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WHIPKEY PRINTING Co

The time is here in which to buy Seasonable Merchandise, and the place to find this Merchandise is at

Payne's Daylight Store

Clothing

These mornings are frosty. Now is the time to get a suit and overcoat, and Men, how about your underwear? You will find our line complete. Ladies and childrens jackets and cloaks---more have just arrived. Come and see them.

In our ladies department we can show you a complete line of Dress Goods, Skirts, waists, Neckwear, Belts, Bags Shawels, Fascinators, and lots of other small articles too numerous to mention here.

In our upholstery department we show you rugs, lap robes, portieres in nice assortment and prices right.

No room nor time to give prices here all we can say is we will treat you right, and if it is not right we will make it right.

A. J. Payne
DRY GOODS - SHOES - CLOTHING

Shoes

Don't overlook your footwear. Make your feet glad and warm by buying a pair those White House Queen Shoes for ladies. The Packard, Torry and President for men.

The price is right \$3.50 to \$5.00.

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Makes Christmas Buying Easy.

You will find something here for every member of your family and every friend.

Fine Hand Painted China
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High Class Stationery in Xmas Packages.

Games, Toys, Books, Dolls, Doll Furnishings and Sets Galore!

Books for all ages, and the largest assortment of Juvenile and Picture Books ever shown here.

All new stock made this year bought this year. Marked in plain figures, with the right price. You lose money if you buy Christmas Goods before inspecting our stock and getting our prices.

You are always welcome at our store.

COLORADO DRUG CO.

Next To St. James Hotel

Colorado, Texas.



T. J. Yoe, Superintendent Colorado Public Schools. One of the foremost Educators Western Texas.

MARRIED

At the Methodist parsonage Rev. Dodson united in marriage Harry Smith to Miss Minnie Hightower. The young couple will make their home here. Harry Smith is an exemplary young man, manager of the Colorado Cold Storage Market, and has won for his bride a most excellent little lady. The Record extends congratulations.

A Fine Bull

Mr. F. E. McKenzie reports the purchase this week of a fine Red Durham bull from the well known short horn breeder, J. F. Rhea of Rhome Texas.

Daniel Deronda, the bull bought, is a fine Red Short-horn Durham and is just a yearling, yet he sold for \$250.

Sired by Fearnought, the grand champion of 1906 and out of Scottish Arabella by Silver Duke, giving him the highest grade to be attained. Daniel Deronda is a beauty and will be added to the McKenzie herd on his 20 section ranch Southeast of Colorado.

Christmas Tree.

The Baptist Sunday School will have their Christmas tree on Monday evening, 7:30, at the church. The house will be nicely decorated, and old Santa will arrive in time to "deliver the goods." It is said that he has a present for each one in the Sunday School.

DO NOT WAIT

Until the last Minute to buy your

Holiday Goods!

The assortment is complete now, and as usual, prices the lowest.

Special Sale

on Pictures Every Day until Christmas.

RACKET STORE

ONE PRICE TO EVERYBODY.

ITS DAZZLING STARS.



Mr. Popple—"This tree's a daisy! And won't—"



"It look fine when it's—"



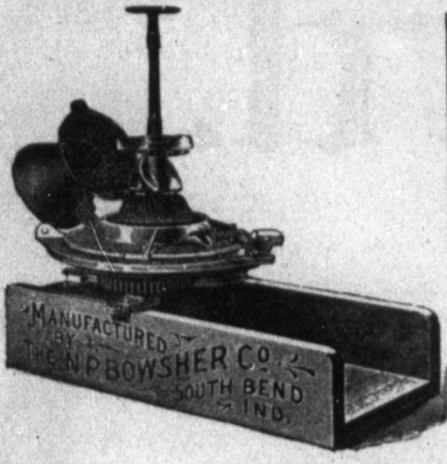
"Decorated"

For Sale.
My farm 2 1/2 miles north of Colorado is posted according to law, and hunters are warned to stay out.
H. D. Womack.

For Sale.
An A 1 buggy, extra good for sale at a bargain. See W. W. Gross.
Hot coffee and chilli at Vincent's.

Vendor's lien notes at Record office.

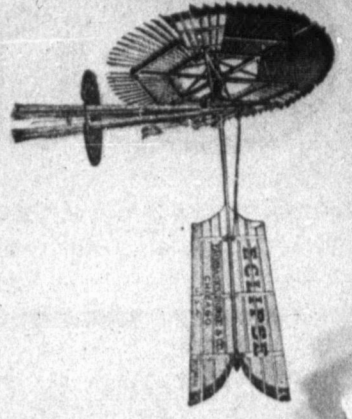
Warranty deeds at The Record office.



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Bowsher Grinders. Eclipse Wind Mills.
John Deere Implements, Riding Attachments for Walking Plows.

Full Line of Pipe, Casing, Cylinders, and
 all kinds of Water and Steam Supplies.



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PITTSBURG PERFECT WIRE FENCE.
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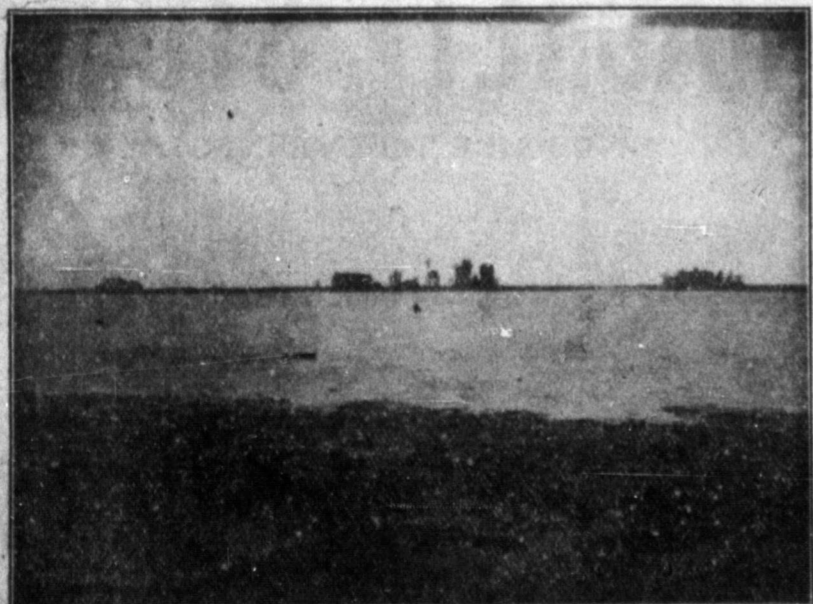
About Colorado and Mitchell County

Malaria unknown.
 Fine public schools.
 Cool breezes all summer.
 A great diversity of crops.
 The finest climate in Texas.
 Varied and interesting scenery.
 As fine grass as Texas affords.
 A cotton crop is a yearly certainty.
 Six times as many births as deaths.
 Death rate seven-tenths of one per cent per annum.
 Pure air and sunshine all the year round.
 Soil that cannot be surpassed in strength.
 Sandy land equal to the East Texas fruit belt.
 Produces six to eight tons of sorghum per acre.
 Climate neither too hot, too cold, too wet or too dry.
 Is peculiarly adapted to profitable stock farming.
 Produces 50 to 100 bushels of milo maize to the acre.
 Produces 50 to 100 bushels of Kafir corn to the acre.



New High School Building, Colorado.

Raises many varieties of pears, some weighing a pound each.
 Produces all kinds of fruit and vegetables without irrigation.
 Raised from twenty to forty bushels of corn to the acre this year.
 Raises many varieties of apples of the very finest flavor.
 Favorable conditions of feed, grass and congenial climate for stock-raising.
 Average altitude 2077 feet. Not so high as to affect heart but high enough to be the exact health level.
 As produced an average from one-third to three-fourths of a bushel of cotton to the acre this year.
 Watermelons are raised this year that averaged 80 pounds—
 And peaches, you never saw the like! They measure, sometimes, ten to thirteen inches in circumference, and are flavored as delightfully as could be imagined.
 Two to four and one-half pound bunches of grapes, as fine in quality as California ever produced, are grown in the Colorado



Scene on T. A. Morrison's Ranch near Iatan, Mitchell County.
 Country, and in quantity limited only by the effort you put forth in their production.
 The nature of the soil in the Country is of a deep red sandy loam nature, deep and rich and protected by a thick, heavy clay foundation. It will grow almost anything of a semi-tropical nature and anything of a temperate one. A more delightful and healthful climate is unknown, and it is truly the "land of opportunities."

LAND BARGAINS.

E. B. GAMEL, The Land Man.
 COLORADO, TEXAS. PHONE NO. 253.

Read below some bargains offered and come to see me if you want to buy or sell. If you have any kind of land for sale LIST IT WITH ME. I will do all the advertising, bear all the expense and find you a buyer.

BARGAIN LANDLIST

During the past year I have sold land to the following parties:

C. L. Rice 640 acres, D. T. Rice 320 acres, T. L. Clayton 320 acres, J. T. Joiner 182 acres, C. L. Bateman 200 acres, J. Q. Gilbreath 200 acres, R. J. Hill 960 acres, B. E. Vaughn 160 acres, S. W. Altman 320 acres, R. B. Davis 320 acres, W. A. Oliver 640 acres, P. D. Gallagher 160 acres, J. A. Wyatt 160 acres, D. M. Waters 640 acres, E. W. Turner 320 acres. I made a profit on every acre of the land, yet there is not one acre of it that you can buy for twice the amount I sold it for. Write to me for the address of these men. Some of them have made more than enough this year to pay for their land. I now have for sale the following lands:

640 acres six miles north of Westbrook, and 220 acres four miles of Westbrook that I am offering for quick sale at \$10 per acre, one-third cash and 4 years time on balance. There are no other lands as good near this for less than \$15 per acre.

I also have 200 acres near Scott Green's, all good land, 45 acres in cultivation; on public roads, plenty timber. I want to divide this into two 100 acre tracts at \$15 per acre, one-third cash.

Also 160 acres 14 miles down the Robert Lee road, good level land, plenty timber, fenced, public road on two sides, \$12.50 per acre.

640 acres one-half mile of Pride, in Dawson county, well and windmill, tank, 2-room house 3 1-2 mile of fence, 75 acres in farm, 325 fruit trees, 500 black locust. Price \$10 per acre, one-half cash, balance 1, 2 and 3 years. This is on the public road.

640 acres 12 miles North of Lamessa, Dawson county, 2 room house, all fine land, shallow water, price \$6 50 per acre and purchaser assume \$1.50 due the State in 39 years at 3 per cent. Easy terms on balance.

I still have some desirable residence lots on College Hill for sale. I sold last week 3 lots to M. L. Watson for \$450; 5 lots to Dr. Sneed for \$450, and 2 lots to Dr. Merrill for \$400.

I buy and sell. Have sold land this year that has doubled in value in less than six months.

BETTER BUY NOW!

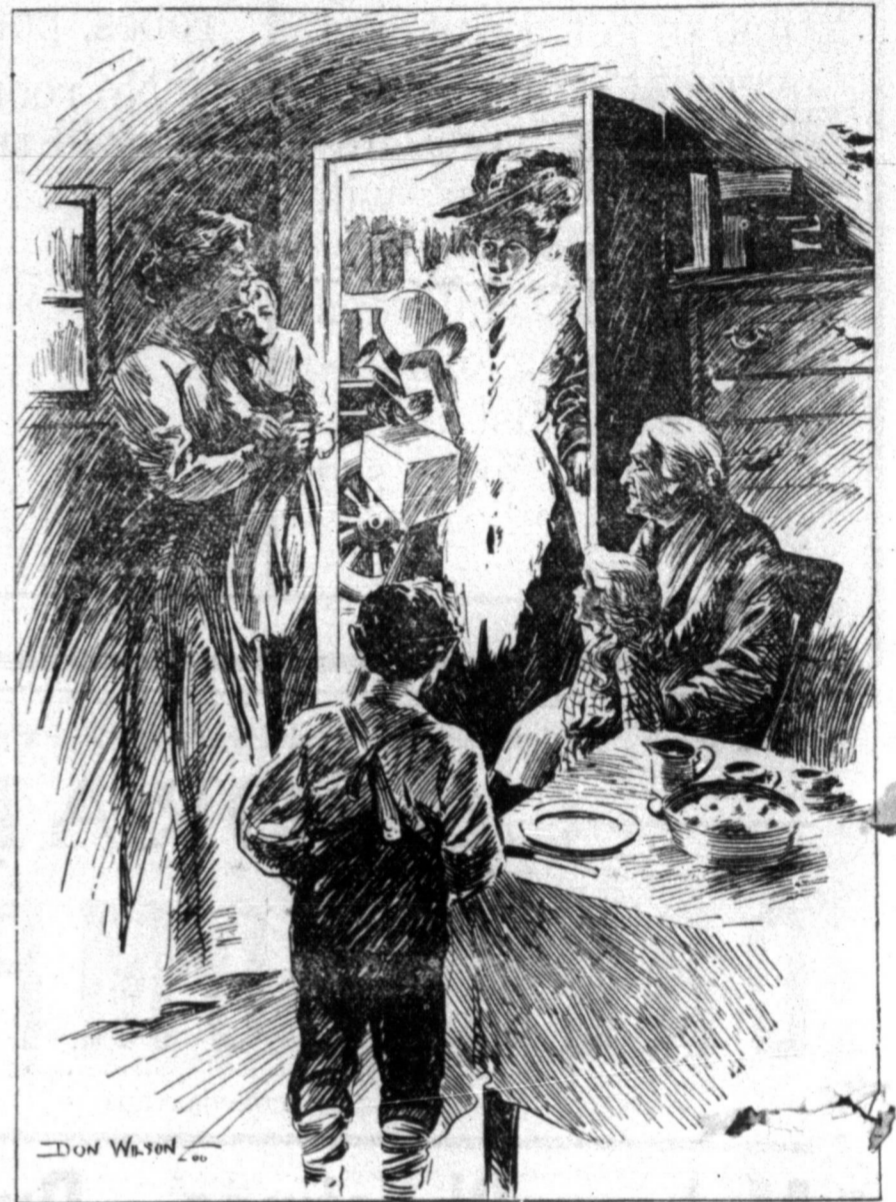
See me for prices and terms. Office with Whipkey Printing Co., (Record Office) Colorado, Texas.

E. B. GAMEL



Bobby—Dad said he couldn't afford a Christmas tree, but the old feather duster makes 'bout as good a one as a feller would want.

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



J. E. POND, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.

SHOP WORK A SPECIALTY.

Will Contract and Build all Kinds of Houses, including Brick Work, Etc., Honest Work at Living Prices.

PHONE NUMBER 85.—J. E. POND.—COLORADO, TEXAS

Hardware, Tinning and Plumbing

Buck's Stoves and Ranges.



Keen Kutter Tools

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GALVANIZED TANKS AND CISTERNS



W. H. MOESER

HARDWARE, TINNING AND PLUMBING.

Early Days in Colorado.

The Record man in talking with Col. A. B. Robertson this week about the rapid settlement of the west gleaned from him about the following:

"I remember the time when a cowman wouldn't drink with a sheepman, and when he would hardly associate with a farmer, but that day is now gone. We cowmen are the ones who look to the sheepmen and farmers to do a little condescending, from their point of view.

"Now there is my old friend Judge Looney. When I first knew the Judge he would have fought the man who called him a farmer. He was a cowman, and he took pains to let the world know it, too. He still denies being a farmer, but the way he struts around Colorado when he sells a few bales of cotton, and calls himself a 'cotton planter', is enough to make the shades of the old age turn yellow.

"The Judge put in about 600 acres in cotton this year. He has made more money off these 600 acres than he has made off his 10,000-acre cow pasture, and of course he feels his oats—or, rather, his cotton, a bit.

"While I have thought for a long time that the man with the hoe was going to give us cowmen a hard shove, yet until this year I never thought as good as true a cowman as Judge Looney would ever go to raising cotton and then hedge, when pressed about it, by saying that he was a cotton planter and not a mere nestor. The next thing I expect to hear is that Jake McCall has gone to farming."

Where to Buy Groceries.

If you want the best grocery service in Colorado we want to serve you; this means you get the best quality, promptest delivery and the lowest prices. Y. D. McMurry, phone No. 38.

Back From The West.

Judge W. C. Wear returned Saturday night from a trip to Midland County, where he went to take a rest and to recuperate his health during a lull of business in the district court. Judge Wear was delighted with his trip and was greatly pleased with the appearance and prospects of the section visited. He remarked to a Mirror reporter yesterday that he observed fields of cotton on lands only recently placed in cultivation which will produce at least a bale to the acre. This he considers conclusive evidence that the land in that section will be far more valuable in the market price than the estimates now generally placed upon it. He stated that it was filling up very rapidly and that a large proportion of the new immigration there is made up of families from this section. "There is," said he, "one thing concerning the growth of that portion of the State worthy of special notice. It is that the tide of immigration is flowing there in spite of the efforts which the stock men have for years been exerting to prevent settlement. While in most new countries there is required a great expenditure of money to induce immigration and settlement, in the western portion of the State embracing the regions so long dominated by the cattle kings, the settlement is progressing rapidly in spite of the fact that vast sums of money, active legislative lobbies, and powerful political influence has been constantly employed to prevent the influx of population."

Judge Wear thinks these things indicate that the new territory in the western part of the State is bound to become a great agricultural and industrial region.—Hillsboro Mirror.

The writer knows Judge Wear very well, on his recent trip he was tied up here a whole day on account of a railroad wreck and of course what he says above is about the Colorado country.

LORAIN NEWS ITEMS.
(FROM THE ADVERTISER)

Automobile connection between both Colorado and Snyder is the latest thing for Loraine.

Joe Smith of Callahan county was here Wednesday to visit his cousin E. N. Riden.

H. W. Freeman's family of Mabank, Texas, came in to join him Wednesday.

Dr. H. W. Henthorn has returned from Dublin, where he bought a car load of fine Jerseys.

Brady Porter has sold a large tract of land to Osborn & Son.

W. A. Smith has sold 80 acres of land to W. E. Ganly at \$22.50 per acre.

D. T. Wheeler is building another residence here.

Rev. E. Phelan, the new M. E. pastor, will preach here on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

B. F. Osburn has sold 160 acres of land to J. W. Watson for \$26 per acre.

Holiday Rates and Dates of Sale.

A round trip rate of one and one third fare to all points in Texas has been announced by the Texas & Pacific and the dates for the sale of the tickets are from December 21st to 31st inclusive, good to return until January 7th.

For points out of the state a rate one and one third fare has been announced, with the exception of to points in Mexico, where fare will be the rate of one first class fare plus \$2, dates for sale Dec. 20, to 22, inclusive, and good to return within 30 days from date of sale.

Try your next months grocery bill with McCreless. He will save you money, besides you might draw one of the watches.

Penny Wise Pound Foolish.

If the town of Colorado and Mitchell County make the same improvement next year they have during the year just closing, the population of both will be double before Christmas 1907. The County has received its share of the settlers who came this year, while the town would have at least fifty more families here than are, if they could have gotten houses in which to have lived. Improvements, as well as time and tide are said to have a habit, waits for no man. If one town does not rise to the conditions required it passes on to the town that will meet it half way. The lot and property owners of Colorado have not supplied the demand, and the settlers have in many cases moved on. But they took advantage of the demand to greatly raise prices of lots and rent. We had better offer inducements to good people than scare them off to competing towns, where they can get done for them what they want. Such policy is but "penny wise and pound foolish."

Important Notice.

Article 336 Penal Code as amended by the acts of 1902:

Sec. 1. If any persons shall discharge any gun, pistol, fireworks of any description, or shall discharge any cannon cracker, or torpedo on or across any public square, street or alley, in any city town or village, in this state, he shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. By the term "cannon cracker" is meant any fire cracker or other combustible package more than two inches in length, and more than one inch in circumference, and includes Roman candles, etc.

F. MYER, Justice Peace.
W. F. ROBINSON, Co. Att'y.

When you want Fire Insurance call on or phone us. We have the best and strongest fire companies in the South.
Buchanan, Morrison & Co.

Hard to Please.

The people of West Texas are prospering; there is no sort of doubt as to this fact. We heard a man the other day, who plants a few acres in cotton and forage crops as a side line to his regular vocation, chewing the rag violently because on 16 acres he had in cotton, he had made only 13 1-2 bales. "Why in the Sam Hill couldn't it have been 14 bales even," he complained.

Prosperity grows upon what it feeds. It is as avaricious as the "two sisters of the horse leech" who continually cry for more!

Many men who have done as well as this one this year, came to West Texas from some of the old states, where with five times the labor required here, they were content to make one bale on 3 to 5 acres.

Brick! Brick! Concrete brick See Cooksey & Co.

In many sections of this great country there is land just as productive as that of Mitchell county, but fertility of the land in only one of the factors of agricultural prosperity and contentment. Many of those sections have drawbacks that outweigh their advantages. The conditions here are as near ideal as can be found anywhere. A buoyant and invigorating climate, good health, social advantages and a soil adapted to a greater variety of marketable things than is found elsewhere, all combine to make the life and labors of a farmer easier than in other sections having one or two very prominent advantages. Taken on a general average, this section of Western Texas has more to offer the homeseekers than he can find elsewhere.

Call for the "Colorado tablet" at Record office.

This issue of The Record is published at no additional cost to any one except the owners of the paper. All we ask is that all interested in the development of this country, buy from 10 to 100 copies and mail to friends and acquaintances in other sections.

Land Notice.

M. T. Crawford has a choice 1-4 section of fine land near Herbert and will exchange for residence in Colorado. Will take or pay difference in the exchange.

If you are interested in the town and county, then you can do work for both by mailing out copies to friends back east.

A pleasant spell of weather for the holidays would be a favor at the hands of old Jupiter P. that all Texas would appreciate, and which later, we would reciprocate.

For Sale.

An A 1 pony mare, gentle and buggy, extra good, for sale at a bargain, see J. F. McGill at once.

Resident Property For Sale.

Three desirable blocks, 12 lots in each block, north Colorado. Will sell one, two, or three blocks at a bargain.

M. T. CRAWFORD.

New Fall Groceries.

We never before had as many splendid things to eat as now. Make a visit and see how nicely we keep things we send out for you to eat. Y. D. McMurry.
Phone 38.

NOTICE!

We now have the fine lands belonging to Judge Looney, lying north, east, south and west of Pecan Grove, for sale at from \$10 to \$20 per acre, terms good, and will sell in tracts of 160 acres and upwards. Call on or address Buchanan, Morrison & Co., Colorado, Texas. Next door to City National Bank.

McLure, Basden & Co.

Ours is the leading place in all the Colorado country for Furniture, Queensware and General House Furnishings. A fine line of Caskets, Robes and Undertakers' Supplies.

McLure, Basden & Co.

JAS. L. SHEPHERD.

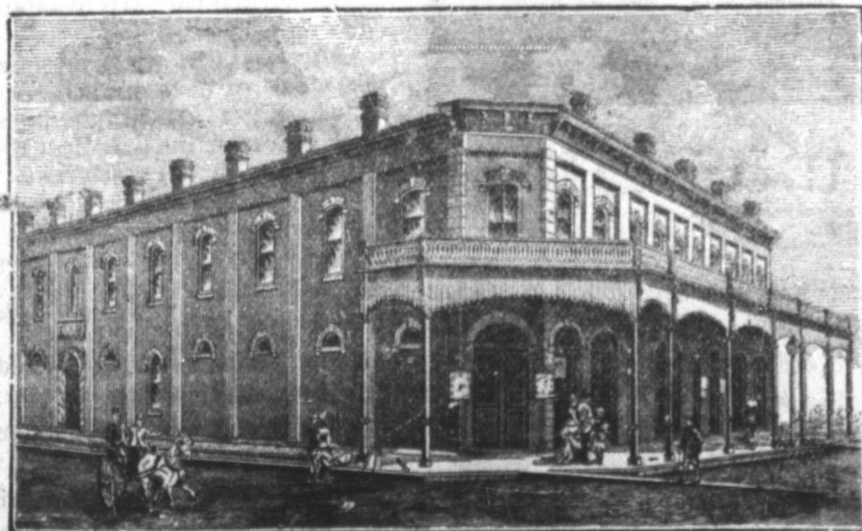
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Farms, Ranches and City Property Bought and Sold. List your property with us, and let us sell it for you. Offices over Colorado National Bank

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XMAS GIFT!



Something that Mother or Father Would Appreciate More than Anything

would be a pair of EYE GLASSES properly fitted, so as they may pass the long, cold winter evenings away reading with ease and comfort. Get them now with plain lens and I will guarantee to properly fit them after the Holidays.

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OPTICIAN.

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The Record and the Dallas Semi-Weekly News one year only \$1.75.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

PERSONAL MENTION

Call at the Racket Store and inspect the new Fox visible Type Writer.

Mitchell county will double its population in the next twelve months.

Moerer sells it for less.

Buy your winter's wood and coal right now from H. F. Wheeler, the wood and coal man.

Colorado should be proud of its light and power service. It is the best in the West.

Meet me at Jakes Restaurant.

Majors has designed some beautiful souvenir spoons.

The aggregate of \$514,359.25 on deposit in the two banks makes a good showing for the west.

If you want Brick, see Cooksey & Co.

The people of Mitchell county are in fine shape to enjoy the holidays to the fullest extent, and there will be much merriment and visiting during this festive season.

Carbolicum, the great disinfectant, at Arbuthnots.

Judge Homan will return from Bonham Saturday morning and will occupy the pulpit at the Christian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The evening service will be in the interest of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, and will be specially interesting. Judge Homan will preach on the origin, growth and work of this organization and a free will offering will be called for to aid these christian women in their good work.

I have pleased hundreds of people at my restaurant. Why not you. Try me. Jake Maurer.

J. J. Clayton and wife left yesterday on a holiday trip back to the old home in Tennessee.

Pyrography outfits at Arbuthnots.

D. H. Snyder and wife are at their old home at Georgetown during the holidays.

Carbolicum, for hen lice, ticks, and as a general disinfectant - at Arbuthnot.

Mrs. Bert Wulfjen and the little girl will spend this Christmas at her old home in Georgetown.

C. A. Goodwin says he will give all those who owe him until Dec. 20, to pay up. You had better see him now.

Our old friend O. M. M. left last night on a Christmas visit to his family at May, Texas. He took with him a number of copies of the Record and will do missionary work this section while gone.

Cooksey & Co. are making the best brick you ever saw. Get their prices.

Mrs. Ethel Boone and husband, left this morning on a holiday visit at Ennis, West Mexia.

All parties who pay the monthly bills promptly on the first at McCreless' will be entitled to watch tickets.

Miss Josephine Henry will spend Christmas in El Paso with her grandmother, Mrs. Freeman.

For Bargains in city lots see E. E. Gamel at The Record office.

We now have some one to call us "pa" at our house. We don't know but suppose that means we will have to hustle early and late. But any way we are real proud of the new arrived, a girl which took up its abode with us Monday.—Coming West.

Many happy returns Brother, is the wish of the Record.

Pay a dollar for a razor strap at Doss and get a good razor free.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

There will be no issue of The Record next week. To publish a paper next week would force our printers to work all week, and they like all others, like to take Christmas, so there will be no Record next week.

Our next issue will be on Jan. 4th. We consider this issue is worth the price of two, so our readers will not miss much and surely they will not begrudge the printers a holiday.

It is a sign of mediocrity to be easily satisfied, and yet in presenting this Christmas number of the Record, we can not but express ourselves as better pleased with it than with any number yet attempted. There has been a great deal of extra work put into it and additional cost incurred also, but we publish it with the view of reaping our reward in the future, when we can see a happy, prosperous farmer on every 80 or 160 acre tract of land in Mitchell county; for then we can revert to our present efforts with pride as we realize that the Record did its part in the rapid settlement of the West.

We are proud of our friends, have not the least ill feeling for those who do not like our style, and to one and all, we wish a merry, merry Christmas and may your hearts be full of joy and peace, as you shall wish your stocking to be of presents.

Again, a merry Christmas and many of them.

THE EDITOR.

This county will in a few more years be in the hands of the stock farmer.

West Texas is rapidly settling up with people who intend to make a living by agriculture.

This is a time to remember that you were once young yourself. We often seem to forget it.

The Colorado country is a good, grand country, from whose cornucopia the odor of ambrosial fruits and fragrant flowers emanates.

STY thy name is 59th Street. They refused to raise it to \$7,500, what shall we do next, that our legislature pay us \$1 per day?

THE high price of oil and scarcity of fuel is just a prank of Rockefeller, trying to get even with the courts, common people, and then for the Lord's and our sake let him alone till after cold weather.

THE Trinity river navigation graft is timid; it only asks for \$1,000,000, and the fellows want nearly half of it paid right now. Oh well, might as well throw it into the mud of the Trinity as some creek up north, and congressmen have to square themselves with the people. Navigable! forsooth.

One of the most unfulfilling and unmistakable signs that a country is on Easy street, is the amount of traveling the people do for social pleasure. It takes money to travel and people don't spend it that way during hard times. All the railroads are expecting the heaviest Christmas travel they have ever had.

Hot lunches and short orders at Vincent's.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

"Good will toward men" is the spirit that pervades the human heart on each return of this joyous occasion. Since the glad tidings of great joy were spoken to the trembling Galilean shepherds nearly two thousand years ago, it has grown with the spread of christianity, until utmost parts of the earth are filled, and all men who love their kind, of every creed, today make humble obeisance to the Samaritan spirit of Yule tide. Indeed, many of our ethical thinkers believe that the dawn of the day is near at hand when the world will realize the command of the Master, to "love one another," and the brotherhood of man shall be a living, controlling principle, and "the earth will be full of his knowledge and glory, as waters that cover the seas."

Christmas is the culminating expression of this spirit of fraternity and beneficence—of good will to all. Brain and muscle are relaxed, a truce is called in our daily battle for bread, and we open our souls to the memories and influences of the day, and become, as he, who is the inspiration of the day, said we must, as a child again, in order to appreciate the true spirit.

And what of the spirit of the child at Christmas? Its hope, its faith, and the charity with which it dispenses all that makes it happy, is a fit emblem of the Child-likeness of Christ

How naturally then, the occasion lends itself to beneficence. No matter how poor in worldly goods you may be, with this spirit in your heart, you have withal as much as He possessed, and from the inexhaustible storehouse of your heart, you can make hundreds better; wipe away the tears of sorrow, lift up the heart, bowed-down and give a hand of sympathetic cheer to the discouraged. Could all the gold of Golconda purchase any more acceptable gift?

It costs so little to make some one happy, it seems a sin not to do so. The spirit of the act is its value, and the less the expense, the wider circle of happiness you can create. The life of Christ was filled with little things and he magnified their value and importance.

"And he looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said: 'Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all. For all these of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God. But she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.'"

Because you are not able to give much, do not hesitate to cast in your two mites to swell the sum of human happiness and speed the coming of peace on earth and good will toward men.

The gift of Mary to the Master was a small and menial service outwardly, but wherever the gospel is preached today, it is told as a memorial of her..

It is the most beautiful story ever written, and it contains but six words; but as long as time shall last, this world will never contain a richer alabaster box than that which Mary broke to anoint her Master's feet, the odor of which filled the unclean leper's house, and fragrance of which will linger around and thrill christian hearts forever: "SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD."

Don't forget to write it 1907 on next bill day.

MAX MILLER, who murdered J. F. Turley at El Paso, while the victim begged for his life, was convicted last week and given 99 years in the pen.

The most vital factor in building up any town is not so much mere dollars and cents, as it is unity—the cohesive force that welds individual effort into an aggressive, irresistible power.

HOWARD and Ector Counties voted out whiskey with a hoop. Still people living up north where the saloon is found on every corner, write to ask if a man's life is safe in West Texas. That's one reason why it is safe—the absence of the saloon and its influence. Prohibition is cheaper than courts, jails and numerous officers.

FRANCE has taken a long step forward and fixed forever its republican form of government, by divorcing church and state and withdrawing support from a multitude of ecclesiastical pensioners who have for centuries sapped the life blood of that nation. The Catholic church owned almost as much property as the government did and the clergy were as corrupt as they were powerful.

If you would make this a Christmas to which you can in after years look back with genuine pleasure, and enjoy to the full yourself, see to it that you do someone a kindness; make some life brighter, ease the load of some struggling brother, and in your heart, the joy that comes to those who minister to the necessities of "even the least of His creatures" will sing in your heart and strengthen your soul and lighten your own burden for many a day to come. Try it this Christmas, if you never have before.

All our exchanges manifest a more cheerful, prosperous spirit in regard to the coming of the holidays and the outlook for the coming year, than we have ever before seen. They all tell the same story; sing the same psalm of peace, plenty, and good will.

It has indeed been a year of fruition of our hope and realization of faith; blest abundantly "in basket and in store," and while truly and humbly grateful for the achievements of the past, we have girded our loins for yet better and larger things next year. The West has the confidence in itself that comes of experience with adversity, struggles, and a final winning out. From a by-word and a reproach West Texas has fought its way to the front rank among agricultural sections, and today its lands are eagerly sought by the shrewdest and most successful business men of this nation, and that means of the world.

The "boys" have a right to enjoy an old fashioned Christmas to the full; the boys in the fields, behind the counters, with their sweethearts, wives and kids who, have made this country what it is. They have earned the good time Christmas that is surely coming their way.

It's a neck and neck heat for space in the big daily papers between the realty companies and the whisky dealers.

More than ever will the town need a night-watchman during holidays, not only do floating characters have a better opportunity to ply their trade, but there is a greater danger of fire during that time from carelessness with fire works.

The negro in Kentucky who drank fifteen drinks of gin and three of whisky within half an hour on a wager of getting it free if he did it, and then died in one half hour, is dead yet.

THE PROSPEROUS WEST

Day after day the ceaseless tide of immigration moves to the West. Every train that stops emits another crowd of either prospectors or actual settlers; every depot is choked with tons of household goods and cars often stand for days on the siding before they can be unloaded. We wonder at times if the country is not getting pretty well settled up by now, but when we can travel over millions and millions of acres of the very finest farming land without seeing a habitation or a furrow, we realize how great West Texas is and know it can support a population equal to any five states; so bid them come in crowds. And they are coming; with their families, wagons, horses, dogs and plows. They are turning the sod, and the prairie grass is giving away to cotton and corn, and the howl of a coyote to the grunt of a big—and still they come.

It is no wonder that under such circumstances the people of this section are fairly reveling in prosperity. It is no wonder that our cities and towns are growing as they never grew before in all their past history, and that the great plains country is being dotted from one end to the other with new and happy homes. West Texas soil is

as fertile as any God ever created, and the variety of crops that can be produced in this section is remarkable. Wheat grows to perfection, oats rarely fail to make a prodigious yield, and corn is grown in many localities as good as that produced in Kansas, Missouri or Nebraska. Cotton is coming to the front as the greatest staple crop, and the forage crops produce so abundantly that storage is often a matter of great concern to the producer. Fruit and vegetables produce abundantly, and with the favorable seasons this section is now enjoying continued development will be rapid.

It may be true that good seasons cannot be expected every year in the western country, and the same remark applies with almost equal force to every other country. But it is a noticeable fact that the men who have pinned their faith to the West Texas country and remained with it all the years it has been coming to the front, are growing rich and prosperous and do not care to change their habitation. The western country appears to be one section of Texas any progressive citizen may safely tie to.

Miss Bessie McMurry is back home for the holidays from an extended visit to Dallas and other points.

Demand For Texas Land.
From every section of the state comes information of unprecedented demand for Texas farming lands, and in many instances lands that have not been noted for agricultural productiveness in the past have come actively into demand and are changing hands at high prices. Individual land owners are not the only ones who are profiting by the situation, for the state is also disposing of the unsold portion of the public domain that is now the property of the school fund and the various state institutions. Land Commissioner Terrell has just submitted his annual report to the governor and it offers some interesting reading. The land commissioner says that the activity in the state lands during the past sixteen months is just simply unprecedented in the history of the state. This condition was largely brought about thru the provisions of the new land law, which went into effect April 15, 1905, which was like unearthing a hidden treasure to the people of the country.

The eye of homeseekers in our own state and elsewhere were turned toward the territory of Texas school land, the report says. To our own home people were added train loads of speculators, prospectors and investors from everywhere. As seasons had been good, conditions were favorable. They found natural resources of undreamable value, with present and future opportunities untaken. The effect was magical. Applications for school land multiplied. Investment in private land began. With the coming of the people prices advanced, at first slowly, then by leaps and bounds. Those in touch with the real estate world know the rest.

It is said that the people owning land in the Panhandle are holding it at prohibitive prices which is drawing prospectors and settlers to other sections of the State. This is but one of bad results of inflation of prices beyond intrinsic value. Another is that the section suffers a long spell of reaction, and by the time it has recovered some one has secured the settlers. The Panhandle had experience in this years ago. We had better get a little slow for a time and not try to get it all at once.

Mrs. Sarah Corpany has been given a verdict for damages in the sum of \$22,500 damages sustained by the death of her husband in a wreck at Aledo last year against the T. & P. road. This is the largest amount ever awarded by the courts in similar cases.

For cheap farming land and ranches in El Paso county address West Texas Immigration Bureau, Box 193, El Paso, Texas.

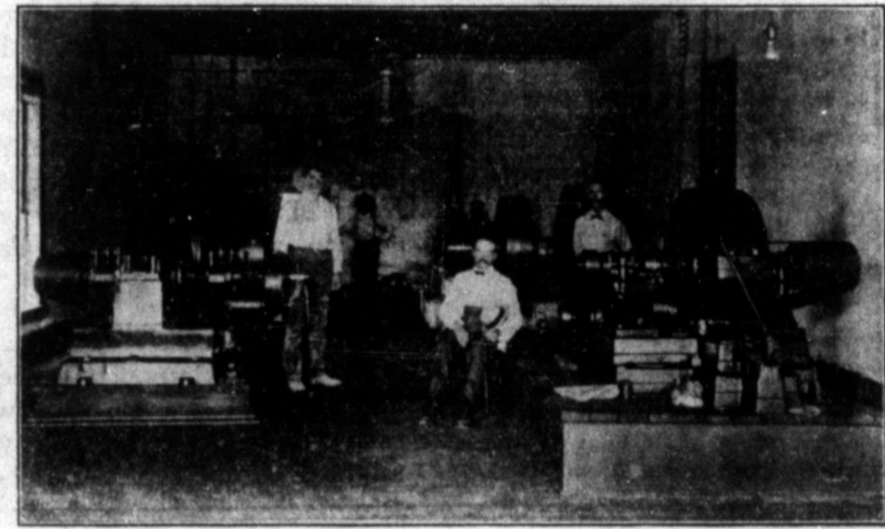
The proudest Methodist preacher in town is Mr. Phelan over the birth of a sweet little girl, Tuesday night. Mother and daughter are reported doing happily.

Specially prepared, perforated school tablets at Record office.

Take Notice.
Members of Woodmen Circle: 1st. Bring or send your dues to the Grove the 4th Tuesday of each month, or 2nd. Leave at my residence the last week of each month, or 3rd. Make arrangements with your bank for me to collect there. Yours for your interest, IDA M. ROSS, Clerk W. C.

About 600 feet of concrete sidewalk have been fixed by Victor Dziedzich around the new houses in South Colorado, and fifty black locust, peach and apricot trees planted alongside of it, also bermuda grass set out in the yards, besides grapevines and rose bushes and by next spring that part of town will blossom like the rose.

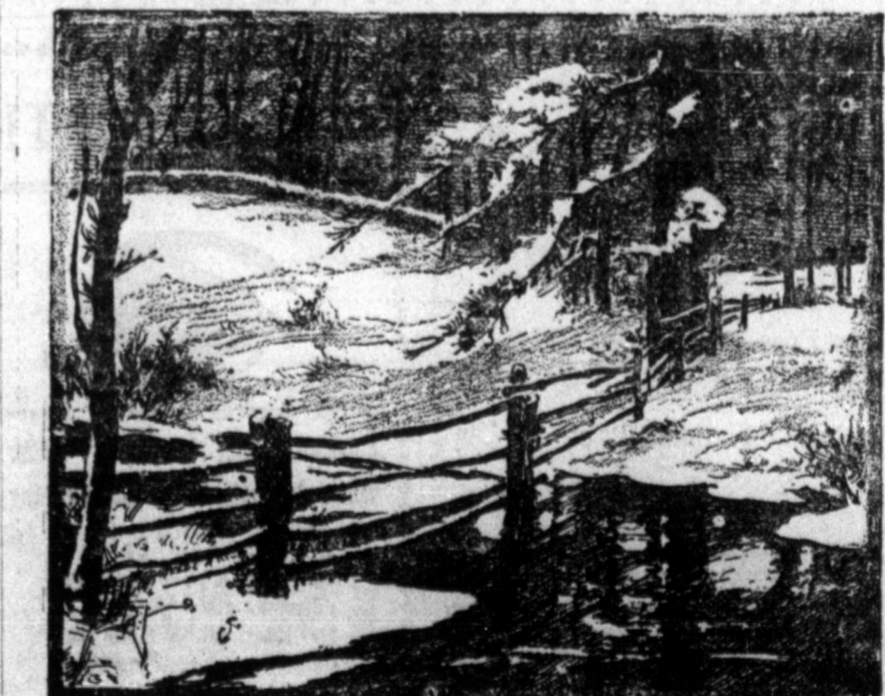
Stockmen and Farmers use Carbolium at Arbuthnots.



The above cut gives an interior view of the Colorado Electric Light and Power Co's Plant. This is an enterprise of which town and county are justly proud. The company, so ably managed by Robt. M. Webb, owns and controls, all under his management, the water works, the long-distance and local telephone system, and the electric light and power plant.

The Light and power plant now has two 100-horse power engines with two—one 1000, and one 1600-light—dynamoes. Three—80, 100, 125 h. p. boilers constitute the battery. Oil is used for fuel, about 750 gallons per day being consumed. Besides 1800 lights, there are 6 motors supplied with current.

The Telephone Company has in about 500 local phones, and controls lines all over the West. They give a thorough night and day service. This company gives employment to from 35 to 50 hands, owing to conditions and business, with a monthly pay roll of \$1,500. Robt. M. Webb, the manager, has a neat, well appointed office, is strictly business, and has made a success. He is energetic, public spirited, and above all else—a gentleman.



The Christmas Stars

WITH whisper and rustle and start and hush
The dry leaves murmur on tree, and bush.
On sombre, pinna with boughs bent low,
Forsaken nests are piled with snow.
The chickadees, alert for seeds,
Chatter and cling to the swaying weeds.
The snow drifts deep in the country ways,
And short and cold are the cheerless days.
Oft, fair on the brow of the frozen night,
The Christmas Stars shine, large and bright.

SARA ANDREW SHAFFER.



Cotton Picking Scene near Colorado, Mitchell County.



Ranch House near Colorado.

Pay Your Accounts.

Having dissolved partnership we are very anxious to collect all our accounts, everyone knowing themselves indebted to us, are urged to come forward and settle at once. After Jan 5th 1907, we will place all our accounts in the hands of an attorney for collection.

GREENE & CRAWFORD.

Called Session.

A called session of the Mitchell County Farmers Union is called to meet in Loraine on the 1st Friday in January, being the 4th. W. M. GREEN, President. J. F. RUDDICK, Secretary.

Coming Attractions.

Like a freshly opened bottle of champagne, the Columbia Opera Co. has bubbled and fizzed its way into the hearts of the amusement people. The cordial manner in which the opera and company have been everywhere greeted, is so pronounced as to leave no doubt as to their popularity. Opera House next Thursday and Friday nights, Dec. 27, and 28, insures all a good time who attend.

Everybody says so. What? That Bob's restaurant puts up the best 25 cent meal in town.

COLUMBIA COMIC OPERA COMPANY THE NEXT ATTRACTION.

An unusually attractive combination of fun and music is presented in the Columbia Comic Opera Co., which will be seen at the Opera House next Thursday and Friday nights, Dec. 27th and 28th.

The people engaged in this production have been selected especially for their respective vocal ability to portray the different parts assigned them. They are all singers and dancers, and incidentally to the opera, several very pleasing and novel specialties will be introduced. As a laughing success, nothing has ever been constructed that comes nearer filling the bill than the Columbia Opera Co. and in its reconstructed form it has everywhere been well received. Seats on sale at Majors'.

\$100.00 Reward.

TELEPHONE WIRES BEING CUT.

The Texas & Pacific Telephone Co's wires to Abilene were not working last Tuesday, and when Mr. Burchard, the construction man of the company, went to find the cause, he located the trouble on the line between Colorado and Loraine, where some one had shot off every glass insulator from the pole, showing where some one had lots of fun.

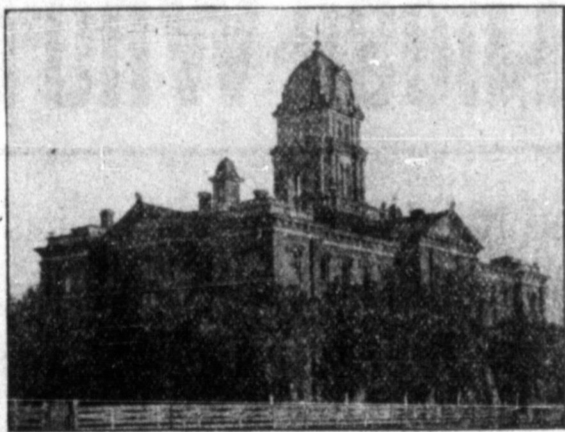
There is a penalty of \$200.00 and 5 years in the pen for a thing of this kind, and the telephone companies are offering a reward of \$100.00 to any one who can give information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who shot off the glasses, and the reward stands good for all time to come, if this thing is done again. To cut a telephone wire, to interfere in any way with the transmission of messages, is an offense, as the party will find out if he is caught.

At The Baptist Church.

Pastor Nichols will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday at both hours. Topics; 11 a. m. "Christmas Visions." The evening service will begin at 7:15. All are cordially invited.

A Rare Opportunity.

Over 300 successful students in four years. WEST TEXAS BUSINESS COLLEGE, Abilene, Texas, will give ten days free instruction in January. Write once for information.



Magnificent Court House, Colorado, Mitchell County.

The Texas & Pacific Telephone Company COLORADO, TEXAS, WILL PAY \$100 Reward

To any one giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one who interferes with its poles or lines.

Revised Statutes State of Texas, 1895.

Article 784. Chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas.

Article 784—If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery, or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of messages along such telegraph or telephone line he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

RADIUMITE RAZORS (GIVEN AWAY) WITH EACH STRAP.

DOSS THE DRUGGIST.

SANTA CLAUSE HEADQUARTERS

Largest line of Holiday Goods ever brought to Colorado. A beautiful array of useful Christmas presents. Santa Clause fairly unloaded here.

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| Hand Painted China. | Eutopian Ware |
| Stag Horn Sets. | Beautiful Lamps |
| Juvenile Books | Vases |
| Talking Machines | Jewelry Cases |
| Cut Glass | Child's Dishes |
| Shaving Sets | Children's Furniture |
| Smoking Sets. | Albums |
| Toilet Sets | Baskets |
| Drums | Horns |
| Whistles | Wagons |

PERFUME IN CUT GLASS BOTTLES \$10 and DOWN

DOLLS DOLLS DOLLS

The largest lot of Dolls you ever saw. The sleeping Doll, the talking Doll and all kinds at all prices.

Buy Your Christmas Presents early, buy them now, and buy them from W. L. DOSS, THE DRUGGIST.

5000 ROLLS OF WALL PAPER AT DOSS'

Beginning with the first of January, no one will be allowed to talk over the phones of the Hastings System, except those who have telephones. Heretofore it has been the habit for any one who desired to go to any house where there was a phone and talk to town by paying 25c but this must be discontinued. Two toll stations will be established, one at Hastings' house and one at Cuthbert for convenience of those not having phones, but please do not go to your neighbors and use their phone. It causes much confusion. J. R. HASTINGS.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale.
Thirty coming 3 and 4 year old mules for sale in pairs from \$200 to \$275 per span. See Ed Dupree.

Lots for Sale—Choice lots for sale in Phenix addition, prettiest location in town. See Dr. Phenix.

Buggy for sale—Extra heavy ranch buggy in fairly good condition, will sell at a bargain. M. PHELAN.

Lots—For T. & P. railway town lots in Colorado and Loraine, and T&P railway lands, see W. B. Crockett, Colorado, Texas. I also have a fine list of other lands and town lots for sale. Office over Colorado National Bank.

Residence Lots—3 lots northwest corner block 86 on College Hill, one block of either school building. Level lots, well located, will sell at a bargain if sold at once. A. L. WHIPKEY, Record office.

Land for sale—Ranging in tracts from 93 to 2560 acres: for price and terms call on Loraine Realty Co., Loraine, Texas.



Any Size Tract of Land, Choice City Lots, and a nice list of city residences

FOR SALE BY
WATSON & IRBY
Real Estate and Insurance
COLORADO TEXAS

Read What Good Farmers Say.

Dear Sir: Replying to your request with reference to what I have done since I have been in Mitchell county and what I think of this country from a farming standpoint. I am a farmer and moved to this county from Jones county in the fall of 1903. In 1904 I had in 100 acres of cotton and gathered sixty-two bales. Forty acres of this 100 acres made at least one bale per acre, the balance being late and the sharpshooters ruined it. In 1905 I had in 275 acres of cotton on my place and gathered 140 bales, part of it being late, and we had a very wet and cold fall, and it did not mature. I have 300 acres in cotton this year, and the prospects are better at this time than either of the past two years, with a fine season in the ground, and if nothing happens we will make a big crop this year.

I always make corn. Milo maize and kaffir corn are both sure crops, and takes the place of corn and oats, and if a man will always diversify his feed crop he will never be without feed. I consider this a good fruit country, and is exceptionally good for grapes and berries. I don't think there is any better country for watermelons, cantaloupes, sweet potatoes, ground peas or anything that grows on a vine. I consider Mitchell county a good farming country, and one man can make on an average twice as much cotton here as he can in any other part of the State, for the reason he can work from two to three times as much land, the land being easily cultivated and free from weeds. I live five miles northeast from Colorado, fronting the Snyder road, and own 800 acres red sandy loam land, 400 acres of which is in cultivation, and could put the balance of my land in cultivation. I consider this country a complete success as a farming country. I hope the above is about the information desired, and I have tried, as near as possible, to give you the exact facts, and am sure that every statement can be verified.

Yours truly,
A. J. HAGLER.

P. S.—G. E. Goodwin, about eleven miles north of Westbrook, planted in 1905 forty-one acres in cotton and gathered thirty-six bales.

"Come to West Texas, where you will be above the miasmatic effluvia peculiar to the paludal districts of Louisiana, Arkansas, and East Texas; where enlarged livers and spleens are unknown, and swamp fever is unheard of; where the callithumpian chorus of myriads of Dutch nightingales will disturb neither your cogitations by day nor your placid dreams by night; where the altitude is too high for Mrs. Stegomyia Fasciata or Mr. Boll Weevil to flourish and the air is too pure for the invalid to pine, and where an abundance of Adam's ale, pure and sparkling, is pumped out of the earth by windmills; where cattle grow fat and sleek on the broad prairies; where the forget-me-nots of the angels stud the skies, while in less favored spots it is raining cats and dogs, washing away bridges, cutting the roads into abysmal gullies, and keeping the farmer indoors when he wishes to be either harvesting or planting his crop."



Mitchell County Grapes, from vineyard of C. H. Lasky, Colorado.

We can not speak for other sections, but can say that we have yet to meet the farmer who is not satisfied with his move to Mitchell County; and there are many here who were doing well where they were. Mr. D. M. Vinson, as good a diversifying and successful farmer as Van Zandt County ever had, is highly pleased with his experience here.

The cry of "hot winds, drouths, etc.," has been raised against the west part of Texas for 25 years—long after the conditions which occasioned it have passed away, much like the "bloody shirt" was flaunted in the face of the South years after the questions which evolved it had been settled. Why condemn during a period of good behavior?

Mr. J. B. Farmer, an extra good farmer, who lives up on the Snyder road, called on The Record early this week and brought with him a sample of farm products that are simply a credit to this county on earth. In speaking of the wonderful advancement of this country Mr. Farmer said it had not near reached the top, and that his land was worth \$30 per acre and if anybody doubted it and would come out there and see what he had raised and could raise he would convince them that his farm was far better than any black land place in Central Texas. Mr. Farmer is a diversifier and is experimenting with quite a number of different crops. He has introduced the Brazilian Yam Kershaw, outrivaling the famous pumpkin yam potato, and is worth many times more than the potato. He has planted this year a large acreage in goober peas and actually has more hog feed and hay on this land than any one would believe. He says this is a fine hog country, and for poultry it cannot be equaled. Any prospector who will read this and then visit Mr. Farmer's place will be convinced that this is the garden spot of the world.

It might be well to say Mr. Farmer does not want to sell.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF

Colorado, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Nov 12, 1906.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	251 966 78
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	22 726 04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15 000 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6 200 00
Due from National Banks not reserve agents)	5 713 04
Due from State Banks and Bankers	4 427 04
Due from approved reserve agents	18 713 52
Checks and other cash items	250 98
Notes of other National Banks	2 000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	338 15
Lawful money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$11 275 00
Legal-tender-notes 4 200 00	\$15 475 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	750 00
Total	\$343 560 55
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	60 000 00
Surplus fund	15 000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	8 834 61
National Bank notes outstanding	15 000 00
Due to other National Banks	1 030 03
Due to State Banks & Bankers	2 249 22
Individual deposits subject to check	194 796 69
Demand certificates of deposit	2 000 00
Notes and bills rediscounted	34 650 00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	10 000 00
Total	\$343 560 55

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Mitchell
I, J. E. Hooper, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. Hooper, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
F. E. McKenzie,
J. L. Doss,
D. N. Arnett,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Nov. 1906.
R. G. Smith, Notary Public.

We publish the above statement of this bank again that our eastern friends may see what is said of both banks; that we have money in the west almost to give away. The City National Bank is a strong institution and merits your patronage. The management are cleve, capable business men on whom the public can implicitly rely.

Ready To Grade.

We have been informed by Gen. F. W. Jones that the grading outfits are ready to go to work on the grade of the new railroad which is to be built from here to Snyder and thence to New Mexico. They contemplate putting grading outfits on at this place and at Snyder at the same time and rushing the grading through as rapidly as possible. The Company has contracted for the delivery of steel early in the spring and it looks now as if we will have a railroad north sooner than we first expected.—Roscoe Times.

Cheap Colorado Homes.

Two places for sale in East Colorado. One good house with 2 lots; one house with 3 lots. One-half cash, terms on balance. Can give possession at once. Both places are now well rented. See E. B. Gamel at Record office.

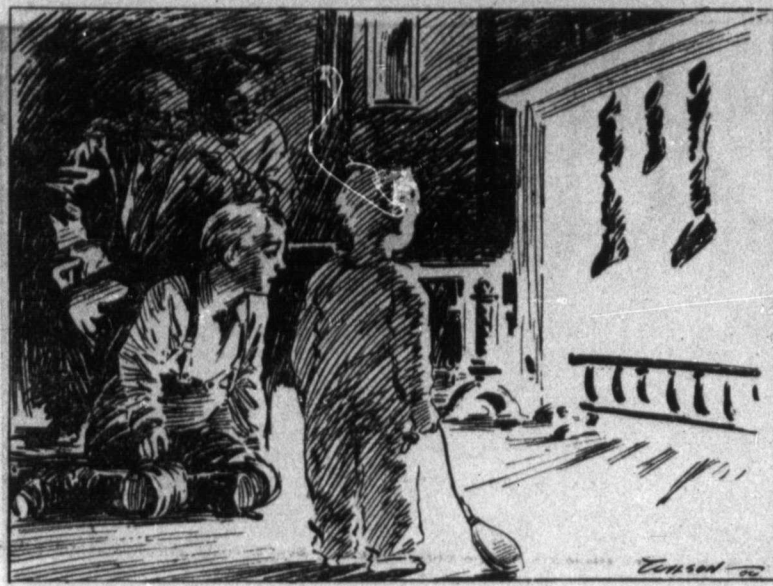
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Hot lunches and short orders at Vincent's.

Pyrography goods at Arbuthnots.

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I am prepared and well qualified to write any and all kinds of BONDS.
M. C. KNOTT.



WAITING

IN THOSE OLD DAYS—those fair old days—what fancies we would weave
When we sat, waiting for the Saint to come on Christmas Eve!
The stockings limp and shadow-like against the ruddy glow,
Agape in their expectancy, swung in a slanting row
That matched the difference in height of all our wondering heads—
We watched the fairy flames toss up their wealth of jewel-reds.
—WILBUR D. NESBIT
IN "SACRED THINGS"

A Difference of Opinion.



Left Little Boy—"Aw, gee, I don't believe there's any Santy Clause."
Other Little Boy—"O, I do!"

TO THE PUBLIC

I have bought the Green & Crawford Hardware business, and come before the public asking for trade. I desire to say:—

1st. I bought this present stock at considerable discount from cost price and am in a position to offer extra bargains to the public.

2nd. I will buy a complete new stock and open up a first class Hardware Store.

3rd. I will put in a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and use my best efforts to gain your trade.

I ask that you come in to see me and see what I have and what my plans are, as I expect to be ready at all times to supply the trade in Groceries and Hardware.

Yours to please

Chas. G. Birdwell

Land Bargains!

188 acres fine farming land, 14 miles from Colorado, \$7.50 per acre; small payment down, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years.
224 acres good land, \$10 per acre; small cash payment, balance terms 1, 2, and 3 years.
The above land will produce a bale of cotton to the acre. See GUS BERTNER, The Insurance Man.

A Word to Those Who Eat

I have anticipated the needs and varying tastes of all who enjoy the best on Christmas occasions. In making up your menu for that day I can please the most fastidious tastes. Some new wrinkles too.

Besides a full line of the very best brand of staple groceries I have novelties never before offered this trade. For that fruit cake I have every ingredient.

Citron
Seeded Raisins
Washed Currants
Mince Meat
Figs

Stuffed Dates is something new and delicious—filled with ginger pecans and walnuts.

Full line of Dodsons pickles in onions, mixed, olives, plain and stuffed.

My stock of preserves, pickles, sauces, spices and the most up-to-date condiments is complete. Everything to go with that turkey, is to be had here.

Candies—the best
Georgia Cane Kisses
Finest canned goods
Cod fish, Mackerel.
White fish

I am prepared to fill your Christmas orders promptly and with the very best of goods.

CHILI SAUCE
RED HOT
CHOWCHOW
CATSUP

SWEET RELISH
SATANS HASH
HORSE RADISH
DRESSINGS

CRANBERRIES
Oysters and Salmon
for Dressing and
Salads.

CELERY
APPLES
Pressed Orange
and Lemon Peel

I Will Pay Top Price for All You Produce

J. O. McCreless

CHRISTMAS GOODIES!

FINE CANDIES OF ALL KIND

I will name you a few of the many good things I have to eat:

Fine Candies.

Fine Chocolates and Bon Bons, Choc Chips, Candied Cherries. I can fill your order for anything good to eat.

For Your Fruit Cake.

Good things for Fruit Cakes, and to save the ladies time and worry, such as Shelled Pecans, shelled walnuts, shelled almonds, seeded raisins, cleaned currants, figs, dates, citron, oranges, lemon peel, mince meat, Heinz's preserves, pickles, etc.

The Finest Coffee.

Don't let me forget to send you a can of Golden Gate Coffee, or your dinner may be a failure. The best coffee yet.

Fine Cakes and Crackers.

I have just received a large shipment, such as Nabiscos, Festinos, Fignewtons, Marsh-mellow Dainties, Graham Crackers, etc., etc.

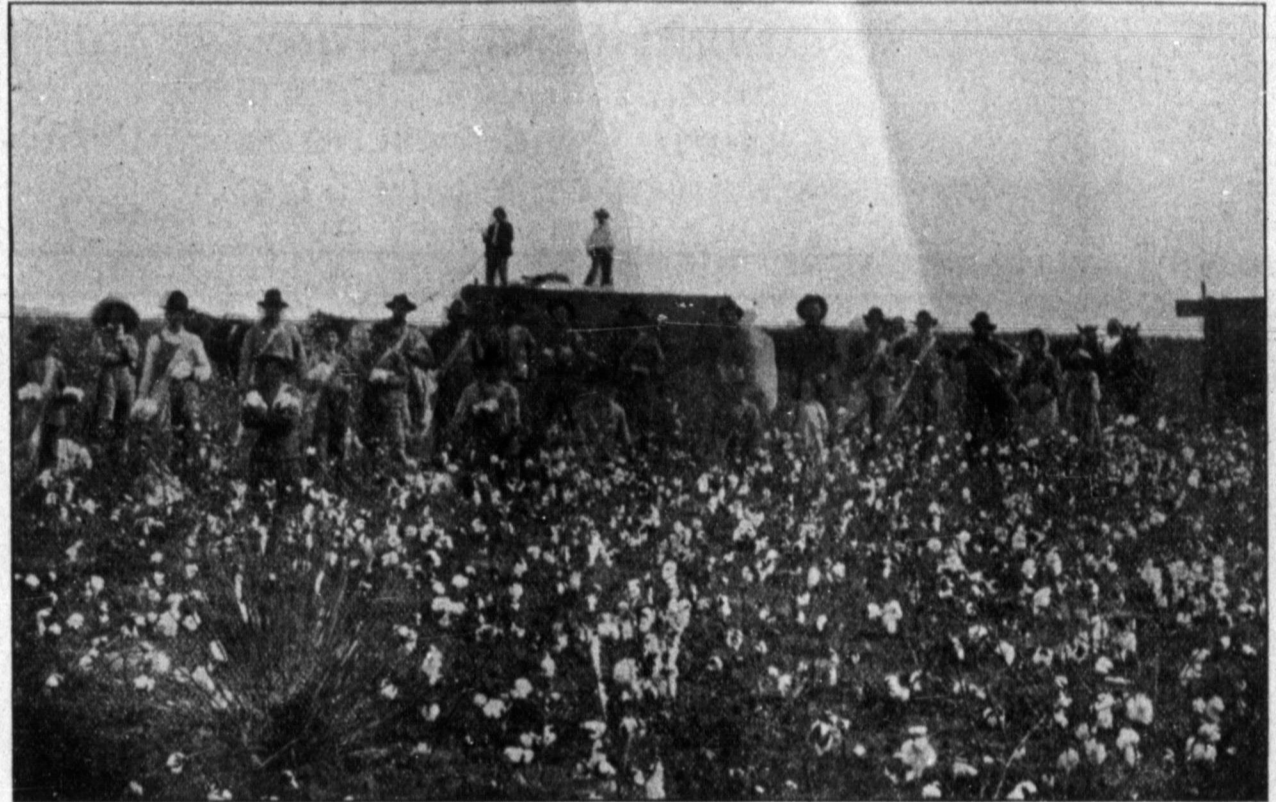
Fruits and Vegetables.

Now about your Fruits and Vegetables. I will have a very large supply of both. Phone your orders in plenty of time so we can select your goods and not be rushed at the late hours. I will run two delivery wagons, and if you will favor me with your orders I will appreciate them and do my best to please you and give prompt service. My stock of staple and fancy groceries is the most complete in the history of my business. See my stock and get my prices.

J. W. Shepperd
The Groceryman. Phone 100
COLORADO, TEXAS.



The above cut represents the COLORADO DRUG COMPANY. This Company was incorporated in May last. Capital stock \$6000, all paid in. No stock on the market. The fixtures in this Drug Store cost between \$3000 and \$4000 and a stock of from \$8000 to \$10,000 is carried. Gus Bertner is President, J. Max Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer. The business is managed by Maurice Terrell and Neal Gross, ably assisted by Earnest Bertner Dud Arnett and Hall Homan. It is considered one of the prettiest drug stores in all West Texas.



The above cut is a cotton picking scene in the 170-acre cotton patch of Wm. Green who lives out north-east of Colorado. When the picture was made Mr. Green's 26 hands were picking over four bales per day. Mr. Green is a good farmer and has made good money in the Colorado country. He moved here from Coleman county, had lived in Johnson and Bell counties and considers this a better country than any of Central Texas. He came here in 1904 and bought a partially improved section for \$3,650 and has been offered \$30 per acre, or \$19,200 for this same land. In 1905 Mr. Green had in 180 acres in cultivation, 90 of which he had in cotton and gathered 46 bales, which sold at an average of \$50 per bale. This year he also raised 1500 bushels of Maize and Kaffir Corn, 100 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of oats and 30 tons of cane feed, all at an actual outlay of \$460. We give these figures to show our Eastern friends what can be done here. Here are the figures given for the years 1905 and 1906.

1905	1906
180 acres in cultivation	270 acres in cultivation
90 acres in cotton	170 acres in cotton
46 bales at \$50.....\$2,300	110 bales at \$50.....\$5,500
1500 bushels Maize and Kaffir Corn at 30c.....450	1500 bushels Maize and Kaffir corn at 30c.....450
100 bushels corn at 50c bushel.....50	300 bushel oats at 40c.....120
100 bushels oats at 40c.....40	300 bushels corn at 50c.....150
30 tons of cane feed at \$3 per ton.....90	20 tons of cane feed at \$3 ton.....60
Total.....\$2,930	Total.....\$6,270
Less money expense.....\$460	Less expense.....\$1200
Net earnings for the year.....\$2,470	Total earnings for year.....\$5,070

It is but fair to say the corn was good, sound large corn. Mr. Green says he raised 15 bushels corn on oat land after his oat crop was harvested, also all his cane feed was raised on oat land. The above says nothing of the large amount of melons, vegetables, fruit and truck, besides hogs, poultry and other stock. If any one doubts the above let them write Wm. Green, Colorado, Texas, and it might be well to add that Mr. Green does not want to sell but will buy more land.

602 Deaths

Consumption.....	82
Pneumonia.....	37
Typhoid Fever.....	33
Bright's Disease.....	55
Accidents.....	40
Apoplexy.....	38
Heart Disease.....	69
Appendicitis.....	8
All other causes.....	250
Total.....	602

Above is a list of the causes of death in a single month, November, 1906. These 602 people were insured in the New York Life for \$1,706,846.65, and the Company paid the claims to their estates and beneficiaries.

Life's uncertainty is great. Death may claim YOU next month.

DON'T DELAY INSURING.

See GUS BERTNER, Agt. New York Life. Do it now.

Fair Warning.

H. F. Wheeler gives fair warning that from this date forward, if the money does not accompany the order for wood or is not paid at the house, the wood will be hauled back to the yard. NO ONE IS EXCEPTED FROM THIS RULE.

\$5 Reward.

One strawberry roan horse, white face, 14 1/2 hands high, no brands, weight 1200 pounds, in good flesh, wire cut on left hind foot, also on right fore foot. Stolen or strayed Nov. 12, from Colorado. The above reward will be paid for its return or information leading to its recovery. Adams, Shannon & Warren. Colorado, Texas.

WINSTON NEWS NOTES.

We have experienced some cold and very severe weather during the past week. Sunday was a very gloomy day.

Mrs. Henry Griffin will leave Thursday for her old home in Alabama to attend the bedside of her father who is suffering with cancer of the face.

Mr. Jim Dixon and family spent Sunday with E. J. Leggett and family.

Misses Hannah and Blanche Wennekin and George Wennekin spent Sunday with the Misses Mahoney.

Mrs. Crockett Hazlewood spent a few days with Mrs. Frank Crowsner last week.

Miss Florence Hedspeith and mother spent last Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Wennekin and daughters.

Mr. Ike Kidd of Lamesa was visiting in our midst last Monday.

Mr. Olan Britton happened to quite a serious accident on last week. While loading a meat hog on a wagon his finger was caught on a hook on the wagon mashing that member and tearing off the nail.

Little Miss Ara Peavy spent Saturday with Esther Mahoney.

John Mahoney sold a hog to a Mr. Britton weighing 600 pounds for \$37.50. This does pretty well for Mitchell county swine raisers.

Strayed.

Two gray horses, one branded SR on left shoulder and the other unbranded. A liberal reward will be paid for their return or information leading to their recovery. MACK WILLIAMS.

Everybody says so. What? That Bob's restaurant puts up the best 25 cent meal in town.

We will send The Record one year and Holland's Magazine one year for \$1.50, both to one address or to separate addresses.

Among the many resolutions of amendment we will very likely make on the 1st of January, let's embrace the following:

Quit grumbling.
Tell the truth; it pays better dividends than gold mine stock.
Take more interest in the material condition of the town—it need attention in spots, badly.

And that means to incorporate it.

Give home interest the preference in all things.

Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.
Finally brethren, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in every good work, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain."



Baby won't cry if you give Him BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP.

Pleasant to take, rapid results. Contains nothing injurious. CURES COUGHS, COLDS, CROUP, SORE THROAT, WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL PULMONARY DISEASES. Mrs. J. C. Jenkins, Denver, Colo., writes: "I can't say enough for Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It has cured my baby of the croup and my children of severe Coughs. I know no better medicine."

25c, 50c and \$1.00
Ballard Snow Liniment Co. ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sold and Recommended by SOLD BY COLORADO DRUG CO.



Public School Building, Colorado, Texas.



Birds Eye View of the Beautiful town of Loraine, eight miles East of Colorado in Mitchell County, on the Texas & Pacific Railroad. Loraine is only 10 months old, and has 500 of the best people on earth.

C. A. ARUTHNOT'S HOLIDAY GOODS HAVE ARRIVED.

Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Pottery, Silverware, Bronze, Burnt Leather, Vases, Statuary, Brass Goods, Fish Sets, Game Sets, Plaques, Chocolate Sets, Coffee Sets, Steins, Medallions, High Grade Pictures, Mirrors, Writing Desks, Ink Stands, Tourist Cases, Etc. Etc.

Dolls!

THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT
EVER BROUGHT TO WEST
TEXAS. SEE THEM!

Books!

EVERYTHING YOU CAN THINK
OF, MUST BE SEEN TO BE
APPRECIATED.

Toys

Everything From a Pin Cushion
to a Steinway Piano. We are
Headquarters for this Line.

Come and See us. You are always Welcome.

C. A. ARBUTHNOT.

West Texas is wearing the smile that won't come off.

Just arrived, a new shipment of Hawk's Cut Glass at Majors'.

Mrs. Henry Doss is at home here from Van Horn and will remain until after New Years.

Cotton insured in twenty minutes by M. C. Knott.

James Greene is at home again from Plateau for the Holidays and will help McLure Basden & Co. Remember Jim has a new house at Plateau.

Ben Randall of Pacos spent part of the week here with friends. Mr. Randall was formally District Attorney here and has the reputation of making a good one.

Save money and get the best goods by buying your Holiday presents from Majors, the jeweler.

Judge Ed J. Hamner and Mrs. Hamner have returned home from their lengthy stay at Mineral Wells greatly improved in health. The Judge has now fully recovered his former health and is welcomed back to Colorado.

When in town and hungry go to Jakes restaurant. He will please you.

Tom Saunders, the genial salesman at McCreless', will spend the holidays at Cooper visiting his uncle, Dr. E. B. Wheat. It is reported that Tom is going off to get married but the Record disbelieves it.

Mrs. F. E. McKenzie and little Hazel left this morning on a visit to El Paso and will remain until after the holidays. John Doss has agreed to look after Fred while she is gone.

When you buy goods of Majors you are sure of getting the best that money will buy.

Misses Ruth Nichols, of Waco, Elsie Hooper from Belton and the Misses Looney from Dallas, are all expected home tomorrow for the holidays.

A few fancy pieces of "Pickard's" celebrated hand painted China just received at Majors'.

Mrs. Smithers who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hatch, left this week for her home in Huntsville.

A. R. Pryor, of Roscoe visited Colorado this week and while he was here, renewed for The Record.

How about that Watch for a Christmas present. See Majors' line and get his prices.

Mrs. Prof. Furgeson of Waco will spend Christmas here with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. R. A. Jeffress.

Reduced prices on China and Cut Glass at Majors'.

Wm. T. Jewell of Champaign, Ill. has moved to Colorado, and is at present in the house of Dr. Merrill on the cliff. He is a first class mechanic and had heard so much of Colorado as a health resort decided to move here. Mr. Jewell says lots of northern people have their eyes on Texas.

Miss Nellie Stowers, the Art teacher will leave tomorrow for her holiday visit to Waco and West visiting home folks.

Every lady appreciates a nice Umbrella. See them at Majors'.

Mr. Ross of Springtown in Parker county, is prospecting here this week. He is well pleased with Mitchell county and will buy land.

Mr. J. H. Hall of Pittsburg, Texas, has accepted a position with C. G. Birdwell as manager of the grocery department. Mr. Hall is a thorough business man and an expert grocer, having had experience in the jobbing business in the east also as head salesman for several large concerns. Mr. Hall knows how to handle the trade and is sure to please you in correctness and promptness.

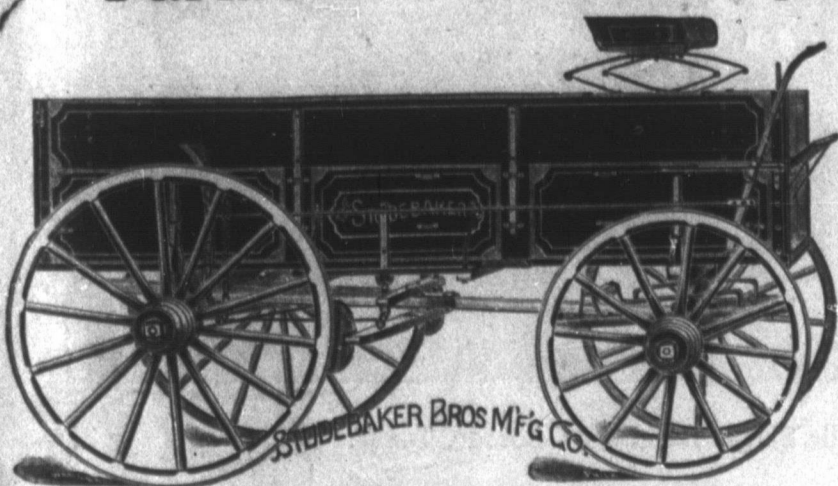
Colorado has many natural advantages and could easily be made one of the most attractive little cities in Texas.

I am making special low prices on Cut Glass and China. J. P. Majors.

Some days ago Mr. G. D. Adams presented the Baptist church with a nice lot of fruit trees and shrubbery from the Tyler Nursery, but the pastor said that he would not have the corn unless it was shelled. Mr. Adams kindly proceeded at once to shell the corn with the result that the Baptist parsonage now has a nice orchard of select fruit trees, and also a yard of choice shubbery.

Admas, Shannon & Warren.

Farmers Union Co-Operative Store. Distributing center for Five Counties.



We carry a large and complete stock of

GROCERIES, HARDWARE AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS Studebaker Wagons

The best Made. Sold by us under a strict Guarantee.

Adams, Shannon & Warren.

"olorado's Busiest Store on Colorad's Busiest Street."
Colorado, Texas.

Colorado Record.

EMIT Christmas Edition

Colorado, Texas, Friday, December 21, 1906

Whipkey Printing Company.



HAPPY LAND

Happy land! Happy land! Won't you come and join our band,
Blithe and gay, on the way
To Kris Kringle's Holiday?
Happy land! Happy land! Won't you come and take our hand?
Merrily, thus we go
To the Land of Mistletoe!

Copyright, 1906.

—BYRON WILLIAMS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Holiday Greeting

Your 1907 Account
Solicited, large or
small.
City National Bank.

Compliments of
"THE DAYLIGHT STORE."
If it is new Payne Has It.

A. J. Payne
DRY GOODS - SHOES - CLOTHING

At the close of this most
prosperous year we
wish for one and all a
merry Christmas and even
greater prosperity for 1907
Burton-Lingo Co.

For the large patronage we re-
ceived during 1906 we are very
thankful, and we now wish you
one and all a Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year.
Burns & Bell.

Western Windmill & Hardware Co.

Wishes a Merry Christmas for all
and will ever strive to merit your
patronage.

Merry Christmas Greetings

Dr. Theo. C. Merrell

C. H. Earnest

Sends Greetings to all.
I still have some nice
City property for sale

Palace Market

The home of choice tender
Meats of all kinds.
A merry Christmas to all
C. L. GRABEL, Prop.

JAS. D. SHERWIN

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE
Compliments and Best Wishes.

W. L. DOSS

The home of Pure
Drugs and Holiday
Goods. A Merry and
joyful Xmas to all.

Adams, Shannon

& Warren

The home of every-
thing you need.
A merry Xmas to all

I. O. McCRELESS.

THE "LIVE AND LET LIVE GROCERMAN"
Best wishes for Prosperity and Happiness

THE Racket Store

joins the multitudes in singing
"Peace on Earth, Good Will To-
wards Men." A Merry and a
happy Christmas to all.

ONE PRICE TO EVERYBODY.

The Old Reliable

Jake's Restaurant

I have pleased Hundreds, and
can please you. A joyous and
merry Christmas to you.

JAKE MAUER, Proprietor.

Y. D. McMurry

GROCERIES AND HARDWARE
Extends Compliments and best wishes

Bob's Restaurant.

The best place in town to eat at
any old time, and especially so
during the Holidays.

W. R. CRAWFORD, Proprietor.

H. C. CALDWELL

Brick Wagon Yard and
Feed Store. I extend
Compliments to all.

D. T. J. Ratliff

Wishes for all a
Merry Christ-
mas and a very
healthy and
Prosperous New
Year.

**Buchanan,
Morrison & Co.**

The Reliable Land
and Insurance men

J. P. Majors

The leading West
Texas Jeweler, for
Diamonds and
Watches.

BURNS & BELL

The Reliable Grocery Merchants.

EVERYTHING GOOD TO EAT.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS 1907

City National Bank

Prosperity and Happiness to You and Yours

Knott-Ellis Real Estate Co.

Farms, Ranches and city Property
A Merry Christmas to all

C. M. Adams

THE STORE THAT BARGAINS BUILT.

I appreciate your trade and wish you a prosperous '07

Homer L. Hutchinson

THE FURNITURE MAN
Wishes one and all a Merry Christmas



Christmas Edition

OF THE

Colorado



Record.

The Representative
Family Paper of
Old Mitchell County



It Gives the News and
Tells the Truth.
Is Prompt and Reliable.

The RECORD goes into almost two thousand homes every week of the year, and eagerly read by every member of the family, therefore it is the very best advertising medium in all the great west. The print is clean and clear, the matter is selected with our best judgment, and we have reduced the price to \$1 a year

Colorado City.

The worlds natural sanitarium. The land of perpetual sunshine and flowers; where childrens laughter mingles with the songs of birds in the balmy air the whole year round.

A city of magnificent homes and handsome business blocks.



A Christmas Carol

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending o'er the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.
E. H. Sears.

Mitchell County.

The commercial metropolis and educational center of the the great West.

Rich and fertile; traversed by the historic and scenic Colorado river, with valleys richer than the Nile, and backed by cattle upon a thousand hills.





At the Gin—Colorado.

The Colorado Country

A Land Flowing with Milk and Honey. An Ideal country for the Truck Grower and Fruit Raiser as well as the Cotton Planter and Stock Farmer.



Second Street—Colorado



OUR county (Mitchell) and town (Colorado) offers home seekers in the West more and better advantages than any section in the West.

An inexhaustible supply of fine water from thirty to seventy-five feet deep.

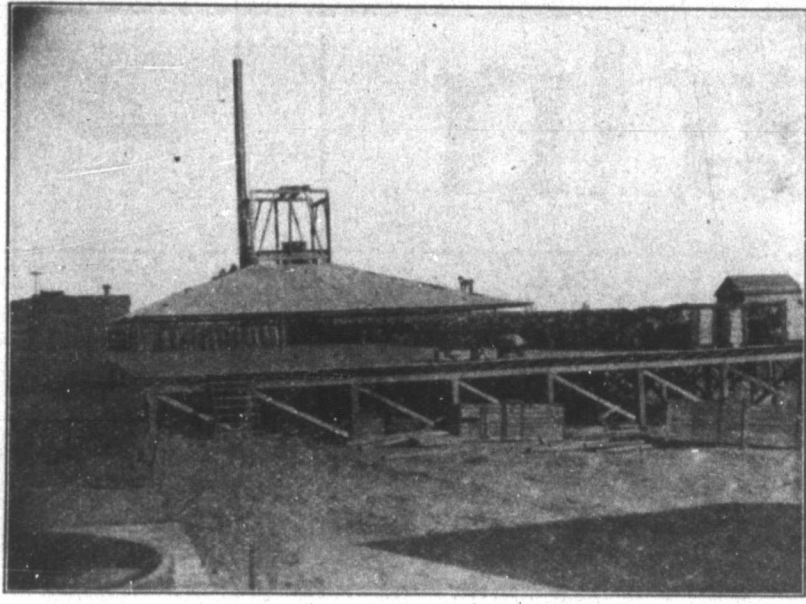
A most healthful climate; in fact, Colorado is known far and wide as a health resort.

Good society, \$35,000 invested in school property, supporting an affiliated school with from twelve to fifteen able teachers and nearly a 600 enrollment.

Six fine Church buildings with able and Godly pastors.

Best market on earth, and draws trade 150 miles and is the distributing center for eight or ten counties.

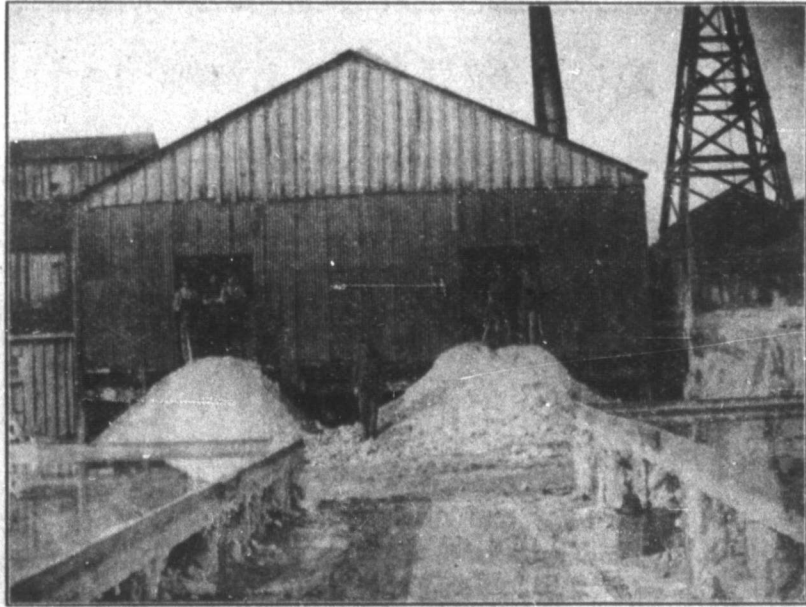
A wonderful productive soil that will successfully grow and produce corn, cotton, oats, wheat, milo maize, kaffir corn, sorghum, apples, peaches, cherries, plums, apricots, quinces, Japanese per-



Compress—Colorado

Just on the east bank of the picturesque and scenic Colorado River, whose winding way through foot hills and fertile valleys equal to the famous and historic Nile, you'll find the beautiful, substantial and enterprising city of Colorado. A town of 3000 happy, prosperous and contented people. Three fine steel bridges span the river within the city limits. We boast of a fine \$75,000 court house, a beautiful park, pretty lawns and good fire protection, giving us a low rate of insurance. Colorado has a perfect water system, a fine electric light and fan circuit and is the telephone center of the West. With our clean and sprinkled streets, our magnificent school buildings, and sky-pointing spired churches, wonderful and huge salt works, three big lumber yards, three wholesale establishments and everything else that goes to make up a city, it is no wonder that the city is growing and attracts attention from east to west and north and south. Our people are clever, social and intelligent. All the lodges are represented here with good membership; civic and social clubs are here. The six churches wielding an influence for good gives our town a moral standing as is proven by our empty jail and idle courts.

Colorado is surrounded by the richest lands that have doubled in value in the past twelve months. Soil rich as the richest, where products of all kinds are produced in abundance, and yet thousands of acres of land only waiting the plow and the hoe.



Salt Works—Colorado.

Colorado extends to you a hearty invitation to visit and investigate a country rich in resources, prolific of marvelous results and offering better investments for capital and personal energy than any country on the globe. Greatest per capita wealth in proportion to population of any section in the United States.

Altitude—2077 feet above sea level. Just high enough to be the exact health level. Climate ideal. Rain fall 25 inches annually. Mean temperature, summer 78, winter, 51.

Come to Colorado.

This issue of The Record is specially designed as an advertisement of the Colorado and Mitchell County country, and every citizen in this county should buy copies and mail them East to their friends.

Plenty of farmers in Mitchell County report more than a bale of cotton per acre this year.



MITCHELL COUNTY is situated in the central West. The T. & P. railway crosses the county from east to west, nearly in the center. The Colorado River crosses the county from northwest to southeast, crossing the T. & P. railway at Colorado. This county was formerly a country of long-horned cattle and sheep, but is now inhabited by a thrifty set of farmers, and is considered one of the best farming counties in the entire West, being especially adapted to stock farming, and the raising of cotton, wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, watermelons, vegetables of all descriptions, forage crops of various kinds and many varieties of fruit. The land is of a sandy, loamy nature and is more suitable for the small farmer than the black land belt of Texas. Lands range in price from \$3.50 to \$25 per acre, according to improvements, quality and location.

Our altitude is 2077 feet, average annual rainfall for the past two years over 26 1/2 inches. Most excellent climate and is extensively known as a health resort. An inexhaustible supply of pure water is obtained at from 50 to 250 feet. Our county population is about 9000 and there are 900 sections of fine land in the county.



A Ranch House near Colorado.

Schools and churches are well represented all over the county, schools running in the rural districts from five to eight months in the year, and in the towns and villages from eight to ten months in the year. Nearly all the different church denominations are well represented, thus affording the best of society in which to raise a family.

The tide of immigration has turned from the north, northwest and southwest to West Texas. There are reasons for it.

A healthful climate, knowing neither extreme of heat nor cold to which our northern neighbors are subjected; a rich, fertile soil at from \$5 to \$20 per acre—according to improvements—the actual growing on the same land of from two to three profitable crops per year; the cheapness of building material and all of life's necessities, and the consequent lighter cost of living, of caring for live stock and carrying on farm operations, coupled with a low tax rate, an excellent public school system, are among the inducements West Texas offers.



A Scenic Spot at Ever Well, near Colorado.

Seeing is believing. An old-fashioned Southern welcome awaits you. Come whether you come to buy or merely to look.



Shipping Cotton—Colorado.

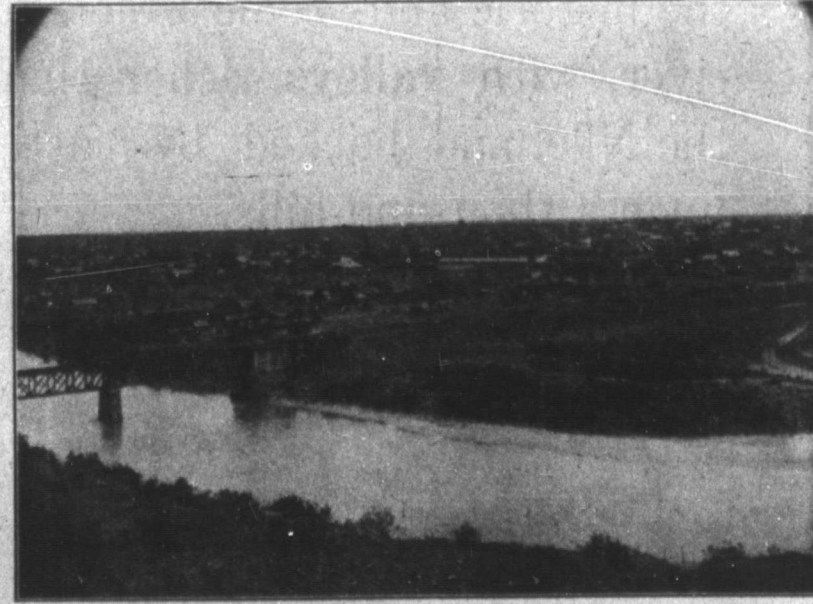
simmons, grapes, berries, Irish and sweet potatoes, and is the home of the dreamer's paradise in poultry and truck farming.

We have more fine cattle and wealthier stock men than any county west of Fort Worth.

Colorado, the county seat, situated on the T. & P. railway where it crosses the picturesque and historic Colorado river, boasts of two large salt works, shipping an average of a car load of salt per day; water system, light plant, telephone connection with the world; beautiful stores, sprinkled streets, palatial homes, two National Banks with plenty of money; a fire company, an ice plant, three big lumber yards, gins, hotels, able lawyers and efficient physicians, and one of the best newspapers (The Record) west of Fort Worth. The county has a fine court house, an honest set of county officials, a low rate of taxes, fine bridges and good roads. Colorado is growing faster than surrounding towns because we are in the best county in the West. Nature has been profuse in lavishing her gifts to homeseekers here. Colorado will receive and ship 20,000 bales of cotton this season.

The county contains about nine hundred sections of the most fertile lands.

Mitchell is a prohibition county, crime is almost unknown, our jail stands empty and courts meet only to try cases brought from other counties.



Colorado City and River.

Come to Mitchell county, buy a home, plant your fruit trees, shade trees and shrubbery and live like a Monarch among the best people in the West.

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THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

It is One of the Most Beautiful of the Many Legends That Surround the Birth of Christ—Traditional Names of These Three Oriental Sages Who Journeyed from Afar to Worship at the Lowly Cradle of the New Born King—The Splendor of Their Retinue.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying: Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him. When Herod the king heard these things he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Then Herod, when he had privately called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem. When they had heard the king they departed, and, lo! the star which they saw in the east went before them till it came and stood where the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshiped him, and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.—Gospel of St. Matthew.

When the wise men saw the star they said one to another: This is the sign of the great king; let us go and search for him and offer him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Alleluia.—First Vespers of Epiphany.

There is something exotic in the beauty of this whole story. It reads in St. Matthew's gospel like a foreign legend. The strange secrecy, too, with which this kingly oriental procession with picturesque costumes and jeweled turbans and the dark-faced slaves and the stately stooping camels, passed over many regions, makes it more like a visionary splendor, a many-colored apparition and not a sober mystery of the humble incarnate word.

What a scene for the imagination was the birth of the infant! His first worshippers in that poor cave of Bethlehem are poor shepherds who have been brought to the child by the angels' voices. But now a change comes over the scene hardly in keeping with the lowliness of Bethlehem. A cavalcade from the far east approaches Bethlehem. The camel bells are tinkling. A retinue of attendants, accompanies three kings of different oriental tribes, who come with their various offerings to the newborn babe. It is a romance more romantic than romance itself would dare to be. Those stately men are among the wisest of the studious east. They represent the lore and science of their day. Yet have they done what the world would surely esteem the most foolish of actions. They were men whose science led them

to God, men, we may be sure, of meditative habits, of ascetic lives. The fragments of early tradition and the obscure records of ancient prophecies, belonging to their nations, have been to them as precious deposits which spoke of God and were filled with hidden truth. They, too, pined for a redeemer, for some heavenly visitant. Their tribes, doubtless, lived in close alliance, and they themselves were bound together by the ties of a friendship which the same pure yearnings after greater goodness and higher things cemented. Never yet had kings more royal souls. In the dark blue of the lustrous sky there rose a new or hitherto unnoticed star. Its apparition could not escape the notice of these oriental sages, who nightly watched the skies; their science was also their theology. It was the star of which an ancient prophecy had spoken. Perhaps it drooped low toward earth and wheeled a too swift course to be like one of the other stars. Perhaps it trailed a line of light after it, slowly yet with visible movement, and so little above the horizon or with such obvious downward slanting course that it seemed as if it beckoned to them—as if an angel were bearing a lamp to light the feet of pilgrims and timed his going to their slowness and had not shot too far ahead during the bright day, but was found and welcomed each night as a faithful indicator pointing to the cave at Bethlehem.

Wild and romantic as the conduct of these wise enthusiasts seemed, they did not hesitate. After due counsel they pronounced the luminous finger to be the star of the old prophecy, and therefore God was come. They left their homes, their state and their affairs and journeyed westward. They knew not whither, led nightly by the star that slipped onward in its silent groove. The star shone out in the blue heavens and slowly sank eastward over the cave of Bethlehem and presently the devout kings are at the feet of Jesus.

Who that has ever read the jeweled sentences of Faber's "Bethlehem" will ever forget them? Many have read "Ben-Hur," with its description of the journey of the wise men, who know nothing of this great book. And yet there is not in the whole cycle of English literature a more wonderful bit of writing than "Bethlehem."

The Christmas Spirit

By D. D. THOMPSON
Editor Northwestern Christian Advocate.

The Christ spirit influences the world to-day more than at any previous period in history. This is superficially manifest in the more general observance of Christmas by the presentation of gifts to friends and the considerate kindness displayed toward all classes of helpless and dependent persons in providing on Christmas day for their pleasure and temporal needs. This, however, is the least manifestation of the power which the teaching and spirit of Christ exerts upon mankind. It is especially seen in a more kindly attitude of men toward each other. The millennium has not yet arrived, and the struggles between the nations and classes will continue for years; but as the spirit of Him after whom Christmas is named finds lodgment in human hearts, the animosities which separate men in antagonistic relations will diminish, and the time will come when the Christmas spirit will be displayed during the entire year as it is now displayed upon each Christmas day. What the world needs most for the right solution of its serious problems is the Christmas spirit.

If you wish to cast your lot with a kind, generous, hospitable, big-hearted people, where you never meet strangers, and every person is your friend, where you can send your children to the free school nine months in the year, where your health is always good, come to Mitchell County.

"The Store of Quality"

GENTS' COMPLETE OUTFITTERS,

Agents in Colorado for the following well known lines:

Hanan's Shoes, Royal Blue Shoes, Royal Worcester Corsets, Rosenwald & Well's Clothing, Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothing, Blumenthal's Gloves, Hamilton Brown Shoes, Ultra Shoes, Walk-Over Shoes, Whitcomb Shoes, Monarch Shirts, Arrow-Brand Collars, McDonald's Clothing for working men. The above lines represent the best values for the least money.

"The Store of Quantity"

C. M. Adams.

COLORADO, - - TEXAS.

J. L. DOSS, President. F. E. MCKENZIE, Vice-President. J. E. HOOPER, Cashier.

CAPITAL \$30,000.00.

City National Bank

Of Colorado, Texas.

Prompt attention to all business. Correspondence and Collections Solicited.

SAMUEL GUSTINE

DEALER IN

Saddles, Harness, Saddlery Hardware, Gloves, Navajo Blankets.

Lap Dusters and Fur Laprobes Cheap.

.....Shop Made Bits and Spurs,.....

COLORADO, TEXAS.

Burton-Lingo Co.

LUMBER and WIRE

See us about your next bill of lumber, we can save you some money.

Colorado, Texas

Palace Meat Market

C. L. GRABLE, PROP.

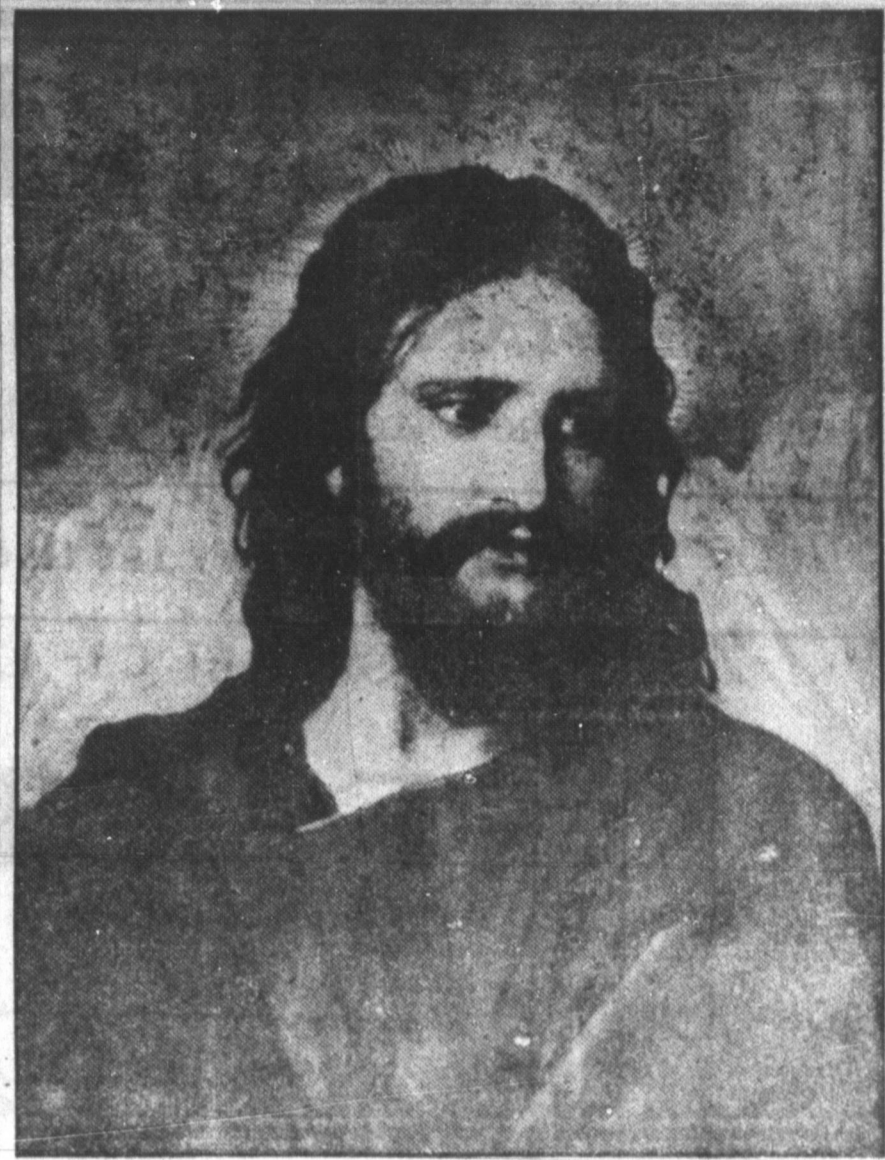
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COLORADO, - - - - TEXAS.

The Christ.



From Painting by Hofmann, 1824.

"AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"

By REV. JOHN TALBOT SMITH, LL. D.
President Catholic Summer School of America.



The entire meaning of the festival of Christmas is contained in these words. It is the festival of the children, because on this day God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took upon Him human nature in the shape of a helpless and beautiful child. Various meanings have been read into the celebration of the nativity of Christ—the humanitarian regards it as the proper placing of the human individual in the economic system; the mere materialist looks upon it as the protest of infant right against adult might; the scientist of a certain school regards it as the emphasis of nature upon the necessity of training properly the next generation; the sentimentalist sees in it a noble tribute to the beauty and innocence of the child. It is necessary to remark, however, that if the child had to depend upon these classes for due respect and real training there would be no Christmas, no defilement of innocence and helplessness, and no emphasis upon duties to the next generation. The festival of Christmas is truly the social, economic, political and religious anniversary of the human child, through which he makes his demand upon the world for existence, care, training and love; the right of an immortal soul as well as of a future citizen. The right-minded part of society accepts the responsibility with joy, and its best efforts, in fact all its efforts, are expended on the work of preparation for the coming of the Child. Not only do parents labor, but the legislators make laws, teachers teach, artists create and commerce agonizes for the child—for the next generation.

Therefore the monumental truth of modern civilization is expressed in the text: And a little child shall lead them.

joined in the advent of Christ with solo and choral song as he left the bosom of the Father to become the child of Mary in the manger at Bethlehem. This festival is still the most joyous feast of the church. It makes childhood more beautiful and glorious, and it lightens the burdens of age and sorrow with its tender memories and its triumphant prophecies. In the chill of midwinter in northern climes it kindles a fire of hope and joy in every home and heart. It is prophetic of the golden age when Christ shall come again, when evil shall be overthrown, and when the song of a redeemed humanity shall sweep over the universe.

By the gifts which characterize this season we commemorate God's great Gift, the unspeakable gift of His Son to a world lost in sin and wandering in darkness. No one can rightly estimate the blessings which flow every year to all classes and conditions of men from the tender memories and gentle charities called forth by the remembrance of the Holy Child, Jesus. His birth has exalted the poetry, the music and the art of the centuries. It has changed all social customs and religious rituals. It has given a new glory to human life and a new trend to eternity. This is the time when all bitterness should be forgotten, all family feuds reconciled and all life glorified. It is unspeakably sad that in the name of Jesus Christ Russian murderers are slaughtering the Jewish people, the ancient and historic race which gave us the Christ. It is a cause for profound humiliation that superstition, bigotry and virtual idolatry still abound under the shelter of the Christian name.

A Message of Peace in the Christmas Season

By RT. REV. DAVID HUMMEL GREER
Coadjutor Bishop of New York.



The Christmas season comes with its message of peace to a world torn and rent with many divisions, a world in which there is much strife. This strife is to be allayed and these divisions healed not by any process of statutory enactment, but by that spirit of brotherly love and kindness which takes possession of the human heart at Christmastide.

Just so far as that spirit continues regnant in the hearts of men throughout the year will the Christmas season be prolonged and continue to give its blessings to mankind.

Perhaps one lesson which the Christmas season teaches above all others is that, in order to enter the kingdom of peace and happiness, we must become as a little child. And let that appealing love which the little child inspires become a persisting force in our lives!

I once saw all the traffic in Fifth avenue stopped by a little child. Its mother was wheeling it across the street in its baby carriage and in the middle of the thoroughfare, crowded with vehicles of all kinds, she became panic-stricken and did not know what to do or which way to turn. But, suddenly, all the drivers reined in their horses, all the chauffeurs stopped their automobiles, and all the teamsters pulled up their trucks—the traffic of the busy avenue had been brought to a standstill by a little child.

So will the noise and the strife and the confusion of the world be arrested and checked by the little Christmas Child.

The Lesson of the Christmas Tide

By DR. ROBERT STUART MACARTHUR
Pastor Calvary Baptist Church, New York.



The Christmas tide celebrates the birth-festival of our Lord. The incarnation of Christ is the central thought in the history of the world. It is the event around which all other events revolve in smaller or larger circles. All the great facts of history previous to His coming had reference to His advent; all the events since look back to that advent as the beginning of a new era. All lines of previous history converge to the manger and the cross; all lines of history since diverge from these two epochal events. The birth of Christ was the beginning of a new race, and the observance of that birth is still the jubilee of this new race. Angels

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Only a few more days until the BIG PIANO SALE at Wholesale Prices closes. Better see **SMITH** and get your **PIANO** at Holiday prices. Sale positively closes January 1st. Don't delay. The prices are now down to the bottom. Pianos and Organs at Factory Prices.

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All new goods. Nothing second hand. Besides the extremely low prices a liberal discount will be given for cash, as it takes cash to do business. This is an opportunity rarely ever offered the people of West Texas to buy a handsome **PIANO** at almost one half the usual price. If you contemplate buying within the next two years it will pay you to buy now.

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"Sh! Let's See What She'll Do!"

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Train No. 3 leaves Dallas (city depot) 10:25 a. m., leave Ft. Worth 12:05 p. m., arrive Colorado 9:59 p. m., arrive Big Springs 11:17 p. m., arrive El Paso 12:15 p. m.
Train No. 5 leaves Dallas (city depot) 7:18 p. m., leave Ft. Worth 8:30 p. m., arrive Colorado 7:39 a. m., arrive at Toyah 5 p. m.

EAST BOUND.
Train No. 4 leaves El Paso 7:50 p. m., leave Big Springs 7:55 a. m., arrive Colorado 9:06 a. m., arrive Ft. Worth 5:30 p. m., arrive Dallas (city depot) 7:05 p. m.
Train No. 6 leaves Toyah at 12:35 leave Big Springs at 7:50 p. m., arrive Colorado 9:15 p. m., arrive Ft. Worth 7 a. m., arrive Dallas (city depot) 8:45 a. m.

Colorado and Sterling Mail and Hack Line.

Leaves Colorado Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7 o'clock, a. m. arrives at Sterling City at 7:30 p. m. same day.
Leaves Sterling City Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m., arrives at Colorado 7:30 p. m. same day.

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Daily, including Sunday. Leave Colorado 7:00 a. m., arrive at Snyder 12:45 p. m. Leave Snyder 2 p. m., arrive at Colorado 7:45 p. m.

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Daily except Sunday. Leave Colorado 7 a. m., arrive Colorado 8 p. m.

BUY YOUR RESIDENCE LOTS

FROM W. M. MERRILL
on the Installment plan. Office up stairs in Snyder Building. COLORADO, TEXAS.

The two residences known as the Kindred houses, just east of Lone Wolf bridge, are on the market at a bargain; one half cash and terms on balance. See E. B. Gamel at Record office.

West Texas' Rapid Development.

Hon. Ed W. Smith of Colorado City spent yesterday in Fort Worth, being attracted here by business in the state court of appeals.

"You can hear people talking about the wonderful development in certain sections of the country in ye olden times, and I don't accuse them of exaggeration, but I want to say that there was never anything under ordinary circumstances to equal the present rapid progress and development of western Texas," said Mr. Smith.

"The fact is, a few short years has wrought such a remarkable change in most every locality that a person who has been away for that period, would hardly recognize the thrifty and growing cities and villages as the same of a few years ago, and would exclaim unrestrained, 'This country is certainly revolutionized.'"

"Colorado City is just about outgrowing itself, if such a thing is possible. New and elegant buildings are under construction in almost every locality and altho the growth is of that steady, desirable kind, still the way the city is spreading out is something remarkable.

"Various things are contributing to the boom in this section but probably the foremost of these is the cotton industry. Do you know that five years ago scarcely a thousand bales of cotton per year were marketed in Colorado City, whereas this year we will get fully 30,000 bales of the fleecy staple. On the other hand I may also say, the cattle industry is of great magnitude, and additionally the farmers are diversifying their crops, resulting in the fattening of their pocketbooks and bank accounts.

"To illustrate the actual extent of the cotton growth in the vicinity Colorado City, over 2000 bales are now awaiting shipment but cars are not procurable, and there are also about 2000 head of cattle in the stockyards adjacent

to the tracks awaiting cars to ship them in. It seems the unprecedented demand for cars has exhausted the railroad's supply, and each shipper has to wait his turn.

"Well may Ft. Worth rejoice at the development of all western Texas, for your city will derive untold benefit from this development, being the very outlet to the remainder of the world. Fort Worth itself is taking marvelous strides forward, and in my opinion it is the coming center of the southwest."—Fort Worth Record, Dec. 10th.

WEST TEXAS PROSPERITY.

This section is attracting the homeseeker and investor more and more, as its prosperity continues. Where else in equal area can be found the elements that go to build an enduring prosperity, in as great number and variety. For the past five years, the seasons in west Texas have been all the farmer and the cattleman could wish, and there is every reason to believe that they will continue as regular as they are in any part of the southwest. Aside from its proven agricultural excellence, it has a mineral wealth that is as yet untouched. All the elements for the construction of an empire are locked in the mountains or inhere in the magical soil. The foundation for gigantic manufacturing enterprises are on all sides in abundant evidence. Nature has designed this section as a great laboratory of wealth and industrial center, by placing in close relation all the materials for such accomplishment. No need to seek outside the bounds of west Texas the greatest opportunities for wealth and development that exist today in this country; while the natural conditions and cost of living are better than in the east and north.

Years from now the survivors of this generation will look back in the light of the great developments that will then exist, and wonder at our blindness, as we today marvel at the blindness of the settlers of twenty-five years ago.

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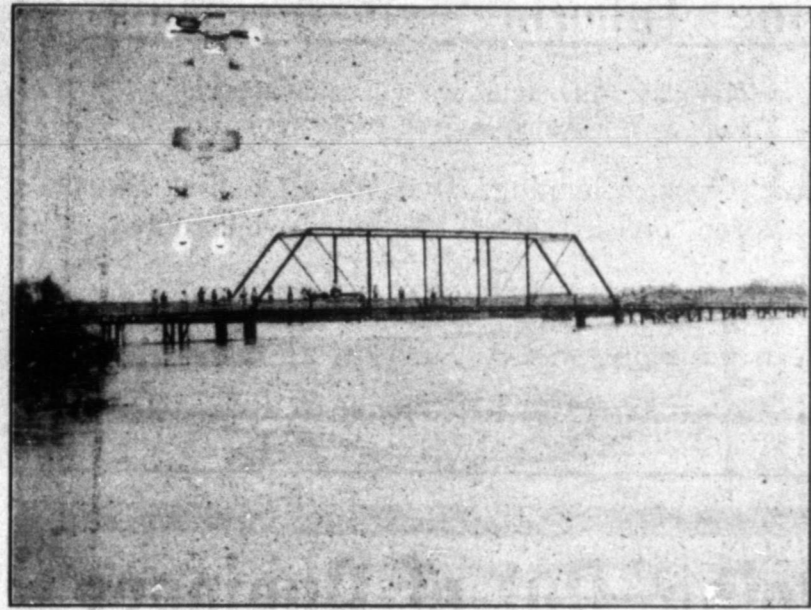
Santa Claus—These up-to-date flat chimneys do pull a fellow out pretty thin. The Pocketbook—I find the modern Christmas leaves me pretty thin, myself.

COLORADO is the commercial center of not only Mitchell but draws trade from ten counties, has 3500 population, composed of the best people on earth, is steadily growing, and now has two gins and will ship this season over 20,000 bales of cotton. We have two big salt works, a forty-ton ice plant, electric lights, water for fire and domestic use, and is the telephone center of the West. Two strong National Banks are here with money to let, fine stores, including three wholesale houses, well kept and sprinkled streets, and governed by an efficient set of county officers. The county is prohibition morals are good, our jail is used to store hay in, our courts are idle.

Colorado is blessed with good schools and churches. The public schools are taught at present by fifteen well-qualified teachers. Our people are happy, contented and prosperous, our homes are modern, beautiful and refined, 'tis an Elysian field of birds and flowers, where mirth and love reigns supreme and sweet contentment holds its sway.

The citizenship are united on town building, and are backed by The Record, a local newspaper that is spending time, energy and money to develop the great West.

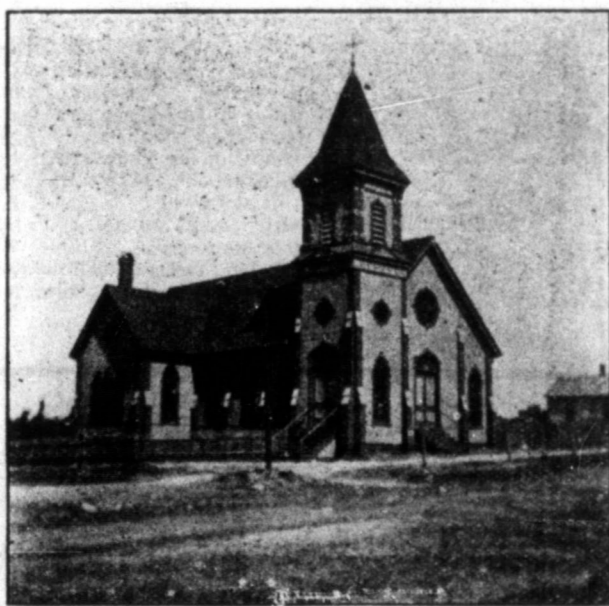
Come to Colorado.



Colorado River and Bridge.

Our lands are cheap because our State is new and therefore not thickly settled. People have not known till within the past few years that two crops per year can be grown upon our lands. If you will come to see our section for yourself, we will prove to you that you owe it to yourself and to your children to sell your high-priced lands and invest in West Texas, where are to be found the best opportunities—opportunities not merely for the investor, but, even in a greater degree, for the man of limited means wanting a home for himself and his children, opportunities favorable for success not merely from a money-making standpoint, but in the matter of health, education, moral training for the young, etc. All we want is a chance to show you.

There are plenty of farmers in Mitchell County who have paid for their lands off the proceeds of one crop. Where else in Texas can this be done?



C. P. Church, Colorado

To look over these fertile prairies and meditate on the future possibilities of this county fills one with hope and inspiration until we can see this vast unbroken country in solid farms, with fields of cotton, grain, fruit and vegetables, a perfect garden fit for the gods.

In our imagination we see Colorado, Queen of the West, paved streets, sky-scraping buildings and cloud-piercing spires, filled with an intelligent, industrious, moral, generous citizenship such as kings and potentates might feel favored to associate with, and even tempting angelic hosts to come down and live with us.

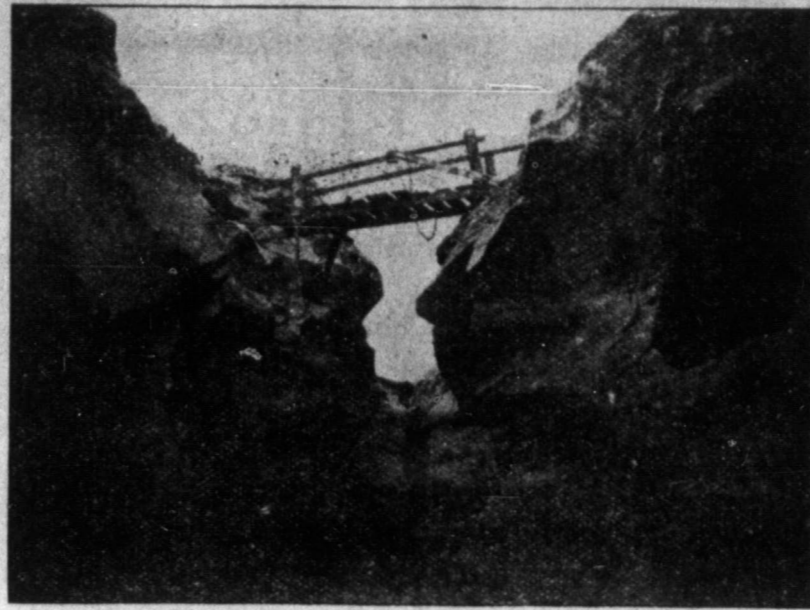
We are already known far and near as a health resort. We are noted for our pretty and educated women. Our schools are drawing people from a distance and gaining a State reputation.

As a commercial center we are known over ten counties.

In scenery and beautiful homes, like Eugene Aram's name, we lead all the rest.

Colorado receives and ships more freight than any town west of Fort Worth.

Our soil is unsurpassed; rich, red sandy loam, underlaid with red clay subsoil, making it proof against drouth in heat of summer.



Scene at Seven Wells, near Colorado

Our elevation is over 2000 feet, makes fans in summer useless. We are the home of prize-winning cattle scattered on a thousand hills, and thoroughbred horses with record-breaking speed.

The limpid waters of the scenic Colorado splash against the foothills as it hurries by under our fine steel bridges.

Our valleys are rich as the gold of Ophar and will out rival the famous Nile.

Here peace, plenty and prosperity prevails. Cupid sets eyes with couples.

Fragrant flowers form festoons around fountains.

Music, mirth, mingle midst mid-summer merriment.

Fancies, fads and fashions forms famed fruition.

One can stand on the rock-ribbed cliffs of the scenic Colorado listening to the gurgling waters while the wild western winds, as they sweep over the flower-bedecked prairie, fans the rose-colored cheeks of the once East Texas invalid. Thus one can inhale the exhilarating ozone until the old is made young again; so invigorating is our atmosphere that it will "make a prairie jackrabbit stand on his hind legs and spit in a bull dog's eye."

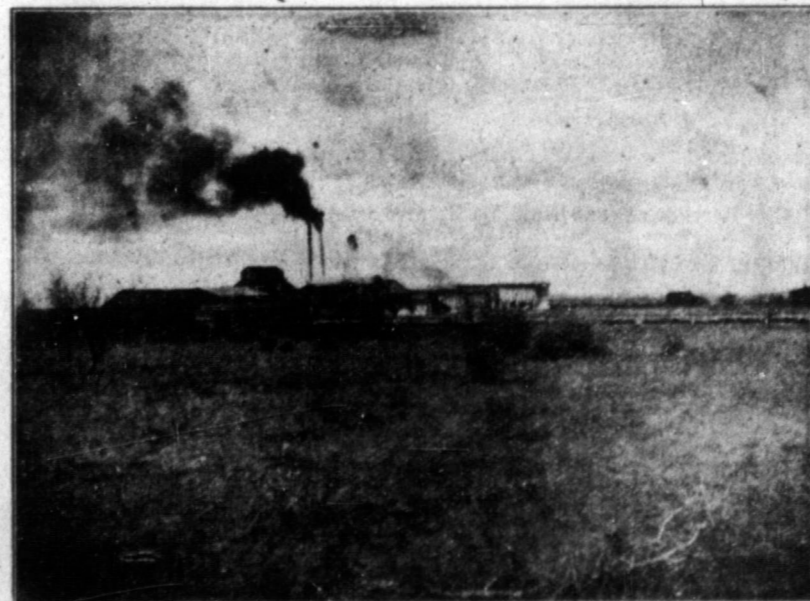
Your shady dells are poisoned with malaria and mosquitos, and a good deal of the luscious fruit is shipped in from the Colorado country.



Methodist Church, Colorado

Come where the 2700-foot altitude restores life, where the light atmosphere is heavy laden with the perfume of flowers, where the American Beauty roses are painted by nature on the cheeks of fair maids, where all nature is at peace with the world, and the shrill notes of the mockingbird would be a discord on the scene.

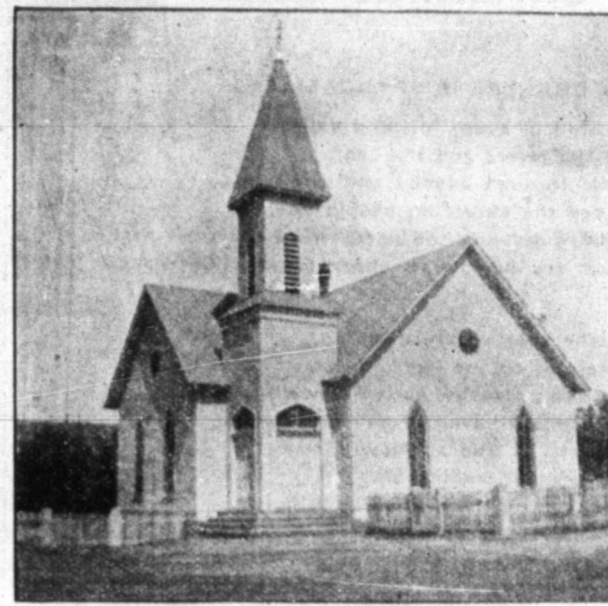
Come to Colorado and Mitchell County. A poet in writing of this country once said: "I will hie me to the land of pure fiction, where I may roam at will through the verdant pastures of imagination, where crystal streams of poetic thought gush from the mountains of knowledge and where I may lay me down to rest in the spreading shade of oblivion." He should have written it this way: "I will hie me to the land of great possibilities where I may roam through fields of waving grain, where crystal streams sure enough gush from mountain sides and where I may lay me down to rest in peace with all the world midst prosperity and happiness."



Salt Works—Colorado.

Three thousand copies of The Record is printed this week to advertise this town and county.

MITCHELL COUNTY is situated about 230 miles west of Fort Worth, Texas, and about midway between Fort Worth and El Paso. Mitchell County was organized in January, 1881. The Texas & Pacific railway runs through the center of the county, east and west. The Colorado River runs through the center of the county, north and south, and the lands 15 miles on either side of the river are the most fertile lands in this part of the State, producing in abundance anything planted and cultivated. We have several smaller streams, tributaries to the Colorado River. We have very little rough and broken country, and as a whole, Mitchell county can show up more fertile lands and show up better growing crops than any of her sister counties. The soil is a red and black sandy loam, with clay subsoil. We can always get abundance of good water from 40 to 100 feet.



Christian Church, Colorado.

As to health, we will say that there is no country that can compete with us for health. We never have chills and fever or malaria in any form, and a 12 months stay here puts new life in a person, and the longer they stay the better they will like the country. This country is especially adapted to the growth of cotton, and in a few years will be the main cotton belt of Texas, and on a ten years average, we will make a better average than any other part of the State. We don't hesitate to say that one man can make twice as much money in this country, raising cotton, as he can in any other part of the State. Why? Because he can work from two to three times as much land as he can in the black land belt, and with more ease, and one year with another the yield will be as great.

This country is especially adapted to fruits of all kinds—peaches, pears, plums, apples, apricots, grapes, blackberries, strawberries, are sure crops, and we never make a failure. Vegetables of all kinds grow in abundance and we can beat any country in the production of watermelons, cantaloupes, sweet and Irish potatoes. This is really a better fruit country than Eastern Texas, and the fruit grown here is of a much better flavor. We advise every man that wants a home for himself and family to come and see for himself and see what others are doing and what they have to say about the country, and we are sure that every man that wants a home in a good country, where lands are in reach of all, that he will at once make his final decision and locate in Mitchell county, and the sooner this decision is made the better it will be for the buyer, as lands are bound to be worth from \$20 to \$30 per acre in less than 8 months. This country has been thoroughly tested, and to locate here is no experiment, but successful farming has proven to be a reality, beyond any doubt.



St. James Hotel, Colorado.

A word to the speculator or the man who is loaning his money at 8 and 10 per cent per annum. Why not come to Mitchell county and invest your money in lands and double your money in two and three years? Others are doing it, why not you? By request, we can cite you to persons who are actually doubling their money in a very short time by buying good agricultural lands, subdividing and selling to farmers in small tracts. We advise no man to buy a bed of rock for an investment, unless there is mineral underneath, but we do advise every man that wants a good, safe investment, to buy lands in Mitchell county at present prices, and he will certainly realize a handsome profit in a very short time. We ask no man to take our word for it, but we would like for every one seeking good, safe investments to make a thorough investigation of the lands and conditions of Mitchell county.



The Christmas Guest

BY CHARLES H. CRANDALL.

Cold sweeps the wind in every hill and valley,
Its kisses glaze the rivers and the sea,
It drives its steeds through avenue and alley,
And laughs to see the shivering people flee.
Yet by the hearthfire glowing the north wind shall not rest,
Where glad hands are bestowing cheer for the Christmas Guest.

Good people all, wherever ye are dwelling,
In crowded streets or on the lonely farm,
Join in the Christmas message, sweetly swelling,
And make each home a haven bright and warm,
For hearts, if true and lowly,
The manger-cradles are,
Where comes the Child-Guest holy
With love, the guiding Star.

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MITCHELL COUNTY is the natural home of the peach, pear, plum, apple, cherries, figs and grapes, as well as all kinds of vegetables. For tomatoes, watermelons and cantaloupes no other part of Texas has ever grown a finer variety.

The soil of this county is a red chocolate, and sandy, perfectly adapted to growing cotton, alfalfa, wheat, oats and other small grain. This country is also well adapted to raising hogs—they are free from diseases in this climate. It is a fact that hogs have been raised here to weigh one hundred and twenty-five pounds at a cost of seventy-five cents. Hogs are entirely free from cholera. It is safe to say that more than twice as many hogs can be raised from the same number of brood sows and at a less cost than in the northern climates. It is not claimed that this is better for growing Indian corn than Indiana, Illinois, Iowa or Ohio, but it has been demonstrated that better corn and more to the acre can be raised here than in Kansas or Oklahoma; for Kaffir corn, milo maize and fall oats, and this is their natural home. If you don't want to be a farmer nor an orchardist you can start you a chicken ranch with the assurance that ninety per cent of the eggs you set will make full grown chicks—they are not subject to the diseases common to fowls in other countries. Or you can start you a hog ranch and



Residence of F. M. Burns, Merchant, Colorado, Texas.

get, in this climate, twice as many pigs from the same number of sows as you can get in northern climates.

It is a fact that the soil around Colorado is as productive as any in Texas. It is also a fact that it produces from 60 to 75 bushels of oats, and 30 to 40 bushels of wheat. It is a fact that Mitchell County will produce more feed stuff than most any other county in the West. It will produce better apples and apples that will bring more money in the market than can be raised in any other country.

It is a fact that the largest and sweetest grapes grown are raised here. It is a fact that no other country excels this country for pears; a tree was never known to blight in this country—pears pay from \$150 to \$300 per acre.

If you wish to locate in the West, or garden spot of the great State, do not fail to examine and see for yourself the great opportunities offered in this county for those desiring a new location for any vocation of life. Children can go to Sunday-school every Sunday in the year and to the various denominations, where prejudice does not prevail, and especially where you will find no saloons, cast your lot with the people of Mitchell County. In short, you will find more schools and churches and less prejudice among the people of Mitchell county than any county in the State. Farming and

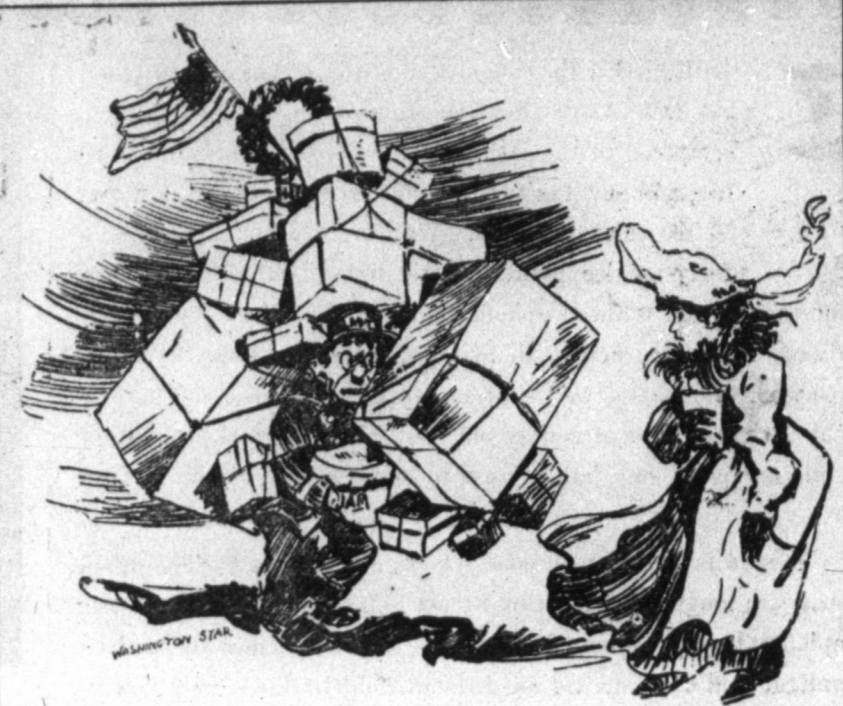


Residence of Gus Bertner, Agent New York Life Insurance Co., Colorado, Tex

truck farming never end—two to three crops per year. Land cheaply cleared, easily cultivated. Produces, per acre, onions \$200 to \$400; potatoes, \$50 to \$150; peanuts, \$70 to \$90; corn, 25 to 60 bushels; cotton, one-half to a bale; oats, 30 to 80 bushels; sorghum, 2 to 5 tons; milo maize and kaffir corn, from 80 to 200 bushels. All garden vegetables and fruits abundant. Lands range in price from \$5 to \$40 per acre—price is fixed according to quality of land.

If you wish to cast your lot with a kind, generous, hospitable, big-hearted people, where you never meet strangers, and every person is your friend, where you can send your children to the free school nine months in the year, where your health is always good, come to Mitchell County.

Colorado will ship more than 20,000 bales of cotton this season.



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The Question of the Hour.



What Will Be in It?



Old Year, Goodby!

Old Year, Goodby! Time bids thee go—
The final hour is drawing nigh—
And roiled to mist or man with speed,
Old Year, Goodby!

Pluck up at parting one brief sigh,
Touched with the tender afterglow
Of days that blossomed but to die.

Beyond our present joy or woe,
The stars of the future lie—
Whither thou goest, none may know,
Old Year, Goodby!

—WILLIAM H. DRYDEN—

Counting the Minutes.



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They'll never be any cheaper.

Here are some that have advanced 100 per cent in one year, and will advance 100 per cent in another year:

1
Nine residence lots in block east of Coggin and Wilke's residences in north Colorado, easy reach of school.

2
4 lots in block just North of little brick school house.

3
One block just west of McClures residence, will divide into lots to suit.

4
One block north of No. 3 above mentioned, will divide into lots as wanted.

5
One choice corner lot in East Colorado, next to Maj. W. V. Johnson's.

6
One two acre lot in East Colorado, on Second Street, next to Culpepper place, close in.

7
A choic block just north-west of McClure's, will subdivide.

8
Five choic residence lots between the Boren place and the properties of Victor Dziedzioch in South Colorado, close in.

10
Four other 2 acre lots south and east of No. 9 above.

11
2 acres of ground in South Colorado next to Crawford place.

12
Several acreage tracts from 4 to 10 across the river south and east of Crawford place.

C. H. EARNEST.

Office over Colorado National Bank.

Cheap Lands

6 Section pasture, well improved, with good farm. Price \$2.50 per acre.

5 Sections, splendid grass, water and protection, \$1.75 per acre.

8 Sections; part of each section fine farming land. \$2.75 per acre. Will take one-third cash, one-third to State at 3 per cent interest, one-third in five annual payments at 6 per cent, on the above lands.

20 Section pasture, well improved, one-fourth fine farming land, 5 sets houses 300 acres in cultivation. \$2.00 school land, \$2.00 bonus. Will take some stock on any of these trades.

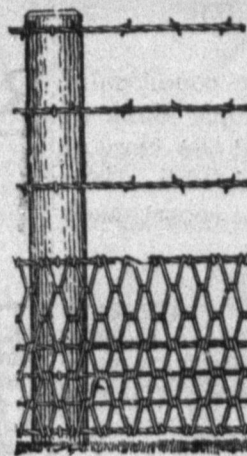
All in Sterling county.

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Christmas in Bethlehem

How the Glad Holiday Is Celebrated in Christ's Natal Town.

The little city of Bethlehem is set upon a hill which is crowned by the Church of the Nativity, writes Marion Harland. The Grotto, which all sects of believers have agreed upon as the birthplace of our Lord, is directly under the church and entirely dependent for light upon artificial means. A silver star is let into the pavement of a semi-circular niche, above which is an altar adorned with the usual churchly symbols. By the light of 15 colored lamps suspended under the altar we read the inscription in Latin: "Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary." The long line of pilgrims prostrated themselves, one by one, and kissed the star, some with dropping tears—all, silently—solemnized beyond the range of speech. It did not add to our solemnity to be shown the manger, decorated with lace and an embroidered altar-cloth. The really impressive things were occasional glimpses of the rough stone walls and roof of the ancient stable, visible here and there between the gaudy decorations. The service of Christmas Eve began at half-past ten at night and concluded at half-past two in the morning. At midnight a lullaby from the organ preluded the supreme moment

of the occasion—the sudden folding back of a curtain above the altar, revealing a manger-cradle and a box wax doll. The exultant outburst of organ and choir in a magnificent Gloria in Excelsis accompanied the stately processional of the entire staff of priests and acolytes, chanting and swinging censers while they bore up one aisle and down another, back to the high altar, the same doll, dressed in cambric and lace, and resting in the embrace of the richly apparelled bishop. "Every incident of our last night in Jamal's camp in Bethlehem recurs to me with peculiar distinctness. How, as the darkness deepened, the red, blinking eyes of the charcoal craters of the wonderful portable stove presided over by our accomplished chef in the door of the kitchen tent—the night being breezeless—shone upon the under side of the olive boughs over our heads, while our quiet talk went on of what had happened in the old town behind us. We spoke longest of David's Greatest Son, and of the Birth that was to draw the eyes and thoughts of all nations to the little city on the hilltop in the land of Juda. At midnight, kept awake by the rush and burden of thought, I arose to lock the tent door upon the watchful stars that here have a conscious majesty I had never recognized elsewhere, and wondered anew where, amidst the glittering hosts "marshaled on the nightly plain" had flashed the Star of Bethlehem. For the last time in our eventful series of journeyings we saw the dawn redden the mountains of Moab, the thin crescent of the waning moon dying, while we gazed, before the brightness of the coming sun.

Madonna and Child.



From Painting by Sichel.

Colorado National Bank.

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Statement of the condition of The Colorado National Bank of Colorado, Texas, at the close of business, November 12th, 1906, condensed from the report made to the Comptroller:

RESOURCES:	
Loans	\$485,696.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	51,500.00
Banking House—Fixtures	12,000.00
Cash and due from Banks	115,137.40
Total	\$634,330.00
LIABILITIES:	
Capital	\$100,000.00
Surplus and Profits (Net)	125,621.50
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	349,208.50
Re-Discounts	39,500.00
Total	\$664,330.00

This bank was founded back in the early days. Finished in mahogany, the fixtures are handsome and at the same time substantial and convenient.

The safety deposit department is one of the features that commands special attention. The vaults are of solid concrete, and the walls are 2 1/2 feet thick. The foundation is six feet deep. They are absolutely fire and burglar proof in every way.

Overhead the ceiling is snow white and is done in panels. A new steam heating system for winter has been installed throughout the building and other plumbing arrangements are in keeping with this, and the rest of the modern appointment.

It is a bank the financial merit of the west refer to as an example of the greatness of the country; one in which there are deposits from every section. Its quarterly statements have never failed to show a large increase and its capitalization has been steadily increased as the business demanded, until today it ranks with the big institutions of the kind throughout the south and west.



A. B. ROBERTSON, President Colorado National Bank

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- No. 2. 657 acres of which 250 acres is in farm, \$1500 worth of improvements, 3 wells and one windmill, all good water and strong wells. This place is 17 miles N. E. from Colorado; the price is \$22.50 per acre. Patentee or purchaser can assume \$1 per acre due the State of Texas. Good terms. Can cut this tract into 160 acre tracts at slight advance in price.
- No. 3. 255 acres adjoining the above, 15 acres in farm, good well and pump, plenty of good water. 2 1/2 miles of fence. Purchaser to assume \$249 due the State of Texas. \$10 per acre, good terms.
- No. 4. 157 1/2 acres, good well water, 1 1/2 miles of fence, Price \$10 per acre, 275 of which can be assumed, as it is due the State of Texas, (1 to 5 years at 5 per cent.) Terms, 1/2 cash, balance 1 to 5 years.
- No. 7. 1040 acres 1 mile of Dunn P. in Scurry county, 3 houses, 180 acres in cultivation, 3 wells, 2 windmills, creek runs through place, fine young pecan thickets on creek, 700 acres of this place is tillable, balance is fine pasture land; creek of living water; 1 mile to school; plenty of timber, all dark or red sandy land, the finest yet. Price \$20 per acre, good long time.
- No. 8. 320 acres 1/2 mile of Westbrook, 2 houses 3 and 4 rooms, small barn, well of freestone water, plenty of timber; 60 acres in cultivation, all good farming land. Price \$20 per acre.
- No. 9. 286 acres 6 miles S. W. from Colorado on Colorado and San Angelo public road, 2 houses 2 and 4 rooms, barns, well and windmill, plenty of timber, 90 acres in cultivation, all choice land except 30 acres crossed by Morgan creek. Price \$21 per acre.
- No. 11. 160 acres 3 miles N. W. from Loraine, good three room house good barn, good well of water and new windmill, plenty of good timber, 55 acres in fine state of cultivation, all good land. Price \$20 per acre. Terms.
- 160 acres 5 miles north from Colorado, 1 room house, barn, well and pump, 35 acres in farm, 100 acres fenced in farm, all good smooth and fine farming land with plenty of good timber. Price \$27.50 per acre. Good terms. This is an exceptionally fine tract of land and well improved.
- No. 14. 320 acres 14 miles N. W. from Colorado, all smooth black land, 210 acres in fine state of cultivation, 1 house with 3 large rooms in good repair, and 1 other three room house (rent house) 2 wells and windmills, line water. Price \$20 per acre, with terms.
- No. 26. Two sections on East line of Mitchell and West side of Nolan county, 1/2 good farming land, balance more or less rough but finest of grazing land. Price \$6.50 per acre, \$1.50 per acre in cash, balance on easy terms. Also one other section adjoining the two above on same price and terms, All by about 3 miles south of Roscoe.
- No. 15. 160 acres 12 miles South of Colorado, good 3 room house, barn, tank, 65 acres in farm, plenty of fine timber. Price \$12.50 per acre, terms \$1600 cash, and balance in two years.
- No. 16. 320 acres 22 miles N. W. of Colorado in Scurry county, 2 room house, tank and cistern (bricked) 35 acres in cultivation, 200 acres good farming land, no timber. Price \$6 per acre bonus, \$1.25 per acre due State which purchaser will assume. Wants bonus cash.
- No. 17. 1120 acres five miles north of Colorado, 3 sets of improvements, 240 acres in cultivation, all good farming land, good cistern, 2 wells and windmills, good barns. A bargain at \$23.50 per acre, good terms with 8 per cent interest. (The Allen & Durringer Thoroughbred Hereford Ranch.)
- No. 19. 640 acres 7 miles West of Colorado, joining Texas & Pacific track, 1 mile of new town of Westbrook, good four room house, 120 acres in farm, good cistern, 2 wells and windmills, 500 acres of finest tillable land, balance fine grazing. \$1 per acre due State of Texas. Will cut in quarters. Price \$16 per acre, terms \$4000 or \$5000 cash, balance 1 to 4 or 5 years, with 8 per cent interest. This is a SNAP.
- No. 24. 200 acres 3 miles east of Colorado, farm grubbed out. Finest land in county on public road to Loraine Price \$25 per acre. Good terms.
- No. 25. 160 acres 7 miles N. W. from Colorado on Colorado & Gail road, 1 good four room house, large tank, well, cistern, lots, barns, good orchard, 1/2 mile of school house and church, 65 acres in cultivation: Price \$13.50 per acre, \$1500 cash, balance on time. \$1 due State can be assumed.

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MARRIED

At the Methodist parsonage Rev. Dodson united in marriage Harry Smith to Miss Minnie Hightower. The young couple will make their home here. Harry Smith is an exemplary young man, manager of the Colorado Cold Storage Market, and has won for his bride a most excellent little lady. The Record extends congratulations.

A Fine Bull

Mr. F. E. McKenzie reports the purchase this week of a fine Red Durham bull from the well known short horn breeder, J. F. Rhea of Rhome Texas.

Daniel Deronda, the bull bought, is a fine Red Short-horn Durham and is just a yearling, yet he sold for \$250.

Sired by Fearnought, the grand champion of 1906 and out of Scottish Arabella by Silver Duke, giving him the highest grade to be attained. Daniel Deronda is a beauty and will be added to the McKenzie herd on his 20 section ranch South-east of Colorado.

Christmas Tree.

The Baptist Sunday School will have their Christmas tree on Monday evening, 7:30, at the church. The house will be nicely decorated, and old Santa will arrive in time to "deliver the goods." It is said that he has a present for each one in the Sunday School.

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Posted.

My farm 2 1/2 miles north of Colorado is posted according to law, and hunters are warned to stay out. H. D. Womack.

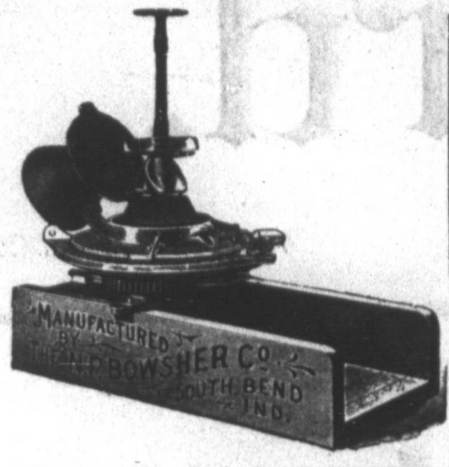
For Sale.

An A 1 buggy, extra good for sale at a bargain. See W. W. Gross.

Hot coffee and chilli at Vincent's.

Vendor's lien notes at Record office.

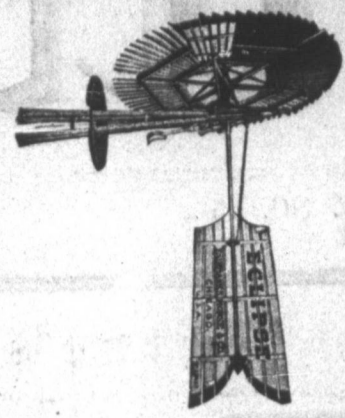
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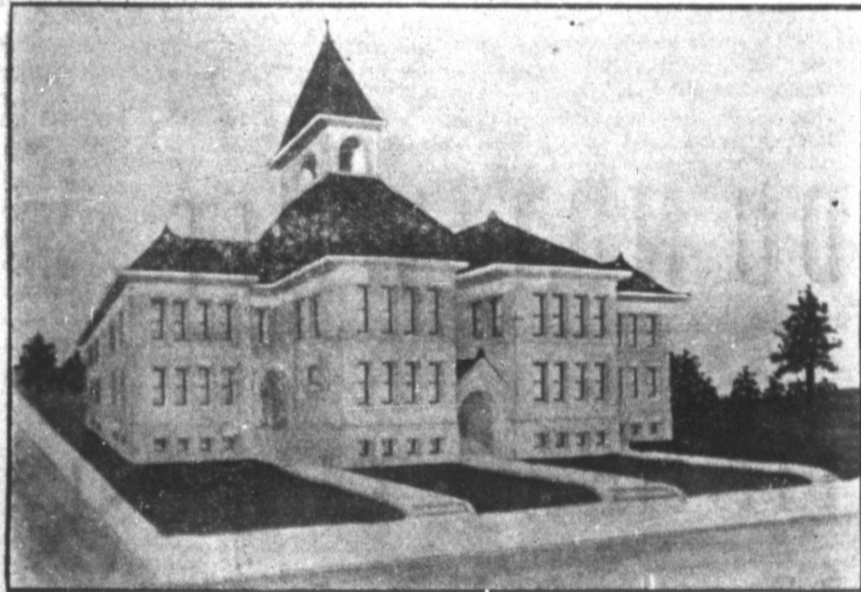


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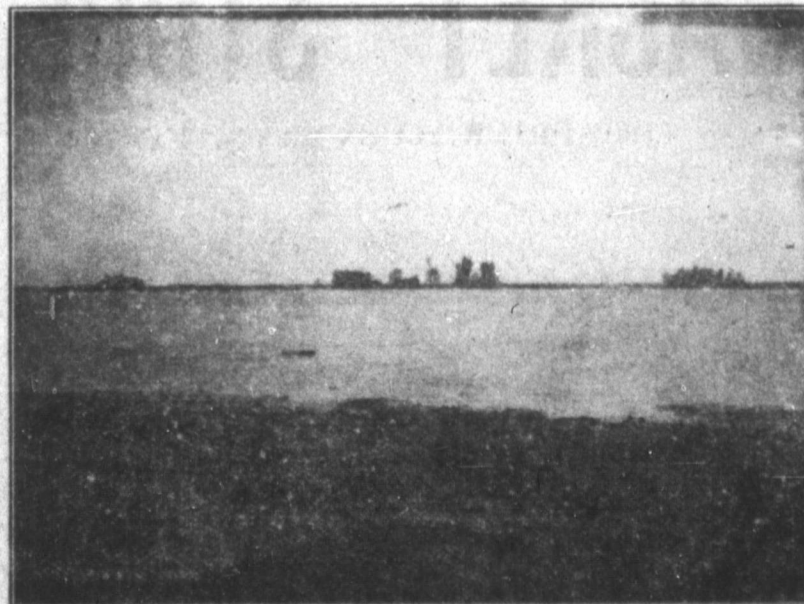
About Colorado and Mitchell County

- Malaria unknown.
- Fine public schools.
- Cool breezes all summer.
- A great diversity of crops.
- The finest climate in Texas.
- Varied and interesting scenery.
- As fine grass as Texas affords.
- A cotton crop is a yearly certainty.
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- Produces all kinds of fruit and vegetables without irrigation.
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- Raises many varieties of apples of the very finest flavor.
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E. B. GAMEL, The Land Man.
 COLORADO, TEXAS. PHONE NO. 253.

Read below some bargains offered and come to see me if you want to buy or sell. If you have any kind of land for sale LIST IT WITH ME. I will do all the advertising, bear all the expense and find you a buyer.

BARGAIN LANDLIST

During the past year I have sold land to the following parties:

C. L. Rice 640 acres, D. T. Rice 320 acres, T. L. Clayton 320 acres, J. T. Joiner 182 acres, C. L. Bateman 200 acres, J. Q. Gilbreath 200 acres, R. J. Hill 960 acres, B. E. Vaughn 160 acres, S. W. Altman 320 acres, R. B. Davis 320 acres, W. A. Oliver 640 acres, P. D. Gallagher 160 acres, J. A. Wyatt 160 acres, D. M. Waters 640 acres, E. W. Turner 320 acres. I made a profit on every acre of the land, yet there is not one acre of it that you can buy for twice the amount I sold it for. Write to me for the address of these men. Some of them have made more than enough this year to pay for their land. I now have for sale the following lands:

640 acres six miles north of Westbrook, and 320 acres four miles of Westbrook that I am offering for quick sale at \$10 per acre, one-third cash and 4 years time on balance. There are no other lands as good near this for less than \$15 per acre.

I also have 200 acres near Scott Green's, all good land, 45 acres in cultivation, on public roads, plenty timber. I want to divide this into two 100 acre tracts at \$15 per acre, one-third cash.

Also 160 acres 14 miles down the Robert Lee road, good level land, plenty timber, fenced, public road on two sides, \$12.50 per acre.

640 acres one-half mile of Pride, in Dawson county, well and windmill, tank, 2-room house 3 1-2 mile of fence, 75 acres in farm, 325 fruit trees, 500 black locust. Price \$10 per acre, one-half cash, balance 1, 2 and 3 years. This is on the public road.

640 acres 12 miles North of Lamesa, Dawson county, 2 room house, all fine land, shallow water, price \$6.50 per acre and purchaser assume \$1.50 due the State in 39 years at 3 per cent. Easy terms on balance.

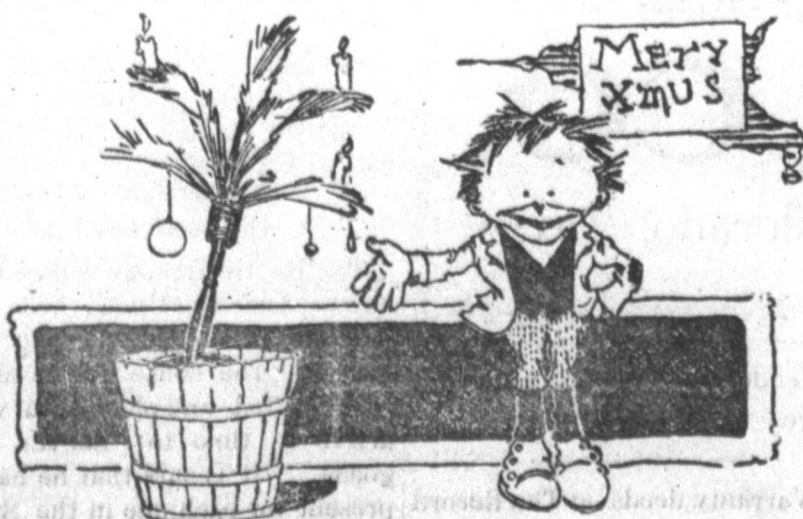
I still have some desirable residence lots on College Hill for sale. I sold last week 3 lots to M. L. Watson for \$450; 5 lots to Dr. Sneed for \$450, and 2 lots to Dr. Merrill for \$400.

I buy and sell. Have sold land this year that has doubled in value in less than six months.

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Early Days in Colorado.
The Record man in talking with Col. A. B. Robertson this week about the rapid settlement of the west gleaned from him about the following:
"I remember the time when a cowman wouldn't drink with a man, and when he would only associate with a farmer, that day is now gone. We cowmen are the ones who look to the sheepmen and farmers to do a little condescending, from their point of view.
"Now there is my old friend Judge Looney. When I first knew the Judge he would have fought the man who called him a farmer. He was a cowman, and he took pains to let the world know it, too. He still denies being a farmer, but the way he struts around Colorado when he sells a few bales of cotton, and calls himself a 'cotton planter', is enough to make the shades of the old age turn yellow.
"The Judge put in about 600 acres in cotton this year. He has made more money off these 600 acres than he has made off his 10,000-acre cow pasture, and of course he feels his oats—or, rather, his cotton, a bit.
"While I have thought for a long time that the man with the hoe was going to give us cowmen a hard shove, yet until this year I never thought as good as true a cowman as Judge Looney would ever go to raising cotton and then hedge, when pressed about it, by saying that he was a cotton planter and not a mere nestor. The next thing I expect to hear is that Jake McCall has gone to farming."

Where to Buy Groceries.

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Back From The West.
Judge W. C. Wear returned Saturday night from a trip to Midland County, where he went to take a rest and to recuperate his health during a lull of business in the district court. Judge Wear was delighted with his trip and was greatly pleased with the appearance and prospects of the section visited. He remarked to a Mirror reporter yesterday that he observed fields of cotton on lands only recently placed in cultivation which will produce at least a bale to the acre. This he considers conclusive evidence that the land in that section will be far more valuable in the market price than the estimates now generally placed upon it. He stated that it was filling up very rapidly and that a large proportion of the new immigration there is made up of families from this section. "There is," said he, "one thing concerning the growth of that portion of the State worthy of special notice. It is that the tide of immigration is flowing there in spite of the efforts which the stock men have for years been exerting to prevent settlement. While in most new countries there is required a great expenditure of money to induce immigration and settlement, in the western portion of the State embracing the regions so long dominated by the cattle kings, the settlement is progressing rapidly in spite of the fact that vast sums of money, active legislative lobbies, and powerful political influence has been constantly employed to prevent the influx of population."
Judge Wear thinks these things indicate that the new territory in the western part of the State is bound to become a great agricultural and industrial region.—Hillsboro Mirror.

The writer knows Judge Wear very well, on his recent trip he was tied up here a whole day on account of a railroad wreck and of course what he says above is about the Colorado country.

LORAIN NEWS ITEMS.
(FROM THE ADVERTISER)

Automobile connection between both Colorado and Snyder is the latest thing for Loraine.
Joe Smith of Callahan county was here Wednesday to visit his cousin E. N. Riden.
H. W. Freeman's family of Mabank, Texas, came in to join him Wednesday.
Dr. H. W. Henthorn has returned from Dublin, where he bought a car load of fine Jerseys.
Brady Porter has sold a large tract of land to Osborn & Son.
W. A. Smith has sold 80 acres of land to W. E. Gandy at \$22.50 per acre.
D. T. Wheeler is building another residence here.
Rev. E. Phelan, the new M. E. pastor, will preach here on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.
B. F. Osburn has sold 160 acres of land to J. W. Watson for \$25 per acre.

Holiday Rates and Dates of Sale.

A round trip rate of one and one third fare to all points in Texas has been announced by the Texas & Pacific and the dates for the sale of the tickets are from December 21st to 31st inclusive, good to return until January 7th.
For points out of the state a rate one and one third fare has been announced, with the exception of to points in Mexico, where fare will be the rate of one first class fare plus \$2, dates for sale Dec. 20, to 22, inclusive, and good to return within 30 days from date of sale.

Try your next months grocery bill with McCreless. He will save you money, besides you might draw one of the watches.

Penny Wise Pound Foolish.

If the town of Colorado and Mitchell County make the same improvement next year they have during the year just closing, the population of both will be double before Christmas 1907. The County has received its share of the settlers who came this year, while the town would have at least fifty more families here than are, if they could have gotten houses in which to have lived.
Improvements, as well as time and tide are said to have a habit, waits for no man. If one town does not rise to the conditions required it passes on to the town that will meet it half way. The lot and property owners of Colorado have not supplied the demand, and the settlers have in many cases moved on. But they took advantage of the demand to greatly raise prices of lots and rent. We had better offer inducements to good people than scare them off to competing towns, where they can get done for them what they want. Such policy is but "penny wise and pound foolish."

Important Notice.

Article 336 Penal Code as amended by the acts of 1902:
Sec. 1. If any persons shall discharge any gun, pistol, fireworks of any description, or shall discharge any cannon cracker, or torpedo on or across any public square, street or alley, in any city town or village, in this state, he shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.
Sec. 2. By the term "cannon cracker" is meant any fire cracker or other combustible package more than two inches in length, and more than one inch in circumference, and includes Roman candles, etc.
F. MYER, Justice Peace.
W. F. ROBINSON, Co. Att'y.

When you want Fire Insurance call on or phone us. We have the best and strongest fire companies in the South.
Buchanan, Morrison & Co.

Hard to Please.

The people of West Texas are prospering; there is no sort of doubt as to this fact. We heard a man the other day, who plants a few acres in cotton and forage crops as a side line to his regular vocation, chewing the rag violently because on 16 acres he had in cotton, he had made only 13 1-2 bales. "Why in the Sam Hill couldn't it have been 14 bales even," he complained.
Prosperity grows upon what it feeds. It is as avaricious as the "two sisters of the horse leech" who continually cry for more!
Many men who have done as well as this one this year, came to West Texas from some of the old states, where with five times the labor required here, they were content to make one bale on 3 to 5 acres.

Brick! Brick! Concrete brick See Cooksey & Co.

In many sections of this great country there is land just as productive as that of Mitchell county, but fertility of the land in only one of the factors of agricultural prosperity and contentment. Many of those sections have drawbacks that outweigh their advantages. The conditions here are as near ideal as can be found anywhere. A bouyant and invigorating climate, good health, social advantages and a soil adapted to a greater variety of marketable things than is found elsewhere, all combine to make the life and labors of a farmer easier than in other sections having one or two very prominent advantages. Taken on a general average, this section of Western Texas has more to offer the homeseekers than he can find elsewhere.

Call for the "Colorado tablet" at Record office.

This issue of The Record is published at no additional cost to any one except the owners of the paper. All we ask is that all interested in the development of this country, buy from 10 to 100 copies and mail to friends and acquaintances in other sections.

Land Notice.

M. T. Crawford has a choice 1-4 section of fine land near Herbert and will exchange for residence in Colorado. Will take or pay difference in the exchange.

If you are interested in the town and county, then you can do work for both by mailing out copies to friends back east.

A pleasant spell of weather for the holidays would be a favor at the hands of old Jupiter P. that all Texas would appreciate, and which later, we would reciprocate.

For Sale.

An A 1 pony mare, gentle and buggy, extra good, for sale at a bargain, see J. F. McGill at once.

Resident Property For Sale.

Three desirable blocks, 12 lots in each block, north Colorado. Will sell one, two, or three blocks at a bargain.

New Fall Groceries.

We never before had as many splendid things to eat as now. Make a visit and see how nicely we keep things we send out for you to eat. Y. D. McMurry. Phone 38.

NOTICE!

We now have the fine lands belonging to Judge Looney, lying north, east, south and west of Pecan Grove, for sale at from \$10 to \$20 per acre, terms good, and will sell in tracts of 160 acres and upwards. Call on or address Buchanan, Morrison & Co., Colorado, Texas. Next door to City National Bank.

Ours is the leading place in all the Colorado country for Furniture, Queensware and General House Furnishings. A fine line of Caskets, Robes and Undertakers' Supplies.

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List your property with us, and let us sell it for you. Offices over Colorado National Bank
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XMAS GIFT!

Something that Mother or Father Would Appreciate More than Anything
would be a pair of **EYE GLASSES** properly fitted, so as they may pass the long, cold winter evenings away reading with ease and comfort. Get them now with plain lens and I will guarantee to properly fit them after the Holidays.
EXAMINATION FREE.
OSCAR H. MAJORS,
OPTICIAN.
At Majors' Jewelry Store.
Colorado, - Texas.
The Record and the Dallas Semi-Weekly News one year only \$1.75.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS and PERSONAL MENTION
Call at the Racket Store and inspect the new Fox visible Type Writer.
Mitchell county will double its population in the next twelve months.
Moerer sells it for less.
Buy your winter's wood and coal right now from H. F. Wheeler, the wood and coal man.
Colorado should be proud of its light and power service. It is the best in the West.
Meet me at Jakes Restaurant.
Majors has designed some beautiful souvenir spoons.
The aggregate of \$514,359.25 on deposit in the two banks makes a good showing for the west.
If you want Brick, see Cooksey & Co.
The people of Mitchell county are in fine shape to enjoy the holidays to the fullest extent, and there will be much merriment and visiting during this festive season.
Carbolicum, the great disinfectant, at Arbutnots.

Judge Homan will return from Bonham Saturday morning and will occupy the pulpit at the Christian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:15 p. m. The evening service will be in the interest of the Christian Women's Board of Missions, and will be specially interesting. Judge Homan will preach on the origin, growth and work of this organization and a free will offering will be called for to aid these christian women in their good work.
I have pleased hundreds of people at my restaurant. Why not you. Try me. Jake Maurer.
J. J. Clayton and wife left yesterday on a holiday trip back to the old home in Tennessee.
Pyrography outfits at Arbutnots.
D. H. Snyder and wife are at their old home at Georgetown during the holidays.
Carbolicum, for hen lice, ticks, and as a general disinfectant - Arbutnots.
Mrs. Bert Wulfjen and the little girl will spend this Christmas at her old home in Georgetown.
C. A. Goodwin says he will give all those who owe him until Dec. 20, to pay up. You had better see him now.

Our old friend O. M. Mitchell left last night on a Christmas visit to his family at Maybank, Texas. He took with him quite a number of copies of the Record and will do missionary work for this section while gone.
Cooksey & Co. are making the best brick you ever saw. Get their prices.
Mrs. Ethel Boone and son Bernard, left this morning on a holiday visit at Ennis, West and Mexia.
All parties who pay their monthly bills promptly on the first at McCreless' will be entitled to watch tickets.
Miss Josephine Henry will spend Christmas in El Paso with her grand mother, Mrs. Freeman.
For Bargains in city lots see E. E. Gamel at The Record office.
We now have some one to call us "pa" at our house. We don't know but suppose that means we will have to hustle early and late. But any way we are real proud of the new arrived, a girl which took up its abode with us Monday.—Coming West.
Many happy returns Brother, is the wish of the Record.
Pay a dollar for a razor strap at Doss and get a good razor free.

Keen Kutter Tools at Moeser's.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

There will be no issue of The Record next week. To publish a paper next week would force our printers to work all week, and they like all others, like to take Christmas, so there will be no Record next week.

Our next issue will be on Jan. 4th. We consider this issue is worth the price of two, so our readers will not miss much and surely they will not begrudge the printers a holiday.

It is a sign of mediocrity to be easily satisfied, and yet in presenting this Christmas number of the Record, we can not but express ourselves as better pleased with it than with any number yet attempted. There has been a great deal of extra work put into it and additional cost incurred also, but we publish it with the view of reaping our reward in the future, when we can see a happy, prosperous farmer on every 80 or 160 acre tract of land in Mitchell county; for then we can revert to our present efforts with pride as we realize that the Record did its part in the rapid settlement of the West.

We are proud of our friends, have not the least ill feeling for those who do not like our style, and to one and all, we wish a merry, merry Christmas and may your hearts be full of joy and peace, as you shall wish your stockings to be of presents.

Again, a merry Christmas and many of them.

THE EDITOR.

This county will in a few more years be in the hands of the stock farmer.

West Texas is rapidly settling up with people who intend to make a living by agriculture.

This is a time to remember that you were once young yourself. We often seem to forget it.

The Colorado country is a good, grand country, from whose cornucopia the odor of ambrosial fruits and fragrant flowers emanates.

MODESTY thy name is 59th Congress. They refused to raise their pay to \$7,500, what shall we hear next, that our legislature has cut its pay to \$1 per day?

IF THE high price of oil and scarcity of fuel is just a prank of Rockefeller, trying to get even with the courts, common people, etc., then for the Lord's and poor's sake let him alone till after cold weather.

The Trinity river navigation graft is timid; it only asks for \$1,000,000, and the fellows want nearly half of it paid right now. Oh well, might as well throw it into the mud of the Trinity as some creek up north, and congressmen have to square themselves with the people. Navigable! forsooth.

One of the most unfaithful and unmistakable signs that a country is on Easy street, is the amount of traveling the people do for social pleasure. It takes money to travel and people don't spend it that way during hard times. All the railroads are expecting the heaviest Christmas travel they have ever had.

Hot lunches and short orders at Vincent's.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

"Good will toward men" is the spirit that pervades the human heart on each return of this joyous occasion. Since the glad tidings of great joy were spoken to the trembling Galilean shepherds nearly two thousand years ago, it has grown with the spread of christianity, until uttermost parts of the earth are filled, and all men who love their kind, of every creed, today make humble obeisance to the Samaritan spirit of Yule tide. Indeed, many of our ethical thinkers believe that the dawn of the day is near at hand when the world will realize the command of the Master, to "love one another," and the brotherhood of man shall be a living, controlling principle, and "the earth will be full of his knowledge and glory, as waters that cover the seas."

Christmas is the culminating expression of this spirit of fraternity and beneficence—of good will to all. Brain and muscle are relaxed, a truce is called in our daily battle for bread, and we open our souls to the memories and influences of the day, and become, as he, who is the inspiration of the day, said we must, as a child again, in order to appreciate the true spirit.

And what of the spirit of the child at Christmas? Its hope, its faith, and the charity with which it dispenses all that makes it happy, is a fit emblem of the Child-likeness of Christ.

How naturally then, the occasion lends itself to beneficence. No matter how poor in worldly goods you may be, with this spirit in your heart, you have withal as much as He possessed, and from the inexhaustible storehouse of your heart, you can make hundreds better; wipe away the tears of sorrow, lift up the heart bowed-down and give a hand of sympathetic cheer to the discouraged. Could all the gold of Golconda purchase any more acceptable gift?

It costs so little to make some one happy, it seems a sin not to do so. The spirit of the act is its value, and the less the expense, the wider circle of happiness you can create. The life of Christ was filled with little things and he magnified their value and importance.

"And he looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said: 'Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all. For all these of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God. But she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.'"

Because you are not able to give much, do not hesitate to cast in your two mites to swell the sum of human happiness and speed the coming of peace on earth and good will toward men.

The gift of Mary to the Master was a small and menial service outwardly, but wherever the gospel is preached today, it is told as a memorial of her.

It is the most beautiful story ever written, and it contains but six words; but as long as time shall last, this world will never contain a richer alabaster box than that which Mary broke to anoint her Master's feet, the odor of which filled the unclean leper's house, and fragrance of which will linger around and thrill christian hearts forever.

"SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD."

Don't forget to write it 1907 on next bill day.

MAX MILLER, who murdered J. F. Turley at El Paso, while the victim begged for his life, was convicted last week and given 99 years in the pen.

The most vital factor in building up any town is not so much mere dollars and cents, as it is unity—the cohesive force that welds individual effort into an aggressive, irresistible power.

HOWARD and **Ector** Counties voted out whiskey with a hoop. Still people living up north where the saloon is found on every corner, write to ask if a man's life is safe in West Texas. That's one reason why it is safe—the absence of the saloon and its influence. Prohibition is cheaper than courts, jails and numerous officers.

FRANCE has taken a long step forward and fixed forever its republican form of government, by divorcing church and state and withdrawing support from a multitude of ecclesiastical pensioners who have for centuries sapped the life blood of that nation. The Catholic church owned almost as much property as the government did and the clergy were as corrupt as they were powerful.

If you would make this a Christmas to which you can in after years look back with genuine pleasure, and enjoy to the full yourself, see to it that you do someone a kindness; make some life brighter, ease the load of some struggling brother, and in your heart, the joy that comes to those who minister to the necessities of "even the least of His creatures" will sing in your heart and strengthen your soul and lighten your own burden for many a day to come. Try it this Christmas, if you never have before.

All our exchanges manifest a more cheerful, prosperous spirit in regard to the coming of the holidays and the outlook for the coming year, than we have ever before seen. They all tell the same story; sing the same psalm of peace, plenty, and good will.

It has indeed been a year of fruition of our hope and realization of faith; blest abundantly "in basket and in store," and while truly and humbly grateful for the achievements of the past, we have girded our loins for yet better and larger things next year. The West has the confidence in itself that comes of experience with adversity, struggles, and a final winning out. From a by-word and a reproach West Texas has fought its way to the front rank among agricultural sections, and today its lands are eagerly sought by the shrewdest and most successful business men of this nation, and that means of the world.

The "boys" have a right to enjoy an old fashioned Christmas to the full; the boys in the fields, behind the counters, with their sweethearts, wives and kids who, have made this country what it is. They have earned the good time Christmas that is surely coming their way.

It's a neck and neck heat for space in the big daily papers between the realty companies and the whisky dealers.

More than ever will the town need a night-watchman during holidays, not only do floating characters have a better opportunity to ply their trade, but there is a greater danger of fire during that time from carelessness with fire works.

The negro in Kentucky who drank fifteen drinks of gin and three of whisky within half an hour on a wager of getting it free if he did it, and then died in one half hour, is dead yet.

THE PROSPEROUS WEST

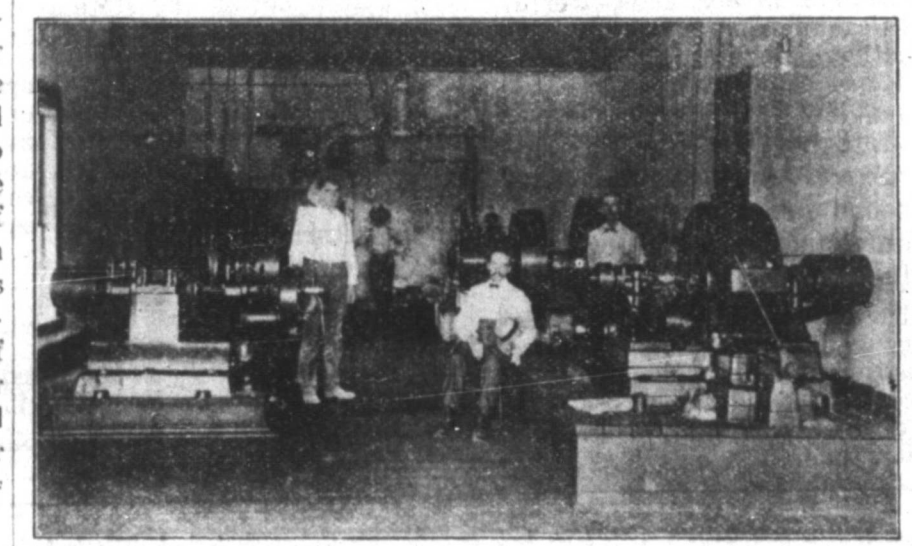
Day after day the ceaseless tide of immigration moves to the West. Every train that stops emits another crowd of either prospectors or actual settlers; every depot is choked with tons of household goods and cars often stand for days on the siding before they can be unloaded. We wonder at times if the country is not getting pretty well settled up by now, but when we can travel over millions and millions of acres of the very finest farming land without seeing a habitation or a furrow, we realize how great West Texas is and know it can support a population equal to any five states; so bid them come in crowds. And they are coming; with their families, wagons, horses, dogs and plows. They are turning the sod, and the prairie grass is giving away to cotton and corn, and the howl of a cayote to the grunt of a big—and still they come.

It is no wonder that under such circumstances the people of this section are fairly reveling in prosperity. It is no wonder that our cities and towns are growing as they never grew before in all their past history, and that the great plains country is being dotted from one end to the other with new and happy homes. West Texas soil is

as fertile as any God ever created, and the variety of crops that can be produced in this section is remarkable. Wheat grows to perfection, oats rarely fail to make a prodigious yield, and corn is grown in many localities as good as that produced in Kansas, Missouri or Nebraska. Cotton is coming to the front as the greatest staple crop, and the forage crops produce so abundantly that storage is often a matter of great concern to the producer. Fruit and vegetables produce abundantly, and with the favorable seasons this section is now enjoying continued development will be rapid.

It may be true that good seasons cannot be expected every year in the western country, and the same remark applies with almost equal force to every other country. But it is a noticeable fact that the men who have pinned their faith to the West Texas country and remained with it all the years it has been coming to the front, are growing rich and prosperous and do not care to change their habitation. The western country appears to be one section of Texas any progressive citizen may safely tie to.

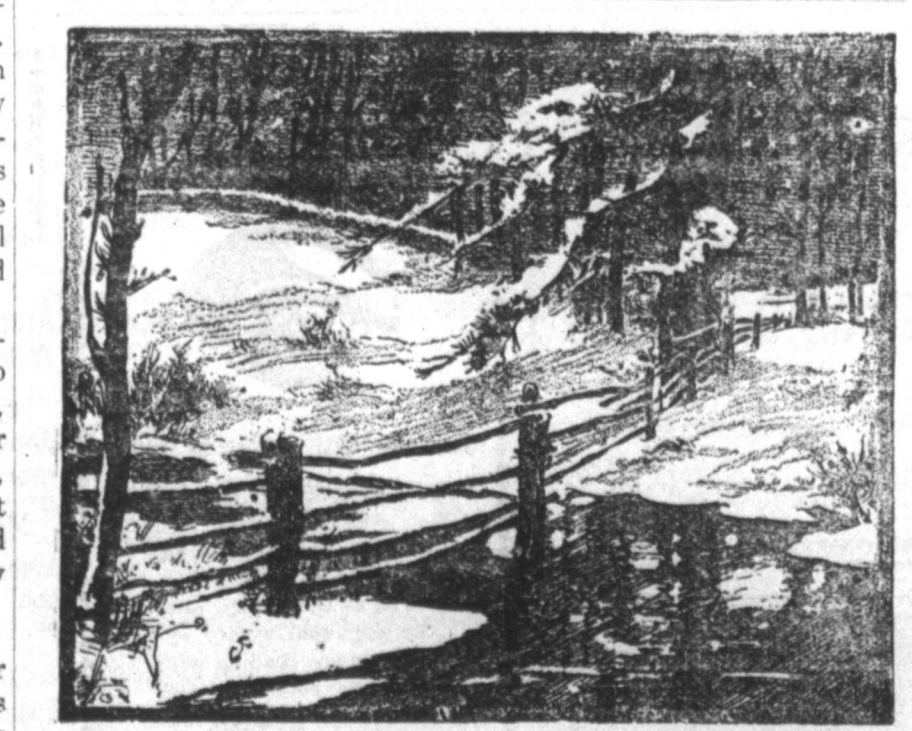
Miss Bessie McMurry is back home for the holidays from an extended visit to Dallas and other points.



The above cut gives an interior view of the Colorado Electric Light and Power Co's Plant. This is an enterprise of which town and county are justly proud. The company, so ably managed by Robt. M. Webb, owns and controls, all under his management, the water works, the long-distance and local telephone system, and the electric light and power plant.

The Light and power plant now has two 100-horse power engines with two—one 1000, and one 1600-light—dynamoes. Three—80, 100, 125 h. p. boilers constitute the battery. Oil is used for fuel, about 750 gallons per day being consumed. Besides 1800 lights, there are 6 motors supplied with current.

The Telephone Company has in about 500 local phones, and controls lines all over the West. They give a thorough night and day service. This company gives employment to from 35 to 50 hands, owing to conditions and business, with a monthly payroll of \$1,500. Robt. M. Webb, the manager, has a neat, well appointed office, is strictly business, and has made a success. He is energetic, public spirited, and above all else—a gentleman.



The Christmas Stars

WITH whisper and rustle and start and hush
The dry leaves murmur on tree, and bush.
On sombre pines with boughs bent low,
Forsaken nests are piled with snow.
The chickadees, alert for seeds,
Chatter and cling to the swaying weeds.
The snow drifts deep in the country ways,
And short and cold are the cheerless days.
Hut, hie on the brow of the frozen night,
The Christmas Stars, shine, large and bright.

SARA ANDREW SHAFER.

Demand For Texas Land.

From every section of the state comes information of unprecedented demand for Texas farming lands, and in many instances lands that have not been noted for agricultural productiveness in the past have come actively into demand and changing hands at high prices. Individual land owners are not the only ones who are profiting by the situation, for the state is also disposing of the unsold portion of the public domain that is now the prerogative of the school fund and the various state institutions. Land Commissioner Terrell has just submitted his annual report to the governor, and it offers some interesting reading. The land commissioner says that the activity in the state lands during the past sixteen months is just simply unprecedented in the history of the state. This condition was largely brought about thru the provisions of the new land law, which went into effect April 15, 1905, which was like unearthing a hidden treasure to the people of the country.

The eye of homeseekers in our own state and elsewhere were turned toward the territory of Texas school land, the report says. To our own home people were added train loads of speculators, prospectors and investors from everywhere. As seasons had been good, conditions were favorable. They found natural resources of undreamable value, with present and future opportunities untaken. The effect was magical. Applications for school land multiplied. Investment in private land began. With the coming of the people prices advanced, at first slowly, then by leaps and bounds. Those in touch with the real estate world know the rest.

It is said that the people owning land in the Panhandle are holding it at prohibitive prices which is drawing prospectors and settlers to other sections of the State. This is but one of bad results of inflation of prices beyond intrinsic value. Another is that the section suffers a long spell of reaction, and by the time it has recovered some other has secured the settlers. The Panhandle had experience in this years ago. We had better get a little slow for a time and not try to get it all at once.

Mrs. Sarah Corpany has been given a verdict for damages in the sum of \$22,500 damages sustained by the death of her husband in a wreck at Aledo last year against the T. & P. road. This is the largest amount ever awarded by the courts in similar cases.

For cheap farming land and ranches in El Paso county address West Texas Immigration Bureau, Box 193, El Paso, Texas.

The proudest Methodist preacher in town is Mr. Phelan over the birth of a sweet little girl, Tuesday night. Mother and daughter are reported doing happily.

Specially prepared, perforated school tablets at Record office.

Take Notice.

Members of Woodmen Circle: 1st. Bring or send your dues to the Grove the 4th Tuesday of each month, or 2nd. Leave at my residence the last week of each month, or 3rd. Make arrangements with your bank for me to collect there. Yours for your interest, IDA M. ROSS, Clerk W. C.

About 600 feet of concrete sidewalk have been fixed by Victor Dziedzich around the new houses in South Colorado, and fifty black locust, peach and apricot trees planted alongside of it, also bermuda grass set out in the yards, besides grapevines and rose bushes and by next spring that part of town will blossom like the rose.

Stockmen and Farmers use Carbolium, at Arbutnots.



Cotton Picking Scene near Colorado, Mitchell County.



Ranch House near Colorado.

Pay Your Accounts.

Having dissolved partnership we are very anxious to collect all our accounts, everyone knowing themselves indebted to us, are urged to come forward and settle at once. After Jan 5th 1907, we will place all our accounts in the hands of an attorney for collection.

GREENE & CRAWFORD.

Called Session.

A called session of the Mitchell County Farmers Union is called to meet in Loraine on the 1st Friday in January, being the 4th. W. M. GREEN, President. J. F. RUDDICK, Secretary.

Coming Attractions.

Like a freshly opened bottle of champagne, the Columbia Opera Co. has bubbled and fizzed its way into the hearts of the amusement people. The cordial manner in which the opera and company have been everywhere greeted, is so pronounced as to leave no doubt as to their popularity. Opera House next Thursday and Friday nights, Dec. 27, and 28, insures all a good time who attend.

Everybody says so. What? That Bob's restaurant puts up the best 25 cent meal in town.

COLUMBIA COMIC OPERA COMPANY THE NEXT ATTRACTION.

An unusually attractive combination of fun and music is presented in the Columbia Comic Opera Co., which will be seen at the Opera House next Thursday and Friday nights, Dec. 27th and 28th.

The people engaged in this production have been selected especially for their respective vocal ability to portray the different parts assigned them. They are all singers and dancers, and incidentally to the opera, several very pleasing and novel specialties will be introduced. As a laughing success, nothing has ever been constructed that comes nearer filling the bill than the Columbia Opera Co. and in its reconstructed form it has everywhere been well received. Seats on sale at Majors'.

\$100.00 Reward.

TELEPHONE WIRES BEING CUT.

The Texas & Pacific Telephone Co's wires to Abilene were not working last Tuesday, and when Mr. Burchard, the construction man of the company, went to find the cause, he located the trouble on the line between Colorado and Loraine, where some one had shot off every glass insulator from the pole, showing where some one had lots of fun.

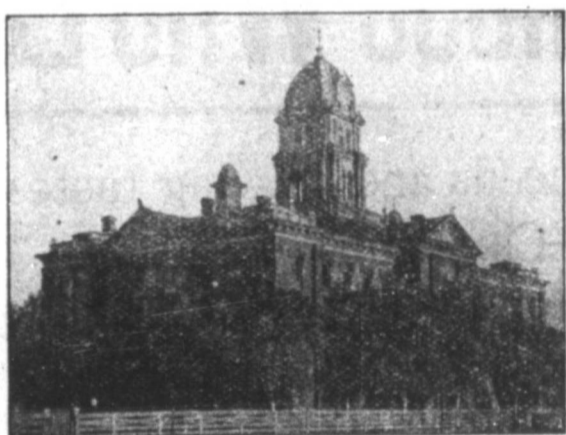
There is a penalty of \$200.00 and 5 years in the pen for a thing of this kind, and the telephone companies are offering a reward of \$100.00 to any one who can give information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who shot off the glasses, and the reward stands good for all time to come, if this thing is done again. To cut a telephone wire, to interfere in any way with the transmission of messages, is an offense, as the party will find out if he is caught.

At The Baptist Church.

Pastor Nichols will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday at both hours. Topics; 11 a. m. "Christmas Visions." The evening service will begin at 7:15. All are cordially invited.

A Rare Opportunity.

Over 200 successful students in four years, WEST TEXAS BUSINESS COLLEGE, Abilene, Texas, will give ten days free instruction in January. Write at once for information.



Magnificent Court House, Colorado, Mitchell County.

The Texas & Pacific Telephone Company COLORADO, TEXAS, WILL PAY \$100 Reward

To any one giving information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any one who interferes with its poles or lines.

Revised Statutes State of Texas, 1895.

Article 784, Chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas.

Article 784—If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery, or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way wilfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

RADIUMITE RAZORS (GIVE AWAY) WITH EACH STRAP.

DOSS THE DRUGGIST.

SANTA CLAUSE HEADQUARTERS

Largest line of Holiday Goods ever brought to Colorado. A beautiful array of useful Christmas presents. Santa Clause fairly unloaded here.

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| Talking Machines | | Jewelry Cases |
| Cut Glass | | Child's Dishes |
| Shaving Sets | | Children's Furniture |
| Smoking Sets. | | Albums |
| Toilet Sets | | Baskets |
| Drums | | Horns |
| Whistles | | Wagons |

DOLLS DOLLS DOLLS

The largest lot of Dolls you ever saw. The sleeping Doll, the talking Doll and all kinds at all prices.

Buy Your Christmas Presents early, buy them now, and buy them from W. L. DOSS, THE DRUGIST.

5000 ROLLS OF WALL PAPER AT DOSS'

Beginning with the first of January, no one will be allowed to talk over the phones of the Hastings System, except those who have telephones. Heretofore it has been the habit for any one who desired to go to any house where there was a phone and talk to town by paying 25c but this must be discontinued. Two toll stations will be established, one at Hastings' house and one at Cuthbert for convenience of those not having phones, but please do not go to your neighbors and use their phone. It causes much confusion. J. R. HASTINGS.

Plenty of good wood and coal at Wheeler's.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale.

Thirty coming 3 and 4 year old mules for sale in pairs from \$200 to \$275 per span. See Ed Dupree.

Lots for Sale—Choice lots for sale in Phenix addition, prettiest location in town. See Dr. Phenix.

Buggy for sale—Extra heavy ranch buggy in fairly good condition, will sell at a bargain. M. PHELAN.

Lots—For T. & P. railway town lots in Colorado and Loraine, and T&P railway lands, see W. B. Crockett, Colorado, Texas.

I also have a fine list of other lands and town lots for sale. Office over Colorado National Bank.

Residence Lots—3 lots northwest corner block 86 on College Hill, one block of either school building. Level lots, well located, will sell at a bargain if sold at once. A. L. WHIPKEY, Record office.

Land for sale—Ranging in tracts from 93 to 2560 acres; for price and terms call on Loraine Realty Co., Loraine, Texas.



Any Size Tract of Land, Choice City Lots, and a nice list of city residences

FOR SALE BY
WATSON & IRBY
Real Estate and Insurance
COLORADO TEXAS

Read What Good Farmers Say.

Dear Sir: Replying to your request with reference to what I have done since I have been in Mitchell county and what I think of this country from a farming standpoint. I am a farmer and moved to this county from Jones county in the fall of 1903. In 1904 I had in 100 acres of cotton and gathered sixty-two bales. Forty acres of this 100 acres made at least one bale per acre, the balance being late and the sharpshooters ruined it. In 1905 I had in 275 acres of cotton on my place and gathered 140 bales, part of it being late, and we had a very wet and cold fall, and it did not mature. I have 300 acres in cotton this year, and the prospects are better at this time than either of the past two years, with a fine season in the ground, and if nothing happens we will make a big crop this year.

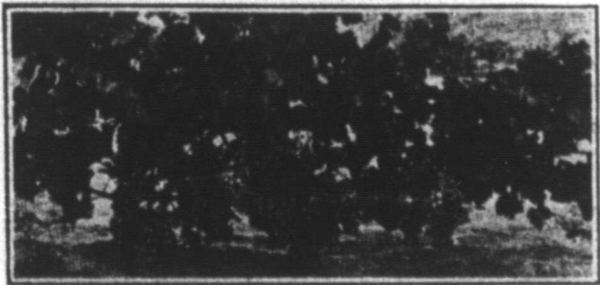
I always make corn. Milo maize and kaffir corn are both sure crops, and takes the place of corn and oats, and if a man will always diversify his feed crop he will never be without feed. I consider this a good fruit country, and is exceptionally good for grapes and berries. I don't think there is any better country for watermelons, cantaloupes, sweet potatoes, ground peas or anything that grows on a vine. I consider Mitchell county a good farming country, and one man can make on an average twice as much cotton here as he can in any other part of the State, for the reason he can work from two to three times as much land, the land being easily cultivated and free from weeds. I live five miles northeast from Colorado, fronting the Snyder road, and own 800 acres red sandy loam land, 400 acres of which is in cultivation, and could put the balance of my land in cultivation. I consider this country a complete success as a farming country. I hope the above is about the information desired, and I have tried, as near as possible, to give you the exact facts, and am sure that every statement can be verified.

Yours truly,

A. J. HAGLER.

P. S.—G. E. Goodwin, about eleven miles north of Westbrook, planted in 1905 forty-one acres in cotton and gathered thirty-six bales.

"Come to West Texas, where you will be above the miasmatic effluvia peculiar to the paludal districts of Louisiana, Arkansas, and East Texas; where enlarged livers and spleens are unknown, and swamp fever is unheard of; where the callithumpian chorus of myriads of Dutch, nightingales will disturb neither your cogitations by day nor your placid dreams by night; where the altitude is too high for Mrs. Stegomyia Fasciata or Mr. Boll Weevil to flourish and the air is too pure for the invalid to pine, and where an abundance of Adam's ale, pure and sparkling, is pumped out of the earth by windmills; where cattle grow fat and sleek on the broad prairies; where the forget-me-nots of the angels stud the skies, while in the favored spots it is raining cats and dogs, washing away bridges, cutting the roads into abyssal gullies, and keeping the farmer indoors when he wishes to be either harvesting or planting his crop."



Mitchell County Grapes, from vineyard of C. H. Lasky, Colorado.

We can not speak for other sections, but can say that we have yet to meet the farmer who is not satisfied with his move to Mitchell County; and there are many here who were doing well where they were. Mr. D. M. Vinson, as good a diversifying and successful farmer as Van Zandt County ever had, is highly pleased with his experience here.

The cry of "hot winds, drouths, etc.," has been raised against the west part of Texas for 25 years—long after the conditions which occasioned it have passed away, much like the "bloody shirt" was flaunted in the face of the South years after the questions which evolved it had been settled. Why condemn during a period of good behavior?

Mr. J. B. Farmer, an extra good farmer, who lives up on the Snyder road, called on The Record early this week and brought with him a sample of farm products that are simply a credit to any county on earth. In speaking of the wonderful advancement of this country Mr. Farmer said it had not near reached the top, and that his land was worth \$30 per acre and if anybody doubted it and would come out there and see what he had raised and could raise he would convince them that his farm was far better than any black land place in Central Texas. Mr. Farmer is a diversifier and is experimenting with quite a number of different crops. He has introduced the Brazilian Yam Kershaw, outrivaling the famous pumpkin yam potato, and is worth many times more than the potato. He has planted this year a large acreage in goober peas and actually has more hog feed and hay on this land than any one would believe. He says this is a fine hog country, and for poultry it cannot be equaled. Any prospector who will read this and then visit Mr. Farmer's place will be convinced that this is the garden spot of the world.

It might be well to say Mr. Farmer does not want to sell.

No. 5276. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK OF

Colorado, in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Nov 12, 1906.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	251 966 78
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	22 726 04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	15 000 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	6 200 00
Due from National Banks not reserve agents	5 713 04
Due from State Banks and Bankers	4 427 04
Due from approved reserve agents	18 713 52
Checks and other cash items	250 98
Notes of other National Banks	2 000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	338 15
Lawful money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$11 275 00
Legal-tender-notes 4 200 00	\$15 475 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (6 per cent circulation)	750 00
Total	\$343 560 55
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	60 000 00
Surplus fund	15 000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	8 834 61
National Bank notes outstanding	15 000 00
Due to other National Banks	1 030 03
Due to State Banks & Bankers	2 249 22
Individual deposits subject to check	194 796 69
Demand certificates of deposit	2 000 00
Notes and bills rediscounted	34 650 00
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	10 000 00
Total	\$343 560 55

STATE OF TEXAS | ss
County of Mitchell |
I, J. E. Hooper, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. E. Hooper, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
F. E. McKenzie,
J. L. Doss,
D. N. Arnett,
Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Nov. 1906.
R. G. Smith, Notary Public.

We publish the above statement of this bank again that our eastern friends may see what is said of both banks; that we have money in the west almost to give away. The City National Bank is a strong institution and merits your patronage. The management are cleve, capable business men on whom the public can implicitly rely.

Ready To Grade.

We have been informed by Gen. F. W. Jones that the grading outfits are ready to go to work on the grade of the new railroad which is to be built from here to Snyder and thence to New Mexico. They contemplate putting grading outfits on at this place and at Snyder at the same time and rushing the grading through as rapidly as possible. The Company has contracted for the delivery of steel early in the spring and it looks now as if we will have a railroad north sooner than we first expected.—Roscoe Times.

Cheap Colorado Homes.

Two places for sale in East Colorado. One good house with 2 lots; one house with 3 lots, One-half cash, terms on balance. Can give possession at once. Both places are now well rented. See E. B. Gamel at Record office.

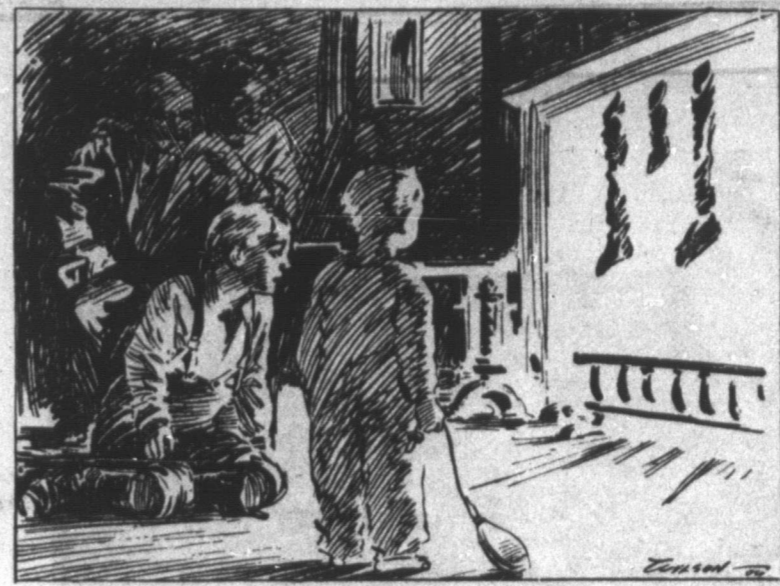
Stockmen and Farmers use Carboleum, at Arbuthnots.

Hot lunches and short orders at Vincent's.

Pyrography goods at Arbuthnots.

About 600 feet of concrete sidewalk have been fixed by Victor Dzedzich around the new houses in South Colorado, and fifty black locust, peach and apricot trees planted alongside of it, also bermuda grass set out in the yards, besides grapevines and rose bushes and by next spring that part of town will blossom like the rose.

I am prepared and well qualified to write any and all kinds of BONDS.
M. C. KNOTT.



WAITING

IN THOSE OLD DAYS—those fair old days—what fancies we would weave
When we sat, waiting for the Saint to come on Christmas Eve!
The stockings limp and shadow-like against the ruddy glow,
Agape in their expectancy, swung in a slanting row
That matched the difference in height of all our wond'ring heads—
We watched the fairy flames toss up their wealth of jewel-reds.
—WILBUR D. NESBIT
IN "SUNDAY EVENING"

A Difference of Opinion.



Left Little Boy—"Aw, gee, I don't believe there's any Santy Claus."
Other Little Boy—"O, I do!"

TO THE PUBLIC

I have bought the Green & Crawford Hardware business, and come before the public asking for trade, and desire to say:—

1st. I bought this present stock at considerable discount from cost price and am in a position to offer extra bargains to the public.

2nd. I will buy a complete new stock and open up a first class Hardware Store.

3rd. I will put in a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and use my best efforts to gain your trade.

I ask that you come in to see me and see what I have and what my plans are, as I expect to be ready at all times to supply the trade in Groceries and Hardware.

Yours to please

Chas. G. Birdwell

Land Bargains!

188 acres fine farming land, 14 miles from Colorado, \$7.50 per acre; small payment down, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years.
224 acres good land, \$10 per acre; small cash payment, balance terms 1, 2, and 3 years.
The above land will produce a bale of cotton to the acre. See GUS BERTNER, The Insurance Man.

A Word to Those Who Eat

I have anticipated the needs and varying tastes of all who enjoy the best on Christmas occasions. In making up your menu for that day I can please the most fastidious tastes. Some new wrinkles too.

Besides a full line of the very best brand of staple groceries I have novelties never before offered this trade. For that fruit cake I have every ingredient.

Citron
Seeded Raisins
Washed Currants
Mince Meat
Figs

Stuffed Dates is something new and delicious—filled with ginger pecans and walnuts.

Full line of Dodsons pickles in onions, mixed, olives, plain and stuffed.

My stock of preserves, pickles, sauces, spices and the most up-to-date condiments is complete. Everything to go with that turkey, is to be had here.

Candies—the best
Georgia Cane Kisses
Finest canned goods
Cod fish, Mackeral.
White fish

I am prepared to fill your Christmas orders promptly and with the very best of goods.

CHILI SAUCE RED HOT CHOWCHOW CATSUP	SWEET RELISH SATANS HASH HORSE RADISH DRESSINGS	CRANBERRIES Oysters and Salmon for Dressing and Salads.	CELERY APPLES Pressed Orange and Lemon Peel
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I Will Pay Top Price for All You Produce

J. O. McCreless

J. W. SHEPPERD CHRISTMAS GOODIES!

FINE CANDIES OF ALL KIND

I will name you a few of the many good things I have to eat:

Fine Candies.

Fine Chocolates and Bon Bons, Choc Chips, Candied Cherries. I can fill your order for anything good to eat.

For Your Fruit Cake.

Good things for Fruit Cakes, and to save the ladies time and worry, such as Shelled Pecans, shelled walnuts, shelled almonds, seeded raisins, cleaned currants, figs, dates, citron, oranges, lemon peel, mince meat, Heinz's preserves, pickles, etc.

The Finest Coffee.

Don't let me forget to send you a can of Golden Gate Coffee, or your dinner may be a failure. The best coffee yet.

Fine Cakes and Crackers.

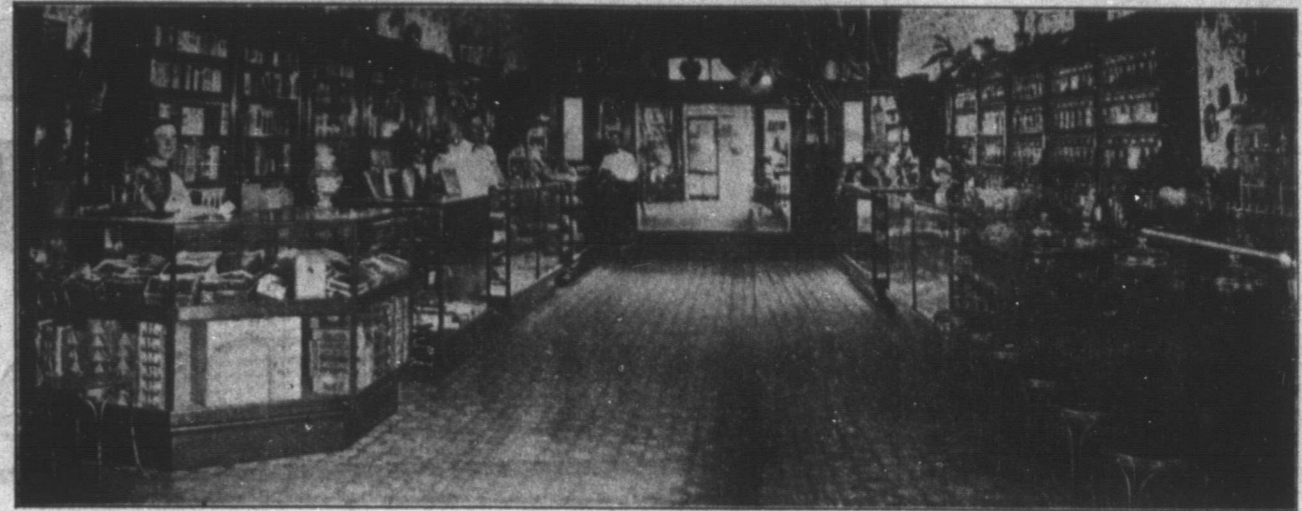
I have just received a large shipment, such as Nabisco's, Festinos, Fignewtons, Marsh-mellow Dainties, Graham Crackers, etc., etc.

Fruits and Vegetables.

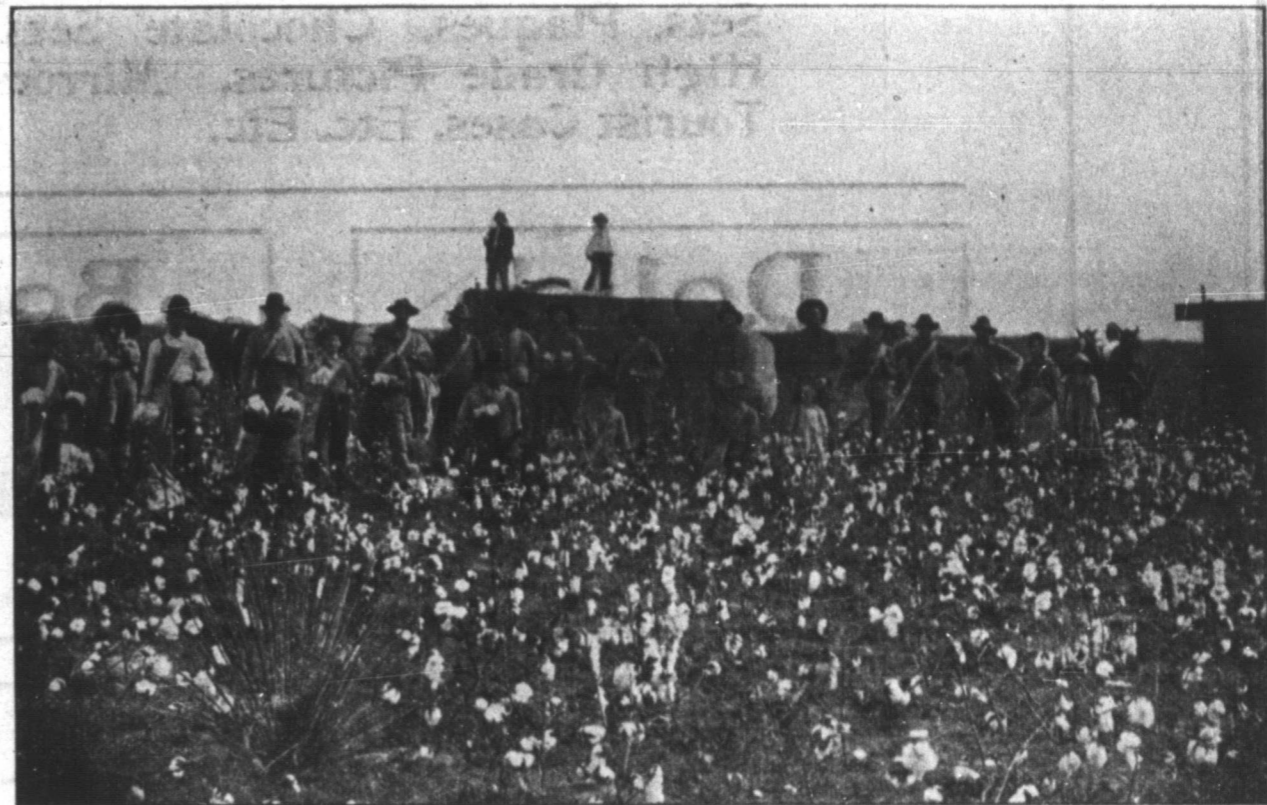
Now about your Fruits and Vegetables. I will have a very large supply of both. Phone your orders in plenty of time so we can select your goods and not be rushed at the late hours. I will run two delivery wagons, and if you will favor me with your orders I will appreciate them and do my best to please you and give prompt service. My stock of staple and fancy groceries is the most complete in the history of my business. See my stock and get my prices.

J. W. Shepperd

The Groceryman. Phone 100
COLORADO, TEXAS.



The above cut represents the COLORADO DRUG COMPANY. This Company was incorporated in May last. Capital stock \$6000, all paid in. No stock on the market. The fixtures in this Drug Store cost between \$3000 and \$4000 and a stock of from \$3000 to \$10,000 is carried. Gus Bertner is President, J. Max Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer. The business is managed by Maurice Terrell and Neal Gross, ably assisted by Earnest Bertner, Dud Arnett and Hall Homan. It is considered one of the prettiest drug stores in all West Texas.



The above cut is a cotton picking scene in the 170-acre cotton patch of Wm. Green who lives out north-east of Colorado. When the picture was made Mr. Green's 26 hands were picking over four bales per day. Mr. Green is a good farmer and has made good money in the Colorado country. He moved here from Coleman county, had lived in Johnson and Bell counties and considers this a better country than any of Central Texas. He came here in 1904 and bought a partially improved section for \$3,650 and has been offered \$30 per acre, or \$19,200 for this same land. In 1905 Mr. Green had in 180 acres in cultivation, 90 of which he had in cotton and gathered 46 bales, which sold at an average of \$50 per bale. This year he also raised 1500 bushels of Maize and Kaffir Corn, 100 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of oats and 30 tons of cane feed, all at an actual outlay of \$460. We give these figures to show our Eastern friends what can be done here. Here are the figures given for the years 1905 and 1906.

1905

180 acres in cultivation	
90 acres in cotton	
46 bales at \$50	\$2,300
1500 bushels Maize and Kaffir Corn at 30c	450
100 bushels corn at 50c bushel	50
100 bushels oats at 40c	40
30 tons of cane feed at \$3 per ton	90
Total	\$2,930
Less money expense	\$460
Net earnings for the year	\$2,470

1906

270 acres in cultivation	
170 acres in cotton	
110 bales at \$50	\$5,500
1500 bushels Maize and Kaffir corn at 30c	450
300 bushel oats at 40c	120
300 bushels corn at 50c	150
20 tons of cane feed at \$3 ton	60
Total	6,280
Less expense	\$1200
Total earnings for year	\$5,080

It is but fair to say the corn was good, sound large corn. Mr. Green says he raised 15 bushels corn on oat land after his oat crop was harvested, also all his cane feed was raised on oat land. The above says nothing of the large amount of melons, vegetables, fruit and truck, besides hogs, poultry and other stock. If any one doubts the above let them write Wm. Green, Colorado, Texas, and it might be well to add that Mr. Green does not want to sell but will buy more land.

602 Deaths

Consumption	82
Pneumonia	37
Typhoid Fever	33
Bright's Disease	55
Accidents	40
Apoplexy	38
Heart Disease	69
Appendicitis	8
All other causes	250
Total	602

Above is a list of the causes of death in a single month, November, 1906. These 602 people were insured in the New York Life for \$1,706,846.65, and the Company paid the claims to their estates and beneficiaries.

Life's uncertainty is great. Death may claim YOU next month.

DON'T DELAY INSURING.

See GUS BERTNER, Agt. New York Life. Do it now.

Fair Warning.

H. F. Wheeler gives fair warning that from this date forward, if the money does not accompany the order for wood or is not paid at the house, the wood will be hauled back to the yard. No ONE IS EXCEPTED FROM THIS RULE.

\$5 Reward.

One strawberry roan horse, white face, 14½ hands high, no brands, weight 1200 pounds, in good flesh, wire cut on left hind foot also on right fore foot. Stolen or strayed Nov. 12, from Colorado. The above reward will be paid for its return or information leading to its recovery. Adams, Shannon & Warren. Colorado, Texas.

WINSTON NEWS NOTES.

We have experienced some cold and very severe weather during the past week. Sunday was a very gloomy day.

Mrs. Henry Griffin will leave Thursday for her old home in Alabama to attend the bedside of her father who is suffering with cancer of the face.

Mr. Jim Dixon and family spent Sunday with E. J. Leggott and family.

Misses Hannah and Blanche Wennekin and George Wennekin spent Sunday with the Misses Mahoney.

Mrs. Crockett Hazlewood spent a few days with Mrs. Frank Crowner last week.

Miss Florence Hedspeth and mother spent last Sunday with Mrs. G. W. Wennekin and daughters.

Mr. Ike Kidd of Lamesa was visiting in our midst last Monday.

Mr. Olan Britton happened to quite a serious accident on last week. While loading a meat hog on a wagon his finger was caught on a hook on the wagon mashing that member and tearing off the nail.

Little Miss Ara Peevy spent Saturday with Esther Mahoney.

John Mahoney sold a hog to a Mr. Britton weighing 600 pounds for \$37.50. This does pretty well for Mitchell county swine raisers.

Strayed.

Two gray horses, one branded SR on left shoulder and the other unbranded. A liberal reward will be paid for their return or information leading to their recovery. MACK WILLIAMS.

Everybody says so. What? That Bob's restaurant puts up the best 25 cent meal in town.

We will send The Record one year and Holland's Magazine one year for \$1.50, both to one address or to separate addresses.

Among the many resolutions of amendment we will very likely make on the 1st of January, let's embrace the following:

Quit grumbling.
Tell the truth; it pays better dividends than gold mine stock.
Take more interest in the material condition of the town—it need attention in spots, badly.

And that means to incorporate it.
Give home interest the preference in all things.

Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.
Finally brethren, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in every good work, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain."



Baby won't cry if you give Him BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP.

Pleasant to take, rapid results. Contains nothing injurious. CURES COUGHS, COLDS, CROUP, SORE THROAT, WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL PULMONARY DISEASES. Mrs. J. C. Jenkins, Denver, Colo., writes: "I can't say enough for Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It has cured my baby of the croup and my children of severe Coughs. I know no better medicine."

25c, 50c and \$1.00. Ballard Snow Liniment Co. ST. LOUIS, MO.

Sold and Recommended by SOLD BY COLORADO DRUG CO.



Public School Building, Colorado, Texas.



Birds Eye View of the Beautiful town of Loraine, eight miles East of Colorado in Mitchell County, on the Texas & Pacific Railroad. Loraine is only 10 months old, and has 500 of the best people on earth.

C. A. ARUTHNOT'S HOLIDAY GOODS HAVE ARRIVED.

Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Pottery, Silverware, Bronze, Burnt Leather, Vases, Statuary, Brass Goods, Fish Sets, Game Sets, Plaques, Chocolate Sets, Coffee Sets, Steins, Medallions, High Grade Pictures, Mirrors, Writing Desks, Ink Stands, Tourist Cases, Etc. Etc.

Dolls!
THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT
EVER BROUGHT TO WEST
TEXAS. SEE THEM!

Books!
EVERYTHING YOU CAN THINK
OF. MUST BE SEEN TO BE
APPRECIATED.

Toys
Everything From a Pin Cushion
to a Steinway Piano. We are
Headquarters for this Line.

Come and See us. You are always Welcome.

C. A. ARBUTHNOT.

West Texas is wearing the smile that won't come off.

Just arrived, a new shipment of Hawk's Cut Glass at Majors'.

Mrs. Henry Doss is at home here from Van Horn and will remain until after New Years.

Cotton insured in twenty minutes by M. C. Knott.

James Greene is at home again from Plateau for the Holidays and will help McLure Basden & Co. Remember Jim has a new house at Plateau.

Ben Randall of Pacos spent part of the week here with friends. Mr. Randall was formally District Attorney here and has the reputation of making a good one.

Save money and get the best goods by buying your Holiday presents from Majors, the jeweler.

Judge Ed J. Hamner and Mrs. Hamner have returned home from their lengthy stay at Mineral Wells greatly improved in health. The Judge has now fully recovered his former health and is welcomed back to Colorado.

When in town and hungry go to Jakes restaurant. He will please you.

Tom Saunders, the genial salesman at McCreless', will spend the holidays at Cooper visiting his uncle, Dr. E. B. Wheat. It is reported that Tom is going off to get married but the Record disbelieves it.

Mrs. F. E. McKem: and little Hazel left this morning on a visit to El Paso and will remain until after the holidays. John Doss has agreed to look after Fred while she is gone.

When you buy goods of Majors you are sure of getting the best that money will buy.

Misses Ruth Nichols, of Waco, Elsie Hooper from Belton and the Misses Looney from Dallas, are all expected home tomorrow for the holidays.

A few fancy pieces of "Pickard's" celebrated hand painted China just received at Majors'.

Mrs. Smithers who has been making her home with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hatch, left this week for her home in Huntsville.

A. R. Pryor, of Roscoe visited Colorado this week and while he was here, renewed for The Record.

How about that Watch for a Christmas present. See Majors' line and get his prices.

Mrs. Prof. Furgeson of Waco will spend Christmas here with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. R. A. Jeffers.

Reduced prices on China and Cut Glass at Majors'.

Wm. T. Jewell of Champaign, Ill. has moved to Colorado, and is at present in the house of Dr. Merrill on the cliff. He is a first class mechanic and had heard so much of Colorado as a health resort decided to move here. Mr. Jewell says lots of northern people have their eyes on Texas.

Miss Nellie Stowers, the Art teacher will leave tomorrow for her holiday visit to Waco and West visiting home folks.

Every lady appreciates a nice Umbrella. See them at Majors'.

Mr. Ross of Springtown in Parker county, is prospecting here this week. He is well pleased with Mitchell county and will buy land.

Mr. J. H. Hall of Pittsburg, Texas, has accepted a position with C. G. Birdwell as manager of the grocery department. Mr. Hall is a thorough business man and an expert grocer, having had experience in the jobbing business in the east also as head salesman for several large concerns. Mr. Hall knows how to handle the trade and is sure to please you in correctness and promptness.

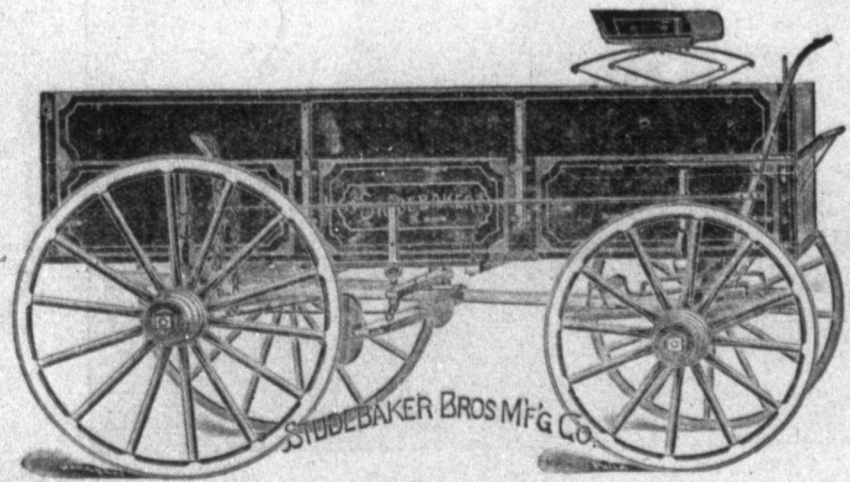
Colorado has many natural advantages and could easily be made one of the most attractive little cities in Texas.

I am making special low prices on Cut Glass and China. J. P. Majors.

Some days ago Mr. G. D. Adams presented the Baptist church with a nice lot of fruit trees and shrubbery from the Tyler Nursery, but the pastor said that he would not have the corn unless it was shelled. Mr. Adams kindly proceeded at once to shell the corn with the result that the Baptist parsonage now has a nice orchard of select fruit trees, and also a yard of choice shubbery.

Admas, Shannon & Warren.

Farmers Union Co-Operative Store. Distributing center for Five Counties.



We carry a large and complete stock of


GROCERIES, HARDWARE AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS
Studebaker Wagons

The best Made. Sold by us under a strict Guarantee.

Adams, Shannon & Warren.

"olorado's Busiest Store on Colorad's Busiest Street."
Colorado, Texas.

JOYFUL GREETING

To Our Patrons.  Holiday Supplies.

A Merry Christmas,
A Happy New Year.
Remember
J. W. Shepperd
For Good things to Eat.

Greatest town lot and
land sale ever held in
the West. Town lots
sold on installment
plan at \$40 each. Ad-
dress
Slaughter Townsite Co.
COLORADO, TEXAS.

Holiday Greeting.
**Cooper &
Johnson**
First class black-
smiths, and a full
line of fine Bug-
gies for 1907
Come and See us
A Merry Christmas to all

The Season's Compliments
W. C. Neal
THE
DENTIST.

To one and all, a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
C. G. Birdwell
The New Merchant.
Green & Crawford old stand.

If its kept in a Drug Store
ARBUTHNOT
Has it. Santa Claus Headquarters.
A cordial Christmas Greeting to All.

ELLWOOD FENCE
used during 1907 will save you time,
labor and expense and insure you a
Happy and Prosperous Year.
A. J. ROE
LUMBER and WIRE
A Merry Christmas to you all.

—THE—
Colorado National Bank.
Wishes one and all
PEACE, PLENTY and PROSPERITY.

V. D. PAYNE
For everything to wear.
And a royal good time.

McLure, Basden & Co.
Is the place to go for
useful Holiday gifts
in furniture.

A Merry Greeting to all
Holiday wishes extended by
HUBBARD'S
We save you Money every Minute

Holiday Greetings
C. C. Graves
The New Lumber Yard.

To my friends and the pub-
lic in general I extend to
you all greetings of the
season. I want your bus-
iness for 1907.
**C. W. Crawford, Tinner and
Plumber.**

HOLIDAY
GREETING
M. C. Knott
INSURANCE
That's all

St. James Hotel
Mrs. J. R. Graves Prop
Extends Greetings.

A Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year to
all. Trade with
J. F. McGILL
during 1907 and be Happy.

To those who live East,
South, North or in the fer-
tile and prosperous and
healthy West, we wish
you all a merry Xmas and
a prosperous New Year.
WATSON, & IRBY
THE LAND MEN.

I extend Greetings to all—
Frank Greene
THE LIVERYMAN.

Dr. N. J. Phenix
Wishes for one and
all Health and Hap-
piness during 1907.

W. T. SMITH & CO.
The Largest Music House West of Fort
Worth, extends to each and every one
best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year. Make your wife or
daughter happy buying them a nice Piano
while the price is low. Now is the time.

W. H. MOESER
Tinning, Plumbing
and Hardware.
Buck's Stoves and
Keen Kutter Tools
With Best Wishes.

COLORADO DRUG COMPANY
Whether sick or well we
extend to you and yours a
Merry Xmas and a Happy
New Year.

**Colorado Cold Storage
Market**
Offers the best Meats and
most prompt service, and
extends to their many cus-
tomers a merry Christmas.
H. D. GILBERT, Prop.

City Cafe
Perry Harrison, Prop
Headquarters for Good
things to eat, extends
compliments of the season.

J. M. Radford
WHOLESALE GROCER
Extends to all a Merry
Christmas and a Glad
New Year

CHRISTMAS TIME

Get Ready For a Merry Christmas!

Christmas shopping is easily done at the "Big Store." If in doubt about what to buy come in and let us help you. No fancy holiday prices here. We can show you us and practical Christmas gifts for both old and young at the right prices.

Slippers

Ladies felt slippers, fur trimmed Green, red and black, all sizes, for \$1.50.

Shawls

Silk shawls, handsome presents always desirable. Blue, pink, white and black. \$1.50.

Handkerchiefs

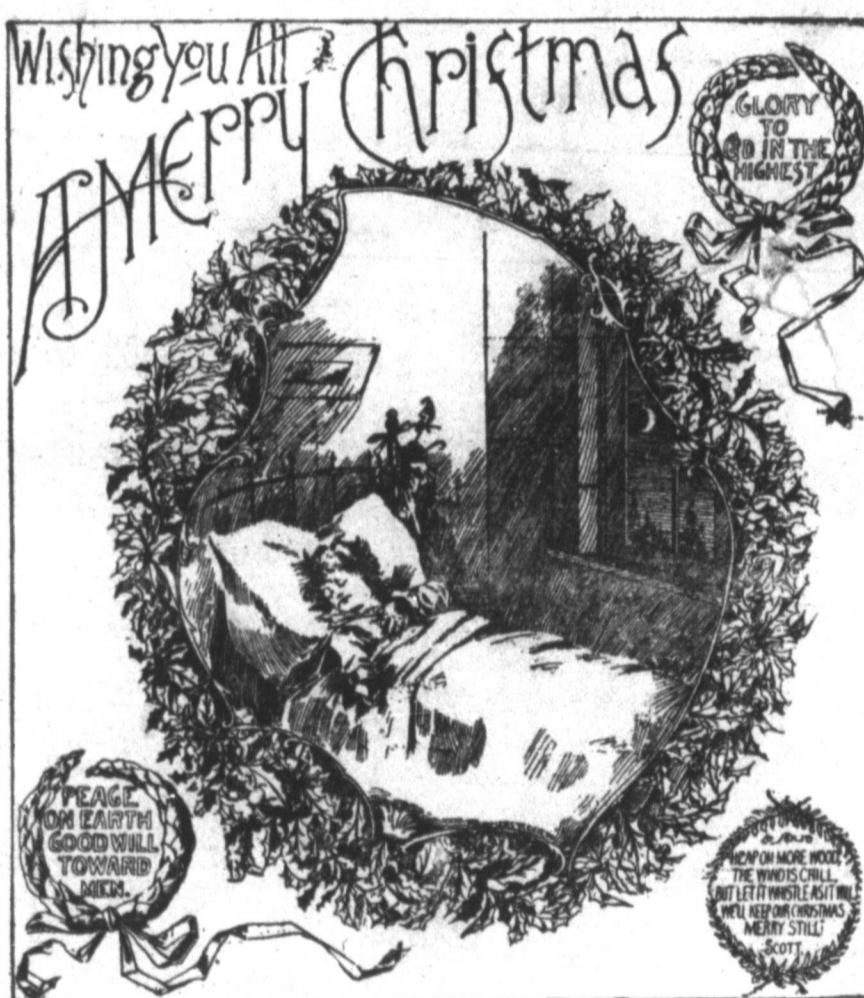
Ladies Handkerchiefs, new Xmas patterns, linen, cambric and swiss. Prices 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, and 50c.

Pillow Tops

Pillow Tops, pretty new designs, at 25c, 35c, 50c and \$1.25.

Bed Spreads

Bed Sprdads, new Marsailles designs, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2 and \$3.



Lace Cur

Lace Curtains, white Swiss Lin. Net, \$1.25 to \$2.00.

Rugs and Robes

Christmas Lap Robes \$2 to \$5.00 What would please a friend better? Christmas Rugs, all sizes, up to 9x12 feet. Prices from \$1.25 to \$35.00.

Suspenders.

Suspenders, see our big assortment, put up in Christmas boxes, prices 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Fine Furs

Christmas furs, a more suitable Xmas present cannot be had. Our sales have been large but we still have more.

Handkerchiefs.

Gent's Christmas Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, plain white hemstitched 5c, 10c and 15c. All linen 25c, white Silk hemstitched and initial 50c. Mufflers 35c to \$1.50.

We are too busy to tell you of all the many good things we have. Come to the big Store where you can see what you want at the right prices. Visitors, as well as buyers, are always welcome. Our Grocery Department was never more complete. Here you can find every thing you want for your Christmas delicacies, and at right prices. We strive to please our customers. Plenty of help to wait on everybody.

BURNS & BELL.

Wholesale Dry Goods, Hardware and Groceries.