

## Gray County Teachers Institute Meets

### Teachers from All over County are Guests of City—Banquet Monday Night.

McLean is this week entertaining the teachers of the county in their annual institute in behalf of the entire community we extend to them hearty welcome.

The opening session of the Gray County Teachers Institute which was held in the high school chapel Monday morning was well attended and the ceremonies of the occasion were enjoyed not only by the teachers but by a large crowd of citizens.

Opening with a song by the choir, followed with the invocation by Prof. Loftin, the body proceeded to organize and elect the following officers: Judge M. M. Wolfe, president; Miss [Name], vice president and Miss [Name], Secretary.

After the transaction of the necessary preliminaries the chair called upon Mayor Rice who delivered the welcome address in his usual happy manner. He said in part:

"I count it a great honor to be called upon to speak the words that will welcome to our little city the very flower of Gray county's womanhood and the glory of her manhood, for you who have assembled here this morning represent one of, if not the highest calling that man or woman is called upon to fill. For upon you rests the great responsibility, whether you realize or not, of training up those placed in your charge, not only

mentally but morally as well. It is therefore of the greatest importance that you be thoroughly equipped for this responsibility, and to this end you have met here in your institute that you may, by an exchange of ideas and methods, develop the best plans for the imparting of knowledge to our rising generation."

After drawing in comparison the school teacher and the farmer relative to the steps taken by each that their work in the end might prove profitable and gratifying, he further said:

"I would not have you think for a moment that I believe your life to be one of all roses for you, like every one in public service, get more of criticism than praise, for there is not a man or woman in your respective community who does not know more about the best method of conducting your school than you do. 'If I was teaching that school I would wail that boy of John Jones' every day or I would punish that girl of Mrs. Smith's every day, for she is the worst girl in school and is corrupting my girl, but don't you dare to whip my boy nor touch that girl of mine for if you do I will snatch every bit of hair out of your head; my children are perfectly good and never cause any trouble, but the rest of them are simply awful,' are some of the expressions that we commonly hear, but

how seldom, Oh! how seldom, does any one take you by the hand and tell you that you are giving us a good school and by praise and encouragement stimulate you to do your best. & & In conclusion let me say in behalf of the citizens of McLean that you are welcome to our midst, and express the hope

that your stay among us will be prolific of much profit and pleasure to you and to those who are entertaining you. Again let me say that you are welcome, welcome, thrice welcome."

The response by Prof. Loftin was short but timely and full of appreciation for the hospitality of McLean and her people. He was followed by short talks by Prof. Horton and Dr. Donnell, after which the regular program of the institute was resumed.

There were many who we reproduce this one as especially apt and witty:

"Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"I count it a very great honor to have the privilege of addressing this institute upon the subject—Institute.

"The institute was instituted for the purpose of instituting plans whereby the various teachers of the institute might institute the plans instituted in this institute into their different institutions.

"The State of Texas, in instituting the institute, also instituted a plan whereby the teachers could draw their salaries the same as if they were teaching. Such a plan makes it possible for every teacher to attend the institute.

"This institute should be the means of instituting enthusiasm into every teacher and thereby be the means of instituting good to the entire county. That such will be the case, I am sure.

"But, as I behold my audience, I ask myself the question: Was this institute instituted for the purpose of instituting plans for the betterment of our educational institutions? After a moment's thought I see that I am mistaken.

"I have learned since arriving that this institute was instituted to entertain our visitors; to show our good looking county judge; and to let it be known to the rest of our county that McLean had instituted a city government and has produced our mayor as a living witness.

"I see evidences that lead me to believe that this institute was instituted that the McLean school faculty might have the honor of instituting a banquet

## All the Weddings Are Over

Christmas shopping will be finished and all the bargain sales will be over tonight. Likewise the exceptionally low prices at our store will be off, so you had better get busy while we are still selling our goods at big reductions. A great many people have visited our store during the past week and saved dollars by so doing. We are not having a bargain sale. We don't limit you to a dollar's worth of sugar, but

## Will Sell You All You Want

and at the very lowest possible price. We buy all our staple goods in large quantities, and hence can get them cheaper. We can also sell them cheaper. Let us prove it.

## C. A. Cash & Sons

Biggest Stock in McLean

## Merry Christmas to All

We are still selling coal and lumber and will be next year. Start the new year right and let us figure on your bills.

## Western Lumber Company

**The Banquet.**

In the evening, at the high school chapel the school faculty tendered a banquet to the visitors and a few invited guests, including the students of the high school, that was probably the most elaborate of any like occasion ever enjoyed in this city.

Upon the arrival of the guests they were ushered into separate apartments, the ladies on one side and the gentlemen the other, where preparations were made for the formal reception. All the ladies were disguised by the use of paper masks, on each mask being drawn in charcoal the face of an animal, after which a receiving line was formed by the high school girls and the request to "please pass the men" was issued. Each guest was introduced to Miss Horton who stood at the head of the line, and she in turn introduced them to the next, and so on through the entire line. After the introduction ceremonies the ladies and gentlemen were seated separately and the program of the evening commenced by a solo by Prof. Clark, assisted by Misses Fast and McCurdy and Mr. Henry on the chorus. Mr. Horton, the toastmaster, after a short talk, introduced Dr. Don-

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# DEAR SANTA CLAUS

# SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:  
I will write you a letter.  
Bring me an air gun, a train  
jumping jack, a d  
tricycle

some wax

Has opened up headquarters at my store and you are invited to call and see the largest and most complete line of **Holiday Goods in Gray County.**

We have suitable Xmas presents for every member of your family.

Our Store is Full of Appropriate **CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

## S. O. COOK

"Hardware for People Who Know"

### Topsy Turvy Repeated.

It would seem a bit superfluous, after all that has been said and done, to add another word of praise for the excellent manner in which the members of 'Topsy Turvy' troupe acquitted themselves at the performance of that pretty comedy at the Christian-Cousins opera house Tuesday evening.

The play was repeated by request in honor of the visiting teachers, all of whom were presented with guest badges, which admitted them as guests and not as contributors to the funds of the company. The house was again crowded almost to its capacity and the play was even better received than on its former appearance, mainly from the fact that all the players had become more efficient in their parts and from the addition of new and catchy jokes as well as considerable "medicine" on local citizens. Especially appreciated was the parody on Yankee Doodle from the fertile pen of

W. R. Patterson, that versatile scholar, poet and statesman whom we have all learned to know and appreciate for his many excellent qualities and gentlemanly attainments (God forgive us). However, the verse about Uncle Dave being literally, lonesomely lost in dazzling, daring, delightful dreams in which the fair, felicitous and faces of bewitching, bewildering, beauteous, beaming school mams figured frequently, was entirely uncalled for. Also that premeditated scheme to load the News man's pockets with stale napkins and then publicly accuse him of theft. That rascally trick was perpetrated by Mullis, but like the fellow the mulk kicked, we considered the (same) source.

After all, everybody forgives them their meanness when it is considered that they have swent much of their valuable time and effort for the benefit of the public school library. They will ever have a warm spot in the

hearts of our citizenship for their unselfish work in behalf of the coming generation.

The band, also, should have especial praise for the high order of music they favored the audience with between acts. Being augmented by the addition of Messrs Almon and Graham, their renditions were par excellence and most thoroughly enjoyed.

Here's to Topsy Turvy and her numerous, humorous cast; and when they reach life's last mile, may they be sick awhile and then—get well at last.

### HOGS WANTED

Have opened a first class meat market next door to the Rock Island Cafe and would like to buy fat hogs and cattle, will pay the highest market price. Would also like to have a share of your market trade.

W. P. VERMILLION.

### City Taxes.

To the News:  
It having been reported to me that some of our citizens were going to refuse to pay their city taxes for the year 1909 on account of our not being incorporated on the first of January.

I therefore take this method to notify all such that I got an opinion on this matter from Mr. Underwood, a prominent lawyer of Amarillo, and he said that we could levy and collect taxes for the year 1909.

At the election for incorporation the proposition carried by practically a unanimous vote, and I suppose that there is no one who would think that a city government could be run without funds. You have elected a council consisting of good men and they have passed laws which they believed to be to the best interest of the town and have levied the very lowest tax on which they thought the government could be run, ten cents on the one hundred dollars, which is less than one half of what they were authorized under the law to levy, and I hope that everyone will look at this in the right way, as we do not want to burden anyone.

All of the officers with the exception of the marshal are giving their services gratis, but there are several things needing attention which we can do nothing with until we get some fun

could have been put to work improving our streets, provided we had a place to confine them, but as it is all we can do is to give them time to get out of town.

We have been asked to fix the streets in certain places, which need it bad enough, and to take

charge of and fix up the town well, but we can do none of the things without a little money.

Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and work for greater and cleaner McLean.

Respectfully,  
C. S. RICE, Mayor

### Christmas Tide

The Christmas tide has flown again,  
Its weaves of love are here,  
It's presents and its Christmas trees,  
Its laughter and its cheer;  
And eyes are bright with joy,  
today,  
That oft are dim with tears,  
From looking back across the waste  
Of long and fruitless years.

For hearts are warm, and hands are free,  
And all are wont to play  
The Feeder of the Multitude,  
On this, Christ's natal day;  
And hearts that quicken not with love,  
On this auspicious morn,  
Nor feel the thrill, benevolent,  
Should never have been born.

Go then, with kindly, smiling face,  
Spread sunshine on the way,  
And wish, for all you chance to meet,  
A Merry Christmas Day.  
Let glow of love shine from your eyes,  
Hold kindness in your hand,  
And teach the homeless poor you meet,  
This is a Christian land.

Let no unseemly revel mar  
This day of days, for you,  
But to the teachings of the Christ  
Be constant, leal and true;  
Do good because of good itself,  
In unobtrusive way,  
And as a Christian, born of love,  
Spend this good Christmas day.

And when the shades of night shall fall,  
You to your home should come  
(For Christians, when the night appears,  
Should aye be found at home);  
And there, in secret, bow the knee,  
And while you humbly pray  
For grace to help you live aright,  
Thank God for Christmas day.  
—Jake H. Harrison.

## NOTICE

### BOOKS CLOSED

We are going to throw our stock on the market for cash and reduce it as much as possible by the first of the year as we intend making some radical changes in our business at that time. If you are owing us anything we insist on you coming in and paying up at once, and by so doing you will enable us to render further assistance when the time comes

With every \$25.00 Purchase  
we will give you a

## Beautiful Rayo Lamp

Be sure to see this lamp—it's a bird

### MCLEAN MERCANTILE COMPANY

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ms of late who

# HELP

## A Struggling Seaman

The chief aim of the average man is to make money, and I do not claim to be above the average. So I am in business for that purpose—to say different would be false. Therefore I am enduring the trials, vexations and hardships of a business life with the hope of making money. With that point in view, and honesty as my watchword, I am putting forth every possible effort to serve you in a satisfactory manner. Then, wont you help with a share of your business? I need it in the very worst way, and the more business I get the more able I am to serve you. Buy your Christmas goods from me and

## Make Two Souls Happy

## M. D. Bentley

THE VILLAGE GROCER  
TELEPHONE 85

F. M. Littleton has made arrangements for the installing of a grist mill and crusher, which he will operate with a six horse power gasolene engine. The machinery is ordered and will probably be ready for business in two week.

**Christmas Day.**  
Twas early morn on Christmas day,  
Our Savior in a manger lay.  
The wise men saw and understood  
That this was Christ, the son of God.  
They saw his star shine in the east,  
Proclaiming Him our King and Priest;  
They came to ask where he might lay,  
This Savior born on Christmas day.  
  
The shepherds with their sheep at night  
Saw angels near with garments white  
Proclaiming, "Peace, good will to men,"  
Our Savior born in Bethlehem.  
His praises let us shout and sing.  
Of Christ, our Savior, Priest and King.  
We'll love and serve Him night and day,  
This Savior born on Christmas day.  
—E. T. Turner, Northfork, Tex.

### Surprise Party.

A party of young people surprised the News office family with a little social Saturday evening. The crowd was small, as is also the house, and the chairs were scarce, but they apparently made the best of a bad job and enjoyed a fairly pleasant evening. Coming as it did before the arrival of our Christmas bottle we had no refreshments to offer other than buttermilk, and as a taste for this rare beverage, like olives, has to be cultivated, no one partook.

S. E. Boyett has purchased the home of Uncle Sam Tipton in the northwest part of the city. Mr. Tipton's wife, who under stand will move about the first of the year to Texico, N. M., to make their home.

## Double Wedding

Probably one of the most elaborate ceremonies, in both appointment and detail, ever witnessed in this vicinity occurred Wednesday at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Thompson south of the city when they gave in marriage their daughters, Misses Pearl and Willie, to Messrs. Jack Hindman and S. E. Boyett. The impressive ceremony was read by the Rev. Moody, in the presence of a few friends and the immediate families of the contracting parties, after which a bounteous wedding feast was served. At the conclusion of the dinner the party was driven to Rowe where Mr. and Mrs. Boyett took the Denver for a short trip to St. Louis.

The Misses Thompson have both been residents of the McLean country since childhood and number their friends by all who know them. Miss Pearl has for the past three years been engaged with C. C. Cook in the postoffice and in the store and is recognized as an accomplished and genteel young lady. Miss Willie, as a teacher in the public school, has won the respect and admiration of the trustees and patrons and the love and obedience of her pupils.

Jack Hindman, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hindman, has been practically raised in this city and is a successful and energetic young business man, having been engaged with his father and C. C. Cooper for the past three years in the cattle business. Everybody knows and respects Jack for his honest manly qualities.

S. E. Boyett came to McLean two years ago, after his graduation from the department of law at the State University, and engaged in the practice of his profession, in which he has proven quite efficient, and has enjoyed a successful business. He has made many friends here and is liked by all who know him.

To both young couples we feel that we are voicing the sentiment of the entire community when we wish for them a long life of happiness in their chosen relations, and when the golden sunlight of many prosperous years sheds its mellow rays on the borders of the eternal city, may they look back over the past with pleasure and pride and say, "Tis well."

### No Paper.

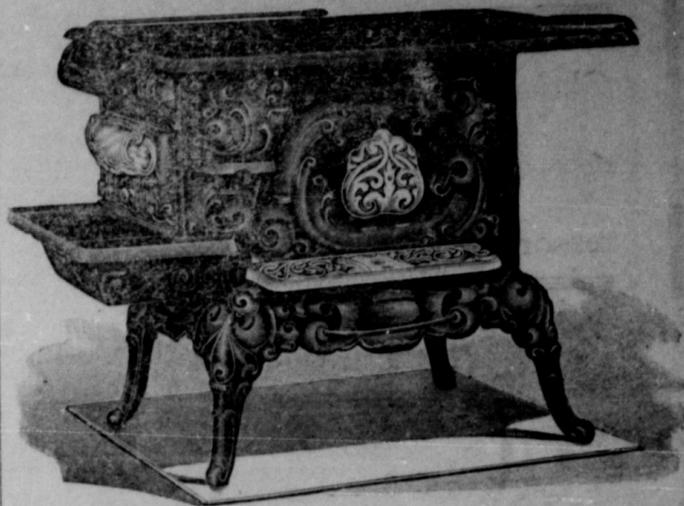
There will be no issue of the News next week. We intend to fitly celebrate the season with devout and prayerful rest and recreation. It is hereby announced that the office will be closed from the 25th of December to the 1st of January, inclusive, and those desiring to shower us with Christmas presents and invitations to dine will find us at home.

### Stock Election Carries.

At the election Saturday to determine whether or not the stock law should be passed there were 29 votes cast, 22 for the law and seven against. At the next session of the city council the votes will be canvassed and the necessary steps taken to put the law into effect which will call for the keeping up of all stock within the city limits from the fifteenth of October to the fifteenth of March following, of each year.

What might be termed a phenomenal transfer occurred the first of the week when C. C. Cook transferred to C. C. Cooper, in the presence of C. C. Cosby, an insurance policy.

# PRINCE SUPERB



THE LATEST production in SQUARE oven, combining Rococoe and Scroll ornamentation. Has every modern feature of convenience. The top over plate is so constructed that there is no possible chance for ASHES to drop into the OVEN, and is made so that it can be easily removed without dismantling the stove—if necessary. This plate is made in one piece, including the swell on the sides, and is guaranteed against fire crack.

## Found Only In The Superb Line

Also, is the LOCK CENTER—fills a long felt want. The trade all appreciate its merits at once and the housekeeper is made happy when she realizes she is no more to be annoyed with buckling or warping centers—causing uneven tops. This device has been thoroughly tested and never failed, and is fully guaranteed. No other line of stoves have these special features as they are covered by patents. Buy a Superb and get the best.



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We wish to thank our many patrons for their liberal patronage during the past and hope by fair treatment and right prices to merit a continuance for the future. We carry a full line of everything needed to improve your place. Stock of good coal on hand at all times.

PRICES RIGHT  
C. S. RICE, Manager

# Resolve, Yes I Think That I Will Resolve or Revolve

I think that I have resolved that I will resolve that I have resolved to be a good boy Christmas and that I will try and sell goods at a special discount until January 1st, for cash only. I think my goods are marked as high as they could be marked and that when they are subject to discount, I think you get a bargain. I think I have the largest stock of Dry Goods in McLean and I think they are priced reasonable most of the time. I think I think it is going it is going to be a hard winter.



I THINK I AM THE PRICE-MAKER

Yours truly

ARTHUR COOK



## Local Happenings

Items of Interest About  
Town and County

Twenty pounds of rice for one dollar at Foster & Son's.

I have a few rolls of Hog wire to sell at greatly reduced prices. S. O. Cook.

Mrs. Dyer was in from her place near town Tuesday shopping.

Goods at less than cost of raw material at L. M. Haynes & Son's.

J. F. Harbert has had his subscription pushed forward another year for which he has our thanks.

For a Xmas present: fine organ good as new. Come and see it. The Second Hand Store.

Miss Tate who has been visiting at the home of B. H. Minter has returned to her home to spend the holidays.

\$65. Range cooking stove for less than half at Herman's Second Hand store.

John Carpenter and family returned the latter part of last week from San Angelo, where they have been for a visit with relatives.

Anything you want in the short order line at the city restaurant.

F. H. Yokley called at the News office Wednesday and had his name enrolled on our subscription list for which he has our thanks.

Palace Specials make excellent Christmas smokes. Try one at the Palace Drug Store.

E. A. Erwin has started the ball rolling and corn is selling fast and furious. Most all the merchants are in the market and the prices are good.

Be sure and see Dr. McGee, the veterinary, who will be here next Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Almon of Hooker, Oklahoma, are here for a holiday visit with the parents of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sugg.

We have priced our sugar at \$5.75 per hundred. That is the cheapest in town. Let us show you. Foster & Son.

Lee Turner went down to El-Reno Friday of last week to meet his wife's mother who was enroute to pay them a Christmas visit.

Santa Claus is here in all of his multitudinous forms, with presents for men, women and children. Visit him. Palace Drug Store.

Mrs. J. B. Paschal returned the first of the week from Arkansas, where she has been spending the past season with relatives and friends.

Amarillo flour has a reputation that is unchallenged. We handle all grades and guarantee it. Foster & Son.

G. S. Loyd was in the city Monday with a load of corn that was as fine as you would care to see. It was sold to Sam Brown for 65 cents.

We have at all times a complete stock of feed of all kinds and we can sell it cheap for cash. Come to see us. T. W. Henry & Son.

L. C. McMurtry handed us a dollar Wednesday and said "Keep her coming." The News will visit him another year.

Our Little Sale will continue until everything in our store is sold. The sooner the better. Prices one half what others ask for same goods. C. C. Cook.

W. A. Fowler was in town Saturday and made the News office a pleasant call, leaving us the money to advance his subscription six months.

Dr. McGee, the veterinary, of Clarendon, will be here Monday and Tuesday, December 27th and 28th. Don't fail to see him.

Scott Johnson and family left this week for Arlington, Texas, where they will spend a couple of weeks with the parents of the former.

Misses Lizzie and Mabel McMilan left Tuesday afternoon for Oklahoma where they will join their mother and go on to their future home in Burleson, Texas.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Cordelia Isabelle Gray and Mr. Frank A. Smith at Clarendon the sixteenth instant. They are at home to their friends in Moline, Illinois.

For Sale: Two spans of good mules. One pair bay mare mules, 15-3-4 hands high, five years old. Other pair eight years old. Price high enough. T. B. Harris, Ramsdell, Tex.

D. N. Graham and associates this week received a draft from the insurance company represented by Hodges & Cosby for twelve hundred dollars, in payment of the claim for the big horse which died several weeks ago.

Usually the worst thing a man has to contend with is the box of worthless cigars his wife gives him for Christmas. Why not give him a box that he will appreciate. We guarantee the Palace special. Palace Drug Store.

### For Sale.

Mark, a Standard bred stallion, weighs 1260 pounds in medium flesh, good quality.

Julian, the American Draft horse, no better, can show colts. Cotter, Gray Eagle jack, fifteen hands high. Come and see his mules. His ears measure 33 inches from tip to tip.

Blue Jay, Maltese jack, good quality, coming 3 years old. See Will J. Hodges or D. N. Massay.

For Sale—Four houses and half block of land, water, sheds and good fence, close in. See Mrs. Easterwood.

### Hung Jury.

The following from a Pueblo paper will be of interest to the friends of Miss Haynes as giving the outcome of her damage suit recently tried in that city:

Neither side won in the suit of Miss Gertrude Haynes against the Pueblo & Suburban Traction & Lighting Co. for \$15,000 damages.

Last night the jury reported to the court that they had failed to reach a verdict. When court opened this morning they reported conditions the same.

For Sale—Heating Stove, as good as new. See Mrs. Easterwood.

### To Dog Owners.

The dog tags have arrived and all parties wishing to keep dogs in town will please see me at once and secure a license. All dogs not tagged will be impounded after the first of January.

J. B. Paschal, Marshall.

### Elect Officers.

The following gentlemen have been elected to fill the various offices in the W. O. W. Lodge for the ensuing term.

W. R. Patterson, Con. Com.  
J. P. Patrick, Adv. Lieut.  
H. L. Mann, Banker.  
W. B. Upham, Clerk.  
J. N. Phillips, Escort.  
R. A. Bayne, Watchman.  
W. D. Wolfe, Sentry.  
S. H. Dalrymple and J. W. Beall, Managers.

## NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Please sign your full name to all communications. We do not wish to publish it. If possible mail your letter so we will get it not later than Thursday. We want to hear from your community every week.

EDITOR.

## Five-Year Men

The Southwest needs more people. More people will make better home markets, better and more substantial land values and help to provide all the conveniences of life for town and country.

Have you lived five years in the Southwest?

If so, do you care enough about promoting its prosperity to write five letters describing your success—telling of the battles you have fought and won? Address four to your friends in the North and East and one to JOHN SEBASTIAN, Passenger Traffic Manager, Rock Island-Frisco Lines, La Salle Station, Chicago, or Frisco Building, St. Louis. Do it to-day. Do it now.

The Rock Island-Frisco Lines pay cash for printing this communication to you.

The Rock Island-Frisco Lines expend thousands of dollars every year to acquaint thrifty producers in the congested sections of the United States with the advantages of the great Southwest.

You can help in this work. You can share in its benefits.

Your letter will be read by thousands. The story of your progress and success is of vital human interest. It will inform and convince.

Write briefly—

Why you located Southwest and where. What the climate is like, the crops you raise and the present prices of land. Tell what you have gained in comfort and security.

Tell what it has done for your children. Tell what your neighbors are like. Describe the character of schools, churches and roads.

Three hundred words is enough. Write the letters to-day.

By A. G. RICHARDSON

SUBSCRIPTION.

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The Banquet

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benefit of the institute. when I behold how fully the chapel is decorated how tastily the repast is instituted, I am convinced that this institute was instituted for the purpose of showing our committee which was admirably headed by Mrs.

Toastmaster, the McLean public school has at its head a man who believes in doing things and in having his pupils do things, and probably this institute was instituted to let the world know that the institute was instituted that night get Prof. Clark to induce one of his cute blushes. That girl was mistaken for the institute was instituted to our pretty high school and for that purpose a regular line was instituted that the institute had to pass. That night not fail to see them had to have your arm pulled to attract your attention to the sweet smile which each one of the institute.

We have instituted a quarter for the benefit of your edification. And to be sure nothing was left unsaid in the way of this institute we have had the editor and his wife. This community has instituted a set of trustees and that this institute may see us in all our glory, this institute was instituted.

Here's to the visitors, the judge, the mayor, the school faculty, the committee, the toastmaster, the school girls, the quartet, the editor, and, last but not least, the Honorable Trustees." Mr. Rice followed with a short interesting toast to the McLean school.

After this the gentlemen were seated that in order to secure a dinner for the remainder of the

evening they must choose them by the name of the face they wore. This precipitated a mad dash into the arena of wild beasts and although it made one feel a bit uneasy to be thrown in close proximity to this ferocious menagerie, yet the heart of a true man never quailed in the search for a fair partner, and we were all fully repaid for the uneasiness when the masks were removed and the pretty faces and dimpled smiles of the ladies were disclosed. Of course there were many surprises, but one fact is certain, and that is Patterson had his wife located and tried hard to pass her by, but she whispered, "Here Willie," and that brought him suddenly out of dreamland to the realization of the cold fact that he was married. He abruptly seated himself and if there was a crushed hope lingering in his mind it certainly didn't affect his appetite at the banquet board.

After all masks were removed the "hidden city" contest was inaugurated, in which each guest was presented with a dainty hand painted souvenir book, cut in the shape of a bell, on the leaves of which were written sentences containing a continuation of letters that spelled the name of an American city. Fifteen minutes were allowed for the solving of the twelve puzzles, the one finishing first being awarded a prize. The honor fell to Miss Farrington.

Next came illustrated songs, and the ones to whom the lucky numbers fell were to illustrate their song with chalk on the blackboard, after which the choir would sing it. Three songs were sung and artistically illustrated by Prof. Loftin, Mrs. Knox and Miss Fast. They were, "My Old Kentucky Home," "The Old Oaken Bucket" and "Old Black Joe."

Then followed the all important feature—the dinner—which consisted of cheese wafers, salad and olives as the first course

and delicious hot chocolate and assorted cakes as the next. To this part of the program especial attention was paid by the guests and although in many quarters the olives were seen to disappear in every conceivable manner except the one intended, we can vouch for the fact that it was heartily enjoyed.

Dr. Donnell then assumed the head of the table and proceeded to call forth the entire audience for toasts, and while some, like ourself, were too full for utterance, many nobly and heroically responded.

Much praise is due the school faculty, and especially Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy and Miss Deen who headed the work of preparing this delightful occasion, and Miss Sydney Fast, who decorated the false faces for the menagerie and painted the pretty souvenirs. To congregate and caricature one hundred and thirty different animals in one bunch was a feat that few could perform.

Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge the first Tuesday in this month the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

- C. C. Cooper, N. G.
- J. S. Denson, V. G.
- C. S. Rice, Secretary.
- S. H. Dalrymple, Treasurer.
- J. W. Holder, Representative to Grand Lodge.
- C. S. Rice, Alternate to Grand Lodge.

B. F. McMillan left the latter part of last week with his car of household goods for Burleson, Texas, where he will make his home. The family followed later. These excellent people have been residents of this city for several years and have many warm friends who wish them unlimited prosperity and happiness in their new home.

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## Local Happenings

Items of Interest About  
Town and County

Frank Chambers was in town Saturday visiting with friends.

Fresh bread on hand at all times. City Restaurant.

J. W. Steffey of near Alanreed was here Saturday afternoon transacting business.

Oh my! see them new post cards at the Palace Drug store.

H. F. Underwood was in from the Johnson ranch Saturday afternoon transacting business.

Read The Saturday Evening Post. News office 5 cents.

There will be Christmas trees tonight at the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches.

See that Rogers 1847 silver ware at McLean Hardware Co.

J. S. Earp from the Heald neighborhood was a caller in the city Saturday.

I have a few squares of both painted and galvanized iron to sell you cheap. S. O. Cook.

Miss McMurtry left today for Central Texas, where she will spend the holidays with her parents.

Orange peel, Lemon peel and anything you want for a fruit cake. C. A. Cash and Son.

Sheriff Reeves was here the first of the week collecting taxes and visiting with friends.

Cheapest chinaware in the Pachandle at McLean Hardware Company.

U. S. Hawk and wife were in the city shopping Saturday afternoon.

A safety razor for a Xmas present from \$1.00 to \$6.00. McLean Hardware Company.

This is something like the old fashioned Christmas weather you have read about.

The Ladies Home Journal for January has come—get one at this office.

For Sale: A pair of grown white Angora rabbits at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

Miss Arthur Hise of Shamrock was visiting with friends here this week.

Silver tea spoons, guaranteed for ten years, \$1.25. McLean Hardware Co.

Mrs. J. D. Voyles and family are in Chickasha this week for a visit with friends and relatives.

Make somebody happy—buy a Christmas present. I have what you want. S. O. Cook.

There will be no issue of the News the last week in December. We will take a week off.

Chamber Sets way down—\$5.50 to \$7.50. McLean Hardware Company.

For Sale: Rhode Island Red cockrels both single and double combs. \$1.00 each. W. A. Fowler.

Deputy Sheriff McMurtry and wife are here this week from Le Fors attending the institute and visiting with friends.

We have the Xmas presents for you—just what you need for a nice present. McLean Hardware Co.

Prof. Lofton and Mrs. McMurtry of the Alanreed school are among the visiting teachers at the institute this week.

See my line of Christmas presents before you buy for I have what you want. S. O. Cook.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Please sign your full name to all communications. We do not wish to publish it. If possible mail your letter so we will get it not later than Thursday. We want to hear from your community every week. EDITOR.

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Night Phone 36

## Palace Drug Store

Will H. Langley, Proprietor

Terrell Brooks is here from Goodnight to be with his parents—and others—during the holidays.

The picture on the cover of the January number of the Ladies Home Journal is worth the price. Get one at this office.

Prof. Clark has our thanks for a dollar on subscription. He says he believes in taking his home paper.

We are in the market for all the hides and furs you can bring us at the highest market price. Henry & Son.

Miss Holder left Monday for Clarendon, where she will spend some time the guest of her uncle, Rich Holder.

A brand new assortment of fine pocket knives from \$1.00 to \$2.50. A nice Xmas present. McLean Hardware Company.

Milton Graham is in from his school at Cottonwood to spend Christmas with his parents and attend the institute.

Mighty sale. Haynes & Son must have money. Sale opened Saturday. Lincoln Sales Promoting Co. in charge of stock.

Walter McAdams was in Saturday and Sunday from the Bates ranch for a visit with friends.

I have the best and most complete assortment of dishes and glassware in McLean and can sell them to you cheap. I have them for less. S. O. Cook.

I will sell you a cooking stove or a heater cheaper than they can be made. Try me. S. O. Cook.

Dick King has been engaged this week hauling out cake for the stock at the Carpenter ranch.

Paint—Why don't you paint? I have paint and will sell it cheap. Figure with me. S. O. Cook

We handle Snowflake flour and guarantee it. If you don't like it bring it back and we will pay you for your trouble. L. M. Haynes & Son.

Prof. Claggett, principal of the high school at Pampa, is here this week in attendance on the institute. He is stopping at home of A. W. Haynes.

Billie Biggers and Miss Biggers are at home from their schools to attend the institute and spend the holidays with their parents.

R. E. Hale left this week for Kentucky where he will spend the holidays with his mother, whom he has not seen for more than twenty years.

Jess Hood and wife of Oklahoma City were here the first of the week for a visit with the sisters of latter, Mesdames Upham and Herrmann.

We are still writing horse insurance. Paid a fifty dollar claim to Jas. Dougherty this week. You should have your stock insured. See Hodges and Cosby.

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