

NEW YEAR.

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COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

To Our Friends and patrons of Southwest Texas: Owing to your liberal patronage of the past year, we are enabled to make many needed improvements in our building in order to handle your trade.

Our entire Dry Goods Emporium will be remodeled and fitted up in the latest modern style, also a complete change will be made in our office to handle with more convenience our large Exchange and Collection business.

We Will Close Out

Our stock of Goods at the lowest market prices, to make room for extensive improvements and our immense stock of new Goods.

OUR PURCHASERS will visit all the important markets from New York to San Francisco and will then secure the largest and most complete stock of Goods ever brought to Southwest Texas; they will secure the best at the lowest prices FOR CASH.

This will enable us to give our patrons the benefit of low prices and liberal terms. It is our desire to make the House of

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First-class in every particular and second to none in the State. With these United States, composed of the greatest of Financiers; with a great president in the person of Wm. McKinley, to steer our "Ship of State," assisted by a Cabinet composed of representative men of the land, we feel sure that every move they make will be for the further advancement and improvement of our great Commonwealth. An honest and efficient administration means Prosperity to the people.

... .. ENT DIAZ,

The greatest Statesman and Financier Mexico has ever known, which prevents marauding bands across the river from molesting us in any way. Therefore the Stock raising industry along the Border, is in a most satisfactory condition; the farming interests are on the upward move, and we feel no hesitancy in inviting new comers to settle in our vicinity.

Our Annual Clearing Sale.

The Entire Stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Boots and Shoes,

NO OLD, UNSALEABLE ARTICLES.

ALL NEW GOODS, BUT THE STOCK MUST BE REDUCED, TO MAKE ROOM WHILE WE ARE REMODELING OUR BUILDING AND PREPARING FOR OUR LARGE SPRING STOCK.

MRS. BARLOW will leave at an early date for the North to make a LARGER and more Attractive selection than ever before.

Remember,

WE MUST MAKE ROOM, AND WILL SELL ALL GOODS AT REDUCED PRICES.

M. J. BARLOW & CO.

LOCAL & PERSONAL.

A norther struck us yesterday morning.

Little Lucy Barwell is sick with the grip.

Keck Bros. sell the old reliable Studebaker wagon.

Andy Guinn of San Antonio, is here visiting his parents.

For fancy candy and fruits, go to Simon Cotulla's.

We are sorry to chronicle the illness of Miss Lou McMains.

If you want cookstoves go to Keck Bros..

Sergt. H. G. Dubose returned from Laredo Thursday morning.

Miss Willie Jennins left Sunday last for her home in San Antonio.

Judge S. T. Dowe made a business trip to Pearsall during the week.

Go to Simon Cotulla & Co., for any old sweet thing.

Have you got the Grip? If not steer clear of it or it will get you.

WANTED—One dozen young Plymouth Rock hens. Apply at this office.

Mr. T. J. Winslow was up from the Buckow Settlement one day this week.

Sheriff R. L. Ortez, of Laredo, visited Cotulla between trains Thursday.

Miss Eva Stevens was quite sick first of the week, but is now able to be up.

Ranchman J. E. Hill, of Twohig, was in town Thursday evening for supplies.

Go to Keck Bros. for barb wire. Prices as low as the lowest.

Arthur Smith returned Thursday from a visit to friends and relatives in San Antonio.

T. K. Hall returned from his visit to friends and relatives in San Antonio.

Lawyers R. W. Hudson and I. N. Spann were down from Pearsall first part of the week.

2 1/2 lb package of seedless raisins or currants, 25c at S Cotulla's.

If you want first-class laundry work done leave your orders with Emmett Stevens.

Mr. I. C. Jennings and family left Tuesday for San Antonio, where they will make their future home.

Messrs J. W. Buckow and J. D. Dickson, of the Buckow Settlement, was on the turf a short while Thursday.

Apples, Oranges and Bananas at Simon Cotulla & Co's.

Dr. J. M. Williams has been on the sick list this week, but we are glad to state he is now able to be up again.

Messrs. T. H. Poole and J. W. English went down to Laredo yesterday evening and returned this morning.

Everybody is respectfully invited to attend the protracted meeting, now being held at the Methodist Church.

"Dick" Edwards, the well known horse buyer, passed through here Wednesday on his way to Laredo.

Dr. McGarrity, of Luling, was called to the bedside of Mr. Robt. Hall, last Monday, to attend him in his sickness.

R. A. Gilmer, of the merchantile firm of Matthews & Gilmer at Encinal, visited our city between trains Thursday.

Miss Laura Allen of Batesville, who is visiting relatives in Dimmitt county, is in town at present as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller.

Patronize our advertisers, they are men who have good, saleable articles and are not ashamed of their prices. You cannot lose by dealing with them.

M. L. Moody, Twohig's enterprising merchant, was in town a day or two this week.

John B. Kerr and wife left this morning for Flatonio to visit their mother, who is very sick.

John Gilbert Esq., a prominent young man of Dimmitt county, was in our town during the week.

The San Antonio Steam Laundry guarantees its work to be first-class. E. C. Stevens, Agt.

Pease & Jay favored our Job Department with an order for 500 Statements and 500 Note Heads, last Monday.

Miss Lizzie Buckley, after spending several days here visiting Miss Dottie Wear, returned to her home in Encinal Thursday.

Capt. J. H. Rogers returned Wednesday from San Antonio, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Hart, who will spend a few days visiting here.

L. A. Kerr left yesterday morning for Flatonio, in response to a telegram calling him to the bedside of his mother who is seriously ill.

Read Barlow & Co's. Big 'Ad.' on another page, it will be worth your time to call, see their reduced prices, and buy while they are selling so cheap.

Dr. W. M. Clune, of Dilley, was in Cotulla last Monday on professional business, while here he favored the Record Job Department with an order for envelopes.

Commissioner W. A. Kerr, of Precinct No. 3, attended court here Wednesday, returning home via. Twohig Thursday. While here he left his name to be added to the Record subscription list for this year.

Mr. John McMurray, of Co. E. State Rangers stationed at this place, left yesterday morning for his home, after having resigned his position here. We understand he has already been

by the Captain to fill the place and will be here within a few days.

A few of our correspondents are failing to write as regularly as we would like to have them do. The news from the different towns and settlements in our county is eagerly looked for by our readers. Please write regularly and promptly even though it be short—we like to hear from you.

Do you owe us for your subscription? if you do and wish to take advantage of our clubbing offer on another page, just send us a dollar with twenty-five cents added and you will get the Texas Farm and Ranch for the year '99 in addition to the Record one year from date of subscription.

T. F. Miller, the Singer Sewing Machine man, returned Tuesday from a trip to the lower part of the county. Tom says he traveled three days and only sold 5ets worth of Sewing Machine needles. Give us an 'Ad' and we will guarantee an increase of 500 per cent in your sales on your next trip.

We have for sale the following list of Legal Blanks, do you need anything in this line? Warranty Deeds, with joint and single acknowledgement; Chattel Mortgages, Deeds of Trust, Quit Claim Deeds, Bills of Sale, Warranty Deeds Vendors Lien, Notes, Vendors Lien Notes, Protests, etc. We have only a limited supply; first come, first served.

A petition, signed by some of our citizens from the vicinity of Twohig, praying for some action to be taken in regard to the depredations of the coyote, was presented to the Commissioners Court last Wednesday evening. No action was taken by them, however, further than to pass an order memorializing the Legislature in our behalf and requesting that some action be taken by them at their present session.

This is a step in the right direction and other counties of Southwest Texas should follow our lead in this matter, thus securing a recognition of their just claims.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that further trespass in my river pastures will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All stock now in said pastures will be removed within six days or pasturage will be charged for same.

T. CONLAN.

"There are more ways to kill a cat than to drown it," so too, are there more ways to kill our town than to desert it—for instance: always oppose any improvement, buy your goods in San Antonio or St. Louis, abuse all our officers and leading men, always deplore the "general cussedness" of our citizens when speaking to visitors, dont patronize home industries, and above all dont subscribe for the RECORD—we are here to add our mite toward the upbuilding of our town and county.

A leading trait of human nature, curiosity, was clearly illustrated yesterday evening when Captain Rogers, assisted by Private James Moore began searching the freight train, which had just arrived, for —; every man and boy then on the streets who could conveniently do so joined in the quest, even going so far as to enter the cab on the engine, turning over large blocks of coal lying on the coal car, and peering into every crack and crevice over two inches in width; when if called upon to say who or what they were hunting, would have been utterly unable to have given an answer.

L. A. Kerr & Co. will open a private bank on or near the first of the coming month at the corner of Front and Center Streets. Work on the building is now being rapidly pushed to completion.

Mr. Kerr started a few years ago on this corner with a small general merchandise store, and it was shipped by Express—thus the existence of "Uncle Bear."

and he was enabled to purchase a half interest in the large Dry Goods and Grocery establishment on the opposite corner where he more fully demonstrated his ability to draw and hold trade. Desiring to enter the Banking business, he sold out to G. W. Henrichson & Co. a few months ago and began at once to make arrangements for his present building and and equipments. Mr. Kerr is noted for his strict business principles and careful attention to all matters entrusted to him and he will doubtless make a success of this enterprise as he has of all others.

Official advices have been received by Capt. J. A. Brooks of Company F, Texas Rangers, stationed at Brownsville, notifying him of orders for the reduction of each Co. of rangers to three men, that is, a Captain, one Sergeant and one private, and ordering the discharge of all members exceeding this number.—Brownsville Herald.

That being the case, a great deal of extra work will be thrown upon our civil officers, but they are, we are glad to say, thoroughly capable of holding all lawlessness in check. Not wishing to detract any whatever from the praise of our present Company of Rangers, we think our Sheriff with his deputies should be given his just share of praise for the present quiet condition of affairs in our town, for without his cooperation in all matters the efficiency of the rangers would have been materially lessened.

Our subscription list still continues to grow despite the chronic grumbler's prediction of "hard times" to come. We received two letters with an order for the Almighty Dollar enclosed this week. Below we give a list of the men who saw, and took advantage of a good thing since the last issue.—Sam Von Roeder, Skidmore; R. V. Martin, Encinal T. Conlan, W. A. Kerr, Cotulla; Dr. Daniel Moore, Darwin, Tex., and David M. Dickson, Montgomery, Ala. sent by friends here.

The Commissioners Court met last Wednesday at a called session to discuss further action on the bridge matter. After a lengthy discussion, which was participated in by every member of the board, it was decided that the bridge must be built at once by the security company that had gone upon Mr. Payson's bond. In case they failed to complete the work under the original terms of the contract, the bond was to be forfeited without further notice and legal action be taken as soon as possible thereafter. We understand the company is willing and anxious to begin work without further delay; thus we may reasonably expect the bridge to be open for public travel before the spring rise in the river.

At ten minutes before nine o'clock Thursday morning a rifle shot rang out on the still morning air, and citizens hurrying to the scene of trouble were horrified to see the mutilated body of Joe Dunham lying in a pool of his own life blood, which was swiftly ebbing away. He lived only a few minutes after the fatal shot was fired; it entered his head back of the right ear and penetrated the brain. Joe was well and probably known to all the citizens of our town, who thoroughly admired his virtues, while deploring his few faults, which at times caused his most intimate friends serious trouble. His one great desire in life was for fun; he lived each day for the pleasures he could find and thought not of the morrow; had he but had a chance he would doubtless have made a graceful dancer, as music was his delight and to hug was natural with him.

Mr. Buckelew sold his carcass to H. Ahnecke, proprietor of the Hotel, at San Antonio, and it was shipped by Express—thus the existence of "Uncle Bear."

THIG TOUCHES.

Miss Carrie Ramsey and May Bell Robinson were in our city Thursday.

Mr. A. H. Lewis and son, of Montgomery County, passed here Thursday enroute to Laredo.

Mrs. R. Clary and daughter, Mrs. M. Despain, was in our burg on the 12th inst attending to some business affairs.

Mr. E. W. Alderman, of the upper pieces country, was in our city Thursday. He is peering to feed some of his cattle.

On last Monday evening, Mess. J. W. Petty and A. Y. Old arrested a Mexican, Desidia Gonzales of this place, charged with theft of cattle.

Mr. Wille Murray, of the Belcher Ranch, was in town yesterday. He informs us that Mr. Belcher is feeding nearly 200 head of his poorer cattle.

Nearly all the ranchmen in this section of the country are feeding to some extent, it is the opinion here that a great many cattle will die should we have a late spring.

Mr. Ed Reynolds, who for some time past has been residing at Millett, has moved back to this place and is now working on the rail road. Ed was raised here and his friends welcome his return.

Mr. James Brawley and wife, of Millett, are visiting friends and relatives in Twohig. Mr. Brawley informs us that he will soon leave for Kinney County, where he goes to look after his horse stock there.

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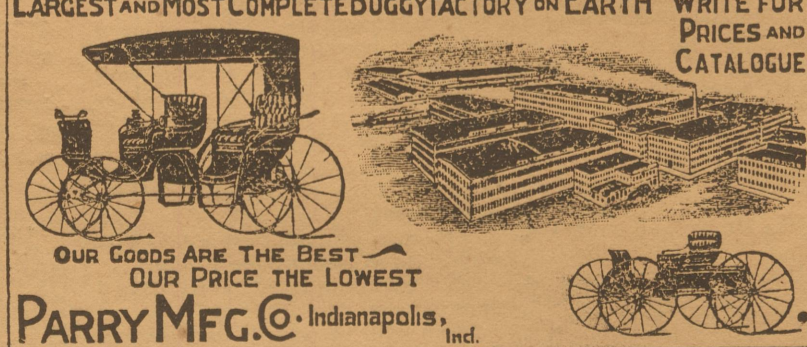
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