

The Haskell Free Press.

HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY, TEXAS, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1916.

WHOLE NO. 1609

CHANGING IN SCHOOLS

The Haskell High School Board of Trustees has concluded that it would be in the best interest of everyone to move the High School to the North Ward building to the East Ward building. There are only three of them are occupied and used. At present the High School is crowded into the North Ward building. By transferring the East Ward teachers and pupils to the other buildings, the school will be given six ample classrooms. The 4th Ward building is used by the High School and is inadequate. The school we suggest will do away with the third floor, or use the North Ward building as a classroom. We feel like it is an improvement upon teachers and pupils to use this study hall. The arrangement is possible in the High School remains in the North Ward. This study hall is lighted that electric light to be used during study cannot be properly ventilated. These conditions are bad health and poor eyesight are bound to have a detrimental effect on the grade of the work. On the other hand the East Ward are the best in any of our buildings; properly lighted, properly heated, and comfortable. The present arrangement three classrooms remain vacant all around, while at the same time available space in the building is cramped and crowded. By taking the High School to the North Ward, and other teachers and pupils comfortable and just distributed the scholars can be more benefited.

and has decided to leave the present arrangement to make this change to a new building. Each parent to make a thorough investigation of the matter and advise your child's subject; in fact, you are invited to visit and inspect the building and especially to visit the hall at the North Ward building. The scholars are to vote upon this matter on the 21st day of December. It is desired to make the change, it is desired during the Christmas season that no time will be lost.

Respectfully submitted, W. M. Hester, President of the Board. Ballard, Clifton, Couch, Smith, W. Key. Members of the Board.

Support Cafe Field manager this week sold the cafe to Ray Hayes. Mr. Hayes, the young man, well known to all, doubt make a success in business.

Mr. Hayes announces that he will be soon on a tour through the portion of the United States.

Mr. Hayes is one of the most popular men in town, and Mr. Tysinger asks could patronage given him with his new management.

Miss Hester and Miss Oia Hester carried Sunday afternoon school at 2 o'clock. Judge Hester is officiating. Judge Hester is the daughter of Mr. Hester. The groom is Mr. and Mrs. S. Strickland. The contracting parties favorably known in that county. Relatives and friends are attending the ceremony. A supper will be given at the home of the bride.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE TO MEET AT RULE

The Haskell County Teachers' Institute will convene in a five day session at Rule next week. In addition to the ordinary text book work, there will be several popular speakers on the program. Two western men, Pres. J. W. Hunt, of Stamford College, and Pres. J. D. Sanderfer, of Simmons College, will deliver lectures on matters pertaining to educational interests. There will also be representatives from the State University of Texas, the Texas A. and M. College, and the Department of Education at Austin. All teachers of the county with the exception of those of the Haskell Independent District will be in attendance. The law provides that school districts of more than five hundred scholars may hold a separate institute.

MRS. J. H. THOMAS DIES SUDDENLY

Mrs. Thomas, wife of J. H. Thomas who lives on the Morton ranch in the Cottonwood community, died with heart-failure Sunday night, November 26th, at 11 o'clock. She was about 48 years of age and had always enjoyed good health. The funeral services were held at Pleasant Valley, conducted by Rev. J. W. Read.

NEW PICTURE MACHINE AT DICK'S THEATRE

The patrons of Dick's Theatre from now on will probably notice how perfectly plain, flickerless, and steady the pictures appear on the screen. The reason of this is the new machine just installed in the back, and operated by Troy Howell. It is the 1916 model Motograph, rock steady, flickerless, motor driven, and projects a moving picture as steady as though painted on the screen. Being motor driven, the operator can watch the picture, correcting defects, etc., instead of turning a crank. In addition to these improvements there are others to numerous to mention—it will give more light, hold longer reels, and in all is a better, more up-to-now machine, making a picture that cannot be excelled by any machine.

\$12,000 JUDGEMENT FOR YOUNG COUNTY

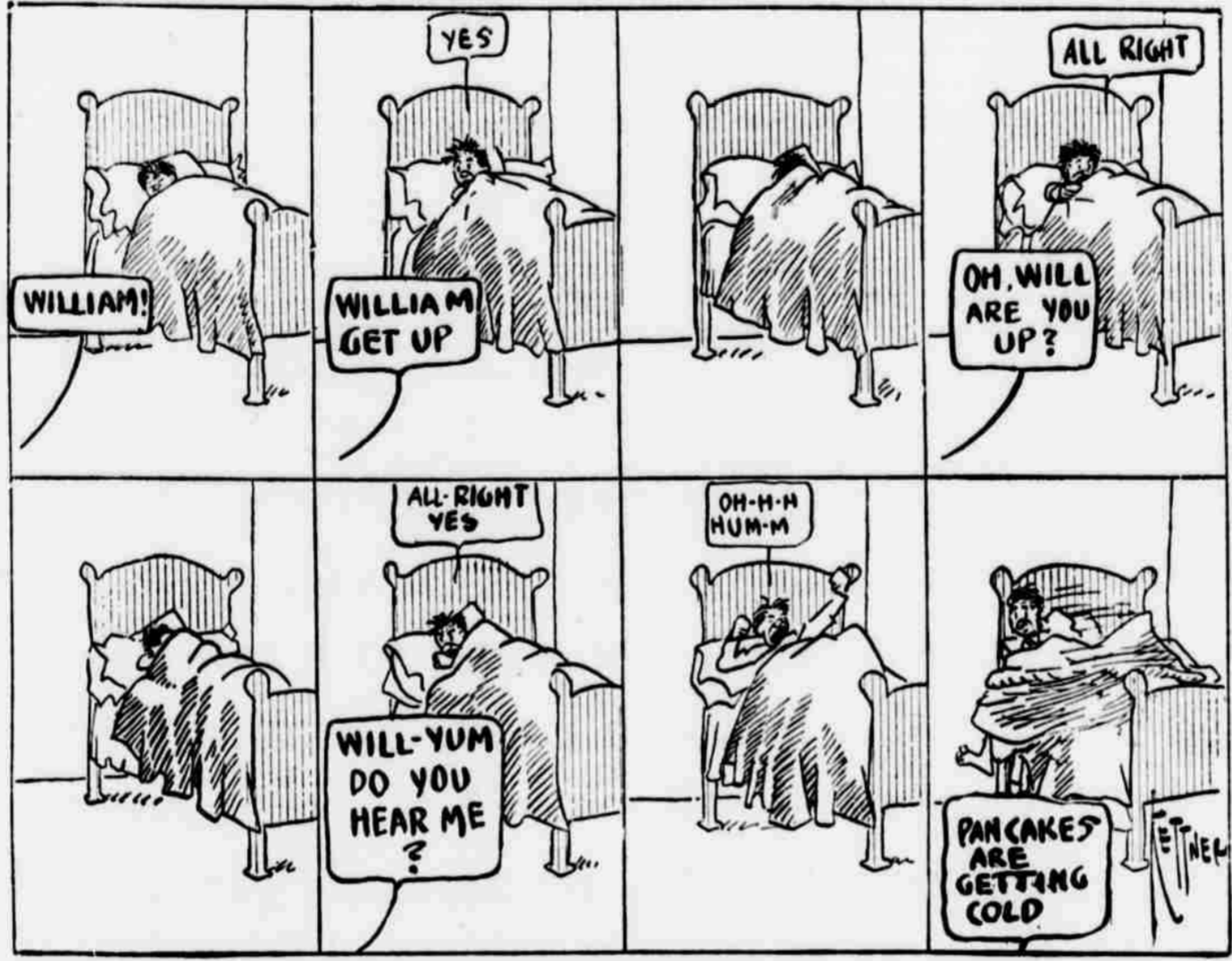
The case of Young county vs. I. B. Padgett, et al. on trial in the 30th district court at Henrietta, resulted late Friday in judgment for the plaintiff for \$12,000. By agreement, the jury had been discharged, judgment being rendered by Judge E. H. Nicholson of the 78th district court, who had exchanged benches with Judge W. N. Bonner; the latter was disqualified in this case.

The suit was brought to recover the money discovered short in the county's accounts, when an audit was made about two years ago. The shortage discovered at that time resulted in forgery charges against W. Fry, which charges led to the shooting of E. T. Cherryholmes and other sensational events. The suit against Mr. Padgett was a civil action there never having been any charge that he was involved in the actions which led to the indictments against Fry. The case was tried in Clay county on a change of venue from Young—Wichita Times.

NEW DRIVE TO THE RIGHT POSTS

The city has had placed in the center of the streets leading into the square, four large, and very beautiful rock posts, or rather monuments, with a hand pointing to the right, and the speed limit of 12 miles per hour painted on the four sides of each. The old post were too small, as they would occasionally be run over, but these will hardly be run over, even by a traction engine. We are informed that the old excuse, "I didn't know the limit" won't work any more, as the limit is painted on the posts, and if anyone is caught speeding, it will be their own fault. The stones came from Lueders.

THE LAST CALL



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GASTON COGDELL DIES IN DALLAS TUESDAY

The funeral of Gaston Cogdell, age 41, who died in Dallas early Tuesday will be held in Grandbury Wednesday. Mr. Cogdell was a brother of Mrs. C. H. Bencini of Ft. Worth, and resided in this city several years. He was a son of D. C. Cogdell of Grandbury, one of the most prominent cattlemen of that section, and is survived by a wife, two brothers, Earl Cogdell of Haskell and B. H. Cogdell of Grandbury, and by three sisters, Mrs. C. H. Bencini of Ft. Worth, Mrs. J. O. Rhone of Morgan and Mrs. W. F. Jullif of Grandbury.—Ft. Worth Record.

WAR WORSE THAN HELL SAYS WACO MORNING NEWS

Sherman was too modest. War is worse than hell. It is a whole flock of hells. If the spirit of General Sherman could have gotten a night off, it could have wined a night at the Orpheum Theatre in this city last night. In "The Fall of a Nation" that would have made the little story in which its real embodiment participated half a century ago look like a mere cologne mixup. "The Fall of a Nation" is every bit as good a picture as the "Birth of a Nation". In some respects it is even greater.

Thomas Dixon is deserving of strong commendation for the most excellent lesson he portrays in the importance of preparing this country against possible invasion by other countries. The accompanying music, composed especially for this production by Victor Herbert is quite on a par with the pictures. There is no better composer of sane and satisfying music than Victor Herbert. His compositions remain popular for years. There is nothing sky-rockety about his stuff.

It is a safe prediction that those who were fortunate enough to sit in the cozy Orpheum Theatre last night beneath the many breeze-scattering electric fans, went home with more patriotism beneath their skins than ever before in their lives.

The peace at any price policy advocated by William Jennings Bryan and Impersonator Ford as portrayed by clever impersonators of these two gentlemen caused merriment. When William and Henry marched into the headquarters of the invading army, with bouquets in their arms and smiles of peace on their visages, they received scant courtesy. The bouquets were relegated to the trash pile, and the "famous" peace twins were told to peel their coats and then set to peeling potatoes. No one can afford to miss this wonderful picture. It is in a class by itself. It should be seen by every man, woman and child.—Waco Morning News.

Grand Jury Adjourned

The Grand Jury adjourned Monday morning, December 4th, making the following report: The Hon. D. L. Davenport, special Judge of the District Court, of Haskell County, Texas, November term, 1916. The Grand Jury has finished its work for the term and ask to be discharged. We have found ten bills for felony, and nine bills for misdemeanor, making a total of 19 true bills. During our deliberation much complaint has been made to us about the condition of certain main traveled roads in the county, and the recommendation has been made to us to indict the officers responsible for this condition of affairs. We urge upon those whose duty it is to keep up the roads that something be done to relieve the situation. The Commissioners Court should see to it that the roads are worked and put in passable condition. We call the attention of the County Commissioners to the condition of the toilet system, for men, in the Court House, and recommend something more modern and sanitary be installed. We thank the Court and attorneys, officers and bailiffs for the twin, few courtesies shown us while in session. J. B. Aaburn, Foreman.

FRAND DODSON, FORMERLY OF THIS PLACE, BUT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS OF DALLAS WAS HERE THIS WEEK VISITING AND GREETING OLD FRIENDS.

CRIMINAL DOCKET DISTRICT COURT SMALL

Very few criminal cases were tried during this term of the District Court, which adjourned Tuesday afternoon. Geo. Carr (colored) was convicted of violation of the local option law, and was given one year in the penitentiary. Raymond Stewart, convicted of burglary and given two years in the penitentiary. Floyd Mayes, convicted of burglary and given a three year suspended sentence. Both of the above burglary cases were in connection with the burglary at the Alexander store, which was recently committed. R. G. Davidson, violating the local option law, acquitted, verdict not guilty. Claude McFay (colored) alias "Mut" convicted of violating the local option law and given one year in the penitentiary.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

There will be a Christmas Tree at the Christian Church Saturday night December 23rd. Every member of the church is urgently requested to attend the exercises. Why not all come and bring your children, and place the toys and gifts you intend to give them on the tree, and allow them the thrill of Christmas joy that come only from such gatherings. Have we forgotten that Christ made the church and home possible by his birth and great sacrifice? And should we not continually hold before the young mind the connection between Christ and the people, and that connection being the church. Should we not come to the church house to celebrate this great event, and to bestow gifts—a fit token of God's great gift to the world. Too many have their little Christmas trees in the home, but let us remember the home belongs to Christ or should. He made it possible. Let us all, as members of the family of God come together this Christmas in God's house and impress upon the minds of the young, that it was God's great gift to the world that made possible the home, our liberties and our happiness. Yours for a great Christmas, Jno. D. White, Chairman, Program Committee.

C. D. Long Wins Premium C. D. Long, local agent for the Wichita Southern Life Insurance Co., won third premium in the contest among the agents of the company last week. The Wichita Southern occasionally gives prizes to the agents writing the most insurance during the month. Mr. Long has won first premium on several occasions.

USE HASKELL RABBITS AT DRISKILL DINNER

The following is an account of the jack rabbit dinner given in the Driskill Hotel last Wednesday at Austin, Texas, taken from the Austin American. The jack rabbit dinner given in the Driskill Hotel Wednesday under auspices of the State Department of Agriculture was a pronounced success. The rabbits were sent from Haskell county by Bruce W. Bryant, member of the legislature from that county, and were tastily cooked according to recipes furnished by Mrs. E. M. Barrett of the Agriculture Department. A special offering to add to the flavor of the rabbits was a quantity of syrup supplied by T. J. Fortenberry, president of the Farmers and Business Men's Co-operative Association of Kirbyville.

At the outset it was stated that the rabbits were brought from Haskell county not because they could not be obtained in nearly every part of Texas, but because the people there are fond of rabbit drives and it gave them pleasure to get up a special drive for the benefit of the dinner in Austin. It was expected Mr. Bryant would attend, but he had business in court which kept him away.

Commissioner Fred Davis presided and introduced the speakers. All toasted the rabbits which they had eaten and endorsed rabbit meat as an offset to the high cost of living. The rabbit heretofore regarded as a pest because it would insist on eating the farmer's gain was eulogized for its splendid qualities as a substitute for beef, chicken, pork, possum or almost any other kind of meat. The rabbit was served in soup, fried in country style, broiled, in a fricassee, and in a salad. As an accompaniment there were olives, pickles, pineapple, sherbet, syrup, assorted cakes, cheese and coffee. Everything was enjoyed by the 120 guests at the dinner.

Short talks were made by Mayor Woodrige, Judge W. M. Key, Don H. Biggers of Lubbock, Judge E. R. Kone, Mr. Bowen of Arlington, former Lieutenant Governor W. C. Mayes, dean of the school of journalism; Mrs. L. E. Daniel, editor and publisher of the Texas Medical Journal; Lee J. Roundtree of Georgetown; Representative James T. Denton of Fort Arthur, and State Senator Claude V. Hudspeth of El Paso. What one and all of them said about the jack rabbit and his little cousin, the cottontail would have made them blush with pleasure if they had not been in the stew. The invocation was delivered by Rev. Dr. W. A. Hamlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Emory Menzies has accepted a position as Deputy County Clerk.

DR. A. Q. GENTRY LOCATES HERE

Dr. A. Q. Gentry, a prominent physician of Alvord, has located in Haskell, opening his office in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Jas. A. Odams, deceased. Dr. Gentry already has a number of friends in Haskell who knew him before locating here, who speak in the highest terms of him as a physician and citizen.

Dr. Gentry was called back to Alvord Wednesday morning on account of his practicing partner, Dr. Gose, being stricken with a severe case of acute appendicitis, and is in a serious condition.

Dr. Gentry will return at the earliest possible moment to take up his practice here.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION MONDAY

The following business besides the regular routine work was transacted by the Commissioners Court at their meeting Monday. W. F. Weaver, et al. petition for new road, accepted and J. H. Cunningham, J. C. Holt, C. McElvain, W. L. Tompkins and Geo. Turnbow appointed a jury of view. C. L. Womack, et ux. petition for 40 foot road, accepted, and the following appointed: W. F. Ford, C. T. Jones, S. W. Boone, and L. N. Furrh appointed a jury of view.

The official bond of T. B. Denison, public weigher; E. W. Moser, Justice of the Peace; Chas. Barton public weigher; T. C. Clark, constable, Prec. No. 4 approved.

The following trustees were appointed: W. B. Pennell at Vernon, No. 4; Tom Lester and M. L. Ivey at Jud; W. L. Cox, No. 29; and E. W. Helwig and J. C. Quick at Gauntt.

Tom Pierson was placed on the pauper list, and an allowance of \$5.00 per month approved.

REV CRUTCHFIELD OF CHICAGO VISITS HASKELL

Rev. J. A. Crutchfield, of Chicago, has been in the city this week, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Ed R. Wallace, and other members of the Methodist denomination. He conducted the services at the Methodist church Sunday, and Sunday night, also prayer meeting Wednesday night. Rev. Crutchfield is a writer and poet of considerable note, being the author of several good books. His visit to Haskell has been enjoyed by the Methodist folks. Mr. Poole, of Stamford, a brother of Mrs. R. J. Paxton was here Wednesday.

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Holiday Bargains

For the last twelve months we have held before the buying public some of the greatest inducements of any house in the west, and now, as Christmas draws near we are in better position to supply your wants than ever.

Our lines of dress goods, laces, trimming and notions are as complete as can be found any place at prices far below the market value. In fact we have one of the best stocks of goods in Haskell, having recently recieved the large stock from Wichita Falls gives us an advantage not enjoyed by any other house in Haskell County. We only make a few suggestions for your Christmas Shopping Bath Robes, Muslin Underware, artistically designed, House Shoes for men and women: Camisoles, ready made garters, ladies bracelets, pins, rings, and beads, purses and hand bags, curtains, towels and table linens, what could cause more Joy to the mother in the house than a linen shower? She desrves it, our line of table linen, the regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values are only 98c. Or a pair of portiere curtains, regular \$3.50 values only \$2.69 Blankets that sold for \$8.50 are selling here all pure wool for \$5.98 the \$5.00 line for \$3.98 the \$3.50 line for \$2.48 and the \$2.00 line for \$1.48

Remember we give away a beautiful Kitchen Cabinet FREE
DECEMBER 23rd AT FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

And too if your purchase, at one time, amounts to \$25.00 or more, we present you with a 42 piece dinner set absolutely free we have given away many of these yet have plenty more for you.

We expect to make Dec. 23rd the banner day of the year, and on that day we will present to each lady purchaser a beautiful Hunt's Calendar, these will not be given out indiscriminately to children only to ladies who make purchases. Also on that day we expect to have on display many articles of Christmas suggestions which will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Onr line of mens ties the regular 50c and 60c values going 39c.



You Will Save Much by Doing Your
 Christmas Shopping Here



HUNT'S STORE NO. 2

THE STORE WITH THE PRICE

of Austin, is here and
week looking after pro
He attended the cel-
dinner at Austin last

to sell your land, see
I am co-operating with
from other states who
buyers to Texas. This
land. Henry Johnson.

er cent Money
Improved farms. Twenty-
the business. Write us
are and find out what we
you before you place your

Comper & Comper,
riet Mrs. Abilene, Texas

goods arriving daily.
Store.

O. Fuller, representative
Jainto county, and candi-
speaker of the House of Rep-
was here Saturday on a
his friend Bruce W. Bryant.

Fish. Fish. And nice
at the Bottling Works.

Foster and J. D. Kinnison
Thackmorton and Woodson

Public Take Notice
promptly done by A. W.
Phone 403 42-1f

Johnson left Sunday for Abi-
lizing Wednesday.

R. English returned Wed-
from Abilene, where she was
sister, Mrs. McWhorter, who
at an operation. Mrs. Mc-
is doing well.

Judge A. J. Smith return-
day from Oklahoma where
to purchase feed for the
road teams.

C. E. Kellum has resigned from the
firm of Kellum & Sons and is now buy-
ing horses for the French Government
out of Dallas.

Cut glass and Jewelry. Corner
Drug Store.

Lost:—Automobile curtain some-
where west or southwest of town. J.
T. Killingsworth. It

We are in business for your health.
We want you to feel good all the time
by eating good fresh fish and oysters.
We deliver. Phone 85.

Miss Lula Mae Ramey returned last
Friday from a visit with relatives at
Waco.

For Sale:—Good jersey milk cows,
From four to eight years old—will give
from three to four gallons of milk per
day. Have a few cows I will let re-
liable parties have for their feed. Can
be seen near Sagerton. J. E. Garren,
Sagerton, Texas 50-3te

Miss Elva Cox returned from an ex-
tended visit with relatives in East Tex-
as the first of the week.

Aren't you lucky? To live where
you can have nice fresh fish and oys-
ters delivered on just a few minutes
notice. Phone the Bottling Works.
They want your business.

W. I. McCarty left Wednesday for a
few days trip to Ft. Worth.

Public Take Notice
Hauling promptly done by A. W.
Parr. Phone 403 42-1f

Marvin Hancock returned Wednes-
day from a trip to Dallas, to purchase
Christmas goods.

To sell or Trade—Two houses and 4
lots in the city of Rochester for sale
or trade for good smooth mules. W.
W. Brown, Rochester, Texas 50-2tp



Useful Christmas Gifts

Give something useful, something worth while, something that will still
be remembered and appreciated long after the Yuletide season.

<p>FOR HIM Initial Handkerchief Silk Socks — Ties Gloves — Mufflers House Shoes — Bath Robe Silk Shirts—Fancy Vest. Hand Bag — Suit Case Overcoat — Macinaw Office Sweater Coat Hat — Cap Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.</p>		<p>FOR HER Silk or Crepe Waist. Initial, Linen or Crape De Chine Handkerchiefs. Kid Gloves — Silk Gloves Silk Hose — House Shoes Silk Petticoat — Silk Underwear Crape De Chine Underwear Hand Bag — Suit Case — Trunk Table Covers, Scarfs, in Hand embroid- ered Drawn Work, Blue Bird Em- broidered Lunch Clothes, Center pieces and Dresser Scarfs.</p>
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Many useful Gifts for the Boys and Girls. We will gladly offer sugges-
tions to help you.

F. G. Alexander & Sons

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"

Jewelry department is com-
Corner Drug Store.

Bessie Mann visited her sister,
John Owens at Munday last

wish to buy a farm, ranch
property, I always have
bargains on my list. Henry
Haskell, Texas. 42-1f

Menecke is clerking in the store
week's.

We will lay aside any article for
you until Christmas. Corner Drug
Store.

D. Taylor, a prominent stockman of
the Van Horn country was in the city
the first of the week visiting his fath-
er-in-law, D. H. Hamilton. Mr. Tay-
lor formerly lived in Haskell county,
and is well known here.

Miss Julia Wynn has returned from
a visit with relatives at Dallas and Ft.
Worth.

R. L. Wright, an experienced second
hand furniture man has accepted a po-
sition with the Well's Furniture store.
Rings, diamonds, rubies, pearls, sap-
hires, opals, emeralds, cameo and
bloodstones. J. D. Jensen.

N. I. McCollum of Weimert spent
Sunday with his family in this city.

Strayed—One black mare about 9
years old. Brand on left jaw
scar on left forefoot. Notify, F. H.
Newsom, Route 2, Haskell. 50-2tp

Alex Edwards transacted business
in Munday last Saturday.

See us for watches, fobs, chains,
tie clasps, scharf pins, and studs. J.
D. Jensen.

For Sale:—Five horse-power gaso-
line engine in first class condition.
See A. Tonn at his shop in Haskell. 42-1f

Don't fail to see the cedar chests.
Jones-Cox & Co.

Milk Cow Wanted:—Good one to
try one week. If suit will buy. W.
B. Alexander.

Most complete line of cut glass in
town. Corner Drug Store.

W. T. C. U.
The W. T. C. U. met Thursday, Dec-
ember 7th with Mrs. Chas. E. Rut-
ledge. After a short business ses-
sion the following interesting pro-
gram was carried out:
Bible lesson—Mrs. Jno. D. White.
Song, "Texas Going Dry"
Facing Forward—Mrs. Patterson.
Prosperity statistics—Mrs. Mont-
gomery.
Her Mother's Remedy—Mrs. Wal-
lace.
Purity—Mrs. Rutledge.
Misses Eula White and Annie Lau-
ra Rutledge favored us with a song,
"The Holy City" which was greatly
appreciated.
Mesdames M. D. Watson and R. J.
Reynolds gave their names for mem-
bership.
The potest assisted by Mrs. Wal-
lace served a delicious salad course.
Report.

Baptist Church Announcements
9:45 Bring the family and be in
the Sunday school contest.
11:00 Sermon, topic "The Well
Digger."
3:00 Sunbeam band.
6:15 B. Y. P. U. Be a booster.
7:15 Glad Gospel Service. Ser-
mon, topic, "What a Girl Expects of
her Mother." Mother's, honor us
with your presence at the Courthouse
Auditorium. Come with the crowd.
The flower of a true welcome is yours.

Prices, Designs and Quality—the
best. Corner Drug Store for cut
glass.

For Sale
Ninety or 180 acres adjoining Gil-
ham school, 75 acres in farm, \$32.50
per acre. Give possession. See Eu-
gene Wood at Spencer Lumber Co.,
next Tuesday. 51-1tp

Cheap Money
On good improved land. Large
loans preferred. Lowest rate of in-
terest ever known in this territory.
Twenty-five years here in the busi-
ness. Write us.
43-1f Comper & Comper
District Managers, Abilene, Texas.

Missionary Society
The Missionary Society met Mon-
day December 11th with an unusu-
ally good attendance.
Mrs. Turrentine, our Bible study
leader very able presented the first
chapter of Revelations.
Next Monday we have our fourth
lesson of "South American Neigh-
bors."
Supt. of Publicity
E. L. Northcutt is prepared to do
all kinds of hauling. Prompt and
satisfactory service. 42-1f
The Free Press does good job printing

OLD FURNITURE

is easily worked into new and up-to-date
furniture design and finish. If you can get
two pieces of good furniture at the price of
one isn't it to your interest to do so.
I can get red cedar, mahogany, birch, red-
wood, quartered white oak, ash, etc. now at
very low prices, well seasoned, for making
chests, cabinets piano benches, etc. Place
an order with me and let time prove to you
the merits of my work.

Fred C. Mendeck

Cabinet Maker and Wood Finisher Shop in Adam's old Studio

Ladies, Take Notice

I am permanently located at McNeill & Smith Hdw.
Co., Haskell, Texas, fully prepared to repair all makes of
Sewing Machines and guarantee same. I furnish attach-
ments and needles for all makes of machines. I repair
machines for widows free.

Louis K. Walker, Phone, 403

OUR HOLIDAY STOCK IS NOW COMPLETE

Diamonds, Jewelry, Watches, Clocks, Cut Glass, Hand Paint-
ed China, Silverware, etc.

See my line and get my price before you buy, I'll save you money.
The best is none too good. I want your business and if quality,
price and honest dealing is worth your consideration, I will get at
least a part of it.

This is my first year in Haskell and in orders to meet you and have
a chance to prove my ability to serve you better, I am offering
special values for the holidays and I am going to give away three
valuable prizes ask about them.

A. F. WOODS JEWELRY STORE

Parsons Old Stand North Side Square

THOMAS DIXON

WHO WROTE "THE BIRTH OF A NATION", IS THE AUTHOR OF

"THE FALL OF A NATION"

The Musical Scores Were Prepared by VICTOR HERBERT

"THE FALL of A NATION"

Is the Greatest Patriotic Spectacle Ever Staged

America Attacked. 42-Centimetre Guns in Action. A Foreign Viceroy Our Ruler at Washington. The Union Rescued by the Boys in Khaki. An Army of Patriotic Women Rises as if by Magic to Aid Them. A Modern Joan of Arc Points the Way. America UNPREPARED is Succeeded by America EVER READY.

A Bugle Call to Arms For National Defense!

Although written by the same author, "The Fall of a Nation" must not be confused with "The Birth of a Nation." The stories are entirely different, "The Birth of a Nation" dealing with the Civil War and the Reconstruction Period; "The Fall of a Nation" dealing with the present time, being based both on History and Imagination.

WHEN YOU SEE this picture it will arouse the old-fashioned Star Spangled Banner enthusiasm to your very toes!

**Two Days:---Friday Night, December 22nd
Saturday, Matinee and Night, December 23rd**

All Seats Reserved, Prices 50c, 75c and \$1.00

All persons except babes in arms must have tickets. Absolutely no deviation from this rule. Phone us for your seat reservations now.

Dick's Theatre

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

WEAVER

Ben Oliphant and family of Haskell called on W. E. Tidwell and family Thursday.

Mrs. Z. T. Lloyd left for her home in Robertson county Friday, and her son-in-law, W. E. Tidwell returned home with her to spend a few days. Mr. Johnson and family of Rose community, and Tomie Peterson and family of Sayles spent the day with R. J. Moore and family.

Frank Wright of Ft. Worth spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Wright this week.

B. P. Davis and daughter, Lizzie spent the day with H. F. Wright and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Summers of Sayles community called at H. F. Wright's Saturday night.

A large crowd of young people attended the party at J. A. Howard's Saturday night and all report a nice time.

A. A. Sanders and family who have been making their home with D. G. Tidwell and family moved to Haskell Thursday.

Mr. Wilkerson, Jim Andress, D. G. Tidwell and B. P. Davis made a flying trip to Howard community Sunday afternoon.

Singing was attended by a large crowd Sunday. A large crowd of young people from Howard attended the singing Sunday afternoon.

W. D. Whitaker and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Larned of Haskell.

Mr. Killingsworth of Haskell called on D. G. Tidwell Friday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Adcock and children left last week for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giddins of Yoakum, Texas.

Monroe Howard and family, and grandma Howard left for New Mexico Saturday.

H. L. Howard and family of Rule called on Jim Andrews and family Wednesday.

Mrs. Newberry, of Rule spent the week end with friends here last week.

Misses Maggie and Florence Tidwell called on A. A. Sanders and family Saturday.

Wesley, Bud, and Fennie Davis, who have been in New Mexico for the past two weeks returned home Friday.

For-Get-Me-Not

MIDWAY

Most everyone is through with their work and ready for the Holidays.

R. W. Waggoner returned from Waco Saturday where he secured a location for another year. They will move to their new home in a short time. We will miss Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner from our community.

Mike Watson, of Haskell was in community on business Friday.

Messrs Paugh and White, and their families spent from Wednesday to Sunday with relatives near Jud last week.

O. E. Cox and wife spent Sunday with J. B. Cox and family of Gauntt. Clyde Beasley of Gauntt, and Luther Highnote were busy Friday breaking a young horse.

A few neighbors enjoyed some fine music at Miss Nellie Crouch's Thursday night.

Messrs Paugh and White while on their trip to Jud went to see the Copper mines in King county. They report a nice time.

Teddy

Merry Christmas, Mr. Provider:--

To you and yours. The following extra Christmas Specials will show you that we are doing our utmost to make it a very happy Christmas to all hands round.

FOR MOTHER, SISTER OR WIFE:---

Japanese Reading lamp; Fine hand carved pottery vase; Fern dishes; Glass vases; Japanese serving trays; Work baskets; Market baskets; Rare china in many different designs; Dresser sets; Tea sets; Salad bowls; Etc. Box dainty handkerchiefs; Boxed silk hose; Japanese linen tea cloths and doilies; Stationery.

And Many Other Things

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Japanese reading lamps in a variety of shades; Testament; Bible; Coat hangers; Office sets; Waste baskets; Collar Bags; Pipe racks; Books; Book blocks; Burnt wood novelties, tie racks, etc. Shaving sets; shaving mirrors; ash trays; Christmas collar boxes; Pictures; Cup and saucer; Writing pads; Stationery.

And Many Other Things

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"The Home of Santa Claus"

Haskell, Texas

How Battle Scenes are Made

The heroine of "The Fall of a Nation" kept a diary which gives interesting observations of the methods in filming war.

Following is Miss Lorraine Huntington's impressions as recorded.

Observations have gone on in a way, the building of cabins to see if they were falling to decay and the electrical wiring and dynamite mines throughout the field, the tier after tier of tunnels with their underground communication passages, and every now and then the officers "Look-out sta-

tion" besides the dugouts for the machine guns. Every detail is correct to the eyes of Captain Bell, the military man who oversees that very important line is called on to decide any points in military conduct in the action of the scenes.

A corps of thirty men have charge of the explosives and dynamite supplies. There are also men whose whole business is to number the wires connecting with the charges placed in certain trenches. Hence when a particular section is to be used, to be "fired on" the operator merely touches a button on his keyboard,

exploding the shells the shells wherever and at the exact intervals of the scene desired.

A fire department is another feature, for the shells breaking in the parched grass start flames constantly. The little donkey cart rushes from point to point with their wet blankets keeping fires from spreading. There is also a real ambulance tent with a real surgeon always equipped for any accident; and what swarms of policemen are on duty day and night. There are men to guard the roads to prevent unsuspecting motorists from driving into the range of grinding cameras, and men to patrol all hills on the lookout for cameras of other moving picture concerns trying to "steal" our battle scenes. Two men who were "caught" pleaded that they were taking a "sky vision."

Arend-Peiser

Henry Arend and Miss Alice Peiser were married Monday afternoon at the Hubbard Hotel in this city. Rev. F. A. Bracher of Wichita Falls officiated.

The ceremony was witnessed by the parents and relatives of the young people.

The bride is the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Puschel of the Irby community. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Arend of the Vontress community.

Both of the contracting parties are members of prominent families in this section and have many friends who wish for them a long happy and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. Arend left on the evening train for an extended wedding trip to South Texas. They will make their home at Segerton.

Roy Hubbard moved his family to Seymour last Saturday. Mr. Hubbard has accepted a position as foreman of the laundry of that city.

A. L. Jackson, of Deleon was in the city the first of the week on business. He returned home Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Lee and daughters, Misses Shellie and Kennie, of Munday were in the city this week, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Ed R. Wallace.

For Sale

Ninety or 180 acres adjoining Gilliam school, 75 acres in farm, \$32.50 per acre. Give possession. See Eugene Wood at Spencer Lumber Co., next Tuesday. 51-1tp

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To those of Haskell County and Haskell Texas

If you want to buy homes I have as fine and 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.

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Methodist Church

The Methodist Sunday School has decided instead of having a Christmas program this season to have a program in honor of the blessed Babe of Bethlehem whose birth was heralded so many hundreds of years ago. We are taking a great deal of interest in this program and hope to be able to render the best and most engaging program ever given in the Methodist church. This is not just children's program, but one by both young and old. The music rendered by the choir and orchestra will be a season of great joy, we

must not forget, had it not been for the birth of our Christ and Savior, we would not have the happy Christmas time. So come all ye people of Haskell, let us together praise our King. The following program will be rendered:
Welcome—Ernest Sanders.
Welcome—Ernest Sanders, Key Kolb, and Floyd Killingsworth.
Opening Chorus "Hear the Bells of Christmas"—Sunday School.
Reading—Mrs. J. U. Fields.
"The Song of Christmastide"—School.
"The World's Greatest Gift"—Annie Maud Cox.

"Christmas is the Greatest Day"—School.
Selection—Orchestra.
"It came upon the Midnight Clear"—School.
Christmas Reading—Mrs. Turrentine's classes.
Christmas Hymn—Mesdames Montgomery and Patterson.
Recitation—Nettie Parsons.
"Silent Night"—Roy Mauldin.
"Silent Night"—Roy Mauldin, Billie Neathery, Ernest Roberts and Irwin Davis.
"Giving"—Walter Murchison.
"More Giving"—Manzy Davis.
"Christmas Gifts"—Binatte Bryant, Roy Sanders, Fred McLeroy, Aleta Abbott, Marian Guest.
"Take my Life"—School.
Doxology.
Benediction.

Baptist Women's Missionary Society

Held one of the most spiritual and enthusiastic meetings in its history Monday afternoon, with Sister Groom as leader, taking for her scripture lesson, Isa. 6th chapter, and as usual bringing out so many good and applicable thoughts, that were food for the soul and each member expressed herself as having received a blessing. And through the Christian leadership of our splendid president, Mrs. Whitaker, we are accomplishing great things for our Master. Our bazaar was an unbounded success financially as the total amount taken in was

\$110.00, clearing \$95.40, for which we wish to kindly thank each and every individual who in any way donated, and especially do we wish to thank the merchants who contributed anything to help make this a success. We have planned now to make this an annual affair, and hope to double this amount next December. But we must not in our Christmas rush and anxiety to pay for the new church and forget the orphans. So we have a contribution started, and each lady who wishes to contribute to this will please send it in next Monday, as this will be our last meeting this year. We hope to get it in there by January 3rd, as this is father Buckner's birthday, and is observed as their Christmas.

Lost:—Black purse containing a pair of spectacles, and papers. Finder return to Free Press and receive reward. Itp



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. L. W. Hall, 226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by *Druggists*.—Adv.

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While You Are Doing Your Christmas Shopping

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The car of poultry for Christmas day has already gone, and the car for New Year's day which will leave here some time next week will be your last chance at the good prices that prevail on poultry during the Holidays.



Prices are High-We Pay the Highest

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HASKELL, TEXAS

The Christmas Shop

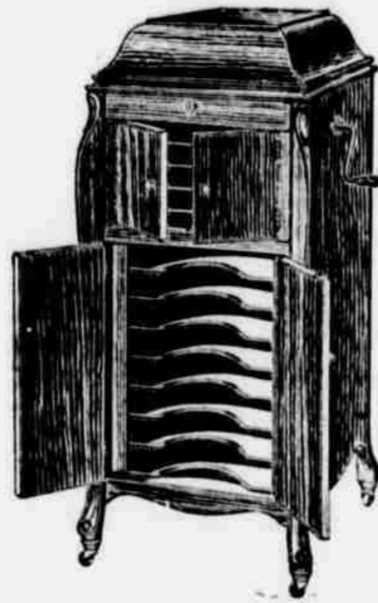
YOU know how it goes every Christmas—how you put off buying your presents from day to day until presently you find yourself face to face with Christmas week or even Christmas Eve, and all your gifts to buy. Then you start out buying at random, first here and there, often paying twice as much as you originally 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 not pay more than you expect.



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



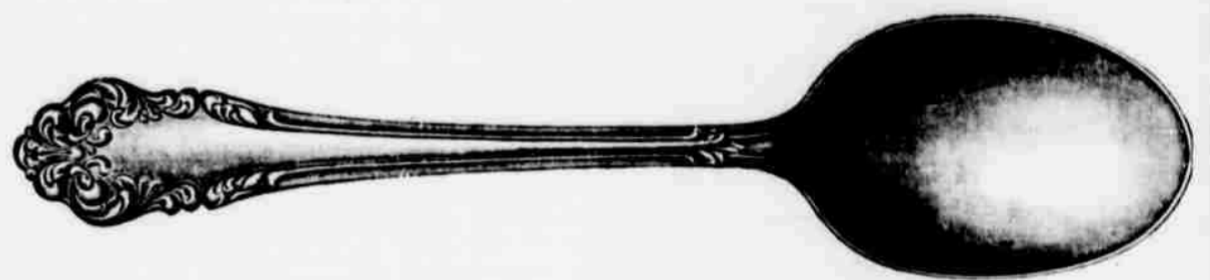
Bracelets, from \$1.50 to \$5.00



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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 checkers.

FOR FATHER:—

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

FOR MOTHER:—

A hand glass; comb and brush; a barett; solid gold watch chain; 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 purse; card case; a shaving set; a stud for shirt; a fountain pen; or military brushes.

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Jones, Cox & Company

Magazine Club
Each officer in her office the business followed by a splendid lesson with Mrs. Oates as teacher. Mesdames Earl Cogdell, and Roy English bringing up splendid papers on the program. Don't forget the Lyceum number Friday night, December 15th—the Wells Entertainers.
Reporter.

Soap MADE for Hard Water

Yes, Mam!

-a big, white bar, created expressly to conquer the hard water of the Southwest—the kind of water you must use every day if you live in this section.

Three years ago, we saw that a soap made for ordinary water wouldn't do in the Southwest, so we made a soap to fit the water. It is the one white laundry soap that will lather, cleanse and rinse perfectly in hard water, without injury to hands or clothes.

A big, liberal bar—pure white—hard and firm, lasting one-third longer. It contains no free caustic and no matter how much your hands may be in the suds they won't get rough and red. It's a new and different soap you ought to try at once.

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The bar is never soft and mushy. It wears a long time, but it lathers in a jiffy. Gets the dirt and gets it all—and rinses in a twinkling. It's creating a sensation all over the Southwest. Get some—try it—you'll like it fine.

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A LETTER FROM DICK'S THEATRE

Haskell Free Press, Haskell, Texas.
Gentlemen:—
I am more than anxious to interest the public in a statement I have to make with regard to the playing of the picture "The Birth of a Nation" at Dick's Theatre.
Some days ago we advertised that we would show the "Birth of a Nation" "Soon". At that time we had every assurance that we would receive the picture for our use late in January, and in response to the repeated inquiries, stated that we would show the picture at that time. Since that time we had reason to believe that we could secure the picture at even an earlier date, said dates being on Christmas day, and the day following. We told some people that we expected to have the picture on that date, not then in January as first mentioned.
It now appears that we will not be able to secure the "Birth of a Nation" at all. Not because the town is too small to bring it here; not because we are afraid to spend the money to bring it here, but because the management of the picture absolutely refuses to make another tour of this part of the country at present. As a matter of fact we may possibly show the picture sometime next spring, but we are not going to tell you so anymore until we have an iron-clad contract that will absolutely make us safe in the statement.
I wish to assure you that I did not willingly lie to you as regards the matter. Not only you, but I as well have been grossly misled. I had no intention whatever other than to prepare you for the coming of the show and to receive your money for same at the box-office at the proper time.
I understand that various and sundry reports have been circulated concerning this matter. One such report declaring my object being to keep people from going to Stamford to witness the production there, and that I have never had any intention of having the show. I brand this statement as an utter falsehood. I believe that I can give the names of hundreds of people whom I told when asked if they should go see the play at Stamford, "Go see it by all means, when I have it you will come to see it again, and your recommendation will be a big box-office asset for me."
Not very many people ANYWHERE but what have heard of the world's greatest Photo-Drama Spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation" Everybody is anxious to see it. The picture has played to turn-away business every-

where. And I venture the statement that had half of the population of the town and county gone to Stamford that we could in no wise have furnished seats and accommodations to the half that would have been here, including all of the three performances that we would have shown. The idea that we should want to keep away people from the Stamford show is absurd.
To any who wish it, I will be glad to take the matter up personally, explaining in detail the whole situation. Just exactly what the whys and wherefores are.
At no matter what financial expense, I will produce the parties and papers who will bear me out in my statements.
We have at a great expense secured for two days, Friday and Saturday, December 22nd, and 23rd, Thomas Dixon's second great masterpiece, "The Fall of a Nation" which is in many respects as great, and in some even greater than his first. There is no conflict of the two dramas whatever; the first dealing with the Civil War, and the reconstruction period; the second dealing with the present moment, being based both on history and imagination.
I trust that I have made myself clear in the above article, and will be pleased to answer at any and all times, any and all questions regarding the same to the best of my ability.
Respectfully yours,
Richard Nolan

Estrayed:—From the Adams house, one sandy sow pig, last Tuesday. Notify Mrs. J. D. Smith. 51-21c

I. L. Smith and family of Aspermont returned home Monday after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Carlisle and family.

Press Reporter

SYMPHONY CLUB

The Symphony Club met in the club room December 6th with a good attendance and an interesting program on Halloween Music with Mrs. Earl Cogdell as teacher.
The following program was well rendered:
Piano Duet—"Calling of the Witches of the Alps" (Schuman) Misses Lois McConnell, Miss Vera Nonthery.
Piano—"The Witches Dance" (Mendelssohn) Mrs. Earl Cogdell.
Voice—"Juliet's Waltz Song" Romeo and Juliet (Gounod) Mrs. Scott Key.
The club enjoyed a treat by having two piano selections by Mrs. Brazelton.
The club is glad to report that they made about \$100 from the Auto show and Merchant's Display, and we want to thank each and every one again who so kindly contributed in any way.
The next regular program will be December 27th, and the president urges every member to be present.
The following program will be rendered.
Lesson 6.
The Diatonic, Chromatic and Pentatonic Scales.
Hostess—Mrs. O. E. Patterson.
Roll Call—Musical Currier Events.
Leader—Mrs. Earl Cogdell.
Piano—Venetian Boat Song—Mrs. Turrentine.
Voice—"The Campbells are Coming"—Mrs. W. Alexander.
Piano—Fifth Waltz—Mrs. G. W. Waldrop.
Voice—"It's for Love of Thee"—Mrs. Scott Key.
Hode Sweet Home—The club.
And Lang Syno—The club.
We have now finished paying for our piano, of which we are very proud.
Press Reporter

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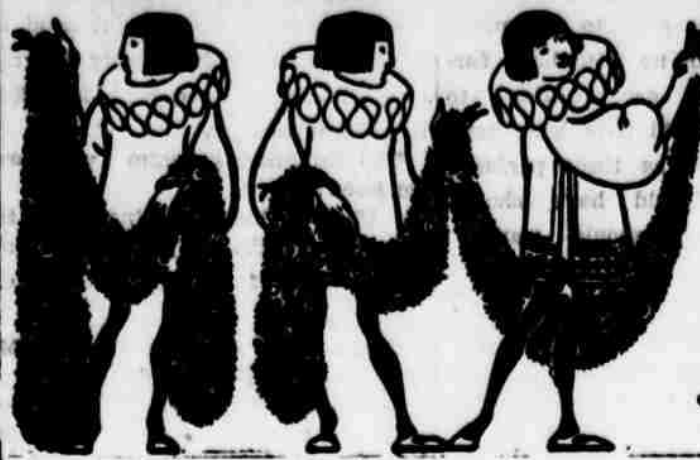
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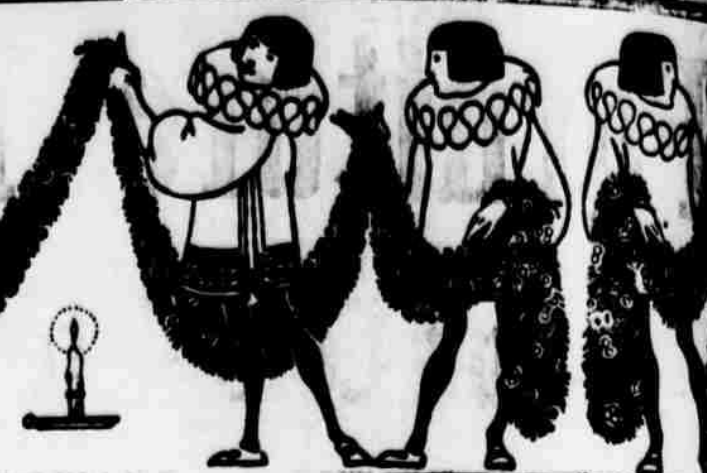
Our preparations for Xmas have been complete. We ask you to visit this store whether you buy or not. You will get new ideas as you look through our stock. We offer economy and satisfaction because personal inspection is the only satisfactory way to buy. We can give equal or better values for the money than can be had elsewhere. Buy early our prices are right.

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<p>Cut Glass Goods:</p> <p>Vases, Priced \$2 to \$20 Bowls, Priced \$3 to \$10. Cocktail glasses, Ice Tea Glasses, Sherbuts, Goblets, \$3.50 per set Nappies Priced \$2 to \$4. Compotes, Fern Dishes, Violet Baskets, Electroliers, Sandwich plates, toilet water bottles, Perfume bottles, Hair receivers, Puff boxes Complete dresser sets.</p>	<p>Ivory Goods:</p> <p>Combs, 50c to \$1.00 Hair brushes \$2 to \$5 Mirrors \$2.50 to \$5.00 Puff boxes \$2. to \$3. Trays \$2. to \$3. Hat and Cloth brushes \$2-\$5 Buffers, Nail files, Cuticle knives, Shoe spoons, Shoe Buttoners, Complete Manicure sets, Military brushes.</p>	<p>Jewelry:</p> <p>Most complete line of Diamonds lavaliers in town from \$5 to \$75. Diamonds, Watches, Stick pins, Tie clasps, Rings, Emblem buttons, Gold handle knives, Baby pins, Gents sets, Wrist watches, Bracelets, Cuff buttons.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous:</p> <p>Purses, Thermos bottles, Smoking sets, Toilet articles, Books, Bibles, Testaments, Complete works of all great authors, bound in leather. Fountain pens, Traveling sets, Perfumes, Stationery.</p>
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Our store is replete with things for the Christmastide. Presents pretty or practical, pretentious ones and those less expensive. All of them appropriate and excellent value for the money. At least come in and look around. We are mentioning only a few things here.

BRUSHEY

We are having some pretty weather these days.

The farmers are busy preparing their land.

Lon Williams returned Saturday from the plains.

H. L. Chamberlain and wife spent Sunday with Mrs. Chamberlain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith.

Mrs. May Williams, Mrs. Cordie and David Love have returned from New Mexico where they visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. Sargent.

Marshal Lane has purchased a new car.

Our new school building is nearing completion, and is going to look very nice. Our chool will not start until after Christmas.

Red Wing

SAYLES

D. Phillips returned from New Mexico last week where he has been visiting his sister. He says he saw a fine country on his trip.

Rev. Beavers returned to Abilene Friday night. He has been helping Jess Bland remodel his residence.

M. H. Guern and daughter and Mrs. Fouts left Friday for Lubbock, where Mr. Guern will visit his sister.

Gus Patterson and family from Goree were visiting P. C. Patterson Sunday.

Miss Vergie Johnson and Miss Maggie Holoway visited Mrs. Byrd of west Stamford Sunday.

Jesse Stamford left Sunday for Missouri where he will make his future home.

Two Cousins.

POST

Willie Tysinger, of Haskell visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tysinger Friday.

Mr. Mullens and family of Roberts county has been visiting B. F. Davis and family the past few days.

Miss Lottie Terrell entertained the young folks with a candy breaking Saturday night.

Hamilton Hallmark, and sister, Miss Nola, visited at the home of R. H. Darnell Saturday and Sunday.

Tom Caton and family, of Avoca, visited R. L. Livengood and family Sunday.

Miss Pearl Bunkley, of Stamford, called on Miss Lula Mae Arnold Monday.

W. H. Tysinger and family visited relatives in Jones county Saturday.

There was no Sunday School Sunday on account of the sandstorm.

Miss Lula Mae Arnold has been spending a few days in Stamford this week.

Sassy Tubby

PLEASANT VIEW

We are having some very cold weather.

The wind certainly did blow hard Sunday.

W. T. Ford, wife and family accompanied by Alice Sargent took dinner with T. C. Jones and wife last Sunday.

Mr. McWilliams, wife and Charlie Smith from O'Brien spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McIver.

Emmet Melver has just returned from visiting his father in Taylor county.

Iona Hallmark has just returned to his home at Bronte, Texas.

Miss Noma Smith spent last Sunday night with Ira Ford.

Drue Marrs from Forestburg visited his father and sister last week.

Sunshine

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Christian Church Ladies Aid Notes

The Auxillary of the Christian Women's Board of Mission met December 11th in regular session at the home of Mrs. J. S. Post.

Ten members answered to the roll call.

After the business session, Mrs. White, leader, took charge of the program.

This was a most interesting and instructive lesson, and was greatly enjoyed. Music was also an enjoyable feature of the program.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Jno. L. Robertson served delicious refreshments.

The Aid also wishes to thank Judge S. A. Hughes for his generosity in giving them permission to use his office for the occasion.

Reporter

Improving at the Laundry

The Haskell Steam Laundry has installed a late model Universal Steam Heated Press machine, discarding

Automobile Registrations

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645 W. W. Perry, McConnell, Chevrolet.
646 W. C. Robinson, Chevrolet.
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649 B. M. Davis, Haskell.
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651 A. P. Kintson, Chevrolet.
652 C. W. Walsch, Sargent, erland.
653 O. J. Corzine, Rule, M.
654 J. P. McVickers, Maxwell

the old way of pressing and by gas heated machines, which times scorch and destroy the fabric. This machine is gauged to form heat and used on all delicate silks.



A NUTTING PARTY

Such an outing is all right, healthy, invigorating and enjoyable pastime, and how enjoyable the meal in the woods, but it doesn't do to work too hard when you can buy nuts at our store.

Nut Bread—Four cups flour, two cups milk, one cup chopped nuts, one-third cup sugar, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful salt, two eggs well beaten; put in pan and let it raise half an hour. Bake about forty minutes.

Brown Bread—Two cups Graham flour, one cup white flour, one cup raisins and nuts mixed, one teaspoonful soda, one teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful baking powder, half cup molasses, one and one-half cups sour milk. Bake one hour in slow oven.

Brazil Nuts, Peanuts, Coconuts, English Walnuts, Pecans, Almonds. Also what you need to finish your fruit cake. Brown sugar, lemon and orange peel, citron, glazed fruits, raisins, currants, figs, dates and all kinds spices.

POSEY & HUNT
The Home of Light Crust Flour

Marriage Licenses

J. H. Watkins and Miss Effie Vardeman.
Fred Schroeder and Miss Ella Walters.
M. B. Wilson and Miss Willie Glenn
John McClentock and Miss Lucy Wilkerson.
Carl Huckabee and Miss Aubrey Deeder.
Theo Perdue and Miss Jewel Perdue.
August K. Balzer and Miss Bettie Slegemorler.
Henry Arend and Miss Alice Pieser.
H. E. Strickland and Miss Ola May Hester.
Jess Hollis and Miss Eupha Rogers.
Homer Brouner, and Miss Ruby Stewart.

Perdue-Perdue

Theodore Perdue and Miss Jarvell Perdue were married at Rule Monday evening.

Miss Perdue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Perdue, and is well and favorably known here.

The groom once lived here, but for some time past has been making Peesch, Texas his home.

The many friends of the happy young couple join the Free Press in wishing for them joy and prosperity through life.

They will make their home at Peesch, Texas.



Shoe Department



Just received some wonderful new creations in high grade Women's and Misses' foot wear.

Women's Black Lace, Kid Lace, Turn Sole, Louis Leather Heel, Aluminum Cap, a beautiful boot, widths A and C Exceptional value at \$6.50

Women's Plum, all Kid Lace, Louis Leather Heel, Aluminum Cap. A boot of wonderful popularity. Widths A. C. a Ten dollar value for \$8.50

New shipment of low heel walking boots, for women and Misses in combinations of Brown and White, Black and White with white sole, and black kid with white kid uppers. Values up to \$7.50

These would be useful and appreciated Christmas presents

F. G. ALEXANDER & SONS
Haskell, Texas

Since 188

Suggestions for Christmas

A FEW THINGS TO BUY AND OUR PRICES



Last week of our Clearance Sale. Buy Quick Sat. is the last day

CHRISTMAS GOODS

New Patterns in Elastic
Fancy Garters.
Various kinds of Crepe de chine handkerchiefs. Pretty linen and dainty Honey Comb Handkerchiefs. Ladies morning cap 35c to \$1.50.
Guest towels.
Fancy waists in Christmas boxes.
Scarf, Muff and Cap Sets.
Men's Silk Shirts; Sox; Ties; Mufflers; Cuff buttons; House shoes; Bath robes. . .
Various gifts for every member of the family.

LADIES' READY TO WEAR AND MILLINERY

A few of our prices:—
All ladies Hats, each \$1.95
A clean Sweep on Suits and Coats
\$25.00 Suits \$20.75
\$22.75 Suits \$16.95
\$19.75 Suits \$14.95
\$17.50 Suits \$13.95
\$15.00 Suits \$12.95
\$20.00 Coats \$17.75
\$16.75 Coats \$14.75
\$13.75 Coats \$10.95
\$12.50 Coats \$ 9.95
Extra Special Prices on Ladies Odd Lot Shoes

MEN'S CLOTHES AND HATS

\$25.00 Suit or Overcoat \$22.75
\$20.00 Suit or Overcoat \$16.95
\$18.75 Suit or Overcoat \$14.95
\$15.00 Suit or Overcoat \$11.95
\$12.00 Suit or Overcoat \$ 9.95
\$4.00 Stetson Novelty \$3.45
\$3.50 Novelty Hat \$2.95
\$3.00 Novelty Hat \$2.80
Specials on wool shirts. Odd lot caps. Corduroy Pants. Sweaters
(These do not include Kirschbaum \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00 Specials)

Come to Us for Your Wants, For Gifts or Personal Use We have them

GRISSOM'S

THE STORE WITH THE GOODS"

HASKELL, TEXAS

McCONNELL

Hubert of Sagerton was in community Monday.
Goldhorn of Haskell spent with friends of this place.
Chapman, and Miss Alice called on Miss Viola Hartsford night.
Terrell entertained the young Saturday night with a candy party. Everybody seemed to have a splendid time.
Walker returned to his home. He has been visiting his mother at Waxahachie.
Floore of the Weaver community in this community Sunday.
Blanche Guthrie suffered a fall last week with a sprained ankle.
Hallmark and sister Nokell, attended the candy party Saturday night.
Bryant was in this community Sunday.
Allan Williams spent Sunday with Goldamae Chapman.
Terrell, Clifford Keahy, and Miss Post were in this community Wednesday evening.
Cauthen left Sunday for Ft. Worth.
Perry drove himself back in a trolley car Saturday.
Dee and Dee Livengood, of Haskell, were in this community Saturday.
Bunker Hill called on brother, Will, of this place Sunday.
Hartsfield spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. R. E. Lee.
Alice Williams, and Arthur attended the picture show Wednesday night.
Delay

SUCCESSFUL BOX SUPPER AT PLEASANT VALLEY

A very successful box supper was held last Friday night at the Pleasant Valley schoolhouse. A good crowd was present and took part in the bidding on the boxes. Judge E. L. Riddling played the role of auctioneer, and was very earnest in his description of the boxes and their contents, which was probably the cause of the success of the supper from a financial standpoint. The boxes averaged about \$2.00 each. The highest price paid was \$6.50. I. N. Furrh of Cottonwood was present and was a lively bidder from the start buying 4 boxes for his own personal use. About \$60.00 was realized from the supper, and everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion.

A Great Surprise to the Pastor

Just after prayer meeting, Wednesday night, December 6th, a large crowd came to the parsonage and took us on great surprise, for a pounding, in orthodox order made merry the preacher and family. After an hour of pleasant association, and much good music—instrumental, solos, duets, quartets, etc. Prof. White lead the prayer, and the people dispersed leaving the table loaded with much of the good things of life. May God abundantly bless all of Haskell's fine people this year.
Ed R. Wallace.
A. J. Kellum returned last Saturday from Ft. Worth where he has been to deliver a car of horses to the Ft. Worth buyers.

Fouts-Stephens

C. C. Fouts and Miss Claudia Stephens were married Wednesday evening December 6th. Judge A. J. Smith officiating.
The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stephens, who resides north of town.
The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fouts of the Sayles community.
Both of the contracting parties are popular young people of this section and have a host of friends who wish for them all the happiness and prosperity life affords.
Mr. and Mrs. Fouts will make their home in the Sayles community.
J. B. Watkins made a business trip to Munday last Saturday.

ROSE BOX SUPPER A BIG SUCCESS

The good people of Rose responded cheerfully to our call for aid in improving our school library. The box supper of Friday night was a perfect success, with a result of \$62.
Even though the room was closely crowded respectful quiet prevailed throughout the program, which preceded the box sale.
Two dozen, or more, beautiful lunch baskets were then passed to H. J. Cloer, who in his unique manner inspired his bidders to liberal action.
A great deal of energetic interest was due to the generous gift of \$5.00 made by the Corner Drug Store for the prettiest basket, and Mrs. Liesure

COTTONWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tanner, and little daughters Lillian and Mildred have returned home from Denton where they have been visiting relatives. They report a nice time.
Mrs. Woffard and son, Henry, of Vontress attended Church at Cottonwood Sunday morning. Come again.
L. E. Newton and daughters have returned home from Erath county where they visited relatives.
There was a large crowd at church Sunday morning. There will be services at Cottonwood every second Sunday and on Saturday before. Everybody come.
Quite a number of the people from this community attended the box supper at Pleasant Valley Friday night. They all report a good time.
Mrs. A. Mayfield has been on the sick list this week, but is much better at this time.
Cottonwood school started December 11, with Misses Queen McFerres and Mattie Ruth Weyche as teachers.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newton have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Newton.
Emory Mayfield and John Gossett returned home after spending several days in Jones county.
Snooks.



At this Season, We are Reminded of Our Pleasant Business Relations, of Your Many Courtesies and Our Good Will Toward You, and if Disappointment or Sorrow has been Your Portion in the Past, May it be the Last, is the Sincere Wish of

THE HASKELL LAUNDRY COMPANY

proved to be the lucky artist.
We were honored with the presence of several Haskell people whom we always delight to welcome.
Everyone seemed to enjoy the whole program and went away happy.
This is another proof that the people of Rose love their community and school, and that they are never satisfied with anything short of the highest and best for their children and young people.
—Contributed.
W. W. Worsham returned Saturday from Seymour where he had been on business.

For Sale
75 acres in farm. \$32.50
Give possession. See Bu-
nd at Spencer Lumber Co.
51-119

Investigate Our Christmas Stock

We have on display a complete line of Christ-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.

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 Weinert State Bank, of Weinert, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank in the city of Weinert, 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.

For Sale

A few good sows and pigs, cheap. See S. C. Bell, east of town.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, in Bankruptcy. Abilene, Texas.

In the matter of Lige Washington Stephens, bankrupt, No. 536, in Bankruptcy, Abilene, Texas, December 4th 1916.

Office of Referee. To the creditors of Lige Washington Stephens, of near O'Brien, in the County of Haskell and District aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1916, the said Lige Washington Stephens was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in the city of Abilene Taylor county, Texas on the 10th day of December A. D. 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

K. K. Leggett

Referee in Bankruptcy

Strayed—Three head of horses estrayed from Munday Friday, Dec. 1, last seen near Ballew schoolhouse. One sorrell horse about 15 hands high; had halter on when last seen. One iron grey filly, one year old past. One brown mule about 15 hands high no marks or brands. \$10.00 reward will be paid for same. Return to C. M. Burton, or the sheriff at Haskell, Texas. 50-2tp

Lyceum Course

The fourth number of the Lyceum Course will be the Well's Entertainers, who will appear at the Methodist Church Friday, December 15th at 8 o'clock. Adult tickets 50c, and children tickets 25c.

If you want to see and hear something really good, come and hear these talented people. They offer a varied program which is sure to please all. Baritone and Soprano Solos, Vocal Duets, Story Telling, and Reading, Dramatic Sketches, Pianologues, Humorous and Musical Sketches will all be given.

Lost:—Hood off car somewhere between Haskell and Center Point school house. Finder leave at Free Press office. Mrs. E. D. Yeatts.

Some thorough-bred White Plymouth Cockerels for sale at \$1.50. W. B. Alexander.

Lost:—Between Haskell Garage and square, an auto crank for Studebaker 35. Finder please leave at Free Press office. G. C. Newsom 50-2tp

For Sale

Milch cows and mules for sale at my house 4 miles south east of Weinert. W. M. Woods, Weinert, RS 2p

Poultry and hides—The Sherrill Elevator Company will pay highest market price at all times for your produce. See us.

The Tablets That Don't Affect The Head Because of its tonic and invigorative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness, nor induce a sleep. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE, Inc.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Pierson, December 13th, a boy.



Father, Mother, Wife or Husband would a new pair of eye-glasses for Christmas. My made-to-order glasses will remove that cloudiness of vision and afford years of satisfactory service. Headaches caused by eye strain can only be cured by properly fitted glasses.

Optical Room for Fitting

Kryptoks and Ulex BI-Focals, No seam or cement.

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It is important for reasons of health and practical economy for every housekeeper to ask herself this question:

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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

R. N. FOX

WHEN ORDERING YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER

You will want the best that the market affords. An inspection of our stock will convince you that if it is groceries, we can supply you. A trial order will assure you that the best is none too good for our patrons.

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