

# THE MCLEAN NEWS

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## ROCK ISLAND WILL PUT ON FAST TRAIN

The Rock Island railroad will put on the new "Radio Special" the 31st of this month. This through train will cut the time between Memphis and Tucumcari 15 hours. Six hours will be saved in time from Memphis to Oklahoma City and nine hours from Oklahoma City to Tucumcari. A standard sleeping car will be carried to Los Angeles, another for Tucumcari, and on the trip from Memphis one will be set off at Oklahoma City. It will carry diner and parlor car in addition to the sleepers.

The "Radio Special" will be one of the most modern and fastest trains operated by the Rock Island lines.

## PEOPLE ENTITLED TO STATEMENT

The City Council of Spearman went to McLean to look over their electric light and water works and their municipal ice plant, for the purpose of taking notes, to the end that they may better serve the people of Spearman in installing these plants here. We trust that our City Council will not overlook the fact that the City Council of McLean publishes a statement of the city's financial condition occasionally. The expense is not great, and it keeps the public informed. As long as people know exactly what is going on there is very little complaint. But to keep the public in the dark, no matter how smoothly everything is running, is a mighty good way to stir up strife and create suspicion.—Spearman Reporter.

## DR. MONTGOMERY PLEASSED WITH AD RESULTS

Dr. Thos. M. Montgomery of Amarillo was in McLean Tuesday, and despite the snow did a good business, which he attributes to the ad in last week's News. The doctor will make periodical trips to McLean and will announce the dates through The News each time. Dr. Montgomery praised the modern appearance of our town, stating that we have the best street lighting system of any small town he has seen.

## RAY BELIEVES IN GOOD ROADS

N. S. Ray of Gracey was in McLean Wednesday from a business trip to Amarillo, and in a conversation with Newsman stated that the Postal Highway was in mighty bad condition between this place and Amarillo. Mr. Ray has decided opinions on the more democratic expenditure of the road money and thinks that highway money would be of benefit to the people. In his opinion the tax money should be kept in each county for use on the roads in the county. Instead of the larger share going into the State or Federal highway departments to be used as they see fit.

## A SANE MAYOR

Mayor Edward L. Bader of Atlantic City has declared himself in favor of women bathing without stockings if they want to. Which is very sensible.

Men are always sensible when they let women do what they want to do. Because, in the first place, women will do it anyway. And, in the second place, if it turns out to be wrong, you can count on women to straighten it out.

The kind of man who interests himself in woman's department and wants to preserve her modesty and regulate her morals is invariably a crank. Or worse.—Ft. Worth Record.

R. O. Dunkle and Fred Landers visited friends in Clarendon Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Mildred Mayfield and Jimmie Lou Roberts, Bennie Skidmore and Theodore Mayfield motored to Alameda Sunday afternoon.

Jacob Hess has our thanks for subscription favors this week.

Mrs. John B. Vannoy of Ramsdell spent the week end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Ray went to Amarillo Sunday.

C. A. Gatlin renewed his subscription to The News this week.

John Cabine was a Pampa visitor Sunday.

## Santa's Assistant



## PASTOR GARRETT ISSUES CHURCH PAPER

The News has printed Volume 1, Number 1 of "The Messenger," a church paper edited by Pastor W. C. Garrett of the First Baptist church. "The Messenger" is a four page paper filled with church news, sayings by the pastor, etc., and will be issued once a month. The subscription price is 50c per year.

## METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

R. N. Ashby, Supt. The Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and program on Christmas Eve as usual. Everybody invited to attend the tree and program Monday night, Dec. 24.

## NEVER TOO LATE TO SPANK 'EM

The country is returning to sanity. Up at Kansas City last week a woman gave a youthful bandit a sound spanking and turned him loose. The boy shoved a six-gun in her face and told her to hands up. Instead of hands-up she knocked the gun out of his hands and placing the boy across her lap she tanned his hide to a fare-you-well. Some brute woman. Some tender youth turned bandit. Some spanking. Hot dog—give us more women of the bandit spanking kind.—Scurry County Times-Signal.

## SNOW FELL MONDAY

A light snow fell Monday, turning to sleet and rain Tuesday, making ideal weather for skaters Tuesday and Tuesday night, but the sun came out Wednesday and most of the snow and ice melted that day.

## News From Heald

By Special Correspondent. Prof. Duggin spent the week end at his home in Hedley.

The young folks enjoyed a party at the Clark home Friday night.

Jason Flowers of Canadian spent Friday with his mother.

Miss Leffie Flowers spent Friday night with Misses Ellen and Jewell Brock.

Miss Mildred Rogers spent Friday night with Miss Ruth Clark.

Ed Brock and Miss Leffie Flowers, Olen Davis and Miss Ida Brock motored to Clarendon Saturday and were married.

Uris Mann and Miss Linnie Flowers were married Sunday.

Misses Ada and Beulah Parker spent Sunday with Miss Mildred Rogers.

Miss Thelma Seifres spent Sunday with Miss Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Smith spent Sunday in the Parker home.

The young folks enjoyed a party at the Earl Green home Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sims of Amarillo came in Sunday to visit relatives.

## WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS

McLean Camp No. 1099, Woodmen of the World, elected the following officers last Thursday night to serve for the ensuing term: C. C.—C. S. Rice. Adv. Lieut.—Hugh Kunkel. Banker—W. T. Wilson. Clerk—T. N. Holloway. Watchman—A. W. Haynes. Sentry—W. S. Kunkel. Manager for three years—T. A. Landers. Manager for two years—James Burrows.

The Woodmen Circle has been invited to install officers with the Camp on Jan. 3, 1924, at which time a supper will be served to Woodmen and Circle members and their families.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUER

Austin, Dec. 12.—More than 4,000 schools received copies of the Interscholastic Leaguer when the last issue was published by the University of Texas Interscholastic League, according to Roy Bedichek, editor and head of the League. It is a four-page paper published eight times a year for the purpose of informing all league member schools in regard to athletic contests and the accomplishments of schools in other fields. It has the largest circulation in the state for school authorities.

## BROCK-FLOWERS

Married Saturday at Clarendon, Mr. Ed Brock and Miss Leffie Flowers.

## PRETTY SHOW WINDOWS

The Christmas spirit is being reflected in the merchants' show windows this week. Some of as prettily decorated Christmas displays as have ever been shown here are being put on by local merchants. These windows are kept brightly lighted each night, which gives the town a metropolitan appearance.

J. E. Kirby has renewed his subscription to The News.

Mrs. S. H. Kennedy of Lubbock is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. S. Searcy.

Glenn Wolfe went to Amarillo Sunday to have his eyes treated.

Mrs. D. B. Veatch left Wednesday for Dallas to be at the bedside of her husband, who is in the Baptist sanitarium at that place.

T. N. Holloway, W. L. Haynes and Neal Bowen were Amarillo visitors Sunday.

J. O. Holloway of Liberty was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Miss Lena Davidson spent the week end with home folks at Ramsdell.

Bennie Skidmore of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Sunday.

## FEASIBLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Why not give your wife a nice, soft rubber rolling pin for Christmas?—Amarillo Daily News.

We might give her a rubber padded poker, or skillet with a rubber bottom. We favor making the dishes and cooking vessels out of some kind of soft flexible metal, a metal that will not leave any scars when applied to the human cranium. Since the world is advancing let man be advanced also. Our idea of a brainy genius is the man who can invent a softer tongue for women, one not quite so sharp, and one not quite so long—just fix it where a man can come in a little late at night and feel safe.—Scurry County Times-Signal.

## U. OF T. USES WHITE RATS FOR EXPERIMENTS

Austin, Dec. 12.—About seventy white rats, in addition to twenty-five young ones, are now being used in experimental work by the home economics department of the University of Texas. The purpose of the work is to determine the relative value of certain food products common to man, and white rats are being used because they have practically the same digestive system as man. They are given food in powder form, consisting of ground whole wheat, dried milk and salt. The amount of food consumed is weighed, and the rats are also weighed at regular intervals to determine the exact effect of the feedings. The rats are used only in the growing period when they are about one month old, and are kept on the diet for two or three months. They are kept in wire cages and are given water and food daily.

Dr. J. A. Hall of Shamrock handed us a check Saturday with the remark that his subscription to The News was about out and he did not want to miss a copy. The doctor said some complimentary things about our paper which we appreciate.

M. C. Street of Alameda was a McLean visitor Saturday.

J. W. Kibler has renewed his subscription to The News and also for his mother, Mrs. L. A. Thompkins, of Pilot Point.

Mrs. C. A. Gatlin and daughters were in from the ranch Saturday.

Leon Waldrop of Enterprise was a McLean visitor Saturday.

A. L. Morgan of Liberty was in the city on business Monday.

Luther McCombs of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Edgar Bailey of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Kidd McCoy of Heald was in the city Saturday.

## RECENT OIL DEVELOPMENTS

Interest is being centered on the Gray county oil field since the coming in of the Texas well at Lefors. While it is admitted that this well is about a ten barrel producer, it is the general opinion that the final figures will show a much greater production. The oil was found at a depth of 2200 feet, 200 feet less than was expected.

The Clarke and Bullington interests have secured a Wichita Falls driller to start a test on their lands in Wheeler county, three miles from the Gray county line. Actual work on this test will begin soon after the first of the year.

Rumor says that the Henshaw interests will soon begin another test on the Caine - Binkley lands, six miles from the county line.

All difficulties have been removed at the Morse No. 1 and drilling is progressing right along.

## REDUCED RATES ARE OFFERED HOMESEEKERS

Reduced round trip homeseekers railroad tickets have been authorized for parties of five or more adults to all stations from Benomine to Glen Rio. The rate is one fare plus \$2.00, good for twenty-one days from date of issue.

This should be an inducement for Northern farmers and business men to investigate the opportunities of this section.

## MANN-FLOWERS

Mr. Uris Mann of McLean and Miss Linnie Flowers of the Heald community were married at the Methodist parsonage Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. S. Huckabee performed the ceremony.

## SKATING PARTY

A crowd of young people enjoyed a skating party on the big hill just west of town on Tuesday evening. A very pleasant time was spent in skating and coasting. A big bon fire was built and bacon roasted for supper. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippy, Misses Frankie Mae and Fern Upham, Nona Cousins, Nela Norman, Louise Orr, Sammie Roach, Myrtle Strong, Altha Bridge, Eunice Stratton, Margaret Miller, Mellie Bird and Ann Richey, Estelle Cooper; Messrs. R. O. Dunkle, Dwight Upham, Byrd Guill and Jack Steger.

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION DEC. 28-JAN. 1

Austin, Dec. 12.—That University of Texas students are vitally interested in foreign missionary service is shown by the fact that a large delegation will attend the Student Volunteer Convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., December 28, to January 1. There will be 26 students, two faculty members and three pastors of University churches in the group attending from the University of Texas.

The speakers at the convention will be men and women who are recognized as authorities of the highest order in their respective fields, it is stated. The convention will be opened with addresses dealing with the four big themes: "Racial Relations, Industrialism," "International Problems and the Christian Way of Life," and "Christian Brotherhood," "Modern Present Day Social and Intellectual Unrest."

The international conventions are held every four years. This will be the ninth one. The first was held in Cleveland in 1891 with 680 delegates; the last was held in 1920 with 6,800 delegates and 949 institutions represented. It is expected that more than 6,000 delegates will assemble at Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis this year.

## DAVIS-BROCK

Married Saturday at Clarendon, Mr. Olen Davis and Miss Ida Brock.

Mrs. Anna Whatley and son, Buck, of Groom visited in the J. E. Kirby home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Calvert of Shamrock were McLean visitors Tuesday.

O. G. Stokley returned Tuesday from Dallas.

W. A. Senclair and family and Mrs. E. L. Minix of Alameda visited relatives here Sunday.

## HEREFORD FEEDING EXPERIMENT

By R. O. Dunkle

Eighteen head of purebred Hereford bull calves are being fed by D. M. Graham and Chas. Carpenter for the Hereford Breeders Association sale which will be held at Amarillo the latter part of February. These calves were bred by Chas. Carpenter and are the tops of his 1923 calf crop. They are quite uniform and are a rather choice lot of calves. Two of the best individuals will be in the show and sale, and five others will be in car lot competition.

To make this information of practical value to the farmer or small breeder who feeds calves for the market, the following figures will show that a very nice profit can be obtained by feeding calves of good quality and breeding. The calves are receiving the following daily ration: 7½ lbs. ground kafir chops, 2½ lbs. wheat bran, 5 lbs. alfalfa hay and 2 lbs. prairie hay. In the feeding period of 115 days, the calves will have consumed nine tons of kafir chops, valued at \$25.50, including the cost of grinding; 3450 lbs. bran at \$34 per ton; 5 tons alfalfa hay, at \$20 per ton; 3 tons prairie hay, at \$12 per ton. The above amounts of feed stuffs cost \$425.50, or a cost of \$23.50 per head. The calves are making an average daily gain of 2½ lbs. Figuring the cost and the market price of prize baby beef, we have a net profit per head of \$18.34, which is not considering the extra value on the original weight of the calves at the beginning of the feeding period.

## GROOM EDITOR VISITS MCLEAN LAST WEEK

O. W. Penry, editor of the Groom Booster, was in McLean last Saturday and while here paid the News office a visit. Mr. Penry is a live wire, and his town is growing under the leadership of the Booster. We enjoyed Mr. Penry's visit and hope he will come to see us often.

## B. Y. P. U. WEDDING ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The wedding staged by the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church last Sunday evening was enjoyed by a large crowd. The bride, Miss "B. Y. P. U. Spirit," the groom, Mr. "Our B. Y. P. U.," and their attendants played their parts in a very acceptable manner.

## News From Enterprise

By Special Correspondent.

Our county superintendent, Mr. W. W. Wim, visited our school last Tuesday. The Enterprise school is going nicely.

J. F. Watkins of McLean visited in the Evan Sitter home Saturday.

Lois Hancock made a business trip to Memphis Saturday.

The young people met at the Glen Nicholson home Saturday night and had a very enjoyable time.

Misses Annie and Bonnie Biggers, Nellie and Lossie Mann of McLean attended the party at Glen Nicholson's Saturday night.

W. W. Breeding made a business trip to McLean Tuesday.

Mr. Allred, who rented Mr. Breeding's place, has moved down.

Nolan Luttrell of Hedley had business at Mr. McIntosh's Saturday.

Boyd Reeves, Jep and Byrd Neill and Jack Burr attended the party Saturday night.

Bro. Wood of Alameda preached here Sunday night.

J. L. Hess and family visited in McLean Saturday night and Sunday.

O. G. Stokley of McLean stopped at the McIntosh home Sunday on his way to Dallas.

The young folks took dinner with Johnnie and Beatrice McIntosh Sunday.

Cleo Davis and Bill Carzine of Abilene visited Herbert and Ewin Smith Sunday.

Homer Sanders came to Sunday school Sunday.

Everybody come to Sunday school next Sunday.

Misses Loree and Beatrice Kinard spent the week end with home folks at Gracey.

Mrs. Sam McClellan left Saturday for Amarillo to attend the funeral of her sister.

T. F. Henley of Back was a McLean visitor Saturday.



# The BROWN MOUSE

By HERBERT QUICK

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## SYNOPSIS

**CHAPTER I**—Jennie Woodruff contemptuously refuses to marry Jim Irwin, young farm hand, because of his financial condition and poor prospects. He is intellectually above his station, and has advanced ideas concerning the possibilities of expert school teaching, for which he is ridiculed by many.

**CHAPTER II**—More as a joke than otherwise Jim is selected as teacher of the Woodruff district school.

**CHAPTER III**—Jim, in his new position, sets out to make staunch friends of his pupils, especially two boys, Newton Bronson and "Buddy" Simms, the latter the son of a shiftless farmer. Colonel Woodruff, Jennie's father, has little faith in Jim's ideas of improving rural educational methods. He nicknamed him the "Brown Mouse" in illustration of an anecdote.

**CHAPTER IV**—Jim's conduct of the school, where he endeavors to teach the children the wonders of nature and some of the scientific methods of farming, as well as "book learning," is condemned.

**CHAPTER V**—Jennie Woodruff is nominated for the position of county superintendent of schools. The school board grows bitter in its opposition to Jim and his innovations.

**CHAPTER VI**—At a public meeting Jim roundly condemns the methods of teaching in the rural schools, and makes no friends thereby.

**CHAPTER VII**—A delegation of prominent women condemn Jim's methods of teaching, but he is stoutly defended by his pupils, especially Newton Bronson.

**CHAPTER VIII**—Jim has Christmas dinner at Colonel Woodruff's, and listens to him, Jennie begins to do some thinking concerning his ability and his prospects.

**CHAPTER IX**—In the evening Jim, as well as he knows how, courts Jennie, without, however, making much progress, though she is quickly losing her poor opinion of him.

**CHAPTER X**—Jennie, elected county superintendent of schools, receives so many complaints from people of the district concerning Jim's methods of teaching that she finds herself compelled formally to ask for his resignation. After she has left, Jim is visited by Colonel Woodruff, who strongly urges him to resign, and offers to back him, Jim agrees to stick, for a while at least.

**CHAPTER XI**—A meeting of the school board, which had been gathered to "get" Jim, is confronted by Jennie, who upholds him. He conducts an examination of his pupils at the meeting, to prove that he is not neglecting their "book learning" by the introduction of other subjects which he considers of importance. The splendid showing made by the children converts many who had doubted, to his views.

"Hush in, Jim!" said he. "Don and Dolly didn't like to see you walk."

"They're looking fine," said Jim. "There is a good deal to say whenever two horse lovers get together. But when Jim had alighted at his own door, the colonel spoke of what had been in his mind all the time."

"I saw Bonner and Haakon and his doing some caucusing today," said he. "They expect to elect Bonner to the board again."

"Oh, I suppose so," replied Jim.

"Well, what shall we do about it?" asked the colonel.

Jim was silent. Here was a matter on which he really had no ideas except the broad and general one that truth is mighty and shall prevail—but that the speed of its forward march is problematical.

"I think," said the colonel, "that it's up to us to see that the people have a chance to decide. It's really Bonner against Jim Irwin."

"What you need is a man to take that office away from Bonner."

"Well, I'm free to say I don't know that any one can, but I'm willing to try. I think that in about a week I shall pass the word around that I'd like to serve my country on the school board."

Jim's face lighted up—and then darkened.

"Even then they'd be two to one, Colonel."

"Maybe," replied the colonel, "and maybe not. That would have to be figured on. A cracked log splits easy."

"Anyhow," Jim went on, "what's the use? I shan't be disturbed this year—and after that—what's the use?"

"Why, Jim," said the colonel, "you aren't getting short of breath are you? I thought you good for the mile, and you aren't turning out a quarter horse, are you? I don't know what all it is you want to do, but I don't believe you can do it in nine months, can you?"

"Not in nine years!" replied Jim.

"Well, then, let's plan for ten years," said the colonel. "I ain't going to become a reformer at my time of life as a temporary job. Will you stick if we can swing the thing for you?"

"I will," said Jim, in a manner of a person taking the vows in some solemn initiation.

"All right," said the colonel, "We'll keep quiet and see how many votes we can muster up at the election. How many can you speak for?"

looked upon as rather reprehensible. The citizen should go forth with no coercion, no persuasion, no suggestion, and vote his sentiments.

"How many can you round up?" persisted the colonel.

"I think," said Jim, "that I can speak for myself and Old Man Simms."

The colonel laughed.

"Fine politician!" he repeated. "Fine politician! Well, Jim, you round up yourself and Old Man Simms and I'll see what I can do—I'll see what I can do!"

## CHAPTER XIV

### A Minor Casts Half a Vote.

March came in like neither a lion nor a lamb but was scarcely a week old before the wild ducks had begun to score the sky above Bronson's siew looking for open water and slowly harvested cornfields. Wild geese, to-bombled from on high as if in wond-

that these great prairies on which their forefathers had been wont fearlessly to alight had been changed into a disgusting expanse of farms. Colonel Woodruff's hired man, Pete, stopped Newton Bronson and Raymond Simms as they tramped across the colonel's pasture, gun in hand, trying to make themselves believe that the shooting was good.

"This ain't no country to hunt in," said he. "Did either of you fellows ever have any real duck-shooting?"

"The mountings," said Raymond, "air poor places for ducks."

"Not big enough water," suggested Pete. "Some wood-ducks, I suppose?"

"Along the creeks and rivers, yes, seh," said Raymond, "but nothing to depend on."

"I've never been nowhere," said Newton, "except once to Minnesota—and—and that wasn't in the shooting season."

A year ago Newton would have boasted of having "bummed" his way to Faribault. His hesitant speech was a proof of the embarrassment his new respectability sometimes inflicted upon him.

"I used to shoot ducks for the market of Spirit Lake," said Pete. "I know Fred Gilbert just as well as I know you. But that's all over, now. You've got to go so far now to get decent shooting where the farmers won't drive you off, that it costs nine dollars to send a postcard home."

"I think we'll have fine shooting on the siew in a few days," said Newton.

"Humph!" scoffed Pete. "I give you my word, if I hadn't promised the colonel I'd stay with him another year, I'd take a side-door Pullman for the Sand Hills of Nebraska or the Devil's lake country tomorrow—if I had a gun."

"If it wasn't for a pazel of things that keep me hyeh," said Raymond, "I'd like to go, too."

"The colonel," said Pete, "needs me. He needs me in the election tomorrow. What's the matter of your ol' man, Newt? What for does he vote for that Bonner, and throw down an old neighbor?"

"I can't do anything with him!" exclaimed Newton irritably. "He's all tangled up with Peterson and Bonner."

"Well," said Pete, "if he'd just stay at home it would help some. If he votes for Bonner, it'll be just about a stand-off."

"He never misses a vote!" said Newton despondingly.

"Can't you cripple him some way?" asked Pete jocularly. "Darned funny when a boy of your age can't control his father's vote! So long!"

"I wish I could vote!" grumbled Newton. "I wish I could! We know a lot more about the school, and Jim Irwin born a good teacher than dad does—and we can't vote. Why can't folks vote when they are interested in an election, and know about the issues. It's tyranny that you and I can't vote."

"I reckon," said Raymond, the conservative, "that the old-time people that axed it thataway knowed best."

"Rats!" sneered Newton, the iconoclast. "Why, Calista knows more about the election of school director than dad knows."

"That don't seem reasonable," protested Raymond. "She's prejudiced, I reckon, in favor of Mr. Jim Irwin."

"Well, dad's prejudiced against him—or, no, he ain't either. He likes Jim. He's just prejudiced against giving up his old notions. No, he ain't neither—I guess he's only prejudiced against seeming to give up some old notions he seemed to have once! And the kids in school would be prejudiced right, anyhow!"

"Paw says he'll be on hand prompt," said Raymond. "But he had to be p'swaded right much. Paw's proud—and he can't read."

"Sometimes I think the more people read the less sense they've got," said Newton. "I wish I could tie dad up! I wish I could get snakebit, and make him go for the doctor!"

The boys crossed the ridge to the wooded valley in which nestled the Simms cabin. They found Mrs. Simms greatly exercised in her mind because young McGeehee had been found playing with some blue vitriol used by Raymond in his school work on the treatment of seed potatoes for scab.

He wished he could lock him up in the bars so he couldn't go to the school election. He wished he could become ill—or poisoned with blue vitriol or something—so his father would be obliged to go for a doctor. He wished—well, why couldn't he get sick? Newton mended his pace, and looked happier.

"I'll fix him!" said he to himself.

"What time's the election, Newt?" asked Mrs. Bronson at breakfast.

"I'm goin' at four o'clock," said Ezra. "And I don't want to hear any more from any one—looking at Newt—'bout the election. It's none of the business of the women an' boys."

Newton took this reproach in an unexpectedly submissive spirit. In fact he exhibited his very best side to the family that morning like one going on a long journey, or about to be married, or engaged in some deep duty.

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"Give him an emetic!" He tore the hitching straps from the posts, jumped into the buggy, gave the spilt horses their heads and fled toward town. Just at the town limits he met the doctor in Sheriff Dilly's automobile, the sheriff himself at the steering wheel. Mr. Bronson signaled them to stop, ignoring the fact that they were making similar signs to him.

"We're just starting for your place," said the doctor. "Your wife got me on the phone."

"Thank God!" replied Bronson. "I won't fool any time away on me. Drive!"

"Get in here, Ek," said the sheriff. "You know how to drive, and I'll come on with your team. They need a slow driver to cool 'em off."

"Why didn't you phone me?" asked the doctor.

"Never thought of it," replied Bronson. "I hadn't had the phone only a few years. Drive faster!"

"I want to get there, or I would," answered the doctor. "Don't worry. From what your wife told me over the phone I don't believe that the boy's eaten any more strychnine than I have—and probably not so much."

"He was alive, then?"

"Alive and making an argument against taking the emetic," replied the doctor. "But I guess she got it down him."

Thus reassured, Mr. Bronson was calm, even if somewhat tragic in calmness, when he entered the death chamber with the doctor. Newton was sitting up, his eyes wet, and his face pale. His mother had won the argument, and Newton had lost his dinner. Haakon Peterson occupied an armchair.

"What's all this?" asked the doctor. "How are you feeling, Newt? Any pain?"

"I'm all right," said Newton. "Don't give me any more of that nasty stuff!"

"No," said the doctor, "but if you don't tell me just what you've been eating and doing and pulling off on us, I'll use this"—and the doctor exhibited a huge stomach pump.

"What'll you do with that?" asked Newton faintly.

"I'll put this down into your hold, and unload you, that's what I'll do."

"Is the election over, Mr. Peterson?" asked Newton.

"Yes," answered Mr. Peterson, "and the votes counted."

"Who's elected?" asked Newton.

"Colonel Woodruff," answered Mr. Peterson. "The vote was twelve to eleven."

"Well, dad," said Newton, "I suppose you'll be sore, but the only way I could see to get in half a vote for Colonel Woodruff was to get poisoned and send you after the doctor. If you'd gone, it would 'a' been a tie, anyhow, and probably you'd 'a' persuaded somebody to change to Bonner. That's what's the matter with me. I killed your vote. Now, you can do whatever you like to me—but I'm sorry I scared mother."

Ezra Bronson seized Newton by the throat, but his fingers failed to close. "Don't pinch, dad," said Newton. "I've been using that neck an' it's tired."

Mr. Bronson dropped his hands to his sides, glared at his son for a moment and breathed a sigh of relief.

"Why, you darned infernal little fool," said he. "I've a notion to take a hamstring to you! If I'd been there the vote would have been eleven to thirteen!"

"There was plenty votes there for the colonel, if he needed 'em," said Haakon, whose politician's mind was already fully adjusted to the changed conditions. "Ay tank the Woodruff district will have a unanimous school board from dis time on once more. Colonel Woodruff is just the man we have needed."

"I'm with you there," said Bronson. "And as for you, young man, if one or both of them horses is hurt by the run I give them, I'll lick you within an inch of your life— Here comes Dilly driving 'em now— I guess they're all right. I wouldn't want to drive a good team to death for any young hoodlum like him— All right, how much do I owe you, Doc?"

(Continued Next Week.)

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Glass of Skillet were shopping in the city Saturday.

G. W. Henshaw of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Church going with a good many people around Sayre is a most seasonal affair. They are "too tired" on hot summer days and in winter they either have to stay at home and keep up the fires or the roads are too bad. In either case their excuse is a poor one.

Any time is a good time to attend church, and any church is a good one to go to. The attendance of parents encourages the young people, and there's a lot of truth in the old maxim that the way the twig is bent the tree inclines. We all need a little touch of inspiration to keep our lives evenly balanced. We hear enough of sorrow and misery and trouble in our every-day work. We see the dark side of life too often as it is. Then why not an hour at church one day in the week to give us a brighter view of life and that inspiration which comes with hearing a good sermon and rubbing elbows with our neighbors and friends?

Church going helps us to live happier because it aids us in living better, and it enables us to grow stronger mentally as well as spiritually. We find ourselves growing more concerned about human progress and we can go home and read our newspapers, books and magazines with deeper interest. If we go a little farther and take hold and do some church or community work we will find ourselves richly rewarded. So let's give our churches more encouragement by attending more regularly, and especially during the winter months when we are housed up pretty closely all during the week and don't get to see other or to talk to each other as frequently as we do in more agreeable weather.—Sayre (Okla.) Star.

C. L. Buff of Wichita, Kans., was a business visitor in this city Saturday.

E. W. Brock of Heald was in town Saturday.

A. R. Bean of Portland, Ore., is visiting friends and relatives here.

Jesse J. Cobb of Northfork was a McLean visitor Saturday.

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**News From Alanreed**

By Special Correspondent.  
 S. K. Roach and Eber Gill of Groom were in town Tuesday on business.  
 Mesdames E. B. Hedrick, W. J. Ball and Vera Slavin were shopping in Clarendon Thursday.  
 H. T. Wilkins, Dewey Wood and D. S. Dunwoody were in McLean on business Thursday.  
 Oscar Castleberry of Clarendon spent Sunday with home folks.  
 J. S. Searcy and W. E. Clement of McLean were here Friday and Saturday on business.  
 A line party given by Mrs. Alta Sherrod was enjoyed by a number of the young folks Saturday night. Those present were: Misses Laura, Hommel, Jennie Sherrod, Bell, Garrett and Ida Maye Dunwoody; Messrs. Everett Hall, Pearson Sherrod, T. J. Kelly, Jasper Elms and Grady Stubbs.  
 Mrs. Addie McKnight and children left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles, Calif., where they will make their home.  
 Jack Steger of McLean was in town Monday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hall, Miss Ida Maye Dunwoody and Everett Hall attended the negro minstrel at McLean Tuesday night.  
 Joe Dunwoody has returned from O'Donnell, where he has been for the past two months.  
 Melvin Sears of McLean was in Alanreed Tuesday.  
 John Roselini and Walter Brown of McLean spent Sunday with home folks.  
 Gaylord Hodges and Roger Powers of McLean were Alanreed visitors Monday.  
 B. W. Wyatt is moving to town this week from the W. M. Greenwood place.  
 Guy and Hershel Paxton made a business trip to Amarillo Saturday.

**SUNDAY WITH THE BAPTISTS**

W. C. Garrett, Pastor  
 Don't miss the Sunday school; be there a few minutes before 10 o'clock. The superintendent and the Christmas committee need your help and you need the help of the Sunday school. They are planning a fine Christmas program for Christmas Eve night. You will hear more about it Sunday.  
 The pastor will preach both morning and night (11 a. m. and 7 p. m.) Plain messages for plain people; spiritual, scriptural, gospel messages. If you like that kind, come. If you don't like that sort, then it is certain you need to come.  
 The B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. m. Their programs are devotional, missionary, doctrinal and educational. Come and help the young people out, then you will be helped.  
 There is always room, welcome and a blessing for you at the services of the Baptist church. We hope to see you Sunday.

Snell's Cash Store sells groceries for less. 1c

W. A. Taylor, county commissioner from Pampa, was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kennedy of Alanreed visited the lady's brother, Ollie Hommel and wife last week end.

S. R. Jones of Hollis, Okla., sends us \$1.50 to renew his subscription to The News.

**THE NEW DOCTOR**

Dr. D., aged about 50, was a small town country doctor of ability. His son had just graduated from medical college and come home to show his sheepskin to dad. A neighbor coming in, said: "Well, Jimmy, are you coming back to the old home town to take father's place as he grows older?"

"No!"

"Well, well! Why not?"

"I'll tell you why, Uncle Jake. You town people and farmers have had father's best for twenty-five years, night and day, sunshine and storm! You have paid him very, very moderate fees and often he has waited from one to two years for his pay. Sometimes you forget entirely. Yet you will go twenty miles to the city and pay three to five times as much for no better service, and pay cash. Because father lives here with you day by day in this small town you look upon him as one of the neighbors and rate him and pay him accordingly. I'm going to the city, where you will rate me higher, pay me higher, in cash, and bring the patients to me at my hospital."—Medical World.

**FOOLISH, AT LEAST**

"Liquor you used to get in Crimson Gulch would make a man crazy."  
 "It's different now," mused Cactus Joe. "A man has to be kind of crazy before he'd think of swallowing it."—Washington Star.

**News From Back**

By Special Correspondent.  
 Mrs. Morse is here from Oklahoma visiting her son, Louis, and family.  
 Mrs. John Powell has been quite sick at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Henley, but we are glad to report her improving at this writing.  
 Louis Morse marketed a load of turkeys in McLean Thursday of last week.  
 C. M. Carpenter, T. F. Henley and W. I. Bacon were selling turkeys in McLean last week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bud Back were shopping in McLean Friday of last week.  
 Miss Agnes Roberts spent the week end with home folks in Mobeetie.  
 Mrs. C. M. Carpenter entertained the club ladies and their families Saturday night. The young folks enjoyed many pleasant games of the day until a late hour, when delicious candy and popcorn was served. After this the married folks took a hearty laugh at each other, each man laughing at his wife and she at her husband. The men were declared winners in this contest. This was a very pleasant occasion, and all were agreed that Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were real entertainers.  
 Jess Roberts of Mobeetie attended the party at the C. M. Carpenter home Saturday night.  
 Miss Loree and Beatrice Kinard, Blanche and Catherine Allston and Messrs. John and Ollie Allston of Gracey; Misses Barram, Cash and Durham and Messrs. Jack McCallan, Martin and Mick Dwyer, Walter and Clifford Cash and Harvey Hudrins of Peterson Creek; and Milton Carpenter of McLean attended the party in the C. M. Carpenter home Saturday night.  
 Buddie Holloway visited his brother, Clyde, Saturday night and Sunday.

day.  
 Arnel Back visited Frank Corum Sunday.  
 Chas. Back had business in McLean Saturday.  
 R. H. Corum and son, Frank were trading in McLean Saturday.  
 Mrs. Charlie Back was shopping in McLean Saturday.  
 W. I. Bacon was a McLean visitor Saturday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Clement and little niece, Katherine Clement, of Shamrock visited in the W. E. Clement home Sunday.  
 Byrd Guill visited home folks at Memphis Saturday and Sunday.  
 H. C. Burt and Co. of Houston have renewed their subscription to The News.

**ADVERTISING GRAFTERS**

The Childress Index has become aroused over advertising grafters in that city. Even the merchants have complained to the newspaper. In one instance work was sent out of the city without giving Childress shops an opportunity to make estimates.—Amarillo Daily News.  
 The matter of advertising grafters is a problem that every town has to contend with or solve in some way. Lots of good money is spent with the advertising grafter. The best way for merchants to meet this situation would be by a careful, intelligent study of advertising methods, and determine to spend their money in a manner to bring them the best results. There has been good money sent to the bad by patronizing Tom, Dick and Harry

when they come to town and put up advertising propositions of small merit. If merchants would confine their advertising appropriations to legitimate propositions, we are quite sure that they would get greater returns on their investments.—Scurry County Times.  
 Buy your groceries at Snell's Cash Store. 1c

**HAS SHE A FUR?**

If not, you cannot select a gift that would please her more, nor prove nearly so serviceable.  
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- Stetson Hats
- Caps
- Suspenders
- Supporters
- Sweaters
- Handkerchiefs
- Suits



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- Mesh Bags
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A confident belief that you are going to win is half the victory in any undertaking.

Only nine more shopping days until Christmas. If you shop early this year you will have to hurry.

We commend Pastor Garrett's publishing a church paper. Everywhere a church paper has been tried it has been found to stimulate the membership to better living. There are many things that can be said in a church paper that for obvious reasons couldn't be said in the secular papers, and many times these things need to be put before the membership. We shall watch with interest the further progress of "The Messenger."

The poor delinquent subscriber gets hail columbia from all sides, but if all papers pursued our plan there would be "no such animal." The News stops promptly on the expiration date, and our subscribers tell us that this is a better plan than to let a subscription run for several years and then try to collect for it. The man who pays for the paper in advance likes it well enough to read it, which makes it better for our advertisers. Cash in advance is the better way for all concerned.

The Texas Public Health Association co-operates actively with the State Board of Health in many important matters and is endorsed by the State Health Officer. The Modern Health Crusade is teaching thousands of children right health habits and the fight against tuberculosis has reduced the ravages of

that disease fifty per cent during the past nineteen years. The Association is a purely charitable institution supported entirely by the sale of Christmas Seals. The American Red Cross has no connection with the sale of seals as is erroneously supposed by some people, and the fact that you have paid your membership fee in the Red Cross should not absolve you from your duty to the Health Association.

We notice a quarterly report of the treasurer of Hemphill county in last week's issue of the Canadian Record. These reports are printed in many of our neighbor counties and we are led to wonder why no reports of any kind are published in Gray county. Surely reports of this nature are due the people, and the small expense necessary to publication should not hinder. Wheeler county has reports published each year in both papers in the county. Counties, cities, school boards and others intrusted with the taxpayers' money should see that the statutes covering the publication of stated reports be observed, as a matter of justice to the people they serve.

We all admit that the problem of the destruction of our forests is a serious one, but each year at Christmas time our legend from the ancient Druids who offered human

sacrifices to their groves, tempered by a Roman saint and a mythical date for Christ's birth added by the Catholic church, asserts itself and we think nothing of the sacrifice of millions of young trees to grace the Christmas occasion. It seems strange to think of Christian churches celebrating heathen customs, but with many all that caused the custom is forgotten and nothing but the spirit of good will remains. This is perhaps as it should be, and some day when the Christmas tree is made a community affair so that all people may celebrate the day, not as a probable date for the birth of Christ, for it is impossible to guess at the proper date of the Savior's birth, but as a day of thankfulness and good will to all men; then and only then will the day have a significance that will be pleasing to Him we pretend to honor.

**AT THE METHODIST CHURCH**

J. S. Huckabee, Pastor  
My theme for the Sunday morning service will be "Home." The theme for the evening service, "Congenial Companionship." We extend to all a hearty welcome to come and worship with us.

Dr. Geo. S. Slover of Clarendon preached at the Methodist church Sunday night.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

W. P. Roberts, Pastor  
There will be preaching both morning and evening at the Presbyterian church. Morning subject will be, "The Imperceptible Change." Evening subject to be selected.

We are also arranging a nice program to be carried out in connection with our Xmas tree. Yes, Santa Claus will be there, looking for all the kiddies who come. A committee will be on hand in the afternoon Christmas Eve to take care of our presents. So come one and all.

A. P. Rippey and Mrs. Nida Green of Heald were McLean visitors Saturday.

Barlow Landers of Shamrock was in the city on business Saturday.

Rob Roach was in from Heald Saturday.

F. H. King of Jester, Okla. was a McLean visitor Friday.

Rev. W. P. Roberts returned Friday from a trip to Fort Worth and Pinehill.

John Cadra of Slavonia was in town Friday.

**WHY TEACHERS GO INSANE**

"Shall we write on both sides of the paper?"  
"I didn't hear the question."  
"I had my theme written and left it at home."  
"Are our test papers graded yet?"  
"Do we have to write this in ink?"  
"May I hand this in after school?"

**SECOND FIDDLE**

Crawford—"Perhaps your wife gets angry on account of something you say to her."  
Henpeck—"That can't be the reason. I never say anything."—New York Sun and Globe.

**WE ALL WOULD**

A buyer recently walked into a garage and said to the proprietor, "I would like to see a first-class, second-hand car."  
"So would I, brother," smilingly replied the proprietor.—The Vibrator.

**HER ADVICE**

Ned—"Darling, may the words that will make me the happiest man in the world."  
Edna—"Shall I really?"  
Ned—"Oh, if you only would."  
Edna—"Well, then, stay single."

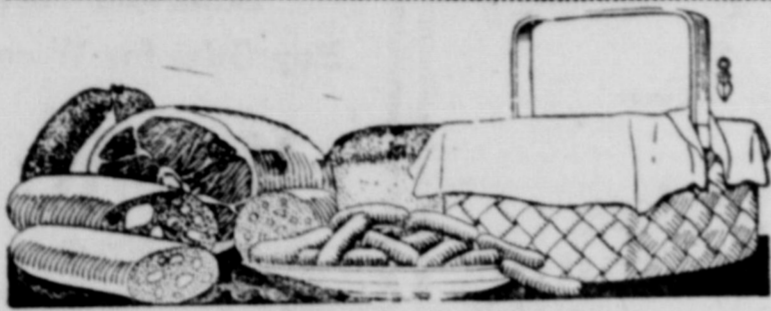
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Rings and many other things for children and babies.

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Cut Glass



**McLean Hardware Company**

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**We Have Had Such a Successful Business**

**We are Extending Our Sale Through the Holidays**

Come In and Do Your Trading

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Women who embroider will be glad to know that they can buy large sheets of carbon paper, 26 by 39 inches, at the News office. These sheets are of the best grade of heavy pencil carbon and sell for only 25¢ each.

ALL WRONG, ALL WRONG

The Miami Silver Belt says that the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal church "has launched a nation-wide wide campaign for the abolition of boxing matches." This is absolutely incorrect. The Board has no objection whatever to boxing. It is opposing prizefighting and that only.

The Silver Belt expresses surprise that only 34 deaths are shown in the Board's arraignment of prizefighting and says that football has certainly more victims; baseball probably as many; hunting many more, and fishing many times that number. The Miami Silver Belt says that it was about to suggest that all sports be abolished except knitting clubs for men when they read of an old lady who ran a knitting needle in her little finger.

When a man is hurt in real sport it is accidental. It is not the purpose of his opponent, if his opponent is a gentleman, to hurt him. It is not necessary to close both of a man's eyes, break his nose and cover him with blood in order to win a baseball game or even a football game. There is a difference, and there is no honesty in talking foolishness about old ladies sticking themselves with knitting needles.—Methodist Clip-Sheet.

old lady sticking herself in the finger with a knitting needle? Does it see no difference between this and baseball? Is it aware of the fact that even if hunting, fishing and football have caused some deaths, that probably ten thousand times as many people take part in these sports as in commercialized prizefighting?

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ON BEING CHEERFUL

Cheerfulness is far more contagious than smallpox, for most people can be made immune to the smallpox germ, but only a confirmed grouchy can remain grouchy when the atmosphere is surcharged with cheer germs. A mocking bird singing outside a business man's window at dawn can fill his heart with brightness that will be transmitted to everyone with whom he comes in contact during the day. When life seems dark and its difficulties too many to overcome, whistle or sing with all your might and pretty soon those cheer germs you have set in motion will consume the

misery germ that filled your soul. An official in one of the large cotton mills in the South tells the following story: "On my way to work each morning I had to pass through an alley that was disgusting in its filth and squalor. Soon I found that that short stretch was having a depressing effect upon me, so I began to whistle as loud and gayly as I could as I went through it. I tried to make it in a vigorous spurt like a soldier going over the top. Some time later, however, I formed the habit of going to work by a longer, but more attractive route. One day, though, I chanced to pass through the alley again, and an old negro wash woman stopped me and said, 'Say, boss, which way you go to work now?' I told her I went around by the main street. To this she replied sadly, 'Well, I sho does miss your whistlin'. I always gets my work done better'n quicker on de days when you goes by a whistlin'. It is needless to say that after that I took up my route through the alley again, and I always tried to make my whistled tune a very cheerful one.'—Baptist Standard.

Bill Glass of White Fish was in town Friday.

Sam Brown and family and Mrs. Smith of Alanreed were McLean visitors Friday.

W. F. Bidwell is a new reader of The News.

J. T. Smith made a business trip to Groom Friday.

SAY, PA. LISTEN TO THIS!

"Two men got into a fight in front of the bank today," said a man at the family tea table. "and I tell you it looked pretty bad for one of them. The bigger one seized a huge stick and brandished it. I felt that he was going to knock the other's brains out, and I jumped in between them."

The family had listened with rapt attention, and as he paused in his narrative, the young heir, whose respect for his father's bravery is immeasurable, proudly remarked, "He couldn't knock any brains out of you, could he, father?"

STORY OF THE WEEK

Bert had been maintained by loving and toiling parents until he was twenty-one.

Then he got a good job—he already had the girl.

With the coming of the first pay check he began to buy presents for Minerva and to "show her a good time." When she mildly remonstrated he said: "Now you look here, sweetheart. I couldn't treat you right while I was going to school, because I had to ask Dad for every penny and it took a crowbar to pry a dollar away from his poor little savings account. But now I make more money than he does and I'm going to step out with you. We're only young once. See!"

And Minerva quietly answered: "Bert, that's just the kind of man I won't marry—a man who forgets duty to chase pleasure. If you want me, you'll take that hundred and

fifty a month and split it fifty-fifty—half to your folks and half to us. And out of our half you'll put thirty-five in the bank. If you can't get along on forty, a month for yourself when you're single and with your board paid, what chance would a wife and children have?"

Bert wants Minerva. So there's one boy who is giving the "old folks" a square deal—thereby proving that he will be able to give a square deal to a wife and babies.—National Reform Association.

W. H. Craig of Alanreed was a

McLean visitor Saturday.

A WINNER

Father (reading a letter from his son at college)—"Willie stys he got a beautiful lamp from boxing." Mother—"I just knew he'd win something in his athletics."—Ex.

WHY WAIT?

She—"Are you saving money for the rainy day?" "I am not," was the reply. "So far as I'm concerned it's raining now."

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New shipment of men and women's felt horse slippers for Christmas Beauties. See them.

Panco half soles wear longer than leather for the same price.

JOHN MERTEL

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For a Christmas dinner that will make the folks glad they're on hand to eat it—

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Beginning at 10 O'clock a. m.

- 1 pair large mules
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- 1 set leather harness
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- 10 horse collars
- 1 good milk cow
- 3 cows and 2 calves
- 1 P. & O. cultivator
- 1 single-row go-devil
- 2 two-row go-devils
- 1 John Deere planter with cotton attachment
- 1 section harrow
- 2 wagons
- 3 feed troughs
- 90 Buff Orpington full-blood chickens
- Chicken coops

- 3 bedsteads and springs
- 1 writing desk
- 3 rocking chairs
- 6 plain chairs
- 2 rugs
- 1 dining table
- 1 kitchen cabinet
- 1 safe
- 1 good heater
- 1 cook stove
- 1 iron cot
- 100 jars canned fruit and vegetables
- 3 grain forks
- 2 pitch forks
- 1 iron wheel barrow
- 3-8 gallon lard can
- 3 one-gallon milk jars
- 2 three-gallon stone jars
- 1 five-gallon stone jar
- 1 iron barrel

Numerous Articles Not Listed

FREE LUNCH AT NOON. I. S. Jamison will be here with his tin cups.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums under \$10.00, cash in hand. On sums over \$10.00, good bankable notes with 10 months' time at 10 per cent interest, or 5 per cent discount for cash.

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Clay Thompson, Clerk

I. S. Jamison, Auctioneer



**Christmas Seems Worth While**

*Oh, Christmas is a nuisance,  
We sometimes think and say—  
Such a lot of work and worry  
Just for one short day!  
Hard-earned money squandered,  
Weary heads and feet—  
Useless giving, senseless striving  
In the struggle to compete!  
Yes, on Christmas morning,  
When we hear the children's cries  
Riding little stockings  
In captures of surprise  
When we open parcels  
That loving hands have wrapped,  
Seems like springs of kindness  
In our hearts are tapped.  
Seems our thoughts grow gentler,  
More tender is the smile!  
Yes, on Christmas morning,  
Christmas seems worth while.*

—Ella Bissell Chatfield  
in Farm Life.

And so, because the spirit of Christmas was abroad and made itself felt those two lonely souls who needed each other sorely were brought together and made happy, and when Christmas had passed and gone they found that their need of each other was still great and the short visit that the little agent was supposed to make became permanent.

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**JUST THE USUAL THING**

Mrs. Sun—What do you expect for Christmas, Mrs. Moon?

Mrs. Moon (wearily)—Oh, just the usual things. A set of satellites; star earrings, a gray-cloud scarf and that old, everlasting dipper that never wears out!—M. B. Thomas.

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**YEAR BY YEAR, IT IS SO**

Every Christmas, year by year, in every way, we are getting broker and broker and happier and happier. We suppose a man who comes out of Christmas with a million dollars is awfully miserable.

**Christmas New to Him**



POSTED

No hunting allowed on lands owned by me, in Gray or Wheeler county. Mark Huselby, 46-12c

Mrs. Ray Bird and little daughter, Toynette, returned Sunday from Lovington, N. M.

Mike Mertel and son, Johnnie, of Slavonia were in town Saturday.

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**Off to Dream of Santa's Visit**



**SHOULD BE BOYCOTTED FOR IT**

Two very pretty girls met on the street and kissed each other raptorially. Two young men watched the meeting. "There's another of those things that are so unfair," said one.

**Wants**

LARGE SHEETS of carbon paper, 26 by 39 inches, at the News office.

BUNDLE SORGHUM for sale, with or without heads. J. B. Pettit, Phone 119 4. 1c

RAISE THE BEST Jerseys. The Jones bull is still at his best. None better, few as good. See Geo. W. Sitter or W. L. Lynn. 1p

FOR SALE—One 5 room house in north part of town. This is good property and must be sold. J. S. Howard. 1fc

BABY CRIB. Large iron baby bed and mattress for sale. Phone 147. 1t

WANTED.—To rent a good farm. Would like about 140 acres in cultivation; grain or cash. Vester Smith, Phones 82 and 188. 1fc

FORD SEDAN for sale at a reasonable price. John Mertel 1fc

FOR SALE.—Or trade for a small body of farm land, my 5-acre place 1/2 mile from city limits. Well improved and well located. See W. W. Overton for a good deal. 1p

GROCERIES are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store. 1c

"What is that?" said his friend. He pointed to the scene: "Women doing men's work."—Fays Lightning Line.

**READ THE ADS**

**For Sale**

1 bedstead, large 1 bedstead, small 1 steel cot, 3 springs, 1 oil cook stove, 1 heating stove, 4 dining chairs, 1 dining table, 2 rockers, 1 art square linoleum, 9x12, 3 wash tubs, 4 mattresses. Some cooking utensils, 1 kitchen cabinet.

Price \$85.00

House for rent.

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**Christmas**

Should find your bins full of coal for the winter so that you will have time to do the various repair jobs about the place.

Buy your coal and builders' supplies here.

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Phone 3 W. T. Wilson, Mgr.

R. L. Harlan has our thanks for a subscription renewal this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Turner and baby were Pampa visitors Sunday.

Bailey Lakey of Northfork was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

John Cadra of Slavonia was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

B. D. Garmon, district game deputy, of Panhandle was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

T. J. Tedder of Gracey was trading in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Bones of Ramsdell were shopping in McLean Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilson of Albreed were McLean visitors Saturday.

Misses Kathleen Copeland and Louise Orr visited relatives at Pampa Sunday.

M. T. Powell and family of Ramsdell were McLean visitors Saturday.

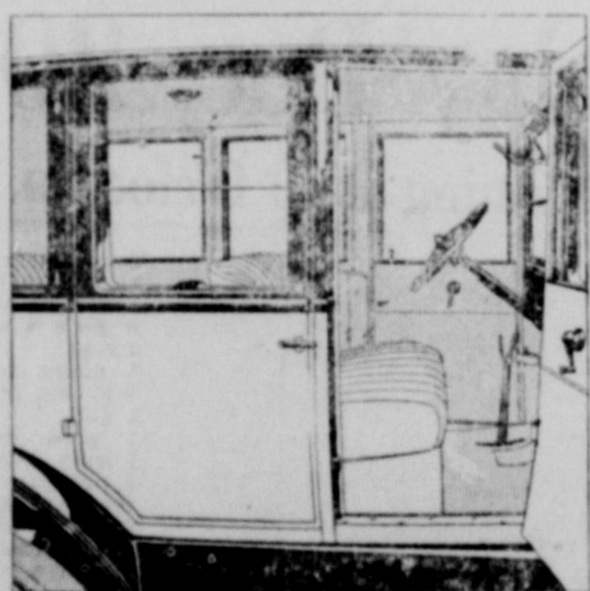
Mr. and Mrs. John Parrish and family of Prague, Okla., are visiting the D. E. Parker home.

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**"Comet" and "Cupid" and Santa's Sleigh**

By MARTHA B. THOMAS

Where Would Old Kris Be Without the Aid of His Trusty Reindeer?

OMET and Cupid were growing restless in their stalls. As the two leaders of Santa's reindeer, they felt a great responsibility on Christmas Eve.

"None of the others," remarked Comet anxiously, "know the short-cuts as we do. Last year we got stuck in an oak tree, and once we had to wade through the Milky Way. Do you remember that little boy in Poland who cried because he didn't see us? We must make a great racket tonight so he will wake up. And there was a child in Canada who set out some hay for us; dear little thing!"

The stable door flew open, 'etting in a great gust of icy wind. "Ah, my fine fellows!" exclaimed a big, jolly voice, "the packs are ready, and we must be off. Comet, I expect you to keep a sharp eye out for accidents. Cupid, don't forget the corners, and the care with which we must land on the roofs!"

In no time at all the reindeer were harnessed, the packs tumbled in, and off they flew. Santa holding the reins in both hands. Comet and Cupid outdid themselves. They went like the wind. The little boy in Poland heard their impatient feet on the roof and caught one tiny glimpse of the sleigh. The child in Canada found the hay she had left for the reindeer all gone in the morning. No present was lost, no house forgotten.

Back in their stalls once more, Comet and Cupid gave long sighs of satisfaction. "Of course Santa is the one people think about most, but after all, where would he be without us?"

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**HARDLY THAT**

Christmas is the only morning of the year when one call is sufficient for any youngster.

**Santa Claus**



SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—Some Common Temptations of Today.  
 Leader—Eunice Stratton.  
 Scripture reading—1 Cor 10:12-13; Phil. 4:10-16.  
 Introduction—Leader.  
 Beware the Wiles of the Devil—LeRoy Landers.  
 Purposelessness—Ha Abbott.  
 Neglect—Leaman Andrews.  
 Pleasure—Mr. Bentley.  
 Doubt—Lee Wilson.  
 Inactivity—Eunice Floyd.  
 Harry Overton of Shamrock was a McLean visitor last Thursday.  
 E. M. Rice made a business trip to Amarillo last Thursday.  
 Miss Grace McKnight of Alameda came in Friday for a few days' visit with Mrs. J. S. Searcy.

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**Rail Valuations Discussed by "Progressives"**



The conference on valuation of American railroads opened in Chicago with eight governors, four United States senators, twenty-five congressmen and the heads of the railroad brotherhoods and farm organizations in attendance. Left to right, front row, in the photograph are Governor Sweet of Colorado, Governor Blaine of Wisconsin, Senator Robt. M. LaFollette of Wisconsin and Mayor Hylan of New York.

**FEED VALUE IN COTTON BURS**

What feed value has cotton burs, in a question which many are asking at this time. There is an accumulation of cotton burs around every gin which are largely wasted or burned for fuel. This is particularly true in the western part of the state where much of the later cotton is pulled as snaps or bolls. It takes about 2,000 pounds of such cotton to make a bale, returning about 900 pounds of seed and leaving five to six hundred pounds of burs.

A number of farmers are hauling cotton burs home from the gin and feeding them to their cattle. The gasoline gins usually give the burs away to prevent their accumulation, while other gins use them for fuel or some either give them away or charge a dollar a load and one can haul all the way from one to two thousand pounds. Dr. G. S. Fraps, Experiment Station Chemist, reports some results of digestion experiments with cotton burs which are of interest. Cotton burs normally contain some seed and lint which would make them slightly better feed value than those used in this test, where the seed and lint were separated from the burs, giving the digestibility of the burs alone.

The burs were fed with alfalfa hay and were eaten well by one of the sheep in the experiment, although not well by another. Cotton burs with no seed used in the digestion experiment showed a protein content of 7.69% with 2.14% digestible protein and a productive value of 5.02. Cotton burs with some seed, average from the gin, had a protein content of 9.14% with 2.55% digestible portion and a produc-

ive value of 5.37. Dr. Fraps concludes that cotton burs have a productive value about 55% that of alfalfa hay. Also that the feeding value of these burs is slightly less than that of prairie hay, but apparently about 25% greater than is the feed value of cotton seed hulls. Cotton seed hulls are selling delivered in carload lots at points in the western part of the state for \$18.50 per ton. This price is undoubtedly considerably in excess of their actual feed value at the present time when compared with some other feeds. Cattle eat cotton burs readily. One objectionable feature is the sand and dirt which is usually adhering to and mixed with the burs. It would seem from the feed value of these burs that this by-product could be fed in connection with concentrates to good advantage when there is a general scarcity of roughage.—R. E. Karper in The Progressive Farmer.

Mrs. A. A. Christian left Saturday for Amarillo to visit her son. J. T. Litchfield of Heald was a McLean visitor Friday. W. D. Howard was trading in the city Friday. G. N. Connell was in from the farm Saturday. B. W. Wyatt of Alameda was trading with McLean merchants Saturday. Elmo Phillips of Heald was in town Saturday. Les Hancock of Enterprise was a McLean visitor Friday.

**A CLOSE SHAVE**

"Mama," said little Elsie, "do men ever go to heaven?" "Why, of course, dearie; what makes you ask that?" "Cause, mama, I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers." "Well," said her mother thoughtfully, "some men go to heaven, but they get there by a close shave."

R. H. Corum of Back was in the city on business Friday.

Van Webb of Miami was a McLean visitor Friday.

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The Progressive Farmer.....	1.00	
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People's Popular Monthly.....	.35	
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THE McLEAN NEWS.....	\$1.50	Combination Price
The Progressive Farmer.....	1.00	
Household Guest.....	.25	
Home Friend.....	.35	
Capper's Weekly.....	1.00	
Total value at regular prices.....	\$4.10	<b>\$3.25</b>
THE McLEAN NEWS.....	\$1.50	Combination Price
The Progressive Farmer.....	1.00	
Woman's World.....	.50	
Good Stories.....	.50	
American Poultry Advocate.....	.35	
Home Friend.....	.35	
The Household.....	.25	
Total value at regular prices.....	\$4.35	<b>\$3.35</b>
THE McLEAN NEWS.....	\$1.50	Combination Price
The Dallas Farm News.....	1.00	
Total value at regular prices.....	\$2.50	<b>\$2.25</b>
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**The McLean News**  
 McLean, Texas

**HIS ODD IDEA**  
 I wouldn't think of such a thing!"  
 Second Steno.—"Neither would I."  
 First Steno.—"The idea of your working steady eight hours a day!"  
 It was the boss that thought of it."  
 —Town Topics.

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May we suggest that you buy early while our stock is complete?

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**Erwin Drug Co.**  
 The Rexall Store



## RED CROSS MET TEST IN JAPAN FUND DRIVE

Spirit of Service Demonstrated in Readiness for Nationwide Activity.

When President Coolidge by proclamation designated the American Red Cross as the medium through which contributions for relief of the Japanese earthquake sufferers should flow, the President's desire came as an order to the Red Cross. Immediately the entire machinery of the organization was put in motion and within 24 hours the fund campaign was moving with vigor in every part of the country.

This emergency test demonstrated the peacetime readiness of the Red Cross to cope with stupendous tasks in behalf of humanity. Within a month it had collected upwards of \$10,250,000 in contributions, landed ten cargoes of supplies at Japanese ports and was keeping pace with relief requirements—all without a single dollar of the fund being spent for administration.

President Coolidge, in expressing his thanks to the people, said: "When the news of the tragedy in Japan first reached us, the American Red Cross, pursuant to a proclamation, asked the country for \$5,000,000 to meet the great emergency. The answer to this appeal was prompt and generous; in less than two weeks a sum far in excess of the original goal was given."

The work of the Red Cross for Japan is expected to influence a very large enrollment of new recruits during the Roll Call, which starts Armistice Day.

## Red Cross First Aid Standards Adopted In Great Industries

First aid in an emergency which assures the injured competent attention until the doctor arrives is making marked headway through the work of the Chapters of the American Red Cross in populous centers. 314 chapters conduct first aid classes and last year awarded 9,500 certificates to students. Eight big telephone companies have enlisted their workers in first aid classes, police and fire departments in large cities are making the course compulsory in their training schools and through colleges and high schools large groups of students receive instruction. The Red Cross also gives this course through Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Y. M. C. A. and similar organizations, and its standard methods have been adopted by railroads, electric and gas companies, mines and in the metal industries. The aim of this Red Cross service is to cut down radically the average of 60,000 accidental deaths per year in the United States.

"Our country could secure no higher commendation, no greater place in history, than to have it correctly said that the Red Cross is truly American."—President Coolidge.

Every day is a better one to the man and woman stimulated by the Red Cross spirit. Join now for happiness.

## Junior Red Cross Spreads Good Will Throughout World

Nearly 5,000,000 pupils in the schools of America are following the standard of unselfish service as members of the American Junior Red Cross, the annual report of the American Red Cross discloses. This valiant host is represented in 125,972 school rooms of 24,239 schools throughout the United States. With a service program that is local, national and international in scope, the American Junior Red Cross is working unflinchingly for health and happiness and in the promotion of activities among boys and girls wherever there is opportunity for usefulness.

Increased activity on the part of the schools enrolled and deeper recognition by school authorities of the educational values of Junior Red Cross have been significant features of the last year. Carrying on educational and relief work in France, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Albania, Bulgaria and Rumania, the American Juniors have influenced the forming of Junior departments in the Red Cross organizations of these countries. American boys and girls wearing the "I Serve" button of the Juniors are proving apt messengers of the spirit of good will and mutual understanding through correspondence with pupils in schools scattered throughout the world. At the close of the school year in June 2,009 schools were engaged in correspondence with a like number of schools in Europe; 284 schools in our insular possessions and Alaska territory carried on an exchange of letters with schools in the United States and South Africa. In fact, nearly 2,700 schools with probably 100,000 pupils were busy in this fine act of cheerful communication while 8,347 articles passed

through National Headquarters of the Red Cross in exchanges between the interested pupils here and overseas. An incident of the year's advance was the beginning of activity which will eventually install Junior Red Cross in the Indian schools of the United States.

From every section of the country reports of the tour of the unit of crippled children with their chorus which came from the Bakule school in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to show gratitude to the American Juniors for their assistance declare that nothing since the World War has done so much to awaken the Red Cross spirit in the communities visited by the unit.

The work of the American Juniors in foreign fields is emphasized in the advancement of playgrounds, scholarships in farm, trade and other schools, community and school garden work, and donations of cash and equipment to children's organizations. In these projects \$112,660.17 was spent during the last year in ten European countries, in China and in the Virgin Islands.

"It is inconceivable that the Red Cross could have come thus far only to retreat; that it could have succeeded up to the present time only to fail."—President Coolidge.

Liberal to Ex-Service Men  
Over \$1,000 was expended by each of the 3,600 American Red Cross Chapters in the past year in behalf of disabled ex-service men. The actual total spent was \$3,930,000.

## RED CROSS ENABLES MOTHERS TO ATTEND TEXAS STATE FAIR

The "Greatest Mother" Cares for Babies While Their Mothers See the Sights.

Women who never before had found it possible to attend the state fair were present at the West Texas Fair at Abilene, Texas, this year, according to reports received from that city at the division headquarters of the Southwestern Division, American Red Cross, in St. Louis. This was because the Red Cross of Abilene was on the job to assist the mothers in the care of their children and to give them an opportunity for resting when the sight-seeing of the fair became too strenuous.

"I never would have thought of coming to the fair," said one mother in expressing her appreciation of the care given her baby at the Red Cross tent during one day, "if I had not known that the Red Cross would be here to help me take care of my baby."

Babies of all sizes and ages were cared for in this day nursery and during the hour of the races there were 65 babies under the charge of the Red Cross nurse and volunteer helpers while their mothers cheered on the running horses, sharing the pleasure of their husbands in this "sport of kings."

Miss Mary Kennedy, Red Cross Advisory Nurse for Texas, for the Southwestern Division of the American Red Cross, was present and in charge of the tent. The Red Cross tent and First Aid station was set up by the Abilene Chapter and members of that chapter took turns in the management and conduct of its various departments.

The mothers who were able to enjoy

the outing of this fair were unstinted in their praises of the courtesy, kindness and unfailing consideration of the Red Cross people who were in charge of the tent.

## NUTRITION CLASSES BENEFIT CHILDREN

Improvement in Health and Discipline and Reduction in Underweight Result in Schools.

Twelve hundred and sixty children in the vicinity of Chickasha, Oklahoma, developed sturdy little bodies and healthy alert minds because of the nutrition classes conducted under the auspices of the Grady County Chapter of the Red Cross last year. These children were found to be underweight due to malnutrition, and while in many cases the malnutrition was not due to lack of food but to the wrong kind of food, the results were the same.

Hot lunches of properly balanced diet were put into 17 schools. The children were taught what to eat and how to eat, that is, how much and how many times a day, and were encouraged to eat fruit and vegetables, to drink milk, and to eliminate coffee and tea from their diet, and a health rule contest by which the children were encouraged in the practice of outdoor exercise and personal hygiene and well-ventilated sleeping and living rooms was inaugurated. This all made for a general improvement in health and incidentally a decided improvement in the discipline in the school.

The percentage of underweight was greatly reduced and the parents were so much pleased with the improvement that they are demanding a continuance of the program for another year.

## LAW AND ORDER

A few years ago a wheeze made its rounds in Texas. It was, "Steal a four-bit yearling and go to the penitentiary; kill a man and go free." Not much is said about cattle-stealing these days; the association has made this time-honored institution a bit unsafe. But we still shoot to kill—and frequently run away and live to kill another day. Governor Neff reminds us that killing is our favorite outdoor, as well as indoor, sport in dear old Texas. And from all reports, it would seem that people in other parts of the United States have learned about shooting from us.

At the last meeting of the American Bar Association, a few statistics were doled out for the popular to mull over on Saturday night while putting three-in-one on the old six-gun. In 1922, for instance, 7,850 murders were committed in the United States, while in England and France combined only 631 were killed illegally. For the same year Chicago had 137 murders, as against 17 in London—though London is a much larger city. In 1919 France had 121 robberies, while the city of Chicago had 1862—and Chicago is no worse than other parts of the country.

There are a number of methods that we might suggest to curtail

the crime wave that beats incessantly upon the shores of our fair land. For instance, make ownership of a six-shooter a capital crime, and allow manufacturers to make only one-shooters, and then only in muzzle-loading styles. That man who shoots to kill seldom gets his game the first shot, and if he had to measure his powder, cut his wadding and tramp with a ramrod, the shooter would have a fine chance to get out of range before shot No. 2.

On second thought, this plan isn't workable, because the shooters still would have revolvers, due to the slow process of the law. Perhaps this little story suggests a solution: A few years ago two murders were committed, one in America and one in England. The murderer was tried, convicted and executed in England before the grand jury had returned an indictment in America. The killings took place on the same day and date.

(You don't need a blue print to find the moral to that story!)—W. D. Trotter, in Southwestern Machinery.

W. A. Senclair of Alanreed was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

Hubert Wilkins of Alanreed was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

Madames M. C. Street and Virgil Jordan of Alanreed were shopping in our city last Thursday.

Mrs. R. S. Jordan and daughter, Miss Flossie, went to Amarillo last Thursday for a few days' visit with relatives.

M. C. Burdine of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

Uncle Phil Reeves of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Thursday of last week.

W. N. Holmes of Heald was in town last Thursday.

Misses Leora Kinard and Sallie Campbell spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Thelma Gathin at the Skillet ranch.

## McLean Filling Station

Oils, Gas and Accessories  
FLOYD PHILLIPS, Mgr.

## Suppose Fire Should Interrupt

Fire has often interrupted business. In some cases fire has stopped a business enterprise forever. Is your plant adequately insured so that if fire comes it would be only a temporary interruption in routine?  
For Safe and Sure Insurance, call

## C. C. BOGAN

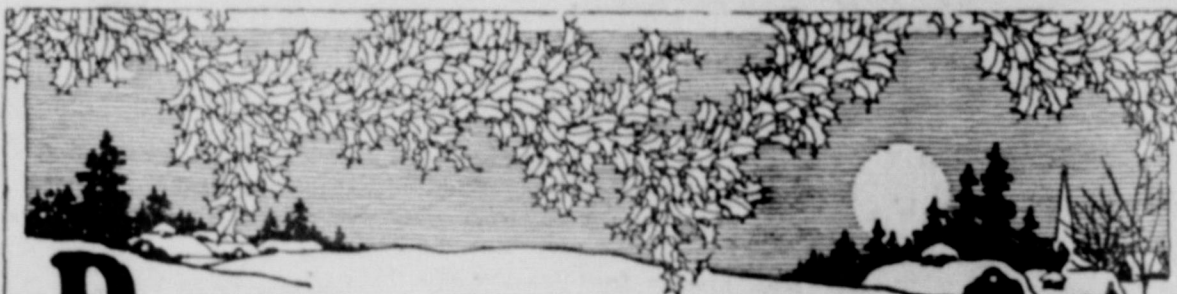
Insurance that Protects



Fixing up the car as a means of remembering the owner is a certain way to make it a Merry Christmas for him.  
GIFTS FOR THE CAR—

The best gift of all—A new STUDEBAKER. Let us help you select a suitable gift.

## COUSINS MOTOR COMPANY



## PRESENTS THAT WILL PLEASE

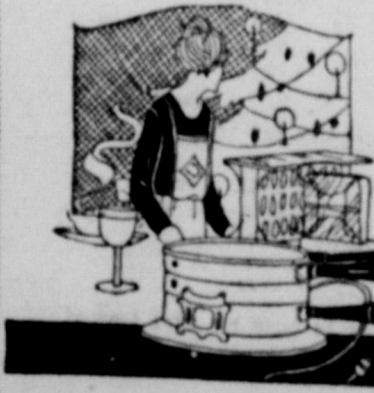
### Give Gifts that Last

They'll Be Appreciated Most

It is often a puzzling question to know just what to send your relatives and friends at Christmas time. But when you give something that will be in constant use, you know it will be appreciated above all others.

### We Offer

- ALUMINUM WARE
- CHINAWARE
- CUT GLASS
- SILVERWARE
- SHAVING SETS
- KNIVES
- ELECTRIC GOODS
- AIR RIFLES AND GUNS
- BOYS' WAGONS
- VELOCIPEDES
- HAND PAINTED CHINA
- MANICURE SETS
- FLASH LIGHTS
- CLOCKS
- GAMES



We aim to make this Christmas an especially pleasing one to our customers by enabling them to secure the very best gifts obtainable at the lowest possible prices.

## Western Lumber & Hardware Co.

H. F. WINGO, Manager

## Special Prices

Through the Holidays on Cleaning and Pressing	
Men's Suits cleaned and pressed.....	\$1.00
Men's Trousers cleaned and pressed.....	.50
Men's Overcoats cleaned and pressed.....	1.00
Ladies' Suits cleaned and pressed.....	1.00
Ladies' Heavy Coats cleaned and pressed.....	1.00

All other work at reduced prices.

Orders taken for made-to-measure suits.

We call for and deliver.

## Johnnie Back

DAY PHONE 177

NIGHT PHONE 193

## Christmas Presents

Now is the time to select them before our stocks have been depleted.

We have many rockers, congoleum rugs, velvets and ax-ministers in the furniture line.

In the men's department you will find ties, gloves, shirts, collars and many things the man will appreciate. We will be glad to show you thru the entire line.

## BUNDY-HODGES MERCANTILE COMPANY