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"But where to find that happiest spot below; Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —Goldsmith.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good Crop Kaiser. Not only cattle, but wheat, cotton, corn, feed-stuffs, cantaloupes, garden truck, and good health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for jails and hospitals.

Land, which is being sold at really low figures—the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and farms and ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily.

We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what PEOPLE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED along the line of

"THE DENVER ROAD"

N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run three trains daily each way as far as Wichita Falls, and two on thru. We continue, the year round, the excellent Class A service that insures the preference of Colorado and California Tourists, winter and summer. By the way, we offer now more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Dalhart (also good for Old Mexico), with first-grade Eating Cars all the way.

We sell a Home-Seeker's ticket, good for thirty days, at one and a third fare the round trip, allowing stopovers at Vernon and points beyond, both ways.

Luker's Letter.

In another column will be found a letter from the real and only Bob Luker, who has been a frequent contributor to the columns of THE HESPERIAN, in reply to Hiram Luker's letter published in the Lockney Beacon relative to THE HESPERIAN-Beacon controversy on the road question. Bob writes advisedly as he is a constant reader of THE HESPERIAN and was mailed a copy of the Beacon containing Hiram's letter. The editor of THE HESPERIAN refrained from replying to Hiram's letter, as he did not deem it right to attempt to deprive Bob of the glory and privilege of treating the matter in his happy, original vein. The discerning reader will readily see that Bob's "caliber" is not an insignificant thing, as the Beacon insinuated in its futile efforts in criticising the county for its effort to maintain a public road already established according to law and in conformity with the people's will.

No Paper Next Week.

This paper has determined to observe the time-honored custom of country weeklies in resting during Christmas holidays. The readers of this paper are doubtless aware that it has served them well during the past year and will not begrudge it one week of well earned rest. The respite from office work will be helpful. The time will be, by no means, spent idly and unprofitably. One's pleasure does not consist in spending time in idleness and without profit. The week's rest will add tone and vigor to subsequent issues of THE HESPERIAN. This paper extends to its readers, individually and collectively, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

A County Road Grader.

This issue contains a communication from "A Chopper," in which he urges the need for a road and street grader. Hitherto this paper has urged the matter of purchasing a grader; but at the time there was no particular demand for better roads or more passable streets, hence this paper's suggestion fell like a wet blanket. But some might consider a grader a difficult machine to operate, as it would require several good teams to pull it and an expert to operate it. These objections do not amount to much, as it will require more teams and more men to operate the twelve No. 2 scrapers the county recently ordered for use on the public roads. The time is here when people see the necessity of having better thoroughfares and highways. After the scrapers are given a thorough test it will be seen whether a grader is needed or not.

President Roosevelt is receiving some severe criticisms from the press of the country for his timid course towards the trusts. Mr. Roosevelt is, in a sense, utterly helpless in dealing destruction to the trusts. He owes his election and that of McKinley to the trusts and is under lasting obligations to them. It is quite reasonable that he believes in the existence of "good trusts." McKinley was in a state of abject servitude to the trusts, and the strenuousness of Roosevelt finds the mastership of the trusts over him to be irresistible.

The editor of this paper recently received a copy of the "Year Book for Texas for 1901," by Judge C. W. Raines, State Librarian. Judge Raines is compiling the "Year Book for Texas for 1902." The price is \$2.00 per copy. It is a valuable addition to the history and literature of Texas and is really more than the title implies.

FROM A CHOPPER.

Delayed from last week.

Dear HESPERIAN:—Perhaps a line from this miniature Egypt will not prove uninteresting to some of your many readers.

Health of this part is distressingly good for the drug business, as Druggist Scott puts it. Some, however, have the whooping-cough, or something similar.

Since the recent cold snap wolves have been seeking shelter, or chickens, in these parts, as an unusual number have been seen and heard.

Quite a number of our citizens have lost some calves with blackleg.

Wheat and rye that were sown in the early fall are looking well, and now, for an everlasting effort for a big crop, for 1903, of Kaffir, maize, millet, sorghum, cotton, sweet potatoes, melons, some Indian corn, and wheat, much for the mill yet to come to Floydada.

We are just off a trip to Canyon; found several fields near that place with feed still in the shock, but on the return, just after the cold snap, the people were busy hauling it in.

Some of us Americans (you know) are given to carelessness to a great extent, and need a reminder that we get occasionally, none too soon.

Say, Mr. Editor, did you not notice the improved condition of things in general about Lockney? I do not mean at the time we were on our way to the W. O. W. Jubilee, as I know you could not have noticed anything on the way, or by the way, or in the way; because I know it was onward and upward, we each of us, till we reached that W. O. W. Hall. Now, don't get shaky, I'm a Chopper, and will not reiterate the story of the happenings of that pleasant occasion, but suffice it to say, we'll get even with those Choppers at Lockney, mind if we don't. We'll not be ushered right into the City Hotel and seated at a long table laden with so many good things, previously ordered by the Lockney Camp, for our special benefit, there to remain, which we did, till our appetites were thoroughly satiated! No sir, not without recourse. We'll get even, we will, if they don't mind and that before next grass.

Hugh Harkey, the Hotel man, you know, he's a half Chopper now, yes he is; it can be proven by the County Clerk. While of course he is under pledge not to reveal or communicate any of the proceedings while conferring the degree he took in Woodcraft, not even to his wife, yet, she knows something of the appetites of Woodmen already, and is well up with the times when it comes to spreading a long table. She will only need to know it's for Floydada and Lockney Choppers, the number and time. We'll get even, we will, so we will.

But back to the subject. (You know when I start out on a trip of late I can't keep from going to that Camp.) I say, on your trip to the Teachers' Institute, or Reunion, or where they (the teachers) made a brilliant display of their talents, and among other things discussed and cussed, the bad boy, and boasted of his goodness (meanness) to his parents, I say, did those sign-boards catch your eye? And did you not notice how the low places in the road had been raised? I did; and at the end of another mile another sign-board, and pointing to Lockney. That's one kind of an invitation, you know, and if you had passed through the town as I did you would have noticed them on the other side too. And the road over there is fixed, too. In town the houses are painted and everything in general shows a real neat appearance, all of which shows thrift, enterprise, and pride, the last of which, while some people condemn

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I have also a good TIN SHOP in connection. Send me your orders for HARDWARE. Prices are right and my customers as friends.

to a certain extent, is necessary to elevate the human race above the brute. Yes sir, Lockney adds one to the towns of the Plains, and is possessed with open hearted people, (especially the Choppers) and may invite the whole County seat over there some future day, who knows? And what then?

But take care, Lockney, don't get too lofty all at once. You haven't burned your last year's dead horses yet, and Floydada has. One for us! And say, Lockney, when you visit our town, take notice to the new wagon yard, and the new clothes our hotels have put on, and observe the new Church in which all Christian denominations here meet together and worship, has been finished and painted, and the school house; but don't count the lights that are out, please. And when you look toward the Court House, don't let your vision drop on the yard, but view the new and substantial vault, that will protect the county's records for all time, and don't forget the fact that we have a cotton gin erected this year.

But take care, Floydada, and don't get too high in your estimation, when your streets are so low. Take a peep at Tulia, whose streets are graded with their own grader. With the same grader they have worked the public roads near there and have demonstrated the fact that a basin can be graded up and a road second to none in this county made right across it. We inquired of one of Tulia's business men with regard to the owner of the grader; "It belongs to this county," he said, "and only cost a trifle over \$200, and we've already graded lots of road." Think of it, Floydada, and Lockney, too; a good grader for a little more than \$200. Considerably less than a dollar each for the citizens of Floyd County. (Now, Lockney Beacon, don't you raise a howl. We're not uneasy about THE HESPERIAN.) And yet we haven't one, and Swisher county has and yet, our taxable prop-

erty has increased in value during the last year more than that of any other county on the Plains, according to official reports, and more than that of many counties off the Plains, and east of us, too. Shall we have one? If not, why not?

Well, we returned home Saturday night too late to meet with the W. O. W. Camp at Floydada, and regretted it very much, as it was election night, but hope the old officers were reelected as were the County officers, as doing well is hard to beat.

But this article is too long, now, and will only add: Long live THE HESPERIAN, the paper that stands for the right and the onward upward march of the people of Floyd County and the Plains.

A CHOPPER.

CHRISTMAS 1902.

Rates to the Old States are lower service more perfect than ever before—Dec. 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, and 26 th Southern Pacific Sunset Route will sell round trip tickets to points in the north, east, and southeast at a rate of One Fare plus \$2.00 with limit for return thirty days from date of sale. Double daily service, Pullman buffet and excursion sleeping cars, free chair cars and day coaches. Direct connection at New Orleans both east and west bound. Write and let us know your objective point. We will be glad to quote rate, furnish schedule and any additional information you may desire.

Do not withhold encouragement to the public installation of W. O. W. officers for the ensuing year at the Court House on Saturday evening, January 3, 1903. Bring along something to eat—something wholesome and palatable—for yourself and one else besides. The I Choppers will be on hand on that occasion.

Saturday evening, January 3, 1903, at 7 o'clock!

Holiday goods in endless profusion at R. C. Scott's.

A beautiful assortment of Silverware at R. C. Scott's.

I have some nice patterns of oil cloth marked down to win the trade.—G. R. Griggs.

Have you had your "beauty" struck? is one of the frequent questions propounded nowadays.

At this time I am making a specialty of school shoes. They can not be excelled for durability and comfort.—G. R. Griggs.

In making your holiday purchases do not forget A. C. Bowers's store, where many useful and attractive presents can be found.

Get your wife a nice rocking chair. C. Surginer has them specially selected for the holiday trade and for solid comfort for all time.

LAST.—A pair of \$1.50 gloves at or near Floydada Wednesday afternoon. The finder will confer a favor by returning to me.—K. H. Baker.

The almost impassable condition of the roads in Floyd county has caused the merchants with stock of holiday goods no little anxiety.

C. Surginer has opened up a nice line of holiday goods at his hardware and furniture store. Before buying he invites you to call and see his line.

J. R. Montgomery and family left yesterday for their new home near Texico, New Mexico. The best wishes of the people of Floydada go with them.

Ladies, you should call and examine the sewing machines in stock at C. Surginer's before buying elsewhere. They will make handsome furniture as well as useful household articles.

F. P. Henry returned this week from Arkansas whither he went some time ago with the Bowers bunch of horses. Frank is as "pretty" since his return as he was before he went away.

Ned Bowers and Bob Henry returned Wednesday from a speedy

trip to Childress, Texas, treated himself to a fine buggy and is thereby in a position to accommodate the girls and to enjoy life more completely.

The best of dress goods, outing flannel, domestics, and in fact winter goods of most all kinds just received at G. R. Griggs's store. Call at once and make your selections. You are aware of the low prices always on at the New York Store.

STRAYED.—From my place, 8 miles east of Floydada, December 10, one sorrel glass-eyed horse, branded A on shoulder; one blue mare, thin in flesh, branded X on hip. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery. Address, W. H. Love, Floydada, Texas.

The editor of this paper is in receipt of a letter from S. Poynor, Surveyor of Floyd County. Mr. Poynor is located at Millsap, Parker county. He states that his wife's health is improving since making the change. This news will be highly gratifying to her many friends.

Attention is called to the notice of the Elocution Recital to be given by Miss Adair on Thursday evening, January 1, 1903. The occasion should be well attended by the people in general. As it is given for a laudable purpose it deserves a liberal patronage. The occasion will be pleasant and profitable to all who attend and give an attentive ear to the exercises. There is no better way of beginning the New Year at Floydada than by forming the nucleus for a library for the Floydada Graded Public School.

S. B. McCleskey returned the fore part of the week from a trip to Houston, where he attended the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order last week. Bennett doubtless had his share of the fun, but he is forcibly impressed with his obligation not to reveal or communicate any secrets to anyone except he be a Mason in good standing. Bennett believes his obligation includes even jokes on himself. As it has been several years since he has ridden on the train, he doubtless saw much he never before, and made many blunders that caused him to feel greatly

The Winter Season Is Here

And So Are We With

The Season Dry Goods!

We wish to announce to the people of Floyd and sister Counties that our Winter Stock of Goods are shelved and ready for inspection. We have a stock we prize highly and we know that all our customers will regard it as we do when they closely inspect each of our departments. We have bought our Goods so that we can compete in prices with any firm anywhere. We like to have competition, for then the people have an opportunity to compare our prices and goods with those of other establishments and see the difference, which is in our favor. We invite you to see our lines and compare with other lines.

The young Men

Especially should see our lines of Custom Made Clothing, Hats, Shirts, in fact everything in Gents' Furnishing Goods. We have everything a young man needs.

Our Suits and Overcoats are new and up to date. Nothing old or shoddy is given space in our establishment. We can not afford to sell goods that will not give perfect satisfaction.

We represent the most famous and responsible Tailoring Establishments in the world. We take many orders for our customers. Perfect fit guaranteed. Let us take your measure.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT!

Is complete consisting of everything the most exacting buyer could ask for, from the very best goods the market affords to goods in every day use. See us for prices in dress goods.

LADIES' CAPES AND JACKETS

You have only to see our line to want one. We have the best and cheapest line on the market. You should see our lines and prices.



Do You

Buy of us? If not you are wasting time, and the sooner you change your base and come to the actual and only headquarters for your clothing and furnishings the better you will prosper.

Millinery! Millinery!

Call and examine the stock of Millinery under the supervision of Miss Emma Miller before buying elsewhere. She has received her Fall and Winter Stock and is prepared to sell to please the custom. Her Goods are all new and of good material. Call and see them.

CLOSING OUT SHOE SALE

We have left over from last year's sales a lot of the famous GIESECKE Boots and Shoes, and other brands which we will sell at greatly reduced prices, as we are handling the HAMILTON-BROWN lines exclusively.

YOU SHOULD SEE

our mammoth stock of Hamilton-Brown Shoes and Boots.

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

Buy this paper for one year \$1.00.

Santa Claus has headquarters at R. C. Scott's.

Starkey vicinity will have a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve night.

Don't fail to inspect my holiday offerings in indestructible toys.—R. C. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mizell of Starkey were in town Tuesday instructing Santa Claus how to distribute presents at their home.

There has been no little mud this week. The roads are hard to travel. Grading in many places is becoming manifestly necessary.

A lot of new furniture received at C. Surginer's this week. Now is your time to strike to furnish your home with something handsome and substantial.

My line of holiday goods have arrived and are displayed for the public to gaze upon and admire. Call early. They are selling fast because they are the cheapest in town.—G. R. Griggs.

G. L. Bruner and family arrived Saturday from their claim near Portales, New Mexico, where they had been "complying," as it is called on the Plains. They will remain in Floyd county until next March.

I have a number of accounts on my books and would appreciate an early settlement, as I need the amount due me. Persons indebted to me are requested to give their accounts immediate attention.—G. R. Griggs.

J. W. Read of Sand Hill vicinity was in town yesterday scatterlophisticating over the equanimity of the snow and ice mud on the streets and alleys. He appeared as gleeful over the approach of Christmas as any ten-year old boy.

J. C. Molloy was ill from threatening pneumonia last Saturday and Sunday. He anticipated a severe case of pneumonia and went home Monday so he he could be ill at home. Upon arriving home he changed his mind about having a spell and rapidly recovered. The gin could not run without his personal superintendence.

Bells from 5c. to \$1.50 at R. C. Scott's.

Christmas night entertainment program will be found in another column.

Floydada Graded Public School will close for the Christmas holidays, on next Monday. The pupils will have nearly an entire week in which to devote to unmolested fun and frolic.

Ben S. Rupp was here yesterday representing Ballard Snow Liniment Co. He arranged a year's advertising contract with THE HESPERIAN and sold a bill to Floydada's druggist, P. C. Scott.

FOR SALE.—I have four mules, six horses, four mares, four good wagons and harness for teams which I will sell on reasonable terms or trade for cattle. See me at my place four miles east of Floydada.—W. S. Dunn.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

It is a good thing to know where to go to inspect a large variety of such goods, which can be found at

J. D. STARK'S
Postoffice Store.

He has opened up the Largest and Most Select Stock of Holiday Goods ever brought to Floydada.

TOYS! TOYS!!

I have them of all sorts and attractions for the little boys and little girls of Floyd County. They will please.

Nothing Short.

I have not forgotten the wants of the young people—their Gift Goods. I have such goods as will please all. I have a large stock and have marked them down so as to sell, as I am determined not to carry any season goods over. It pays to sell them.

Call at once and get the Best.

This week has been favorable to pneumonia attacks where colds have been contracted.

Muncy & Baker of the Llano Estacado Nursery have been delivering fruit trees this week since the thawing season set in.

A Rebecca Lodge will soon be instituted as an auxiliary to the Floydada I. O. O. F. Lodge. A number of ladies will become Rebeccas.

Mrs. Hugh Harkey has been ill this week from a slight attack of symptoms of pneumonia, but is reported doing well at this going to press.

Do not fail to try my brands of coffee and you will prefer no other. I handle the best grades in existence. I sell just as I do all other lines of goods—down as cheap as possible.—G. R. Griggs.

The editor regrets his inability to attend the birthday dinner given at the home of Mack Smith in Fairview vicinity last Monday as a surprise to Mrs. Smith. The inclemency of the weather made travel extremely difficult.

The Eclipse wind mill is still the best on earth. You will be running counter to your best interests and happiness if you buy some other make before inquiring into the superior merits of the Eclipse. For sale by C. Surginer.

If you have a want of any sort make it known thru the columns of THE HESPERIAN. If you want to buy, to sell, to hire, to rent, and so forth, you can help yourself along by patronizing the columns of THE HESPERIAN.

Admiral John N. Farris is quite grief-stricken, and he has a right to be, in the loss he sustains from the sudden deaths of his span of fine black horses. On Friday afternoon of last week while Mr. Foster, who is working for the Admiral, was descending the brakes the horses became frightened and ran off a bluff falling about twenty feet. The fall was shortly followed by death for each.

W. S. Little was in town Tuesday and enlisted a year in advance with this paper's reading force. Wide awake new comers should always immediately become constant readers of THE HESPERIAN. It will cause them to become more intimately acquainted with the country, its people, and its institutions, and to feel more thoroly identified with the country's interests and welfare. It will make a whole citizen out of a half citizen.

Saturday and Sunday were thick, heavy, dismal, zeroerish days. A misty rain fell all day Saturday and froze as it fell. Sunday everything exterior presented a congealed appearance and people stirred out doors just as little as possible. Monday the temperature arose and much of the ice during the day was melted away. The falling cakes of ice from buildings presented the Plainsman avalanches on a small scale without number. Since the ice has all resolved itself into a state of fluidity there is no little mud and slop as a result.

Look! Look!!

Are you improving a home? Are you setting an orchard? If not, why not? Procrastination is the thief of time. To-day is yours, yesterday has passed with all its opportunities.

Fall is the time to plant an orchard. We are now offering a well-selected stock of trees, as follows:

About 15,000 apples, in twelve varieties, that have been tested on the Plains.

Peaches, plums, pears, cherries, grapes, and other nursery stock in proportion.

70,000 forest trees, principally Black Locust trees, will be ripe and ready to dig by November 25, after which time will be ready to fill all orders so long as stock lasts.

Trees will be scarce next spring. Come early while we have a nice stock to select from. All fruit trees that die the first year after planting will be replaced at half price.

We solicit your patronage. Satisfaction guaranteed. Nursery located 5 miles north from Floydada, 7 miles southeast of Lockney.

Llano Estacado Nursery

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THE TWIN STORES.

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Our Christmas Supplies.

Are richly displayed in both Departments of the Twin Stores. We have everything for the Holiday Trade.



GIFT GOODS!

The boys always delight in remembering their girls with handsome presents when Christmas comes; so do the old men delight to be young again and to surprise their wives with gifts that will remind them the "sweet memories" of their days of courtship. The Twin Stores have everything that will supply the demands of those who wish to remember their friends.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Saddlery, &c.

A GORGEOUS DISPLAY OF New Dress Goods.

THE MOST PRONOUNCED NEWNESS

of the NEW DRESS FABRICS which our buyers took so much pains in selecting are here for your inspection. No attractive, desirable weaves have been refused admittance to our stores. Our Up-to-now Ladies' Dress Patterns will please in quality and price. We have the largest stock the people ever had the opportunity of selecting from. No person who is willing to pay for what they get can possibly find any cause to complain at our prices in Dress Goods and many will wonder why we can afford to offer such rare and exceptional bargains as we have inaugurated at our stores. Our prices range

From 5c to \$1.25 Per Yard.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT,

Like our Dry Goods and Clothing Department, leads all other business establishments in Floyd County. We keep the Freshest Stock and sell at Bed-rock Prices. We keep everything for the people's demands and sell so as to draw the trade and to keep it coming. We are proud of our business and we advertise it.

Fall is Almost Gone

and we have stacks and stacks of New Winter Goods that we

Must Close Out

Every Man, Woman, and Child in Floyd County should visit the TWIN STORES and carefully inspect our Mammoth Stock of Dry Goods and Surprisingly Reduced Prices. It is the most profitable way the discreet and discerning purchaser can spend a few minutes of time. We have the Largest and Most Varied Stock in Floyd County and we know we can please any taste.

The Twin Stores,
North Side of the Public Square,
FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

SHOES.

We have the largest Stock of Shoes in Floyd County. Our stock is a regular Shoe Store on one side of our house. It is especially pleasant for a customer to have a large and varied assortment to select from, but it is not the big stock we are so anxious to tell you about—it is the Quality. We are building a reputation for Good Shoes—Honest shoes, Shoes that are worth every cent you pay for them—Shoes that are expressly made for Wear and Comfort—the kind that you should call for again and again. We carry the best brands on earth. Our prices are the lowest. Our specialties are the



Famous Star Brand Shoes

OUR CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

Is a feature of our business that deserves special mention. We have a stock of Clothing—Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats, and Women's Cloaks, Caps, and Dress Skirts—which we are justly proud to offer the public. We earnestly insist on your calling and inspecting our stock of Clothing thru and thru.

WANTED.—I want to buy a good second hand bachelor store.—J. W. Golden, Floydada.

Ira Broyles, an old-time friend of this paper's office force, spent Tuesday night at THE HESPERIAN home.

Wet and cold weather leggings, for both men and women, at G. R. Griggs's selling cheaper than at any other place.

Dissolution Notice.

The heretofore existing firm of Molloy & Merrick, proprietors of the Floydada Gin and Mill, has dissolved partnership, S. M. Merrick retiring and J. C. Molloy assuming sole ownership and management of the same.

An Elocutionary Recital

will be given at the Court House Thursday, January 1, 1903, 7:30 p. m. A benefit will be given to the Public School. Admission 10 cents. Children under ten years of age 5 cents.

LINDA E. ADAIR.

Crawford-Walling.

Wednesday afternoon of this week, at 5 o'clock, Mr. J. M. Crawford, Jr., and Miss Letha Walling, both of Lockney, took that "vow which didst incorporate them as one," at Floydada, Judge Duncan officiating. The event was expected by their friends. The groom is County Surveyor of Floyd County and is associated with the mercantile firm of J. M. Crawford & Son of Lockney. The bride was principally reared in Floyd county, and for several years resided in Floydada. She is one of the belles of Floyd county. She will make the Surveyor a highly appreciated deputy. May their lines be run with the same certainty and felicity that characterized their beginning point on life's survey.

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Holiday Excursions.

The territory to which excursion tickets for the Holidays will be sold has been considerably widened. In addition to the usual sale of tickets to points in the South Eastern States, the T. & P. Ry. Company will also sell round trip tickets to principal points in Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

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Baptist Board's Work.

In obedience to the call of the Chairman of the Staked Plains Baptist associational Board, the Executive Board of said association met in Floydada December 16, 3 p. m., 1902, with the following members present: Eld. G. I. Brittain, Matador, Chairman; Eld. Henry E. Summers, Plainview, Corresponding Secretary; Eld. R. E. L. Muncy, Floydada; Eld. E. M. Owen, Emma; Eld. G. O. Summers, Missionary, Plainview; Bro. R. B. Braly, Silverton; Bro. Snodgrass, Floydada.

Much important business was transacted and needed enlargements planned for and put on foot. The meeting was spiritually enthusiastic and God is sure to bless it.

H. E. Summers, Cor. Sec.

A. B. Bunn of Limestone county is here visiting his cousin John N. Farris. Mr. Bunn is a teacher by profession and has been attending the North Texas Normal School at Denton since last September.

The Entertainment Program.

The following is the outline of the program of the public entertainment to be given at the Court House at Floydada on Christmas night:

1. Song of Welcome.
2. Welcome Address.
3. Recitation.
4. Dialog. Two Characters.
5. Recitation.
6. Recitation.
7. Song.
8. Recitation.
9. Dialog. Four Characters.
10. Recitation.
11. Recitation.
12. Essay.
13. Recitation.
14. Recitation.
15. Essay.
16. Song, Temperance.
17. Recitation.
18. Recitation.
19. Recitation.
20. Dialog. Three Characters.
21. Music.
22. Pantomime.
23. Good Night Song.

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Cultivate and store your mind with knowledge, and make yourself interesting. If you do not interest enough to attract, go away to yourself and try to discover why. Do not force yourself upon another. The interesting girl must be—or seem—interested; do not think of yourself to the exclusion of others, but never quite forget yourself. Always keep in mind that you are a lady—or should be, and can be, and that "noblesse oblige." Do not allow yourself to harbor envy, or malice. Do not allow yourself to indulge in petty meannesses, or in unkind speeches. If you cannot say kind things, say nothing. Do not repeat unkind criticisms. In short, remember to practice always the golden rule—"Do unto others," etc., and if you do this, no matter how poor, or plain you may be, you will be loved.—Helen Watts McVey, in The Commoner.

Saved At Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsum, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst form of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver, and other ailments, Electric Bitters are a powerful, guaranteed cure. Only 50c. at R. C. Scott's drug store.

The "Country" Press.

During the campaigns of 1893 and 1900, and the lesser campaigns since the former date, the democratic party has found its chief newspaper support among the loyal democratic newspapers so often designated as "the country press." With a few notable exceptions the metropolitan newspapers classed as democratic deserted the democratic standard and lent their aid to the republican party. But the desertion from the ranks of "the country press" were so few that they were not noticeable. With a loyalty that could not be swerved and an ability that challenged the admiration of the opposition, "the country press" allied to the democratic standard and performed prodigies of valor. "The country press" has ever been loyal, and because of this every democratic newspaper that is embraced in this designation deserves and should have the hearty support of democrats in its community. A well edited local newspaper exercises an important influence, not always visible to the casual observer, but always apparent when the test comes. Hundreds of such democratic weeklies and small dailies reach The Commoner's exchange table regularly, and they are a constant source of inspiration. Let democrats show by their actions that they appreciate the unswerving loyalty and tireless energy of the democratic newspapers that have stood up for the party and its principles in the face of influences that have corrupted so many metropolitan dailies. The local democratic newspapers deserve a great deal more than they usually get. Now let democrats see that their local organs get all they deserve.—The Commoner.

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wapanucka i. t. dec 719 and 2.
mister hiram luker.

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deer hiram:—it iz with much plezure that i seet mysel an tak mi pen in han tu rite yu a fue lines tu let yu no that i am wel an hope this wil find yu enjoy in the saim blesinge uv life—so tu speak.

hirum, i shore that yu was ded. yu remember when yu was projectin yore railroad tu the one yu went outn yore ned an ina tuk yu awi sumers tu doctor yu fur dis solution uv the brane. i had a letter fum the boss uv the instituoshun an he sed yu was better awf. i thot he ment yu had emigrated tu the land uv peronial spring.

i see yu air still a little quear on the rode queschun. nun uv us peepel dont tak no stock in the kuntry rode but the bindle stifs. i wud advize yu thot tu drop the rode problem an tri sumthin simple. tri the theory uv transmigratun uv the human sole an yu can tel what yure thinkin about.

i see yu stil hav the deluzion that yu air mi bruther. uv corse it wont du no harm az i aint goin tu run fur congres next term eny how.

sense yu went awf yore old gal sally crabtree married bil boardbottom. tha air livin on the higgins place. sally airt az stilish az she uster be, she speaks very kindly uv yu. last time i seen her she sed, "pore hiram, its a pity he went rong." she wanted tu naim one uv the kids fur yu but bil kicked. jelus i gess.

well, hiram, az i am verry bizzy i must close. keap yore feet warm an yore hed cool an be keerful not tu over lode yore brane.

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Texas World's Fair Exhibit.

Vice President Markham has informed General Manager Wortham that the Harriman lines in Texas have decided to contribute \$10,000 toward the fund to exhibit the resources of Texas at the World's Fair to be held in 1904 in St. Louis. This amount is in addition to the \$40,000 which the Southern Pacific Company will spend to display the products of those sections penetrated by its lines.

Another contribution, which was made available last week, was \$5,000, which the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Company has promised to give. This announcement was made by Vice President Polk, of the Santa Fe.

There have been many evidences that Texas is expected to prove at the World's Fair the many assertions which have been made of late concerning its potential greatness. Those who have not seen are incredulous, and they look to 1904 as a good opportunity "to make good."

An extract from a letter received by General Manager Wortham from Prof. Wm. B. Phillips, Ph. D., who is head of the University of Texas Mineral Survey, is evidence of it. Writing from Pittsburg, where he has been lately on business, Prof. Phillips says:

"I find a great deal of interest in New York, Boston, Washington and other places I have visited with respect to Texas matters, and especially the exhibit to be made at St. Louis. Everybody seems to take it for granted that Texas will outdo herself, which I think is a big contract."

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Luker's Letter.

In another column will be found a letter from the real and only Bob Luker, who has been a frequent contributor to the columns of THE HESPERIAN, in reply to Hiram Luker's letter published in the Lockney Beacon relative to THE HESPERIAN-Beacon controversy on the road question. Bob writes advisedly as he is a constant reader of THE HESPERIAN and was mailed a copy of the Beacon containing Hiram's letter. The editor of THE HESPERIAN refrained from replying to Hiram's letter, as he did not deem it right to attempt to deprive Bob of the glory and privilege of treating the matter in his happy, original vein. The discerning reader will readily see that Bob's "caliber" is not an insignificant thing, as the Beacon insinuated in its futile efforts in criticising the county for its effort to maintain a public road already established according to law and in conformity with the people's will.

No Paper Next Week.

This paper has determined to observe the time-honored custom of country weeklies in resting during Christmas holidays. The readers of this paper are doubtless aware that it has served them well during the past year and will not begrudge it one week of well earned rest. The respite from office work will be helpful. The time will be, by no means, spent idly and unprofitably. One's pleasure does not consist in spending time in idleness and without profit. The week's rest will add tone and vigor to subsequent issues of THE HESPERIAN. This paper extends to its readers, individually and collectively, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

A County Road Grader.

This issue contains a communication from "A Chopper," in which he urges the need for a road and street grader. Hitherto this paper has urged the matter of purchasing a grader; but at the time there was no particular demand for better roads or more passable streets, hence this paper's suggestion fell like a wet blanket. But some might consider a grader a difficult machine to operate, as it would require several good teams to pull it and an expert to operate it. These objections do not amount to much, as it will require more teams and more men to operate the twelve No. 2 scrapers the county recently ordered for use on the public roads. The time is here when people see the necessity of having better thoroughfares and highways. After the scrapers are given a thorough test it will be seen whether a grader is needed or not.

President Roosevelt is receiving some severe criticisms from the press of the country for his timid course towards the trusts. Mr. Roosevelt is, in a sense, utterly helpless in dealing destruction to the trusts. He owes his election and that of McKinley to the trusts and is under lasting obligations to them. It is quite reasonable that he believes in the existence of "good trusts." McKinley was in a state of abject servitude to the trusts, and the strenuousness of Roosevelt finds the mastership of the trusts over him to be irresistible.

The editor of this paper recently received a copy of the "Year Book for Texas for 1901," by Judge C. W. Raines, State Librarian. Judge Raines is compiling the "Year Book for Texas for 1902." The price is \$2.00 per copy. It is a valuable addition to the history and literature of Texas and is really more than the title implies.

FROM A CHOPPER.

Delayed from last week. Dear HESPERIAN:—Perhaps a line from this minister from Egypt will not prove uninteresting to some of your many readers.

Health of this part is distressingly good for the drug business, as Druggist Scott puts it. Some, however, have the whooping-cough, or something similar.

Since the recent cold snap wolves have been seeking shelter, or chickens, in these parts, as an unusual number have been seen and heard.

Quite a number of our citizens have lost some calves with blackleg.

Wheat and corn that were sown in the early fall are looking well, and now, for an everlasting effort for a big crop, for 1903, of Kafir, maize, millet, sorghum, cotton, sweet potatoes, melons, and the Indian corn, and wheat, much for the mill yet to come to Floydada.

We are just on a trip to Canyon; found several fields near that place with feed still in the shock, but on the return, just after the cold snap, the people were being hauling it in.

Some of our American's (you know) are given a reminder to a great extent, we know none too soon.

Say, Mr. Editor, did you not notice the improved condition of things in general about Lockney? I do not mean at the time we were on our way to the W. W. Jubilee, as I know you could not have noticed anything on the way, or by the way, or in the way, because I know it was onward and upward, with each of us, till we reached that W. O. W. Hall. Now, don't get shaky, I'm a Chopper, and will not reiterate the story of the happenings of that pleasant occasion, but suffice it to say, we'll get even with those Choppers at Lockney, mind if we don't. We'll not be ushered right into the City Hotel and seated at a long table laden with so many good things, previously ordered by the Lockney Camp, for our special benefit, there to remain, which we did, till our appetites were thoroughly satiated! No sir, not without recourse. We'll get even, we will, if they don't mind and that before next grass.

Hugh Harkey, the Hotel man, you know, he's a half Chopper now, yes he is; it can be proven by the County Clerk. While of course he is under pledge not to reveal or communicate any of the proceedings while conferring the degree he took in Woodcraft, not even to his wife, yet, she knows something of the appetites of Woodmen already, and is well up with the times when it comes to spreading a long table. She will only need to know it's for Floydada and Lockney Choppers, the number and time. We'll get even, we will, so we will.

But back to the subject. (You know when I start out on a trip of late I can't keep from going to that Camp.) I say, on your trip to the Teachers' Institute, or Reunion, or where they (the teachers) made a brilliant display of their talents, and among other things discussed and cussed, the bad boy, and boasted of his goodness (meanness) to his parents, I say, did those sign-boards catch your eye? And did you not notice how the low places in the road had been raised? I did; and at the end of another mile another sign-board, and pointing to Lockney. That's one kind of an invitation, you know, and if you had passed through the town as I did you would have noticed them on the other side too. And the road over there is fixed, too. In town the houses are painted and everything in general shows a real neat appearance, all of which shows thrift, enterprise, and pride, the last of which, while some people condemn

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- WAGONS, TRUCKS, &c.
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I have the most complete stock of WIND MILL SUPPLIES in the country. The AERMOTOR continues at the head of the procession, and why? Because it takes less wind to run it, pumps more water, takes care of itself in a high wind, and lasts longer than any wind mill made. There is no piece of machinery of its size that will do as much work, and do it as cheerfully, and with as little attention, as the Aermotor. In other words, it boards itself and works for nothing. I have also a good stock of hardware. Send me your orders for HARDWARE. My prices are right and I treat my customers as friends.

erty has increased in value during the last year more than that of any other county on the Plains, according to official reports, and more than that of many counties of the Plains, and east of us, too. Shall we have one? If not, why not?

Well, we returned home Saturday night too late to meet with the W. O. W. Camp at Floydada, and regretted it very much, as it was election night, but hope the old officers were reelected as were the County officers, as doing well is hard to beat.

But this article is too long, and will only add: Long live THE HESPERIAN, the paper that stands for the right and the onward and upward march of the people of Floyd County and the Plains.

A CHOPPER.

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CHRISTMAS 1902.

Rates to the Old States are lower, service more perfect than ever before—Dec. 13, 17, 21, 22, 23, and 26 the Southern Pacific Sunset Route will sell round trip tickets to points in the north, east, and southeast at a rate of One Fare plus \$2.00 with limit for return thirty days from date of sale. Double daily service, Pullman buffet and excursion sleeping cars, free chair-cars and day coaches. Direct connection at New Orleans both east and west bound. Write and let us know your objective point. We will be glad to quote rate, furnish schedule and any additional information you may desire.

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Do not withhold encouragement to the public installation of W. O. W. officers for the ensuing year at the Court House on Saturday evening, January 3, 1903. Bring along something to eat—something wholesome, and palatable—for yourself and some one else besides. The Lockney Choppers will be on hand to lend enchantment and enthusiasm to the occasion.

Saturday evening, January 3, 1903, at 7 o'clock!

Holiday goods in endless profusion at R. C. Scott's.

A beautiful assortment of Silverware at R. C. Scott's.

I have some nice patterns of oil cloth marked down to win the trade.—G. R. Griggs.

Have you had your "beauty" struck? is one of the frequent questions propounded nowadays.

At this time I am making a specialty of school shoes. They can not be excelled for durability and comfort.—G. R. Griggs.

In making your holiday purchases do not forget A. C. Bowers's store, where many useful and attractive presents can be found.

Get your wife a nice rocking chair. Surginer has them specially selected for the holiday trade and for comfort for all time.

A pair of \$1.50 gloves at or near the price. Wednesday afternoon. The finder will confer a favor by returning to me.—R. H. Baker.

The almost impassable condition of the roads in Floyd county has caused the merchants with stock of holiday goods no little anxiety.

C. Surginer has opened up a nice line of holiday goods at his hardware and furniture store. Before buying he invites you to call and see his line.

J. R. Montgomery and family left yesterday for their new home near Texico, New Mexico. The best wishes of the people of Floydada go with them.

Ladies, you should call and examine the sewing machines in stock at C. Surginer's before buying elsewhere. They will make handsome furniture as well as useful household articles.

F. P. Henry returned this week from Arkansas whither he went some time ago with the Bowers bunch of horses. Frank is as "pretty" since his return as he was before he went away.

Ned Bowers and Bob Henry returned Wednesday from a speedy trip to Childress. Ned treated himself to a fine buggy and is thereby in a position to enjoy life more completely.

The best of dress goods, outing flannel, domestics, and in fact winter goods of most all kinds just received at G. R. Griggs's store. Call at once and make your selections. You are aware of the low prices always on at the New York Store.

STRAYED.—From my place, 8 miles east of Floydada, December 10, one sorrel glass-eyed horse, branded A on shoulder; one blue mare, thin in flesh, branded X on hip. A liberal reward will be paid for information leading to their recovery. Address, W. H. Love, Floydada, Texas.

The editor of this paper is in receipt of a letter from S. Poynor, ex-Surveyor of Floyd County. Mr. Poynor is located at Millsap, Parker county. He states that his wife's health is improving since making the change. This news will be highly gratifying to her many friends.

Attention is called to the notice of the Elocution Recital to be given by Miss Adair on Thursday evening, January 1, 1903. The occasion should be well attended by the people in general. As it is given for a laudable purpose it deserves a liberal patronage. The occasion will be pleasant and profitable to all who attend and give an attentive ear to the exercises. There is no better way of beginning the New Year at Floydada than by forming the nucleus for a library for the Floydada Graded Public School.

S. B. McCleskey returned the fore part of the week from a trip to Houston, where he attended the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Order last week. Bennett doubtless had his share of the fun, but he is forcibly impressed with his obligation not to reveal or communicate any secrets to anyone except he be a Mason in good standing. Bennett believes his obligation includes even jokes on himself. As it has been several years since he has ridden on the cars he doubtless saw much he never saw before, and made many blunders that caused him to feel greatly chagrined.

The Winter Season Is Here

And So Are We With The Season Dry Goods!

We wish to announce to the people of Floyd and sister Counties that our Winter Stock of Goods are shelved and ready for inspection. We have a stock we prize highly and we know that all our customers will regard it as we do when they closely inspect each of our departments. We have bought our Goods so that we can compete in prices with any firm anywhere. We like to have competition, for then the people have an opportunity to compare our wares and goods with those of other establishments and see the difference, which is in our favor. We invite you to see our lines and compare with other lines.

The young Men

Especially should see our lines of Custom Made Clothing, Hats, Shirts, in fact everything in Gents' Furnishing Goods. We have everything a young man needs.

Our Suits and Overcoats are new and up to date. Nothing old or shoddy is given space in our establishment. We can not afford to sell goods that will not give perfect satisfaction.

We represent the most famous and responsible Tailoring Establishments in the world. We take many orders for our customers. Perfect fit guaranteed. Let us take your measure

Do You

Buy of us? If not you are wasting time, and the sooner you change your base and come to the actual and only headquarters for your clothing and furnishings the better you will prosper.

Millinery! Millinery!

Call and examine the stock of Millinery under the supervision of Miss Emma Miller before buying elsewhere. She has received her Fall and Winter Stock and is prepared to sell to please the custom. Her Goods are all new and of good material. Call and see them.

CLOSING OUT SHOE SALE

We have left over from last year's sales a lot of the famous GIESECKE Boots and Shoes, and other brands which we will sell at greatly reduced prices, as we are handling the HAMILTON-BROWN lines exclusively.

YOU SHOULD SEE

our mammoth stock of Hamilton-Brown Shoes and Boots.



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Santa Claus has headquarters at R. C. Scott's.

Starkey vicinity will have a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve night.

Don't fail to inspect my holiday offerings in indestructible toys.—R. C. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mizell of Starkey were in town Tuesday instructing Santa Claus how to distribute presents at their home.

There has been no little mud this week. The roads are hard to travel. Grading in many places is becoming manifestly necessary.

A lot of new furniture received at C. Surginer's this week. Now is your time to strike to furnish your home with something handsome and substantial.

My line of holiday goods have arrived and are displayed for the public to gaze upon and admire. Call early. They are selling fast because they are the cheapest in town.—G. R. Griggs.

G. L. Bruner and family arrived Saturday from their claim near Portales, New Mexico, where they had been "complying," as it is called on the Plains. They will remain in Floyd county until next March.

I have a number of accounts on my books and would appreciate an early settlement, as I need the amount due me. Persons indebted to me are requested to give their accounts immediate attention.—G. R. Griggs.

J. W. Reed of Sand Hill vicinity was in town yesterday scatterlophisticating over the equanimity of the snow and ice mud on the streets and alleys. He appeared as gleeful over the approach of Christmas as any ten-year old boy.

J. C. Molloy was ill from threatening pneumonia last Saturday and Sunday. He anticipated a severe case of pneumonia and went home Monday so he could be ill at home. Upon arriving home he changed his mind about having a spell and rapidly recovered. The spin could not run without his personal superintendence.

Dolls from 5c to \$1.00 at R. C. Scott's.

Christmas night entertainment program will be found in another column.

Floydada Graded Public School will close for the Christmas holidays on next Monday. The pupils will have nearly an entire week in which to devote to unmolested fun and frolic.

Ben S. Rupp was here yesterday representing Ballard Snow Liniment Co. He arranged a year's advertising contract with THE HESPERIAN and sold a bill to Floydada's druggist, R. C. Scott.

FOR SALE.—I have four mules, six horses, four mares, four good wagons and harness for teams which I will sell on reasonable terms or trade for cattle. See me at my place four miles east of Floydada.—W. S. Dunn.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

It is a good thing to know where to go to inspect a large variety of such goods, which can be found at

J. D. STARKS'S Postoffice Store.

He has opened up the Largest and Most Select Stock of Holiday Goods ever brought to Floydada.

TOYS! TOYS!!

I have them of all sorts and attractions for the little boys and little girls of Floyd County. They will please.

Nothing Short.

I have not forgotten the wants of the young people—their Gift Goods. I have such goods as will please all. I have a large stock and have marked them down so as to sell, as I am determined not to carry any season goods over. It pays to sell them.

Call at once and get the Best.

This week has been favorable to pneumonia attacks where colds have been contracted.

Muncy & Baker of the Llano Estacado Nursery have been delivering fruit trees this week since the thawing season set in.

A Rebecca Lodge will soon be instituted as an auxiliary to the Floydada I. O. O. F. Lodge. A number of ladies will become Rebeccas.

Mrs. Hugh Harkey has been ill this week from a slight attack of symptoms of pneumonia, but is reported doing well at this going to press.

Do not fail to try my brands of coffee and you will prefer no other. I handle the best grades in existence. I sell just as I do all other lines of goods—down as cheap as possible.—G. R. Griggs.

The editor regrets his inability to attend the birthday dinner given at the home of Mack Smith in Fairview vicinity last Sunday as a surprise to Mrs. Smith. The inclemency of the weather made travel extremely difficult.

The Eclipse wind mill is still the best on earth. You will be running counter to your best interests and happiness if you buy some other make before inquiring into the superiority of the Eclipse. For sale by C. Surginer.

If you have a want of any sort mentioned in the columns of THE HESPERIAN, if you want to sell, to hire, to rent, and forth, you can help yourself along by patronizing the columns of THE HESPERIAN.

Admiral John N. Farris is quite grief stricken, and he has a right to be, in the loss he sustains from the sudden deaths of his span of fine black horses. On Friday afternoon of last week while Mr. Foster, who is working for the Admiral, was decending the brakes the horses became frightened and ran off a bluff falling about twenty feet. The fall was shortly followed by death for each.

W. S. Little was in town Tuesday and enlisted a year in advance with this paper's reading force. We awake new converts should always immediately become regular and constant readers of THE HESPERIAN. It will cause them to become more intimately acquainted with the country, its people, and its institutions, and to feel more thoroughly identified with the country's interests and welfare. It will make a whole citizen out of a half citizen.

Saturday and Sunday were thick, heavy, dismal, zeroish days. A misty rain fell all day Saturday and froza as it fell. Sunday everything exterior presented a congealed appearance and people stared out doors just as birds as possible. Sunday the temperature arose and much of the ice during the day was melted away. The falling cakes of ice from buildings presented a Plainsman avalanches on a small scale without humor. Since this has all resolved itself into a state of fluidity there is no little mud and slop as a result.

Look! Look!!

Are you improving a home? Are you setting an orchard? If not, why not? Procrastination is the thief of time. To-day is yours, yesterday has passed with all its opportunities.

Call is the time to plant an orchard. We are now offering a well-selected stock of trees, as follows:

About 15,000 apples in twelve varieties, that have been tested on the Plains.

Peaches, plums, pears, cherries, grapes, and other nursery stock in proportion.

70,000 forest trees, principally Black Locust trees, will be ripe and ready to dig by November 25, after which time will be ready to fill all orders so long as stock lasts.

Trees will be scarce next spring. Come early while we have a nice stock to select from. All fruit trees that die the first year after planting will be replaced at half price.

We solicit your patronage. Satisfaction guaranteed. Nursery located 5 miles north from Floydada, 7 miles southeast of Lockney.

Llano Estacado Nursery

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For Our Girls.

Some one has said that the best way to get along with people is to learn to get along without them. Be such good company to yourself that you will not need to care whether others seek you or not. Make sure that you, yourself, are pure gold, and you will not then feel like questioning the value of others. Do not look upon another as being very much your superior, and never fawn upon your associates. Respect yourself and treat all with sincere courtesy. Be especially kind to, and thoughtful for, the very aged, the timid, the weak, and the neglected. Do not look upon dress as the standard of value. Treat no one as an inferior, though you may not treat every one as your equal.

Cultivate and store your mind with knowledge, and make yourself interesting. If you do not interest enough to attract, go away to yourself and try to discover why. Do not force yourself upon another. The interesting girl must be—or seem—interested; do not think of yourself to the exclusion of others, but never quite forget yourself. Always keep in mind that you are a lady—or should be, and can be, and that "noblesse oblige." Do not allow yourself to harbor envy, or malice. Do not allow yourself to indulge in petty meannesses, or in unkind speeches. If you cannot say kind things, say nothing. Do not repeat unkind criticisms. In short, remember to practice always the golden rule—"Do unto others," etc., and if you do this, no matter how poor, or plain you may be, you will be loved.—Helen Watts McVey, in The Commoner.

Saved At Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsum, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst form of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver, and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c. at R. C. Scott's drug store.

The "Country" Press.

During the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, and the lesser campaigns since the former date, the democratic party has found its chief newspaper support among the loyal democratic newspapers so often designated as "the country press." With a few notable exceptions the metropolitan newspapers classed as democratic deserted the democratic standard and lent their aid to the republican party. But the desertion from the ranks of "the country press" were so few that they were not noticeable. With a loyalty that could not be swerved and an ability that challenged the admiration of the opposition, "the country press" rallied to the democratic standard and performed prodigies of valor. "The country press" has ever been loyal, and because of this every democratic newspaper that is embraced in this designation deserves and should have the hearty support of democrats in its community. A well edited local newspaper exercises an important influence, not always visible to the casual observer, but always apparent when the test comes. Hundreds of such democratic weeklies and small dailies reach The Commoner's exchange table regularly, and they are a constant source of inspiration. Let democrats show by their actions that they appreciate the unswerving loyalty and tireless energy of the democratic newspapers that have stood up for the party and its principles in the face of influences that have corrupted so many metropolitan dailies. The local democratic newspapers deserve a great deal more than they usually get. Now let democrats see that their local organs get all they deserve.—The Commoner.

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for scratches, bruises, cuts, wounds, corns, sore feet and stiff joints Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for burns, scalds, boils, ulcers, skin eruptions, and Piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c. at R. C. Scott's drug store.

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Why the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York is the Best Company.

FIRST—The financial results already obtained by the Mutual Life have never been, nor can ever be, equalled by any other Life Insurance Company.

SECOND—It is the largest, best and most popular Life Insurance Company in the world, and has ever been in the minds of the public the greatest of all.

THIRD—It has not only collected from its policy holders more than any other Company, but it has paid to its policy holders more, and now holds in trust for payment of future claims more than any other Company.

FOURTH—Policies issued by THE MUTUAL LIFE have always brought results more favorable to the insured than any policies similar in character issued by any other Life Insurance Company.

FIFTH—The Company is absolutely safe—Its policies the best—Its contracts guaranteed—The certainty of payment in case of death—The certainty of profit in case of living.

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G. W. RASCO, Proprietor,
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Grain of all kinds and Hay kept constantly in stock. If you need any repair work in shoes or harness remember that I will accommodate you on the east side of the Public Square.

Alvin Merrick, who has been quite ill for several weeks from slow fever, is now convalescing.

A Million Voices

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and writes, "It completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds, and lung troubles. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. C. Scott's drug store.

J. J. Day and little daughter were in town Tuesday making arrangements with Santa Claus to visit in Starkey vicinity.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood.

If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work.

Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries.

It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail.

Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

From Bob Luker.

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care uv lockney beekin.

dear hiram:—it iz with much pleasure that i seet myself an tak mi pen in han tu rite yu a fue lines tu let yu no than am wel an hope this will find yu enjoy in the saim blesinge uv life—so tu speak.

hirum, i shore yu was ded. yu remember when yu projectin yore railroad tu the mure yu went out yore hed on the tuk yu awf sumers in doctor yu fur dissolution uv the brane.

i had a letter fun the boss uv the institooshun an he sed yu was better awf. i thot he ment yu had emigrated tu the land uv peronial spring.

i see yu air still a little quear on the rode queshun. nun uv us peepel dont tak no stock in the kuntry rode but the bindle stifs. i yud advise yu thot tu drop the rode problem an tri sumthin simple. tri the theory uv transmigration uv the human sole an yu can let what yure thinkin about.

i see yu stil hav the deluzion that yu air mi brother. uv course it wont du no harm az i aint goin tu run fur congres next term eny how.

sense yu went awf yore old gal sally crabtree married bil boardbottom. the air livin on the higgins place. sally aint az stilish az she uster be. she speeks very kindly uv yu. last time i seen her she sed, "pore hiram, its a pity he went rong." she wanted tu naim one uv the kids fur yu but bil kicked. jesus i gess.

well, hiram, az i am verry bizzy i must close. keep yore feet warm an yore hed cool an be keerful not tu over lode yore brane.

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bob X luker.

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Foils A Deadlip Attack.

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache. 25c at R. C. Scott's drug store.

The recent rain, freeze, and snow caused damage to telephone wires and for several days vocal connection with all points has been entirely broken off.

A Private Tip We will mail it sealed to any person of either sex who is married or expects to marry, and can keep a secret. Sure and harmless. A 2-cent stamp brings it. Address STORY CHEMICAL CO., Jonesboro, Arkansas.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can not be cured with Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. Cheney & Co., Prop's. Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Truax, wholesale druggists, Toledo, O. Welding, Kennan & Marvin, wholesale druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Do not forget about that public installation of Floydada Camp, W. O. W., officers on Saturday evening, January 3, 1903. The Choppers are sure to make the occasion a success, because that is their way.

Texas World's Fair Exhibit.

Vice President Markham has informed General Manager Wortham that the Harriman lines in Texas have decided to contribute \$10,000 toward the fund to exhibit the resources of Texas at the World's Fair to be held in 1904 in St. Louis. This amount is in addition to the \$40,000 which the Southern Pacific Company will spend to display the products of those sections penetrated by its lines.

Another contribution, which was made available last week, was \$5,000, which the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Company has promised to give. This announcement was made by Vice President Polk, of the Santa Fe.

There have been many evidences that Texas is expected to prove at the World's Fair the many assertions which have been made of late concerning its potential greatness. Those who have not seen are incredulous, and they look to 1904 as a good opportunity "to make good."

An extract from a letter received by General Manager Wortham from Prof. Wm. B. Phillips, Ph. D., who is head of the University of Texas Mineral Survey, is evidence of it. Writing from Pittsburg, where he has been lately on business, Prof. Phillips says:

"I find a great deal of interest in New York, Boston, Washington and other places I have visited with respect to Texas matters, and especially the exhibit to be made at St. Louis. Everybody seems to take it for granted that Texas will outdo herself, which I think is a big contract."

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Our Christmas Supplies.

Are richly displayed in both Departments of the Twin Stores. We have everything for the Holiday Trade.



GIFT GOODS!

The boys always delight in remembering their girls with handsome presents when Christmas comes; so do the old men delight to be young again and to surprise their wives with gifts that will remind them the "sweet memories" of their days of courtship! The Twin Stores have everything that will supply the demands of those who wish to remember their friends.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Saddlery, &c.

A GORGEOUS DISPLAY OF New Dress Goods.

THE MOST PRONOUNCED NEWNESS

of the NEW DRESS FABRICS which our buyers took so much pains in selecting are here for your inspection. No attractive, desirable weaves have been refused admittance to our stores. Our Up-to-now Ladies' Dress Patterns will please in quality and price. We have the largest stock the people ever had the opportunity of selecting from. No person who is willing to pay for what they get can possibly find any cause to complain at our prices in Dress Goods and many will wonder why we can afford to offer such rare and exceptional bargains as we have inaugurated at our stores. Our prices range.

From 5c to \$1.25 Per Yard.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Like our Dry Goods and Clothing Department, leads all other business establishments in Floyd County. We keep the freshest stock and sell at Bed-rock Prices. We keep everything for the people's demands and sell so as to draw the trade and to keep it coming. We are proud of our business and we advertise it.

Fall is Almost Gone

and we have stacks and stacks of New Winter Goods that we

Must Close Out

Every Man, Woman, and Child in Floyd County should visit the TWIN STORES and carefully inspect our Mammoth Stock of Dry Goods and Surprisingly Reduced Prices. It is the most profitable way the discreet and discerning purchaser can spend a few minutes of time. We have the Largest and Most Varied Stock in Floyd County and we know we can please any taste.

The Twin Stores,
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WANTED.—I want to buy a good second hand bachelor stove.—J. W. Golden, Floydada.

Ira Broyles, an old-time friend of this paper's office force, spent Tuesday night at THE HESPERIAN home.

Wet and cold weather leggings, for both men and women, at G. R. Griggs's selling cheaper than at any other place.

Dissolution Notice.

The heretofore existing firm of Molloy & Merrick, proprietors of the Floydada Gin and Mill, has dissolved partnership, S. M. Merrick retiring and J. C. Molloy assuming sole ownership and management of the same.

An Elocutionary Recital

will be given at the Court House Thursday, January 1, 1903, 7:30 p. m. A benefit will be given to the Public School. Admission 10 cents. Children under ten years of age 5 cents.

LINDA E. ADAIR,

Crawford-Walling.

Wednesday afternoon of this week, at 5 o'clock, Mr. J. M. Crawford, Jr., and Miss Letha Walling, both of Lockney, took that "vow" which did incorporate them as one, at Floydada, Judge Duncan officiating. The event was expected by their friends. The groom is County Surveyor of Floyd County and is associated with the mercantile firm of J. M. Crawford & Son of Lockney. The bride was principally reared in Floyd county, and for several years resided in Floydada. She is one of the belles of Floyd county. She will make the Surveyor a highly appreciated deputy. May their lives be run with the same certainty and felicity that characterized their beginning point on life's survey.

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The Dallas News takes pleasure in announcing to its readers a reduction in the subscription price of its daily edition.

Taking effect after December 1, 1902 the subscription price will be 75 cents a month, whether delivered by carrier or through the mails.

Notwithstanding this material reduction in rates it is designed by the publishers to give to the readers of The News a paper superior to anything heretofore attempted in Texas journalism, and assurances are hereby given to this effect.

For many years The News has been recognized as the ablest, the best and most influential newspaper in the Southwest, and it purposes to hold this position for all time. It will stand by and advocate every measure looking to the welfare of its constituency. It has been frequently said the history of The News, starting sixty-one years ago, has been the history of Texas.

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Get one of those shawl-fascinators at A. C. Bowers's before they are all gone. One will make a useful and handsome Christmas present.

LOST—A horse collar between Floydada and the Merrick places four miles northeast of Floydada. The finder will please leave at THE HESPERIAN office.

Remember A. C. Bowers has the sole agency to sell the Giesecke stock of boots and shoes at Floydada. The Giesecke is one of the best, if not the best, brands of shoes made. It is sold under a strict guarantee. Call and see them, for seeing is believing.

There is a pair of knit gloves that were lost by the owner, found by some one else, and left at THE HESPERIAN office. If the loser is healthy and wealthy, he may have the gloves, by calling and paying for this notice; if otherwise, the loser may have the gloves without paying for this notice. This paper is willing to do right about the matter, especially in getting rid of the gloves.

Holiday Excursions:

The territory to which excursion tickets for the Holidays will be sold has been considerably widened. In addition to the usual sale of tickets to points in the south-eastern States, the T. & P. Ry. Company will also sell round trip tickets to principal points in Mexico, Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

The rate will be one first class fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip and tickets may be purchased December 13, 17, 21, 23, and 26; good to return in thirty days from date of sale.

Further information regarding rates, through service, sleepers, free seats in chair cars, etc., may be had from any railroad ticket agent, or through correspondence with H. P. Hughes, traveling passenger agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, G. P. & T. A., T. & P. Ry. Co., Dallas, Texas.

Baptist Board's Work.

In obedience to the call of the Chairman of the Staked Plains Baptist associational Board, the Executive Board of said association met in Floydada December 16, 8 p. m., 1902, with the following members present: Eld. G. I. Brittain, Matador, Chairman; Eld. Henry E. Summers, Plainview, Corresponding Secretary; Eld. B. E. L. Muncy, Floydada; Eld. E. M. Owen, Emma; Eld. G. O. Summers, Missionary, Plainview; Bro. R. B. Braly, Silvertown; Bro. Snodgrass, Floydada.

Much important business was transacted and needed enlargement planned for and put on foot. The meeting was spiritually enthusiastic and God is sure to bless it.
H. E. Summers, Cor. Sec.

A. B. Bunn of Limestone county is here visiting his cousin John N. Farris. Mr. Bunn is a teacher by profession and has been attending the North Texas Normal School at Denton since last September.

The Entertainment Program.

The following is the outline of the program of the public entertainment to be given at the Court House at Floydada on Christmas night:

1. Song of Welcome.
2. Welcome Address.
3. Recitation.
4. Dialog. Two Characters.
5. Recitation.
6. Recitation.
7. Song.
8. Recitation.
9. Dialog. Four Characters.
10. Recitation.
11. Recitation.
12. Essay.
13. Recitation.
14. Recitation.
15. Essay.
16. Song, Temperance.
17. Recitation.
18. Recitation.
19. Recitation.
20. Dialog. Three Characters.
21. Music.
22. Pastime.
24. Good Night Song.

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