

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

New Homes Being Built as Rapidly as Material and Men Can Be Had For Their Construction.

This county has had a very material growth for the past several years but at no time during the entire period has greater activity been shown than at present. New houses are springing up almost every day in various portions of the county. New people are coming in every day and every builder and every carpenter in the county is as busy as any man could wish for.

There are thirty-one new houses being built or have just been completed in Randall county and the larger portion of them are on farms which clearly shows that the development of the farming lands which surround us has farly begun.

During the past week quite a number of people have arrived with their household goods and they must begin work at once on their houses.

Ira H. Jenkins of Battle Creek, Nebraska, is here and has begun the erection of his buildings on his section three miles north of town.

George Ditto of Topeka, Kan., was in town Monday and hauled out a portion of the lumber for his new house on the George Abbott section near Umbarger.

George Renner came in last Saturday from Lanark, Ill., and will at once begin his improvements on his land. His family had preceded him a few days and activity on his place is the order of the day.

J. G. Dorsey of Greenfield, Iowa, is also among those who arrived this week and will arrange to begin at once the construction of a home on a portion of the Dr. Black land eight or nine miles south of this city.

Altogether there have been nine cars of household and farming implements belonging to northern people which have been unloaded in this county during the past week which shows some idea of the rapid increase in our population.

Rules For Christmas Giving.

Give willingly.
Give tactfully.
Put thought into your giving.
Don't consider return gifts.
Never give to others what you wouldn't want yourself.

The unexpected gift insures a special appreciation.

To give ostentatiously is the height of bad taste.

Give to the sick and the sorrowful if you would know the true joy of giving.

Never give more than you can afford. Your friends know your circumstances as well as you do yourself and the pleasure of both giving and receiving is lost.—Exchange.

Rev. Bud Robinson to Speak.

Announcement has been made that the Rev. Bud Robinson would deliver an address at the Methodist church in this city on Saturday evening December 21, at 7 o'clock.

Rev. Robinson has traveled quite extensively and in Texas, his home state, he is known as the Texas Wonder, while in many other states he is designated as the "walking Bible." Those who have heard him say that his talks are very entertaining, instructive and helpful.

Madam Rumor says that Tyler Watson has sold his well digging outfit to Albert Watson and that he will leave in a few days for North Carolina where he expects to take unto himself a better half. He has not decided whether or not he would return to this section of the state.

E. S. Cook, a prominent citizen of Happy, was in the city Monday looking after some of his

A Texas Feedstuff.

Texas has such a variety of fattening feeds for livestock that the wonder grows among the students of animal industry that more fat cattle, sheep and hogs do not go away from the farms and feed lots of the state to the livestock markets of the country. It must be that, having looked upon corn as the chief fattening food for all varieties of livestock, and not raising it in extensive quantities, the farmers of Texas have come to the conclusion that it was useless to attempt to compete with cattle feeders in the corn belt. How ill-founded such a conclusion is, upon what flimsy foundation it rests, may be seen from an examination of the exhibits in the beef classes at the annual National Feeders and Breeders' show at Fort Worth, wherein may be found the results of judicious blending of various fat-producing products of Texas soil.

Cotton seed meal and hulls, cotton seed meal and crushed corn, black strap molasses and cornmeal, molasses and cotton seed meal, and a combination of cornmeal, cotton seed meal and molasses, have produced fat steers shown at the various Fat Stock shows at Fort Worth in the past that in smoothness of finish ripeness of flesh and mellowness of touch were had to excel anywhere.

The feeds herewith mentioned do not half exhaust the menu that Texas can spread before her livestock destined for slaughter; they are mentioned as most readily coming to mind.

In the newly opened section of West Texas the culture of Kafir corn and milo maize has come to be regarded as indispensable to successful farming, since these non-saccharine sorghums produce a top crop of seed that is as valuable as corn in a fattening ration, while the stover or plant stalk and leaf blades, is relished by stock as much as corn fodder. Hitherto in West Texas the use of these two varieties of grain has been mainly confined to carrying stock through severe spells of weather in the winter when, because of snow or sleet, the ranges were not readily accessible. Now they are coming into use as a fattening ration, it having been demonstrated that they are as valuable as corn in this respect.—Fort Worth Record.

There are too many boys and girls in the country and city, more in the latter than in the former, who are prone to look upon work as beneath them. There are thousands of them on the threshold of maturity who retain the same views and habits which found encouragement in their earlier years. What becomes of this class of people? Some of them awaken and after a desperate struggle overcome that habit and learn to work, to save, and to prepare for the inevitable rainy day. Many of them, however, drift and drift until they become acceptable recruits in the hobo army. Then they speedily reach the conclusion that things are mighty unequal in this world; that the advantages are all with the rich, and that a poor man has no show.—Clovis Post.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with different medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For

HOMESEEKERS WITH MONEY.

Half as Many Again to Arrive and 100 Per Cent More Will Purchase Land.

That 50 per cent more homeseekers will come to Texas this winter than for any previous period and will make 100 per cent more purchases is the opinion of C. W. Strain, general passenger agent of the Frisco lines in Texas. Mr. Strain has been in close touch with the homeseekers movement and notes a remarkable augmentation since the recent financial depression and the pre-election scare. "They are coming with bags of money," he said.

"The improvement in the class is most noteworthy. The great bulk coming in now are thrifty and will make good citizens."

He says that on this week's excursion half a dozen train loads of homeseekers will reach Texas, and that there will be an increased demand for land for homesteads.

"Texas is in the minds of the farmers of the United States," he continued. "There is no place in the world where the land is as fertile and as cheap, the climate as good and the possibilities of diversification so great. I look for the population of the state to double within the next ten years."—Dallas News.

Yuletide Musings.

The joyous time is drawing nigh, the time of turkey, pudding, pie; nor do we dream of after ills, of squills, and pills, and Christmas bills.

A girl begins to hang up the mistletoe at about the age when she stops hanging up her stocking.

A pessimist is a fellow who wouldn't hang up his stocking for fear old Santa Claus might swipe it.

Christmas cigars are not always puffed up with pride.

There's many a slip 'twixt the Miss and the mistletoe.

Don't make it too strong. Many a man has been knocked out by one good, stiff punch.

As a truthful woman what she enjoys most about Christmas, and she will tell you the bargain sales afterward.

To sing a rhyme of Christmas time (that line is but the first of it), here's hoping that you may not feel blue because you get the worst of it.

When a child writes a letter of thanks to Santa Claus, it should be cherished like a rare plant. That kid isn't long for this world.

No Christmas present is so useless that you can't pass it on to some one else next year.

Remember that it is better to give than to receive—the things you don't want.

Take off the tags. Many a friendship has been severed by the price mark on a Christmas present.

I have often wondered where-in consisted the wisdom of Solomon when he had a thousand wives. I am now convinced that it must have been in living in the days before Christmas was celebrated.

It's all right to pity the poor at this peace-on-earth season, but it is also well to remember that sympathy doesn't fill an empty stomach.—Auxiliary.

The United States is the only country in which the son of the poorest mechanic or laboring man may become its ruler and where the daughter of a farmer may become the wife of a president and the mother of senators. It is the only country where all earthly honors are within the reach of every citizen, and where it depends upon the individual himself whether he be a senator or a street-sweeper, a railroad president or a railroad section hand, a millionaire or a pauper, a general or a policeman, a banker or a bankrupt. Isn't this a

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