

# To Our Patrons:

*In wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we also thank you for the cordial support given us during the year just closing. Your loyal patronage has made this the banner year of our business life. We deeply appreciate this, and it will be our constant aim to more fully merit your continued patronage in the coming days by every effort that can add to our pleasant business relations. Again Thanking you, We are,*

*Sincerely*

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#### WELL, SO-LONG, FOLKS

And now, friends and brethren, we come to the parting of the ways. I have sold The Democrat to Mr. John B. Miller, and upon him will now fall the duty of regulating the universe. He is a newspaper man of many years' experience, a competent printer, able editorial and news writer, and a most excellent fellow in every sense of the word, not to mention his strong belief in the righteous doctrines of that party whose founder wrote the Declaration of Independence. It is my earnest wish that he

may succeed where I have failed and carry the good work on to a glorious conclusion. He is able to do his share in this work, and if the patrons of the old sheet will rally to his standard as they have to mine there will be no cause for regret on the part of anyone.

Just two years and two months ago I took charge of The Democrat, and mention of a few performances during that time will perhaps be pardoned. At that time The Democrat consisted of four pages ready-print and four pages home-print, and the home-print was set in 10-point type and liberally interspersed with "boiler plate" to fill up with. The business of the plant was in "such a horribly mangled and mutilated condition" that it was practically no business at all; the machinery, equipment and type was largely junk and 75 per cent of it has been thrown away and replaced during that time; the paper stock invoiced something less than \$75; some of the subscriptions were delinquent since 1910; the paper itself was without prestige or power, and the whole layout would

have made Horace Greeley turn over in his grave had he known of it. Today, with the exception of a linotype, which Mr. Miller has already ordered, it is one of the well equipped shops of the Southwest. For nearly a year we have been putting out from eight to sixteen pages of home-print every week; our job department has never had to send a job out of town on account of inability to do the work properly; our subscriptions, while not all paid in advance, are in mighty good shape; we have between \$500 and \$1,000 worth of paper stock on hand on which no bills are past due; and last, but by no means least, we have witnessed a Democratic victory in Seward county that reached from President to dog-pelter, an unheard-of thing in the past history of the county. Such a record gives the departing editor a feeling that it was not by any means a case of "love's labor lost" to put up with the few unpleasant things that are bound to come during that length of time. When you further realize that our capital stock when we bought the plant was \$250, you will know what constitutes a flyer in high finance.

To our patrons, subscribers and friends who have been in any measure responsible for this success, we render all due thanks. The business men of Liberal are the best bunch of fellows ever congregated together on one townsite, and the majority of our dealings have been pleasant on our part. Lots of The Democrat's good customers are men of opposite political faith, but today there are not a half dozen firms in Liberal that haven't in some way patronized this shop since we have been running it. We appreciate this spirit on their part and will try to maintain it should we go into some other line of business in this town.

We have no plans for the future. Liberal is a mighty good town in which to live and holds better prospects than any town nearby. At this time it is our intention of remaining here, and it would take something mighty enticing to make us pull up stakes and leave. We hope to live on our record of past performances for a week or two and presume something will show up in that length of time. We won't tackle anything until we have been out of the game long enough to get the kinks out of our think works, which six years of "hitting the ball" have brought about. We hope The Democrat, under the management of the new proprietor, will flourish and prosper like the proverbial green bay tree.

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Sunday morning a large number of Commandery members met in the lodge hall where religious services, conducted by Rev. D. G. MacLennan, were enjoyed. It was a very pleasing and appropriate service, one that will be remembered by all present.

#### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant and safe to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.

A marriage license was issued by Judge Campbell Tuesday to Harold H. Isham of Liberal and Cora D. Wilcoxson of Fowler.

Michigan Central passenger train No. 14, known as the New York-Chicago Express, bound from Chicago to Detroit, was held up by a gang of robbers near Dearborn, ten miles west of Detroit and looted.

The Greek government has submitted to representatives of the Entente a proposal that Greece drop her policy of neutrality on condition only that she be accorded a loan sufficient to pay for the mobilization and equipment of the army.

Oil Field Near Winfield.—A new oil field was opened with the bringing in of a well by the Empire Company, three miles southeast of Winfield. When the drill entered the sand, the well filled up several hundred feet with oil.

Pioneer Dies at Doniphan.—Adam Schnell, 71 years old, a pioneer resident of Doniphan, is dead at his home there. He was a native of Alsace, but came to Weston, Mo., with his parents when 1 year old and in 1845 to Doniphan, where he engaged in the wagon making business.

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Jack and Jill went up the hill  
To get a pail of water.  
Jack fell down and broke his crown  
And Jill ran for a doctor.  
Jill was wise beyond her size  
And got an osteopath.  
He found Jack upon his back  
About to breathe his last.  
What to do the doctor knew,  
And did it right away.  
He saved the boy and brought much  
joy  
To all the town that day.

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Happy New Year  
T. L. Gray & Son

**W**E want to thank our friends for their good patronage during 1916, and extend our best wishes for

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