday night the many churches of Lubbock had their Christmas trees and the large amount of presents that were on each tree only goes further to prove the prosperity of this great country. Some of the trees would not begin to hold the useful articles and toys for the children and they were stacked around the foot of the tree. We do not think there were any children in the city of Lubbock who went without a present on this night.

T. H. Baumann was down from Amarillo the first of the week.

R. J. Cain of San Angelo, was a Lubbock visitor Monday.

## CHRISTMAS IS OVER

But not so with the Christmas Spirit. This should last all through the year. Have you forgotten yourself in your hurry to remember your friends? Why not one of our Men's Suits, Ladies' Suits, Coats or Dresses? Cut prices continue until every garment is sold. Read the prices below:

### Big Reduction on Men's Suits

30.00 Suits from the House of Kuppenheimer	25.00
25.00 Suits from the House of Kuppenheimer	20.00
20.00 Suits from the House of Kuppenheimer	16.00
25.00 Faller Suits	18.00
20.00 and 18.00 Faller Suits	15.00
15.00 Faller Suits	12.50
18.00 Blue Serge special	12.50
An all wool Serge special	10.00
See our line of heavy, rough Suits for boys	4.95

### Ladies' Suits

30.00 Ladies' suits	22.50
25.00 and 27.50 suits	20.00

20.00 suits	15.00
15.00 suits	12.50
12.50 suits	10.00
A few suits full satin lined special at	8.00

### Ladies' Dresses

Big reductions on Ladies' Suits, One Piece Dresses and Coats.

33 1-3 per cent discount on all Ladies' Dresses priced \$20.00 and up.

30.00 One piece dresses	20.00
25.00 One piece dresses	16.65
22.50 One piece dresses	15.00
15.00 One piece serge dresses	12.50
12.50 One piece serge dresses	10.00
10.00 One piece serge dresses	8.50

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In addition to my regular loan connections I beg leave to announce that I have associated myself with

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

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- 2nd. To write insurance without loans.
- 3rd. To make loans and write insurance under one contract.

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