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Crowds of Passengers Throng New Station During Holiday Rush

Ticket sales at the Slaton Santa Fe station are unusually heavy and the holiday crowds through the new depot building. The passenger trains are crowded every day and the railroads are taxed to handle the travelers. Slaton now has one of the finest and most commodious ticket office and waiting rooms in West Texas, and the passengers have every accommodation that could be asked for in waiting for train time. The waiting rooms are equipt with steam heat, electric lights and toilets, and they are finished in an attractive way as well as being both roomy and comfortable. The ticket office is nicely arranged and is finished and appointed in the most approved manner for city offices, and O. W. Davis, cashier, can handle a large volume of ticket business. As this is a division point, there are large numbers of travelers who are here changing from one train to another, and the new depot is a welcome adjunct to the Slaton railroad business.

C. L. Griffin, more familiarly known as "Griff, The Prune Peddler," has put aside his credentials as a traveling salesman, says the Avalanche, and he has taken a position with the Buick garage in Lubbock. He will now sell autos instead of groceries.

Messrs. L. M. Miller and J. W. Russell of Cooper, Texas, mention of whom was made in the Slatonite last week as buying land here, remained over last week and bought a section and a half more of Slaton South Plains land.

Demand for Land Breaking Up Large South Plains Ranches

The big ranch of Ellwood & Arnett, consisting of forty-six sections, in the northeast corner of Terry County is another one of the landmark ranges that has to answer to the demand of the farmer for land, and it will soon be put on the market. The Slatonite has been informed that Harry T. McGee will handle the colonizing of the land. This South Plains land has demonstrated that it is too valuable for range purposes, and one by one the cattlemen are selling their land to the farmers. Even the small ranches near Slaton are at last yielding to the pressure and selling to homeseekers. Land worth from \$20 to \$35 is entirely too expensive to run cattle on. One section of grass will support only forty head of cattle, and the calf crop in a favorable year is worth only from \$500 to \$800. Pretty small returns from an investment of about \$15,000, and from this must come the cost of caring for the stock. The same land in the hands of the farmer will support more cattle and will raise valuable crops each year in addition.

Simpson Locates at Ralls

J. L. Simpson, who installed the Southland telephone system and sold it recently to Luther Massengill of that city, has located at Ralls and purchased the Ralls and Lorenzo telephone systems. Mr. Simpson considered the building of an electric light plant in Ralls but has not gone far enough in the deal to take out a franchise. He has many friends in Southland and in Slaton who are glad to know that he and his wife will not leave this part of the South Plains but will locate near enough to shake hands occasionally.

Ed Sims, a Ranchman of Snyder, Shot by His Divorced Wife

Edward C. Sims, a prominent stockman of Snyder, was shot and killed at that place Saturday by his former wife, Mrs. Gladys Sims, and by her brother, Sydney Johnson.

The affray arose from the efforts of Sims to take his children from Mrs. Sims. The couple have been divorced, and the woman lived on her father's ranch. She shot Sims with a pistol and Johnson shot him with a shotgun.

At the examining trial Johnson was released on a bail of \$20,000 and Mrs. Sims was released on a bail of \$8,000.

At the court proceedings, which were heard in Post a few months ago, over the possession of the children there were a large number of witness on both sides, and the sheriff stopped the trial and disarmed both factions. It is reported that about fifty knives and guns were taken off of the litigants and off of their sympathizers. The trial ended with the verdict that the father should have possession of the children part of the year and the mother should have them part of the year. Sims had married again. It was his time to take charge of the children when he was shot, so the report goes, and he drove his automobile beside that of Mrs. Sims and demanded the children, and the shooting followed.

Mrs. Sims' father is president of the First National Bank of Snyder.

Dick Marriott came up from Lake Charles, La., Monday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marriott, at the Santa Fe Reading Room. Mr. Andrew Geauteau, an old friend of Mrs. Marriott's parents, came with Dick to visit and to see the Plains of western Texas. Mr. Geauteau is a rice grower in Louisiana, and he naturally anticipated a country abounding in cattle, cactus, and coyotes. His astonishment at finding a modern, agricultural land where small farms and cotton and grain crops predominate was marked. And especially was he surprised to see a modern town like Slaton with the culture of the world represented by our citizenship.

Bagby & Bean, proprietors of the West Side Barber Shop, installed a complete new outfit of barber shop fixtures of the latest and most attractive models, last week, and will further improve their shop until it takes the lead as one of the best shops on the Plains. The new fixtures are truly very handsome and they added another chair to the shop. Wm. Allison sharpened his razors and has been holding down the third chair.

Bill Greathouse is spending a few days in this city with friends enroute to Vaughn where he will be in the employ of Fred Harvey eating house at that place.—Clovis Journal. Mr. Greathouse had been working in the Slaton Harvey House for several months.

Jim Savage was in Slaton this week from Bells, Texas, on business in connection with his real estate interests here. Mr. Savage purchased an improved farm near Wilson.

W. R. Hampton moved to his home place in Slaton this week from the farm and says that he is home to stay this time.

The Kitten Family Moves From Nebraska to Slaton

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kitten and their two children and Mr. Kitten's mother of Lawrence, Nebraska, arrived in Slaton last Friday to make their home here near Mr. Kitten's sons, Joe and Clem. Leo Kitten also came to Slaton but he drove overland in an automobile with his bride, combining a wedding trip with a change of homes from Nebraska to Texas. Three of Mr. Henry Kitten's children, Lizzie, Mary and William, went to Indiana to visit before coming to Slaton. They will be here in March, and when they arrive the entire family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kitten, including their married sons and daughters, will be located on farms near this city.

The Kittens will form quite a colony of their own here, and the Slatonite is pleased to welcome them to the South Plains of Northwest Texas. The Locomotive, a local newspaper at Lawrence, Neb., says of the removal of these families to Slaton:

"With Mr. Kitten's removal this community loses a most estimable family, one that we all regret to see go away. They have lived here some thirty years and prospered, and now they take up their home in Texas. Our best wishes for their future happiness and prosperity follow them."

Christmas Program at M. E. Church

Program of Christmas Exercises at the Methodist Church on Saturday night, Dec. 23.

Opening song, "Joy to the World."

Scripture Reading and Prayer by Pastor.

Song, Primary Class.

Christmas Arcostics, Cradle Roll.

Reading, "To Santa Claus," Edwin Smith.

Song by Juniors.

Christmas Dolls, Primary Class.

Reading, "At Christmas Time," Edda Belle Benton.

Reading, "Poor Papa," Bennett Smith.

Song by Choir.

Christmas Offering—Children from other lands.

Reading, "When Santa Was Ill," Frances Hoffman.

Reading, Exia Smith.

Play, "Mr. St. Nicholas," Mrs. Joe Smith's class of boys.

Reading, Ruth Smith.

Piano Solo, Josephine McHugh.

Reading, Vera Green.

Song by Choir.

Reading, Noel Loomis.

Closing Song.

Distribution of Presents.

There are hundreds of strangers on the streets of Slaton every week and so many purchases of real estate that the Slatonite makes no effort to keep up with this class of news, and cannot record them except when some person remembers the Slatonite and informs us. Automobiles are getting so numerous that a buggy is a curiosity. Many new residences are being constructed in town, and the improvement work and building on the farms is almost beyond comprehension. It is truly a busy and a rapidly developing and growing Slaton and Slaton country this fall.

District Court at Lubbock has been taking a recess while Judge W. R. Spencer has been in Washington, D. C., for several days in the interests of Lubbock and the proposed Federal court, states the Avalanche.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roland on Dec. 12.



We Sincerely Extend to Our Many Friends and Patrons Our Heartiest Wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MRS. J. P. ROBERTSON
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Ladies Department No. 2, Southland

Conflagration Danger In Business District

It is so easy for people to become negligent and violate the insurance laws that it is not surprising that some people are unable to collect their insurance in case of a fire. Did you know that violations of the key rate of insurance made after the rate is fixed and the policy paid would affect your insurance? Keep the boxes and trash away from your building and see that your neighbor does the same. A lot of boxes piled against or near a building is one of the greatest dangers to a building. Just a little watchfulness and care will save hundreds of dollars to the people of a town every year in lower insurance rates.

J. W. Richey is now justice of the peace of Precinct No. 2, and all lawsuits over the possession of a cow or a hog will hereafter be tried by Judge Richey. L. P. Loomis as mayor will still distribute fines in such cases of law violations as are brought before the city court.

There are dozens of cars being purchased by Slaton folks this fall. The farmers are all buying automobiles, and those in town who can raise the dinero are riding instead of walking.

Watch Your Taxes Closely

Remember that if the taxes are not paid on your lot or lands, some day you will face a foreclosure suit for the collection of taxes, and the little tax that amounted to fifty cents will probably be \$15. Check over your receipts and see that your taxes are paid for all years, and when you have done that see that your friend's taxes are paid. Remember that taxes on a lot have to be paid to the city collector at Slaton for city taxes, to the school district collector for district taxes, and to the sheriff of the county for county and state taxes. In Slaton this year city and school taxes are collected by one man, E. A. Baldwin, at Slaton, and the county and state taxes are payable to W. H. Flynn at Lubbock.

Mr. Hollingsworth, proprietor of a new drug store that will soon open in the Robertson Block, announces that he has purchased the fixtures and will install them on the first of the year, and will soon have the stock on the shelves and the store open to the trade.

J. E. Hill of the Houston Lumber Company of Amarillo was in Slaton the first of the week on business in connection with the Slaton yard, and was visiting J. W. Hood, the local manager.

Many shipments of suitable and durable merchandise for Holiday Gifts arriving every day. Tell us your Christmas wants.

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For the Accommodation of the Holiday Shoppers Our Store Will Remain Open Until 10 p. m. for the Next 10 Days

The Slaton State Bank

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We are in a position to render a service you will appreciate; standing ready at all times to care for your needs; it matters not how small nor large your account may be, we guarantee to handle it satisfactorily.

Our own customers know the nature and quality of the service rendered by this Bank and we believe that we could number many more customers on the same satisfactory basis, and would be glad to have you call.

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Six Nights a Week

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SOUTHLAND NEWS

BY "BUD"

G. E. Jones is on the sick list. Mrs. G. E. Jones is visiting her husband and son.

We are experiencing some real Plains winter weather.

J. Hammons is in Big Springs this week on business.

Grandpa Robertson is building a new residence. We need more residence houses.

Mr. Hilliard has a very sick baby, but the little one is improving at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Capps have been visiting relatives in Vernon, Texas, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnston are rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl at their home.

Profs. Horn of Pleasant Valley and Meadows of Hackberry were visitors in our town Saturday.

The Presbyterian and Baptist churches are under construction, and both will be ready for services in a few weeks.

J. C. Walker of Shelby County was in our town last week. He is going to construct two residences on his lots here.

J. L. Simpson has sold his telephone exchange to Luther Massingil. We regret very much to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Simpson will leave our city as they are pioneer citizens of Southland.

A program was rendered last Friday afternoon by the Literary Society. We are glad to see this work organized and hope that the parents will lend a helping hand. We often wonder why some boys or girls take such a delight in school work while others manifest so little interest for it. Let us visit the homes of two such boys of the same age in

quest for a reason. In the first home we find a boy with an active and inquiring mind. He asks scores of questions, the natural food to an active, growing mind, some the result of his days school work, some prompted by his father's and mother's discussion or reading, others the result of his day's observations in the home or on his way to and from school. We admire his interest and alertness. We say to ourselves that to begin right is to continue right. Instinctively we think of the successful professional and business men whom we know as having been just such boys, retaining all of these years the habits and traits of early boyhood. In the second home we find a boy who manifests no interests in his school work. He does not observe; he does not ask questions; he is not wide awake; he does not think or reason; he has a mind, but it is not hungry for knowledge; he prefers idleness to activity. Inquiry reveals the fact that his teachers have stimulated him to think; to observe and do for him self, but he fails to respond because his first efforts along that line have met with no encouragement from father and mother, who felt that their whole duty was done when Johnnie was sent off to school, forgetting that he needs their encouragement, and above all their interest in his work. The teacher's best efforts will fail unless the home influence is right.

THAT good long leaf yellow pine lumber will make a house that will stand and hold its shape for a life time. Talk it over with the A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

Ad day is Tuesday.

Two Interesting Social Receptions

Despite the fact that Thursday, Dec. 7th, was one among the most disagreeable days of the year and notwithstanding the rush which is generally on for a few days before the holiday season, there were two of the most enjoyable social events of the year given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Butler.

In the afternoon the Home Economic and Civic Improvement Club met and omitted the regular lesson and routine work, turning the meeting into one of entire sociability, during which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Margaret Ochse, after which the members were loathe to leave the cozy warmth and welcome within to go forth into a snow storm.

The club will meet with Mrs. Proctor, Dec 21. The program on leather and ink will be given.

In the evening the young people were given a progressive forty two party.

Score cards were beautiful these being in Christmas colors of red and green as also were the decorations. Delicious luncheon of sandwiches, fruit cake, and coffee were served to the following guests:

Misses Vinny Johnson, Ressie Roundtree, Polly Smith, Pearl Duncomb, Edna Twaddle, Willie Brazell, Allene Henry, Polk, Vaughn, Cloud and Mrs. W. Mc Mullen. Messrs. Pool Robertson, Bobo, Opal Woodward, John Foster, Louis Marvis, Osborne Sadoier, Diamond, McGee, Arthur Green, York.

Slaton Grove Elects Officers

Slaton Grove No. 1320 Woodmen Circle met Thursday the 7th and had the regular election of officers for the year 1917. Following is a list of officers. We are proud to have these Sovereigns fill our offices, and feel that they will work for the good of the order.

Past Guardian, Sov. Conway; Guardian, Sov. Hannan; Adviser, Sov. Wilkins; Clerk, Sov. Wade; Banker, Sov. Mc Nerling; Attendant, Sov. Geer; Asst. Attendant, Sov. Prince; Chaplain, Sov. Hanley; Physician, Sov. Adams; Inner Sentinel, Sov. Austin; Outer Sentinel, Sov. Weaver; Managers, Sovs. Johnson, Hoffman and Stottlemire; Musician, Sov. Reynolds; Asst. Musician, Sov. Liggett.

We are glad to report that our Grove is still growing all the time. We are continually adding new members to our band of workers. We have several to be initiated at our next regular meeting. Reported.

The Unread Law of the Land

There are some who say that the "higher education" has gone too far, but I want to tell you that the Yankee is a far seeing man. He has observed the hordes of laborers pouring in from Europe, men who can sleep anywhere and dine on an onion and a chunk of bread, and he has been unwilling to enter his sons in that sort of competition, and so he has sent them to college. Scientific farming began to pay.

I know a farmer whose income would excite the envy of high finance. He said to me: "Don't be afraid of education; the land will soak up all we can get and yell for more." If I knew half the secrets in ten acres of land I believe I could make my fortune off them in five years. We have sent the smart boys to the city, and we have kept the fools on the farm. We have put everything on the farm but brains. Anybody can learn Blackstone and Greenleaf, but the book of law that is writ in the soil is only for keen eyes. We want our young men to know that it is more dignified to search for the secrets of God in the land than to grope for the secrets of Satan in a lawsuit.—Irving Bacheller.

RECOVERS OIL AND GREASE

English Invention, It is Claimed, Will Save Ninety Per cent of the Material Used.

An apparatus has been in use by an English railroad company by which it is claimed that 90 per cent of the oil and grease held in the pores and on the surfaces of waste, rags, and wipers used in keeping machinery clean is recovered. The arrangement is a skillful adaptation of the steam-turbine and the centrifugal, or hydro-extractor, as it is sometimes called. The centrifugal consists of an outer containing fixed cylinder, and an inner perforated cylinder, which is made to revolve at a high speed. The material to be dried is placed in the perforated cylinder, and when the latter is revolved the material to be dried is carried by centrifugal force against the perforated wall of the cylinder, and fluid which it contains being carried through the perforations into the outer containing cylinder, from which it is drawn off. In the apparatus under consideration the oily rags, etc., are placed in the revolving cylinder, which is driven by a small steam turbine, the exhaust from which is led into the revolving cylinder of the centrifugal, where it melts the grease, loosens the oil, and helps them to free themselves from the cloths. The waste wipers are also recovered, either directly after treatment in the centrifugal or where the cloths are dirty as well as oily, after subsequent washing by ordinary laundry machinery. Where clean oil is used only, the waste is ready for service directly its oil has been squeezed out.

Engine Treated Master Kindly.

A yard engineer at Van Wert, O., left the cab of the locomotive, while waiting on a siding, laid down along the track with his head on the rail and went to sleep. A leaky valve permitted the engine to move three feet. The wheel pushed his head aside but ruined the cap he was wearing.

Natural Expectation.

"Where's your aeroplane, Mr. Smith? I looked out in the front street and in our backyard, but I couldn't see none."

"Why, I have no aeroplane, my boy. What made you think I had?"

"Didn't you tell pa you came here to see him on a flying visit?"

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

SANTA FE.

California and Gulf Coast Trains. Limited, daily.
No. 921 (west bound) from Galveston arrives in Slaton at 4.25 a. m. Departs for all points west to California 4.35 a. m.
No. 922 (south bound) from California arrives in Slaton at 12.10 p. m. Departs for central Texas and Galveston 12.35 p. m.
Slaton-Amarillo Trains, Eastern and Northern Points, daily.
No. 903 leaves Slaton for Amarillo at 6.40 a. m.
No. 904 from Amarillo arrives in Slaton at 11.55 a. m.
Slaton-Lamesa Local, Daily Except Sunday.
No. 908 from Lamesa arrives in Slaton at 11.15 a. m.
No. 907 departs from Slaton for Lamesa at 2.00 p. m.



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to your satisfaction is the kind of work you can expect at our shop.

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We are always glad to have questions put to us regarding our standing, influence and character in the community. We can point with pride to the fact that the sharpest, wisest and most prominent business men in the neighborhood are satisfied to carry accounts with us permanently.



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Big Shipment of Holiday Goods at Howerton's LOOK AT SANTA'S GIFTS HERE

Nice Assortment of Pillows and Attractive Home Novelties

Our Popular Columbia Phonographs and Records make choice Holiday Gifts

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CLASSIFIED LOCALS

1917 MODEL FORD, run three days, gives perfect service, for sale, immediate delivery. Call at Slatonite office.

FOR SALE—Lot and small house, close in. Apply to Zuma Jenkins, City.

FOR SALE—Stove range, almost new, and a few other things.—Zuma Jenkins.

GRUBS FOR SALE—\$3.00 per load or \$5.00 per load cut into stovewood. Delivered.—B. F. Gerdis.

GOOD GENTLE work horse for sale, also good Spaulding buggy and harness. Very reasonable price.—G. L. Sledge.

FOR SALE.—A scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College. We can save you money on a business course.—Slatonite office.

MRS. M. F. DAVIS of Mineral Wells, Texas, will locate in Slaton and open an up-to-date Millinery Department at the Robertson dry goods store on February 1.

WANT TO CORRESPOND with owner who has land to colonize. Please state where land is located, topography, soil and all particulars first letter.—SIDNEY SISSON, Maurice, Iowa.

PLANNING to build? Call and ask for one of our big books of house plans. They will help you.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

LOTS FOR SALE.—I have 48 lots in West Lawn Addition to Slaton to sell at \$30 per lot, one-half cash and the balance due in twelve months at 8 per cent. Approved abstract title.—J. F. Berry.

FOR SALE.—For next 30 days 160 acres of good land. About 130 acres in cultivation. Place well improved. Four miles west of Slaton, near Posey. \$40 per acre. Can give possession at once. For particulars apply to Wm. Klattenhoff, Hutto, Texas.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bolanger of Wilson on Dec. 19.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who live eight miles west of Slaton, on Dec. 18.

J. J. Grundy of Bells, Texas, is in Slaton this week with other Grayson County citizens, prospecting.

Lois Lively, now with the Grand Leader at Post, was in Slaton Monday shaking hands with friends.

TIME to lay in a good supply of coal for the winter. We have the coal that gives best satisfaction.—A. C. Houston Lumber Company.

T. M. Harris took his wife to Sweetwater Monday to place her in a sanitarium. She has been suffering severely with rheumatism.

Mrs. H. H. Robinson is in Brownwood, Texas, this week at the bedside of her mother who is seriously ill. Mrs. Robinson's mother is 87 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Knight are the happy parents of a daughter born to them at midnight between Wednesday and Thursday. W. T. had his order in for a boy, but he calls the little one Mary. The daughter was born on her mother's birthday.

Mr. F. C. Kitten of Ferdinand, Ind., has purchased two hundred acres more of land in this community. He was here a few weeks ago and purchased a quarter section of land, and was so well pleased with the investment that he now has made a second purchase. His land is in Section 55, four miles west of Slaton.

Slaton grows every day. R. J. Murray is in San Antonio this week on a business trip.

The Cleveland sheep ranch shipped a car of 116 lambs to market Saturday.

W. J. Young returned home Monday from an extended visit in Lamar County.

C. W. Olive went to Bells, Texas, the first of the week to spend the holidays.

Col. L. A. H. Smith went to Cleburne last Thursday to visit at the home of a son during the holidays.

Mrs. R. J. Murray returned home Sunday from a visit with friends at her former home at Bells, Texas.

W. T. Knight sold his Ford to Chas. Logan of Wilson and then purchased the new car belonging to Dr. G. H. Branham.

E. R. McConnell of the Howerton store at Lamesa is in Slaton to help out with the Howerton store during the holidays.

Mrs. J. P. REYNOLDS Music Class at residence opposite school house. Two lessons weekly. Tuition \$4 per month.

P. H. Whalen is back at work for the Santa Fe. He has charge of the heating plant system at Harvey House and station buildings.

Mrs. Julia E. Murray of Kansas City, Mo., arrived in Slaton Sunday to spend the winter with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Murray.

Mrs. P. H. Whalen is adding several rooms to her residence property just east of the Square. She purchased the property recently from Hugh Moore.

Harry T. McGee sold last week off of the 175,000 acres of Santa Fe land recently purchased in Terry and Gaines Counties his first farm to a homeseeker.

W. L. Norman is recovering from his injuries received several days ago while switching with his train, but it will be sometime before he can return to work.

L. B. Olive left Slaton Saturday for his home at Bells, Texas, after spending several days here on a business trip and visiting his sons, W. E. and C. W. Olive. Mr. Olive sold his farm west of Slaton to J. G. Harper.

The small son of Mrs. T. C. Rutherford who went from Slaton to the Odd Fellows home at Corsicana, Texas, several weeks ago died on Nov. 30th, and he was buried at the Home. Mrs. Rutherford and her two daughters are in the Home.

Wm. Klattenhoff and Henry Somner, both Slatonite subscribers of Taylor, Texas, were in Slaton several days during the past week looking after their real estate interests in this vicinity, and visiting Mr. Klattenhoff's brother, M. F. Klattenhoff.

Dr. G. H. Branham returned home Sunday from a business trip to Oklahoma. The doctor sold his Ford before he left to W. T. Knight, but when he reached Amarillo on the way home he met another gentleman who had just purchased and wanted a bigger car, so Doc came on home with a Ford.

W. E. Olive sold his interest in the Movie Theater last week to G. W. Guinn, and Will Guinn will have charge of the show house for several weeks while he is gaining strength from the effects of the recent operation for the relief of appendicitis. The Movie will continue its high class entertainments and will give the patrons the best of service.

Delicacies for the Holidays

You will want the choicest of Grocery Delicacies for the Holidays and we are prepared fill your orders. Call on our stock to fill the pantry shelves for Yuletide Festivities.



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No modern kitchen is complete without one of our style ranges.

In Price, Service and Economy we give you the best in a range.

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I will pay cash

For anything that you have for sale in the way of second hand furniture, stoves, wagons, hacks, harness, junk, hides and furs.

Highest Prices Paid for Poultry and Eggs

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The **Independent Meat Market**

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FRESH MEATS OF ALL KINDS

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Physician and Surgeon
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Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas

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It isn't always that cotton will sell for twenty cents a pound, and it isn't every year that old nature furnishes crops that will each year pay for the land that they are raised on. In the un favorable years the best friend that the farmer can have is Old

Bossy. When every other thing goes wrong the dairy department on the farm will keep on turning in cream checks every week and will pay the family grocery bill. If every Slaton farm had from six to ten good dairy cows this section would be the most prosperous in the state, and the crops that are raised would indeed be cream to the farmer's labors for the year.

The election returns from the counties of Dawson, Haskell, Farmer, Collingsworth and Van Zandt had not been reported to the secretary of state Saturday. Wonder if they have heard that Wilson was re elected.

IT TAKES GOOD TOWNS TO DEVELOP THE PLAINS

The Lockney Beacon recently printed an article on the subject, "Time Has Arrived to Get Together," that would be well to be printed as a motto and placed on the desk of every business man on the South Plains who has the future of his own town at heart and also has the future development of this grand Plains commonwealth in mind. The article had reference to the two towns of Lockney and Floydada, which places have endeavored to keep industries away from each other instead of co operating for the development of Floyd County.

The same conditions are prevalent in every county on the Plains. Towns built in the old days were thirty and forty miles apart, and the rural population was so small that even those distances made the towns rivals for trade. The old towns followed the speculation mirage and were built on the Mining Camp Rush idea. The pioneers over looked the one big opportunity of the Plains, and that opportunity was that the tilling of the soil would bring agricultural prosperity, and this prosperity would make cities of the towns. And with the rural development would come also other towns.

And with the development that is coming with the working out of the bigger ideas—the tilling of the soil—some towns cannot get above the petty idea that in order for them to grow they must keep some other town back.

When Slaton came on the map five years ago Lubbock (sixteen miles away as the crow flies) couldn't accept the idea that there was room enough in this vicinity for a town; and yet we have a live, prosperous growing town of about eighteen hundred people. And Lubbock has continued to grow. And also in the last two years several smaller towns have come into existence and are prosperous and growing. There are Southland, Wilson, Lorenzo and Abernathy, four small towns, and Slaton and Lubbock, two large towns—both of which have good prospects of building into the city class some day,—all these good places in a section that five years ago supported just one ordinary western town. And in the next few years additional towns will come, in the west side of Lubbock County.

The old days of wide room and range for every man and every town has passed, and with their passing have come the farmers who not only demand but establish their trading places which will grow into towns. So the new era of things must be accepted whether it is agreeable to all or not. And as the new towns come into existence their very growth adds to the wealth and resources and industry of the Plains and indirectly helps every other town. And Plains towns, when they grow large enough to accept this new order, will get over the narrow, selfish view and work together for the growth of the whole country.

The really big things that come to any county are not dependent solely on the business of one town, so it takes co operation to bring them.

THE KNOCKER

After God had finished making the rattle snake, the toad and the Vampire, he had some awful substance left of which he made a Knocker. A knocker is a two-legged animal with a cork screw soul, a water sogged brain, and a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where other men have their hearts he carries a tumor of decayed principles.

When the knocker comes down the street honest men turn their backs, the Angels weep in Heaven, and the Devil shuts the gate of Hell to keep him out; therefore, don't be a knocker!

You can't saw wood with a hammer, boys; be a booster.—Author Unknown.

The name of Alice Brown has been sent to the Senate for post mistress at Ralis.

Notice! All Stores Will Be Closed Monday

The merchants of Slaton have all agreed to close their stores on Christmas day, Monday, Dec. 25th. Remember this and do your Christmas shopping NOW.

Slaton grows every day.

Robert L. Warren of Terrell has announced as a candidate for governor of Texas in 1918.

The Slaton merchants are enjoying a splendid holiday business and many extra clerks have been employed to wait on the gift buying customers.

The rest of Texas may think that the Trinity is nothing but a little muddy draw, but Dallas doesn't. The commercial club of that city is asking an appropriation of only \$13,000,000 more to make a canal out of the Trinity. Dallas should leave her muddy creek out of the Democratic pork barrel.

Several of the West Texas papers in the larger towns vied with each other in putting out a big Christmas edition, and it takes a good sized exchange table to hold some of them. The biggest edition received at the Slaton office was the Snyder Signal, which printed forty four pages of Yuletide cheer. Some paper, we should say, and we congratulate Bros. Chambliss and Hardy on the achievement.

The newspaper talk about the persons in Chicago who are endeavoring to live on a diet costing forty cents per day is all foolish space filling. In these days when groceries are higher in price than they have ever been before, the average family of four to six persons will live well on a grocery account that costs a dollar per day. This would be about fifteen cents per capita. Forty cents a day for six persons would be \$2.40 a day or a grocery bill of \$72 per month. This would be more money than many wage earners who are the providers for large families draw per month in salaries.

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SLATON LOCATION

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.

Advantages and Improvements

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

BUSINESS SECTION AND RESIDENCES BUILT

3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 30 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 700 residences under construction and completed.

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Willis—I see; just like being married.

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in her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Creole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

Awful Wobbles.
Lewis, a minister's son, listened gravely one evening while the minister expressed his views regarding tight skirts to his wife.
The next Sunday morning Lewis tried, by waving his hand and pointing, to attract his father's attention toward two ladies entering the church. His efforts seemed to be in vain, and at last he called:
"Look quick, father, there's two awful wobbles in the aisle."

GOOD ROADS

VALUE OF CONCRETE ROAD

Engineer Compares It With Other Types of Highways and Shows Its Many Advantages.

"A concrete road will tend to pull any community out of the mud and stay out," according to A. N. Johnson, highway engineer, who for a number of years was connected with the office of public roads, United States department of agriculture.

In speaking on the subject of concrete roads, their construction and value to a community, he said:

"Clean, hard, well graded sand and pebbles or crushed stone, mixed with cement and water to form a mass of quaky or jellylike consistency, eventually hardens into stone. When such a mixture is laid so that slabs 16 feet wide by from 30 to 50 feet long are formed, you have a pavement with a durable, non-skid surface making possible higher traffic speed with large loads drawn by fewer horses or less tractive power—a road open to traffic 365 days in the year—briefly, a concrete road.

"Successful concrete road construction requires, first, proper preparation of a foundation or subgrade. This means compacting the soil where the concrete is to be laid and providing drainage so that water will not remain under the concrete slabs. Upon the properly prepared foundation concrete is placed in one or two layers or courses. This means that some concrete roads are built after what is known as the one-course construction.

"The first consists of a relatively rich concrete mixture throughout; the second of a somewhat leaner mixture for a base, with a richer top or wearing course applied before the concrete in the base has commenced to harden. Usually where the slabs forming a concrete road are greater than 16 feet wide, or where the roads must cross low, frequently wet and hence poorly drained spots, re-enforcing in the form of mesh fabric is embedded in the concrete while placing. This assists to prevent the slabs from cracking, either as the result of settlement of the foundation or from the heaving due to frost action.

"High wearing quality of the concrete road results from using properly graded, clean, hard sand and crushed rock or pebbles. These must be combined with cement and water in proper proportions. Cement makes a firm binder. It holds the sand or broken stone so tightly together that modern traffic produces but little wear on the surface and cannot dislodge the particles.

"Concrete roads cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 per mile to build. When built the cost of keeping them in repair, owing to the permanence of concrete, is an average of only \$50 per mile. The enormous annual saving in the maintenance of a concrete road compared with other types is shown by statistics gathered from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey and New York for eight years. These combined statistics show a total average cost per mile of \$608 for maintenance of roads built with material other than concrete, while a concrete road costs only an average of \$50 per mile per year.

"Reduced to an average basis and distributed over a period of 25 years under a \$1,500,000 bond issue, the average cost of a concrete road to a farmer living on land valued at \$20,000 per acre is 8 1/2 cents per acre per year. This estimate is based upon proposed concrete road construction in Vermillion county, Illinois, and Vermillion county has just accepted bids for 141 miles of concrete highway. Distributed over a period of years and equalized among the farmers and taxpayers who are thus enabled to reach their market town 365 days in the year—and more quickly than ever before—with larger loads drawn by fewer horses, the cost of a concrete road is negligible. So a concrete road is relatively cheap because a profitable investment."

MONEY FOR IMPROVED ROADS

Big Taxpayer Is the Man Who Foots the Bill for Every Improvement of Public Nature.

More than \$18,000,000 was paid in fees for the registration of motor-driven vehicles in the United States last year. Ninety per cent of this was spent in the maintenance of old roads and the building of new roads.

Additionally the motorists paid by far the larger proportion of all taxes which were levied for good roads purposes.

As a rule the big taxpayer is an automobile owner and he is the man who foots the bill for every public improvement.—Houston Post.

GOOD ROADS IN NEW JERSEY

Total Mileage at Close of 1914 Placed at 14,817.19 Miles—39 Per Cent Surfaced.

The total road mileage of New Jersey at the close of 1914 was 14,817.19, exclusive of streets in towns. Of this, 5,807.45 miles, or 39.5 per cent, were surfaced. Of the latter, 2,858.82 miles were gravel, 1,806.24 untreated macadam, and 417.63 miles bituminous macadam.



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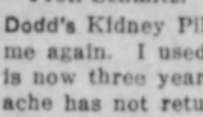


Still, There Are Some.

"Gosh ding!"
"What's the matter, friend?"
"I wish I could find a hotel that was run to suit me."
"It's a difficult matter, friend. This hotel isn't run to suit me, and yet I own it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

THE PROFESSOR'S STATEMENT.

Prof. Aug. F. W. Schmitz, Thomas, Okla., writes: "I was troubled with Backache for about twenty-five years. When told I had Bright's Disease in its last stages, I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. After using two boxes I was somewhat relieved and I stopped the treatment. In the spring of the next year I had another attack. I went for Dodd's Kidney Pills and they relieved me again. I used three boxes. That is now three years ago and my Backache has not returned in its severity, and by using another two boxes a little later on, the pain left altogether and I have had no trouble since. You may use my statement. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills when and wherever I can." Dodd's Kidney Pills, 50c. per box at your dealer or Dodd's Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.



Prof. Schmitz.

Odious Comparison.

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She—But it takes a lot of men to make a league.

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I have been selling Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root for six and one-half years and my customers are always satisfied with the results obtained from the use of the medicine and speak favorably regarding it. I have used it for "pain in the back" and a bottle or two put me in good shape and made me feel fine again. I believe Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root will cure any cases for which it is recommended if they are not of too long standing.
Very truly yours,
FRANK JENKINS, Druggist,
Pilgrim, Texas.
November 11th, 1915.

Customers Speak Favorably
We have been handling Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root for fourteen years and during all that time we never had a dissatisfied user of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root; all of our customers speak very favorably regarding it. We know of cases of Gall Stones, Gravel, Catarrh or Inflammation of Bladder and Rheumatism where it produced the most beneficial results. We believe it is a good medicine for the diseases for which it is intended.
Very truly yours,
McCUNE DRUG CO.,
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November 11th, 1915.

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Tried to Palm on Public Charred Bones of Calf as His Own Body

Plainview, Dec. 14.—Admission that he had placed the bones of a calf within his house, which he then set on fire, in an endeavor to collect \$7,500 insurance, was made today by J. A. Morgan, on trial in the district court in Castro county on a charge of fraud and arson. He was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

When Morgan's house was burned in November, sixty bones found in the ruins were buried as his. Investigation resulted in Morgan's arrest at Sweetwater, Texas.

Was a Collector of Life Insurance

Plainview, Dec. 14.—The state will attempt to prove that J. A. Morgan, who was arrested at Sweetwater, on a charge of arson has a long record for similar

transactions. Morgan and his wife were indicted following the burning of their home near Spring Lake.

It has been brought out, according to reports, that this man is the same Morgan, who on a previous occasion, attempted to defraud other insurance companies. It is alleged that in Fort Worth, Texas, several years ago he insured a healthy woman, who impersonated his wife, for \$20,000, while his wife was at the point of death in a sanitarium suffering with a cancer. His wife later died and an unsuccessful attempt was made to collect this insurance. He married the woman who had had impersonated his wife. Her life was insured by him, it is reported, and some time afterward she was found dead in her bed, a revolver in her hand, the death being pronounced suicide. Morgan was the beneficiary of the policy. The insurance company refused to pay the claim, and suit was filed on the policy. Judge Huff, now Chief Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, of the Seventh Judicial District at Amarillo, Texas, it is alleged, presided in the trial. Developments were such that he took the case from the jury, gave a pre-emptory judgment in favor of the insurance company, and Morgan was indicted by the grand jury, it is reported, and tried for murder, of which charge he was cleared by the jury.

The Morgans have been working for Will Gilbreath, who has a lease on the Wolford farm. Their conduct, outside of the attempt to defraud the insurance companies, as stated, has been such as to command the respect of neighbors, and their employer was one of the last of the people of that community to believe them guilty of any breach of their confidence. Only when it was shown to him, without a question of doubt, that the bones

buried were those of a calf, and that part of them were dry bones and part were green, and the theory that such a small building could completely cremate a human body was shown impossible, would he believe their attempted deception.

Palo Duro Gets Fish Hatchery

As a parting gift to the Panhandle which he has represented in congress for twenty years, Representative John H. Stephens secured the passage of a bill thru the House of Representatives last Saturday for appropriating \$50,000 to establish a fish hatchery in the Palo Duro Canyon. Fish never before seen in the Texas Panhandle will be hatched when the project is in operation.

Unexpected tributes were paid to Mr. Stephens Tuesday, when Representatives Charles Carter of Oklahoma and Phillip Campbell of Kansas, who stated, at the conclusion of debate of the Indian appropriation bill:

"If any man ever belonged to congress to whom the Indians owe a debt of gratitude, that man is Stephens, who has stood at the door of the Indian committee for twenty years with a club ready to assassinate any man who would infringe upon the rights of Indians or misuse their funds. Every person in Oklahoma particularly is obliged to him because they have always received thoughtful consideration at his hands. He has done his duty faithfully and is an honest man."

It was an honor that is given to few congressmen, and the House loudly applauded the compliments.

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