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The Racket Store

"Has it for Less"

We Ask You to Compare Our Prices with Others

Sweaters.		Rugs.	
Boys Sweaters from 50c to	75c	Smith Axminster Rugs, new patterns, all wool, 27x60 inches	\$2.50 each
Men's Sweaters from 65c to	\$2.35	Smith's Axminster Rug, new pattern, all wool, 36x72 inches	\$4.50 each
Underwear.		Boy's Pants	
Men's heavy fleece lined suit	\$1.95	Boy's pants from 50c to	\$1.25
Heavy fleece lined wool and cotton, mixed, knit	\$1.90	Glassware	
Heavy all wool suits	\$2.35	Set long haled Goblets	85c
Men's water color Flanel suit	\$1.00	Four piece set from 40c to	\$1.75
Shirts		Set shurbert cups	30c
Boys dress shirts from 25c to	65c	Heavy crystal glass, gold decorated lemonade set	\$1.75
Men's dress shirts from 50c to	\$1.75	Victor Talking Machines.	
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Buster Brown Ties, 25c and	35c		
Latest patterns in four in hand ties 46 inches long	25c		
Extra high grade four in hand ties	50c		

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SWEETWATER TEXAS

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Handle nothing but a Complete Line of Hardware. We give our entire attention to this business; we study our goods and the needs of the farmers, therefore, we are better prepared to serve you. We carry a complete line of

Shelf Hardware and Queensware

See our large line of Heaters and Cook Stoves before buying. The goods and prices will please you. Make our store headquarters when in town. We have the goods and are anxious to show you

Remember we sell the Milburn Wagon.

The Farmers Hardware Co.

SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

The following gentlemen constitute the present Grand Jury: J. W. Meadows, foreman, W. M. Wight, J. H. Snell, J. A. Hazelwood, W. H. McBurnett, J. R. Jones, J. A. McCarty, B. B. Scott, J. C. Montgomery, Joe Brownfield, S. D. Myers, and Chas. Roberts.

The following business has been disposed of.—W. M. Barber's ex parte disabilities removed. J. C. Brown vs. M. E. Johnson suit for divorce. Divorce not granted.

R. H. Fitzgerald was appointed receiver in the case of the stock-

holders of the Rio Cajones Co. The case of M. C. Herrod vs. R. C. Kirkland, suit for damages on person consumed several days and went to the jury Thursday afternoon.

Bailiffs to serve the Grand jury are as follows: John Holt, G. H. Shepard, and A. J. Rodgers.

W. Waldie, Sr. will leave in a few days for California where he will spend the winter months with a son who live near Los Angeles.

WANTED—Near square room and board for newly married couple. Address the Reporter.

Union Thanksgiving Meeting.

Several have spoken to me about conducting a Thanksgiving service. No arrangements, so far as I know, are being made. The time draws nigh when all people are called by governor and president to give thanks. So, unless other arrangements intervene, there will be a union Thanksgiving meeting in the Old School Presbyterian church house, Nov. 28th, 7:30 p. m. Will have special music and a set address. P. G. Cross.

FOR RENT—Nice large furnished room with five. Apply to W. P. Thurmond.

SENATOR BAILEY SPEAKS.

Opera House Crowded to its Full Capacity Despite the Storm—Criticizes Mr. Davidson Severely.

Senator Bailey arrived in this city Monday at 7:40 a. m. and was met at the depot by a committee of our citizens. He was carried to the home of his life long friend, Thomas Trammell, where he was a guest during his visit to the city. During the day many warm personal friends and admirers called to greet him.

Despite the cold weather and snow storm, the large opera house was crowded to its utmost capacity by 2 p. m. the appointed hour for the speaking to begin. Judge J. H. Beall introduced the speaker and in the course of his remarks paid a glowing tribute to the senator, whom he styled the leading Democrat of the nation. Judge Beall's remarks were frequently given a big round of applause.

Senator Bailey spoke for 2 1-2 hours and despite the fact that the intense cold weather made the room uncomfortable he held the attention of his audience perfectly. He began by saying he had never been this far west on the T. & P. Ry., but was highly pleased with what he saw here. He said he read in the Bible where the w... men came from the east, but he believed they were made wiser by coming west to this favored country. He regretted very much that he could not devote his time to a discus-

sion of the great principles of Democracy. He thought it strange that a senator unanimously nominated by the people, endorsed by the Democratic convention, and elected by a Democratic legislature, should be compelled to traverse the state to repel the onslaughts of his enemies. Much of his speech was practically the same as at other places. He denounced in bitter terms the officers of the "Houston Good Government Club." He said some of his religious admirers told him to forgive his enemies and if they smite him one cheek, turn the other to them. He declared if he did so, his enemies would crucify him between two thieves as they did the Savior. His enemies talked about him to his back as if he were a scoundrel and then expected him to talk about them as if they were Christians.

He declared the fight on him had its origin in New York and had been taken up by Attorney General Davidson. He said the fight had also been made on Williams of Mississippi and all because he and Williams were in Hearst's way to the Democratic nomination for the presidency.

He declared his enemies would not talk to his face, as they had to his back.

He asserted that the Republicans, socialists and anarchists had a right to hate him as he had given them much trouble.

His enemies, he said, had

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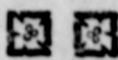


We extend to you a very cordial invitation to visit our VEHICLE SHOW ROOM located just north of the First Nat. Bank, and one door south of the post Office.

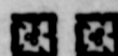
We want you to come to see it, even if you do not care to buy just now, because we think that we can show you the very micest exhibit of high-grade TRAPS, BUGGIES, SURRIES, HACKS and WAGONS ever shown in Sweetwater, and lots of nice Harness and Lap Robes to go with them.

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tempted to attack his vote on the Aldrich bill. He explained at some length the provisions of the bill, and declared that time had proven the wisdom of his actions toward the bill.

He was severe in his criticism of the attorney general and his assistant. He discussed at length Davidson's record in prosecuting the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. and in failing to prosecute the Standard Oil trust. He declared the latter was assisting his enemies in their efforts to ruin him. He asserted that he did not call all who opposed him liars and rascals, for said he, "Some good honest men had been led to believe him disloyal to his people." He was severe on the lawyers who opposed him for practicing his profession while he was senator. He termed them lawyerlets which term he frequently used in his speech.

He frequently pointed to his record in congress. He declared that he could never have been chosen from his old home district to congress for the 5th time, leading his party in the house, and later leader in the senate, if he had not been true to the trust imposed on him.

His speech was frequently applauded and at the conclusion many rushed forward to grasp his hand and to assure him of loyalty to him.

Notice of Bankrupt's Petition For Discharge.

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, at Abilene. In the matter of Pope Linton Gregory Beall, bankrupt, No. 119 in bankruptcy.

Office of Referee }
Abilene, Texas } Nov. 14, 1907.
Notice is hereby given that Pope Linton Gregory Beall of the county of Nolan, and district aforesaid, did, on the 14th day of November, 1907, file in the clerk's office of said court, at Abilene, a petition setting up that he has heretofore been duly adjudged bankrupt under the act of Congress approved July 1, 1898; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy, and praying for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate in bankruptcy, save such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

On considering the above-mentioned petition, it is ordered that any creditor who has proved his claim, and other parties in interest, if they desire to oppose the discharge prayed for in said petition, shall, on or before the 28th day of November, 1907, file with the Referee for the Abilene division of said district, a notice in writing of their opposition to a discharge in the above-entitled cause.

K. K. Leggett,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

(SUNDAY, NOV. 17 AT 6:30 P. M.)

The program arranged for last Sunday, with some additions, will be given at this time.

Come out to this young people's service. It will do you good to listen to what these young Christians have to say and to observe how earnestly and sincerely they are trying to serve their Master. Committee.

Charge to the Grand Jury.

District Judge Shepperd in his charge to the grand jury at the beginning of court Monday said in part: "The first thing I want to call your attention to is the oath just taken. It contains every essential element of your duty as grand jury men. Then I desire to especially impress upon you the importance of acting independently. Vote your own way regardless of the other members, unless in case reason convinces you. Your conscience is the safest guide to duty. The man who possesses an independent mind is the only man who should be considered a good citizen."

He then dwelt at length upon the importance of secrecy as to the work of the grand jury.

The most common forms of crime were mentioned and described briefly. He called special attention to the violations of the local option laws, also the crime of perjury and false swearing, playing cards in public places or renting building for gaming purposes. The judge appealed to the jury men to look carefully into every infraction of the laws.

An Unusual Condition

Since the present money panic has been on, there have been many days that local cotton buyers could not secure a limit and consequently there has been no regular market on such days.

Many people have seen for their first time a time when cotton was not "money" at any price. However, the present condition appears to cause the farmers to be more determined to hold out for a better price for their cotton.

The laugh-maker, Leo Adde, in the funniest of music-dramas, "Love is Blind," at the opera house, Nov. 15th.



The Success Steel Furnace.

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Sermon Subjects.

At the Old School Presbyterian church house, 11 a. m.: "The Uniqueness of Jesus;" 7:30 p. m., "The Infallibly Safe Way or What Course Shall We Pursue to Be Sure of Eternal Salvation?"

Special music—Miss Beas Harris will sing.
Bible school 10 a. m. C. E. at 4 p. m.

A hearty welcome awaits all who attend any or all of these meetings.

The theatre patrons of Sweetwater have a rare treat in store for them, for the local management takes pride in pointing out the fact that the Olympia Opera Co. has been for years one of the established attractions that yearly tour the South: that while they play the large commercial centers, they, of late years, find it profitable to likewise visit the better class of smaller cities. Tonight at opera house.

J. J. Butts of Cisco, and Judge Homan of Colorado were among the visiting attorneys to the city.

WANTED—Near square, room and board for newly married couple. Address the Reporter.

T. H. Mayfield of Roby was here on court business Monday.

Dolls dressed for Santa Claus. Leave the orders at the Racket Store.

W. E. Riddle, justice of the peace at Roscoe, attended court here the first of the week.

Don't forget that the Montgomery Hardware Co. will buy your cotton.

B. F. Rutledge is having a nice residence erected in the Waldie addition in the south part of town.

W. F. McGaughey shipped six cars of cattle to Fort Worth Wednesday.

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District Judge J. H. Shepperd and District Attorney M. Carter of Colorado arrived in the city Sunday night to officially look after the present term of court.

All kinds of job work solicited. Leave orders for me with the city marshal. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. W. Williams.

Miss Zula Hilliard has returned to her home in Lampasas county after spending a couple of months visiting the family of J. L. Sublett in this city.

to the contrary, that which tends to degrade the home and the

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Time is right the Weather is right, the Prices are astonishingly right. The sale is now on.

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THE STAR STORE

Texas

10 DAYS Wonderful Bargain Giving Now on.

to the contrary, that which tends to degrade the home and the honor of woman. Herein lies the curse of the "yellow back novel;" it entertains, never exercising the mind; and that which is not exercised gets "soft."

Many of us pay out money in railroad fare to go to Dallas, or Ft. Worth, or Weatherford, or Mineral Wells to hear lectures and concerts there, when, did we but realize it, that the money paid out to the railroad folks would bring the best talent in the country right here to our own city. So, why not have a Chautauqua here this coming summer, instead of going abroad to attend one. Having a week or ten days' series would bring people from Hamlin, Colorado, Merkel and other towns to Sweetwater, and that would mean money spent here. The Sweetwater Lyceum Association stands ready to put this matter through, if the thinking people of our city will stand by the association. And the way tickets are selling for the present course, is an excellent token that such a project can be handled with success, bringing fame and dollars to Sweetwater, at the same time educating all of us to higher thinking and plain living, to quote from one of the world's great philosophers. Complaint has been made of late about the "rowdyism" that has been rampant in our midst. What shall we do to stop this? Have our police force doubled? Get all of the preachers to preach against it? Have a curfew law enacted? NO! Put a stop to some of the tent shows that flock here, and, MARK IT, give our young people, male and female, something better to think upon, and a place to go to. Prohibition ALONE is futile; proof, the law prohibits murder, still men murder. But put education in all of its varied forms into activity and then see the results. Prohibition, PLUS EDUCATION will do vastly more than the former alone. A Lyceum course, a Chautauqua, is education at work in one of its most effective forms. By example and precept much can be done to place our young upon a mental plane of thinking and living that will make for noble men and queenly women.

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Sweetwater Lyceum Assured Success.

The management of the Sweetwater Lyceum Association is glad to make public the announcement that success, financially speaking, is a certainty. The course tickets are being signed for in a way that reminds us of the "going of hot cakes." This speaks well for the thoughtful people of our city. All persons signing for the course become charter members and not only get this season's course at reduced rates but next year also will have the first choice of seats and lowest rates.

The course sells at \$2.00 including reserved seats—the regular price is 75 cents for single admission. The gain is self-evident, but other advantages will be seen later—all of you remember this. The opening number takes place Friday night, Nov. 29, with Edward Reno, the "King of Conjurers." Full program will be published next week. Look for the news in the Sweetwater Reporter. "The best is none too good."

S. Z. Williams, druggist, has opened up his stock of goods in the Manse Wood new building on the west side. Mr. Williams was forced to close up shop some six months ago on account of not being able to get a house in which to do business but is now behind the counter, more anxious than ever to wait on his customers.

Appointment of Uncle Sam Hampton, Better known as the Old Scout.

Sweetwater Friday, Nov. 29, 2 p. m. Every body invited, non union as well as union people, for we feel sure we are co-workers together when you understand the principles of unionism, like they will be explained on the above date. "Uncle Sam" is a

unique character, full of fun and a forcible exponent of union principles. Children love him, old folks admire him, and everybody is pleased when they hear him.

You must help to bear his expenses, make his campaign self sustaining as he draws no salary. This is a request by our worthy president and it is our indispensable duty to comply with it.

Uncle Sam is one of the oldest speakers we have in the field.

W. W. Grooms,
Mgr. Warehouse.

Mark Twain's Meanest Man.

"The meanest man I ever knew," said Mark Twain, "lived in Hanibal. He sold his son-in-law the half of a very fine cow and then refused to share the milk with the young fellow on the ground that he had only sold him the front half. The son-in-law was also compelled to provide all the cow's fodder and to carry water to her twice a day. Finally the cow butted the old man through a barbed wire fence, and he sued his son-in-law for \$50 damages."

Rev. J. W. Rowlett, pastor of the Methodist church at Merkel, caused no little excitement in the conference held at Amarilla last week when he announced his withdrawal from that church. He gave as his reason for his action, that his convictions on some questions were not in accord with those held by that church. Rev. Rowlett is an able man and a scholar, but his belief in the theory of man evolving from the monkey could not be endorsed by his church.

Get your fresh fish and oysters at the Owl Cafe.

Fake Show Visits This City and Hamlin

The Hamlin Daily Bulletin tells of a show that visited that place last Friday night and stated that the same show visited this city and was "greeted by applause in the shape of eggs." The Bulletin errs in both the reception given them here and in the name of the show. The play was "What Woman Will Do" instead of "Love is Blind" as stated by the Bulletin. The latter show is yet to come and is represented as a very good show. True some of our people were "taken in" by said show, but they took their medicine like men without any eggs mixed with it at all.

Snow Storm Visits This Country.

Many people surprised Monday morning when they awoke to find the ground covered with snow, notwithstanding the previous day had been threatening almost any kinds of weather. The snow continued to fall pretty well all Monday morning. The fall is estimated between 2 and 3 inches and did not entirely disappear until Wednesday. The snow covered considerable territory north and west of this city. The temperature was several degrees below freezing point, which was something out of the ordinary, considering the fact that no real killing frost had occurred previous to the snow.

Special Attention.

I hereby revoke all permission heretofore given to parties to hunt in my pasture (the Lennie ranch) 4 miles east of town. The place is posted and no one is allowed to hunt or otherwise trespass on same. There are no public roads through the place and as the gates will be locked you will be violating the law when you travel through same. Be warned in time.

R. A. Musgrove.

Quite a number of people from various parts of the county have been attending district and commissioners' court here this week.

"Whiskey and Bad Company."

A young man of worthy parentage and who has had many friends lies in the jail of Lake Charles, La., under sentence of death for having killed an officer of the law by shooting him in the back.

A jury of the county in which he was reared adjudged him guilty of murder, though he was defended by one of the ablest lawyers of the state. The board of pardons has denied him commutation and before him looms the awful shadow of the gallows and a death of ignominy and ineffaceable shame.

Now as he sits in his grated cell alone communing with his own thoughts and arraigning himself before the bar of his own conscience, he sees, as he never saw before, where he erred and when and how he turned away from the path of safety.

His story is that of a multitude who before him have trod the way of sin to crime and disgrace and death. It is as old almost as humanity. It is the woeful story that so many tell, who, like him, stand face to face with death inflicted as a penalty for sin, the wail of remorse, the irrepressible expression of regret, "whisky and bad company brought me here."

How often has the world heard that story—the truth of which is only equalled by the horror and terror of its significance.

From the same cause will ever come the same results. Evil and impure association will as surely poison the soul and blunt the better nature and pervert the moral sense as breathing foul and fetid air will breed disease.

It is not a matter of imagination or metaphor, but the operation of a law as unerring and inexorable as fate.

"Whisky and bad company" have peopled prisons, have furnished victims for the gallows and filled hell with lost souls.

If the delicate tissues of the body be saturated with that which "steals away the brains" and the mind be fed with evil thoughts, here can be but one result, and

that debasement, degradation and death.

"Whisky and bad company." What woeful fateful words. They have echoed in many a death cell—have fallen from lips of many a remorseful criminal on the gallows, have smitten like the knell of doom on many a mother's ears, have crushed out hope from many a bleeding heart, and rung in awful cadence through the rayless realms of the damned.—Houston Chronicle.

Come to Sweetwater.

If you have produce to sell, you will find this to be the best market in the west. And when there is a market for your cotton, you will find our buyers squarely in the lead with prices.

If you need dry goods, groceries, hardware, furniture or any sort of standard merchandise, you can find them here, as well correct prices on them. Being centrally located and having the railroad facilities that this town has, naturally you would expect to find larger stocks of goods than elsewhere, and in this respect you will not be disappointed. The big special sales that are now in progress here should be a special inducement for people miles away to come.

Notice to the Public.

The Union Warehouse in Sweetwater is now open to the public whether members of the Union or not. The price for storage and insurance is 50 cents per month per bale. The business is managed by a cotton grader who holds a certificate from a well known grading school. Your Patronage solicited.

R. L. WATT,

Secretary Board of Directors.

Rev. W. A. Moffitt returned Monday night from San Antonio where he attended the Baptist State Convention. He reports a great convention with several thousand in attendance. The financial report showed \$361,639.36 raised for various causes fostered by the convention.

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Declines to Accept the Challenge.

Nashville, Sep. 9, 1907.

Mr. W. T. Hightower, Sweetwater, Texas.

My dear Sir: I have yours conveying the challenge of Mr. James K. Polk Harris to engage in a fiddling duel with him, for the benefit of Walthall Camp No. 2, U. C. V., which I hereby accept with conditions following. It grieves me sorely to be thus compelled to vanquish a man who bears two such distinguished Tennessee names, but if Walthall Camp will guarantee his funeral expenses I'll do the rest.

Conditions: Contestants shall play the same tune 48 hours without ceasing, left-handed, no refreshments, the player to sit astraddle a rail fence and his opponent to stand on his head in the fence-corner.

Item: Swap hands without losing a note.

Item: Rosin the bow on the wing.

Item: Barbed wire strings barred.

Item: One screech loses contest; two loses his life.

Item: No dodging when audience begins to shoot.

I note with much trepidation what you say about the great fiddling abilities of my opponent, and it is fair for him to know that I also have record. It was a contest of endurance with Jim Jeffries, he punching a balloon while I played "Sweet Lasses in a Tin Plate," wherein fourteen ladies fainted and a wooden Indian dropped dead. Ole Bull was always afraid to come to Tennessee. He heard that I could fasten the fiddle on my back and play "Sugar in the Gourd" and play the accompaniment on a harpsichord with my toes while I warbled:

"Sugar in the gourd and I couldn't get it out."

And I had to roll the gourd about to get the sugar out, and I hollered all aboard, and the fiddle fairly roared.

While I played a little tune called "Sugar in the Gourd."

I am not particular about the date—any time after my fourth term in the Senate expires. I would resign and come earlier but I am trying a new hair restorer which might sour in your climate.

Thanking you very much and awaiting your acceptance, I am
Melodiously yours,
ROBT L. TAYLOR.

The Texas Republic has charged the present financial panic, so far as it concerns Texas, to Governor Campbell and his administration. The claim is set forth that in that paper that because of the communistic policies of Campbell and the agrarian enactments of the 30th legislature the money has been driven from the state. The editor's reasoning is too weak for serious consideration. With so much money driven out of Texas into other states should make good times in such states. But all have suffered alike, except that Texas is coming through in better shape than any of the other states.

It has been suggested that a law should be passed making it a violation for ministers to eat any other chickens except roosters on account of the great scarcity of layers.

The great demand for ice has given way to a greater demand for wood.

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IMPORTANCE OF A DECISION.

In the Sunday school lesson for last Sunday, among other important truths brought out, was the one treating of a decision. The ever faithful leader, Joshua, had been refreshing the minds of the people about the many good things their God had done for them and pleading with them to return to a pure service to Him. Then it is that he calls upon the people to make the all important decision of whom they would serve. This question comes up squarely to every individual today, and it should be met bravely.

Not only does it apply to a strictly spiritual sense, but the importance of a decision is apparent in every phase of life. The young person who does not decide early in life as to the kind of a life he or she will live, is pretty certain not to realize very great success. The all important decision must be made, and when this question is firmly settled success is easy.

History doesn't record an instance where any man really accomplished much without making determination to succeed. But invariably they very early in life determined that they would strive to a high ideal in life. There are too many things that will hinder and side track the young person without a lofty ideal. Such an ideal serves as a star guiding them to ascend the ladder of real success.

At the Oprea House.

On Friday eve, the 22nd of November, there will be a very interesting farce comedy given by the oratory class of Miss Jackson, teaching in the high school, assisted by others. The play will last 150 minutes and contains 150 laughs. The performers will be well drilled for their parts and will no doubt give a first class entertainment.

Go out and enjoy a pleasant evening, thereby encouraging home talent, the young folks and Miss Jackson in this undertaking.

Only a girl, innocent and thoughtless, tripping along to school; only a girl with a smile, a dimple and a golden curl waving in the sunshine; only a girl, young, free and inexperienced, yet, her mission in life is one of stupendous importance. Some day she must rule an American home; some day she must wield an influence for good or bad, over a flock of her own. How important then that she receives the right kind of training, Mothers, how careful you should be with them; how easily the plans of the great Creator, for their usefulness and happiness can be destroyed.

The liquor men of San Antonio are rejoicing over a recent acquittal of a saloon man charged with Sunday selling. They consider it a test case and propose to keep their doors wide open. The saloon men of this city are doing more for the cause of prohibition than most any other agency. They are building the scaffold that will be the means of destroying their own business. The liquor men of San Antonio need to feel the stern hand of the law upheld by fearless officers and an outraged citizenship.

The Board of Trade at Hermleigh are making an effort to have the pool hall removed from that town.

SCHOOL NOTS.

The public schools of this city are making splendid progress. There have been enrolled so far in all the grades four hundred and thirty. Probably very few more will enter, at least before Christmas.

All the rooms are doing splendidly considering that the seating capacity of the school is far too meagre to accommodate all the children comfortably. Pupils have been compelled in some instances to share teacher's desk, so crowded are some of the rooms. Indeed there was such an overflow in the lower grades that part of the high school had to be sent up to the auditorium, while a new teacher, Miss Jessie George, took charge of the overflow in the room thus left. Miss George has been teaching the fourth grade for a month, and has become very popular, not only with her pupils but with the townspeople.

But in spite of their crowded condition, the rooms are made cheerful with numerous plants and flowers. Pictures, too, when not provided by the teacher, have been purchased by the pupils, until now good copies of the finest works of art adorn all the walls. The interest that the boys and girls have all taken in the decoration of their rooms is highly gratifying.

The primary pupils have been especially unfortunate this year. They have had no less than four teachers in half as many months. This has been very hard on the children and all concerned; but they have now in Miss Wyrta McPhail, a very efficient teacher who from present prospects will remain throughout the entire year.

The Mothers' Club has had two very interesting and instructive meetings. It is possible for this club to be of much benefit to both mothers and teachers in their great work. It is much to be regretted that few mothers seem to take an interest in it. For this club, meeting only once a month, to have a maximum attendance of fifteen, and that in as large a town as Sweetwater, speaks very poorly for the interest the women of the place take in the education of their children. A greater membership would insure better and more interesting discussion of the program, a feature of the meetings so far rather limited.

The pupils have found many things outside of books to interest them this year. Perhaps the most popular is athletics. Through the kindness of the Mothers' Club the girls have been provided with two basket ball sets. Some of the boys gallantly measured off and lined the courts, and since then the basket ball grounds have rivaled in popularity the girls' baseball diamond.

The tenth and eleventh grade teams are practicing for a match game which will probably occur on Saturday next. The other two high school grades will have a match game as soon as possible, the winners in these two games to play for the class championship. From all four class teams will be chosen the members of the high school team. It is hoped some games with other high schools may be arranged for.

The boys have some foot ball games planned, and consequently their practice has been constant. They are very anxious to get the new look off their suits, which have but lately arrived, before they meet another team; hence, any evening you may see the whole crowd in their hope-



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lessly new-looking attire wallowing in the dirt behind the school house, in vain attempts to get the air of veterans. But there is some good work going to be done by that team.

The latest enterprise in the athletic line is the setting on foot of a tennis club. This club, composed of the teachers and pupils, is limited to sixteen members. Two courts have been laid out and cleaned off, backstops are in the course of erection, and the expectant members hope in a few days to be chasing the little white balls. They are praying for the weather to be fine for a few days after they get to playing. The cost of fixing up the tennis courts has been considerable, and the club has seriously considered asking the school board for the help which is its right, but has decided to "stick it out."

The Adelphian Literary Society has been reorganized with a strong set of officers, and a generous program committee. While the work of the society leaves plenty of room for improvement, the members enjoy their Friday evenings very much. The society has interested itself in many things. It has, for instance, taken a sort of general oversight of athletics; but it has done a more distinctively literary work, therefore, one more worthy of a literary society. It has begun the issuing of a monthly magazine, called the Adelphian. One number of this magazine has appeared. It is a highly creditable number, considering that it is the first attempt at anything of the kind in this comparatively young high school. It is hoped that all parents and alumni will subscribe for the Adelphian, and thereby help out the staff and keep themselves in touch with all that is going on in their children's school. This magazine should be in the hands of every parent and pupil.

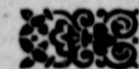
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THE CITY ELECTION

The city election held here last Tuesday to elect an alderman to succeed W. A. Perry, who recently resigned and moved to Sweetwater, was a very tame affair. There were only 83 votes polled and J. P. Wilkinson received the entire number and as soon as he can be installed he will become one of our city officials.—Miles Messenger.

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For the weeks past the stringency of money has been the topic of conversation; the foremost thought in every mind.

A Run On Every Bank In the State.

Has been prevented by the adoption of a rule limiting the withdrawal of funds. **Many of us are howling, kicking & cussing** at our Banks, but they have saved the state from bankruptcy. If a run is what you want, here goes.

A Ten Days Run On The Star Store

Ten days full of just what you want at what you want to pay. Never could people of Sweetwater and Nolan County step into a store so full and complete in every detail; never hear a customer say, "I don't like the quality, or the price is too high," as now at our store.

Did You Read Our big Four Page Ad in the Reporter?

Did you see our big circular? If not, you haven't heard anything about prices

MANY PEOPLE ARE FROM MISSOURI: WE ARE HERE WITH THE GOODS

SWEETWATER LYCEUM ASSOCIATION.

It is a fair question to ask, "Why should Sweetwater have a Lyceum course?" First: "The best is none too good for Sweetwater." Towns like Stanton, smaller than this city, have courses that not only bring money into the pockets of their citizens, but are educating, and uplifting young and old. A city is judged by its churches and schools. Whenever a high school in any city has no graduating class it is high time that fathers and mothers look for the error, and insist that their sons and daughters at least complete a common school education. Of the great lives of our nation, the large majority were college bred men, trained to think along the lines of the great classics, thus sent out into the world equipped to fight the battle of righteousness along whatsoever lines their talents led them into. But say you, "What has all of this to do with a Lyceum course? A well chosen course causes men and women to think. They will hear things that will send them home to reflect upon their responsibilities, and the future with their children. Even the boys and girls will catch an uplift from the words of inspiration that fall from the lips of such men as Varden or Landrum—men who have fought their way up the ladder of success. Think! What are you making of your life? Do you desire to go thru life, being entertained, or do you desire that you wrestle with the great problems of life, doing your own thinking and acting for yourself in these mighty questions that confront all sometime, as we pass along the highway of time.

It has been said, "Sweetwater is a mighty good show town?" Do you know what that means? It means that the people of Sweetwater have plenty of money for the tent shows that go up and down the land like vampires, sapping not only the hard earned cash from the people, but also from the merchants, and what is still far more worse than all of that: giving to those that attend that which does not uplift and compel for higher thought, but

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and every purchaser. Absolutely no merchant in Texas ever made such low prices as are here quoted. The efforts of all other sales will pale into insignificance when compared with these marvelous of money saving values on high grade merchandise. Why pay \$8 or \$10 when we will give you the same Goods for \$5.

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Wednesday Nov. 13, 8:30 A. M.

THE BIG SALE BEGINS

The Biggest Sale Ever Seen in this Part of the Country. No Such Reductions Ever Known in West Texas

<p>Men's Clothing.</p> <p>Regular \$7.50 and \$8.50 single-breasted suits, grays and tweeds, must be sold \$4.98</p> <p>Single and double-breasted, best makes, and best colors and styles worth \$10 and 12.50, must be sold, price \$6.98</p> <p>EXTRA suits, worth \$15, \$18 and \$20 Scotch Plaids, Blacks, very highest quality and newest styles—nowhere have they been sold so cheap—but the price goes down. Must be sold \$9.98</p> <p>These prices are sensational, and you positively cannot afford to overlook the opportunity. You will agree with us when you see the goods. All new made for fine trade and the best on the market</p>	<p>Ladies' Shoes.</p> <p>200 pairs Ladies' shoes and Oxfords, small sizes, \$1.50 and \$2.00 values 25c</p> <p>300 pairs Ladies' shoes, worth double the money, in this sale per pair 98c</p> <p>Just a little better, worth \$2 to \$2.50, but they go in this sale \$1.48</p> <p>High quality walking shoes, most of them formerly sold for \$3.50, in this sale \$1.98</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">These Prices Will Move THE Goods So Come Early</p>	<p>Boys Suits and Trousers.</p> <p>A good, substantial pair of Trousers for the boy, a bargain at the regular price, but we cut it 39c</p> <p>The regular 65c and 75c value boys trousers, the price cut in this big sale 48c</p> <p>EXTRA—One lot boys suits, good substantial suits, the prices were double and more, but they go, must be sold \$1.39</p> <p>For the better wear, high grade tweeds and blacks, includes all 3.50 and 4.00 suits, all good styles and at this price will save you money \$2.98</p>	<p>Men's Hats</p> <p>500 sample hats, worth up to 2.50 but we are going to sell them in the big sale 98c</p> <p>Here is a good one! Black and nutra, all staple shapes, sold for double the price, must be sold 1.39</p>
<p>Staples</p> <p>Calicoes, best brands, fast colors, all new and best patterns. Must be sold 5c</p> <p>36-inch Sea Island brown Domestic, worth \$1-3, go in this sale per yard, only 61-2c</p> <p>Extra good Cotton Checks and Plaids, worth more at wholesale, must be sold 5c</p> <p>Good heavy outing, sold elsewhere at \$1-3, must be sold 5c</p> <p>1000 yds A F C Gingham, book fold, worth 15c, must go at 10c</p> <p>Domestics, Sheetings, Gingham will also participate in this enormous carnival of Price Cutting. Best grade of Oil Cloth 17c</p>	<p>Misses' and Childrens Shoes.</p> <p>Best values, black and colors—don't think they are shoddy because of the price—worth 75c, 85c, and \$1, in this sale 39c</p> <p>Good solid leathers, regular staple sellers, \$1 and \$1.50, and they go easy at that price, but in this sale 83c</p> <p>High grade values and the best make, regular price \$1.50, now \$1.21</p> <p>Men's Shoes</p> <p>Solid Calf work shoes, all good leather—the best value for the money ever offered. must be sold, price \$1.39</p> <p>Here is a good one. Lace and Congress, go in this sale \$1.69</p> <p>Just a little better, worth \$2.50 and \$3, must be sold \$1.98</p> <p>All high grade Calf and Patent shoes—everybody sell them for \$5—a Leader here, per pair \$3.98</p>		<p>Men's Underwear</p> <p>Extra fleece lined, best good weight winter undershirt and drawers, in the big sale per garment 41c</p> <p>Heavy derby ribbed, good grade shirts and drawers, for only per garment 39c</p> <p>Good fleeced underwear in colors sold for 50c, must be sold price 21c</p>	<p>Men's Trousers</p> <p>Good casimers, neat patterns, well made for best trade, worth up to 2.50, must be sold \$1.49</p> <p>Neat cheviot and worsteds, stylishly made, best grades, easily worth 2.50 and 3.00, but they must be sold \$1.98</p> <p>EXTRA—Best shapes, stylish and best material, highest class patterns, regular prices 4.00 and 4.50, must be sold \$2.98</p>
			<p>Corsets</p> <p>Warners, "Thompson Glove Fitting," "American Beauty"—in fact, choice of any corset in this big lot—must be sold 25c</p>	
			<p>Dress Goods and Silk</p> <p>We marked them to sell and the entire lot will be about half their former price in this huge climax of price cutting.</p>	
			<p>Blankets and Quilts</p> <p>Good cotton blanket, regular 85c value, must be sold price 59c</p> <p>Real good cotton blanket, ten and eleven quarter sizes, regular price 1.25, must be sold price 89c</p> <p>Extra heavy full size cotton blanket, regular price 1.50 and 1.75, must be sold 98c</p>	

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