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Texas Red Cross Public Health Work Increased 449 Per Cent

Unprecedented expansion, amounting to 449 per cent for the year just ending, has been made in public health, sanitation and hygiene activities conducted in Texas under the direction of the Red Cross, according to information from Southwestern Division headquarters in St. Louis. The report shows the expansion of Red Cross health activities for the division comprising Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, to 460 per cent for the year. Favorable results are expected from the great strides in the development of this health work, one of the chief items in the vaccine program of the Red Cross.

Comprehensive plans for still further rapid extension of the service until eventually it will reach out into every Texas county where no other organization is doing this work, with full time public health nurses on duty is the aim of the Southwestern Division nursing department, the announcement sets forth with the Fourth Roll. All concluded the first step in this enlargement will be the placing as soon as suitable personnel can be obtained of 26 additional public health nurses in counties not now served, thus further expanding the service by 50 per cent.

On January 1st of this year the number of Red Cross public health nurses in Texas stood at 2, while on December 1st the total had climbed to 53. It is hoped to bring every Texas county under the supervision of a public health nurse to reduce the large proportion of physical defects hindering the best healthy development. Not only the standard of personal health in the child life of the state, but the scholarship rating as well will be improved, it is expected.

Pastor Asks for Decrease in Salary

Rev. J. H. Vinson, pastor of the Baptist church at this place has asked that the church reduce his salary \$100, which would give him \$1500 a year instead of \$1600. He says he thinks that under the existing circumstances he is getting too much, and is willing to reduce the burden on his flock by making this reduction. The last time we talked to him he did not know whether the church was going to accept his proposition or not, but expressed himself as feeling pretty sure it would.—Silverton Star.

Car Catches Fire From Lantern

Sunday night at the Motor Supply filling station Dr. Hopkins' Ford coupe caught fire when gas being run into the tank ignited from a nearby lantern. The flames were extinguished before they had done much damage to the car. Dr. Hopkins' clothing also caught fire but he was not injured except for slight burns on the hands.—Floydada Hesperian.

Memphis.—A company this week purchased an airplane and have organized the Memphis Aero Company. A landing field has been secured and a pilot employed. Service flights and instruction school will be maintained. The general manager is Earl C. Johnson.

Mrs. Ross Biggers has been quite ill with tonsillitis, but is recovering.

Hommel-Wood

Mr. Ollie Hommel of Alanreed and Miss Beulah Wood of this city were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Osborn officiating.

Mr. Hommel runs a garage in Alanreed and is a very popular young man. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wood, who came to McLean from Alanreed a few months ago.

Those besides the pastor's family who witnessed the ceremony were Miss Gladys Hicks, niece of the bride, and Rev. Henry Wood of Alanreed. The News joins their friends in extending congratulations to the newly-weds.

The Vannoys Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy entertained the teachers of the McLean Public School Friday evening. Those present report a most delightful time spent in contests, music, readings, etc.

At an appropriate hour a delicious refreshment course was served to the following: Mesdames W. A. Cain and Jim Back; Misses Lois Foster, Beulah Tucker, Laura Hill, Ernestine Osborne, Lillian and Lois Abbott; Messrs. W. A. Cain, S. M. Castleberry, Homer Abbott and Jim Back.

Forty Arrested on Gaming Charges

Lubbock.—Oven season was declared on the devotees of African golf and other woeful of the fickle Goddess of Chance last Saturday night, when constables Ray, McCullough, Hyatt and Halbert made forty arrests for gambling with cards and dice. Most of those arrested were negroes, including 16 who were unable to pay their fines and have been lodged in jail. Twenty four paid fines of \$20 to each.

Died of Over Stimulation

Jas. Allen died suddenly about 4 a. m. Wednesday at his home near Aberdeen of over stimulation. The officials went out to the home to hold an inquest, but found it unnecessary, as physicians pronounced the cause of his death as over stimulation which affected his heart. It is claimed he drank some Jamaica ginger and wine of pepsin mixed the day before and the resultant action was too severe a strain upon his heart.—Pampa News.

Whitedeer Gets a Modern Depot

The Santa Fe is making ready to build a modern railway station at Whitedeer. Side track extensions are also being made, and other improvements are on the Santa Fe's program for Whitedeer.—Panhandle Herald.

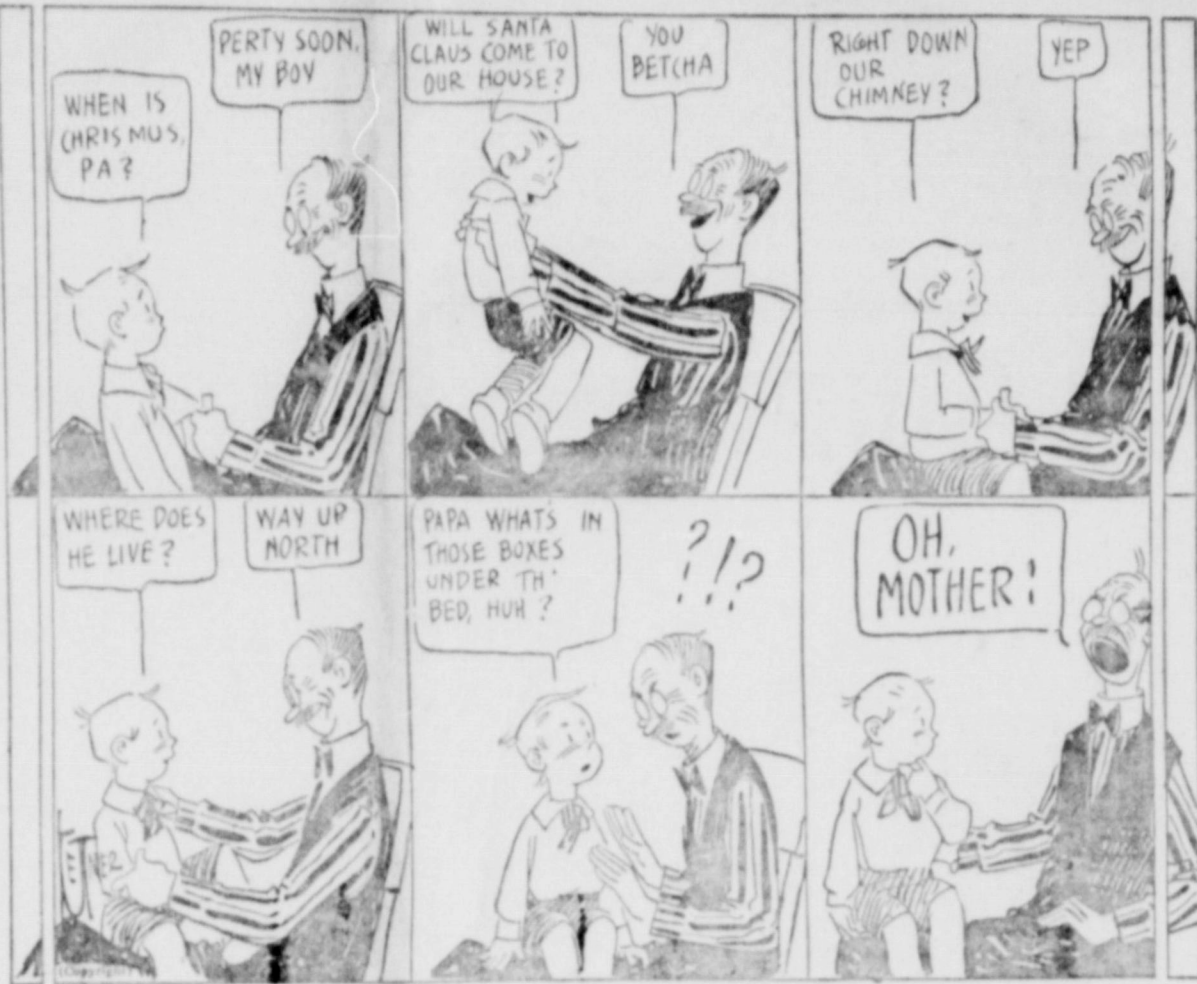
Mrs. T. M. Wolfe arrived home last evening from Roswell, N. M., where she has been for more than two months in the interest of her health, which is much improved.

L. C. Williams of Mangum, Okla., came in Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. A. Standfield. He left Tuesday for Amarillo.

Z. W. Latson returned Friday from Childress, where he had been for some time visiting his daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norman of Hedley were here Monday on business.

The End of a Perfect Day



Plainview Woman Burned to Death

Plainview.—Mrs. M. J. Adams, wife of M. J. Adams, editor of the Plainview News, died at 1:45 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from burns received when a pair of gasoline ignited while she was rinsing clothes.

Mrs. Adams was prominent in social, religious and community work in Plainview. She was a member of the Christian church.

Miss Sadie Earl, 18 year old daughter, was burned, but not seriously, in an attempt to save her mother.

The accident occurred at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at the family residence on West Ninth street.

The residence was damaged to the extent of about \$3 000.

Takes Too Many Hides to Get One Pair of Boots

C. E. Crews says he killed a calf recently for beef, and brought the hide to town and sold it, receiving 80 cents for it. He also stated that he is wearing a pair of boots that cost him \$36. After figuring for a time he concludes that it would take 43 calf hides to buy a pair of boots. His natural deduction is that it takes too many hides for a pair of boots and thinks something is wrong with our commercial system.—Childress Post.

Christian Endeavor Program

Subject, The Angel's Message. Christian Endeavor song. Scripture lesson, Luke 2:9-11. Christmas carol—seven girls. Christmas story questions. Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Song, "In a Manger." "Ready for Christmas"—seven boys. Sentence prayers. Song. Benediction.

Sam Brown of Alanreed was in town yesterday. While here he called at the News office and handed in the necessary cash to move his subscription up twelve months to the best newspaper in this part of Gray county.

Mrs. J. W. Sherrod and son, Pearson, of Alanreed visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. L. F. Wilkins Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Cash visited her daughter, Mrs. Freeman, at Ramsdell Wednesday.

Butchers Big Hog

Mr. John Stevenson, who lives about 12 miles north of Lockney, was in town last Saturday, and told the writer of a hog he butchered last week that dressed 1,000 pounds. The hog he butchered was 3 years old last July, and was the big bone Poland China type. It was of the Mohaffey stock and was a pig of Big Bone Jim. Big Bone Jim was purchased and brought to this country by T. B. Hill several years ago.

Mr. Stevenson says that he rendered up 45 gallons of lard, rendering both middlings. The head of the hog weighed 90 pounds and the hams 244 pounds.

He used a ladder to get up to the hog to begin carving. A black and tackle was used, tied to a wagon drawn by two horses to hoist the hog. The estimate weight on foot was 1,200. Expert hog men of this section say that he was the biggest hog they ever saw.—Lockney Beacon.

Bad Check Artists at Canyon

Dry check artists are especially active all over the country just now. Canyon has had her share of the grief accompanying this form of crime.

Three men were hauled into court during the past week, and warrants are out for several others who are likely to be landed in the county's free boarding house before the end of the week.

Frank Norris passed three bad checks this week and drew a fine of \$58.

J. P. Watkins of Happy is now under bond awaiting trial.

F. Q. Davis of Hedley is also out under bond.—Canyon News.

Baptist Christmas Tree

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church on Friday night, Dec. 24th, for the benefit of the Sunday school. An appropriate program will be rendered.

All those wishing to have presents put on the tree will please have them at the church before 5 p. m. of the above date, as there will be no gifts received after that hour. Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greenwood of Wichita Falls visited in the L. F. Wilkins home Saturday.

Mesdames Hedrick, Loftin and Ball were in town Wednesday shopping.

McLean Wins Two Games at Shamrock

The McLean High School boys' basketball team defeated the Shamrock High School boys by a score of 16 to 14 in a close game played at Shamrock last Friday afternoon.

The McLean sixth grade girls went to Shamrock Saturday afternoon, where they played a fast game of basketball with the Shamrock High School girls. McLean won by a score of 10 to 2.

Mr. Cheney Writes From Oregon

W. C. Cheney, who left here some time ago to spend the winter with his daughter at North Bend, Ore., writes The News that he has arrived safely, after having visited some of the best cities in Western California. He says that North Bend is quite different from the other coast towns he has seen.

He says he passed through many tunnels in crossing the Rocky mountains, and that the mountain country had some very dense forests below the snow-line.

Mr. Cheney says, "We really like it here so far. We are eight miles from the ocean, on a bay. The sound from the ocean is like heavy thunder at times."

Goes to Amarillo for Another Amputation

Duncan Graham went to Amarillo Monday to have another amputation made on his leg, which has been giving him trouble for some months past. He was accompanied by Dad Hinaman and John Carpenter.

This is the second or third time Mr. Graham has had to have an amputation made, as the trouble seems to be taking new hold every time it is cut away.

He is reported as doing nicely.

Crapshooters and Choc Drinkers Arrested

Twenty negroes and six whites were arrested last Saturday night southeast of town and fined for shooting craps. They were having a great time when the officers appeared on the scene rolling the "bones" and drinking "choc."—Wellington Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Howard from four and one-half miles west of town were in Wednesday. While here they gave their name and the cash for fifty two issues of the Moral Weekly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morse and daughter, little Miss Minnie, and Mrs. L. Moody went to Amarillo Tuesday.

J. O. Quattlebaum of Clarendon was shaking hands with friends on the streets Monday.

Jim Redwine of Clarendon was a guest in the W. H. Peters home Saturday and Sunday.

D. N. Massay and W. C. Foster made a business trip to Wellington Wednesday.

T. N. Childress and family went to Wellington Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Joe Hindman returned Tuesday from a business trip into New Mexico.

R. S. Green of Memphis was here Sunday visiting W. J. Lang.

C. L. Cooke and family motored to Amarillo Tuesday.

Mont Noel went to Amarillo Tuesday on business.

Epworth League Program

Hymn. The Christmas story—Gertrude Wingo.

Hymn, "Joy to the World."

Duty scriptures readings—Lee Wilson, Edna Turner, Lee Jackson, Irene Murphree, Evelyn Cubine, Lelena Coffey, Douglas Wilson.

Sentence prayers.

Hymn, "Gave of Your Best to Me, Master."

S. J. Henson—Nancy Johnston.

Song, "Christmas Starlight"

—Gladys Stewart, Donna Latson, Edna Turner, Verna Rice, Gertrude Wingo, Laura Bonpus, Minnie Morse.

The Cheerful Giver.

Song, "Jesus, Dear Jesus."

Three G's, Give, Get and Grow—Fern Upham.

Orchestra music.

Story, "Tolstois," Where Love Is, There God Is—Lorene Stanfield.

Free will offering for Methodist orphanage, music by Flossie Jordan.

Roll call.

Hymn, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

League benediction.

Holiday Hints From the Post Office

Mail your parcels early to avoid the rush.

Use holiday seals on the back of your parcel but do not seal the parcel with them or it becomes first class mail.

Address your parcels plainly. Put address of sender on parcel and within parcel so if outer wrapping is lost parcel may be returned.

Written inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," and "With Best Wishes" may be put in parcel post but no personal message. Books may bear dedicatory inscriptions not of a personal nature.—Claude News.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan visited the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Turnbow, near Lela, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Denson of Whitedeer visited friends and relatives in the city Friday.

C. E. Stone of Wellington was a business visitor to the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lang went to Groom yesterday on business.

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Bemoans Loss of Old Tennessee

James H. Lowery of the Honey Grove Signal thus expresses his sorrow over the loss of Tennessee from the "Solid South."

"The Solid South is no more. For more than half a century the old Southern States stood as true to Democracy as the big dipper to the north star. For years no state warmed by the southern sun and kissed by the southern breezes gave ear to the vapors of the wicked Republicans, and evening would have blushed to her own star sooner than a member of this noble confederacy should have turned her back upon the Democratic party. But the Solid South is broken, and it was broken by the grand old volunteer state, the state of Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk and David Crockett. It was in Tennessee that this writer first saw the light of day. All the tender memory of childhood's happy days cluster around the hills and hollows, the forests and meadows of Old Tennessee, and the very name of the old commonwealth has been as music to our ears. But Tennessee has fallen from her high estate and not only has she departed from the house of her fathers, but she has shattered the Solid South. What must be her punishment? Surely the wrath of the Lord must fall heavily upon poor old Tennessee. Every chestnut crop will be wormy, the persimmons will lose their golden glow and honied taste, the crystal waters of the Watanga will turn to mud and slush, and the luster of the muscadine and the grape will fade. For Tennessee there will be no southern zephyrs bearing the breath of the magnolia and jacemine, and for Tennessee the mocking bird and the cardinal will not sing. The glory of the South has departed from the old volunteer state, and never again

DRAY AND TRANSFER

ON TIME—ALWAYS
PHONE 150

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McLEAN, TEXAS

Registered Jersey Bull

for service at \$2.50. Terms cash. This animal is TB tested. At my barn in south edge of McLean.

A. L. Hibler

43-8p.

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The powerful healing power of Hunt's Lightning Oil gives instant and positive relief from Rheumatism, Sprains, Bruises, Burns, Stings, etc. It is the only medicine of its kind. Do not miss it.

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ERWIN DRUG COMPANY

will the rapture that wells up from the Democratic soul light the faces of her sons and daughters. Dear old state of legend, song and hallowed memories, though we were nurtured at your breast, we do say you ought to be ashamed of yourself."

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Meaders of Clarendon came in Saturday to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Franklin.

Messrs. Patterson and Turman of Lefors were business visitors to the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Chilton of Heald were shopping in the city Saturday.

News From Back

Back, Dec. 12.—Messrs. Chas. Carpenter, Lewis Morse, R. H. Corum, C. E. Hunt and Bert Lindley went to McLean Thursday with chickens and turkeys for the market.

Mrs. C. A. Henderson and two daughters went to McLean Thursday on business.

Sam Morse and John Carpenter are hauling cake to their ranches.

Miss Ima Lee Key spent Saturday night in McLean with her aunt, Mrs. Lanier.

Some of the young folks attended a party at Gracey Saturday evening.

Hundreds of ducks are to be

seen on the river, and helping gather the delayed crops.

W. E. Clement and family visited the former's brother, C. L. Clement, and family at Shamrock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey and Mrs. L. C. Haynes of the Heald community were in town Saturday.

Emmett Thompson left Sunday for Kansas City with two cars of cattle.

Miss Margie Franter of Beaton spent the week end with friends in the city.

SEND US YOUR KODAK FINISHING WE DO IT BETTER

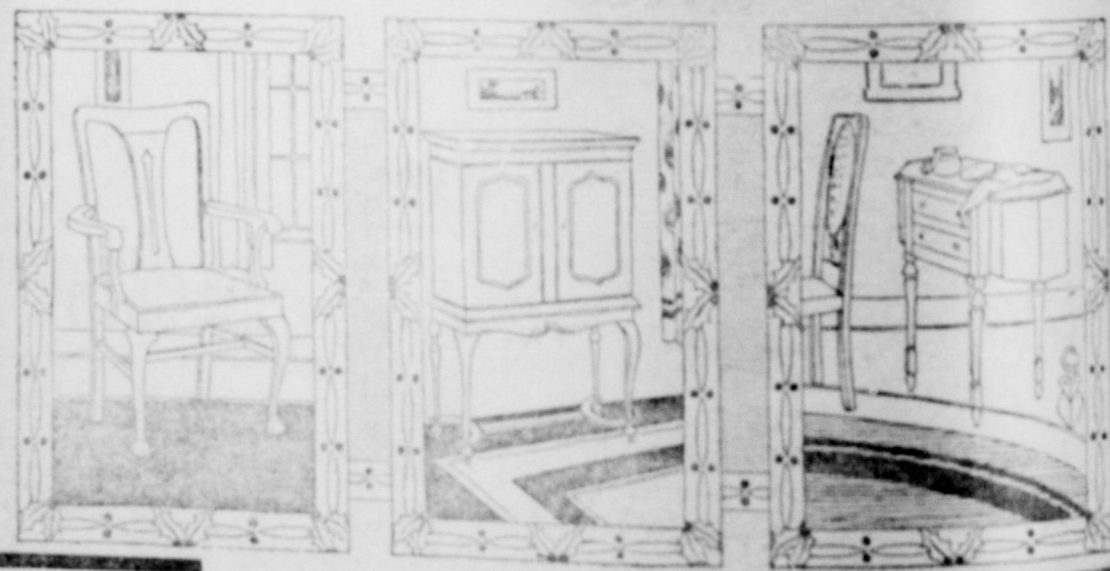
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Here it Is—
the Hardware Christmas

We told you it would be a Hardware Christmas, and do they look happy? Well "I'll say they do."
Just think of the ducks and quails and bears and lions that Brother Bill may kill with that shotgun or rifle or whatever it is, and think of the hundreds of "before breakfast" home-made shaves Dad will get out of that razor. And think of the healthy exercise for little sister and the sore fingers for little brother and the carving set and silver.
You see, we haven't exaggerated a bit, because there are a hundred other Hardware things we could have hung on this tree if we wanted to. But there's enough to prove what we said it would be—"a Hardware Christmas," and a Merry Christmas.
See you next week.

McLean Hardware Co.



Gift Furniture at
One Fourth Off

Our Furniture Sale comes just at the right time for you to make a big saving on Christmas gifts. A number have taken advantage of the low prices during the past week, and will give something that will please every member of the family.

You can't select a more practical gift than Furniture.

Bundy-Hodges Mercantile Co.

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Spring Deliveries

Spring deliveries of Ford cars have never been certain, and they should not be depended upon. Demand has always been greater for Ford cars than the supply or production. So, if you would be sure of having a Ford car, buy it now, while deliveries are possible. Don't wait—even next month is an uncertainty.

Only a limited, specified number of cars has been allotted to this territory. That allotment cannot be increased, because the demand all over the country is greater than the supply or production. Get your order in now, and you will be one of those who is sure of a Ford car out of our allotment.

It's first come—first served. All orders are filled in rotation. So, if you would be forehanded, if you would be certain of having a Ford car when you want it—then you will buy a Ford car now. A signed order with us is your protection. It is the result of the wisdom of looking ahead.

If you buy a Ford car now, don't think you have to "store" it. The Ford is a car made to serve its owner for business or pleasure throughout the entire year. Ford owners have long since come to recognize the fact. It is no longer popular to "lay-up" your car for the winter. Buy a Ford car now, and use it now.

Bentley Motor Co.

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Gift

So many precious and pleasing gifts are offered us these days, it is hard to select the most appropriate. One gift, however, that stands out above all others in usefulness, is a Bank Account.

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THE ZENNAL CO. OF OKLAHOMA CITY
Nels Darling, President.

Zennal Sold By

THE CITY PHARMACY

to Get the Wolf but Demurs at Eating It

Wolf steak is at a discount in county, Ark. Demand was brisk for a time the part of one prospective owner and leading citizen, as facts later revealed, this due largely to unbelief in source of supply. The thing which was made was proved too tough for consumption. Nevertheless, the United States Biological Survey, which parveyed the offered steak, increased materially the estimation of farmers and stock raisers in the vicinity. The steak came from a wicker "mint" which had heavy killing records for the five years. Efforts of local hunters to kill this animal had, due to its cunning in setting traps and ability to keep a range of rifles. A trained trapper and trapper was finally on the trail by the Government predatory animal inspector Oklahoma and Arkansas. The prominent stock raiser had contributed to the larder was friendly but not. "You kill that wolf I will eat a nice big steak in him," was the way he expressed himself. The wolf was brought in alive. Before it was killed it was viewed by a number of residents, some of whom had been losers through depredations, among them a skeptical stockman who had promised his order of wolf steak. After looking over the animal "on the hoof" he decided

that the meat of such a hardened sinner would be too tough for eating. Instead, he offered his services in securing State cooperation with the predatory animal extermination work of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Both Oklahoma and Arkansas are still considerably infested with wolves, coyotes and bobcats. A successful campaign against the animals is being conducted by the Biological Survey in the Western States.

Origin of Macaroni

Macaroni is said to have originated in Sicily. A wealthy nobleman of Palermo had a wonderful cook, who, upon one occasion, devised a new dish consisting of tubes of pastry served with a rice sauce. At the first mouthful, the nobleman cried, "Carli" or "the darling." With the second mouthful he cried, "Ma Carli!" in English, "O, but what darlings!" Presently with much enthusiasm for the new concoction, he cried, "Ma Caroni!" or "Ah, but the dearest darlings!" Thus he unwittingly gave a name to the food that we know as macaroni. —Childress Index.

Notice

All persons are warned that my place is posted and no hunting, fishing or trapping will be allowed. All trespassers will be prosecuted. L. H. Webb, 4841.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kolb of Alanreed visited L. O. Floyd and family Friday.

Heald Items

Last Saturday a number of young people enjoyed a social in the J. P. Ewing home, given in honor of their daughter, Miss Bratcher, of Ft. Worth.

John Swinney and family of Hedley moved into our community a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Henshaw and daughter, Miss Callie, are visiting at their old home near Haskell, and will not return until after the holidays.

Miss Fannie Bailey and brother, Raymond, returned Sunday from Lubbock. We are glad to report that Raymond is improving.

Ernest Clark visited in the Rogers home the first of the week.

School will close this afternoon until after the holidays, as the teachers will attend the institute at Wheeler next week.

Heald will have a Christmas tree on Christmas eve.

We are glad to report that Geo. Saye is able to be up once more.

For threshing and corn shell ing see Perry Koons. Address, Shamrock, Rt. A. 11c.

S. W. Brown of Alanreed was in town Monday on business.

Edgar Bailey of Heald was in town Saturday.

We guarantee all of our Repair Work to satisfy

Let Us Fix Them

Even though your shoes do look as though they are beyond repair, bring them in and let us inspect them. Often times, at very small cost, we can make your shoes like new.

A very important consideration when new shoes cost so much.

It is better to have half soles sewed on your good shoes

John Mertel

BOOKS



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Start them in with such books as Mother Goose, Little Red Riding Hood, Black Beauty, Cinderella, Wizard of Oz, and the many other mythical characters around which children's stories have been written. We have scores of these books on hand awaiting your early selection.

Erwin Drug Co.

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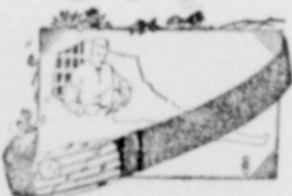
Have you worried about what you shall give this Christmas Season—what would please most, give greatest enjoyment?

If you have you will appreciate the big array of USEFUL things at your command here, and which we have arranged conveniently. We can give suggestions of articles ranging in value from a very modest figure to the most pretentious sums—gift goods to fit your purse are here.

Gifts He Appreciates

Neckwear

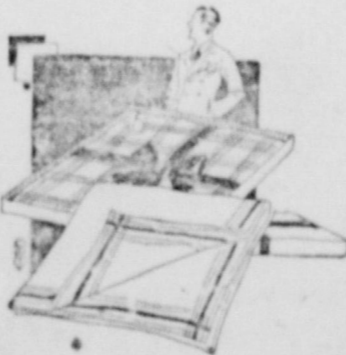
No matter how many ties he now has, you will agree after seeing our Neckwear suggestions, that he can use one or two more.



If he is in need of a Belt, here is the place to get it. We can provide it in the most durable leather and with a plain or a fancy buckle.

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs

make desirable gifts for him. We have box after box from which to select.



Curlee Clothing

Our Entire Stock at your disposal at exactly HALF PRICE.

Fur Caps, Leather Bags, Silk Hose, Silk Shirts, Leather Coats, Gloves, Hats.

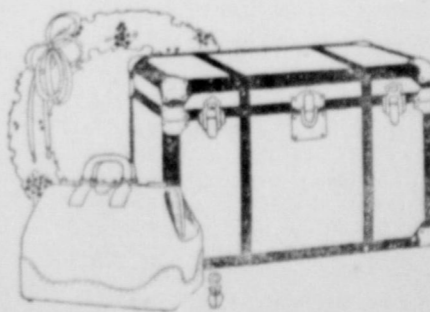
Gifts She Appreciates

We are equally well prepared to help make selections for the wife or sweetheart, for mother or for the children.

Hosiery

is the gift that solves the problem. One pair or a special gift box of three or six pairs.

A trunk, traveling bag or suit case will surely be appreciated by anyone who takes a trip occasionally.



Silk Petticoats or Kimonas, House Slippers, Boudoir Slippers, Bath towels, Purses, Blankets, Table Linens, Napkins, Handkerchiefs, etc.

Forbis, Store & Company
THE QUALITY

Special for Christmas. I have worked especially hard in my two years, so we shall not have possible vacation and to what the end possible.

What Shall We Give the Children for Christmas?

This is a question that many parents are asking themselves. Why not give them something worth while? Open a bank account in the little one's own name and put the bank book in his stocking.

One Dollar will open the account.

P. S. A bank book is a nice present for the grown up children, too.

The American National Bank
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I will pay a twenty-five dollar reward for the arrest and conviction of any party guilty of tying down any telephone wire or in any other manner tampering with the lines. The state law on the subject is as follows:

Penal code, Art. 784: If any person shall intentionally break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace, or in any other manner injure any telegraph or telephone wire, post, machinery or other necessary appurtenance to any telegraph or telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of any messages along such telegraph or telephone line, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by fine not less than one hundred nor more than two thousand dollars.

McLEAN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

SIMPLE SIMON

By ADDIE GRAVES.

"I wouldn't marry Merle Morrill if every hair of his head was a thread of gold—and on the end was suspended a diamond!"

So said Sadie Sanderson, tossing her bobbed head in dainty disdain. Sadie and her friend, Mary Roberts, were busily engaged shelling peas for canning in a rose-arbored summer house. Mary looked at her companion resentfully, and, to a close observer, pityingly.

Sadie continued: "I don't know what the Simple Simon is thinking of. He certainly had the nerve to think a college girl, living in the city, would dream of coming out here to live in that shack of a house he has on that little farm."

Mary was about to reply to the scornful words, but bit her lip and remained silent. Sadie, noticing her reticence, went on: "It's all right for you to live in the country—you have a nice big house with modern conveniences, a car, and income enough to enjoy yourselves. But no love in a cottage for me with primeval methods. And Merle Morrill is one of those Simple Simons who would live that way."

Neither of the girls noticed a rather more than ordinarily life-sized masculine figure carefully efface himself from the landscape back of the arbor.

When the girls entered the kitchen they found Mrs. Roberts in tears. She had just received a telephone message saying that Aunt Ida's baby girl had drunk some fly poison while at a neighbor's, and was very ill. Mary hastily snatched a home doctoring book from the bookcase and started for her Aunt's. Mrs. Roberts turned to Sadie and said: "There is no doctor in town today. Our physician has been called to an important surgical case of an old patient's in the town where he practiced before coming here. But Merle Morrill has just graduated from Harvard Medical school—if he is home, Mary will ask him to go to Aunt Ida's with her."

"Why, Aunt Emma, you never mentioned Merle Morrill's being a physician."

"No; he did not wish anyone to know. He worked his way through college, not being sure of circumstances allowing him to finish. So he requested us to let people think he was simply working for a living. He is a quiet, modest, retiring sort of fellow."

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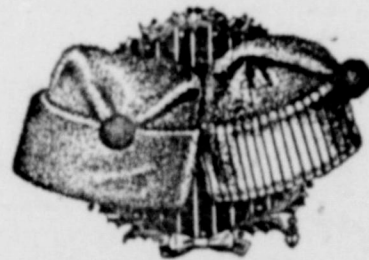
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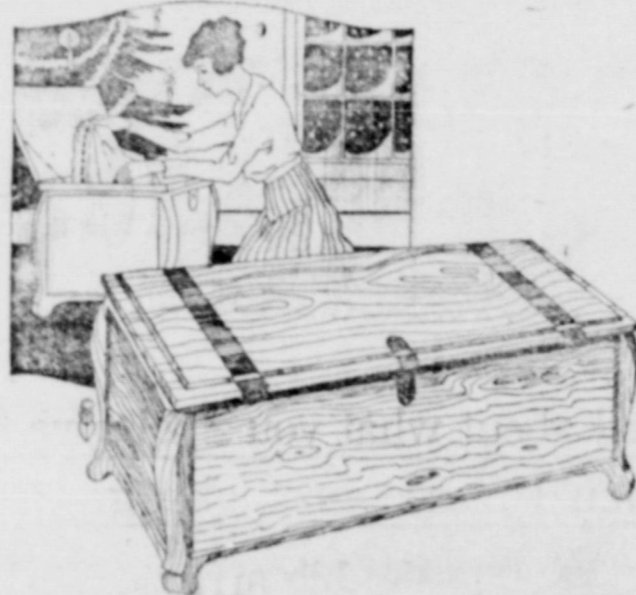
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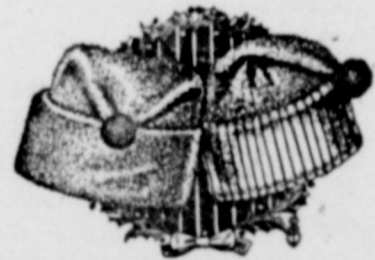
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As he watched, the big man seized the girl by the arm and tried to draw her to him. She struck his face. Enraged, he poured out a torrent of language and brutally caught her about the waist. For a moment her big dark eyes wildly sought aid of anyone who was near, and in that sweeping glance they encountered those of Donald Cameron. No man could resist that appeal.

With the agility derived from four years on a college football team Cameron swung himself over the low rail and let himself drop to the deck below. A fierce right swing sent the swarthy assailant reeling back. One of his comrades came to his assistance. Cameron laid him out with a scientific left jab.

But the steerage was aroused, and things might have gone hard with him had not several members of the crew rushed to his assistance. While they were herding the infuriated men away Cameron led the girl, who by this time had recovered her shawl, to the ladder leading to the upper deck and conducted her to safety.

The steamer chair next to his was vacant and he led her there, oblivious of the curious stares of the other saloon passengers, who had hurried aft attracted by the noise of the fight. When she was seated he was amazed to hear her say in perfect English:

"You have saved my life—I cannot thank you—I can only say that you are the bravest man I have ever known."

Cameron grew red.

"Please don't think of saying anything. I had to do it when I saw that big brute attack you. It wasn't anything."

"Ah—but it was a great thing. Not many men of the upper deck would

come to the rescue of a peasant girl. You are a true nobleman."

At this point the steward came and whispered something in Cameron's ear. The latter rose and, with an apology, left the girl for a moment. When he returned his face was wreathed in smiles.

"Everything's all right," he proclaimed. "You can have the cabin that was left vacant at Havre. Somebody who had ordered it didn't show up and the captain has let me have it for you. You can't go back to that gang, of course. Now why don't you go below and get a rest and I'll see you at dinner!"

"Dinner! Do you think the cabin passengers would sit at table with a mere peasant? I could not bear the shame of it."

Donald Cameron's face darkened. "I'd like to see any one insulting you!" he snapped. "You just don't worry and go ahead."

"Well, I will do as you say. Can you have my box sent up from the steerage?"

Cameron sought the steward, and that official, with some grumbling at having to serve a "mere immigrant," sought the baggage. The box, a small but securely fastened affair, was transported to the cabin and Cameron's unknown prepared to go below. As she rose she asked: "What is the name of the man to whom I owe my life?"

"My name is Donald Cameron."

"The son of the great Arthur Cameron, the diplomat?"

"Why, yes. How did you know?"

"Oh, even we peasants sometimes know the great ones—from a long way off. Your father was known and loved all through my country."

"And your name. What is it?"

"It is—it is Marya—no! I will not tell you now. When we meet this evening I will tell you." And Cameron was forced to be satisfied with this reply.

He anticipated the dinner hour with some misgivings. His action had been based upon an impulse of which any man might be proud, and he was not afraid to face the other passengers; but he feared lest their attitude might wound his protegee.

Already he saw covert glances coming his way, and he imagined whisperings. He ground his teeth in anger, but there was nothing to do but wait.

As the dining saloon filled that evening, many were the curious glances cast at the vacant chair beside Donald Cameron. He had arranged with the steward to have it so, and now he waited with mixed feelings for the appearance of the girl he had rescued. He kept his eyes on his plate—and waited.

A universal gasp made him look up. Framed in the doorway was the most ravishing vision he had ever beheld. In a simple white evening gown of perfect cut and exquisite material,

she stood around her simple peasant of a few hours before. With the air of a queen she advanced.

The table rose, and with the manner of one receiving homage from her subjects she took her place next to Cameron. There was silence. Utter and complete amazement filled the saloon. But in Donald Cameron's heart was more than wonder as he gazed on the beautiful creature by his side.

That night, in the confidence of the steamer chairs and the moonlit ocean, she told him everything—how she had fled her native country because her father, the hereditary ruler, wished her to wed against her will; how, with the aid of a faithful maid, she had escaped in peasant's garb, keeping only a few of her most treasured possessions; how she had escaped the watch-ers at the ports, and finally embarked on the Touraine for America.

"I left the court, with its intrigues and planned marriages and tawdry show to come to search for the one my heart desired—a real man. I thought to find him in America, but—"

she paused, and Cameron was aware that his heart was beating madly.

"—it seems that I didn't have to go so far. Before I have ever seen my newly adopted country it seems—"

another pause, this time longer than before. "—that I have found him."

Clever Smuggling Scheme.

A clever scheme was that adopted by a smuggler who bought diamonds in Europe and concealed them in his stateroom. An American confederate, knowing in advance the number of the room, would always book it for the return passage. The original smuggler would leave the vessel without

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at Alanreed, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of Nov., 1920, published in the McLean News, a newspaper printed and published at McLean, State of Texas, on the 17th day of Dec., 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 73,807 40
Overdrafts	459 22
Bonds and Stocks	591 33
Real estate (banking house)	5,000 00
Other Real Estate	860 00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,107 50
Due from other Banks and Bankers, & cash on hand	12,472 04
Due from Int. Rev. Col.	32 31
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	796 54
Assessment Depositors' Guaranty Fund	20 94
Other Resources, Cash Collections	1 75
Total	\$ 95,949 33

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 15,000 00
Surplus Fund	350 00
Undivided Profits, net	1,210 35
Individual Deposits, subject to check	65,350 08
Time Certificates of Deposit	10,845 60
Demand Certificates of Deposit	2,500 00
Cashiers Checks	693 30
Total	\$ 95,949 33

State of Texas, County of Gray: We, C. M. McCullough, as president, and R. C. Bennett, as assistant cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of Dec., A. D. 1920. J. A. COPPEDGE, Notary Public, Gray Co., Texas. Correct—Attest: E. B. Hedrick, E. H. Grimes, O. C. Brown, Directors.

the gens. His confederate would go on board, and later on some inconspicuously dressed middle-aged woman would arrive to take leave of him.

Then at the last moment she would depart, carrying the diamonds with her. The trick was discovered when the woman fainted in the excitement of being barely able to get ashore in time, and efforts at resuscitation disclosed the stones.

Prayed for Rain; Only Light Shower

Pans, Ill., is out of water, and last week three miles were shut down for that reason and 1500 miners were thrown out of work. There is no water for city purposes and the distress is acute. Last Saturday the Presbyterian minister announced that special services would be held at his church on Sunday for the purpose of praying for rain. The services were held and the congregation prayed earnestly for rain. Their prayers were answered and a rain came Sunday night, but it was only a light shower, hardly enough to lay the dust.

The trouble was, they forgot to specify that they wanted a good, big, soaking rain. They should have been like the good old Baptist minister down in Franklin county, who, after a protracted drought held a meeting to pray for rain, and he led

of with the following petition: "O, Lord, we want rain. Don't send us a light rain, but send us a goodly washer, a goose-drowner, a hill-leveler and a hell soaker."—Exchange.

Those who are ready to pay school and city taxes can do so at any time. T. W. Henry, 48 4c.

Miss Minnie Huff, who is teaching the Back school, spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp of Clarion visited Mr. and Mrs. Be Everett Saturday and Sunday.

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J. O. Pierce of Whitedeer was here Tuesday on business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ward of Alanreed were in town Saturday.

Rev. J. M. Jones of Shamrock was in the city Wednesday.

J. E. Neely of Whitedeer was here on business Monday.

M. M. Newman went to Lefors on business Tuesday.

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