

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

Christmas Goods,

A. E. BISHOP & CO.'S

Until after the Holidays.

BIG PEOPLE! LITTLE PEOPLE!! CHILDREN!!!

And everybody invited to inspect our mammoth stock of Holiday Goods, consisting of

TOYS, | BOOKS, | DOLLS, | FANCY GOODS, | FINE CANDIES, &c.,

And you will be convinced that we offer for the least outlay of money the most select assortment of fine medium and cheap goods in the city.

Facts will Speak for Themselves.

Remember our goods are ALL new and bought for spot cash and our prices are astonishingly low. Look out for a

WILD ANIMAL

in the show window which will appear every evening about the time school is out.

Don't fail to see the Grand Illumination Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings, at J. S. Kelley's jewelry store.

Don't fail to see the GRANDEST, MOST BRILLIANT and wonderful illumination and display ever seen in the West. Remember the time and place, Dec. 22, 24, 25. J. S. KELLEY.

CLOTHING.
Simon Rothschild's Palace Clothing Store is headquarters for Men's Clothing, Youths' Clothing, Boys' Clothing. Prices down to "bed rock."

Go to McInerney's for Boots and Shoes.

McInerney's is the place to buy.

One-half gallon Mason Fruit Jars at J. Augustine's for \$1.90 per dozen.

Good Boots and Shoes at McInerney's Vermont Maple Syrup at Nelson's.

ELECTROFIFYING SOAP.
If you want your clothes to be white after washing call at J. F. Augustine's Grocery and buy "Ward's Electrofying Soap," he is sole agent for it.

A Complete Establishment.

There are but few towns of equal or greater size, that have as many large business houses as Abilene. This statement has become and will remain a truism. And among those that stand at the head of the list, the firm of Irion & Armitage is prominent. We enjoyed the pleasure of being shown through this immense establishment, and with the exception of clothing and groceries, everything that is needed for the complete furnishing of a home is kept in stock. Queensware, Willowware, Tinware, Stoves, &c.; lamps, sewing machines, organs, tables, chairs, etc., fill the lower floor. The upper floor is given up to furniture, and all qualities and styles are represented. Furniture in sets and single pieces at prices to suit the purchaser. Irion & Armitage stand at the head of house-furnishing firms, and those who contemplate beginning housekeeping as well as those who are old and experienced in the needs of a comfortable home, should remember this fact. The firm will take great pleasure in showing all interested through their establishment, and the time so devoted by the sight-seer will be well expended.

Go to McInerney's for a new hat.

The Labelle Wagon is the best farm wagon that is made for the price, a car load of them has just been received at Berry Bros.

The Pennsylvania House is for sale or trade in stock. Enquire at Frank Nelson's grocery.—8 tf.

Corn Shelling.

Mr. J. J. McCall, at Industry, has a Keystone Corn Sheller which holds at the service of those who may want their corn shelled. Give him a call and you will find that his terms are reasonable.

In Going Your Rounds
For Christmas presents don't fail to call and see the large and varied stock carried by B. F. Nelson.

HURRY UP
If you wish to improve the present favorable opportunity to sell your farm, and leave its description with us.

T. C. HENRY & Co.

Santa Claus
Will find all sorts of toys and things at B. F. Nelson's for his Christmas rounds.

Christmas Is Coming.
And B. F. Nelson will be found at the front with a large lot of Christmas goods.

The Dangerous Season
for fires is come again, and it will be the part of wisdom to protect yourself with a little good insurance against the destructive element. We are ready to supply you.

T. C. HENRY & Co.

J. S. Kelley can sell you goods cheaper than any house in the West.

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EXTRA copies of the REFLECTOR can be found at Sewell's Book Store, at the Opera House Book Store and at this office.

CONTRARY
To a time honored and almost universal practice, the Opera House Book Store doesn't want to tell the people that it has the

LARGEST HOLIDAY STOCK
that has ever been or ever will be brought to Abilene, because the statement might be considered a slight, very slight, deviation from the fixed and unchangeable rules of truth. Nor does it seek to knock the bottom out of the truthful tub by claiming to sell at

LOWER PRICES THAN ANYONE ELSE.
But a large Holiday stock of all kinds of goods—from the baby's rattle and musical tin horn to the finest plush articles—is to be found at the Opera House Book Store. And the goods will be sold at very reasonable prices. You can materially help

SANTA CLAUS
in his arduous duties by calling at the Opera House Book Store and looking at the Holiday goods there displayed and learning prices.

A fine assortment of Gold and Silver Headed Cans, at Kelley's.

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GENUINE MEERSCHAUM
Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders in many varieties at B. H. D'Hay's.

LAMPS! LAMPS!!
The largest stock and finest selection at J. G. Northcraft's ever brought to Abilene. Including Glass Bronze and Library Lamps of every description. Call and examine.

J. S. Kelley has an immense stock of Gold and Silver Watches at prices below any house in Kansas.

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ROASTED COFFEE.
Augustine will sell you a "Peck of Roasted Coffee for a dollar and a quarter.

School Books and Supplies.
at Sewell's, in quantity and variety to furnish all the schools of the county.

Estrey Notice.
Taken up on my premises, in southeast quarter 1911, 2, Cheever, a cream colored poney mare; hind feet are white, main and tail black. Owner can have her by proving property and paying expenses.

BUY YOUR
candies for Christmas at Keller's bakery, 3d street.

FRESH LEMONS.
Fresh Lemons at Augustine's.

Silverware at wholesale prices.
J. S. KELLEY.

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THE finest assortment of Ladies and Gentlemen's pocket books and purses, ever brought to the city, at Northcraft's.

Chapman Chat.

The weather still remains fine for farmers. Rev. A. J. Coe is holding a series of meetings at Zion Church.

Holiday affairs are booming along in good shape. The Methodist people are preparing for a Christmas tree to be held at the church on Christmas eve, and everybody is invited to bring their presents and have them distributed from the tree. A committee will be at the church to receive the presents on Monday the 24th.

A supper was given at the Congregational parsonage last Friday night, from which a nice little sum was realized. The Chapman Cornet Band seem to be in a flourishing condition. They have just completed a fine band wagon, which is painted, lettered and cushioned up in first-class style.

Our town authorities are having some trouble in collecting the occupation tax levied upon our business men. The complaint generally made is, that they don't mind the tax if it was put to a proper use. According to all reports the amount of this tax will be a drop towards paying the indebtedness already accumulated.

The people of the Congregational Church have made arrangements to have a Christmas tree, but we haven't learned the time or place.

P. F. Whitehair has purchased the Boles Furniture building and will put in a tin shop overhead.

Dave Taylor can be found at the People's Drug and Book store during the holidays.

N. D. Stanley has his house nearly completed. The supper at the M. E. Church last week netted the ladies over \$60.

There is prospect of having a fine stone block on the corner owned by Whitehair & Hanson.

Our schools are in a flourishing condition and our people should take pride in them. Invitation is extended to all the patrons to call and see for themselves what their children are doing.

A singing school is in progress at the M. E. Church, under the leadership of Prof. Conner. The sessions occur on Monday and Friday evenings.

Lamps at cost at the drug store. This is to certify that F. B. Lillie & Co. have purchased a full line of my finest spices which are free from all adulteration.

Wholesale dealer in teas, spices and cigars, St. Joseph, Mo.

Don't purchase your holiday goods until you have inspected the stock at the People's Drug and Book Store.

Headlight coal oil 175c test at the drug store. Examine the ten cent counter at the drug store.

New Officers of the Various Orders.
CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 25, R. A. M.
J. P. Quinn, H. P.; W. B. Giles, K.; Henry Litts, C.; John Johnson, Treas.; W. F. Davidson, Sec'y; C. J. McDivitt, C. H.; Geo. C. Kenyon, P. S.; T. S. Barton, R. A. C.; E. W. Olds, M. 3 V.; L. A. Reed, M. 2 V.; C. A. Hodge, M. 1 V.; H. S. Landis, G.

BENEVOLENT LODGE, NO. 98, A. F. & A. M.
D. W. Brooks, W. M.; Henry Litts, S. W.; R. McCormack, J. W.; J. C. Kenyon, Treas.; W. P. Seeds, Sec'y; Richard Waring, Senior Dea.; E. Ve-giard, Junior Dea.; John Calene, Senior Steward; A. J. Landis, Junior Steward; E. Clark, Chap.

DAMON LODGE, NO. 6, K. O. P.
Henry Litts, C. C.; J. A. Martin, V. C.; H. C. Junken, Pr.; Frank White, M. F.; A. S. Davidson, M. E.; Geo. Hubbard, K. R. & S.; W. P. Seeds, M. A.

Obituary.
Mrs. Anna Miller, wife of Geo. R. Miller, died at her home on Vine St., Monday morning. She was born in Lancaster Co., Penn., 1832, and Jan. 1st, 1857, she was married to Mr. Miller, and for nearly four years they have lived in Kansas. She leaves a mourning husband and five sorrowing children. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. George Merriam, and the mortal remains were interred in the city cemetery.

H. H. Hazlett & Co., have just opened their immense and popular stock of Holiday Goods, and is pronounced the finest ever brought to Abilene. The 99 cent and 49 ct. counters afford better bargains than ever before. The stock is complete in every particular and is marked "way down." Don't fail to give them a call.

Purely Personal.

Mr. C. N. Coggeshall, of Solomon City, gave the REFLECTOR a brief call last Tuesday.

Mr. T. C. Henry came down from Denver last Sunday, and left Tuesday for New York City.

Mr. Miller, of the firm of Miller & Thomas, leaves to-night for El Paso, Ill., his old home, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. E. D. Humphrey pleasantly entertained a whist party at her comfortable home on Sixth street, last Friday evening.

Messrs. Charlie and George Shaw, of Ridge township, left Tuesday for a few weeks' visit to their Cincinnati, Ohio, relatives and friends.

Mr. Fred L. Kaufman, a young business man of Kansas City, was the guest of his friend, John M. Gleissner, last Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Crise left last night for their former home in Maryland, where they expect to remain. The highly esteemed young couple have many friends in Abilene, all of whom were sorry to have them leave.

Mr. John Campbell, a contractor and builder of Perry, Ill., arrived in this city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Campbell thinks some of locating in these parts, and if he does Abilene will secure the services of a careful, reliable builder.

Mr. Absalom Fretz, a genial young pastor of this city, left Tuesday for his old home at Gardenville, Penn., where he will remain several months. Mr. Fretz was a valued member of the Baptist church, and the Sunday before his departure he was presented, by the Sunday School, with three handsomely bound religious books. It was a token of esteem well deserved and highly appreciated.

PARAGRAPH COLUMN.

Read the Christmas stories on the inside pages of the REFLECTOR. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the friends of the REFLECTOR! May the joyous Christmas time bring peace and happiness to the hearts of all.

Stockings, the traditional Christmas stocking, will have their day next Tuesday.

A south side carpenter shop, near the iron foundry, was burned to the ground last Tuesday night.

Yesterday afternoon witnessed falling snow flakes, and as the REFLECTOR went to press the indications pointed to sleigh bells and happy belles.

Junction City Tribune: Married, in this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, by Judge J. F. Ayars, Wm. Acker and Miss Emma Reid, both of Dickinson county.

The meetings of the Baptist Church are held in Grace Chapel, on Spruce street. Sunday School at 9:45, A. M., preaching at 11, A. M., and prayer-meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

The officers, teachers and scholars of the Baptist Sunday School, are requested to meet at Grace Chapel, on Spruce street, Saturday evening, Dec. 23d, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Mr. Henry Litts, of the stock firm of Litts & Huffman, was paying for hogs 50 cents per hundred more than could be obtained in any other market in the county, last Monday. Our stock men are making Abilene the best stock market on the road.

The Clay Center Times, with a courtesy equal to its ability, notices the enlarged form of the REFLECTOR and adds: "It is one of the best papers which comes to this office." Our thanks are hereby extended in acknowledgment of the above compliment.

Miss Holland, living near Chapman, was in the city last Friday for the purpose of having a surgical operation performed on her foot. Dr. King did the work, and with good treatment Miss Holland's foot will resume its natural relation to the body.

Smith's Mammoth Double Uncle Tom's Cabin Company are on the road and will appear at Abilene in a short time with 25 performers, 2 Toppies, 2 donkeys, 6 bloodhounds, 8 colored plantation singers, six snare drummers, &c., &c. Keep a look out for their appearance.

Mr. Oscar Merrill caught a very old lady in his arms last Friday afternoon. The passenger was just pulling out from the depot when the old lady in question attempted to step from the platform. She would have fallen and no doubt seriously hurt herself had not Mr. Merrill caught her and placed her gently on her feet.

Mrs. Humphrey's new book, "The Squatter Sovereign, or Kansas in the '50's," lies on the table before us. Receiving it too late for even a hasty perusal, it is impossible to give a review of the book this week. The volume is a handsome, attractive one, well illustrated, and it shall be our pleasure to give it a careful, just review.

Rev. E. Gale, of Manhattan, preached a very pleasing and interesting sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday morning. Fourteen years ago, in a log cabin, Mr. Gale organized the Baptist church at Abilene, and twenty years ago there was no Baptist church between Manhattan and the Pacific coast. But those few years have witnessed a wondrous change in the western country.

A horse doctor by the name of Painter died at the Henry House last Saturday evening. He was a stranger here, and his home was at Winfield, Kansas. Abilene Post, G. A. R., took charge of the remains, and, at the request of the bereaved wife, sent them to Winfield. The man had been in the city about a week, and was a hard drinker. It is more than probable that whisky was the cause of his death.

Last Monday afternoon the REFLECTOR men passed into the County Treasurer's room and found it full of farmers waiting to pay their taxes. The rush was so great that the men had to wait for "turns," as in a barber shop, and Treasurer Kirby and Deputy Brillhart were unable to their fullest capacity. Many men who came to town to pay their taxes were unable to find the opportunity. This is the prosperity of our county strikingly illustrated.

The Baptist church, of Abilene, has a few members and many friends in Willard township. Last Thursday, December 13th, the ladies gave an oyster supper at the Funkhouser school house for the benefit of the new Baptist church of this city. The amount realized after all expenses were paid was \$91.93. This amount the treasurer received last Saturday from the hands of Mrs. N. A. Holland, and his heart was made glad.

Our amusement loving people remember with feelings of unalloyed pain, un-mixed with yearning, the "Princess Chuck," "Nuggets" and "Hidden Hand" companies, but they have excelled in worthlessness by the "Rose Lisle Company," which gave "Reddy's Luck" at the Opera House last Monday evening. The play was utterly lacking in incident and interest, and not a member of the company is worthy of criticism. The audience was almost as bad as the play. So much disorder and noise had not been seen at any previous performance.

Mr. H. Shadinger has the contract to paper the dining room and the railroad ticket office and waiting room of the Henry House. Fresco paper will be used, and when finished the rooms will present a very handsome appearance. Probably the most artistic sample of Mr. Shadinger's work in this line can be found in the second story room of Hazlett & Co.'s store. Mr. Downing, of the Henry House, and Mr. Shadinger were at Kansas City yesterday to select the paper. No expense is to be spared to make the three rooms mentioned lovely and irresistible.

In August, 1878, there was a photographer in Wamego, who signed his name J. A. Hansbrough. We have reasons for desiring to know his present residence—Manhattan, Kansas.

For the information of the Nationalist we will state that J. A. Hansbrough is in Abilene, conducting a successful photograph business. He directs us to state that he is accessible to any one who wishes to see him, and further, that he desires the Nationalist to publish its reasons for wishing to know his whereabouts. Mr. Hansbrough is justly indignant at the insinuation contained in the above paragraph.

It is reported that coal has been found in Ellsworth county, twelve miles northwest of Brookville and eight miles from the railroad. The vein averages 35 or 36 inches in thickness, and is being mined in a very crude way. The farmers in the neighborhood have been using the coal, and they say that it is of superior quality. The demand for it at \$3.50 per ton is so great that teams are frequently forced to wait for their loads. A paying vein of coal in Ellsworth, Saline or Dickinson county would be of almost incalculable benefit to Central Kansas, and it is to be hoped that such a vein has been found and will be scientifically worked.

One of our colored fellow citizens whose name we have been unable to learn, filled his dusky hide full of "rain-water" and started out to "take the town." Saturday evening last. The war-like son of Ham was armed to the teeth with gun, revolver, knife, &c., and was able to settle every controversy after his own way of thinking until he ran into the sinewy grip of Marshal Miller. Then was he shorn of his glory and given a prison cell to sober up in. He paid \$18 for his fun. During the same evening a stranger, supposed to be the partner of the Illinois murderer Russell, arrested here last summer, unexpectedly slipped a pistol on the check preparatory to "chasing him up." But the Marshal summarily collared him and put him to rest beside the erring colored prisoner. The bad white was to contribute \$10. to the city machine, but at last accounts he was still cramped for room.

Coming Events.
The Baptist Sunday School will meet at the Spruce street Chapel, Tuesday evening, Dec. 23d, where it will render a Xmas service entitled, "Christmas." At the close of the service the children will be the happy recipients of candies, nuts, raisins, &c. A pleasant time may be expected.

The Methodist Sunday School, not to be left behind, will give an entertainment, consisting of music, recitations, tableaux and dialogues, at the church on Monday evening, Dec. 24th. A stage with drop curtain will be prepared for exercises. Adapting the favorite custom, the school children will be given candies, nuts, apples and the like.

On Christmas-Eve the Presbyterian Sunday School will engage in the enjoyable rout of "Catching Kris Kingle." The old, white bearded, snowy dispenser of gifts will be there to deliver *bon bons* and breezy *bon mots* to the delighted children, and at the end the old fellow will be caught and his identity discovered.

The Lutheran Sunday School, on Christmas eve, will give Christmas concert exercise at the Lutheran church, entitled, "Christ, the Magi and Man," a beautiful responsive service with singing, recitations and dress effect. At the close of the service the children of the school will be delighted by a generous distribution of candies, nuts, etc.

We do not know whether the pleasant action of Santa Claus will be introduced or not.

The Knights of Pythias' ball, to be given next Tuesday evening at the Opera House, promises to be the pre-eminent social event of the season. Its management is in first class hands, and its success is ensured. It is reported that the costumes of the ladies will surpass in elegance and beauty any previous effort in this direction, and expectation among the "lovely fair" is of course on tip-toe. The dancers will enjoy the almost inestimable and unusual pleasure of "tripping the light fantastic" to excellent music.

Leap year begins the first day of January, 1885, and on that day it is probable that the young men of this city will keep "open house." Already several of the sterner sex, whom age has not withered, have signified their intention to take advantage of the privileges of the day, and, in full dress, with all the *impresment* they are capable of, will be "at home" to receive their lady friends. It is understood, however, that no proposals will be entertained by the "lords" on the day above mentioned.

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CORN SHELLERS!
A car load of Corn Shellers, of all sizes, just received by Berry Bros. Mercantile Company.

Silverware at wholesale prices.
J. S. KELLEY.

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New York
Buckwheat Flour and Vermont Maple Syrup at Harry Becker & Co.'s.

Petroleum.
Headlight oil, 175 degrees fire test, at Northcraft's; also safety oil.

For the Best Beef Steaks,
Roasts, Mutton, Pork, &c., call at Wahl Bros.' Broadway Meat Market, where you can get them. Wahl Bros. also pay the highest market price for Hides.

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HARD AND SOFT COAL BURNERS.
In numerous styles and at low prices, at Berry Bros. Mercantile Company, south side.

COOKING STOVES,
In great variety and at different prices at Berry Bros., south side.

DISHES.
Augustine's is the place to buy your dishes. In fact Augustine sells groceries and dishes cheaper than any other house in the county.

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A fine assortment of Gold and Silver Headed Cans, at Kelley's.

J. S. Kelley has an immense stock of Gold and Silver Watches at prices below any house in Kansas.

HOUSE PAINTING.
Having formed a co-partnership we are now prepared to take contracts for house painting, hard wood finishing, carriage painting, &c. Shop—over City Blacksmith shop immediately west of Bonebrake's establishment.

LAMPS! LAMPS!! LAMPS!!!
The finest assortment in the county at Northcraft's.

HURRY UP
If you wish to purchase land. The advance in prices may continue. We have the best bargains going.

Christmas Toys
In endless variety at B. F. Nelson's.

BANKRUPT STOCK.
Good Comforts for one dollar at Upshaw's Furniture Store. 13—4w.

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Dermatine.
Try Dermatine for toilet use. The finest thing out.

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Cream of Roses.
Funk's Cream of Roses at Northcraft's.

Come to the REFLECTOR to get the latest news, and don't forget that just above is McInerney's the place to buy your new shoes.

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GENTS FURNISHING GOODS.
I have now added a full line of Gents Furnishing Goods to my immense stock of Boots and Shoes. I am prepared to give the best bargains in Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gents Furnishing Goods and Gloves. Also a full line of Pants and Overalls, Ulsters and general Working Suits—CHEAP.

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A Clothing Drive
is what Simon Rothschild has opened for the public of Abilene and Dickinson county. He handles nothing but clothing and gents' furnishing goods and offers bargains in this line. "Catch on," and flow with the tide to the Palace Clothing Store.

Sewing Machines.
of the best makes will be sold by the Bonebrake hardware company at exceedingly low prices. They will be sold just the same as if they were hardware goods, and now is the time to get a good sewing machine at a low price.

ATTENTION JEWELERS.
I am prepared to furnish any thing in the Watch, Clock, Jewelry or Silverware line at wholesale prices. Dealers with whom I have no acquaintance must give first class reference, otherwise goods will be shipped C. O. D. J. S. Kelley.

A Few Cents.
Only a few cents above cost for Boots and Shoes at Kenyon's.

If you want letterheads, envelopes, billheads, statements, cards, circulars, bills, &c., give the REFLECTOR office a trial.

The Largest Stock
of Cigars and Tobacco at B. H. D'Hay's.

All that know more will go to McInerney's shoe store.

Santa Claus

WILL APPEAR UNVEILED AT

J. B. CASE'S,

Saturday, Dec. 15th,

And will be on exhibition until after Christmas—bringing with him good substantial and useful

GIFTS!

which will be sold at less money than any goods in the market. We will make a grand special sale of all kinds of goods during the Holidays. Don't fail to take in this grand exhibition.

CANDY! A Grand Specialty. CANDY!

J. B. CASE.