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The Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas has printed a little book descriptive of the Panhandle of Texas and setting forth its advantages to the homeseeker. The book is intended to be used in the work of developing and settling the country and we are pleased to offer it to our friends for this purpose. Anyone interested is requested to send us names and addresses of friends in other states to whom they would like this book sent. We shall be pleased also to send out these books to list of prospective patrons sent us by real estate agents in the Panhandle. If you want a copy send me your name and address.

**Don A. Sweet,**  
Traffic Manager, Amarillo, Texas.

**The Miami Chief.**  
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**LOCAL NOTES.**  
Tomorrow is Methodist day in Miami. N. A. Gray was in the city Thursday night.  
L. O. Boney lodged in Miami Thursday night.  
Light bread at the R. E. LeFors meat market.  
Commissioners Court meet next Monday.  
Attorney E. F. Allen made a trip to Amarillo Monday.  
W. A. Johnson and wife are visiting on the J. F. Johnson ranch.  
Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Coconuts, at the G. M. Black Confectionery.  
Attorney Kelly left Tuesday on a professional trip to Dalhart.  
Fresh Fruit, Candies and Nuts, at the G. M. Black Confectionery Stand.  
Mrs. O. F. Payne left Tuesday for a visit to her brother, Lee Butler, at Alameda.  
Assessor Tom Coffey of Hutchinson County was in Miami on Wednesday and Thursday.  
J. A. Poole, stockman of the upper part of the County, was in the capital city Thursday.  
Mrs. J. E. Stanley is spending this week on the ranch in Wheeler County with Mr. Stanley.

Pictures and medallions makes appropriate as well as a useful presents. See the line at N. F. Locke & Sons.  
The children of the Union Sunday School will give an entertainment at the Presbyterian church on Christmas night.  
H. E. Weckesser returned this week from Wheeler County where he built a four-room residence on the O. P. Jones ranch.  
Fish and oysters, sausage and all seasonable lunch goods, kept in stock and served at the G. M. Black Short-Order-Lunch-Room.  
The farmer who has learned to live at home is the farmer who lives well, and this applies more particularly to stock-farming.  
The commissioners court of Hemphill County has ordered an election in Precinct No. 1, for December 30th, to vote on local option.

Albert Minton and Miss Jennie Bull of Ochiltree County were married at the residence of the bride's parents at Alfalfa on the 22nd ult.  
We are in receipt of the Clarendon College monthly. It is a neat and attractive little magazine, filled with good reading matter.  
Butter and chickens for sale at the R. E. LeFors meat market.  
On account of death in the family of one of the actors the play "Mr. Tompkins, Hired Man" has been postponed until court week in February.  
Youngman, your best girl will think you are short if you don't make her a nice present Christmas. See the line at N. F. Locke's dry goods store.  
Ed Dolceter and Ed Corson leave the first of next week for Cataline to commence work on the new church building at that place.—Canadian Record.

The First National Bank of Floydada has been organized with \$30,000 capital. L. T. Lester, President; C. Surminer, vice-president; James B. Posey, cashier; James P. Posey, assistant-cashier.  
The old, the middle-aged and the young, never let one feel slighted on Christmas time when you can make such suitable selections at Locke's dry-goods store.  
Geo. F. Morgan, of this place has been re-appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 39th district by the grand lodge of Masons at Waco.—Clarendon Chronicle.  
Drs. Dodson & Lewis, dentists, Front room, Smith building, Amarillo.

A Christmas tree for the town will be given at the court house in Miami on Christmas eve. A brief program is being prepared. Both of the Sunday schools will give their aid towards making the affair a success.  
Send your orders for boots and shoes to W. T. Gardner & Co., Canadian, Texas. Order blanks furnished upon application.  
Mr. J. W. Lovett, the new County Commissioner of Hutchinson County, was in Miami Thursday. Mr. Lovett spoke very encouraging of the prospects in his section of the country.  
Blackberry Cider, Apple Cider, Orange Cider and Soda Pop at Black's.

Arch King returned Wednesday from a month's visit to his old home in Virginia. He also visited the national capitol, went through the capitol building, visited Baltimore and other cities on his trip.  
Johnnie Weckesser, son of H. E. Weckesser, was kicked this morning by a horse. For awhile he lay unconscious. The horse's hoof cut a gash about three inches long on the boy's forehead which had to be sewed up.  
"You can say that Santa Claus has already furnished us with our supply of Christmas tricks—many nice things for presents for your loved ones and your friends," says J. L. Seiber & Co., "and tell the people to make their selections early."  
J. C. Short was in from Gray County Tuesday and Tuesday night, by the Miami Lodge, was shown the mysteries of the Initiatory Degree of Odd Fellowship. While here Mr. Short in company with Bill Rannels made this office a substantial call.

**LAND!**  
Power of Attorney has been conferred upon the undersigned to sell direct to purchasers, and to execute deeds for lands in Block Number Three of the L. & G. N. R. R. Co. surveys, Gray County, Texas; also for lots in the new and promising town of Pampa.  
The rich quality and fast rising value of the land are already too generally known to need much comment. Liberal terms and a low rate of interest.  
I have also very excellent pastures to rent.  
T. D. HOBART,  
Pampa, Gray County, Tex.

**Woodmen of the World.**  
The Woodmen of the World at their meeting last week elected officers as follows: Council Commander, Dan Kivleben; Clerk, G. M. Black; Escort, O. A. Davis; Banker, J. O. Stetson; Physician, L. A. Brice; Managers, J. W. Harrah, Ed Humphries and Leslie L. Ladd; Outer Sentinel, John Vann; Watchman, Geo. Rainey.  
**Knights of Pithias.**  
The Knights of Pithias will organize a camp at Miami on Friday night of next week. Both Amarillo and Mobeetle teams are expected to be present and take part in initiating the lodge here.  
**Odd Fellows.**  
At last week's meeting the Miami Lodge of Odd Fellows elected officers as follows: Noble Grand, A. J. Johnston; Vice-Grand, H. E. Baird; Secretary, W. E. Davis; Treasurer, W. B. Jackson. D. K. Hickman was elected delegate to the Grand Lodge and Dr. M. W. Wooten alternate.

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**BROOM CORN PROFITABLE CROP FOR THE PANHANDLE.**  
J. W. Rodgers of the northwest corner of Ochiltree County, Texas, arrived in town Sunday with his broom corn crop for sale or shipment—about nine tons. It is of the Japanese dwarf variety, unusually fine, and since coming to town Mr. Rodgers has refused an offer of \$75 a ton for his crop. In producing the crop Mr. Rodgers was only a little over \$100 for hired help and will realize a handsome profit, and in addition he will realize several dollars from the sale of the broom corn seed and feed which he was particular to save, and it is the belief that Japanese dwarf is particularly adapted to this country. Mr. Rodgers will raise broom corn on a larger scale next year, and intends to put in some good broom corn machinery. The folder also makes good feed, and after harvesting this year's crop Mr. Rodgers sold his field for \$50.—Guyton Herald.

**SANTA CLAUS' HEADQUARTERS.**  
This year old Santa will make his headquarters at the Locke's dry goods store in Miami. Many of the toys have already arrived, tin horns, boats, engines, toy animals, tool chests, etc., besides a nice line of more substantial goods, such as pictures, medallions, toilet cases, manicure sets, celluloid novelties, etc. Call and see the goods.

**CANADIAN COLLEGE.**  
The Executive Board of the Palouiro Baptist Association at the meeting at Dalhart appointed trustees as follows for the Canadian College:  
Local trustees: J. W. Whatley, J. A. Chambers, Robert Moody, H. E. Hoover, J. F. Johnson, R. M. Hibbard and R. K. Rhea.  
Trustees at large: J. M. Grigsby, Mobeetle; C. Coffey, Miami; J. E. Stanley, Miami; O. F. Cragg, Ochiltree; J. H. Williams, Stratford; F. D. James, Guyton, Okla.  
The board of trustees was called to meet at Canadian yesterday at which time they were to consider a faculty with a view of commencing a school early in January.


**Piemons Palaver.**  
W. H. Pearson, who has been conducting a store at Piemons, has sold his stock of groceries to Merchant F. J. Brown and Mr. Pearson will move back to Canyon City.  
County Treasurer Miller is up in Missouri. He writes he has a job and won't be back until after the World's Fair. County Clerk Tarkington is deputy treasurer and is conducting the business in a masterful way, entirely satisfactory to all.  
The County is just in receipt of nearly \$1600 in delinquent taxes on the Gunter & Munson lands.  
The contest between the present sheriff, Mr. Box, and the Commissioners' Court having been decided at the Lipscomb court in favor of Mr. Box, Attorney Coffey for the County has given notice of an appeal of the case to the Civil Court of Appeals.  
H. E. BAIRD, Agent,  
Southern Kansas Railway of Texas,  
Miami, Texas.

**JANUARY NUMBER.**  
Teeming with good things adapted to women of various tastes, the January number of the New Idea Woman's Magazine presents a most attractive appearance. Prominent among its utilitarian articles is one upon "Laudering," the fourth in a series upon "Profitable Industries for Women," from the pen of Sarah Sister. Frances Wilson has retold that pathetic story of Charlotte Tempet in a charming way, and Grace Porter Hopkins writes delightfully of "Prominent Washington Hostesses." There are stories of exceptional merit and examples of verve that are instinct with originality and merit, and the fashions set forth represent the newest of new ideas in the world of costume.

**WHAT THE WIDE-AWAKE SCHOOL BOY ADMIRES IN A TEACHER.**  
The lack of business methods in some work is enough to forever withhold the confidence of a wide-awake boy who believes in keeping up with the times and he will not confide in us simply because he doubts our ability to help him. We may theorize, systemize and perhaps organize in our efforts to hold him while if we would businessize we would appeal to him. He knows there are habits of life in school that would not be tolerated by any successful businessman, and he despises our neglect, indifference or ignorance, as he may view our delinquency. If any of you think that a boy wants an easy life at school, that he expects us to be ever on the alert to interest him and he threatens to leave school every time he is crossed in his purposes, then you know the class of boys with whom I have an acquaintance. He wants something, is willing to work for it and if he can't get it in school will go elsewhere, and I think he is perfectly justified in the going. The boy admires a master in any line of work, especially one who is able to master him; he likes to be directed, but above everything else he hates to be nagged. Keen insight into his disposition, good judgment, quick decisive action and a final settlement of differences, in a masterly way will do more to secure his good will than all the bickering and compromising we might be able to devise. The teacher who insists upon him meeting his obligation like a man will do much to cultivate in the student self-respect and will secure an influence over him that will continue long after his school days are passed.  
J. M. GRIGSBY.


**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY RATES.**  
Excursion tickets to points in Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Arkansas; also to Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Trinidad, at the rate of one regular standard first-class fare plus \$2, for the round trip. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 years will be charged one-half of adults rate. Date of sale of tickets, Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 25, 1903. Continuous passage in each direction; going trip to commence on the date of sale of ticket; no stopovers allowed on route. Final limit 30 days from date of sale.  
LOCAL RATES.  
To points on system lines—A. T. & S. F., S. K. of T., and Pecos System—within 210 miles, will round trip tickets at one and one-third lowest regular first-class fare until \$3.50 is reached then one fare plus 50 cents. Children's rate will be one-half of adult rate between all points except between points lying wholly within the State of Texas, when two-thirds of the adult rate will be charged. Date of sale of tickets Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1903 and Jan. 1, 1904 with return limit Jan. 3, 1904.  
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Subject—A Safe Hiding Place.  
Psalms—  
Scripture Lesson..... Prof. Haynes  
Song..... Miss Lola Tolbert  
Reading..... Miss Glenn  
Song..... Miss Glenn  
Special Song..... Miss Glenn  
Quotations..... Tom Boney  
Select Reading..... Miss Stanley  
Recitation..... Miss Miss Glenn  
General Discussion and Dismissal.

**MIAMI, TEXAS.**