

Mr. E. J. Fountain
requests the honor of your presence at the sale of
his full line of
Fancy Groceries
to
His Many Customers
on Saturday morning, eight o'clock, December 12th
nineteen hundred and eight
at his store
Bryan, Texas

At The Cozy



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KNOWN MAGICIAN.

The king of rope manipulators. \$100
challenge for anyone to tie him with
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Telepathy.
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Mind Reading.
Matinee Every Day at 3 O'clock.
New Films at Each Performance

Mr. W. W. Rudasill of Cottonwood
was in the city Monday.

Mr. Fred Cargill of Steep Hollow
was a business visitor to the city
Monday.

Business with the lumber men and
hardware dealers proved to be fairly
active Monday. Quite a lot of build-
ing material was hauled out of the
city and much barbed wire was sold.
er and the Bryan church will be
represented by Mr. Ed Hall of this
city. At the recent Beaumont meeting
Bryan was transferred from Calvert
district to the Huntsville district.

A person who is simply natural is
called eccentric.

An Appreciation.

To each of our customers
who have contributed their
patronage during the past
year and to whom we owe
the progress we have achieved,
we extend our heartiest
greetings and proffer our best
wishes for a
**MERRY CHRISTMAS and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

We anticipate that the good
will born us by our custo-
mers and friends will influ-
ence others to divert in our
direction a share of their
patronage the coming year.

EMMEL & MALONEY,
Prescription Druggists.

Phone 66.

A BOND ISSUE

Indorsed by Business Men for Water
Sewerage and Light.

An ample water supply and sewer-
age system is the Christmas gift
which was placed in Miss Bryan's
stocking at the mass meeting held in
Carnegie hall Monday afternoon.
These essentials to the city's growth
cleanliness and healthfulness were
not handed out complete of course
but the method of providing them
without any loss of time was arranged
for, and along with the early days of
the new year results will come.

The Bryan Retail Merchants asso-
ciation was called to order by Presi-
dent Edge shortly after 3 o'clock
Monday afternoon with Secretary John
R. Hines at his desk. So soon as the
meeting was called to order Mr. Ed
Hall moved that the reading of the min-
utes of the previous meeting be dis-
pensd with and the association re-
solve itself into a mass meeting of
citizens.

The motion prevailed and Mayor
Maloney addressed the meeting on the
subject of the necessity for a better
water supply and a sewerage system.
He discussed the proposed bond issue
which has been heretofore presented
to the people in these columns. He
made it clear that a \$75,000 bond issue
would refund all outstanding indebted-
ness of the city and the sum of about
\$57,000 would remain with which to
buy the water company's plant now
here or install a new system. He pre-
ferred the purchase of the old concern
the company would sell for what
the plant was worth. Mayor Maloney
spoke of the advantages to accrue
from ownership of such public util-
ities as waterworks, electric lighting
systems and sewerage and his conser-
vative deductions and the necessity
which all know to exist for a more
efficient fire and health protection
brought about the result desired.

During the progress of the meeting
many questions were asked and an-
swered. Mr. Tom Fountain, who has
been extensively employed in New
York State recently in municipal
work of this character, was present
and gave his experience in matters of
the kind, and advised in regard to
certain questions. The subject was thor-
oughly discussed for an hour or more
at the end of which time Mr. Ed.
Hall moved that the mass meeting of
citizens instruct the mayor of the
city to call a meeting of the council
and if the town can issue \$70,000 or
\$75,000 without increasing the pres-
ent rate of taxation that it be author-
ized to proceed in the usual manner
for a bond election; the issue of bonds
to be used to retire the present out-
standing indebtedness of the city and
carry out the purpose (waterworks,
electric lights and sewerage) for
which the issue is to be made. The
motion of Mr. Hall prevailed by a
unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Hall stated that he would prefer
to purchase the present water sys-
tem if it is found that it can be bought
at its worth.

After voting on Mr. Hall's motion,
the meeting adjourned. It was clear
that the men who attended the meet-
ing were there for business. The ne-
cessity for an adequate water supply
and a sewerage system are so well
known to every citizen of the town
that a discussion on this point was
not thought of; but how to supply
these necessities. So soon as the
matter was brought to the attention
of the business element of the city
and a practical method of surmounting
the difficulty suggested, no time was
lost. Mr. Hall said, "I move that the
mayor call his council together and
proceed." That was all, but it is
enough. Every man present voted for
the measure. It means that Bryan will
have a water supply, a sewerage sys-
tem and an up-to-date electric light
plant in operation before the close
of 1909. The sewerage system also
means a more cleanly city, a more
healthy city and a more desirable city
in which to live.

FOR LEASE—The Gentry 10 acres
and house. Situated south of rail-
road tower, and fine truck
land. Apply to G. P. Bittle, Bryan,
Texas.

The Pastor Is Pleased.

The following letter from Rev. T. H.
Morris, pastor of the First Methodist
church appeared in the Dec. 24, 1908,
issue of the Texas Christian Advo-
cate.

We are now comfortably situated
in the most delightful appointment in
the Texas Conference. Our reception
has been all we could ask, and we
have had every possible token of ap-
preciation, including an increase of
salary. This is the most heroic con-
gregation I have ever known. Tur-
rentine, Betts, Shettles and others who
have preceded me have all wrought
well, and are loved by the people. We
are anticipating a most happy and
useful pastorate.

T. H. Morris.

AFFAIRS AT AUSTIN.

Matters of the Moment at the Capital
of the State of Texas.

Austin, Dec. 28.—The railroad com-
mission has issued a notice of a hear-
ing Tuesday Jan. 12 to consider the
readjustment of rates on pneumatic
tires.

Insurance Commissioner Love wrote
to W. H. Gregory, president of the
Citizens' Life Insurance company of
Louisville, Ky., which has announced
that it will withdraw from the state,
revoking the certificate of authority
heretofore granted the company and
stating the reasons therefor.

Merchants and Farmers' State bank
of Weatherford, capital stock \$100,000,
and the Boston Dry Goods company
of Mineral Wells, capital stock \$30-
000, have filed their charters.

Governor Campbell is determined
the trial of H. Clay Pierce, on charge
of false swearing will be conducted
with fairness to both defense and
state. Since the magnate is coming
with many prominent attorneys the
state will be equally prepared. Gov-
ernor Campbell said the result of the
trial will of far more importance than
conviction or acquittal.

Adjutant General Newton denies
that rangers were sent to San Antonio
to investigate the authorship of threat-
ening letters written the governor. No
attention will be paid to them.

Second Trial Date Set.

Fort Worth, Dec. 28.—The second
trial of Frank McCue, charged with
the murder of Earl Mabry near Dallas
over a year ago, was set for Feb. 22
in the Sixty-seventh district court.
Judge Simmons, who heard the first
case, will again preside, special venire
of 150 was ordered for the jury. On
the first trial the jury failed to agree.

Fifteen Houses Destroyed.

Houston, Dec. 28.—Two fires in dif-
ferent parts of the city resulted in
the destruction of fifteen houses. Loss
is \$50,000, and partially insured.
The first fire burned an entire block
of ten houses. Second fire destroyed
five houses in the poorer section.

Bullet Pierces Heart.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 28.—C. R. Milburn,
aged forty-two, formerly a deputy
sheriff, accidentally killed himself
while cleaning his revolver. He had
removed four shells. One was left
when the trigger was jerked in some
unaccountable way. The bullet pierced
his heart.

Appointed Coadjutor.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Rev. Dr.
Dennis J. O'Connell, rector of the Ro-
man Catholic University of America
has been appointed bishop coadjutor
of San Francisco.

EARTH SHAKES IN ITALY.

Violent Disturbances Reported
In That Kingdom.

TIDE HITS SICILIAN RLACE

Water From the Ocean Rolls In Huge
Waves Over the Docks, Causing Pop-
ulation to Rush Back Into the City,
and Vessels of All Kinds In Peril.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Violent earthquake
shocks were felt in Calabria at 9:30
o'clock Monday morning. Serious dam-
age resulted and some casualties are
reported at Mileto, Conadi, and Stef-
anconi. At Stefanconi the shock was
most severe. San Gregorio and Majer-
ata also suffered.

A dispatch from Catania Sicily, says
the Swedish steamer Asta, the Aus-
trian steamer Rudawo and Indian
steamer Orseolo were damaged by an
earthquake and consequent tidal dis-
turbance at that port.

Later reports state that southern
Italy was visited by a serious and fa-
tal earthquake. The center of disturb-
ance was in Sicily and the greatest
loss of life and property occurred on
that island. Reports as yet incom-
plete, but people everywhere thrown
into panic condition. At Caltanissetta,
a Sicilian town of 30,000 people, a
number of houses were shaken down
and the inhabitants fled for safety
to the streets.

At Mineo, a small town 100 miles
southwest of Catania, several houses
collapsed and scenes of panic were re-
peated.

At Agosta, in province of Syracuse,
two churches and several houses were
demolished, but no lives were lost.

A report from Calabria says three
dead and sixty wounded persons have
been removed from the ruins at Stef-
aniconia.

Sixty persons are said to have sus-
tained injuries at San Nofrie and the
population is camping out in the air.

At Celnabria, Sicily, a tidal wave
swept into the port. People on water
front were thrown into an indescrib-
able condition of fear. People fled
from the docks and water fronts into
the town. Boats of all kinds were
abandoned. Waters came and left
confusion and damage on every hand.
Number of fishing boats swamped
and three steamers got in port more
or less damaged.

The Austrian steamer Rudawo was
nearly overwhelmed. Much merchan-
dise was piled on docks was washed
away. Brief reports have been re-
ceived here, Palermo, capital of Sicily,
shocks there lasted thirty-two seconds.
Telephone and telegraph system put
out of business and railroad communi-
cation interrupted but submarine
cables from Palermo still working.

Rolls Down Embankment.

Lumber City, Ga., Dec. 28.—Six per-
sons were injured when a special
freight train on the Southern railroad
jumped the track near here and rolled
down a high embankment to become
a mass of wreckage within a few yards
of the Okmulgee river.

Stricken Blind In Pulpit.

Springfield, O., Dec. 28.—Rev. Wil-
bur Davis was stricken blind while
delivering a sermon in his pulpit at
the High Street Methodist Episcopal
church. The bursting of a blood ves-
sel is given as the cause.

Neck Broken by Fall.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Former Captain
C. W. King of the Fourteenth Infantry
fell from a bridge here. His neck was
broken. Children found his body.

No. 3446.

First National Bank

Bryan, Texas.

Capital \$100,000
Surplus & undivided profits \$ 89,000

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**Merry
Xmas**

E. J. Jenkins

The Big Grocery Sale

will continue until everything is disposed of. Hundreds of new buyers
as well as our old customers are taking advantage of this close-out sale
for cash. Remember all purchases of One Dollar and over delivered
free. Below we quote a few prices on articles that have not appeared
before. All other goods in proportion:

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar for... \$1.00
Swift's Premium Ham per pound 14c
Swift's Premium Bacon per lb.... 20c
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Queen
Olives, per bottle..... 20c
20-oz. Bottle Fancy Selected Queen
Olives per bottle..... 25c
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Stuffed
Olives, per bottle..... 20c
14-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour mixed
pickles, per bottle..... 7 1/2c

40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed
Pickles, per bottle..... 20c
64-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed
Pickles, per bottle..... 35c
One-half Gallon Hyman's sour
Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 50c
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced
Lily Hot, per bottle..... 20c
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced
Chow-Chow, per bottle..... 20c
20-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced
Mixed Pickles..... 12 1/2c

24-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed
Pickles..... 17 1/2c
24-oz Bot. Heinz Sweet Mixed
Pickles, per bottle..... 20c
32-oz Bot. Heinz India Relish
per bottle..... 25c
14-oz Bot. Heinz Evaporated Horse
Radish..... 25c
All kinds of Bulk Pickles at greatly
reduced prices.

We have plenty of all goods previously advertised at prices quoted.
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fresh clean stock and will be sold at prices quoted.

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