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J. I. M... made a fog all over the country! What can be the matter. Ask your republican neighbor.

THERE are those in Cuba and responsible Americans too, who still deny that Gen Maceo is dead. They claim that if he was really dead, that the Spanish officials would have submitted his body to a public identification.

The inhabitants of the Andaman lands are said to be the smallest race of people in the world. The average height of a full grown Andaman is less than four feet, and the anthropological experts who recently visited them found but a few that weighed over 75 pounds.—Ex.

Ministers are like cats. A prominent clergyman gives this description of the life of ministers: My experience with churches teaches me that ministers are like cats. When you go to a new place first every body says, "come pussy, come pussy; nice pussy," and you come. Then they begin to rub your fur and say, "poor pussy, poor pussy," and then they say "SCAT."

Ate Mistletoe Berries.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26.—A negro named Ed Smith was brought to the city hospital to night in dying condition. He ate a handful of berries from a bough of mistletoe yesterday. After suffering great pain in his stomach his limbs began to swell, and little hope of his recovery is entertained.

It now appears that Spain has at last come to a realization of the fact that she cannot always hold out against Cuba: that there must be an end to her enormous war expenses somewhere, some time, and so all appearances that time is near at hand. And it is claimed by some of the knowing ones that Spain will very soon call on Uncle Sam for help to turn Cuba loose.

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Rev. McGaves... I told him that nothing ailed him. "What you need," I said is a stimulant—a little whiskey now and then will get you out doors in a day or two. The man collapsed. Whiskey, he gasped. Good heavens, doctor, the folks wouldn't stand that. Why I'm a prohibitionist!" "Oh that's all right," I said, "I'll send you around a jug of good stuff, and you must take it in hot water, say three or six times a day." The patient lay back and did some thinking. But if I send for hot water, he said they'd suspect; I mean my family and the servants. I thought a minute and then I said, look here you shave don't you! Just send your shaving mug and get the hot water in that!

That was on Saturday. On Monday I called again. Every body in the house appeared to be greatly excited. What's the row? I inquired. Hows the patient? The whole family answered in chorus: Oh! he's all right physically, Doctor, but he's out of his mind completely. He's been shaving every seven minutes all night and all day! He recovered.—Ex.

"What kind of money are you in favor of?" inquired the entergetic statesman. "Which metal do you prefer as currency?" "Wa-al," replied farmer corn-tassel, "I duanu'z I kin tell. But the one thing I do know is that ef I put in my time stan'in rou' argy-in' an' worryin' 'bout it, I'm purty dog-gone liable not ter git either of 'em."—Washington Star.

A New counterfeit dollar was recently discovered by the teller of a western bank, which is so well done that it almost needs an expert to detect it. It is heavier and is intrinsically worth more than the genuine dollar. Because the collar issued by the government contains only about forty-eight cents worth of silver, counterfeiters can use a much larger per cent of the white metal in making their spurious coins than is used in the genuine dollar, and do a very profitable business.

The Teachers Institute.

According to appointment of the County Judge, the Coke county Institute met at Hayrick, Friday morning, Jan. 8th, 1897.

Judge Cnapman being absent the Institute was called to order by Frank E. Thomas, who discussed the subject, "Properties and Relation of Numbers" for about one hour and we don't know when he would have stopped, had he not happened to look at his watch where upon he announced that a motion to adjourn for dinner was in order.

The teachers present were assigned homes by Mr. Ross. We will not attempt to enumerate all the speeches made but suffice it to say the attendance and interest throughout the meeting was encouraging. Friday night exercises were a little dry on account of a lack of music, but we hope the large audiences present does not feel totally unpaid for their time and trouble in attending. The disappointment of the audience could not have been greater than was that of the managers. The musicians were spoken for, but failed to attend. The program was enlivened by the numerous recitations of the Hayrick pupils.

By motion the chair appointed a committee, Saturday morning to arrange a program for next meeting.

In the afternoon the Institute entered into a business session. The committee on program offered the following:

FRIDAY FORENOON.

Longitude and Time, by Miss Amelia Caraway and A. P. Stone. Rational Methods in Geography, by O. W. Gardner and J. L. Ross.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Elementary Grammar, by Miss Loula Douglas and J. B. Hadman. Methods in U. S. History, by J. A. Baldwin and J. W. Fletcher.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Welcome address, A. P. Stone.

Response, Frank E. Thomas. Further entertainment by Sauc school.

SATURDAY FORENOON.

Methods of Teaching Common Fractions, by Geo. Sheppard and C. W. Laughlin.

Mental Science—Perception Powers, by G. C. Berryman, B. U. Smith and E. D. Merchant.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Statement of problems in compound Proportion, by F. K. Poppewell and Bennie Ross. Committee, F. K. Poppewell, O. W. Gardner and Smith Bird.

By motion the committee's report was adopted, as read.

By motion Frank E. Thomas was made permanent chairman of the Institute, after which we adjourned to meet at Sauc on the second Friday and Saturday in February.

To those, who were present at this meeting, it is not necessary to say come again, but we would like to urge those who were absent to come next time and see what you have missed.

STOCK NEWS

From San Angelo Standard.

The report that Jones & Black of Sonora, sold 600 head of steers to J. G. Lipe at \$14.50 and \$18, is an error.

J. E. Henderson delivered Wednesday 200 head of good four year old steers to Pat Nation which he sold at \$25.

John Henderson will deliver Saturday the 500 big steers he sold to Edens Bros. for \$23.

Russell & Bevens, of Menardville, sold this week to Pat Nations 1000 head of three year old steers at about \$25.

R. F. Tankersley sold a bunch of three year old steers, delivered in April to Harris & Childress at \$20 per head.

Kearney Mays sold 400 yearling steers this week to Childress & Harris at \$11 per head.

Dehorning Calves.

I saw a calf says a writer in Farming World, Scotland, three days old, dehorned by Miss McGregor, the Curroek, Grief, simply wetting with saliva the point where the young horn began to show its presence under the skin and then burning it with a caustic (wrapped, to prevent blacking the fingers, in a piece of rag.) This simple process entirely obviates the necessity for the barbarous and cruel sawing or nipping off the mature horn of the adult animal, which not only causes great agony, but also at times does not permanent damage.

I hope (now that hornless animals have become a commercial necessity) you will use your utmost influence to advocate this method of dehorning calves.

The exact day will vary from 3 to 10 days of age, but as soon as ever the growing horn can be detected by the finger beneath the skin, the caustic should be applied.

Robinson Crusoe's island, Juan Fernandez, it is said has entirely disappeared; sunk in the sea from an earthquake. It was 400 miles west of Valparaiso, Chile, and was four by thirteen miles in size, and is the same little island that marooned Alexander Selkirk for over four years in complete solitude.—Ex.

A report comes from Ozona that that on last Saturday Geo. Tra-week was shot and killed by one White. Attorney Wright, of the city was to go to Ozona on Friday to enquire into the matter for the prosecution. According to the run of the reports, the victim had in some way assisted in the elopement of Oscar Drennan with a Miss Hefley, and on meeting with said White and brother and father of the young lady, is said to have remarked, "You are just about 15 minutes too late. It is all over." Several guns were then pulled, and as many shots fired simultaneously, resulting as above and the wounding of another man and the narrow escape of Mr. C. L. Efoome, who was also near by.—San Angelo Press.

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**ED. RUSTLER:**

I thought I would give you a few lines from Bronte.

Christmas is over.

The new year is upon us.

Fine season in the ground and turning the soil is the order of the day.

Dr. W. F. Key has been confined to his bed since Christmas day. Lagrippe has been the trouble. We think he is improving and will soon be up again.

P. W. Hudman has just built a new house on his farm for tenant purpose. Yeats also has his house.

Some of our attended the Cambie and dance. They are not teachers and said they only went to see if the attendance was good and they report favorably and say the main teachers were there.

Well, Mr Editor, people down here have railroad on the brain. It is said that Uncle Geo. Harris and Dr. Key has been looking a suitable place for the Depot. Now when such men as that begin to talk railroad it causes our imagination to take the lead of our mind and we can almost hear the rumbling of the cars as they cross the Oak Creek bridge, and a few moments later and we hear the whistle, then the bell, now she's at the Bronte depot, and the passengers nearly all get off to locate in Bronte and the famous Kickapoo Valley. Of course what don't get off here will stop at Lee. May our imagination soon be turned into reality.

Happy New Year to all the readers of the RUSTLER and success to its worthy Editor,  
 Last Chance.

S. J. Carpenter, of Ballinger who was in town last Tuesday, says the proposed irrigation dam down the Colorado river is almost assured. He also informed us that Ballinger will go her full length for the proposed Colorado River Valley R. R. This he says he knows to be a fact.

Do you want a good home market a good home town? a well developed county? your land to worth from \$10 to \$20 per acre? some brought into connection with the balance of the world road to pay off the indebtedness? If you want many other things like yourself for the Col. Valley rail road. de is in town.

Ladies: I will sell my hats at a 10 per cent discount for the next two weeks.

Mrs. M. B. Ingram

From San Angelo Press.

Willie Sheppard, one of the best "boys" in the country was in from Coke county Thursday, after corn. Will now carries the responsibilities of the head of a family.

Geo. Allen, music dealer, has returned from a prosperous trip to Coke and Sterling counties. The rain got after him, and he was compelled to fold up his wheel and take the stage.

L. D. Sheppard, formally one of Tom Green's best citizens, but now of Coke county, was in the city this week.

Frank Harris was in from Ccke county Thursday and intended to return Friday.

L. B. Harris, one of the few remaining connecting links between the past and the present of this section, now residing in Coke county, came into the city last Tuesday. He seems no older to "us" than he did a quarter of a century ago, his steps as light and his intellect as bright now as then.

From San Angelo Standard.

Si Ogden collected \$20 from this charitable inclined this week for a man named Barry, living in Miles addition in destitute circumstances. Barry himself has consumption, his wife is sick with pneumonia and his three children are not overly healthy.—San Angelo Standard.

Mr. Barry stopped over in Robert Lee about a month with a sick baby. He was from Scurry county here and also the man that traded John Murtishaw a Jack.

John Colbaugh has bet Harry Bennett \$25 that he can eat 30 quails in 30 days. The gastronomic feat began Tuesday and will continue until John "sulls or wins the bet, at the Legal Tender every evening at seven o'clock.

I. C. Williams, of Coke, was in the city Tuesday after supplies. He is breaking forty acres of new land and says that it is conservatively estimated that the increase of farming land this year in Coke county will be at least 30 per cent—nearly every acre of which will be planted in cotton. The farmers find that cotton seed is almost as valuable as corn and the lint makes the crop. The county has been favored with the finest winter ever known in that section and all winter crops are in excellent condition.

A teacher is wanted at Sims school house on South Concho. The trustees are will Gardner, J. T. Sims and Wm. Seberz and applicants can write either one of the trustees. The salary is some where in the neighborhood of \$40 per month, and there is no nicer neighborhood in Tom Green.

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N. P. Jones, Commission Boot and Shoe Merchant, Ballinger, Texas.

We are informed that Mr. E. J. Evans is dangerously sick.

If you have any church notes that you wish to have published please send them in. We take pleasure in publishing anything of the kind.

J. E. JONES.

J. E. Jones was born in Carolina Dec., 13, 1810; a wagon passed through north at Tennyson, Coke county Kansas recently bearing this Jan 9th at 4th P. M. 1890. He is 86 years, and 26 days old.

He came to Texas in 1840 and spending the remainder of his life in Western Texas. I was acquainted with Bro. Jones, and received the facts from other sources.

He lived a consistent life and of the M. E. Church South for five years. His Christian life was of a high order, and he was a man of God. They took every regulation that edge of him that he had been too highly.

The community miss him, but his influence still live and recommend to others.

(as a panacea) that religion sustained him in life—gave victory in death and abundant entrance into the everlasting Kingdom of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He's gone, but we know where to find him. I would say to the bereft; look upon this as a blessing in disguise, and endeavor to meet him in the "sweet bye and bye," where we will never say to our friends and loved ones good-bye.

EUGENE T. BATES.

**WAGON YARD.**

I most respectfully solicit the people of Coke county to put up at my wagon yard when in Ballinger—the old Eskridge stand, across street south of lumber yard. Good water, good, roomy stalls and lots and large and commodious camp-houses. I sell grain and hay by single feed at wholesale prices. Always keep horses to sell and trade. Come to see me and I will treat you right.

W. D. Allen, Ballinger, Texas.

Sheriff R. P. Kirk and S. J. Carpenter, of Ballinger, came through town Tuesday evening in charge of Jeff Perkins and a horse that he is supposed to have stolen from Judge J. O. I. Guian, of Ballinger, on the night of the 7th of this month. They overtook and arrested young Perkins about 7 o'clock Monday night in Grubbs canon in Sterling county.

He had hidden the horse down and was afoot when caught.

He denied having stolen the horse, but when he was told that the case would go lighter with him if he would take them to the horse, he went to it.

Perkins looks to be a boy of about 20 years of age. Mr. Carpenter said the boy had no home, but that he had a pretty wide range. Perkins rode a horse into Ballinger the day before he stold Judge Guian's horse that died that night near the city limits.

The Sanco road working took place yesterday and today.

copy of the first issue of the Angelo Press reached us this week. In paper, print, style and matter it is first-class and starts with a good advertising patron. We predict for the Press a wide range of usefulness. And Angelo is to be congratulated for its output of newspapers.

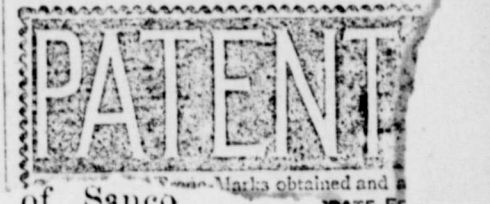
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 C. L. Hughes - Treasurer.  
 Gid Graham - Surveyor.  
 J. M. Perry - Inspector.

**COMMISSIONERS.**

E. C. Rawlings - Pre No. 1.  
 Sam Sayner - " " 2.  
 J. C. Newton - " " 3.  
 J. H. Campbell - " " 4.

**COURTS.**

District Court convenes 1st, Monday in April and November.

County Court convenes 3d, Monday May, August, November and February.

Commissioners Court convenes 2nd Monday in February, May August November.

**Coke County Church Directory.**

Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church South; services as follows:  
 Bronte, 1st " 11 a. m.  
 Rock Springs, 2d " 11 a. m.  
 Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.  
 Robert Lee, 3d Sunday, 11 a. m.  
 Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.  
 Eugene T. Bates, P. C.  
 Methodist Protestant Church; services as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sunday; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st Sunday; Rock Springs 3rd Sunday. Each appointment begins Saturday night before.

Rev. Hamlet Pastor.

Baptist Church; 1st Sunday G. C. Berryman, Pastor.  
 Christian Church 2nd Sunday McGovock Pastor.





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Mr. Z. Boozer, moved a house from town to his ranch Tuesday.

J. I. Murtishaw made a catch of three wild cats one day recently.

John King is again the chief compositor in the Rustler office.

The electoral vote for president and vice president was cast last Monday.

H. W. Walton and family visited relatives at Bronte the first the week.

Mrs. J. W. Reed, was very sick the first of the week with Lagrippe, but at this writing is improving.

J. F. Deats has bought the D. L. Buchanan residence, paying \$165 for the same.

Copious rain the latter part of the week.

The church is nearly completion and Brother Bates will probably preach there tomorrow.

Ed M. Mobley and W. C. Merchant traded residences this week. Merchant gave some boot.

My prices are always the lowest for first-class goods is why so many buy their Groceries from A. D. White, San Angelo.

Hereafter I will gin cotton only on Wednesday and Thursday.

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The Pacific rail road funding bill has been defeated in congress and we may yet have a trial of government ownership of rail roads.

The debating society is growing in strength as well as in interest—new accessions at almost every meeting.

The subject for tonight is: Resolved, that education should be compulsory.

Rev. R. M. Cumbie request the Rustler to say that the Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting of this month will be held with the Bronte church. Go and have a good time. Remember that those Bronte people will make you enjoy yourself whether you want to or not.

The Spanish government is admitted by high officials, to be in danger of collapse.

We ask those who want to read the Rustler during 1897 to come in and pay for it. Times are hard is what compels us to make the demand.

Rev. Marrs, of Colman, of the Christian denomination, has conducted a series of interesting meeting at the school house here this week. Rev. McGavock, the pastor, was here the first of the week and preached once or twice.

Go to Jno. Freeland for Apples Cabbage, Potatoes and Pure Apple Cider. Agent for All Leading Daily Papers. Also Agent for the Belted Steam Laundry. SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

B. E. and E. Brock, of Grayson county, cousin of Ed Mobley are visiting him and also thinking of locating here.

There will be a all day singling and dinner on the ground at Bronte the Second Sunday in February. All are invited to attend and bring your song books with you.

J. D. Collier & Co., of Edith, have received a new and select stock of Dry Goods and Clothing and they are selling at prices to suit the times. They invite you to inspect their stock and get prices. Messrs. G. C. Arnett and H. L. Adams, stockmen of the western part of county, were in town Tuesday.

## THE LEGAL TENDER.

San Angelo, Texas.

HARRY BENNETT, PRO.

Wishes all his Coke Co. friends to Call on him when in San Angelo.

Restaurant in connection with the Bar.

Xmas Goods A Speciality.

Rev. Jno Reed, of Edith, was in town Wednesday and paid us \$2. on subscription. He reports several cases of the Lagrippe in his country.

W. P. Walling and wife were in the city Wednesday visiting.

Mrs J. A. Powers is reported to be right sick.

Lagrippe is somewhat prevalent.

District Judge J. W. Timmins and District Attorney D. D. Wallace, of San Angelo are sick. Mr. Wallace is thought to be in a critical condition.

# C. A. HATCHER,

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## J. F. DEATS,

A full stock of Fresh Groceries always on hand and sold at lowest possible prices for cash at the Grocery Store of A. D. White. San Angelo.

Wily Byrd was in town yesterday. He reports his sheep in good shape, but on account of another man grazing his range for some time with a large flock of sheep while he was away he is now compelled to lease or travel or stay at home and do worse. He says he will pay a round price for a suitable place to hold 1100 sheep for 30 days.

The location of the depot and telegraph office has not yet been decided upon.

Following are some of Coke prominent stockmen that were in town Monday: E. Meineille, W. L. McAuley, Lum Hudson, Frank Harris, Z. Boozer and C. W. Odem.

J. J. Frye informs us that his little boy who has been crippled in the hip for quite a while is not doing well at present.

Go to J. F. Deats' Free Wagon Yard.

J. F. Deats sell for cash only

Ben Plasters and wife, of Ft. Chadbourne, were in the City Monday, the guests of Ed. M. Mobley and wife.

A windmill at Caldwell's Free Wagon Yard, San Angelo. Lots and stalls in good condition. Feed, water and wood in abundance. Your patronage solicited. D. E. COCREHAM, Mgr.

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MRS. C. C. CLARK, San Angelo, Tex.

The Coke county people are invited, when in Ballinger to stop at the Pearce Hotel, only \$1.00 per day to them. All trains met by porter. Free feed yard to patrons.

H. D. PEARCE, Proprietor.

You Must Settle With Us.

We are very much in need of money and we must have what you owe us, and if you don't come in and settle we will have to sue you.

Yours for Settlement, BENNICK, STEWART & CO.

### Notice.

There is money in the Treasury to pay all Jury scrip from register No. 171 to register No. 269. Any one holding such or any road and bridge scrip can get the money on it by presentation to

C. L. HUGHES, County Treasurer Coke Co.

### Found.

On the streets of Robert Lee, one pair of spectacles and case, any one describing the above can get them by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

### The Hot Stuff!!!

I respectfully invite my old friends, when in Ballinger and wanting your whiskers pushed in or a hair cut in the Latest Style, to drop in and see me at the Huberd stand.

Ashall Dancer.

R. P. Perry, the enterprising Lee Hotel man has lumber on the ground for the erection of two more rooms on to his hotel.

Commissioner Sam Sayner was in the city the last of last week and the first of this week.

Mr. H. H. Hayley came in to see us this week and ordered the Rustler sent to L. P. Bailey, Alpha, Miss.

Commissioner J. C. Newton is in town to-day.



## Court House Restaurant.

The undersigned has opened up a first-class Restaurant in the Ranchman's Hotel building. It is convenient to March Bros. Store, Free Wagon Yard and Court House. My Motto is: "Good Meals and Clean Beds." Satisfaction guaranteed. Your patronage is respectfully solicited.

Yours Very Respectfully,  
**GEORGE T. KIRKLAND,**  
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## The Second-Hand Furniture Store

I desire to express my thanks to the people of Coke county for the liberal patronage given me during the past year. And I desire to say to them that I start into the year '97 with a fuller and better selected stock of Furniture than ever before, which I will sell surprisingly cheap, and I most cordially invite you to inspect my stock and get prices before buying elsewhere.

**Mrs. E. C. Fitzgerald,**  
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AND ARE GLAD TO GET IT: SO, IF YOU WANT A SADDLE, SET OF HARNESS, A BUGGY, PHEATON OR ANYTHING ON WHEELS, CALL ON US.

We will give you the best goods for the least money.  
 Respectfully, J. A. HAYES & CO., Ballinger, Texas

## Millinery And Dress Making.

I have a select line of Millinery Goods now opened up in the Davis Hotel building. I am now ready to wait on any and all who may want anything in that line; also careful attention paid to Dress Making.

**MRS. M. B. INGRAM,**  
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The day after Christmas was the greatest day for the Police courts in the history of Atlanta, there being 365 cases which is 100 more than any whole month during the 18 months of prohibition in Atlanta including Christmas.

—Motive.

S. T. Privett has a great scheme. He proposes to rig up some kind of a training platform for horses with which he says he can take any horse and train him to any kind of a gait, either for riding or driving. Tom knows something about horses, and if he can do what he proposes, he is a horse-man, sure'nuff.—San Angelo Press.

"Free Cuba" would sound all right, but "Spanish Cuba" we do not believe can be made to stick.

Spain has practically acknowledged her inability to suppress the Cuban rebellion and offers the island complete autonomy, only asking that Cuba remain a Spanish province in name. It is believed that Cuba will even refuse, as she has heretofore, to sail under the name of her cruel step-mother, and it remains to be seen just how the president and Mr. Olney will induce the patriots to accept of their liberty on such terms. But Spain now says that she has come to the terms demanded by this government and she now lays the responsibility of a final settlement on Cleveland and Olney.

Congressman Money, who has just made a trip to Cuba for the purpose of informing himself on the true condition of affairs there says that Spain can never subdue the patriots. He called on General Weyler, who informed him that he had the "Rebels" almost swept from the face of the earth, and that he would, very soon—some morning before breakfast go out and finish up the job.

Edith Take-Ins.

Edith, Texas, Jan., 12, 1897.  
 Christmas holidays are over and all minds are easy.

Never were times as dull at this season of the year. However, we hope to see a wave of McKinley prosperity coming this way.

Some sickness in this vicinity, but we hope nothing serious.

Some changes have been made by the farmers since our last report: Mr. E. G. Walker, lived beyond the river, has moved to Scurry county, and J. J. Curry is expected to move in a few days.

Mr. Purcell, of Hayrick, has rented and moved to the N. L. Stewart farm.

W. F. Benson has moved to the "Grand Ma" Stewart place.

Dr. M. Bowden, of Sterling City, was in our neighborhood a few days ago. He says he likes our country very much, because there is so much beautiful scenery here.

The social given by Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Good last Friday night was well attended by the young folks of the community and all had a royal time.

Brother Barr, of Live Oak, preached an interesting sermon at Paint Creek last Sunday.

Tax Assessor H. E. Johnston passed through town on his way to his ranch last Monday.

Miss Annie Pearce, of Robert Lee, was in town stopping last Friday.

Bennie Ross attended the teachers institute at Hayrick last Friday.

LINKS.

**IT IS NOT** what we say but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does that tells the story of its merit. When in need of medicine remember **HOOD'S CURES**

## The Old Home Paper.

Ill-printed, old-fashioned and homely, Bearing the name of a small country town, With an unforgotten sneer at its wrapping so queer,

The postman in scorn throws it down, Dispatches and pictures are wanting,

For cablegram terse search in vain, Yonder great city sheet, with its features' complete,

Makes the columns look shabbily plain. But I scan every line that it offers,

Each item brings something to view, Through the vista of years, of youth's pleasure and fears

And serves their keen touch to renew. The death of the girl I once courted,

The growth of the firm I once jested, The rise of a friend whom I love to commend,

And the fall of a man I revered. As I read I drift dreamily backward

To days when to live was but joy, I think and I pore till the cettle's dull roar

Grows faint and again I'm a boy. Rare perfumes of green country by-ways,

Far music of mowers and bees; And the quaint little town, with its street leading down

To the creek and the low bending trees. Around the forms of my comrades,

About us earth's glories unfurled; Each heart undefiled with the faith of a child,

Looking forth to a place in the world. And the paper tells how all have prospered—

I follow their lives as they flow, Applauding each gain and regretting each pain,

For the sake of the days long ago. Then, somehow, my cares seem less heavy

For the voyage I take as I read; And I fancy, forsooth, that the vigor of youth,

Is imbued to replenish my need. Above all the huge city dailies,

With ponderous utterance wise, This scant page hath power to reveal for an hour

A fairly land set to my eyes. Ill-printed, old-fashioned and homely,

Bearing the name of a small country town, I wait and I seek for the moment each week

When the postman in scorn throws it down. —Charles Moreau Hager.

One great trouble with the land holder of West Texas is that he is land poor. Men who rented perhaps 40 acres back East when they get out west have an idea that it requires just a mile square in which to have room to turn around. Consequently, they invest in 640 acres when 160 would be ample for their needs and 320 would be an abundance. Thus they keep themselves poor trying to hold on to an elephant and have the fear of forfeiture continually before their eyes. Better go slow, bud. Get you a small place, put on it some good stock, and combine the idea of stock raising with that of farming—making it stocking farming, and you will find yourself at the beginning of the avenue which leads to success. That is the idea, and the sooner you embrace it the earlier you will find yourself hugging a reality.—Colorado Stockman.

The British American Arbitration treaty has been signed by the proper officials of both nations and is now before the senate for final approval.

That body will probably not lose much time in ratifying it. It is considered a just achievement and is called by some—The logical product of civilization.

The Sweetwater Review comes into the new year with her Sunday clothes on.

It contains a write of the State and her county town, with good illustrations of some of her large buildings.

The Review is always in the push.

## GOOD NEWSPAPERS AT A VERY LOW PRICE.

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