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### Death of Don Coffee

A hush seemed to fall over our town Tuesday morning as the sad news went forth that Don Coffee was dead. He went to Dallas last week and on Saturday was operated upon for appendicitis and was thought to be on the road to recovery.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coffee of this place and for several years was a well known young business man of our town, and by his gentlemanly conduct, honesty, strict attention to his duties and courteous treatment made friends of all with whom he came in contact.

He left here some time and went to Albany where he took the study of law under his uncle, Judge S. C. Coffee. He was a splendid young man and survived by a devoted wife, parents

one brother and several sisters to mourn the death of a loving husband, a dutiful son and devoted brother, and to whom the sincere sympathy of their friends in their great sorrow.

The remains arrived here on the noon train Wednesday and were buried that afternoon, the funeral services being held at 3:30 at the Baptist church.

### Teachers' Institute

The Howard County Teachers' Institute convened in the High School building here Monday morning and will be in session until Thursday night. The attendance is very good and the papers and discussions interesting and instructive.

Sid Wasson of Dawson county was here Wednesday.

### Aged Citizen Dead

Sunday afternoon about four o'clock the spirit of D. H. Duncan took its flight from this earth and returned to Him who gave it. His death, although not unexpected, came as a shock to the entire town. He had been in failing health for two months but was able to be up most of the most of the time.

Mr. Duncan was born in Scotland in 1838, came to the United States when a young man and to Big Springs twenty-two years ago. During his residence here he engaged in various pursuits retiring from active business some three years ago. He was a consecrated christian gentleman, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church and was always ready to cheerfully do the work of the Master and never missed an opportunity to speak for Him.

Mr. Duncan was loved and respected by all knew him and the people who enjoyed intimate association were the better for it. He never spoke ill of any one or uttered unkind words to any.

He leaves an aged wife and several children to mourn his death and to whom the sympathy of our town is extended.

The funeral took place Monday afternoon, Rev. L. O. Cunningham conducting the religious services after which the remains were taken in charge by the Masonic order and buried.

### Episcopal Church

On Christmas day, the morning service at the Episcopal church will be at 10:45. Night service at 7:30. Special music for Christmas is being prepared under the direction of Mr. W. R. Dawes, the choir leader. The Christmas tree will be on Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

### A Holiday Mission Rally and Bible Institute.

It is the purpose of the Big Springs Association to conduct a number of institutes and rallies during this associational year, and the first of these will be held at Vincent during the Xmas holidays from Tuesday night to Friday night, inclusive, the 27th, to 30th inst. Circumstances have prevented any definite arrangement of program, but the following men will be present and addresses delivered:

Rev. J. W. Bates, Big Springs, —The Bible and how to teach it; The place of Christ; The power of his resurrection.

Rev. B. Broome, Colorado, —Three lectures on the Holy Spirit. Rev. J. F. Wood, Andrews, —Systematic Benevolence; Organization of Associational Work; Denominational papers and literature.

Rev. E. A. Burton, —Two lectures on Church Covenant. Other lectures on organized denominational interests.

We shall hope to have the following lectures, but whose subject are not announced:

President I. E. Gates, of Wayland Academy, and whom we feel quite fortunate in having secured.

Mr. R. M. Webb, Colorado, who will speak on Sunday School work.

Rev. W. B. Davis, Pastor at Lamessa.

Judge M. H. Morrison, Big Springs.

We also hope to have the work of the ladies' organizations presented at some time during the sessions by some of their representatives. Every one who can do so are cordially invited to attend; and those who can come will send their names to Rev. S. C. Shipley, of Morris, so stating, day and he will have some one from January 2, 1911.

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Cor. Sec. Big Springs Ass'n.

What would be more appreciated by a gentleman for a Xmas present than a pair of Nettleton Shoes. Sold by A. P. McDonald & Co.

The schools of our town closed on Friday for a two weeks holiday and will reopen on Monday, January 2, 1911.

Dr. J. G. Wright and A. R. Wylie returned Monday from a trip to Chicago, Illinois, Detroit, Michigan, and South Bend, Indiana, where they went in the interest of their auto wheel. They met with considerable encouragement and say they will secure some good business as a result of the trip.

The pastors of the various churches of our town met at the Y. M. C. A. hall last week and organized a "Pastors' Association," with Dr. J. G. Wright as president and A. R. Wylie as secretary.

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Every issue of a newspaper which tries to record the most important events of the day seems to be on its face an indictment of the human race and modern civilization. Stories of greed, oppression, wrongs and crime often take up most of the space in its columns. The effect upon the reader is sometimes to make him think, for the moment at least, that the world is growing more hard and cruel, and that society, as it is constituted, is a failure. But such a view is all wrong, and the thoughtful reader soon realizes it. The world is growing better all the time, and humanity is steadily advancing from one plane of life to another. The reason there seems more wickedness is that the people of the earth are in closer communication with one another than they were only a few years ago, says the Cleveland Leader. Crimes which once remained unknown to all but a comparatively few are now revealed to the entire civilized world, that it may know the sort of men it must suppress, the extent of the harm they inflict and the manner in which they are dealt with. Wrongs which once flourished because they were hidden are now dragged into the light of day and exposed in all their meanness in the pages of the newspapers. Modern civilization, through its most powerful agency for progress, the public press, lays bare the hitherto hidden wounds inflicted upon society, that they may be cured and their repetition prevented. No, the world is not growing worse. There is less of poverty, crime and suffering than existed only a few years ago. Life is easier, more profitable and more full of joy. The man with the shovel gets more out of it than did the man with the two-handed sword in his castle, a brief remove back in the life of the race.

Exchanging professors with American institutions of learning is an increasing practice among educators abroad. For several years the interchange has been going on between this country and Germany, and some of the ablest of our teachers have served in Berlin and elsewhere, while American professors have done similar improvements in the universities and colleges of Germany. Now a prominent business man of Copenhagen has given \$100,000 to the Scandinavian-American Society to promote the interchange of professors between American and Danish universities. The Rhodes scholarships, through which American students receive the benefit of advanced courses at England's great university of Oxford, furnish another illustration of the solidarity of learning which incidentally must tend to draw nations nearer to one another.

Runaway matches have been known to turn out ideally, but not often. Their average course is toward wreckage and wretchedness. The very need of secrecy and flight is generally indicative of a fault in the scheme somewhere, and young girls who are willing to defy parental love and care and marry by stealth need feel no surprise when their idols' feet turn out to be clay, and a poor variety of that. Spite of the jokersmiths, the cartoonists and the waggish poets, marriage is the most serious step in the lives of men and women, says the Boston Post. Even the mature ought to give it at least as respectable consideration as they would any other investment. Boys and girls need to take advice on the matter, not railroad trains to a quick-service city clerk's office somewhere "across the line."

The many exposures of smuggling by rich women shows a curious cast of the feminine mind. In nearly every instance the culprit was aware of the law and that she was violating it; but few, if any, regarded the statute seriously and doubted even in the event of detection that it would be applicable to her own individual instance. Most women of this class have never come in contact with the law, having lived in a realm in which their own will was sovereign. That the law is no respecter of persons they have had to learn, and those who will take to themselves the lesson should be better citizens and certainly more familiar with the institutions of their country.

Among the fashion notes of the day is one to the effect that there is war between the large and the small bonnets. In such a strife no doubt the principal weapon of offense and defense wielded by the ladies will be the hatpin.

When the czar and the kaiser met they kissed; but the salutation of the governor of North Carolina and the governor of South Carolina had far more spirit to it.

## TO DEAD; 125 HURT IN BIG EXPLOSION

IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY.

### PROPERTY LOSS IS IMMENSE

Windows Broken for Many Blocks.  
Street Car Bodily Hurled  
Upwards.

New York, Dec. 20.—The very heart and backbone of Manhattan Island was shaken this morning by a terrific explosion of illuminating gas in the auxiliary power house of the Grand Central Station.

Nine persons, two of them women, were killed, 125 were injured and property was damaged to the extent of \$500,000.

Four workmen who are missing are believed to have perished and of 125 injured, ninety-eight were removed to hospitals. Of these eight may die. An investigation by the police, the District Attorney's office and the Coroner's office is under way. Traffic on the New York Central Railroad ceased entirely for some hours and was disorganized for the remainder of the day, but the new station itself, now in process of construction was not damaged.

A passing surface car carrying seven passengers was lifted from the tracks and hurled into an automobile running alongside. Four of the seven passengers were killed outright but the chauffeur of the motor car was only cut and bruised. Nearly 100 are in hospitals.

#### Temple to Buy Experimental Farm.

Temple: Temple will raise, by popular subscription, \$5,000 as a bonus toward the purchase of a farm for experimental purposes of the State Board of Agriculture, as provided by an act of the last Legislature. According to the agreement purchase was made of a choice 100-acre tract of black land adjoining the city, the price paid being \$100 per acre, the State furnished one-half and the residents of Bell County to provide the remainder.

#### Plans for Campaign.

Houston: Supporters throughout the State of the prohibition amendment are planning to open headquarters, probably in Houston, with Col. Tom Balfour as manager. The opponents of the proposed amendment have practically concluded arrangements with Col. Jake Wolters to manage their campaign against the proposition, and he will also establish local headquarters.

W. P. Brown, noted bull leader in cotton, predicts 25c cotton.

A pneumatic express line from Chicago is the latest proposition on taps.

Alvin's new \$30,000 hotel was completed and opened to the public last week.

It is reported that a number of oil wells will be sunk near Lunfkin at an early date.

Machinery has been unloaded and is being set up for an experimental oil hole near Guy, Fort Bend County.

Machinery has been bought for a \$600,000 sugar refinery at Harlingen, which is to have a grinding capacity of 600 tons a day.

Friday night at midnight saloons were barred out of Harrison county under a recent prohibition election held for the county.

The Dallas Chamber of Commerce announces that the death rate for Dallas from December, 1909, to December, 1910, is 14.09 per 1000.

A. G. Royce, aged 65, a Union veteran of the Civil War, fell dead at his home of heart failure in Texarkana. His widow and several grown children survive him.

The State Insurance Board advises that Beaumont now has the lowest key rate of any city in Texas, the rate being 22 cents, a 1-cent reduction having been made by adding to the fire equipment. Waco is second, with 23 cents.

D. A. Maunday of Kansas City, a representative of the American Sugar Manufacturing and Refining Company, is spending several weeks in the Pecos Valley testing sugar beets and looking into general conditions for the purpose of finding a location for a beet sugar factory for his firm.

Henceforth in Baltimore no white person may move into a house in a block where the majority of the residents of that block are negroes, nor may a negro move into a block where the majority of the residents are white.

The lignite mines about 6 miles west of Marlin are giving employment to some 100 men.

A mail sack stolen from the depot at Comanche on December 10 was found last Monday about a mile from the depot, split open and all registered mail taken out, other letters remaining.

A new patent law in Germany rescinds patents which are not utilized by manufacturers within three years after grant. This is to prevent the "shelving" of patents to prevent the use of the invention by others.

# Christmas, 1473. Mystery Play of the Nativity

It was early morning of the sixteenth of December, in the year of our Lord 1473. There was a sprightly freshness in the air, yet a touch of ardor, too, for France, even in its northern parts, as in the neighborhood of Rouen, where this scene is laid, is favored with sunshine and pleasant warm breezes until the early months of the new year. Shops were closed, the tools of the mason and the shoemaker and the carpenter lay where they had fallen from the hand of the owner or where they had been put the night before. But every square of Rouen all the way from the massive portal of the cathedral to the cloisters of St. Maclou was thronged, and every window threatened to burst outward from the press of heads and shoulders seeking a point of vantage. In the streets the royal archers had difficulty in keeping a little way clear, and were forced often to threaten and sometimes to prod into order the crowding masses. Something of unusual nature was evidently toward.

Promptly at eight o'clock a herald stepped from the arch of the cathedral and sounded long and loudly on his trumpet. For some moments he remained standing there, as though waiting for a signal from behind. Then he began slowly to pace forward. With a grotesque caper another figure sprang into life from the darkness of the archway. On its head were horns, in its hand it carried a horrid spear, in the girdle at its waist hung smoking firebrands, and sharp implements like the tools of a tinsmith, while its entire body was covered with long hair, and hideous talons armed its long black fingers. No doubt of its identity could be left: it was Lucifer. Rapidly others of his band emerged and surrounded him, merry devils playing pranks, raging devils with forked tongues, serene devils disguised as vintagers, as artisans, as magistrates, yet all displaying in some fashion the cloven hoof or spiked tail. Close pressing on the heels of this boisterous crew came a long bearded patriarch, mounted on an ass. From time to time a celestial figure clothed in white, bearing a shining long sword, stepped from beside him and blocked the way. The chronicles of the time fail to mention whether the ass spoke or not, but the spectacle made it plain beyond peradventure to every onlooker that this was Balaam who was riding in review before them.

After Balaam came other of the prophets, David, Isalah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and the Sibyl. These were they who had foretold the coming of the Messiah. Shepherds followed them, playing upon bagpipes and singing lustily:

"Downe from heaven, from heaven so his,  
Of angels there came a great compaign,  
With mirthe and joy and great solemnity  
They sang terly, terlow:  
So merrell the sheppards their pipes can  
blow."

Queerest of all was the manner in which these various personages were accoutered. Balaam



AN ENTR'ACTE FOR DINNER DURING THE TWO DAYS PLAY

wore a flowing gown of richest silk, borrowed from the bishop. On his feet were long pointed-toe shoes of doekskin, turned up and fastened to the knees with fine chains. His neck was encircled with a piece of costly lace, and to give a touch of the Oriental, a turban was wound about his fifteenth-century hat; and about the turban was festooned a necklace borrowed for the occasion from the goodwife.

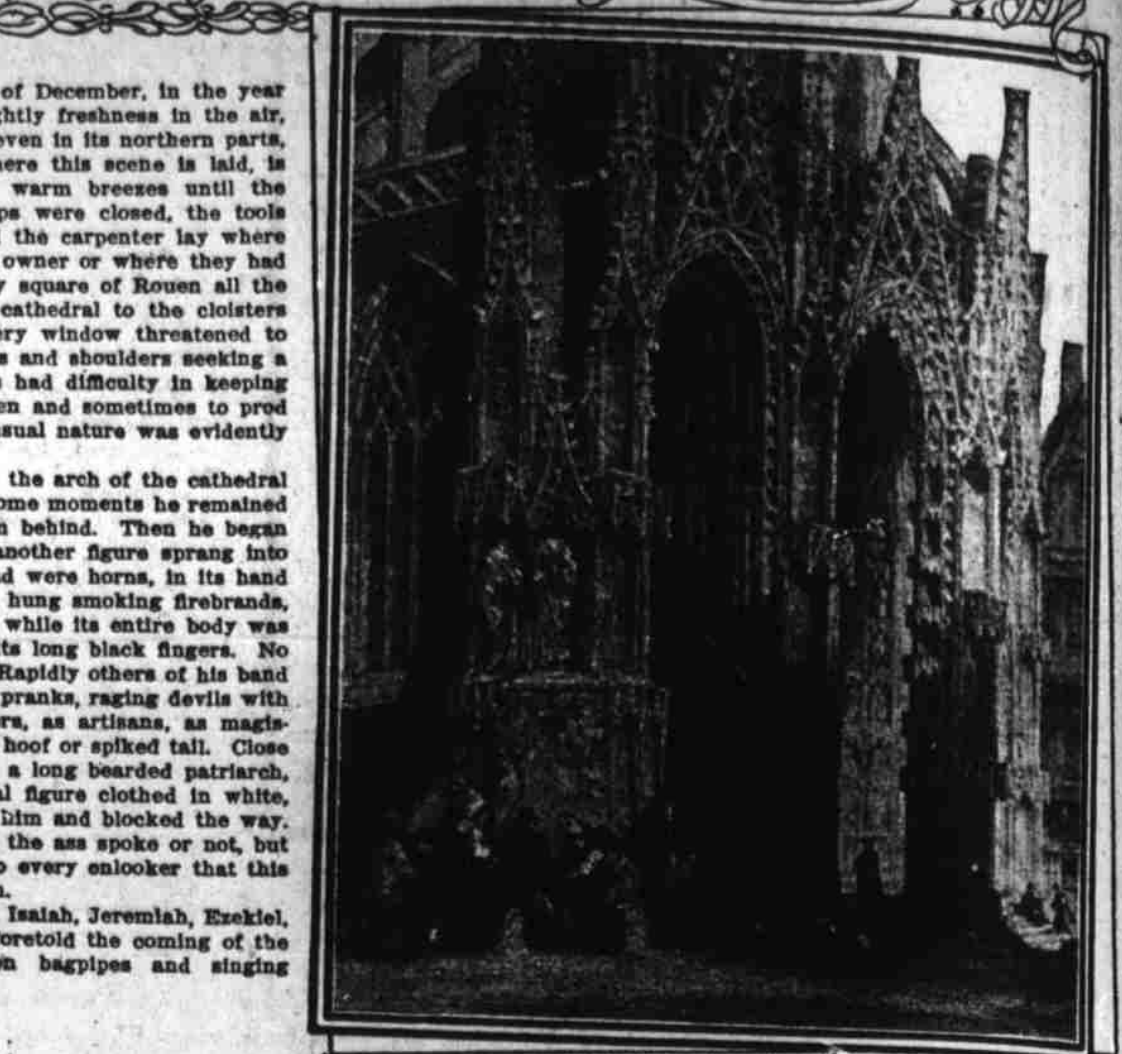
The shepherds were attired quite as sumptuously. They wore slashed doublets and gorgeous colored trunks, and the pipes upon which they played were of the latest fashion in French instrumentation. But the magi, who journeyed in the shepherds' company, far outshone their pastoral companions. Beneath their gowns they gleamed resplendent in bright armor. From top to toe were they encased in mail, and, since they could find no camels in Rouen, they rode on donkeys, that grunted beneath the burden. Each magus was accompanied by a page.

And so the procession wound on and on out of the portal of the cathedral of Rouen. Joseph and Mary, the surly innkeeper bearing a lantern, to designate that his part was played in the night, King Herod, the Roman emperor, and lastly God the Father, God the Son and a numerous band of angels, who distributed amongst themselves the costliest of the alps, stoles, dalmatics and copes loaned for the occasion by the clergy of the cathedral and the cloister of St. Maclou. Seventy-eight of these principal actors there were in this procession, and their attendant squires and the lesser figures in the drama numbered a hundred and fifty more. By the time they had passed from out the cathedral and arrived at the cloister it was well on the way toward noon of this sixteenth of December, 1473.

At intervals during the course of the parade the crier who headed it stopped and blew a prolonged blast. The procession halted, and from its midst emerged a long-visaged man in the dress of a university doctor. In his hand he held a fat scroll. Waving this aloft, he made proclamation:

"Sillete! sillete! Silentium habentis,  
Et per Dei solum, pacem facietis."

And when he had finished his peroration in Latin he announced in the vernacular the purport of the celebration. It was to be a great mystery play in honor of the nativity of the Savior, "Incarnation et nativite de nostre sauveur et redempteur Jesuchrist." The sheriffs of the town, the clergy of the cathedral and St. Maclou, many of the rich burghers and the bishop himself had given of their time and money without stint, in order that the dear townspeople might refresh their souls with a spectacle of holy events. And he, the doctor, had composed a mystery play of



PORTAL OF ROUEN CATHEDRAL



JOSEPH AND MARY ARRIVE AT BETHLEHEM

some 10,000 verses, and had rehearsed the actors in their parts, so that all was in readiness. On the morning of the twenty-fourth the play would begin, in the market place of the city, and by the grace of God it would be finished by evening of the day following. Let all attend! The crier then made proclamation for the mayor that all shops save those of the victualers should be closed on those two days. Citizens need have no fear at leaving their houses unguarded, for special troops of the archers would patrol the city, and furthermore the gates of the town would be closed against either ingress or egress. Let all attend!

Now let us turn our attention to the market place. It is a large square in the center of Rouen, into which the principal thoroughfares of the city debouch. On all of its four sides is confusion. Along one entire dimension is being erected a row of private boxes for the mayor and other dignitaries of the town, and for such of the clergy as are not impersonating parts in the mystery. The two abutting sides are given over to the victualers, whose booths will feed the hungry throngs during the entre'actes of the play. And the fourth side, that facing the private boxes, is allotted for the stage. In all, this structure compasses some 10,000 square feet; but this small space for the time represents two countries, Palestine and Italy—to say nothing of two realms not to be located with so much geographical certainty—paradise and hell.

On its extreme left is Nazareth, and the house of Joseph and Mary. In fact, the house is all there is to the town, except a sign board inscribed with the name of the place. Next is Bethlehem, typified by an inn and a stable, and just beyond Bethlehem lies a "mansion," or curtain-off square. At the appropriate moment the screen here will be withdrawn, disclosing to the eyes of the onlookers the band of shepherds, watching their flocks by night, and incidentally making the welkin ring with the sound of song and shrilling of the pipes. The field of the shepherds lies betwixt Bethlehem and Jerusalem, that is to say, betwixt the inn and stable and the house of Herod, which stands for the holy city. The next few feet leap oceans, for at the side of Herod's house stands the temple of Apollo in Rome, the chamber of the Roman emperor and the capitol, besides the haunt of the Sibyl, that strange figure of medieval church lore, who, pagan though she was, ranked with the Hebrew prophets, and was celebrated in the greatest of church songs, the "Dies Irae," along with David:

"Dies irae, dies illa,  
Solvat aequum in favilla,  
Teste David, cum Sibylla."

Adjoining the house of the Sibyl is limbo. So close are they that during the course of the play their inmates can reach across the intervening space and exchange the courtesy of a sip of wine from the flask. Limbo is merely a square tower, with a front strongly grated. It serves to hold the materialized souls of such of the worthy departed as dwell on earth during the old dispensation. Here will reside, during the two days of the representation, the prophets, the patriarchs and a select few of the pagans. Their lot is not an unhappy one—they live only in unsatisfied hope. They may well be content with their fate when they look upon their neighbors to the right, at the end of the row of spectacles. For here is hell-mouth. Of all the grotesque and impressive spectacles of the mystery play, hell-mouth took precedence. The most skillful carpenters and mechanicians were employed in its fabrication, and the art of the most expensive painter was none too good for its adornment. When completed, hell-mouth stood 12 or 15 feet high, and as

many broad, grinning like the head of St. George's dragon. Its jaws opened cavernously when proper levers were put in operation at the back, and from its eyes and throat issued flames and gusts of smoke, from braziers filled with pitch and blown upon with bellows. Through this smoke sallied out the devil and his aides, to drag in the souls of the lost; and the agonized screams of the damned, punctuated by the roar of cannon.

The final spectacle of the stage the carpenters were erecting was paradise. High placed above everything else, it dominated all the scene. Its occupants, God the Father, God the Son and the blessed angels, were hoisted up into it by mechanical lifts, and when the angels wished to descend, as for instance on the night of the nativity, over the fields near Bethlehem, they did so suspended on ropes. It was hard being God or an angel, for there was little chance to get down and stretch one's legs. With these heavenly characters abode four others—Peace, Mercy, Justice and Truth, in imitation of Aristotle's four cardinal virtues.

Such were, in the main, the "mansions" and the characters for which the carpenters had to provide, and the eight days succeeding the "mystery" or grand parade were especially busy ones for these artisans.

Early on the morning of December 24 the long awaited representation began. The vast market place was thronged. Every box was filled with the gentry; the roped-in space in front, out to within some yards of the stage front, had been covered thickly with straw, and here on the ground sat the masses, while the open stretch immediately in front of and rather below the level of the stage was filled with crowds parading back and forth. Altogether it was a glorious and eager gathering.

The learned doctor whose midnight toll had prepared the doggerel, and whose weeks of labor had rehearsed the players in their parts, appeared first in a short prologue. After exhorting his listeners to silence, he described for them briefly the substance of what was about to be presented on the stage, and admonished them to take to heart the lessons of the mystery. As he retired to a convenient angle of the wall of Herod's house, whence he might advantageously be in position for prompting the actors, a deep lamentation broke out within hell. It was Adam grieving over the sad and fallen state of man.

Thus the play goes on for two days, passing now to limbo, whence the prophets issue to forestall the coming salvation, to Nazareth, to Bethlehem and throughout the whole cycle of the nativity. When Christ is born in Bethlehem, hell redoubles its efforts, and Lucifer rolls about the stage in a mighty orgy of blind fury. The image of the idols in the temple at Rome fall crashing from their pedestals, and, high above all, the angels in paradise, or hovering on their ropes above the fields of Palestine, chant majestically the praises of the Creator and proclaim the "Pax in terra."

Curious is the final scene. It is placed in Rome, in the chamber of Augustus. The emperor, dressed like a French duke, is seated on a fancy chair loaned by the mayor of Rouen. Evidently he is ill at ease. He is reading a scroll of the Sibylline writings, wherein he finds a distinct prophecy to the effect that a Messiah is to be born in Palestine, in Bethlehem of Judaea. More and more disturbed he becomes, and as he paces the floor of his chamber he recites his woes in doggerel French, accompanied by a wealth of gesticulations. The sun is already down beyond the goblets to the west of the market place ere his monologue comes to an end. With a sudden inspiration, he falls to his knees and worships a figure of the virgin that miraculously appears on the wall. Satan and his crew give a final salvo, and the crowd rises stiffly to its feet and wends its way back to the homes and taverns of the city, much moved by the spectacle it has been a witness of for two whole days.



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E. W. Douthit was here Tuesday from his ranch southeast of town.

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Every thing in men's furnishings of the highest quality, at A. P. McDonald & Co's.

R. A. Bow came in Sunday from Belts and will spend the holidays here.

You can buy more furniture for less money at Mortons Furniture Store.

Mrs. J. W. Ward and son have gone to Fort Worth where they will spend the holidays.

I want to buy young horses and mares and mules.

J. C. Billingsley.

C. F. Morris, who has been buying cotton at Sparta, came in Monday to spend the holidays here.

Red Cross shoes and Peters' Diamond Brand shoes will give more comfort and longer wear than any you've worn. Sold by A. P. McDonald & Co.

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Has got some Holiday Goods

on the floor and

Others are Coming.

## Wanted

100 men to cut cord wood and ties at Bagwell, Red River county, Texas, and 15 teams to haul same one, and one-half miles. Will pay seventy-five cents per cord for cutting and the same for hauling ten to fifteen thousand cord. Address J. O. Setser, Big Springs, Texas. 13-4

Reduced prices on every thing for the next 15 days for cash at Mortons.

Candy from 10 cents per pound up to \$1.00 per pound, at Atkin's. Get your Christmas candies from him.

A farmers institute will be held here on the 23rd. All farmers are urged to be present.

J. W. Atkins, second door north of Biles & Gentry's drug store, is the place to get your Christmas candies and fruits.

Every one should attend Sunday school and a cordial invitation is extended to you to meet with the school at the Christian Church at 9.45 A. M. each Sunday.

## A Christmas Gift

Several have come to me asking if we sold all the scholarships placed with the Commercial club hoping to get advantage of the special offer. So we have decided to place ten scholarships at the same rate as a holiday offer.

We will give you \$25 on each of the ten combined scholarships. Come to see us at once or you will miss this chance.

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## Pokes Fun at Little Midland.

The Christian College team of Basket Ball at Midland took a notion that ether ball team of the little hamlet had not been quite up-to-now in the science of the game that they could to some extent repair the fallen reputation of the town, consequently, they arranged a game for Monday morning on our grounds. The heading above tells the whole story. They managed to get one by playing a new set of rules. They had their own referee; their average weight was higher and they were given every other advantage that they asked for, still they did no better than the babes who played here first. Again we admonish our Manager to cease this useless practice with country teams, who are just out for fun and have no hopes of winning a game, and get in touch with a real live bunch of Basket ball players, say Ft. or Dallas.—Stanton Reporter.

I have handled during the last eight years a number of splendid selections of Xmas goods, but at no time have I bought as fine selection as I did for this year. No junk—everything worth buying. B. Reagan.

## Y. M. C. A. Meeting

All men are invited to attend the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

I want you to let me show you my Xmas presents before you buy. It will be worth your while. B. REAGAN.

The University of Texas stands second among educational institutions in the United States in the number of men students attending Bible classes. These classes are voluntary, many of them be-

ing conducted by the students themselves.

If you are looking for a judicious selection of articles from which to buy your Xmas presents you will find it at Reagan's.

## The "Honor System."

It is gratifying to note that the standard of honor is so high in our State educational institutions. The students of the University of Texas control the enforcement of the honor system in all examinations and written class work through a council elected from the various classes. The cadets of the Agricultural and Mechanical College have a similar organization. To this council is also due the credit for the prevention of minor disturbances.

The students have proven themselves thoroughly responsible and capable in dealing with such questions, and the number of violations have been small.

Come early and buy your presents before the stock is picked over. The prettiest line in Big Springs now on display at Reagan's.

A sprained ankle will usually disable the injured person for three or four weeks. This is due to lack of proper treatment. When Chamberlain's Liniment is applied a cure may be effected in three or four days. This liniment is one of the best and most remarkable preparations in use. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

Jacobs candy, none better, at Reagan's.

## OLD HATS

Cleaned, Blocked and made to look like new by

J. W. Atkins

the Hatter Located in Building Formerly Occupied by the Union Bakery.

## For Sale

A nice home, situated five miles southeast of Bonham, Texas, consisting of one and a half acres of land and nice six-room cottage. Have on this property an everlasting well of the finest water to be had anywhere, also, a good two-story barn. Property is unincumbered and can give perfect title to same. For particulars or trade it for such property, inquire and it will be to your interest and will pay you to investigate. Inquire at this office.

# CHRISTMAS 1910

## We've Been Working

for many months and have the goods and prices that will make everybody glad that Christmas has come. We can show you appropriate gifts for young and old, costing from a trifle up to as costly a present as you care to make.

## We are Sure to Please You

with prices and High Grade Goods. We have the best line ever brought to Big Springs.

## Don't Worry

about what you must give, but come to us and we will make it easy for you to select gifts.

## We Have an Entirely New and Up-to-date Stock of

Watches, Diamonds,	Mantel Clocks
Jewelry, Rings, Charms,	Gold Clocks,
Sterling Silver Table Ware,	Pearl Handled Knives and Forks,
Sterling Silver Novelties,	Gold Pens, Fountain Pens,
Hand Painted China,	Gold and Silver Thimbles,
China, Vases, Cut Glass, Nut Sets,	Spectacles and Eye Glasses.

OUR PRICES ARE THE LOWEST QUALITY CONSIDERED.

## Our Jewelry Department

Is well equipped for repair work and we do engraving on short notice. Eyes scientifically tested and glasses accurately fitted.

We carry the most complete stock of Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry in Western Texas. No trouble to show goods. No goods misrepresented. Our stock is on display and we earnestly solicit your inspection.

Jeweler **I. H. PARK**, Jeweler

Big Springs, Texas.

40 per cent. Discount On Silver Plated Hollow Ware and Hand Painted China



## Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Never too old to learn.  
The wages of sin is death.  
Low ideals do nothing to lower the high cost of living.  
There are some people in whom virtue seems worse than sin.  
There are people galore who can resist anything save temptation.  
A lot of people who make themselves do a mighty poor job of it.  
The man who never asks the price always gets the worst of a bargain.  
It's astonishing how many things come our way that we don't care for.  
Many persons try to cover up their lack of knowledge by trying to be witty.  
The sermon on the mount contains all the religion and philosophy in the world.  
Many of us who show courage in the presence of others, fall miserably without witnesses.  
If we always prepare ourselves for the worst that may happen, we will never be disappointed.  
A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship; and he who plants kindness gathers love.  
Some men who willingly spend \$10 for horse blankets suddenly feel the grip of poverty when their wives ask for a new cloak.  
It makes some men sad to see their wives work hard, so they spend most of their spare time in the barn or in town to avoid the sight.  
When you want legal advice, hunt up some man who would rather help you to keep out of trouble than to get you out after you are once in up to your knees.  
If we would devote even one hour each Saturday morning to the little postponed fixing-up tasks, how much we might add to the general appearance of things!  
Children, too, should be taught to depend upon themselves, and also that they are just as responsible for making home happy and pleasant as are the older members of the family.

### ADVANCING HONOR OF UNION

Many Members Always Looking for What Organization Can Do for Them—What Others Do.

Improvements, the

and, very much, farming states of

the north as far east as Pennsylvania

and as far west as Kansas there may

be found, here and there, little com-

munities of farmers who stand out

from among their neighbors because

of their peculiar religious beliefs.

Some are the Shakers, the Dunkards,

the River Brethren, the members of

the Amana society and many others,

says the Texas Farm Co-operator.

Many of these little communities are

famed outside their own states be-

cause of their picturesque customs

or some of the special products of

their labor. Amana wool yarns, for

instance, are in demand all over the

north and who has not heard of the

Shaker remedies?

In each of these communities re-

ligious belief has been made a matter

of principle, and the individual mem-

bers have made it a point of pride to

live up to the honored reputation they

have earned.

For instance, among the Dunkards,

the idea of giving a note for money

borrowed, is never heard of. Dunk-

ards will lend money to each other,

demanding no more security than a prom-

ise to pay. Among the River Brethren

is a point of honor never to demand

a mortgage for a loan, but if the bor-

rower offers one it will be accepted.

Should the borrower be unable to pay

when the mortgage falls due, neigh-

bors will subscribe to meet his obliga-

tion in order that the honor of the so-

ciety may be preserved.

So rigidly have these different peo-

ple lived up to their standards for

many years that they are looked upon

with the highest respect by the busi-

ness men with whom they associate.

Their word is as good as their bond,

## ALL ORGANIZATIONS IN ONE

Society of Equity Proposes Consolida-  
tion of All Farmers' Asso-  
ciations in One Body.

Steps toward a big merger of farm-  
ers' organizations were taken the  
other day by the American Society of  
Equity in convention at Indianapolis.  
A committee was appointed to confer  
concerning propositions to consoli-  
date with the National Grange, or  
the Patrons of Husbandry, and the  
Farmers' Educational and Co-operative  
Union.

The National Grange was in con-  
vention at Atlantic City, and the con-  
vention of the American Society of  
Equity sent a telegram to the other  
convention announcing the appoint-  
ment of a standing committee, to  
work for the consolidation of all farm-  
ers' organizations. The standing  
committee from the Society of Equity  
is composed of A. Slaughter of Wis-  
consin; S. T. Carmody of Illinois, and  
S. B. Robertson of Kentucky. The  
National Grange was asked to ap-  
point a similar committee to confer  
on the matter of consolidation. The  
National Grange is an old organiza-  
tion and has a membership of thou-  
sands of farmers in all parts of the  
United States. Many of its members  
are in favor of the proposed merger.

Joint committees from the Farmers'  
Educational and Co-operative Union  
and the American Society of Equity  
met last May and reached a plan for  
consolidating the organizations. The  
latter society has not yet taken formal  
action on this plan, which is now  
being discussed.

Greetings to the American Federa-  
tion of Labor, in session at St. Louis,  
were telegraphed by the convention.  
A fraternal delegation was appointed  
by the American Society of Equity to  
attend the session of the American  
Federation of Labor, and extend to it  
assurances of friendly feeling.

There was a discussion by the dele-  
gates on the general form of business  
in which the society proposes to en-  
gage for the benefit of the producers,  
but no decision was reached. The dis-  
cussion was led by Delegate Woods of  
Ohio. Among those who spoke was  
W. L. Whitson of Kentucky.

According to a financial report made  
to the convention, there has been a  
60 per cent. reduction in the cost of  
operating the national offices since  
last May, corresponding with the  
same period last year, and a reduction  
of 30 per cent. in the cost of op-  
erating the Equity Farm Journal, of  
which T. G. Nelson is editor.

In an address before the society  
the Rev. Mr. Tuohy advocated a co-  
operative movement by the farmers  
in the direct sale of their products to  
the consumers and in abolishing the  
profits of the middlemen. Father  
Tuohy is the general secretary of the  
American Co-operative Union and is  
considered an expert on the subject  
of co-operative business.

The co-operative store idea as ad-  
vocated by the speaker and by the  
American Society of Equity has only  
to do with the products raised on  
farms, and does not take into con-  
sideration the manufactured articles  
handled in stores.

Father Tuohy said he did not be-  
lieve in the commission scheme of  
handling products. In his opinion the  
commission business should be done  
away with entirely, and farmers  
should unite to sell their products di-  
rectly to the consumers through their  
own agents. The commission system  
dissipates profits, he said, and tends  
to create private wealth among the  
producers and their patrons. Father  
Tuohy told of the result of some of  
his investigations of the co-operative  
system as it is operated in Europe.

A committee on plans for handling  
the farmers' business was appointed  
as follows: William Renlike, Bow-  
ling Green, Ky., and J. M. Anderson  
of Casselton, Wis. The constitution  
and by-laws committee is as follows:  
Joseph Butler, Covington, Ky.; J. H.  
Carnahan, Black River Falls, Wis.;  
J. M. Christmas, C. V. Pierson, Cas-  
selton, N. M., and Bert Cole, Campbell,  
Minn. H. G. Tank, of Marathon, Wis.,  
is chairman of the credentials com-  
mittee.

### Fertilizing Cotton.

Fertilizers for cotton may be either  
drilled in or broadcasted and the re-  
sults will be about the same by either  
method, but if the amount applied is  
small, it should be applied in the drill,  
covered about 3 inches deep, and the  
seed planted above it. Barnyard man-  
ures and similar bulky manures are  
considered more efficient as soil reno-  
vators than as specific fertilizers for  
cotton. They should be broadcasted  
liberally.

### Feed for Hogs.

Where no grain is fed to growing  
hogs, Bermuda grass is better than  
alfalfa, because it is more nearly a  
balanced ration, and there is not the  
excess of nitrogenous materials as is  
the case when alfalfa is pastured.

### Prices of Mutton.

The prices for prime mutton are  
usually best in the winter after the  
cull stuff marketed during the fall is  
cleared up; but the price in general  
stays on a profitable level.

### Winter Feed.

Treasure every potato, turnip, beet,  
head of cabbage, etc., for the winter  
feed.

### Mistletoe is Dangerous.

Few people who know mistletoe  
only as a desirable feature of Christ-  
mas decorations understand that the  
plant is a parasite dangerous to the  
life of trees in the regions in which  
it grows. It is only a question of  
time, after mistletoe once begins to  
grow upon a tree before the tree it-  
self will be killed. The parasite saps  
the life of the infected branches. For-  
tunately, it is of slow growth, taking  
years to develop to large proportions,  
but when neglected, it invariably ruins  
all trees it reaches.

### English Women Smoke Pipes.

The latest fancy of the woman-  
smoker is a pipe—not the tiny affair  
that suffices for the Japanese, but a  
good-sized brier or a neat meers-  
chaum. The pipe is boldly carried  
along with a gold card case and chain-  
purse. For some time now the cigar-  
ette has given place to a cigar,  
small in size and mild in quality.  
Women said they were tired of the  
cigarette, and wanted a bigger smoke.  
—London Mail.

### Cripple Rides Bicycle.

George Anstey, aged 12, a cripple,  
of Leicester, England, is one of the  
most remarkable cyclists in the coun-  
try. Both his legs are withered and  
useless, but the Leicester Cripples'  
Guild has provided him with a two-  
wheeled pedalless machine, with a  
padded tube covering the axle bar.  
Across this he lies face foremost, and  
with wooden clogs strapped to his  
hands he propels himself along the  
streets and roads in a marvelously  
rapid manner. He has complete con-  
trol of the machine, his hands acting  
as pedals, steering gear, and brake  
combined.

### Pretty Good Definition.

We hear some funny things in Fleet  
street sometimes, and the following  
definition of the height of aggravation,  
by a gentleman in rather shabby boots,  
whom we encountered in a well-known  
hostelry the other day, struck us as  
being particularly choice.

"The 'eight of aggravation, gentle-  
men," said this pithy humorist, set-  
ting his pewter on the counter and  
looking round proudly, with the air  
of one about to let off a good thing, "the  
'eight of aggravation—why, trying  
to catch a flea out of yer ear with a  
pair of boxin' gloves."—London Tit-  
Bits.

### An Alaskan Luncheon.

Runners of woven Indian basketry,  
with white drawwork dollies at each  
of the 12 corners, were used on an oval  
mahogany table. The dollies were  
made at Sitka. In the middle of the  
table a mirror held a tall central vase  
of frosted glass, surrounded by four  
smaller vases, all filled with white  
spring blossoms. The edge of the  
mirror was banked with the same  
flowers. Four totem poles were placed  
on dollies in the angles made by the  
runners.

Place cards were water colors of  
Alaskan scenery. Abalone shells held  
salted nuts, and tiny Indian baskets  
held bonbons. The soup spoons were  
of horn, several of the dishes used  
were made by Alaskan Indians, and  
the cakes were served on baskets.

The menu was as follows: Poisson  
a la Bering Sea (halibut chowder),  
Yukon climbers (broiled salmon, po-  
tatoes, Julienne), snowbirds avec  
auroraborealis (roast duck with jelly),  
Shungnak river turnips, Tanana  
beets, Skagway hash (salad), Fair-  
banks nuggets (ripe strawberries ar-  
ranged on individual dishes around a  
central mound of powdered sugar),  
arctic slices (brick ice cream), Circle  
City delights (small cakes), Klondike  
nuggets (yellow cheese in round balls  
on crackers), Nome firewater (coffee).  
—Woman's Home Companion.

### Acknowledgment.

"You will admit that you owe a  
great deal to your wife?"  
"I should say so," replied Mr. Cum-  
rox. "I wouldn't be invited to any of  
her receptions or musicales if I wasn't  
married to her."

### Disqualified.

Her—My brother won first prize in  
that amateur guessing contest, but  
they ruled him out as a professional.  
Him—A professional?  
Her—Yes. He's employed in the  
government bureau, you know.

### Lightning Change.

The Manager—Can you make quick  
changes and double in a few parts?  
The Actor—Can I? Say, you know  
the scene in "Love and Lobsters,"  
where the hero and the villain are  
fighting, and a friend rushes in and  
separates 'em? Well, I played all  
three parts one night when the other  
two fellows were ill.

### Not Altogether Dead.

Mr. Robert Butler of Marlborough,  
England, has had the peculiar expe-  
rience of hearing his death announc-  
ed. He was attending the poor law  
conference at Exeter when one of  
the delegates moved that, in conse-  
quence of the death of Mr. Butler,  
which they all regretted, another gen-  
tleman, whom he named, should be  
appointed to fill his place as one of  
the representatives of Wiltshire on the  
central committee. Mr. Butler  
rose from his place on the platform  
and announced to the conference,  
amid much amusement, that, so far  
as he was aware, he was still alive  
and in good health, and would be  
pleased to continue in the office if the  
conference desired.

### Bankers and Bank Notes.

Four men, three of whom were con-  
nected with brokerage concerns in the  
Wall street district, were discussing  
United States paper currency and the  
disappearance of counterfeiters. "We  
are so sure nowadays," said one of  
the party, "as to the genuineness of  
bills that little attention is paid to  
them in handling, except as to de-  
nomination." To prove his assertion  
he took a \$10 yellowback from his  
pocket, and, holding it up, asked who  
could tell whose portrait it bore. No  
one knew, and by way of coaching  
the broker said it was the first treas-  
urer of the United States. Again no  
one knew the name. "Why, it's  
Michael Hillegas," said the man  
proudly. "But in confidence, I'll tell  
you, I didn't know it five minutes  
ago."—New York Tribune.

### Vivid at Least.

Dr. Hiram C. Cortlandt, the well-  
known theologian of Des Moines, said  
in a recent address:

"Thomas A. Edison tells us that he  
thinks the soul is not immortal; but,  
after all, what does this great wizard  
know about souls? His forte is elec-  
tricity and machinery, and when he  
talks of souls he reminds me irresist-  
ibly of the young lady who visited the  
Baldwin locomotive works and then  
told how a locomotive is made.

"You pour," she said, "a lot of sand  
into a lot of boxes, and you throw old  
stove lids and things into a furnace,  
and they you empty the molten stream  
into a hole in the sand, and everybody  
yells and swears. Then you pour it  
out and let it cool and pound it, and  
then you put it in a thing that bores  
holes in it. Then you screw it to-  
gether, and paint it, and put steam in  
it, and it goes splendidly; and they  
take it to a drafting room and make  
a blue print of it. But one thing I for-  
got—they have to make a boiler. One  
man gets inside and one gets outside,  
and they pound frightfully; and then  
they tie it to the other thing, and you  
ought to see it go!"

### Echoes of Munchausen.

It was an absent-minded traveler  
who had lately taken to ballooning.  
"Yes," he observed impressively, "it  
was a fearful journey. The machine,  
a thousand feet up, and no more bal-  
last, headed straight for Siberia, and  
the rarefied air—well, you know as  
well as I do what effect that has on  
a balloon. Yes, the peril was terri-  
ble." Then the old habit was too  
strong for him. "The wolves detected  
our presence. A desperate race en-  
sued. We felt their hot breath on the  
nape of our necks."—London Globe.

### Largest of Whales.

The largest whale of its type of  
which there is scientific record was  
captured recently off Port Arthur,  
Tex. He measured sixty-three feet  
in length, and was estimated to be  
about three hundred years old. Cap-  
tain Cob Plummer, mate of a United  
States pilot boat, sighted the monster  
in the shoals off the jetty, and the  
crew of his vessel captured the mam-  
moth. The huge body was towed ashore,  
exhibited and much photographed be-  
fore being cut up.

### Rat Bounty Excites Merriment.

Seattle, fearing the introduction of  
bubonic plague by rats, has offered a  
bounty of ten cents a rat. This moves  
Tacoma, safe from infection from the  
sea, to raucous laughter, and the Led-  
ger says that the bounty, "though not  
intended for rodents of Tacoma,  
Everett, Bellingham and other popu-  
lar and busy centers, has been find-  
ing its way into the pockets of non-  
residents of Seattle for non-resident  
rats. But the joke would be on us if  
it were found that our rat popula-  
tion had found its way into the Seat-  
tle census."

### Two Very Old Ladies.

We have heard a great deal lately  
about long-lived people, but it is prob-  
able that the oldest two people in the  
world today are Frau Dutklevits and  
another old lady named Babavasilka.  
The former lives at Posem, in Prus-  
sian Poland, and was born on Febru-  
ary 21, 1785. She is therefore one  
hundred and twenty-five years old.  
The latter, however, is nine months  
her senior, having been born in May,  
1784.

She is still a fairly hale old woman,  
and for nearly one hundred years  
worked in the fields. Her descendants  
number close on 100, and these now  
make her a joint allowance. She lives  
at the village of Bavelko, whose  
neighborhood she has never quitted  
during the whole of her long life. She  
remembers events which happened at  
the beginning of last century much  
more clearly than those of the last  
40 years.—Dundee Advertiser.

### Too Ardent a Lover.

Georgotto Fontano, an embroiderer  
who lives in the Rue Sevres in Paris,  
has found himself condemned to a  
month's imprisonment for what seems  
to her a harmless act.

She was going home from a concert  
a few evenings ago when she decided  
she would like to see her fiancé. As  
he happens to be a fireman whose  
station is in her own neighborhood it  
occurred to her it would be very easy  
to summon him to her side by break-  
ing the glass of the fire alarm and  
sounding a call.

She did so and in a few moments  
fire engines came from several direc-  
tions, all laden with firemen, of course,  
but alas! her fiancé was not among  
them, and more than that all the fire-  
men were angry, and before she knew  
what had happened she was taken to  
a magistrate, who proceeded to make  
the course of true love run unsmoothly  
by sending her to prison for a month  
in spite of her tears and protests that  
she thought it would be a simple way  
of bringing her fiancé to her side.

### The Bright Side.

Nebuchadnezzar was lurching in his  
accustomed style.  
"All flesh being grass," he reflected,  
"this must be Beef a la Mowed."  
And chucking hoarsely, he took an-  
other chaw.—Puck.

### Kindly Intentions.

"A man who enjoys seeing a woman  
in tears is a brute."  
"I don't know about that," replied  
Miss Cayenne. "One of the kindest  
husbands I know takes his wife to see  
all the emotional plays."

### Takes Himself Seriously.

Nicola Tesla, dining by himself in a  
hotel's great dining room, takes a  
table where he can be seen. Through-  
out his meal he wears a deeply sat-  
isfied, a completely absorbed, attitude.  
He may bring to the table a portfolio  
filled with papers. These he may  
scan with prolonged solemnity. In  
any event, he sits an eloquent tableau  
of profundity.—New York Press.

### Holidays in the States.

Washington's birthday is a holiday  
in all states. Decoration day in all  
states but Florida, Georgia, Louisiana,  
Mississippi, North Carolina, South  
Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Labor  
day is observed everywhere. Virtu-  
ally every state has legal holidays  
having to do with its own special af-  
fairs—battle of New Orleans in Louisi-  
ana, Texas Independence and battle  
of San Jacinto in Texas. Admission  
day in California, and so on. Missis-  
sippi is like the federal government  
in lack of statutory holidays, but by  
common consent Independence day,  
Thanksgiving and Christmas are ob-  
served. A new one is Columbus day  
in a few of the states.

### Planting Wedding Oaks.

Princess August Wilhelm, wife of  
the kaiser's fourth son, has set herself  
the task of reviving one of Germany's  
oldest customs, that according to which  
newly wedded couples immediately af-  
ter the marriage ceremony plant a cop-  
ple of oak saplings side by side in a  
park or by the roadside of their na-  
tive town.

The town of Mulhausen, in Thuria-  
gia, is the first to respond to the prin-  
cess's appeal. A municipal official ap-  
pears at the church door after every  
wedding and invites the bride and  
bridegroom to drive with him in a car-  
riage to a new road near the town and  
there plant oak saplings.  
The tree planting idea was started  
by a former elector of Brandenburg  
with the object of repairing the ravages  
caused by the 30 years' war. The  
elector forbade young persons to mar-  
ry until they had planted a number of  
fruit trees.

### An Unnecessary Confession.

A hearty laugh was occasioned at  
the Birmingham police court by a pri-  
soner who gave himself away in a very  
delightful manner. The man was the  
first on the list, and the charge against  
him was merely one of being drunk  
and disorderly. He stepped into the  
dock, however, just at the moment  
when the dock officer was reading out  
a few of the cases which were to come  
before the court that morning, and a  
guilty conscience apparently led him  
to mistake these items for a list of his  
previous convictions.

He stood passive enough while the  
officer read out about a dozen drunk  
and disorderly, but when he came to  
one "shopbreaking" the prisoner ex-  
claimed excitedly, "That was eight  
years ago, your honor." Everyone be-  
gan to laugh, and the prisoner, real-  
izing the blunder he had made, at first  
looked very black indeed, but finally  
saw the humorous side of the matter,  
and a broad smile spread over his face.  
His blunder did not cost anything.—  
Birmingham Mail.

## That Suit for Libel Against the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Gave a Splendid Chance to Bring Out Facts

A disagreement about advertising arose  
with a "weekly" Journal.

Following it, an attack on us appeared in  
their editorial columns; sneering at the claims  
we made particularly regarding Appendicitis.  
We replied through the regular papers and  
the "weekly" thought we hit back rather too  
hard and thereupon sued for libel.

The advertisement the "weekly" attacked  
us about claimed that in many cases of appen-  
dicitis an operation could be avoided by dis-  
continuing indigestible food, washing out the  
bowels and taking a predigested food Grape-  
Nuts.

Observe we said MANY cases not all.  
Wouldn't that knowledge be a comfort to  
those who fear a surgeon's knife as they fear  
death?

The "weekly" writer said that was a lie.  
We replied that he was ignorant of the facts.  
He was put on the stand and compelled to  
admit he was not a Dr. and had no medical  
knowledge of appendicitis and never investi-  
gated to find out if the testimonial letters to  
our Co. were genuine.

A famous surgeon testified that when an  
operation was required Grape-Nuts would not  
obviate it. True.

We never claimed that when an operation  
was required Grape-Nuts would prevent it.  
The surgeon testified bacteria (germs) help-  
ed to bring on an attack and bacteria was  
grown by undigested food frequently.

We claimed and proved by other famous  
experts that undigested food was largely  
responsible for appendicitis.

We showed by expert testimony that many  
cases are healed without a knife, but by stop-  
ping the use of food which did not digest, and  
when food was required again it was helpful  
to use a predigested food which did not over-  
tax the weakened organs of digestion.

When a pain in the right side appears it is  
not always necessary to be rushed off to a

hospital and at the risk of death be cut.

Plain common sense shows the better way  
is to stop food that evidently has not been  
digested.

Then, when food is required, use an easily  
digested food. Grape-Nuts or any other if  
you know it to be predigested (partly digested  
before taking).

We brought to Court analytical chemists  
from New York, Chicago and Milwaukee, Ind.,  
who swore to the analysis of Grape-Nuts and  
that part of the starchy part of the wheat and  
barley had been transformed into sugar, the  
kind of sugar produced in the human body by  
digesting starch (the large part of food).

Some of the State chemists brought on by  
the "weekly" said Grape-Nuts could not be  
called a "predigested" food because not all of  
it was digested outside the body.

The other chemists said any food which had  
been partly or half digested outside the body  
was commonly known as "predigested."  
Splitting hairs about the meaning of a word.  
It is sufficient that if only one-half of the  
food is "predigested," it is easier on weakened  
stomach and bowels than food in which no  
part is predigested.

To show the facts we introduced Dr. Thos.  
Darlington, former chief of the N. Y. Board  
of Health, Dr. Ralph W. Webster, chief of the  
Chicago Laboratories, and Dr. B. Sachs, N. Y.

If we were a little severe in our denuncia-  
tion of a writer, self-confessed ignorant about  
appendicitis and its cause, it is possible the  
public will excuse us, in view of the fact that  
our head, Mr. C. W. Post, has made a lifetime  
study of food, food digestion and effects, and  
the conclusions are endorsed by many of the  
best medical authorities of the day.

Is it possible that we are at fault for  
suggesting, as a Father and Mother might, to  
one of the family who announced a pain in the  
side: "Stop using the food, greasy meats,  
gravies, mince pie, cheese, too much starchy

food, etc., etc., which has not been digested,  
then when again ready for food use Grape-  
Nuts because it is easy of digestion?"

Or



## GOOD NEWS EPITOMIZED

HAPPENINGS OF UNUSUAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS, IN READABLE SHAPE.

## BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

It Was of Sufficient Importance You Will Find It Recorded Here.

A daring attempt at a diamond robbery was made at Dallas when a man late Monday evening dashed a brick through Lins Bros. show window, grabbed a tray of gems and ran away. He was captured two blocks away, and the most of the stones recovered.

The use of oil as fuel on the railroads of the United States during the last year greatly increased and the results of its use as fuel in the United States Navy has fully met expectations.

It is announced that negotiations have been completed for the amalgamation of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Anglo-American Cable Co.

Five daily newspapers of St. Petersburg were last week confiscated and the editors arrested for lease master for publishing matter criticizing the police while acting under advice of the czar.

Dr. Clarke Gopen, aged 60 years, is dead at his home in Madison, Wis. Dr. Gopen was credited with having started the stampede which resulted in the nomination of William J. Bryan for president at the Democratic National convention in 1896.

John A. Hunt, half owner of Southland Hotel, Dallas, who died last week, provided in his will that \$1,000,000 be devoted to the establishment of a charitable institution in middle Georgia, his preference being an orphan's home.

Claude Grahame-White, English aviator, who recently won the international aviation cup at Belmont Park, experienced a narrow escape from serious injury, when his machine was wrecked and he was badly cut about the face. He was within 100 feet of the ground when the machine became unmanageable.

Senator Culberson introduced an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill to appropriate \$375,000 for Harbor Island, in accordance with the engineers report on that subject.

Thirty cars of broomcorn have been shipped from Waukegan, Okla., this season, and the prices range from \$40 to \$100 per ton, \$60 being about the average price.

A government road expert is making a survey of Williamson County looking to the building of macadam roads throughout the county.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, who a year and a half ago became the first woman superintendent of schools in the history of Chicago, was re-elected to the office for another year by the board of education.

It is said that Charles E. Hughes is slated for chief justice and J. Gordon Russell of Texas and Francis J. Swayze of New Jersey as associates.

Honduras is enjoying another attempt at revolution. Martial law prevails in the capital and all larger towns.

Fire destroyed nine business houses at Timpan last Thursday. No insurance, but the loss was small as the buildings were all frame and nearly all old.

Sonora, county seat of Sutton County, signed a final contract Friday with W. W. Colpitts, chief engineer of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company, binding the road to operate trains into that town in less than two years. The road cost Sonora, a town of hardly 1,500 inhabitants, \$70,000, which was raised in sixty days.

Postmaster General Hitchcock announces that the first of the postal savings banks will be opened January next.

El Henderson, a negro, was shot to death Saturday night at his home six miles east of Henderson. He was called to the door and shot with a shotgun. An arrest was made.

The first serious accident of the holiday season occurred at Waco Monday when Arthur Jenkins suffered the loss of his left eye from the fire from a Roman candle. With other boys he was shooting off candles.

The Square Deal Oil Company has brought in a ten-thousand-barrel "gusher" in the Markham field near Bay City. The oil is of excellent quality.

San Angelo Commercial Club has recently added a hundred new members to one of the strongest clubs in Texas.

Two new structures, a dormitory and administrative building, will be added to old Trinity College, at Durham, N. C., as a result of the National give of \$100,000 by Benjamin Duke.

The nurserymen state that an enormous business in every variety of trees has been done this season.

Shipments of 105,878 tons of news print paper during August last was greater than any previous month since these statistics have been gathered by the Commissioner of Corporations.

W. H. Black, wholesale shipper of produce, at Clifton, forwarded the fourth car load of holiday turkeys to New York. This shipment completes 41,000 pounds of live birds for which was paid to the farmers 13c to 14c, averaging \$4,500.

John B. Moisant, the Paris-to-London flier, attained a height of 9,364 at Memphis Saturday.

Wm. J. Bryan will not be able to attend the National Democratic jubilee in Baltimore on Jan. 17. Mr. Bryan is resting on his ranch near Mission, Texas.

The first Chinese church in the East and the only Chinese church in the country except that at San Francisco was organized in New York with Rev. Hule Kin pastor. It will be known as the First Chinese Presbyterian Church of New York.

John S. Willets, the first Farmer's Alliance candidate for Governor of Kansas, who made a close but unsuccessful race against Gov. Lyman U. Humphreys in 1890, died suddenly at his home in McOuth, Kan., Sunday.

Senator Don Annibal Cruz, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Chile to the United States, was stricken with heart failure at 3:45 Sunday morning and died ten minutes later.

The first car load of cabbage to be raised under irrigation at Wichita Falls was shipped last week to points along the Denver Road north. Planted in August two tons an acre were harvested.

When Capt. Hec McEachin, news editor of the El Paso Times, went to his home Saturday afternoon he found the lifeless body of his wife in the parlor. She had been shot through the heart. Near by was a single-barreled shotgun and a yardstick.

The Railroad Commission formally promulgated its order to the Fort Worth & Rio Grande Railroad Company to improve its track in accordance with the recommendations of Engineer Pearl.

Mrs. Arthur Childers of Roston, painfully burned when her clothing accidentally caught fire. Her husband also painfully burned in extinguishing the flames.

Isaac Curry, a negro farmer living eight miles of Texarkana, was found dead on the road about half way between town and his home. He had a bullet wound under the left eye and bruises on his scalp showed that he had been beaten on the head.

The Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf Railway will establish a section at Carpenters Bluff on the Texas side of Red River, sixteen miles north of Sherman.

R. G. Dun & Co. in making forecasts for next year take into consideration that this year's crops have reached the unprecedented value of \$9,000,000,000, and conclude that this portends an increase all round corresponding at least with the increased amount of money the crops represent.

Samuel Jackson and Louis Williams, negroes, were hanged in the state penitentiary at Baton Rouge, La., last Friday for the murder of members of their race in Madison Parish. This was the first double execution ever held in the Louisiana penitentiary.

The senate Thursday confirmed Jos. R. Lamar of Georgia and Willis Vandewater of Wyoming as associate justices of the supreme court of the United States.

The grade of the Rock Island, Texaco-Parwell and Southern Railroad has been done to about twelve miles south of Farwell and the work is progressing rapidly.

As equipment for the new trains to be run between Dallas and Fort Worth and San Antonio, the Katy has purchased fifteen new chair cars and fifteen day coaches.

Capt. J. A. Hosack, widely known throughout the Southwest as a town lot auctioneer, is dead. He was a Sheriff in East Texas during the reconstruction days.

Hooper's majority over Bob Taylor in the Tennessee gubernatorial contest is 12,267 as officially announced.

Judge F. C. Dillard of Chicago, formerly of Sherman, Texas, is in a Washington hospital suffering with a fractured leg, received from slipping down on an icy street.

The grand jury has been instructed to investigate the burning of Antonio Rodriguez, which took place Nov. 6, and which caused considerable ill feeling in Mexico against Americans in general.

Fred Colard, a Stamford young man, while out hunting, stubbed his toe and in falling his gun was discharged, the load striking him in the chest and killing him almost instantly.

S. D. M. Thomas, a farmer who resided four miles west of Hillsboro, killed himself Thursday night by taking a dose of carbolic acid.

During 1910 Mississippi planters raised 9,200,000 bushels more of corn than during any previous year, according to Commissioner Blakeslee of the State Department of Agriculture. The total value of the cereal crop is estimated at \$2,000,000.

It is announced that Christmas rates for Texas points will be put on December 20 instead of December 22, as previously announced.

William Roper, a Karnes City former boy has been awarded a diploma by Secretary Wilson for making a record corn crop.

J. Richards, aged twenty-eight, was shot and killed by his brother-in-law, Newman Flat, at Lorena.

Gov. Elect Colquitt has accepted an invitation to become a member of the advisory board of the Southern Club of New York, which board is composed of the Governors of Southern States.

Large masonry monuments instead of individual headstones for the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in Northern prisons probably will be erected as the result of joint resolution passed by the Senate.



SYNOPSIS.

Lawrence Blakeley, lawyer, goes to Pittsburgh with the forged notes in the Bronson case to get the deposition of John Gilmore, millionaire. In the latter's home he is attracted by a picture of a young girl, whom the millionaire explains is his granddaughter. A lady requests Blakeley to buy her a Pullman ticket. He gives her lower eleven and retains lower ten. He finds a drunken man in lower ten and retires in lower nine. He awakens in lower seven and finds his clothes and bag missing. The man in lower ten is found murdered. Circumstantial evidence points to both Blakeley and the unknown man who had exchanged clothes with him. Blakeley becomes interested in a girl in blue. The train is wrecked. Blakeley is rescued from the burning car by the girl in blue. His arm is broken. They go to the Carter place for breakfast. The girl proves to be Allison West, his partner's sweetheart. Her peculiar actions mystify the lawyer. She drops her gold bag and Blakeley puts it in his pocket. Blakeley returns home. He finds that he is under surveillance. Moving pictures of the train taken just before the wreck reveal to Blakeley a man leaping from the train with his stolen grip. Blakeley learns that a man named Sullivan leaped from the train near McOuth and sprained his ankle. He stayed some time at the Carter place.

### CHAPTER XVII—Continued.

"Was the name Blakeley?" I asked. "It might have been—I can't say. But the man wasn't there, and there was a lot of noise. I couldn't hear well. Then in half an hour down came the other twin to say the gentleman was taking on awful and didn't want the message sent."

"He's gone, of course?" "Yes. Limped down here in about three days and took the noon train for the city."

It seemed a certainty now that our man, having hurt himself somewhat in his jump, had stayed quietly in the farm house until he was able to travel. But, to be positive, we decided to visit the Carter place.

I gave the station agent a five-dollar bill, which he rolled up with a couple of others and stuck in his pocket. I turned as we got to a bend in the road, and he was looking curiously after us.

It was not until we had climbed the hill and turned onto the road to the Carter place that I realized where we were going. Although we approached it from another direction, I knew the farm house at once. It was the one where Allison West and I had breakfasted nine days before. With a new restraint between us, I did not tell McKnight. I wondered afterward if he had suspected it. I saw him looking hard at the gatepost which had figured in one of our mysteries, but he asked no questions. Afterward he grew almost taciturn, for him, and let me do most of the talking.

We opened the front gate of the Carter place and went slowly up the walk. Two ragged youngsters, alike even to freckles and squints, were playing in the yard.

"Is your mother around?" I asked. "In the front room. Walk in," they answered in identical tones.

As we got to the porch we heard voices, and stopped. I knocked, but the people within, engaged in animated, rather one-sided conversation, did not answer.

"In the front room. Walk in," quoted McKnight, and did so.

In the stuffy farm parlor two people were sitting. One, a pleasant-faced woman with a checked apron, rose, somewhat embarrassed, to meet us. She did not know me, and I was thankful. But our attention was riveted on a little man who was sitting before a table, writing busily. It was Hotchkiss!

He got up when he saw us, and had the grace to look uncomfortable.

"Such an interesting case," he said nervously. "I took the liberty."

"Look here," said McKnight suddenly, "did you make any inquiries at the station?"

"A few," he confessed. "I went to the theater last night—I felt the need of a little relaxation—and the sight of a picture there, a cinematograph affair, started a new line of thought. Probably the same clue brought you gentlemen. I learned a good bit from the station agent."

"The son-of-a-gun," said McKnight. "And you paid him, I suppose?"

"I gave him five dollars," was the apologetic answer.

Mrs. Carter, hearing sounds of strife in the yard, went out, and Hotchkiss folded up his papers.

"I think the identity of the man is established," he said. "What number of hat do you wear, Mr. Blakeley?"

"Seven and a quarter," I replied. "Well, it's only piling up evidence," he said cheerfully. "On the night of the murder you wore gray silk underclothing, with the second button of the shirt missing. Your hat had 'L. B.' in gilt letters inside, and there was a very minute hole in the toe of one black sock."

"Hush," McKnight protested. "If word gets to Mrs. Klopston that Mr. Blakeley was wrecked, or robbed, or whatever it was, with a button missing and a hole in one sock, she'll retire to the Old Ladies' home. I've heard her threaten it."

Mr. Hotchkiss was without a sense of humor. He regarded McKnight gravely and went on:

"I've been up in the room where the man lay while he was unable to get

## The MAN in LOWER TEN

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"You Don't Think He Locked the Door Himself?"

away, and there is nothing there. But I found what may be a possible clue in the dust heap.

"Mrs. Carter tells me that in unpacking his grip the other day she shook out of the coat of the pajamas some pieces of a telegram. As I figure it, the pajamas were his own. He probably had them on when he effected the exchange."

I nodded assent. All I had retained of my own clothing was the suit of pajamas I was wearing and my bath robe.

"Therefore the telegram was his, not yours. I have pieces here, but some are missing. I am not discouraged, however."

He spread out some bits of yellow paper, and we bent over them curiously. It was something like this:

Man with p—Get—  
Br—

We spelled it out slowly.

"Now," Hotchkiss announced, "I make it something like this: The 'p' is one of two things, pistol—you remember the little pearl-handled affair belonging to the murdered man—or is it pocketbook. I am inclined to the latter view, as the pocketbook had been disturbed and the pistol had not."

I took the piece of paper from the table and scrawled four words on it.

"Now," I said, rearranging them, "it happens, Mr. Hotchkiss, that I found one of these pieces of the telegram on the train. I thought it had been dropped by some one else, you see, but that's immaterial. Arranged this way it almost makes sense. Fill out that 'p' with the rest of the word, as I imagine it, and it makes 'papers,' and add this scrap and you have:

"Man with papers (in) lower ten, car seven. Get (them)."

McKnight slapped Hotchkiss on the back.

"You're a trump," he said. "Br—Is Bronson, of course. It's almost too easy. You see, Mr. Blakeley here engaged lower ten, but found it occupied by the man who was later murdered there. The man who did the thing was a friend of Bronson's, evidently, and in trying to get the papers we have the motive for the crime."

"There are still some things to be explained," Mr. Hotchkiss wiped his glasses and put them on. "For one thing, Mr. Blakeley, I am puzzled by that bit of chain."

I did not glance at McKnight. I felt that the hands with which I was gathering up the bits of torn paper were shaking. It seemed to me that this astute little man was going to drag in the girl in spite of me.

### CHAPTER XVIII.

#### A New World.

Hotchkiss jotted down the bits of telegram and rose.

"Well," he said, "we've done something. We've found where the murderer left the train, we know what day he went to Baltimore, and, most important of all, we have a motive for the crime."

"It seems the irony of fate," said McKnight, getting up, "that a man should kill another man for certain papers he is supposed to be carrying, and he hasn't got them after all, decide to throw suspicion on another man by changing berths and getting out, bag and baggage, and then, by the merest fluke of chance, take with him,

in the valise he changed for his own, the very notes he was after. It was a bit of luck for him."

"Then why," put in Hotchkiss doubtfully, "why did he collapse when he heard of the wreck? And what about the telephone message the station agent sent? You remember they tried to countermand it, and with some excitement."

"We will ask him those questions when we get him," McKnight said. We were on the unrailled front porch by that time, and Hotchkiss had put away his notebook. The mother of the twins followed us to the steps.

"Dear me," she explained volubly, "and to think I was forgetting to tell you! I put the young man to bed with a spice poultice on his ankle; my mother always was a firm believer in spice poultices. It's wonderful what they will do in a croup! And then I took the children and went down to see the wreck. It was Sunday, and the mister had gone to church; hasn't missed a day since he took the pledge nine years ago. And on the way I met two people, a man and a woman. They looked half dead, so I sent them right here for breakfast and some soap and water. I always say soap is better than liquor after a shock."

Hotchkiss was listening absently; McKnight was whistling under his breath, staring down across the field to where a break in the woods showed a half dozen telegraph poles, the line of the railroad.

"It must have been 12 o'clock when we got back; I wanted the children to see everything, because it isn't likely they'll ever see another wreck like that. Rows of—"

"About 12 o'clock," I broke in, "and what then?"

"The young man upstairs was awake," she went on, "hammering at his door like all possessed. And it was locked on the outside!" She paused to enjoy her sensation.

"I would like to see that lock," Hotchkiss said promptly, but for some reason the woman demurred. "I will bring the key down," she said and disappeared. When she returned she held out an ordinary door key of the cheapest variety.

"We had to break the lock," she volunteered, "and the key didn't turn up for two days. Then one of the twins found the turkey gobbler trying to swallow it. It has been washed since," she hastened to assure Hotchkiss, who showed an inclination to drop it.

"You don't think he locked the door himself and threw the key out of the window?" the little man asked.

"The windows are covered with mosquito netting, nailed on. The mister blamed it on the children, and it might have been Obadiah. He's the quiet kind, and you never know what he's about."

"He's about to strangle, isn't he," McKnight remarked lazily, "or is that Obadiah?"

Mrs. Carter picked the boy up and inverted him, talking amiably all the time. "He's always doing it," she said, giving him a shake. "Whenever we miss anything we look to see if Obadiah's black in the face." She gave another shake, and the quarter I had given him shot out as if blown from a gun. Then we prepared to go back to the station.

From where I stood I could look into the cheery farm kitchen, where Allison West and I had eaten our all fresco breakfast. I looked at the table with mixed emotions, and



then, gradually, the meaning of something on it penetrated my mind. Still in its papers, evidently just opened, was a hat box, and protruding over the edge of the box was a streamer of vivid green ribbon.

"On the plea that I wished to ask Mrs. Carter a few more questions, I let the others go on. I watched them down the flagstone walk; saw McKnight stop and examine the gate posts and saw, too, the quick glance he threw back at the house. Then I turned to Mrs. Carter.

"I would like to speak to the young lady upstairs," I said.

She threw up her hands with a quick gesture of surrender. "I've done all I could," she exclaimed. "She won't like it very well, but—she's in the room over the parlor."

I went eagerly up the ladder-like stairs, to the rag-carpeted hall. Two doors were open, showing interiors of four poster beds and high bureaus. The door of the room over the parlor was almost closed. I hesitated in the hallway; after all, what right had I to intrude on her? But she settled my difficulty by throwing open the door and facing me.

"I—I beg your pardon, Miss West," I stammered. "It has just occurred to me that I am unpardonably rude. I saw the hat downstairs and I—I guessed—"

"The hat!" she said. "I might have known. Does Richey know I am here?"

"I don't think so." I turned to go down the stairs again. Then I halted. "The fact is," I said, in an attempt at justification, "I'm in rather a mess these days, and I'm apt to do irresponsible things. It is not impossible that I shall be arrested, in a day or so, for the murder of Simon Harrington."

"She drew her breath in sharply. 'Murder!' she echoed. 'Then they have found you after all!'

"I don't regard it as anything more than—inconvenient," I lied. "They can't convict me, you know. Almost all the witnesses are dead."

She was not deceived for a moment. She came over to me and stood, both hands on the rail of stair. "I know just how grave—"

"My grandfather was a terrible stone unturned, and he can be terrible—terrible. But—she looked directly into my eyes as I stood below her on the stairs—"the time may come—soon—when I can help you. I'm afraid I shall not want to; I'm a dreadful coward, Mr. Blakeley. But—I will." She tried to smile.

"I wish you would let me help you," I said unsteadily. "Let us make it a bargain; each help the other!"

The girl shook her head with a sad little smile. "I am only as unhappy as I deserve to be," she said. And when I protested and took a step toward her she retreated, with her hands out before her.

"Why don't you ask me all the questions you are thinking?" she demanded, with a catch in her voice. "Oh, I know them. Or are you afraid to ask?"

I looked at her, at the lines around her eyes, at the drawn look about her mouth. Then I held out my hand. "Afraid!" I said, as she gave me hers. "There is nothing in God's green earth I am afraid of, save of trouble for you. To ask questions would be to imply a lack of faith. I ask you nothing. Some day, perhaps, you will come to me yourself and let me help you."

The next moment I was out in the golden sunshine; the birds were singing carols of joy; I walked dizzily through rainbow-colored clouds, past the twins, cherubs now, swinging on the gate. It was a new world into which I stepped from the Carter farmhouse that morning, for—I had kissed her!

### (TO BE CONTINUED.)

He Could Not Recommend It. The editor of the Plunkville Argus was seated at his desk, busily engaged in writing a fervid editorial on the necessity of building a new walk to the cemetery, when a battered specimen of the tramp printer entered the office.

"Mornin', boss!" said the caller. "Got any work for a 'print'?"

"I have," answered the editor. "You happened in just right this time. I've got only a boy to help me in the office and I need a man to set type for about a week. I have to make a trip out west. You can take off your coat and begin right now. I start to-morrow morning."

"All right," said the typographical tourist, removing his coat. "What road are you going to travel on?"

"The X, Y, & Z, mostly. I've never been on it. Know anything about it?"

"I know all about it. I've traveled from one end to the other."

"What kind of a road is it?"

"Punk!" said the printer, in a tone indicative of strong disgust. "The ties are too far apart!"—Youth's Companion.

Must Wait for Remarriage.

In Louisiana the law permits a widow to marry again only provided she has waited until ten months after the death of her husband.



# THE ENTERPRISE

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We wish all of our readers, advertisers and every body a merry Christmas, and may happy returns of the day, and ask that all observe it in a manner befitting the day and its great meaning to the human race.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association besides being a most useful organization to the at large, is also being helpful to the individual clubs and Chambers of Commerce throughout the state. The organization provides the clubs of the state with a list persons desiring to locate and make investments in Texas and is of material benefit to local clubs to advertising their towns and sections.

The credit system used by the farmers in the state is more damaging to agricultural interests than the boll weevil. No farmer can thrive and pay the debts of his neighbors which is the inevitable result of the credit system. Debt is a hard task master and it saps the vitality of man and ever line of industry that is within its clutch. The merchant and banker should help the farmer get on a cash basis. When the farmer has a good bank account we are all prosperous.

Use taste and judgment in the selection of your Christmas presents; buy something that is worth while. You will find a splendid assortment at Reagan's.

Big stock of candies, fruits and nuts at Atkin's for the holiday trade.

Richard Shannon, the little grand-son of Z. R. Stephens and wife, has been quite sick all the week, but is some better.

No junk, but things that are especially nice for holiday presents, at Reagan's.

Hill Grocery Co. Wants to sell you your holiday goods. New stock just in.

Buy the Peters Diamond Brand shoes from their agents in Big Springs, A. P. McDonald & Co.

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Methodist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Junior League at 4 p. m. Senior at 5 p. m. Preaching at 7:15 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8:15 p. m. Choir practice Thursday night at 8:15 p. m. Come and bring some one with you.

CHAS. W. HEARON, Pastor.

### At the Christian Church

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

E. S. BLEDSOE, Pastor.

### Baptist Church Services

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Sunbeams, Mrs. Morrison 4:30 p. m. Sr. Union 4:00 p. m. Jr. Union 5:30 p. m. Don't forget that you are invited to all these services.

### Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Children's Band at 4 p. m. Prayer-meeting Tuesday night. Everybody invited to attend the services.

### Episcopal Church.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and night service at 7:30 p. m. Rev. D. A. Sanford, Rector.

A Bible makes a splendid Xmas present. The largest assortment ever brought to Big Springs is now on display at Reagan's.

### Legislative Letter.

When the moon shall have waxed and waned a few more times the 32nd legislature will be in session. The eyes of the nation will be upon Texas. The sovereign voters of the state have declared for a halt in legislative adventure and that immortal document known as the Democratic Platform has actually demanded legislative rest. It is the custom for members of the legislature to look upon "Platform Demands" with as much sacredness as the children of Israel regarded the Ark of the Covenant and have we in the 32nd legislature a Uzziah who will dare to lay his hands on it?

Progress is always preceded by revolutions and Texas is now passing through a peaceful revolution. In all rapid changes in Governmental politics there is always an element that perishes for want of adaptability and there may be some members of the 32nd legislature who will turn turtle and sink into political

oblivion but the legislature as a whole will stand by the Grand Old Democratic party in its struggles to return to the principles of Thomas Jefferson. It is as natural for some people to make laws as it is for a fish to swim and many a big bass may flounder in the legislative halls during the next session of the legislature but there is a God in Israel who will harken to the voice of the people.

No legislature ever assembled under more inspiring auspices and none has ever faced the responsibilities that now confront the next legislature of Texas. It is the special mission of this body to tune our laws to the merry hum of industry and invite capital by making 2 smiles grow where one and frown grew before.

The 32nd. Legislature has among its members some of the brainiest men in the state and the majority of the law makers are in sympathy with the business policy of the next administration. Out of 133 members in the Legislature 87 of them served in either 30th, or 31st. Legislature and have stood up for Texas on roll calls that tested their patriotism.

The old administration has made its mistakes and so will the new one but if the incoming administration can profit by the mistakes of the past what a glorious reign we will have in Texas during the next four years.

## A GOOD REASON

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Doan's Kidney Pills cure the cause of disease, and that is why the cures are always lasting. This remedy strengthens and tones up the kidneys, helping them to drive out of the body the liquid poisons that cause backache, headache and distressing kidney and urinary complaints. Big Springs people testify to permanent cures.

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## Read the Label

### In Society

Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, the doors of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Stokes' home were thrown open and from then until six o'clock the parlors were ablaze with light and ringing with mirth and gaiety. The event was in honor of Misses Logan and Francis Viars, who are visitors in the city.

The guests were received at the door by M. S. J. McDowell, who with her easy grace and charming manner made them feel that it was good to be there. Her gown was of dark blue velvet, made in the latest fashion and, if possible, added beauty to the fair wearer. Passing into the parlor, each arrival was greeted in turn by Mrs. Stokes, Miss Logan and Miss Viars. Mrs. Stokes arrayed in a beautiful dress of brown silk and her welcome smile and words of cheer, she creditably honored the chair of hostess. Next in line was Miss Logan, who in a Parisian model of red velvet and Persian chiffon reminded us of Emerson's "Ode to Beauty," and her brown eyes were like springs of light. Miss Viars was next presented and made a pretty picture of maidenhood. Her gown was of soft rose taffeta and was one of Dame Fashions latest creations. The guests were next shown

into the back parlor which was lighted with tiny wax candles and in the center of the room stood a heavy laden Christmas tree. Not one was slighted. They were assisted in finding their presents by Mrs. R. Reagan, Mrs. E. O. Price and Miss McKinley. On opening her package each lady found some proverb pertaining to her life or some advice for her.

From the guests were ushered, by Mrs. Douthit, into a serving room and greeted by Mrs. Chic, Misses Maud Smith, Maud Barack, Anna Dell Taylor and Ruth Holmes. These young ladies served each visitor with refreshments fit for the gods of Olympus. The decoration was a green and red bower, trimmed with Christmas bells and mistletoe. Mrs. A. E. Pool then led them into a room where they were served with coffee by Mesdames DeVries and Elkins, after which they were bidden good bye with a cheerful smile and a hearty handshake by Mrs. M. H. Morrison.

Each guest departed declaring a most enjoyable afternoon and voting the reception the most successful affair on society's program. ONE PRESENT.

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Miss Oldgold—Well, I don't know.  
DeBort—Of course you can. One is never too old to learn, you know.  
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"Your son used to be so round shouldered. How did you get him cured of it? He seems to be so straight now."  
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"See, Henry, I've traveled into every corner of the globe."  
"The globe is a spherical body, uncle. Therefore it has no corners!"—Chips.

**WONDERED WHY.**

Found the Answer Was "Coffee."

Many pale, sickly persons wonder for years why they have to suffer so, and eventually discover that the drug—caffeine—coffee is the main cause of the trouble.

"I was always very fond of coffee and drank it every day. I never had much sleep and often wondered why I was always so pale, thin and weak."

"About five years ago my health completely broke down and I was confined to my bed. My stomach was in such condition that I could hardly take sufficient nourishment to sustain life."

"During this time I was drinking coffee, didn't think I could do without it."

"After awhile I came to the conclusion that coffee was hurting me, and decided to give it up and try Postum. I didn't like the taste of it at first, but when it was made right—boiled until dark and rich—I soon became fond of it."

"In one week I began to feel better. I could eat more and sleep better. My sick headaches were less frequent, and within five months I looked and felt like a new being, headache spells entirely gone."

"My health continued to improve and today I am well and strong, weigh 145 pounds. I attribute my present health to the life-giving qualities of Postum."

Read "The Road to Wellville" in Postum.

Now read the above letter! A new way appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## TEXAS NEWS HAPPENINGS

A statewide educational campaign is on with Texas Presbyterians.

Texas Sunday School workers are making an endeavor to enroll one million scholars.

The former owners of San Antonio Express have sold that publication to Robt. Maverick, Frank G. Huntress and C. V. Holland.

The old roundhouse containing five engines of the Texas Central Railroad at Walnut Springs burned to the ground Sunday morning. Not a thing was saved. Some \$400 or \$500 worth of tools belonging to the machinist and patternmakers were also destroyed.

The State of Texas has leased the Shaw plantation in Bowie County for a term of five years and will use the same for a convict farm. It is understood that about 100 convicts will be employed on the place. The plantation is on Red River, about thirty miles west of Texarkana.

Jake Cohen, a Cleburne cotton buyer, shipped 500 bales of cotton direct to Kobe, Japan. Several foreign shipments have been made from that place this season.

A verdict has been rendered by the jury assessing a penalty of thirty years in the penitentiary against A. O. Condon, for the murder of Sheriff Spurlock of Throckmorton County on Oct. 1, 1910, at Throckmorton.

The Andrews County Commissioners have ordered an election of the 31st of this month to vote on bonding the county for \$8,000 with which to build a court house.

Constable T. J. Tomlinson was killed at Waelder Saturday night. When found he was lying face downward with a gun in his hand, containing two empty chambers. Eugene Bowers is under arrest, charged with the killing.

The Texas Oil Company, which has established a chain of supply stations for all kinds of oils, gasoline and other supplies for power or steam vessels in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, has decided to increase its capacity.

The Guffey Company well No. 1, five eighths of a mile west of Markham went on a rampage. Volumes of gas and some oil coming from the well. This well is outside of the proven territory and will extend the field if a producer is brought in.

Despite the continued dry weather condition in the Amarillo section, the sowing of wheat goes steadily on. In many instances the moisture at present is insufficient to germination, but that is not bothering the planters.

The \$50,000 bonds recently voted for water works improvement by Greenville have been approved by the State authorities.

The last meeting for the year of the Wise County Truck Growers' Association, has been called for Saturday, Dec. 24, when the association seed order will be filed in bulk. To matatoes, melons, cantaloupes and sweet and Irish potatoes will form the principal crops for the first year.

The Guffey Oil Company brought in a well on the Darathula Dunn tract near Henrietta Saturday which spouted a six-inch stream of oil over an eight-foot derrick. This well is about a quarter of a mile east of the Taylor No. 1, the first flowing well brought in in the field.

E. C. Chauncey, editor of Stockdale Times, died at his home Sunday of paralysis of heart. He was 34 years old and leaves a widow and two children.

The completion of an \$80,000 Young men's Christian Association building of the University of Texas at Austin is now practically assured.

In spite of certain delays which have arisen in the construction of the buildings of the Rice Institute which could not be avoided by the trustees, the Institute will open next September as originally planned.

T. S. Rollins has been nominated by the President as postmaster of Abilene, after a primary election of Taylor county republicans had named him as choice over two other candidates.

Under the auspices of the Young Men's Booster Club of Terrell, a brass band is being organized.

Chat Moody shot and killed himself an Bennington, Oklahoma.

Famous aviators will fly in Dallas January 4 to 8, inclusive, at the State Fair park. Twenty-five thousand dollars are the prizes offered.

Experts are working out a plan for the extension of the water supply for Fort Worth. A reservoir of immense capacity is planned.

President Taft's inclination to appoint W. B. Lewis, a negro lawyer of Boston, an Assistant Attorney General is meeting considerable opposition.

George Waverly Briggs, a prominent Texas newspaper man, appointed by Governor Campbell as a member of the Texas penitentiary board.

Five hundred birds are listed in the poultry show at Denton.

A movement looking to holding a horse show in the Coliseum in Dallas in the spring is being worked out by Dallas fanciers of fine horses.

## VERACITY OF THE BIBLE

After a Visit to the Holy Land Even a Skeptic Must Be Convinced.

One thing cannot fail to impress every visitor to Bethlehem, and, indeed, to the Holy Land generally, who is imbued with true Christian faith and a proper sense of the sanctity of the location and of the events that have transpired there, and that is the more than remarkable correspondence between the things and places shown us today as having been associated with the life and work of the Saviour and other events that enter into the structure of our religious faith and the descriptions and accounts of them, as furnished us in the pages of the Holy Scriptures. They agree with them in every respect and it is impossible, after carefully considering and comparing them, to doubt their identity, so exactly are they in accord with the Bible narrative.

The work in the fields, the arrangement of the buildings, the very articles of diet and clothing of ancient days are plainly recognizable in the doings and surroundings of today. Indeed, where modern methods have not become obtrusive the manners and customs of the people remain much the same as in the days of the presence on earth of the Saviour. Between the descriptions given in the Bible of localities, climate and geographical conditions, distances, etc., of these times and those of today there is hardly any discrepancy, even a skeptic, considering this remarkable accord of circumstances with the Biblical narrative, cannot but be convinced of its veracity; to the believer it comes as a wonderful conviction, a satisfactory corroboration or encouragement, to see things as those who described them so graphically saw them so long ago.—Columbian Magazine.

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## FIGHTING THE WHITE PLAGUE

Number of State Institutions is Double During the Past Two Years.

Sixteen state sanatoria, 25 county hospitals and 21 municipal hospitals for tuberculosis have been erected and provided for since January 1, 1909, says a recent bulletin of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Within the last two years the number of state institutions for tuberculosis has doubled, and the number of county and municipal institutions has increased from about 30 to 80. The expenditures of public money for the treatment of tuberculosis also has more than doubled. Not less than \$3,000,000 of state money was appropriated for tuberculosis institutions in 1909, when 43 legislatures met, and over \$600,000 in 1910, when only 11 legislatures were in session. The appropriations of counties and cities for tuberculosis hospitals and sanatoria in the last two years will aggregate fully \$2,500,000, bringing the total of official appropriations for tuberculosis hospitals up to over \$6,000,000 in the past two years.

In spite, however, of this good showing, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis states that not one-tenth of the public provision for tuberculosis that is needed has been made. More than 250,000 tuberculosis patients are constantly without proper institutional treatment.

**The Modern Way.**

A couple of young men on the Market street viaduct the other evening offered a new version of an old saw. After they had passed a couple of sun-burned damsels one of the young men took his stand at the curb and gazed up and down the bridge.

"What are you looking for?" inquired his companion.

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18 miles northeast from Big Springs and 10 miles north from Coahoma, 150 acres in cultivation, 3 room house, barn, lots and well, mill and also 2 room house, sheds, lots, all fenced in convent pastures, more than 75 per cent as fine sandy catclaw and mesquite valley land, balance good grass, lots of big mesquite for wood and pasture. Price \$5500.

## 6080 Acres

The G. C. Cauble ranch, adjoins the town, more than 1200 acres in fine state of cultivation, \$20,000 worth of improvements, 90 per cent smooth, first class firm red and black sandy soil, abundance of fine water, mesquite wood, school on the ranch, land is worth \$30 per acre but it can be bought at the present time for \$18 per acre, for terms apply to G. C. Cauble or R. B. Canon & Co.

**We have several residences in Big Springs for sale or trade.**

**See or write us for anything in real estate.**

## 640 Acres

12 miles northwest from Big Springs, the F. M. Coffee ranch, one section all smooth tillable land, good 5 room house with porches, barn, sheds, lots well fenced, water, wind mill, orchard and 65 acres in cultivation, some mesquite timber for wood, 1 mile from school and church, soil dark sandy loam. Price \$7000

We have a 20,000 acre ranch, well improved, well watered, we can trade at \$4 per acre, and we have on the Concho River 1600 acres, 800 in farm, 800 acres irrigated, 150 in alfalfa, extra well improved, a bargain at \$50 per acre and will trade. See R. B. Canon & Co.

We have any size farm from 13 acres up to 1300 acres that we can sell now at a very low price.

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## Some Exchange Propositions.

### BURK

No. B. 210 acres smooth black land located 6 miles north of Hubbard City, Hill county Texas 200 acres in cultivation, balance tillable 5 sets of good improvements, will trade for western land or merchandise. Price \$75.00 per acre. Incumbent for \$3400.00 loan

No. B. 800 acres 4 miles south of Blum Hill Co., 300 acres in cultivation, no lumber here. Price \$25.00 per acre. Will trade for smooth western land.

No. B. 625 acres 2 miles west of Whitney, Hill Co., 500 acres in cultivation, 100 acres more tillable, 5 sets of good improvements, the land is black and sandy, very productive, incumbered for \$9000.00 on cash difference. Price \$60.00 per acre

No. B. 103 acres of black land 3 miles south of Blum, Hill county, 90 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, well improved. Price \$65.00 per acre 100 acres 6 miles south of Blum, 90 acres in cultivation, no incumbrance. Price \$65.00 per acre. 111 acres 3 miles east of Blum 80 acres in cultivation, 15 acres in orchard, all tillable land and well improved. Price \$60.00 per acre. 60 acres 3 miles south of Blum, 40 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, well improved. Price \$25.00. 18 acre orchard 4 miles east of Whitney, composed of Peach,

Plum, Pears, Apples and Berries, all productive. Price \$1200.00 208 acres 10 miles northwest of Whitney, 180 acres in cultivation, balance tillable, 3 sets of good improvements. Price \$40.00 per acre. One 6 room house and 2 lots rented and located in Whitney, \$15.00. One 4 room house and two lots located in same place. Price \$1200.00. One 5 room house and two lots, same place. Price \$1500.00. One 9 room house and two lots located in the city of Waco on Columbus street. Price \$5000.00. One new live stable and two lots located in Whitney. \$3000.00. All of the above to trade for Western land or merchandise.

No. B. 73 acres land 5 miles northwest of Whitney, Hill County, 50 acres in cultivation, balance good grass land, Price \$30.00 per acre. No incumbrance, has a 4 room house and good water will trade for anything worth the money.

No. B. 800 acres black land 3 miles south of Blum, Hill county, 300 acres in cultivation, 200 more tillable, balance good pasture land, 3 sets of improvements, no incumbrance. Price \$45.00 per acre, will trade for Gaines or joining county land.

### GREEN.

No. L. G. 838 acres in Hays county near on the Blanco river black land, all under Hog proof fence improvements

worth about \$7,500.00. Incumbered for \$5.50 per acre, 1 to 6 years at 7 per cent Improved farm, good title. Price \$25.00 per acre. Will trade or sell.

### WALTON.

No. 1 W. 500 acres, 135 tillable, 85 cultivated, 409 in pasture, 300 fruit trees, black land good 6 room house, 2 galleries, granary, good well and windmill, one pasture sheep proof, good plank lots, a well improved farm and ranch. Price \$15.00 will trade for good western land worth the money.

No. 2 W. 600 acres, 225 tillable, 125 cultivated, balance pasture, nice 5 room house with hall, gallery and brick flues, celled papered and in a finished condition, plenty of water in pasture and at house in well. This is a desirable place to live, only one and half miles from Morgan, at the junction of two good railroads, fine school churches. Price \$25.00 per acre, will trade for good western land, with little or no incumbrance. Want a good proposition made on these lands.

### HUNT.

2200 acres half mile of railroad station and six miles from Gainesville, this land is part black and part red, 700 acres in cultivation, 100 acres adjoining a creek, which runs through the land is timber, balance grass about 340 acres along the

creek is rough and rocky, but good grazing land, balance of the land tillable, 4 sets of improvements, one set cost \$4000, another set has seven room house \$2500.00 barn, and other good out buildings, 2 wells and windmills all fenced with Holisard posts overlaid with water in the creek, price 45. per acre. Terms 1-3 cash, balance as arranged. No incumbrance. Would trade for good cattle ranch of equal value or might assume or pay some difference. This place is located between two german settlements and could subdivide and advantageously sold in smaller tracts to Germans, but the present owner has always decided to do so, desiring to sell as a whole or trade for a ranch.

### ANDERSON.

7181 acres of land in Val Verde Co. about 45 miles north of Del Rio it is touching alternated, said to be quite a large acreage of good level land on it and fairly well watered by springs and waterholes. Price \$140 per acre on long time, 6 per cent interest. Terms \$321.30 cash, balance one to six years \$1122.00 each. It is the best in Texas.

**Watch this ad for it may contain just what you want. Read it every week.**

### NORTH WEST ARKANSAS MAXWELL.

No. 1 na80 acres, 75 under fence, 65 in cultivation, 100 apple trees, 200 peach trees. One new four room house, other out buildings a good house. Price \$25.00.00

No. 20 na 120 acres fruit and stock farm, 100 acres in cultivation, 60 in bearing orchard, Ben D. is and son Sap. One seven room house, one two room tenent house, good well and fine spring, a frame barn, one of the best places in the country. Price \$12,000.00

No. 124 na 40 acres 15 acres in cultivation, 2 room house, small barn. Price \$2000.00

KELLEY, No. 338, k. 114 acres, black sandy land near Cleburne, lower part school and church, 83 acres in cultivation, balance pasture, three room house, barn, two sets of improvements, consider smaller places as part of same.

No. 545 k. 125 acres in cultivation, Texas, 75 acres in cultivation, good house, barn, orchard, etc. \$40.00 per acre. Will exchange for merchandise, resident property, etc.

**You can get this paper for a short time for \$1.00 a year**

Let us know what you have to trade, we may be able to give you just what you are looking for. Tell us our troubles.

## WE REPRESENT A LOAN COMPANY

That has money to loan on improved farms and ranches, or extend vendor lien notes, and can get you money on short notice where everything comes up to the requirements.

**R. B. CANON & CO.**

Among the new subjects to be taught in the University of Texas, if the necessary funds are provided, are irrigation, sanitation, journalism, and business training. Provision has already been made for teaching domestic science to the young women of the State.

The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

D. C. Porch and son, living 6 miles east of town, were doing their holiday trading here Wednesday.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

If you want something for father or mother, brother or sister, wife or sweetheart, I have just what you will like.

B. REAGAN.

Mrs. J. R. Copeland of Big Springs, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones, left Wednesday for Shreveport, La., where she will spend the holidays with her sister and brother.—Baird Star.

The greatest danger from influenza is of its resulting in pneumonia. This can be obviated by using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, as it not only cures influenza, but counteracts any tendency of the disease toward pneumonia. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

**FOR SALE.**—One Section of good agricultural land in Andrews county. Price 5.50 bonus 1.50, to state. Time lived up. Inquire at this office.

Xmas presents, thousands of them, at Reagan's.

If you are suffering from biliousness, constipation, indigestion, chronic headache, invest one cent in a postal card, send to Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, with your name and address plainly on the back, and they will forward you a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Sold by Biles & Gentry.

## Wants Renters

Have 600 acres of fine land, good 4 and 5 room houses, good barns, wells and windmills, on the best ranch and farm in Howard county, and close to town.

Have 3 other fine farms to rent, well improved, from 7 to 15 miles from Big Springs, from 100 to 200 acres in cultivation to the farm.

If you want to buy or rent city property see me.

Good 4 room house close in at \$500.00 part trade and part time.

Good 5 room house between 6th and 7th street on Main street. Part cash and part time.

Have vacant lots to trade for any Old Thing.

Z. R. Stephens

## Notice

All donations in school books, clothing, bed-clothing etc will be thankfully received by the United Charities.

Please send them to Mrs. F. B. Gilbert's residence on Runnels street.

Holiday goods at Hill Grocery Company.

## Don't Overlook These

220 acres of land 7 miles northwest of town, all good sandy land 186 acres in cultivation, 5 acres in bearing fruit trees, good 4 room house and barn, watered with tank and 2 cisterns. Price \$3600, \$1500 to be assumed payable December 1, 1914; small cash payment down. Will trade for Big Springs property.

5 room house and 2 lots on Main street, 2 blocks from Court house. Price \$1600, terms on part of it, this place is now renting at \$15 per month.

Two lots 100x212 feet in Cole & Strayhorn addition close to good well. Price \$150 for one or \$250 for both.

640 acres 9 miles northeast of town, all good tillable land, over 100 acres in cultivation, house and barn, good well, windmill and tank. Price \$13 per acre, \$2400 to be assumed.

Good 4 room house, with hall and galleries back gallery screened, good cistern, barn and chicken house, lot 100x140 feet. Price \$1200; \$300 in cash or trade, balance \$12.50 per month.

I have a 4 room house, one lot, well located in Jones Valley, for sale, will take \$450 for it; \$100 cash and balance in monthly payments. See me at once if you want a cheap home.

640 acres 18 miles northeast of Big Springs, 150 acres in cultivation,

**WHEN YOU WANT TO BUILD  
LET ME FIGURE WITH YOU**

**J. M. MORGAN**  
CONTRACTOR

P.O. Box 615

Phone No. 37

valuation, 2 houses and 2 barns, well and windmill, on public road one and half miles to school. Price \$8.50 per acre, terms on part.

Z. R. STEPHENS.

Michigan salt is best for dairy use. Try it. Pool Bros.

Come to the Christian church Sunday at 9:45 a. m. and attend Sunday School.

3 of the best sections of land in the Big Springs country, extra well improved with fine water, at \$11 per acre, will double in price in one year. See R. B. Canon & Co.

Preparations for putting in the street lights are being rapidly made and it is thought the lights will be ready for use by Saturday night. These lights will be quite a convenience to those who travel our streets after night besides greatly adding to the appearance to our little city.

If it is a nice Xmas present you are looking for remember you will find it at Reagan's.

## Attention!

The United Charities will prepare Xmas Dinner for the worthy poor of our town, and all the ladies who will assist by preparing and contributing something appropriate for such a dinner will have the thanks of the U. C. and also help to make this a happy Xmas for those less fortunate than themselves. All those who can, please send articles prepared to the residence of Mrs. F. B. Gilbert, (on Runnels Street,) between now and Xmas eve: All those who cannot deliver their contributions please telephone No. 10, and they will be called for. This dinner will be equally distributed in baskets, and sent to the homes whose names are on the U. C. list.

For Sale—Double shot Eastman Kodak, for sale cheap, apply at this office.

If you want small irrigated farms at a bargain and on terms any one can pay. See R. B. Canon & Co.