









# ONCE AGAIN WE GREET YOU!

The grand and glorious Christmas time is coming near and nearer. Our name turns common prose to rhyme a sort o'homely; Christmas chime—not in poetic style sublime, but maybe, somewhat clearer. You know we've always tried before, to make this season brighter. We've done our best to turn this store, with all its stock and stuff galore, into a place where more and more, the people's heart grew lighter.

## So far the Court its course may Ken; We're going to do that way again:

500 Men's woolen over shirts, each \$1.50 and \$2.00, we offer this week at \$1.00.	Men's all wool socks, extra heavy, as good as your wife can knit at home, at 25 cents a pair.	36 Inch bleached and unbleached domestic, sold every where at 8-13 cents, our price only 7 1/2 cents per yard.	36 Inch silk finish cashmere, in 10 different colors, worth 40 and 50 cents, our price 25 cents per yard.	Latest style fancy ranching only 10 cents per yard.	10x4 White blankets, good ones only, \$1.50 a pair.	We are heavy overstocked on childrens shoes, and we are offering them as follows: 5 to 8 Calf button shoes, 75 c. 9 to 11 " " " 80 c. 12 to 2 " " " \$1.10
Men's Camel hair under shirts, in all sizes, 34 to 44, worth \$1.00 each, our price 50 cents.	Boys knee suite, woolen, age 6 to 11, at \$1.25 per suit.	Extra heavy 10 cent caution flannel will go at 7 1/4 cents per yard.	Ladies fancy border white handkerchief, only 5 cents.	Ladies embroidered silk handkerchief, a fine Christmas gift, only 50 cents.	Ladies calf shoes, in open and common sense styles, warranted solid leather soles and counter, only \$1.25 a pair.	
Men's heavy drill drawers, worth 50 cents, our price 35 cents a pair.	Men's extra heavy double buttoned overalls, sold every where for \$1.00, our price 84.5 cents.	Red all wool twilled flannel, worth 35 cents, we offer it at 22 1/2 cents per yard.	5 Pair ladies black and fancy hose for 25 cents.	11-4 Brown heavy Kersey Blanket, worth \$4.00, only \$2.50 a pair.		

## Our Store Is Filled Up With Nice New Goods Suitable For Christmas Presents.

# SCHWARTZ & RAAS,

### THE LEADERS.

**Hamilton, Reed & Co.,**  
[Successors to Hubert H. Pearce]  
**DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS,**  
Robert Lee, Texas,  
**J. J. VESTAL,**  
**Blacksmith & Wood Workman.**  
Does all of blacksmithing and general repair work.  
Horse Shoeing a Specialty.  
Robert Lee, Texas.

**Groceries and Grain.**  
**COBB & DANCER**  
Have opened up  
**A New Grocery and Grain Store,**  
And invite a share of your trade. They expect to keep a complete assortment of staple groceries, and will sell at the lowest possible prices. Will meet any competition.  
**Call; And; See; Them,**  
THEY WILL SAVE YOU MONEY.

**SWEET WATER AND ROBERT LEE U.S. Mail & Stage Line.**  
Good accommodations, good teams and quick time. Makes the round trip twice a week. Leaves Sweet Water on Mondays and Fridays at 6 a. m. and arrives at Robert Lee at 7 p. m. Leaves Robert Lee at 6 a. m. and arrives at Sweet Water at 7 p. m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Round trip \$5.00. One way \$3.00.  
**SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN FREIGHT AND EXPRESS MATTER.**  
OFFICE: Mrs. Merchant's Sweet Water.  
(Davis Hotel, Robert Lee.  
C. C. MERCHANT, Proprietor.

**TONSORIAL EMPORIUM.**  
WASHAL DANCER, Proprietor.  
Shaving, Shampooing, Hair Cutting etc., done in the best of style. When needing work done in his line call on him.

**ELKHART CARRIAGE AND HARNESS MFG. CO.**  
Have sold to consumers for 40 years, No. 110 Road Wagon, \$24.50.  
Wholesale prices.  
W. S. PRATT, Sec'y, E. S. SMITH, IND.

### LOCAL CHIPS.

A merry Christmas to you all.

Mr. E. Dan Buchanan and Ed Mobley made a trip to Angelo the first of the week.

Mr. T. T. Angle was in town last Monday.

Our business men report having a splendid trade this week.

Old papers for sale at the RUSSELL office at 25 cents per hundred.

County Commissioner J. I. Kirkland was in our city a day or two this week.

The Pearce hotel at Ballinger solicits your patronage.

H. D. PEARCE, Prop.

County Commissioner Sam Sawyer was on our streets Wednesday.

Stock feed is scarce, and should a hard winter come, the loss will be likely to be large.

If you want an Organ, call on the RUSSELL office and get prices and terms. Will sell you on easy payments, and give you a bargain.

Stock is doing splendid so far this winter, as no bad weather has yet come to hurt them, and it is hoped the remainder of the winter will be mild.

### NOTICE.

All parties indebted to I. M. Bennick are requested to call and make settlement at once.

Several of our people went to San Angelo this week, preparing for Christmas.

Our merchants are all increasing their stock of goods preparatory for Christmas trade.

During the new year the RUSSELL would like to enter every home in Coke county.

We are glad to state that our Commissioners gave the consent for our people to have the use of the court house for our Xmas tree tonight.

The Postmaster at Bronte, Ft. Chadbourne and Sanger are authorized to receive subscriptions for the RUSSELL. Call on either of them and leave the price of the paper with your name and it will be sent you regularly.

Trade with your home merchants when possible, and thus help to make your town and county prosper. Be sure to know, by comparing prices, that you are saving money when you trade away from home.

Mr. J. T. Hamilton has received his appointment as postmaster here, and will take charge in his name the 1st of January. Mr. Hamilton is an able and accommodating gentleman for the position, and had the sentiment of the majority of the citizens of here been heeded by our congressmen he would have been appointed at the first.

If Coke county can secure the settlement of her rich land by successful and industrious farmers, it can soon be made one of the most prosperous counties in the state, agriculturally speaking.

The Royalty Hotel invites the people of Coke county to stop there when they go to Ballinger. Rates \$1.00 per day. Near passenger depot.

The pupils of our school gave a public entertainment last night, in which all performed their parts well. The program consisted of dialogues, recitations, etc., and all was rendered well considering the short time they had to prepare for it.

Do not put off taking medicine. No mercurial little ailments, if neglected, will soon break up the system. Take Hood's Kidney Pills now to expell disease, give strength and appearance.

Hood's pills cure constipation by restoring the peristaltic action of the alimentary canal.

Coke county is fast coming to the front as an agricultural county. Only a few years back farming was almost unknown, and it was thought that the country was valuable for nothing but grazing purposes. But experiments have shown to the reverse. When farmers, who put their attention to their crops, grow from one-third to one half of cotton per acre, this dry year, it clearly proves the fertility of the soil.

### Good Looks.

Good looks are more than skin deep, depending upon a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver be inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach be disordered you have a dyspeptic look and if your kidneys be affected you have a puffed look. Secure good health and you will have good looks. Electric Batters is the most effective and tonic acting directly on these vital organs. Cures pimples, blemishes, boils and gives a good complexion. Sold at Hamilton, Reed & Co's drug store, 90c. per bottle.

Robert Lee needs a large business house that can keep in stock a sufficient supply of goods to meet the demands of the people, and there is no place in west Texas that can give a better inducement for such an establishment. At present the people have to travel from thirty to fifty miles to do the majority of their trading, as our business men have to a small capital to keep in stock all the trade demands. Any one, or more, with the necessary capital and business ability, can make good returns on his investment from the start, and besides get a location that will insure a constant increasing trade for the country within the limits of the trade territory will, in a short time, be settled and the rich soil be producing untold amounts of almost every crop raised in the state.

The Sweetwater Review gives as its preference to Governor, Judge Wm. Kennedy, Colorado. The Clipper will give the honor to Kennedy, as we know of no better material in the state than that of Judge Kennedy at the present time. It would be a rare thing if any other

### NOTICE.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF COKE: By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Coke County, on 7th day of November, A. D. 1893, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of The Austin & Northern Land and Cattle Company, versus J. H. Burkett, No. 77, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in January, A. D. 1894, it being the 2nd day of said month, before the Court House door of said Coke County, in the town of Robert Lee, the following described property, to wit: Block No. X, containing 13 1/2 acres of land, situated in the Austin & Northern Land and Cattle Company addition to the town of Robert Lee, Coke county, Texas, levied on as the property of J. H. Burkett, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$124.91 in favor of The Austin & Northern Land and Cattle Company, and costs of suit. Given under my hand, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1893.  
D. P. MONTGOMERY Sheriff.

When you buy a woolen shirt a tax must be paid to protect the manufacturer. When you sell the wool from an old ram it must be free of duty to protect the manufacturer. When you buy a pair of boots or sell an ox hide you are similarly taxed at both ends of the deal by the Cleveland-Mills tariff ideas. But the producer he must pay all the freight.—Texas Farmer.

Dont Tobacco Spit or Smoke your Life Away is the truthful, startling title of a little book that tells all about No-to-bac, the wonderful, harmless guaranteed tobacco habit breaker. The cost is trifling and the man that wants to quit and can't run no physical or financial risk in using "No-to-bac." Sold by all druggists.

Book at drug store or by mail free. Address the Sterling Remedy Co., Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

The expedition of the king of France up and down a mountain with his forty thousand men appeared to be considered by Senator Voorhees worthy of his imitation. He led the administration senators in the fight for the repeal of the silver purchase clause of the Sherman law, and he is now the author of a bill to repeal almost the same features as those repealed. He wants to have \$2,000,000 a month of silver coined. Under the Sherman law the coinage was \$4,500,000. Why could no Senator Voorhees have reached this end by moving to reduce the coinage under the Sherman law from \$4,500,000 a month to \$2,000,000? —Fort Worth Gazette.

We will take with a click any butter in fact all kinds of country produce that can be used in a family, on subscription to the RUSSELL. We want the paper to go to every home in Coke county, and make this offer to help accomplish the result.

**BALLINGER & ROBERT LEE U.S. MAIL AND STAGE LINE.**  
Via Vale, Mavensack and Bronte.  
Magnificent accommodations fine passenger coaches, good teams and careful drivers. Leaves Ballinger and Robert Lee every morning, except Sunday, at 7 a. m., arrives at Ballinger and Robert Lee at 5 p. m. Ballinger office at Barton hotel; Robert Lee office at Davis hotel. Fare, \$3; round trip, \$5. Heavy baggage extra. Special attention given to express matters.  
**MELROY & WALLING, Proprietors.**

### Alliance Directory.

The Coke County Alliance will meet at Robert Lee January the 25th, 1894. Officers—T. C. Baldwin, Pres. G. W. Downy, Sec. and Treas., J. W. Sawyer, Lect., Sam King Door Keeper L. H. Brightman chap, R. C. Smith Business Agent.

### SUB-ALLIANCES.

Union Alliance, No. 4624, meets Saturday before the 4th Sunday at 2 P. m., and Saturday night before the 2nd Sunday in each month. I. S. Baldwin Pres. J. W. Fletcher Sec.

Rock Springs Alliance, No. 3864, meets Saturday before the 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month, at 2 p. m. E. W. Stokes, Pres. W. F. Robinson, Sec.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Hamilton, Reed & Co.

### TO OUR FRIENDS IN COKE:

#### Christmas is Coming

SANTA CLAUS wishes all good children to meet him, this year at

**THE PIONEER Drug Store, San Angelo, Texas.**

Where they can buy more Christmas for a nickel, dime or dollar, than they can elsewhere.

Special inducements to Sunday Schools and large buyers. Come and see the display.

Cleveland wants all raw material admitted free. When the laboring people have worked all the all the skin off their hands, and the sun peels the flesh from that part of the farmer's anatomy which the seat of his trousers and a cotton shirt ought to protect, but wouldn't because his indirect tax to manufacturers robs him of ability to buy trousers and shirt—heu the question arises: who is Cleveland, Wall Street & Co. going to do with this sort of raw material? Mr. Cleveland will doubtless refer this to his veterinary department, as he seems to consider laborers and farmers only beasts of burden.—Texas Farmer.

That silver bullion in the treasury is not being coined as was given on some time ago that it would be. Secretary Carlisle's visit to New York changed the situation.

**THE ELDRIDGE "B"**  
  
A strictly high-grade family sewing machine, possessing all modern improvements.  
**GUARANTEED EQUAL to the BEST!**  
Prices very reasonable. Obtain the and make comparisons.  
**ELDRIDGE MANUFACTURING CO.**  
BELVIDERE, ILL.

**8 ft. \$25**  
**12 ft. \$50**  
**16 ft. \$100**  
**AERMOTORS**  
**ALL STEEL GALVANIZED**  
**PUMPING OR GEARED SAME PRICE.**  
For the benefit of the public, the Aermotor Company declares a dividend and makes the above prices a means of distributing it. These prices will be equal to those of any other machine of the same capacity and quality. The Aermotor Company has a very small profit on a very large sale. The Aermotor Company is the best manufacturer of these machines in the world. The Aermotor Company is the best manufacturer of these machines in the world. The Aermotor Company is the best manufacturer of these machines in the world.  
**THE AERMOTOR COMPANY,**  
10th and Rockwell Sts., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Will Collins, of Water Valley, was in our city Wednesday and called at the RUSSELL office and set his figures ahead for paper.

Mr. John Patterson, our Surveyor, made a business Ballinger this week.

The school here is moving splendidly, and so far have been able to plant is made of our own.





KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adopting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

"August Flower" Miss C. G. McClave, School-teacher, 753 Park Place, Elmira, N. Y. "This Spring while away from home teaching my first term in a country school I was perfectly wretched with that human agony called dyspepsia. After dieting for two weeks and getting no better, a friend wrote me, suggesting that I take August Flower. The very next day I purchased a bottle. I am delighted to say that August Flower helped me so that I have quite recovered from my indisposition."

"DO YOU COUGH DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMP'S BALSAM BEST COUGH CURE"

MCLRESS WINE OF CARDON THE GREAT PURITY TESTED For Female Diseases.

THE JUDGES OF THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION Have made the HIGHEST AWARDS (Medals and Diplomas) to WALTER BAKER & CO.

DELICATE WOMEN Or Disinclined Women, should use BRADFIELD'S FEMALE REGULATOR. Every ingredient possesses superb Tonic properties and exerts a wonderful influence in toning up and strengthening her system.

WORM NIGHT AND DAY. Build the weak system with worm medicine. Kills the worms and restores the system.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Hymns of the New Year. New life and light! New rapture and new joy! New hopes, though all these fail, to light my days.

Why Santa Claus' Beard Is White. A LEGEND. BY M. A. BIRD. DURING THE childhood of Santa Claus—long, long ago—while still many good and worthy folk believed wood-sprites lived in the holes of trees, witches in caves, and dwarfs deep down under earth, there lived in far Germany, on one of the lesser mountains of the Harz, a miner with his wife and seven children.

Jumping a Gloom. T WAS NEW YEAR'S eve in the camp, and the Gold Nugget saloon was doing a heavy business all along the line. Drinks were being rapidly dispensed over the counter, and in the rear, roulette and draw-poker were flourishing.

A Christmas Card. I have a purse of gold, my dear. With which to buy you dainty things; The purse is empty, and the gold has flown away as if on wings; No, sweetest, wife in all the world, The year you possess the next part, I'll give to you on Christmas day. Another fraction of my heart.

Delicate Consideration. Mother just before Christmas—Why did you jump and run when your feet came in? Daughter—I had a lap full of Christmas presents. Mother—But they are not for him. Daughter—No, but I wanted him to have the pleasure of thinking they were.

Pete, seeing the other fellow had a full hand, promptly threw up his, while Hank deftly relieved him of his firearms. "Taint worth fighting about, anyhow," said Pete, carelessly. "There ain't a pound of ore in the hull claim."

A Leap Year Christmas. Frederick Charles Bunting had been Amanda Dusenberry's shadow for three years, to the exclusion of other young men who would have been attracted by the maiden's charms had Frederick Charles' unremitting attentions left them any opportunity.

Whispering. "Pete" was in his high humor. He had "backed the tiger" successfully to-night, and had quite enough ahead to work his claim in Corkscrew Gulch. True, he had not done his assessment work this year, and by law anybody could "jump" the "Lone Star" that very day at midnight.

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Foot's Names. That 'fool's names and ugly faces are always seen in public places," is an old adage, and it seems to have been true in earlier centuries, as well as in these days.

Where Wakefulness Has Its Birth. Intelligent physicians are regarding with an eye less and less favorable the use of narcotics. While these are more generally directed, now a days than formerly, to means of building up the nervous system as the basis of his healthful quietude.

How to Cure Asthma? Dr. R. Schiffman, St. Paul, Minn., will mail a trial package of his Asthma Cure free to any sufferer. He advertises by giving away his medicine, and gives instant relief in worst cases and cures where others fail.

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Marriage in Siam. A declaration of marriage in Siam is simpler even than it used to be in Scotland. You ask a lady to marry you by simply offering her a flower or taking a light from a cigarette if it happens to be in her mouth, and your family and the bride's family have to put up at least \$1000 apiece for a dowry.

Much Divorced. At Nagoya, in China, a merchant, who is in his 65th year, has just divorced his twenty-sixth wife and is about to marry his twenty-seventh. He had resolved when he was young to marry thirty wives, and is delighted that he has now only three more to marry to keep his vow.

Both Cleveland Photographed. Ever since little Ruth Cleveland arrived at the age of vaccination, baptism and photography, usually concurrent periods, the leading photographers of the country have had ambitions to try their cameras on the little girl. Whenever she appeared in public a whole battery of kodaks was awaiting an opportune moment for a "snap shot."

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NOW comes the season when dainty and delicious cake and pastry are required. Royal Baking Powder is indispensable in their preparation.

The Leprosy Commission. The report of the "Leprosy Commission of India" fills a bulky volume of 455 pages. The geographical distribution of leprosy throughout India is lucidly set forth in three large colored maps.

ELY'S CATARRH CREAM BALM. Cleanses the Nasal Passages, Alleviates Pain and Inflammation, Heals the Sores, Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell.

ST. JACOBS OIL. ALL AGES OF JOINTS, NERVES AND MUSCLES. WILL CURE AND PROMPTLY MUSTLE.

Souvenir Coin for Eighty Cents. NEVER OFFERED BEFORE FOR LESS THAN ONE DOLLAR. Father or Mother; Sister or Brother; Sweetheart or Lover.

DUCKSKIN BREECHES. BEST MADE, BEST FITTING, BEST WEARING. JEAN PANTS. IN THE WORLD. MANUFACTURED BY THE GOODWIN CLOTHING CO., EVANSVILLE, IND.

Various small advertisements and notices on the far right edge of the page, including mentions of 'Machinery' and 'Hunters & Boos'.