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## A COLD SNAP THAT SNAPPED

After comparatively mild weather all winter the cold spell that started Sunday and lasted until Tuesday was about the worst in five or six years. Thermometers registered at two degrees below Monday morning and at zero Tuesday morning.

The cold spell was a dry one, otherwise stock would have suffered. Another good feature was that the wind was not high.

Several people had ears and fingers frozen during the time, didn't realize how cold it really was until too late to keep their members from freezing.

Texline reported 6 below; Amarillo 8 below; Dalhart 9 below; Fort Worth, 5 above; Wichita Falls, 4 above.

The weather has been as nice as anyone could ask for the last two days, warm and no wind blowing scarcely at all. These nice warm days are certainly appreciated coming directly after a cold spell.

D. D. Billings came up from Kirkland this week to buy up cotton.

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## GOODNIGHT RANCH IS CHARTERED

Austin, Dec. 30.—The Goodnight American Buffalo Company was chartered today with a capital stock of \$500,000. The ranch has 5,528 acres in Armstrong county and among its assets are 100 head of buffalo, 100 of cattle, 75 cattie, 200 Persian sheep, 50 stock hogs, one span mules and one span of horses.

## STEPHEN B. ELKINS PASSED OUT

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Senator Stephens B. Elkins of West Virginia, died at midnight last night after a lingering illness. Only a few of the immediate family were present when the end came.

Death was due to septicaemia. It is believed by his friends that the rumors regarding the marriage of his daughter Katherine and the Duke of Abruzzi hastened the end.

If you owe us anything we must have a settlement by January 15. Johnston Hardware Co.

Be informed by Informer.

## Was Not the Hand of Providence In It?

Referring to the death of Jas. G. Lowden, the convicted banker who died at Fort Worth Dec. 26 coming home on parole from Atlanta to spend the Christmas Holidays with his family when called to dinner by his wife and son he started to rise with a smile on his face and fell back dead.

Otto Steffens and J. G. Lowden were convicted of wrecking the American National Bank of Abilene about 1900. After new trials and appeals to the highest tribunal were made when the case was affirmed by the highest court Otto Steffens died at his home in Abilene that night. It was suspected a case of suicide but if so no proof or evidence to sustain it. But his death occurring on the night after his case was affirmed caused much comment and speculation. I first knew Otto Steffens when I was only a boy some twelve years old about 1876. The first merchant I ever formed the acquaintance of in Texas. He was a large portly red faced German of unusual pleasant address, a close observer and very attentive to all mankind and I at once classed him as my friend because he was kind and attentive to me.

Later on when Otto Steffens became a banker "was often said of him no man ever did more for the struggling pioneers who were fighting for support and home against drought and failure of all kinds subject to the early settlers than he. Those coming to him after they had done all they

could he would smile in his usual way and say "well boys you have done the best you could try again and we'll do the best we can."

Not at all unlikely some who were befriended by him will lines read these lines.

Jas. G. Lowden was considered a very shrewd business man. Whether convicted on a technicality for not following the strict letter of the law from a banking standpoint or not it does not appear that the spirit of the law was violated to a great extent if any. As Steffens was not allowed to enter the prison walls of shame and disgrace but quietly passes away at his home. While Lowden suffered the shame whether guilty or not yet he was permitted to close his eyes for the last time where love and friends of his home could minister to his last wants.

The uneaten dinner which loving hands had not been permitted to prepare for two years I know was appreciated though untasted. We draw the mantle of charity over the scene forgetting the errors of the past, if there has been any, and rejoice that a loving wife and son were permitted the greatest enjoyment their hearts could desire.

J. T. McHAN.

## UNIQUE WARNING

A farmer in Kansas has posted the following notice on his farm: "Notis:—trespassers will B persecuted to the full extent of 2 mungrel dogs which never was over sochibel to strangers and 1 double bri shotgun which ain't loaded with sofey pillers; dam if I ain't gitin' tired of this 'hell raisin' on my farm."

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## A NEW SCHEME TO SELL COTTON

The Memphis Democrat reports a new scheme for selling cotton. The scheme is one that others may profit by if they fail to get top prices for their cotton. Here is the scheme as given by the Democrat:

"As is often the case most of the buyers here are connected with some large business firm. The farmer who is enterprising, when he brings in a large list of cotton, loads on top his wife and several children. These are kept upon the wagon until after the cotton is sold. Then when the ticket is received at a high price he announces that he has decided not to trade any this trip. It is said bringing the wife and children in on a load of cotton has netted farmers as much as half cent per pound. This on about 5 bales of cotton amounts to about \$15, a very handsome pickup for the trouble of taking the family for an outing. It is rather like the fruit raiser putting all the finest apples at the top of the barrel."

## TIME TABLE

North bound	
No. 1.....	7:10 p. m.
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## WICHITA FALLS HAS BIG FIRE LOSS

Wichita Falls, Jan. 4.—Fire today destroyed \$40,000 worth of business property in this city.

It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. It has been learned that S. M. Kennedy, whose jewelry store was burned, received an anonymous threatening letter a few days ago. Two men were observed as they ran from the building early this morning.

## CAMPBELL SLAPS AT HIS SUCCESSOR

Austin, Jan. 4.—It was learned here today that Governor Campbell, in his last message to the legislature, will give a parting shot to Governor Elect Colquitt by recommending that a special appropriation be made for the prosecution of land frauds in West Texas, despite the fact that Colquitt announces that he will strongly oppose such an appropriation, which position brought on a controversy with Attorney General Lightfoot.

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS**  
I will be at Giles Friday, January 6, and in Hedley Saturday, January 7th, with the tax rolls. The office at the county seat will be closed on those days.  
Very respectfully,  
**J. T. PATMAN,**  
Sheriff and Tax Collector.  
I am agent for the Troy Steam Laundry at Amarillo—the best laundry in the Panhandle. Let me have a share of your laundry.  
**E. L. YELTON, the barber.**

**THE HEDLEY INFORMER**  
J. CLAUDE WELLS, Editor and Publisher  
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ADVERTISING RATES FURNISHED ON APPLICATION

An American tells the London police how to break up the troublesome suffragette outbreaks. Cruel, cruel man! He suggests for the police to arm themselves with bags of mice or very small rats and let them loose in case of emergency.

The Childress Post recently installed a lino type machine, and has now bought a large building for its office. The Post is one of the best papers coming to our exchange table and we are glad to see it prospering. It gives us renewed hope.

A learned professor of Cornell says there will be no babies in America after the year 2020. He bases his statement on statistics, and says the only chance of having children here will be to import them from France. If that be true the stork will be out of a job.

Writers say handshaking is going out of fashion. There is no reason why people should paw over each other when they meet, and the fashion deserves to die out. The question naturally arises, what will people do when handshaking goes out of fashion, rub noses?

The cartoon in Friday's Star-Telegram is a good one. It is a picture of Texas arm in arm with a hog. The 1911 resolution they adopt is: "Resolved, that we hereby form a co-partnership to put Col. Poverty clear out of business." A good resolve for all the Panhandle farmers to make and carry out. Hog raising will put money in your pocket.

The airships are not safe yet by any means. Every few days a life is sacrificed to the desire to fly. Last Saturday two daring and skilful aviators lost their lives. One Hoxey at Los Angeles, who made an altitude record there a few days before; the other at New Orleans, Moisant who at one time flew around the Statue of Liberty.

Here is a chance for the man of Nebraska, to dispose of his cats who recently advertised for cats, instead of oats as he intended, and received so many cats. A ranchman in Washington state recently placed an order for 1,000 cats. He has taken up the work on behalf of orchardists and farmers in North Central Washington, who believe they can rid the country of gophers and other ground pests by turning cats loose on the land.

Last year Childress county ginned between 9,000 and 10,000 bales of cotton and this year the total crop will be between 13,000 and 14,000 bales, the biggest crop in the county's history by one or two thousand of bales, all of which brought the highest prices in the history of Texas cotton raising. Considering that last season was one of the dryest for years what may not be expected in a favorable crop year? At this time the crop is practically all gathered and the farmers are now ready to turn their attention to preparations for next year's operations, something almost never known in this part of the state so early before. Why should not a Panhandle farmer rejoice and be glad.—Post.

W. P. Dial has perhaps had the largest cotton crop in Hall county on his farm. He had 700 acres in cotton, and up to date has ginned 354 bales of cotton. This yield is not exceeding large, but for that much acreage is pretty good, considering the price ranging between 14 and 15 cents. We have not heard of a larger crop in this county.—Hall County Herald.

**FIGURE JUMBLING**  
Three like figures occur in the year number 1911, and it will be two hundred years more, in 2111, when three 1s occur again. In 1888 three like figures occurred. And three of a kind will occur in 1999, 2000, then 2022, 2111, and four in 2222. Four of a kind has occurred but once, in 1111.

**NEW YEAR'S REMINISCENCE**  
When but a small boy the writer trotted (because walking was too slow to keep up) three miles to school on New Year's morning 1888 alongside our big brother. He called our attention to the kind of day it was and said "Let us see who can remember it the longest." Wonder if he remembers? There never comes a New Year's that we do not think of that day with pleasure.

**SURELY NOT**  
It is rumored that Jerry Dalton will start a third newspaper in Memphis in the next few weeks. He will perhaps issue his Estelline and Carey papers at the Memphis office as well as a general county paper. If there is anything new that Memphis and her business men need it is another newspaper or two and Jerry Dalton might as well have some of the pie as anyone else. The great reputation of the Upper Red River Valley has gone abroad and we are expecting many good things here in the next few years. Three times already three papers have put the glory of Memphis before the world in the days when the city was much smaller than it is now and three papers can again tell it abroad.—Hall County Herald.

Memphis already has two good papers that seem to be supplying the needs of that city, and there seems to be no kick coming at the way they are extolling the superiority of the Upper Red River Valley.

**PRINTING A NEWSPAPER**  
"If everybody took as much pains and spent as much money to get things accurate as the newspapers do, there would be fewer mistakes and business failures and more light hearts in this old world," says C. D. Hagarty, the Associated Press man who has traveled all over the world getting things accurate for the greatest organization in the world.

And Mr. Hagarty has got it right again. There is an old saying that "when the doctor makes a mistake he buries it and there is a smell of cut flowers and var-

nish; when the lawyers make a mistake, there is one more prisoner for the pen, and when the man who is interviewed makes a mistake, he says the reporter didn't get him right; but when an editor makes a mistake he is a 'liar.'" The editor's mistake is there in black and white to stare at him, and everybody in town points it out and calls his and his friends attention to it.

Reliable newspapers make every effort to confirm their news before they print it and they always send to the proper sources for it. Some people think it funny to give an item incorrectly and they talk about how the paper was fooled. Others, for business reasons deliberately misstate a thing while most solemnly affirming that it is correct and then in public berate a newspaper for "garbling facts." Some make statements just to break into print and then when it looks too bold after it gets there they deny it. Some suppress the facts and refuse to talk entirely, even when rumors of a hundred sorts are in circulation, and then swear and rail when the paper prints what it believes to be as close to the truth as anything else. Many reliable men will hear a thing and tell it to a paper as a fact which, when run down is absolutely different, or wholly unfounded; they have stated it probably in good faith, and if to friends and it proves otherwise, nothing is said; but let the paper print it and have it prove inaccurate, and there is a hallabaloo that reaches to the high heavens.—El Paso Herald.

**UNRAVELED HIS UNDERWEAR**  
Young Woman's Well-Meant Effort in Church Made Things Rather Embarrassing.

A funny thing happened to a young lady who was attending her church a few Sundays ago. Sitting directly before her was a tall, well-dressed stranger with a piece of white raveling hanging down his back, over his collar. Being a young lady of accommodating turn, one of those warm-hearted, good girls, a friend to everybody, she thought how glad she would be if some kind-hearted girl would do as much for her father if he should come to church with a raveling hanging down his back. Besides, the thing worried her because of the uncouth appearance presented. So, as the congregations arose for prayer, she concluded to pull it off. Carefully raising her hand, she gave it a little twitch, but there was more of the thread appearing. Setting her teeth, she gave another pull, and about a yard or more hung down his back. That was getting embarrassing, but, with a resolve to do or die, she gave another yank, and discovered that she was unraveling his underwear. Chloroform would not have alleviated her suffering, nor a pint of powder have hidden her blushes when the gentleman turned to see what was tickling his back.—Jermyn (Tex.) Enterprise.

**HOW TO DISCOURAGE A HEN**  
Watch Enclosed in Imitation Egg Will Quickly Break Up Desire for Setting.

The propensity of some hens to set, in season or out, on eggs, stones, doorknobs or anything that comes handy, is one of the most grievous afflictions of the poultry keeper. One keeper, however, claims to have discovered a sure cure for this sort of thing.

It consists of a cheap watch that ticks loudly and clearly and is enclosed in a white egg-shaped case. When a hen manifests a desire to set at the wrong time the poultryman gently places under her this bogus egg, and the egg does the rest. Cheerfully it ticks away. The hen soon begins to show signs of uneasiness. She stirs the noisy egg with her bill, thinking perhaps it is time for it to hatch and the chicken in it wants to get out. She grows more and more nervous as the noise keeps on, and finally she jumps off the nest and runs around awhile to get cool.

Generally she returns to her self-imposed duty, but things get worse and worse with her. She wriggles about and cackles, ruffles her feathers and looks wild, until at last, with a frenzied squawk, she abandons the nest for good and all. The fever of incubation is broken up completely.

"Johnny," asked the teacher, "can you explain the difference between levitation and gravitation?"  
"Yessum," replied Johnny, "one lobs and the other grava."

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**SATURDAY**  
January 14

WE WILL BEGIN OUR ANNUAL  
PREINVENTORY STOCK TAKING  
SALE WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL

**TUESDAY**  
January 31

While our former sales have been all that we could ask for, yet this sale will surpass all others in magnitude. We find our stock is much larger than at any other stock taking season and, as we are desirous of reducing same to a minimum, we will inaugurate one of the most Sweeping Sales ever before attempted.

Our Dry Goods department is full of seasonable goods that we can't afford to let go through the Spring and Summer season, and in order to move this surplus of winter merchandise we will put prices on it that will move it. Our business has been so heavy during the fall and winter months that we have been forced to buy several times instead of one time, as is usually the case, hence the cause of our being overloaded with merchandise at this season of the year. Our overbuying is your gain, for the surplus must go.

ALL WHO HAVE VISITED OUR FORMER SALES KNOW WHAT A SAVING TO THE POCKET BOOK IT MEANS

Everything in our store goes at much reduced price. Dry Goods, Hats, Boots, Shoes, Notions, Groceries, in fact we will put the knife to everything in our store and warehouse. We have over \$3,000 worth of goods in our warehouse to reduce to at least one third of its present stock. We will sell case goods, corn, tomatoes and syrup at almost wholesale price. We are also overstocked on Flour, Sugar and Feed Stuff. It will pay you to buy these staples in quantities for they will come higher later on. We will not mention prices here but will promise you that it will be time and money well spent if you take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity.

We have over one hundred beautiful pictures--fruit and scenery--with good frames that we will give one FREE with each \$5.00 purchase.

**MILLINERY** We have about two dozen Ladies, Misses and Children's Hats, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00, which we will close out at Half Price. This Millinery is all new, this season's goods, and in style and makeup is especially good. ✧ ✧

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JANUARY 31

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## Locals

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Mr. and J. G. McDougal spent Sunday in Memphis.

7 bars good laundry soap for 25cts at A. N. WOODS.

S. A. McCarroll and wife spent Sunday in Clarendon.

Dr. A. S. Rattan of Plainview was here prospecting this week.

Ladies' Underwear at low prices. J. A. ADAMS.

Rev. J. A. Long filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

We have a nice line of both everyday and Sunday Shirts. J. A. ADAMS.

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W. T. McBride made a business trip to Windy Valley Thursday.

O. H. Britain is putting on his annual pre inventory sale. Read his ad.

Mr. Johnston of Estelline, is here today looking after his business interests.

Uncle Billy Brenson and wife are spending a few days this week in Windy Nalley.

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E. S. White and family arrived Thursday from Chillicothe and located about three miles west of Hedley.

G. N. Scruggs came up from Memphis Sunday to spend the day with his family at W. S. McCrory's.

Dayton Shelton made a business trip to Memphis today. A. N. Wood acted as butcher and hasher during Dayton's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Nelson returned Wednesday from Oklahoma where they have been visiting several weeks.

The thresher pulled into W. E. Reeves grain lot yesterday to thresh the big lot of kafir that was stacked there.

School opened last Monday after a two weeks vacation. Teachers and pupils are getting down to work in earnest.

J. C. Johnson and family of Chillicothe moved Thursday to their place in Windy Valley which he recently bought.

B. F. Grimsley announces to the public that he has withdrawn from the real estate business, his hotel business requiring his attention.

G. A. Oller was in town this week talking of locating his broom factory in town. He is now running the factory at his place north of town.

I am agent for the Troy Steam Laundry at Amarillo—the best laundry in the Panhandle. Let me have a share of your laundry. E. L. YELTON, the barber.

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## Story of the Upper Panhandle A TRUE STORY

They had left their homes in a small town, located in the upper Panhandle, in search of work—glowing accounts of high wages had reached them from a neighboring state in harvest fields. They had no special motive for leaving their homes other than a desire to get away and really see the big world. Leaving no bank account behind them to draw on in case of necessity, and being able to cash a ready balance of their capital in stock without the use of either paper or pencil they departed, knowing full well that they would return with plenty of the needful coin of the realm.

But disappointment came sooner than expected; difficulties incident to travel when neither tickets or passes are used for fare and those, whose duty it is to interfere with passengers of this type, objected to their departure for parts unknown. All had to be met and overcome. Neither were meals served promptly at regular hours as mother had been doing for years. Their beds with downy pillows in the past not considered as anything extra had suddenly been transformed to one made with crossties for shelter through which the cold winds of the plains did not appear to be tempered to the shorn lamb. All of which caused "Temple," whose courage was equal to the others when he departed from home, to ask many questions of what would be the outcome of this exploration, and also to wonder how long life could be sustained under such difficulties. Their journey overland to the next station was planned, they having already decided 'twas best to take first work they could find rather than wait to reach the fields of golden grain.

Before reaching the next station some wild game was found by the wayside and they succeeded in capturing a part of them which to some extent revived hopes of the party except "Temple," his courage still hovering around the zero mark and he was the special object of compassion of the others to such an extent that one of the party pawned a part of his earthly possession and divided with him and he very promptly used same to purchase

transportation to the shelter he had left. The others whose courage were yet strong pushed ahead like Desota hunting for discoveries; finding nothing of unusual interest. After another consultation was held they decided to promote a rail road, but one of their number wisely suggested that it would be a saner plan to help finish up the one they were then traveling upon than think of beginning another, and his wisdom prevailed, so they acted accordingly. After a short stay at this job one of their number decided to move on further and in trying to board a moving train missed his footing and fell under its wheels. This incident being sad caused much careful thought, when on next morning they looked up from their duties at the shrill warning of the whistle, one of them exclaimed "My God, they are whistling at Kemp." Now Kemp was one of life's unfortunates who did not possess the sense of speech and hearing. In a moment more the story was told and they helped pull out Kemp's limp and bruised body from under the baggage car. After the inquest was held they with other fellow workmen took his remains out beside the road and there placed them in their last resting place. His name unknown to anyone present only a stranger's grave beside the road. When the mound was just finished one old man, supposed to be hardened in sin and being a son of old Ireland, placed the last shovel of earth at the head and reverently raised his cap and stood for a few moments with bowed head, and so did they all follow his example. A moment of serious thought. Just about this time another mother's letter was received wanting her boy to come home to the best place on earth for any one, and her boy was not long in making his decision.

Neither would you or I have been under the same conditions. A true story which only demonstrates that a mother's prayer and letters are nearly always just strong enough to direct her boy in the right course which is as it should be.

BRINK.

See our line of Shoes and get prices before you buy. J. A. ADAMS.

FOR RENT—150 acres stalk field for sale or rent. Apply Mason Bros. Hedley, Texas.

C. A. Gatlin moved out of the restaurant to the Stephenson ranch south of town. Dayton Shelton is now operating the restaurant and meet market in the same building.

The passengers, both north and south bound, have been running behind time all the week, because of snow and rain. One train from the north Monday had snow on the roof.

The Informer printed new directory cards this week for the Hedley Telephone Exchange. The Exchange is one of the best on the Denver, gives the best service and is always in good fix. Several names have lately been added to the list.

I will be at Giles Friday, January 6, and in Hedley Saturday, January 7th, with the tax rolls. The office at the county seat will be closed on those days.

Very respectfully,  
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Sheriff and Tax Collector.

## WAS INVENTION OF A BOY

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