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HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916.

WHOLE NO. 1601

STUDENTS HOME FROM SCHOOL

Students have been received by Haskell from the College of Industrial Arts. The students returned last Wednesday morning, after a Christmas holiday. The students would reassemble at the college on Tuesday, January 2nd. The notices urged that the students should return to the college as classes missed after the holidays. The notices also mentioned that the college would constitute reductions from the average in those classes. The notices also mentioned that the college would constitute reductions from the average in those classes. The notices also mentioned that the college would constitute reductions from the average in those classes.

Church Announcements

Christmas will be cheerily celebrated in the Sunday School by the offering of a program and a gift for each student. Friends are especially invited to attend at 10:30 instead of 11. The program and gift will be given at 10:30. Give us the good of your presence. There will be no Sunbeam Band or Christmas Eve worship, when the topic will be "Christmas in the Past." Take this opportunity of thanksgiving to the editor of the Free Press for the work they have shown us, and we wish them and our many friends all over the community a Merry Christmas overflowing with joy and lasting happiness.

Advertised Letters

- W. Benton.
- Frank Binels.
- John Curbie.
- May Davis.
- Glenn.
- Myrtle Griffith.
- J. Jones.
- Kenman.
- Lamar.
- A. McCullough.
- D. McDaniels.
- McDaniels.
- N. Meeks.
- Moody.
- Eula Moore.
- Lisle Omer.
- Lena Posey.
- Prigen.
- S. J. Rhodes.
- R. Rogers.
- A. Smith.
- R. Ward.
- J. T. Watson.
- Atticus Webb.
- Weston.
- Erna Westphal.
- White.
- Williams.
- Wilson.
- J. Roger Wilson.

Box Supper Success

Box supper at Foster Friday evening was a success, and event had a jolly time. White sold the boxes to the mothers, which brought a net sum of \$2.00 per box. The net sum of money was the purpose of buying the school.

Days to Set Days

Haskell will run every day, but will probably not next week. The days to set not yet decided on, but will be the same days.

HASKELL HAS GINNED MOST BALES COTTON

Haskell ginners believe they have ginned more cotton this season than any other town in this part of west Texas. To date they have ginned 6,979 bales, and will reach the 7,000 mark in a few more days. The number ginned by each gin are: F. T. Sanders Gin 3, 229. Farmers Gin Co. 2,750. W. T. Nowson 1,000. (estimated) The Newsom gin was destroyed by fire several weeks ago is the reason they appear so far behind.

Off to the Penitentiary

Raymond Stewart, convicted of burglary, and George Carr and Claud (Mutt) McFay, two negroes, convicted of bootlegging were carried to the State Penitentiary at Huntsville Wednesday morning by an officer from that institution.

District Court Adjourned

The District Court, which has been in session here for two weeks was officially adjourned Wednesday morning. There were no business transacted however during the past week, or since our last report. Judge Thomas and Attorney Stinson left Wednesday morning for Anson.

Pretty Wedding

At the Baptist Parsonage last Thursday a very pretty wedding was solemnized between Mr. V. C. Bailey and Miss Minnie McNeely. The bride was beautifully attired in white silk and accompanied by Miss Elwa Norton and other friends. With clear ringing responses the happy couple pledged their troth, and among universal congratulations left for their new home north of town, which we feel will be as happy as was the Garden of Eden.

Married at Weinert

Miss Cora Weinert and C. J. Jones were united in marriage Thursday, December 4th, at 4 o'clock p. m. at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinert, Rev. J. O. Little officiating. After the ceremony an elegant dinner was served to the guests. It was a very pretty home wedding, with only relatives and a few friends present. Among the out of town guests were: Judge T. C. Weinert of Austin, uncle of the bride; Misses Maud and Fannie Isbell of Munday and J. A. Bennett and family of near Haskell.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinert. The groom is a son of D. J. Jones, a merchant of this place. He is claim agent for the Katy, Smithville division. The young couple left on the evening train for San Antonio and other points. After January 1st they will be at home at San Marcos Texas.

Missionary Society

The Missionary Society met Monday, Dec. 18th. The lesson for the day, "Spirit of Pioneers" from South American Neighbors, was well brought out by our mission study leader, Mrs. J. U. Fields. Mrs. R. C. Montgomery gave an interesting account of the Missions established by the Womens Missionary Council in Brazil. Supt. of Publicity.

Automobile Registrations

- 055 G. W. Hamilton, Rule, Forl.
- 056 Dr. L. F. Taylor, Haskell, Dodge.
- 057 C. M. Strickland, Goree, Ford.
- 058 H. P. Finley, Weinert, Ford.
- 059 W. Moreman, Rule, Ford.
- 060 W. T. Crouch, Weinert, Ford.
- 061 James Finley, Rule, Buick.
- 062 J. E. Beck, Weinert, Ford.
- 063 J. E. McClure, Rochester, Ford.
- 064 R. E. Lee, Jr. Haskell, Saxon.
- 065 G. R. Cornelius, Stamford, Ford.
- 066 Mary Murchison, Haskell Cadillac.
- 067 A. J. Hearn, Rochester, Ford.
- 068 B. S. Scruggs, Rule, Buick.
- 069 G. F. McFry, Haskell, Ford.

Mrs. E. J. Hunt left Wednesday for Comanche, Oklahoma where she will spend the Christmas with her son, John Hunt and family.



A Merry Christmas to All

"FALL OF A NATION" A MARVELOUS PLAY

A large and relative audience witnessed the opening performance of "The Fall of a Nation" in the Majestic Theatre Thursday night. If any citizen is in doubt as to the value of preparedness certainly this marvelous production should clear his mind at once. Thomas Dixon has moved multitudes before, and righted wrongs with his powerful expositions, but it is doubtful if a more forceful appeal was ever made by any author to a people who seem to be either apathetic or indifferent to the country's great need. The pulse beat of humanity is certainly struck in all these wonderful pictures, and people of all nations who have sought refuge in the home of the brave and the land of the free, are shown to be loyal to the flag that offers them protection from the hand of despotism. The subtle poison of mispent wealth which provides the means for manufacturing arms and ammunitions and gathering armies while the pleasure-loving public keeps on with its revelry is powerfully shown. The overcoming of a nation by force and the substitution of "authority, obedience and efficiency" for "liberty, equality, and fraternity" arouse the populace to action. The women of the nation prove powerful allies and able assistants in discipline and organization and veritable Amazons in the final resistance. The youth who cried in the presence of instant death "Hurrah for the President; to hell with all Emperors" received well merited uproarious applause. Throughout all the destruction and misery of war, the people were assured it was for "God and the Emperor." The sin of allowing shores and homes to be so unprotected as to permit death to come skulking in the night and attack an unsuspecting and unprepared nation was made vividly real by the pictures.

WEINERT I. O. O. F. OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected at the Weinert Lodge, No. 677, I. O. O. F. Noble Grand—W. J. Howell. Vice Grand—N. I. McCollum. Treasurer—Ed Howard. Secretary—E. Meyer. Trustees—J. O. Little, J. R. Alexander, and P. J. Turner. Representative to Grand Lodge—Oscar Read. Alternate Representative—D. M. Baird. District Deputy Grand Master—W. E. Sherrill, of Haskell.

Bruce W. Bryant and J. E. Bernard of Haskell; Mr. Hill of Rule, and S. E. Street of Graham returned Wednesday from Matador, where they have been on a hunting trip. They report plenty of birds in that section and a good time while on this trip.

The requirements of the compulsory law have been much talked about by the trustees and people throughout the common school districts, and there is every evidence that the people will strive to obey the law in all of its demands. Mrs. M. B. Riley, of Coleman, is here this week, prospecting and visiting his son, W. L. Branch, in the Howard community.

NEW SCHOOL LAW GOES INTO EFFECT

Most of the rural schools of Haskell county will begin the enforcement of the compulsory education law immediately after the holidays. All children from eight to fourteen inclusive are required to attend school sixty consecutive days. The law is altogether reasonable in all of its requirements. Pupils who live more than two and one half miles from school, the nearest road, do not have to meet the requirements of the law. Children who are mentally or physically unable to attend school are excused from attendance. Any child more than twelve years of age, and who has finished the work of the fourth grade of a standard elementary school of seven grades, and whose services are needed in the support of a parent, may, on the presentation of the proper evidence to the county superintendent, be exempted from attendance. Free text books may be furnished to children in case the parents are not able to procure the same. The requirements of the compulsory law have been much talked about by the trustees and people throughout the common school districts, and there is every evidence that the people will strive to obey the law in all of its demands. Mrs. M. B. Riley, of Coleman, is here this week, prospecting and visiting his son, W. L. Branch, in the Howard community.

ED C. SIMS KILLED LAST SATURDAY

Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, Dec. 16. A series of family troubles culminated at 1 o'clock today here in the killing of Ed C. Sims, a well-known stockman of this section. Sims and his wife were divorced during last year, and their two children have been with their mother. Mrs. Sims came to town with the children today and it is said that Sims was trying to get possession of the children when she fired three or four shots, inflicting a wound in the breast and one in the left leg. About the same time a shotgun was fired, the charge taking effect in Sims' right side below the shoulder, causing instant death.

Mrs. Sims and her brother, Sidney Johnson, surrendered their guns to Sheriff Merrell. The Johnsons are a wealthy and prominent family and reside on their ranch ten miles north of Snyder. Mrs. Sims father is W. A. Johnson, president of the First National Bank. Sims had married since his divorce and lived mostly in Garza county, where, it is said, he has a number of relatives.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEALS BEING MADE

Real estate has been changing hands at a lively rate during the past few weeks in this section. Among the largest deals that have been made were the Cogdell ranch of 1500 acres to R. G. Loving for \$17.50 per acre. Mr. Loving lives at Gainesville. The deal was made through the real estate firm of Sprowls and Bratcher. J. O. Chitwood purchased the Wm. Myers ranch of two sections at \$25. per acres, or approximately \$31,000. Several other smaller deals were made bringing the total amount of land to change hands up to the value of about \$80,000.

Marriage Licenses

The following permits to wed have been issued by County Clerk, R. R. English since our last report: V. C. Bailey and Miss Minnie McNeely. J. M. Brasher and Lavallotte Murrell. O. N. Simmons and Ida May Wilson. Allen Bell and Minnie Lee Turner. Ben Redwine and Ellen Alexander.

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BRUSHEY

We have a cold norther blowing this morning. Mrs. Mamie Harlan, from Gomez, Texas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Rounton. A. J. Smith left Monday for Ovalo, where he will spend a few days. Winnie Womack spent Tuesday night with Lila Poer. T. C. Williams returned Tuesday from Abilene. Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, of Lake View is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. A. Williams. They are going to have a Christmas tree at Brushey Saturday night. All are invited to attend. Bessie Smith spent Monday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Vida Smith. Alice Sargent, of Gramhopper community is spending a few days with sister Mrs. Vida Smith. Red Wing

A. C. Hinkle, on Star route, has moved to Mountainview, Arkansas. He renewed his subscription to the Free Press, and ordered it sent to his new home.

Mrs. Sallie Davenport, of O'Brien, route 2, was in the city last Saturday shopping. She made this office a pleasant call while here.

Lost—Top cover of car somewhere between Haskell and Ochoa Point school house. Finder leave at Free Press office. Mrs. E. D. Tuttle.

Lost—Large blue ring. Finder return to Free Press office and receive reward.

Jno. R. Hutto, County Superintendent

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

But the Kitchen Cabinet at Hunt's No. 2

will be given away before he gets here. Have you seen this beautiful piece of kitchen furniture? It will be a handsome Christmas present for some one. Some one is going to receive it; it will be given away Saturday December 23rd at 4 o'clock p. m. Every lady purchaser will be given a beautiful "Hunt's" calendar for 1917.

Don't forget that we will have several "Christmas Specials" on sale Saturday at a very low price. Too busy arranging stock for your convenience for Christmas shopping to say more

Come and See

HUNT'S STORE NO. 2

"THE STORE WITH THE PRICE"

McCONNELL

Mr. Edd Stodghill and family returned home Sunday from a visit to De Leon.

A large crowd attended the speaking at this place Sunday.

Miss Blanche Guthrie is on the sick list this week.

The young people of this place attended the party at Grandpa Terrell's Friday night.

Willie Ketron of Post was in this community Friday.

R. E. Lee, Jr., and H. C. Lee called on Pape Livengood Sunday.

The dance at Wayne Perry's Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Alice Williams and Arthur Chapman called on Mrs. Dollie Vies of Haskell Saturday.

Miss Virgie Johnson of Sayles was in this community Saturday.

R. E. Lee, Jr., drove himself back in a new Saxon car Saturday.

Mr. Kearse and family motored over to Haskell Sunday.

Miss Vida Welch of Weaver and Clifford Keahy of Post attended the box supper at Ward Saturday night.

Miss Pearl Harwell spent Saturday night with Vida Welch.

Bob Malone was in this community Monday.

Mr. Vasak of Sunny Side was in this community Saturday on business.

Miss Ina Griffin of Munday and Del Hayning attended the dance Saturday night.

Arthur Chapman and Miss Alice Williams called on Miss Viola Hartsfield Sunday.

Oscar Lee of Post was in this community on business Monday.

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WHITMAN

J. H. yoodwin moved over near Rule last week.

G. E. Cearley has his new home almost completed.

Will Kraner and family of Troy, Bell County, are visiting relatives here and will remain until after Christmas.

Mrs. Cora Laird of Grandview is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey.

Mrs. Bledsoe has recently purchased part of the Frank Thompson place and is erecting a beautiful new bungalow on it. We welcome them to our community.

C. W. Bledsoe moved to his new home last week.

Virgil Bailey and Miss Minnie McNeely, two of our most popular young people, were married Thursday night, Dec. 14th. The best wishes of a host of friends are theirs.

Mr. Welch's family are visiting Mrs. Welch's father in Bell county.

W. A. Carlisle and family visited Sam Treat Sunday.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Busy Bee

DENNIS CHAPEL

Ennis Dawson, and little daughter, Bonnie left Friday night for Hamilton county where they will spend the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Josie Johnson and children left last week for Oklahoma.

Hugh Smith and wife and Miss Alma Embry left Sunday for Rule, where Mr. Smith and Miss Embry will attend the teachers' institute. Mr. Smith and wife will then go to Throckmorton, and Miss Embry to Hamilton county, where they will spend Christmas week.

Harvey Vannoy, F. G. Wheeler and son, Dennis, made a business trip to Knox City Tuesday.

Mr. Free was in our community one day last week. He visited our school and made a very encouraging talk to the scholars. He gave the assistant teacher, Miss Embry a fifty cent piece to give as a prize to the one that did the best in their studies.

Abe Martin, from Rochester visited his sister Mrs. W. E. Adams Sunday.

R. S. Sprayberry and family from O'Brien, and Mr. Sprayberry's sister, Mrs. Thompson from Arkansas called on A. P. Matlock Sunday.

A. F. Hanrick returned last week from the plains country. He says it is a fine country. He did not buy land.

Harry Bettis went to Munday last Saturday on business.

The Three Bears

CENTER POINT

Mrs. Pearl Elmore spent Sunday with Mrs. Kennamer.

Mrs. Bateman spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, south of Stamford.

Arthur Bland and family spent Sunday with T. H. Briden and family. J. T. Fulbright, Mark Fee, Bob Elmore, A. J. Rhodes and F. I. Green came in Sunday night from a prospecting tour to Colorado.

Alvin Jeter and family of New Mexico have moved into this community to make their home. We welcome this family here.

Quite a crowd of young folks from Joe Bailey attended our Sunday school Sunday afternoon.

Charlie Davis and wife of Rule called at Mrs. A. J. Lewis' Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Fullbright and mother called at Mrs. Briden's Sunday.

Henry Jeter and family spent Sunday afternoon with Bob Cauthen and family.

Rev. Philipps failed to fill his regular appointment here Sunday.

We will have our Christmas

Saturday night, December 23rd, invite everyone to be present. We are expecting a grand time.

I wish the editor and the Press force, and every reader of paper a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



You'll Get There On Time
IN THE CAR BROUGHT HERE

In the keeping of appointments, attending the theatre, etc., where it is essential that you be prompt, you want a car upon which you can depend. The Mitchell car is one that will run 365 days in the year if you desire it. It is always ready to meet your need.

When you buy a car you are getting either satisfaction or a trouble that will last a long time. To be sure of satisfaction come to us.

THE HOME OF THE MITCHELL & CHEVROLET CARS

TEXAS GARAGE
W. A. WHATLEY, PROP.
CARS & SERVICE UNEXCELLED

Brighten and Lighten With ELECTRICITY

The long winter nights are now at hand and the modern home will not be complete without electric lights. Make the home bright and cheerful with good lights. The cost is small.

Let us Wire Your House Today
Haskell Ice & Light Co.

Greetings:

Here's wishing a Merry Christmas and hoping that each day of the coming year will be one of happiness and prosperity for you.

We wish to thank you for courtesies extended us during the past year, and earnestly solicit your patronage during the coming year, 1917, promising the best service possible for us to give.

Haskell Laundry Comp

SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF NORWEGIAN COD LIVER OIL usually stops a stubborn cough or chest cold when ordinary specifics fail.

It helps strengthen the lungs and throat—adds energy to the blood—and gives the system the force to help resist disease.

Use SCOTT'S Refuse Substitutes

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Season's Greetings

I desire to take this method of extending to my patrons and friends the season's greetings. Allow me to say that I am indeed thankful to each and every one who have in any manner contributed to the success of my business. I am prepared better than ever to care for your wants in my line. Again wishing you a Merry Christmas and a beautiful and prosperous New Year, believe me,

Very truly,

A. TONN

The Progressive Blacksmith

With Our Best Wishes and hearty greetings for the coming year and many more to follow

J. D. JENSEN

R. Sanders, of Abilene, was in this city Sunday. N. McNeill left Saturday night for a business trip to Lubbock.

J. W. Collins left Tuesday morning for Weibert, and Wednesday for his home at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. White, who have been visiting Mrs. White's father, J. C. Wilfong, left Tuesday morning for Wichita Falls.

Miss Gail Wingo and J. M. Haley left Tuesday morning for Greenville, on business for the Telephone Co.

Mrs. S. A. Hughes left Tuesday evening for Waco in response to a message saying her sister was not expected to live through the night.

Clarence Weddle, nephew of Will McCarty, who has been here visiting, returned to his home at Novice Tuesday.

Gene Tonn and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Tonn's grandmother at Munday Saturday.

B. A. Glasscock, who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, was on the streets Tuesday.

R. Lee Hicks returned to spend the holidays after a considerable stay in Jayton, where he superintended the building of the oil mill at that place.

Miss Hettie Kennedy who has been visiting Mrs. Lawrence at Peacock returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shumake and son, C. J. Jr., of Wichita Falls, Texas came in Monday for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Hughes and family.

A. R. Couch and wife, and S. P. Black and wife, of Weibert, were in the city Friday shopping.

Mrs. R. W. Rushing left Thursday to attend the bedside of her husband's brother, D. Rushing of Waxahachie, who is reported very ill.

Christmas Greetings

Our love—our service—our helpfulness to others, invariably comes back to us, intensified sometimes a hundred or a thousand or a thousand thousand fold, and this by a great, immutable law.

The straight thing pays always in the end—in friendship—in business—in politics—in every conceivable avenue of life.

Our twenty-sixth year of business is nearing its end, and it has been the crowning year of our successful business.

We do not attribute the success of this business to luck, chance or strategy. But solely to the principles upon which the business was founded over a quarter century ago. And which principles have been so thoroughly practiced, that they have become instilled into the very business itself—Business principles of fair dealing—Honesty—honesty in buying—honesty in selling—honesty in advertising—honesty in everything.

And we believe that the manner in which these principles have been practised, has been the incentive which has caused our many customers to place confidence and faith in us, to such a degree that our business has attained the success that is ours.

And to all these many customers, some who have been such, over a quarter century, some just a short time, we wish to extend the season's greetings, and wish you a happy and joyous Christmas and a very enjoyable and prosperous 1917.

F. G. Alexander & Sons

THE BIG STORE

Haskell, Texas

Since 1891

SERVICE

The officers of this institution endeavor to handle the business of its customers just like our customers want it handled, consistent with sound banking principles. This accounts for the many laudatory words spoken of us by those who do business with us. We appreciate your business.

Make OUR BANK YOUR BANK

FARMERS STATE BANK, "Guaranty Fund Bank"

Dear Hickman of Weibert was in this city Sunday afternoon. Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Huskey the 11th inst., a girl.

A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year

The spirit of Christmas calls us to extend to you our appreciation of your kindly patronage and business friendship, and we desire for your full quota of prosperity for the New Year.

Sherrill Bros. Co.

AT THIS SEASON we are reminded of our pleasant business relations, of your many courtesies, of our own good toward you.

We wish you

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
FARMERS GIN CO.

BEING YE CUSTOM at this good season to greet one another right royally, we extend to you our most sincere greetings for Christmas and ye New Year

WHITE'S CONFECTIONERY

Mary Hughes came in from Sager-ton Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks. She also went to Rule Monday to attend the county institute.

Criswell Shop Sold

The blacksmith shop north of the square owned by Charlie Criswell was sold the first of the week to J. R. Harvey, of east of town. C. D. Worsham, an experienced blacksmith, will have charge of the shop in the future.

League Program

Sunday, December 24th.
Leader—Searcy Lewis.
Opening Song—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." No. 111.
Script—Lesson, Matt. 2 chapter, Sentence Prayer, closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Song—"Joy to the World." No. 107.
Scripture Reference and the visit of the Magi—Victoria Wallace.
Piano Solo—Lorena Jensen.
The Lesson—Janita Kirkpatrick.
A Christmas Story of the Little Dal-las—Eva Cahill.
Reading—Nettie McCollum.
Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name."
Talks by Visiting Members.
League Benediction.

Probate Notice

In the estate of James M. McBurnett deceased.
No. 322 in the County Court of Haskell County, Texas.
All parties having claims against the estate of James M. McBurnett, deceased, are hereby notified that the undersigned has been appointed Administrator of the said estate, such appointment having been made by the County Court of Haskell County, Texas, on the 24th day of November, 1916, and all such persons having claims against said estate are requested and required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law at my office on the second floor of the Haskell National Bank in Haskell, Texas, my residence and postoffice address being Haskell, Texas.
Scott W. Key,
Administrator of the estate of James M. McBurnett, deceased. 52-4tc

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the stockholders of the Haskell National Bank of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank in the city of Haskell, state of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1917 the same being the 13th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

R. C. Couch, Cashier

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers State Bank, of Haskell, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank in the city of Haskell, state of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1917 the same being the 13th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

O. E. Patterson, Cashier

Notice of Stockholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the stockholders of the Weibert State Bank, of Weibert, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank in the city of Weibert, state of Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. the second Wednesday in January, A. D. 1917, the same being the 14th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for said bank and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Alvy R. Couch, Cashier.

Victor Herbert is amazed that any one should accuse him of having been a party to an attack on Germany through his composition of an original operatic score for Thos. Dixon's "Fall of a Nation". He called attention to the fact that he is Irish born, and of strong German sympathies by reason of his musical training and achievements. He is not against anybody, he insists, but is for America.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As the year draws to a close we take this occasion to extend to our friends and customers our earnest appreciation for their patronage and to solicit their co-operation during the year that is opening before us.

We Wish For You and Yours, a Merry Christmas.

Haskell Bottling Works

S. A. Huskey, Prop.

Buy Your Tickets Now

--- FOR ---

"The Fall of a Nation"

On Sale at CORNER DRUG STORE

Save us a lot of trouble as well as yourself by buying in advance.

Three Performances, One Show at Each.
Friday Night, begins 7:15 o'clock. Saturday afternoon, begins 2 o'clock. Saturday night begins 7:15 o'clock

Friday, Dec. 22nd. Saturday, Dec. 23

All SEATS RESERVED
PRICES 50c, 75c, \$1.00

All Persons except babes in arms must have tickets. Absolutely no deviation from this rule

Dick's Theatre

The Haskell Free Press

Established in 1886

Sam A. Roberts, Editor and Publisher
E. H. Neill, Assistant Editor
W. M. Free, Field Man.

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Haskell, Texas, December 23, 1916

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Free Press wishes to extend to all readers and patrons, greetings of the season.

We are thankful for the splendid business we have enjoyed during the past, and are glad that it has been a prosperous season for all in this great country of ours, "Central West Texas". We trust that next year will be fully as good for one and all. That your Christmas will be a very, very happy one is our sincere wish.

Notice of Estray

The State of Texas, County of Haskell.

Taken up by R. J. Moore, and estrayed before A. L. Cox, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, Haskell County, Texas, one red sow, weighing about 275 pounds, tall bobbed a little, heavy with pigs.

The owner of said stock is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away, or it will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this the 5th day of December, 1916.

R. R. English

Clerk, County Court, Haskell County, Texas, by Allie Irby, Deputy.

Free Press Force Treated

A very enjoyable turkey dinner was served the Free Press force by "Boss" and Mrs. Roberts last Sunday. From whose coop the turkey came from and when it was taken were things we didn't bother about, as the dinner was too big a treat for trifles like that.

Free, of course lived up to his reputation by being first to the table and last to leave.

The dinner was appreciated by the force and we want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Roberts for the hospitality shown us on this occasion, and we hope to have the same pleasures again some time in the future, as such dinners as this is a treat for anyone.

"The Shop Force"

He who feeds our peanut hay gets lots of milk and drives gay horses. Davis & Wankan. Phone 372.

"Only 'Gets-It' for Me After This!"

It "Gets" Every Corn Every Time. Painless. Nothing More Simple.

"I'll tell you what, I've quit using toe-eating knives for corns. I've quit making a package out of my toes with bandages and contraptions—quit digging with knives and scissors. Give me 'GETS-IT' every time!"



When You See These Pretty Girls in Your Drug Store Window It's a Good Time To End Your Corns.

That's what they all say the very first time they use "GETS-IT". It's because "GETS-IT" is so simple and easy to use—put it on in a few seconds—because there is no work or corn-fooling to do, no pain that shoots up to your heart, it gets your corns off your mind. All the time it's working—and then, that little old corn peels right off, leaves the clean, corn-free skin underneath—and your corn is gone! No wonder millions prefer "GETS-IT". Try it tonight. "GETS-IT" is sold and recommended by druggists everywhere. Use a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

FROM THE FIELD

BY W. M. FREE

With child like happiness we began our work last Monday—in the way we had planned for many months with a horse and buggy—our pony will be known as "Jet" for she is black and a real beauty. We are partners for the next year and we trust much longer. The way we now only death can separate us.

We went north by the way of the Benjamin road making our first stop at the home of J. A. Cunningham who was away from home at work of course. We met Owen Toliver and wife who made us feel welcome to the hospitalities of the home and we went on our way, stopping next at the Ballew Schoolhouse, where we made a short call on Prof. Galord Kline, who is teaching a successful school. This school was very fortunate in securing Mr. Kline, as he is one of Haskell county's best teachers. We appreciate the kindness shown us by Mr. Kline and the pupils and we hasten our return visit.

We made our next stop at the home of S. M. McCain, who was gone after a plow to begin plowing for next years crop. Mr. McCain's farm made 65 bales of cotton this year, and plenty of feed to run the farm for another year. Mr. McCain has been rated for many years as one of Haskell County's best cotton farmers.

We next met J. T. Pennington, another good farmer and citizen of that section. He made 20 bales of cotton from a small crop and is sowing out 70 acres more land. From his next years crop he expects to make 100 bales of cotton as he is putting in more land. He had killed two hogs, weighing nearly 400 pounds each a few days ago.

We accepted a cordial invitation and spent the night with our old friend and reader of the Free Press, W. O. Sanders, who had just returned from a trip to Dennis Chapel to visit relatives. Mr. Sanders is one of our best farmers and citizens and we spent a pleasant night with this good family. You will find more about Mr. Sanders in another column of this paper.

Early next morning we called on V. A. Brown a splendid young farmer and one of our old stand-bys. He made 9 bales of cotton and has some bolls to pull. He will cultivate 115 acres in wheat, maize and cotton. He has 30 acres of wheat that looks good.

J. O. Justice was building a house for W. P. Whitman on his ranch and Mrs. Justice was looking after the cows and hogs while he is away. They are milking 8 fine cows and selling the cream in Haskell. They made 18 bales of cotton this year.

V. L. Pennington has moved on the Scott W. Green farm where Mr. B. F. Cluck lived last year. Mr. Pennington had gone to visit his brother and we failed to see him.

W. C. Norton was doing a christening not helping his wife to render hand. He is a deserving young farmer, and made 13 bales of cotton this year. He raises Brown Leghorn chickens and says they are the best.

M. L. Boren has purchased the Lee Pierson farm and moved his family from Waxahachie to this farm about one month ago and is a full fledged reader of the Free Press and has been since he arrived in our county. He is one of Ellis county's best citizens and we welcome him in our midst. He is planning for next years crop and is getting on fine, having about 40 acres of land flat broke. He is a breeder of the White Leghorn chickens and has some nice birds.

We made a short stop at the Gilliam school, taught by R. G. Williams a Haskell boy, who is teaching a good school and is having fine attendance. His pupils are making good grades in their school work. Hurrah for R. G.

We called at the home of I. B. Williams, who has suffered much because of fever in his family. All have had the fever except one little girl, and he has one boy very sick at this time but we are glad to report him improving.

We reached the home of B. F. Cluck just as he was getting through killing hogs and we were given a good dinner and enjoyed the noon hour very much. We found out that Mrs. Cluck was a good cook. S. M. McCain and wife and C. W. Shellie were helping him kill hogs.

We made our next call with C. W. Shellie, who had returned home and was hooking up his team to go to plowing. Charlie is the only man who stayed with his farm during the series of dry years in his section, and a fine farm of 341 acres of good land is his reward.

R. S. Marrs from Gainesville has bought the farm from Hardy Griston and has moved into the new house just completed. He is breaking sod for next year's crop. Mr. Marrs now owns 600 acres of that good land and we know he is bound

to succeed in Haskell county.

W. R. Jackson was at work in his shop and his boys were running two sacking turning plows, flat breaking his land for next year's crop. Mr. Jackson is from Dallas county and has been in Haskell county for two years. He made 13 bales of cotton this year.

We made our next stop at the Myers school where Prof. W. E. Spurgeon is teaching a good school. We were made to feel quite welcome by Mr. Spurgeon and his pupils and we were very glad to see the progress this school is making.

We stopped at the home of Fred Monke, one of the best farmers in that section. Fred sold a shipment of hogs recently that was hard to beat and Mrs. Monke has not sold her turkeys yet, they are fine.

We spent the night with that up-to-date farmer, J. P. Harrison. He has picked out all of his cotton and is plowing every day. He is milking 6 good cows and has 5 good hogs for another year. He killed hogs enough to make his meat and we had sausage and backbone. Mrs. Harrison knows just how to cook these good things to eat. Mr. Harrison was not kicking about flour going up. We noticed about 1000 pounds stacked up in the pantry. Mr. Harrison came here a few years ago without any money, but is in good shape now.

We stopped to warm at the home of M. E. Park and found him working up sausage. He killed three big hogs a few days ago, making about forty-eight gallons of lard and we don't know how much sausage. Mr. Park is well known in Haskell County and over the state, having served the County as sheriff for four years. He has some fine horses, mules and a nice modern home and a good farm.

We next called at the home of F. G. Wheeler who was away working on a house on the Bettis farm.

We made a short call at the W. E. Adams home and he was also helping on the Bettis house.

We called on S. J. Stovall who was reading the Dallas News when we arrived and we gave him a Free Press so he could read the news of the County as well as that of the state.

We stopped for dinner with G. W. Turnbow who was getting ready to move to Lamesa where he has bought 320 acres of land and has about 200 acres of that land in cultivation. Mrs. Turnbow gave us a good dinner and we enjoyed our stay with those good people. Mr. Turnbow has been the manager for the Farmer's Union Phone System and it has been a success from the beginning. We regret to give Mr. Turnbow up and yet we are glad to see him become a home owner. He will read the Free Press and get the News of Haskell County.

We visited the Dennis Chapel school and were glad to see our Haskell boy Hugh L. Smith assisted by Miss Alma Embry of Hamilton teaching a good school. This is Mr. Smith's second term at this place and he has given satisfaction to the Trustees and Patrons. His grades that he is teaching run from the 5th to the 9th and all are doing good work. Miss Embry has a large primary attendance and they are doing good work. She has had special training in Primary work and you can see the results of this training manifested in the school.

We next called by the home of R. L. Ables who has just moved to the Dennis Chapel Community and he has begun plowing for another year. He was away from home and we failed to see him.

We made our next stop at the home of Mrs. Sallie Davenport, who was busy with her household affairs and we only had a short time to stay. Mrs. Davenport raises lots of poultry and has a good farm and is getting on nicely.

We spent the night with D. H. Craddock who was making sausage when we reached his home. He had just killed hogs and everything looked very inviting to us and we had brains and eggs, sausage and spare ribs and you know next morning we were in no hurry to go away from this comfortable home. Mr. Craddock made 18 bales of cotton, 25 bushels of corn to the acre and a beautiful supply of maize to feed his teams and some to sell. He has one of best yearling colts in his section. We met G. W. Hammons and wife at his home and we have not forgotten a big melon Mr. Hammons gave us last summers.

After leaving the Craddock home we made our next stop with the family of H. K. Irwin. He was on the Plains enjoying the breeze of the higher altitude and Mrs. Irwin and the children were looking after the home and were getting on nicely.

We headed south to Haskell and we drove to the home of our old friend J. O. Poe's and had a good supper and got warmed up after our cold drive. J. O. had just killed hogs and we had

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Some of the Secret of the Filming of "The Fall of a Nation" revealed... by Thomas Dixon

Some of the secret behind the scenes when "The Fall of a Nation" Thomas Dixon's war spectacle, was staged, have been revealed by the author.

Mr. Dixon acknowledges that he used German reservists for "Imperial troops" in his imaginary invasion of America by a foreign power, but he avers that the picture is not anti-German nor is the finger warning pointed against the menace of the Teutonic powers. "I used the German soldiers because they were out of work and hungry" he says. "There were five hundred of them in Los Angeles, unable to go back and eager to enlist even in mimic war, and I was glad to give them the work."

The American troops appearing in the film were recruited from militia batteries, infantry and cavalry. As it happened, these National Guard men saw themselves on the screen the day before they entrained for service on the Mexican border. "The Fall of a Nation" thus forms the most realistic presentation of the evolutions practised by "our boys" on the Rio Grande.

Harry L. Jackson invented for the "Dixon war" the biggest and most practical guns ever used in a cinema. They were exact replicas of the 42-centimeter "thick Berthas." The director of another great picture (who shall be nameless) tries to borrow them. When that expedient failed, cameramen of rival companies attempted from the surrounding hill-tops to "shoot" the big guns while in action. They were prevented from doing so by a patrol of armed and mounted guards around the "location."

One of the oldest stunts in the picture was the rebuilding of "Old Mulberry Bend, New York" as a temporary street in Los Angeles. For this special permits were obtained, and New York builders and carpenters were brought on to ensure exactitude. One wandered through the East Side streets of the metropolis 3,000 miles from their vicinity, missing no accustomed minute detail of their picturesque foreign character.

more backbone and sausage. We had the best time this week in many if the weather was cold and disagreeable. We are going to work in the field every day and we are going to do our very best to keep the Free Press teeming with news from the country.

We are going to increase our country correspondence. There are a few places yet we have no reporter and we will soon have them included in our list. Please send letters by Monday's mail so your letter will get here in time for publication. Mail them Monday and not later than Tuesday to insure publication.

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BEST WISHES

All the presents I could give would not carry any more evidence of my wishes for your happiness and prosperity during the coming Christmas holidays, and New Year, than I desire to express in this message. I appreciate the liberal patronage you have given me, and ask a continuance of the same through the coming year.

SOUTH SIDE BAKERY—Mart Lynch

use brightly papered wall of the cozy front room.

Christmas was a lonesome time for the shriveled little old lady who had, forty years ago, to give up the curled gentleman in the daguerreotype, who happened to be her husband, to a woman much younger, who happened to need a sweetheart.

Christmas brings a train of memories, and Mrs. Woodhull lived over the old sad days as she cooked and knitted. She recalled the happy hours, too, which was worse. She talked to herself a good deal.

"If that Armster girl had only let him alone," she would wail softly. "He was all right till she set her cap for him. I bet she's suffering somewhere."

"But I must read my Bible and try to forgive her. Lord help me to forgive her," and so she would pray.

The children of the neighborhood liked to go to see Mrs. Woodhull for she always opened the cookie jar or brought out a pan of apples.

Of all the children in the neighborhood who came to see her Mrs. Woodhull liked Lisbeth Baker best. Her mother being dead, Lisbeth lived with her gloomy, rheumatic grandmother at the end of the street.

She had only been here a year, having been handed over from her mother's mother, out West, to her father's mother at the end of the street. Lisbeth was fair and wistful, and, like Mrs. Woodhull she was very much alone.

Today, the day before Christmas, Lisbeth stood at the window. "My other grandma's coming tomorrow," she said: "my grandma Hull. We must

got the letter today."

"Two grandmas for Christmas," said Mrs. Woodhull. "You'll not come near me. What'll I do, all alone?"

"We'll all come over and see you Christmas afternoon," said Lisbeth, dancing home to tell Grandmother Baker.

Mrs. Woodhull became, in this way, the possessor of a Christmas plan. "I must have a little treat for them," she said. She got out her good white dishes, and set the big table in the sitting room. In the center she placed a blooming red geranium. "I'll make it into a Christmas tree," she joyously exclaimed, and she wrapped into three neat parcels a length of each of her knitted lace inscribing them with "Merry Christmas" and the name of each guest.

Next day she put the finishing touches to her table. She had a glass dish of candy, and one of nuts and raisins.

At three o'clock Lisbeth arrived with the new grandmother. Grandma Baker couldn't come on account of rheumatism. The ladies sat talking, and Lisbeth hovered happily about. Then she wandered out to the middle room where stood the fine table, and she came dancing in to hug Mrs. Woodhull. "You just ought to see it, grandma." Lisbeth's eyes were shining.

"We'll go and visit it, as soon as the coffee is ready," explained Mrs.



CHRISTMAS CHEER

We wish to extend our greetings of the season to our friends and customers. May your friendship be unbroken, and your accumulations and cheerful affections many and may your health, happiness and prosperity be unbounded.

Henry Johnson, Real Estate

Christmas Treat

MRS. WOODHULL lived in a one-story brick house, whose warm sitting room in winter smelled of dry wood burning in an air-tight stove, and of apples in the nearby pantry. It was a fruity smell that no amount

of onion or cabbage cooking could obliterate.

Mrs. Woodhull, called "old" by her neighbors, is only sixty-eight, and as trim and slender as a girl. It is sad experience, rather than years that wrenches youthfulness from the heart and quenches the thirst for life, so it was that Mrs. Woodhull spent most of her days quietly rocking and knitting. Her padded wooden rocker faced a daguerreotype that hung on

Woodhull, happy in the child's pleasure.

She excused herself and went to the kitchen. Lisbeth danced round and round the gay table, and Grandma Hull was left alone in the front room.

Presently she followed Mrs. Woodhull to the kitchen and closed the door between them and Lisbeth. "Don't you know me?" she asked, sadly. "Has no one told you? I was Lizette Armster. I have suffered more than you. He is dead. We both loved him. May

we not be friends?"

Through the closed door Mrs. Woodhull could hear Lisbeth happily singing. She looked at Lizette Armster, shaken with sobs. She put friendly arms about her, and soothed her with kindly, broken words.

"Come, now," she said at last, leading the way to the table with the shining coffee pot. "Let's be merry. We must not spoil Lisbeth's Christmas treat."

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A Happy Christmas

Hath sorrow been your portion in the past?
Then may this day, of sorrow see the last,
And Pleasure come, with all her happy train,
To cheer your heart and make it glad again;
And Christmas Cheer upon your home descend
And travel with you to the journey's end.

Haskell Homestead
B. A. Y.

Cotton Ginned Prior to November 14th, 1916 in Texas

Director Sam L. Roberts, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in Texas, for the crops of 1916 and 1915. The report was made public for the state Tuesday, November 21, 1916.

	1916	1915
Haskell	17,115	20,181
Archer	4,158	2,185
Baylor	10,773	7,189
Clay	11,682	6,087
Cottle	9,733	5,987
Dickens	4,507	6,228
Foard	5,652	5,153
Hall	11,017	13,851
Jack	4,936	3,461
Jones	30,000	36,425
Kent	3,105	6,762
Knox	17,629	7,757
Scurry	10,220	13,087
Stonewall	6,709	10,541
Throckmorton	2,714	2,237
Wichita	5,979	3,389
Wilbarger	15,255	11,167
Young	11,799	6,222

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One blue mare, "H" on jaw, 3 years old.
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On good improved farms. Twenty-five years in the business. Write us what you have and find out what we can do for you before you place your loan.

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THREE HASKELL LODGES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The I. O. O. F., the W. O. W. and the Yeomen elected officers at their regular meeting nights last week. The officers are for the year 1917, and will be installed at their first meeting nights in January.

The following were elected by the I. O. O. F.:

H. F. Horner, Noble Grand.
A. Tonn, Vice Grand.
H. R. Jones, Secretary.
W. E. Sherrill, Treasurer.
R. D. C. Stephens, Representative to the Grand Lodge.

All other officers are to be appointed after the installation of the above.

The W. O. W. elected the following:

J. F. Collier, Consul Commander.
J. B. Lamkin, Advisory Lieutenant.
W. E. Sherrill, Clerk.
A. J. Smith Banber.
J. F. Kennedy, Escort.
Alex. Edwards, Watchman.
G. E. Glaze, Sentry.

Drs. L. F. Taylor, and W. A. Kimbrough, Camp Physicians.

A. G. Lambert, T. C. Lemmons, and W. M. Mask, elected Managers. The Yeomen elected the following: N. H. Hester, Foreman. Clarence Rutledge, Master of Ceremonies.

E. H. Neill, Correspondent.
W. E. Coburn, Master of Accounts.
Giles Kemp, Overseer.
Mrs. G. Glenn, Chaplain.
Mrs. N. H. Hester, Lady Rowena.

Mrs. Elmer Irwin, Homoclan.
Miss Artie Maxwell, Lady G. Glenn, Watchman.
Elmer Irwin, Sentinel.

WE WISH

For our many friends and customers a merry mas, and hope that with the coming of the Year, you will be blessed with much joy and prosperity.

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Wish you a merry merry Christmas. Hope that you may appreciate and enjoy it to the fullest extent. We are thankful for this year.

Want our customers to know that we appreciate your patronage given us. We expect to enjoy the holidays and start the new year with renewed energy, to get the best values, to have what you want when you want it.

GRISSOM'S THE STORE WITH THE GOODS

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The hog killing is in this place. Here that Jack Williams is on nicely after an a. Mr. Cotton and family spent Saturday night with his brother-in-law, R. E. Yarbrough, north of Rule.

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Foster has a W. O. W. camp organized with 18 members. Come on boys and line up with us. Our school has closed until after the Christmas holidays. G. C. Johnson and family spent Sunday with Jim Kitchens. Jim Perdue has sold his Overland. Jim says a span of mules and a buggy look good to him. Uncle Ed Denson has gone to Spur for a few days. Theodore Perdue and Miss Jewel Perdue were married at Rule Monday. We wish them a long and happy life. Virgil Bailey and Miss Minnie McNeely were married Thursday at Haskell. May much joy and happiness attend them through life. Miss Minnie Turner, of Rochester and Mr. Bell were married Sunday evening at the home of the brides parents. Bro. Lamb resigned as Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Dave Parnell was elected to fill his place. Bro. Reed preached a fine sermon Sunday night. Tommie Oats says the W. O. W. goat sure is hard to ride. Well, we will wish the Free Press and all our friends a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We were glad to have Mr. Free with us at the box supper. Come again, you are always welcome. Earl Dunn and wife of Rose were visiting at Rochester and Foster Saturday and Sunday.

PLEASANT VALLEY

The box supper was very successful. The short program rendered by the school was enjoyed by all, and the music furnished by Messrs. Homesley and Williams was fine. A large number of people were present from Cottonwood, and we certainly appreciate their presence and assistance.

Isom Adams is visiting in East Texas.

J. W. Derr has returned from Clarendon, where he went to visit his father.

Preston Derr is going to leave soon for New Mexico. Our best wishes go with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney of Haskell are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Henry Free. We understand both are sick.

Rev. J. F. Curry of Rule was in our community last week.

Mr. Crump of Weinert is going to move to our neighborhood. We are glad to see another good man in our community.

Bennett Weed is moving to Stamford. J. R. Mitchell and wife motored to Munday last week.

Ed King made a business trip to Haskell Saturday.

Miss Della Courtney is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Free. Miss Courtney will leave soon for Clovis, New Mexico.

J. N. Weaver and sister and Miss Hoover visited J. W. Derr Saturday night.

Several of our young people attended the Box Supper at Vontress Saturday night and report a lively and successful supper.

Alva Mitchell is at home for the holidays.

Sunday School was well attended Sunday afternoon. Among the visitors were: Messrs. Furrh, Brown, Matherson and Nicholson of Cottonwood, McDonald of Weinert and Cobb of Roberts and Misses Matherson and Gardner of Cottonwood.

Our school closed Friday for the Institute and the holidays. Mr. Weaver and Miss Hoover left Monday for Rule where the Institute is to be held this year. We have heard our school has been granted state aid.

Pat.

ROSE

The farmers are preparing their land for another crop.

Our school is progressing nicely with about 30 or 35 pupils enrolled.

Our box supper Saturday night was a real success from beginning to end. The school children rendered a short, but real good program, which we all enjoyed. There were about twenty-five boxes, which brought the neat sum of \$61.45. This amount will go to improve our library.

The party at A. C. Barton's Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Miss Alice and Edie Hays were shopping in Haskell Wednesday morning.

Miss Ruby Griffin of Haskell and Sloan Theford of Whitman attended the party at A. C. Barton's Saturday night.

Rube Brewer and wife, Misses Ruby and Maggie Maxwell and Gordon Odell attended the party Saturday night.

Mrs. T. J. Johnson visited Mrs. Gordon Wednesday afternoon.

Donal Easterling and wife of Sayles were in our community Friday.

Will Mullins and family of Robinson County are moving to our community. We welcome them, and wish them success in their new home.

Quite a number of young people from Howard and Whits Chapel attended the party Saturday night.

Earnest Johnson called at the Haskell Sanitarium to see Bryan Hunt of Kirkdale, who was operated on some time ago, and reports him doing fine.

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JOE BAILEY

A. G. Roye and family left for their home in Hill county Saturday after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Roye's parents. Miss Flossie Pinkley accompanied them home but returned in a few days on account of illness of her mother.

Quite a number of young folks attended the singing at Center Point Sunday.

Miss Beatrice Green returned to her home in the Joe Bailey community Saturday, after a two weeks visit in Stamford with friends.

School closed at this place Friday until after the holidays.

Miss Jewell Murrain has returned to her home at Jud.

Leonard Ulmer has been suffering with a carbuncle for the past week, but we are glad to report him much better at present.

The birthday party given at the home of Mrs. F. I. Green Friday evening was well attended by the little folks, and all report a nice time.

F. I. Green has gone to Spur on business.

Arthur Cohorn and family went to Anson Sunday.

T. A. Coleman and family left this morning for the plains where they will spend the holidays.

Kido



A Merry Christmas to You All!
Merry May It Be,

And May the Dinner Served on this Merry Day
Serve to Make You Glad and Gay

OUR WEEKLY RECIPE

Sponge Cake.—Five eggs one cup of sugar, powdered or fine granulated, one spoonful salt, one-half lemon, rind and juice, one cup pastry flour. Beat the yolks until light or lemon colored and thick. Add the sugar gradually, and beat again. Add the lemon juice or flavoring, and water, if that is to be used. Beat the whites until stiff and dry, and cut or fold them in lightly, then sift in the flour and fold in carefully without any stirring.

Fruits— Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Cranberries, Grape Fruit.

Desserts— Plum Pudding, Tapioca, Cocoa, Chocolate, Cheese, Crackers, in Oyster, Graham, Vanilla, and Animal. Grape Juice.

Specials— Maple Syrup, Cane Syrup, Jelly, Honey Jello.

POSEY & HUNT

The Home of Light Crust Flour

Merry Christmas!

In keeping with the spirit of this glad Christmas season, we wish to thank our many friends and customers for their patronage during 1916. We hope to merit your business during the approaching new year and will continue to give you the very best possible service at all times. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Texas Garage

W. A. WHATLEY, Prop.

Two Garages

Haskell, Texas

NOTICE

To those of Haskell County and Haskell Texas

If you want to buy homes I have as fine land as there is in Haskell County, and it can be obtained for a small sum of money. Prices range from \$10 to \$20 per acre. Terms are \$1.00 down, \$1.00 per acre each year at 6 per cent interest. This land is in Dawson county, Texas.

SEE OR WRITE

A. G. FRY

AT FIRST STATE BANK

LAMESA, TEXAS

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

We take this occasion to express our gratitude to all those who have helped, by their patronage and friendship to make this a good year for us. We extend to you and yours, our best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Collier's Cafe

The Christmas Shop

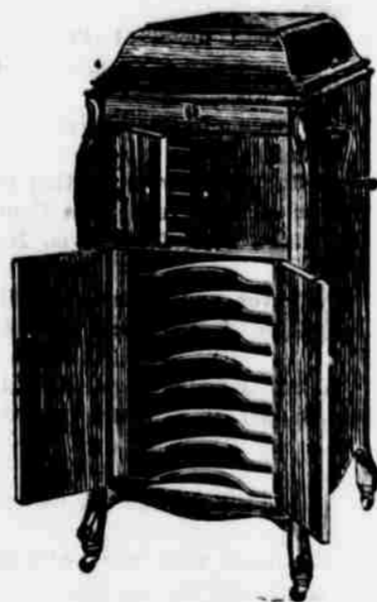
YOU know how it goes every Christmas—how you put off buying your presents from day to day until presently you find yourself face to face with Christmas or even Christmas Eve, and all your gifts to buy. Then you start out buying at random, first here and there, often paying twice as much as you originally intended for the reason that you have no time to look around. Isn't it about that way? Let us help you out this Christmas season. No more than five minutes time will enable you to carefully note on this list whatever you want to buy... When you are ready to make your selections, whether it is tomorrow morning or the last hour before we close Christmas Eve, come to this store, and you will be able to make an intelligent selection for your list from our stock. And we guarantee you will pay more than you expect.



Cream and Sugar Sets in Fine Cut Glass from... \$3.50 to \$5.00



Bracelets, from \$1.50 to \$5.00



VICTROLAS \$15.00 to \$300.00



RINGS OF ALL DESCRIPTION



Aluminum, Patented, Warranted to Wear—Rogers—spoons in new pat-terns—priced



PERFUME BOTTLES CUT GLASS—\$2.00 to \$10.00

We are Especially Strong on Diamonds, Which Make a Permanent and Appreciable Gift

KODAK



\$2.00

to

\$20.00



CLOCKS

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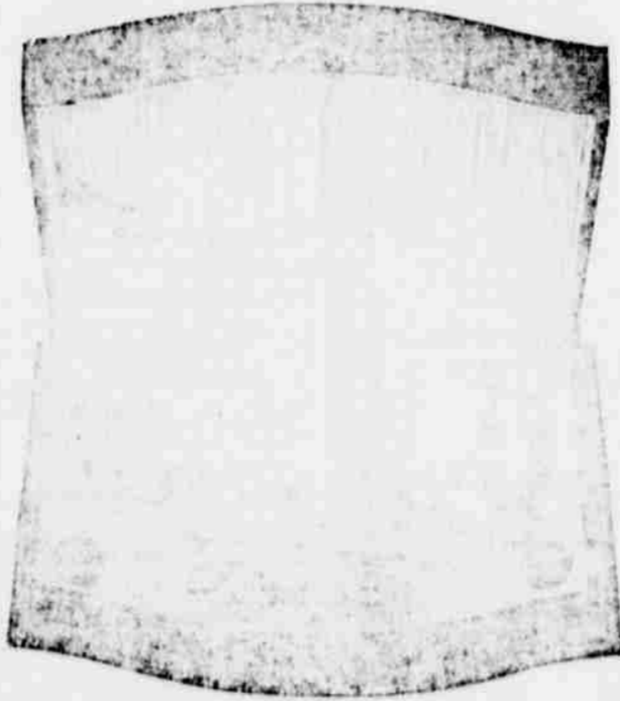
\$20.00



Cut Glass Vase \$2.50 up



SHEFFIELD PLATE—Creams, Sugars and teas— \$2.50 and up



In Ivory or Silver \$5.00 up.

FOR UNCLÉS, AUNTS AND COUSINS

A splendid selection of any kind of fine jewelry, a book leather bound; a Bible; a box of stationery; a cigar holder, or case; a purse; collar and cuff boxes; razors and straps; man-icure sets; mirrors; mugs; and brushes; call bells; whisk brooms and cases; hand mirrors; albums; boxed papers in Christmas packages; books, finest selection ever brought to Has-kell. Scrap books, rag toy books, etc.



WATCHES from \$1.00 to \$20.00

FOR GRANDMOTHER:—

A bottle of dainty perfume; a pair of gold spectacles; a teachers Bible; a weather thermometer.

FOR BABY:—

A baby record book; infants toilet set; a ring; gold pin; a comb and brush set; rag animal books; talcum powder or a rattle.

FOR YOUR GIRL:—

A diamond ring, a brooch, lavalier; opal; sapphire; or ruby ring; a cut glass bottle of delicate perfume; a book of poems; a novel or a box of stationery; a piece of cut glass, any design is always acceptable.

FOR DAUGHTER:—

A cut glass powder box; a hat pin; a waist set; a brooch; a bracelet; a ring; a leather music roll; a leather-back classic book; or a Testament.

FOR THE CHILDREN:—

Story books for boys, girls and grown folks; foot ball; glove; mit; bat; baseball; \$1.50 watch, boys or girls size; a ring or a necklace; a locket; scrap book; or post card album; dolls 50c up. Fine dolls at reduced prices.

FOR GRANDFATHER:—

A reading glass; a pair of spectacles; walking cane; a pipe; a safety razor; a pair of cuff buttons; or a set of ch. rs.

FOR FATHER:—

A box of cigars; a bill book; a hair brush; traveler's dress case; a fountain pen; a set of dominoes; or a watch; fob; or c.

FOR MOTHER:—

A hand glass; comb and brush; a baret; solid gold watch or a piece of cut glass; or hand painted china; or some silverware.

For OLDEST SON:—

A charm for watch; an emblem pin; a scarf pin; coin pocket card case; a shaving set; a stud for shirt; a fountain pen; or itary brushes.

My goods are always equal or better than my representation. You are buying goods from a man that can look you square in the face 365 days in the year, right here at home. My success depends on the values I offer. If you become dissatisfied with anything you get here, you can get your money back. Ask your banker. But you can't do this with mail order houses. I want your trade, and if prices will get it, you can consider yourself my customer.

JOHN W. PACE & COMPANY

North Side of Square

Drugs and Jewelry

Haskell, Tex.

a few Prince Albert
 kes into your system!

You've heard many an earful about the Prince Albert patented process that cuts off bite and parch and lets you smoke your fill without a comeback! Stake your bank roll that it proves out every hour of the day, Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

There's sport smoking a pipe or rolling your own, but you know that you've got to have the right tobacco! We tell you Prince Albert will bang the doors wide open for you to come in on a good time every little so often, without a

regret! You'll feel like your smoke past has been wasted and will be sorry you cannot back up for a fresh start.

You swing on this say-so like it was a tip to a thousand-dollar bill! It's worth that in happiness and contentment to you, to every man

who knows what can be gotten out of a chummy jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette with Prince Albert for "packing"!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.
 Winston-Salem, N. C.

This is the reverse side of the tidy red tin

THE Prince Albert tidy red tin, and in fact, every Prince Albert package, has a real message-to-you on its reverse side. You'll read—Process Patented July 30th, 1907. That means that the United States Government has granted a patent on the process by which Prince Albert is made. And by which tongue bite and throat parch are cut out! Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting you in tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tins humidors and in that clever crystal-glass humidors, with sponge-moistener top, that keeps the tobacco in such fine condition—always!



COTTONWOOD

John and Sammie Gossett left Sunday afternoon for Cisco.

Several young folks from this community went to Pleasant Valley Sunday afternoon.

Misses Queen McFerren and Ruth Wylie, Marvin Matherson and Emory Mayfield went to Rule Sunday.

Quite a number from this community attended the box supper at Vontress Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Furrh and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Nicholson went to Monday Saturday.

There will be Sunday School every Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Everybody come.

Snooks.

PLEASANT VIEW

We are enjoying a few days of sunshine and warmth. If the Christmas days are this pretty, everybody will have a fine time.

Rev. Little filled his regular appointment here last Sunday.

J. M. Smith from Taylor county is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Hattie McIver.

We noticed that a few of the young people from Routan city were at Church here last Sunday.

Alice Sargent is visiting her sister Mrs. Smith this week.

Miss Gipson, teacher of this place left Saturday for Rule to attend the Institute.

Miss Noma Smith spent last Sunday night with Miss Ora Ford.

Miss Johnie Gaines spent last Saturday night with Miss Zora Griffith.

The singing at Mr. Morrison's Sunday night was enjoyed by all that attended.

Sunshine

VONTRESS

Christmas will soon be here, with joy to one and all.

Messrs T. S. Grimsley and Robert Haley were prospecting in Throckmorton county Monday.

W. M. Hallmark and family of Altus, Oklahoma and visiting with T. S. Grimsley and other relatives.

Will Dyer is prospecting in Oklahoma and northwest Texas this week.

The box supper at this place Saturday night was a grand success. The boxes and box of candy for the pretty girl amounted to the nice sum of \$100.00. Of course, you understand this goes to our school to get a Victrola and other necessities.

It is our intention to have a Christmas trees Saturday night the 23rd.

Mr. Welch and family of Ballew were visiting with Messrs Weaver, and Chapman Sunday.

J. H. Roberts and family visited with Joe Densmore in Howard community Sunday.

Blue Jay.

"Fall of a Nation Paragraphs"

Possibilities of war with Mexico have emphasized the warning of Thos. Dixon that the United States should prepare itself against invasion by a foreign foe. Thousands of national guardsmen witnessed the spectacle "The Fall of a Nation" at the Liberty Theatre, New York, while waiting for equipment and transportation to Texas. Brigades of Boy Scouts and others interested in preparedness nightly cheer for national defense at the Liberty.

Merry Christmas To Our Customers and Friends

Accept our thanks for the very liberal patronage which you have favored us in the past, and we hope to see you often at our store during the year soon to come. Make our store your headquarters when in town.

A. F. RUTHERFORD

Staple and Fancy Groceries



THE HOME OF QUALITY GROCERIES

A Merry Christmas To All If We Are To Have the Pleasure of Assisting You in

Getting up that Christmas Spread, You be justified in Inviting Santa Clause Himself! He is a great Champion of Quality!

Try These--They'll Please:

Fruits of all kinds, Nuts of all kinds, Christmas Candies of all kinds. Coconut, Mince Meat, Chocolate and Cranberries

Phone No. 28

ROBERTSON BROS. CO.

If you want to sell your land, see me at once. I am co-operating with live agents from other states who are bringing buyers to Texas. This class buys land. Henry Johnson, Haskell, Texas.

WEINERT

Newton-Bennett

At three o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Miss Maggie Bennett and Mr. Fred Newton were married by Rev. McConley. Only a few relatives and intimate friends were present.

Miss Maggie is one of Weinert's most lovely and accomplished young ladies, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bennett. Mr. Newton, the groom, has lived at Weinert many years, but the past year has made Dublin his home.

Both the parties have a host of friends here who wish them joy and prosperity in their life together.

The J. S. Burke blacksmith shop has recently been sold to I. H. Beene, an experienced blacksmith who is now in charge, and doing a good business. Mr. Beene is from Hodges in Jones County, and has only been in Weinert about three weeks. He wants to get acquainted, and has an ad in this paper which you are requested to read.

Q. D. Gould, barber from Ellis county has been in business only this year at Weinert, but is getting a fine trade worked up, and is getting along nicely.

O. N. Simmons was in charge of the Peters barber shop. M. L. Peters, the proprietor was at Graham taking an outing. Mr. Simmons is a congenial fellow and a good barber. He announces that they intend before long to put in baths, and add a cleaning and pressing establishment to their shop.

P. B. Broach & Son, dealers in General Merchandise are well housed in a brick building, and are doing a splendid business. They are carrying a complete stock of groceries, dry goods, ladies and gents furnishings, etc. Jno. McCollough, general manager; Jno. E. Fouts, manager of the dry goods side; Will Mabry and D. M. Bard have charge of the grocery department. Misses Monnie Ridling and Wilhelmine Williams, clerks, in the dry goods department.

G. H. Malcolm at the meat market, is doing a good business. Besides fresh meats, he also deals in live stock, buying and selling horses and mules, cattle and hogs. All the meat sold over the counter is home-grown.

"Daddy Red" reports a slack in the poultry business here of late. "Daddy" has been a heavy shipper of poultry and eggs for many years, and has shipped many thousands of dollars worth of produce from Weinert since he has been in the business.

The Weinert Elevator, owned by J. B. Ridling and G. C. Newsom have shipped forty car loads of grain this year, and have possibly two cars of oats on hand, and 100 tons of maize. They have a grist and crushing mill at the elevator, and can make maize and corn chops. Messrs. Ridling and Newsom also have complete stock of hardware and leather goods.

NOTICE PUBLIC

I have moved my shoe shop stairs over Corner Drug Store I take this opportunity of thanking the people of Haskell for past patronage, and with a continuance of same in new location.

R. FOX

Dr. Price's CRAM BAKING POWDER

Sixty Years the Standard No Alum—o Phosphate

Money To Loan

Land at six to eight per cent interest. Liberal terms of payment will make as low a rate of interest as you can get for anybody.

If you want a new loan want to extend an old loan come and see us, or write us.

SANDERS & SON, Haskell Texas.

WE JOIN THE NATION

expressing attitude to the Giver of all good things for a prosperous Year

We also express grateful appreciation to many customers and friends for the generous patronage received. It will be a pleasure to continue to serve you as well as the new friends we hope to make. Season's greetings; and our

Merchants Cafe

W. H. BOOKS, Prop. Haskell, Texas

We are Showing The MODERN ELECTRIC DEVICES

And invite your inspection of Electric Gifts. For beauty of design, economy of use, and utility of purpose, they will meet every requirement as a gift to represent the true sentiment of the giver, and be a constant and permanent joy to the recipient.

There is need in every modern home, as well as in the bachelor or bachelor girl's room, for the useful, beautiful articles made possible by electricity. Especially valuable to the housewife, or the mother or sister who care for the home, they lighten the labor and brighten the hours as no other gift can do. Let us demonstrate the intrinsic value of these electric devices. Electric Irons, Electric Percolators, Sewing Machine Motors the wonderful little sewing machine attachment which runs the machine for you—easy adjusted without tools or screws; many others—priced right.

— DO IT ELECTRICALLY —
HASKELL ICE & LIGHT CO.

Investigate Our Christmas Stock

We have on display a complete line of Christmas goods that will make appropriate presents for old, young, big or little. Also

A BIG LINE OF TOYS



THE LITTLE HUMMER

A Real Bicycle, an ideal Christmas Gift for a small boy or girl. The Little Hummer is not a toy, but a real bicycle—just what you have been looking for and just what the youngster has been looking for.

The first Small Bicycle to be offered at the remarkable price of only **\$9.75**

We have many other gifts too numerous to mention, that would be appropriate not only for the children, but the grown-ups as well. Let us show you.

McNeill and Smith Hardware Co.

A Real Christmas Gift

By ROBERT GORDON

MRS. GOULD smiled as she wrapped her furs around her and telephoned for her automobile. She turned to her cousin who was going to accompany her downtown and said: "I think it's a good idea to get one's Christmas shopping all done several weeks in advance. You get much better attention in the shops, and you make it easier for the poor tired salesgirls."

"But," asked the cousin, "do you know what you want so far ahead of the holiday?"

"Yes, here's my list. Look at it while I button my gloves."

"Handkerchiefs, dresses, waists, gloves, veil—whe, for whom are all these things?"

"My maids," answered Mrs. Gould.

"A horn, three dolls, a drum, pair of skates—surely the maids can't use these?" asked the cousin.

"The toys are for my washerwoman's children and their little friends."

I always give them presents, since God hasn't blessed me with children of my own. Come, the car is at the door."

Outside a shop window in the busiest street of the city stood little Lena Swift. Around her shoulders she wore a tattered shawl, and her hands were snuggled under it to prevent them from freezing. She stood with her face pressed close to the glass.

"My," she said half aloud, "ain't it cold for the end of November, and oh, ain't that a beautiful doll. I wonder whether Santa will think of me this year?"

Lena shivered with cold, and big tears came to her eyes as she went on musing. "He ain't never come since mother died. Aunt Rosie says she has no money for nonsense and such, and she says there ain't no Santa Claus now."

"Move on little one," said a policeman coming up to Lena and tapping her shoulder with his club. Lena ran off half fearfully, half reluctantly, and at that moment spied a large Santa Claus who stood on the opposite corner ringing a bell and asking the passersby to drop a coin in the bowl for a Christmas dinner that would be given on the twenty-fifth of December at the Wayfarers' lodge.

The child made a dash across the street to tell Santa Claus what she wanted him to put in her stocking, when she received a terrific blow from behind. Then it seemed as though she were falling—falling—down—down. Then a pair of strong arms lifted her and she heard a soft voice which seemed to come from a great distance say—"Smith, is she much hurt? Poor little puss."

Lena awoke next morning and found herself in a soft white bed in a room so beautiful that her first thought was "I must be dead and this sure is heaven." A white-capped nurse bent over her.

She tried to glance about, but the pain shot through her head and made her close her eyes.

Then Lena experienced something that she had not felt since her mother had died—a caressing touch and a kiss.

Lena had been badly hurt and it took several weeks for her to get even well enough to sit up in bed. Christmas morning dawned cold and clear, and the child was allowed to see what Santa had brought her.

At the foot of her bed stood a gorgeous Christmas tree, such as she had often seen in the great toyshops, but never in the wildest flights of her fancy dreamed of possessing. On the floor beside the tree, in a tiny little wicker chair, sat the big doll with the "shutting eyes" that she had seen in the shop window. Then the beautiful lady came over to her bed and, putting her arms around Lena, said:



"Don't you think Santa Claus has been good to you?"

"Are they all for me? What would Aunt Rosie say? She thinks there ain't no Santa Claus."

"Your Aunt Rosie knows you are with me and she says it's all right. Yes, they are all for you. There are no other children here. This is the first time the real Santa Claus has visited me, and this is the happiest Christmas I have had since I was a child, myself."

"What did Santa bring you?" asked Lena, returning Mrs. Gould's embrace. The happy woman took a mirror from the table and held it in front of the child. Lena looked into it and saw a face so clean and white that she scarcely recognized it, framed by a mass of brown curls, and a pair of large blue eyes that returned her gaze wonderingly.

"It's me," she said.

"Yes; it's you. Santa Claus has brought me you, and Aunt Rosie said I may keep you."

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

And may the New Year bring you the best that this life affords. We appreciate your patronage and friendship to the fullest extent, and will give you better service if possible, during the coming year than we have in the past.

Corner Drug Store

TO OLD CUSTOMERS AND TO NEW CUSTOMERS

And to those we would like to have. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

JONES-COX & CO.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I want to thank each and every one of my patrons for courtesies extended me during the past year, and most especially a continuance of your patronage during the coming year 1917.

I have used every means at my command to supply you with cars, and state that I have several cars upon the road which will be in soon.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas.

M. A. CLIFTON, Coal Feed

NOTICE

After January 1st, 1917, we will close and lock both front and back doors after four o'clock p. m. We will appreciate and consider it a favor if our customers will assist us in observing this good resolution. Respectfully,
Farmers State Bank.
Haskell National Bank

Davis & Wankan have a car peanut hay cheap as other kinds, and a lot richer. Phone 372.

Peanut hay, bright, rich, cheapest of its kind in the city. Phone 372.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives Ease and Rest. 5c

The Last Notice
This is the third appeal I have made through the paper to those who are owing Mark Whitman, and it seems that a great many who owe him on notes and accounts have disregarded it. Now he says that this is the last notice that he gives everyone. You have the money, or have had, and have failed to come and settle for what you know you owe him. Now if you have read the paper, you know that he has been sued, and it was your fault, because you didn't pay him. Now you can disregard this notice if you wish, but I'm going to sue ever man and woman the second day of January that hasn't paid their note or account.

W. P. Whitman
52-2tc
For Mark Whitman

RULE, ROUTE 2

Crops are just about gathered in this community.

Mr. Bradshaw from Mississippi has been visiting O. O. Vernon and family this week.

Mrs. W. D. Vernon has returned home from Coryell county where she has been visiting relatives.

Roy Chambers left Sunday for Coryell county.

Mr. Chambers is building a new home near Rule. We think it will soon be ready to move into.

Alfred Finley has returned home from Cauthen where he has been visiting relatives.

Lee Norman, from Rochester spent Sunday with W. D. Norman and family.

Garland Hamilton has purchased a new Ford.

Mr. Finley and Mr. Scruggs have both purchased new Buicks.

Frank Norman and sons have ordered them a new Ford.

All the farmers in this community are getting tired of going to town in wagons, and are getting new cars.

Peggy

Phone 372 and get for cash some of that choice peanut hay. Davis & Wankan.

GREETING

We wish to thank our friends for the favors and courtesies extended us during the past and hope that Christmas will be full of joy, and that the New Year will bring you Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

HASKELL BARGAIN HOUSE

Mrs. D. Love, Prop.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS



For YOU and YOURS, is our wish this glad season, and may the New Year bring you Health, Happiness and Prosperity.



R. B. Spencer Lumber Co.

W. H. Murchison

Attorney-at-Law
Haskell, Texas

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THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 235 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Groves' **Chill Tonic**

The Old Standard Groves' Tonic Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well-known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.