

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

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Ozona, Texas, Thursday, December 15, 1927.

The county tractor and a crew of workmen for the West Texas Utilities Company unburdened the downtown scenery Tuesday of the concrete turning posts in preparation for the installation of the new and modern street lighting system to be put in by the Utilities Company.

When this new lighting system is installed, we wonder if Ozona's bare, unpaved and rough streets will not show up to a considerably greater disadvantage at night than they have in the past. When those lights are reflected up from smooth, gleaming pavement, Ozona is going to be a real town. Paving may be a luxury that we can get along without, but it's the luxuries that make life worth living. If it were all bare necessities, what a monotonous existence this would be. We may be able to get along without it, but how much better we could get along with it.

A live Chamber of Commerce to get behind a move for incorporation of the town would be a gift from the gods to Ozona. Ozona's present Chamber of Commerce seems to have died a natural death. It advertised the Hotel and then perished—which was pretty good, we suppose, at \$5 a year flat membership fee and nothing to sustain the interest. A Chamber of Commerce organized after the methods used in other towns, with individual membership fees, and firm membership fees based on the financial status of the business firm and monthly or quarterly dues, and with a paid FULL TIME secretary could do more for this town in a month than could be done in the present individual, haphazard unorganized manner in a year. If a Chamber of Commerce is to get anything done, somebody must be on the job all the time and in our acquaintance there is nobody who can afford to give this organization the time it should have to make it a success in addition to holding down his other business or position, not even excepting ourselves.

It is to be hoped that the next attempt that is made along this line will be carried out along the line of methods that have been tried and not formulated after the fashion of a social club.

Mitchell—Magruder—Summerall. Remember those three names. They represent the great truth concerning our National Defense. In the air—on the sea—and on land.

We have just witnessed the final chapter in the public disciplining and humiliation of one of the above trio for telling the people what he thought was the matter with his department.

Brigadier-General Mitchell—Assistant Chief of the Army Air Service, was 100 years ago dropped from his command and demoted for telling how the Army and Navy bureaucrats were throttling the infant air service.

Maj. Gen. Charles F. Summerall highest ranking officer of the U. S. Army—was summoned back to Washington in the midst of an inspection tour of army barracks because he said at San Diego, Calif., on October 11—“I have seen German prisoners housed in better quarters than our American soldiers are now occupying. His criticism was against a bigwaddy Congress which keeps our soldiers quartered in hovels that would not be tolerated in a logging camp.”

Admiral T. F. Magruder wrote an article for a magazine in which he said we were spending \$300,000,000 per year for a \$200,000,000 Navy—which did not include the appropriations for new ships. He was relieved of his post, ordered to Washington—and now is “awaiting orders” which likely means he will have nothing to do but warm his heels until the retirement age creeps up on him.

Isn't it about time such high-handed dictatorship methods were ended? There is no place for Mussolini tactics in running the American army, navy, and air services. Sacrifices of men like Mitchell, Magruder and Summerall are unnecessary, wrong and dangerous. They serve notice to all army and navy air officers that they must remain muzzled—or risk their careers.

Such procedure bars the only reliable source of criticism and improvement in our national defense—criticism from the inside—would arouse healthy public senti-

Your Druggist

Can simplify your Christmas shopping. Take the children to see his stock of TOYS. Let them choose for themselves—they have your blessing as their choice stays till Christmas. P. 22

San Antonio Drug Co.

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Mrs. Lucy B. Garber of 8th Oklahoma district lives in Washington with her Congressman husband—but her heart is back home, with her chicken ranch—from where she sells 140,000 fowls each year; her shipments of eggs going to N. Y. City.

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West Texas Club Formed At Baylor

Three Ozona Girls In Largest Of Locality Clubs In School

Belton, Texas, December 14—The West Texas Club is one of the largest locality clubs at Baylor College for Women. Twenty-seven towns are represented with

forty-two members and it is hoped that more will be enlisted in a short time. Miss Elizabeth Fry, Abilene, instructor of biology, was chosen sponsor.

At the first meeting of the Club the following officers were elected: President, Helen Watson, Sanderson; Vice-president, Cleo Davis, Sweetwater; secretary-treasurer, Leta Ragsdale, Santa Anna; reporter, Katharine Williams, San Angelo; yell leaders, Jack Smith, Ballinger, and Jack Eubanks, Cisco.

Ballinger ranks first in the number of members: Anna Beth Alexander, Ida Mae Voelkel, Mildred Brevard, Jack Smith, Nellie Smith. Three tie for second place: Rotan, LaVerne Stockton, Gail Brown, Orma Lee Abernathy; Sweetwater

Lillie Mae McMillan, Cleo Davis, Fannie Whittenburg; Ozona, Wanda and Gussie Watson, Louise Hoover.

Other towns represented are: Brady, Mary Elizabeth Wood; Ruby, Maurine Alvis; Pecos, Ruby Peor; San Angelo, Katherine Ard and Katharine Williams; Lamesa, Thelma Lee Norman; Haskell, Marguerite McCollum, Mertzon, Vina Belle and Mollie Drew DeLong; Tahoka, Opal Cooper; Comstock, Johnye O'Bryan; Llano, Marjorie Laning; Marfa, Vera Sutherland; Fort Stockton, Margaret Martin; Sanderson, Helen Watson; Grand Falls, Eleanor Eudaly; Stamford, Louise Wallace and Bertha Harwell; El Paso, Margaret Sue Neal; Big Springs, Frances Douglas and Louise Rogers; Knox

City, Grace Osborn; Graham, Pat-sy Cope; Cisco, Jack Eubank; Santa Anna, Leta Ragsdale; Wichita Falls, Ruth Barnett; Iowa Park, Janette Quick and Jewel Thompson.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

The second grade, Miss Lula Evans teacher, motivated its language work last week with Santa Claus letters. Miss Evans was requested to allow the children to select the letter they thought best for publication. Mary William's letter was chosen. It is printed below exactly as it was written.

Ozona, Tex. Dec. 13, 1927.

Dear Santa: I wonder if you have started

from the North Pole. Anyway I will tell you what I would like for Christmas. First a tea set, a new doll head for lady Maude, a book with fairy stories, a doll buggy and Santa lots of good things to eat.

If there is another little girl I know and if you do not have enough toys I will share mine with her.

I thank you for the things that you brought me last Christmas. I wish you and Mrs. Santa Claus a merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Mary Williams.

Christmas Bargains In Used Cars

For Sale—Chrysler "60" Roadster. Run only 17,000 miles. In good

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Chrysler "60" two-door Sedan. Motor just overhauled. In good shape.

Standard Buick Roadster, 1926 model. Drive this car and you will buy it at our price.

Wilson Motor Co. Itc We have some good used cars which we will trade for lots in Ozona or San Angelo. If you have anything to trade see me.

Lee Wilson Itc.

Dr. Hollis Weaver, a former resident of Ozona, now practicing dentistry in Houston, passed thru Saturday on his way home after a visit in El Paso.

Our Practical Pattern No. 1115



Dressed for the Party

The soft little cape collar, the dashing ribbon bows and the practical matching bloomers make this dainty sleeveless frock an ideal party dress for the little tot. It's a dress the little girl will love to wear. It would be delightfully dainty, made up in all white, using a soft silk crepe or in any shade of rose, blue or maize, with the bows at neck and pockets of satin ribbon to match.

However, for every day wear, a printed wash material in any color could be combined with ribbon to match to form a practical as well as pretty play frock.

May be obtained in sizes 2 to 6. Size 4 requires 2 1/2 yards of 40 inch material and 2 1/2 yards ribbon for trimming. No dressmaking experience is needed to make Design No. 1115 if you use these patterns.

Patterns will be delivered to any address upon receipt of 25c in cash or U. S. Postage. Address this newspaper.

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Our Practical Patterns
No. 1226



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No dressmaking experience is needed to make Design No. 1226. Size 36 obtained in sizes 36 to 48. Use 40 yards of 1 1/2 yards of 40 inch material and 1/2 yard of material for vest.

Patterns will be delivered to any address upon receipt of 25c in cash or U. S. Postage. Always mention size wanted. Address: Pattern Dept. this newspaper.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends for their kindness and sympathy at the death of our beloved husband, son and brother, Charles Emmett Perner. It seems that nothing that human hearts and hands could offer or do to lighten our burden of sorrow was left undone. Your kind words of sympathy and thoughtfulness will ever be a source of great comfort to us.

We also wish to thank you for the beautiful floral offerings.

May God bless each and every one.

Mrs. Charles E. Perner and children
Mrs. Mary E. Perner and children
Mrs. Roy Paul
M. and M. Wheeler Cass

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brisson are the parents of an 11-pound girl born Sunday morning. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Mr. Brisson is instructor in vocational agriculture in the Ozona High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carson came home from San Angelo Monday after taking Mr. McKinley Norman to that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dudley and Mrs. Joe David were in San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. Otto Drake visited relatives in San Angelo over the weekend.

Bill Cramer was in Austin on business last week.

Hugh Childers, Sr. was confined to his home several days last week on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Graham returned Sunday from San Antonio where Mr. Graham underwent a minor operation the first of last week.

Pat Lee was in San Antonio last week for medical attention.

Mrs. Eula Montgomery of San Angelo was visiting relatives here several days.

You can well understand what sort of man he will grow up to be when we tell you—that he sneaks up on the tackling dummy at football practice.

Science now tells us that man has been intelligent for 450,000 years—which will be news to a lot of married women.

Any person worrying about money can a way find a doctor to relieve them of that.

The Ghoul

By Albert T. Reid



President Coolidge—"Snoop! You shall not rob the dead."

Judge Chas. E. Davidson was confined to his home this week on account of illness.

Bob Weaver has returned from Dallas where he has been taking a course in business college for the last several months. He will spend the Christmas holidays here, returning to resume his work the first of the year.

BUICK DELIVERIES

The following recent deliveries were reported by the Wilson Motor Company, distributors of

Buick automobiles in Ozona and Big Lake:

Steve Coose, Standard Town Brougham; H. C. Tebay, Big Lake, Standard Country Club Coupe; Roy Henderson, Master Brougham; Boyd Clayton, Standard Country Club Coupe.

The following cars have been sold and will be delivered this weekend. Mr. Wilson reported: Early Baggett, Master Country Club Coupe; Floyd Henderson, Master Town Brougham; and Rachel Schraeder, Standard Coupe.

Recent Bride Honored With Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. Charles Davidson, Jr., a recent bride, was honored with a bridge luncheon last Thursday given by Mrs. Joe T. Davidson, Mrs. Frank McMullen and Miss Dixie Davidson at the home of Mrs. Davidson.

The house was made attractive with Christmas decorations. Garlands were hung in the windows and red candles set in artificial

snow graced the piano and tables. The guests took their score cards from a beautiful little Christmas tree before taking their places at the tables where a delicious luncheon consisting of turkey with all its accessories was served before beginning the games.

Mrs. Ralph Meinecke was awarded high score prize, a piece of flat silver, and Mrs. Davidson, the honor guest was given a lovely silver pitcher.

Those present were: Mesdames Charles E. Davidson, Jr., Tommy Hunter, Albert Bailey, Tiger, J. W. North, Ralph Meinecke, Warren Clayton, Nelson Hawkins, Welton Bunker, Early Baggett, Evert White, W. J. Grimmer, Rogers, Rice Lynn, Worth Odom, and Misses Vivian Baggett, Mary Bell Flowers, Willie Sue Montgomery, Hester Bunker, Emma Lou Phillips and Gertrude North.

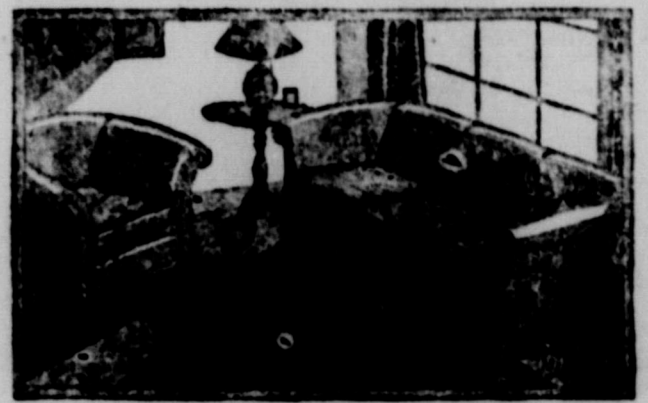
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Renew for your Star Telegram at the Stockman office. Bargain Days rates now in effect. \$7.45 daily and Sunday. You save \$2.55.

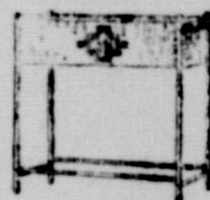
Without any authentic statistics or census at hand we would say that the principal lines of business in the United States at this time are beauty parlors and filling stations.

Home Gifts



FOR the practical person, for the lover of beauty, for one who wants comfort and luxurious ease—for any of these the home gift is the one that will be most appreciated.

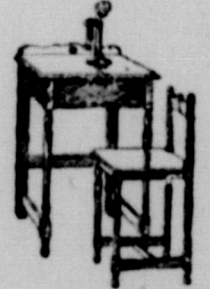
Give the whole family a living room suite, a gift of lasting quality and comfort. One similar to that shown above \$217.50



To brighten a room during winter months a fernery of fibre \$4.25



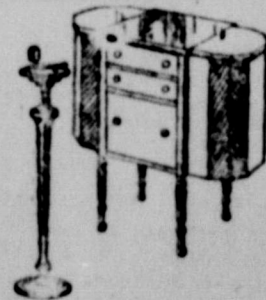
Little telephone sets consisting of stand and chair are very up-to-date gifts \$15.75



How many housewives are always needing another table? An attractive one with six sides \$22.50

An end table (not illustrated) in popular styles, up from \$7.50

A smoking stand, well finished and sturdy, makes an inexpensive gift at only \$1.75



Give her a sewing cabinet. She'll derive greatest pleasure from a Martha Washington \$13.50



If you choose a chair, select one that is out of the ordinary in style. Similar to the one shown \$22.50



Make this a Radio Christmas by giving the family a Radiola — Product of General Electric Corp. and the last word in perfect reception.

The General Electric Refrigerator, another handsome Christmas present, one she would appreciate for years to come. Guaranteed by General Electric. This refrigerator is the most nearly perfect electrical icing unit ever perfected. See the different models on display in our show room.

Still Another Gift Suggestion

Give tire mileage—General Tires. They go a long way to make friends.

Wilson Motor Company

Ozona

Big Lake

Angelo Furniture Co.

BLACKSHEEP!

By Meredith Nicholson

Illustrations by Henry Jay Lee



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INTRODUCTION

Archibald Bennett, wealthy bachelor, travels constantly in the interest of his health. He meets Isabel Perry, who recommends a life of crime, adventure, romance and excitement as a cure for his nerves. Archie goes to Bailey Harbor to investigate a house for his sister, while there he has a pistol duel with an intruder and the intruder is wounded. To evade publicity he flees across country on foot. He is stopped at dawn by "The Governor," master-mind criminal, with whom he joins forces. At Cornford, N. H., Archie meets Isabel but is snubbed.

"How about those blood stains on the sidewalk at Bailey Harbor?" asked the Governor in his blandest tones. "When you speak of getting in deep you forget that someone besides Hoky was shot back yonder. You came to me red-handed from a deed of violence, and I took you in and became your protector, asking no questions. It's the basest in gratitude for you to whimper over a small larceny when you have added assault or murder to the liabilities of our partnership! But don't forget for a moment that we're pals and pledged to see each other through."

The reference to the blood stains reported by Bailey Harbor police threw Archie back instantly upon the Governor's mercy. Complicity in the robbery of Seebrook was nothing compared with the haunting fear that the man he had shot in the Congdon house had died from his wound. Unable to determine this question he was floundering in a veritable sea of crime. The Governor was undressing with

provoking indifference to his companion's perturbation.

"Sleep, lad, sleep! You may be sure that nothing will harm us tonight, and I have faith that more stirring adventures are ahead of us. I forgive you for your qualms and quavers, the pardonable manifestations of youth and inexperience. We walk in slippery places but we shall not stumble, at least not while the Governor keeps his head!"

Nothing appealed to Archie as of greater importance than the retention by his companion of the head that now lay chastely upon a snowy pillow. A handsome well-formed head, a head suggestive of family and the pride of race, though filled with the most complicated mental machinery with which a human had ever been endowed.

"Put out the lights and get out to your couch," the Governor muttered drowsily.

The man certainly wore his crimes lightly. He was sound asleep before Archie had got into his pajamas.

CHAPTER VI

When they reached the dining-room at ten the next morning, they found Seebrook and Walters just finishing breakfast. Miss Seebrook was having coffee in her room, her father explained in response to Archie's polite inquiries.

"We're hoping to get away this afternoon," he continued. "It will take only a few minutes to transact our business when the man I am waiting for appears; but he's

an uncertain quantity, and there's no telling when he'll show up. But we're having a good time and I shan't mind another day or two. If only you gentlemen would bear us company!"

"Ah, you are very kind!" said the Governor; "but we must resume our ramble toward the Pacific. We are more or less dated up for little entertainments on the way."

Seebrook and Walters lingered in the office as Archie and the Governor paid their account. As they waited for their car to be sent round from the Garage a machine drew up and discharged a short, wiry, elderly man in a motor coat that was much too large for him. He was accompanied by and enormous amount of luggage and from the steps of the inn gave orders in a high piping voice as to the manner of its disposal. As the various pieces were hustled into the office he enumerated them in an audible tone as though inviting the co-operation of all the loungers in making an inventory of his effects. When this had been concluded Seebrook stepped up and accosted the newcomer.

"Mr. Congdon I am very glad to see you. I hope you are not worn out by your drive."

"Worn out!" snapped the little man. "Do you imagine a run of a hundred miles would fatigue a man of my constitution? I assure you that you are greatly mistaken. I feel as though I were a day or two younger. I don't feel a day over fifty, not a day, sir. But I shall rest for a few hours as a precaution, a mere precautionary measure and be able to meet you for

our little business at two-thirty sharp."

"That will suit me perfectly," replied Seebrook.

Archie hung about impatiently waiting for the Governor to make his farewells to the old lady and her granddaughters on whom he had expended his social talents at the dance. Mr. Congdon was quarreling with the clerk over the location of the room he had reserved. Having frightened the clerk into readjusting the entire registration to accommodate him, he demanded to know whether his son, Mr. Putney Congdon, was stopping in the house.

Assured that Mr. Putney Congdon was not in the inn and hadn't been there within the recollection of the office staff, the senior Congdon exploded violently upon Seebrook and Walters.

"Things have come to a pretty pass in this busy turvy world when a man can't find his own son for three days. I've been wiring his clubs and all other places he could possibly be without result. And I have learned that his wife has left Bailey Harbor and the house there is closed. Closed! How dare they close that house when I was about to pay them a visit?"

Seebrook and Walters expressed their sympathy in mild tones that roused the old gentleman to greater fury.

"Can a whole family be obliterated and no trace left behind? Is it possible that they've been murdered in their beds, servants and all, and the police not yet aware of it?"

At the mention of murder Archie began stealthily feeling his way along the cigar counter to a water cooler. There seemed to be no escaping from the Congdons and here was the father of Putney boldly publishing to the whole state of New Hampshire his fear that his son had been murdered.

The concentration of the hotel staff upon the transfer of Mr. Congdon's luggage to his room left the Governor and Archie to manage the removal of their own effects to the waiting car. Seebrook and Walters obligingly assisted laughing at Congdon's eccentricities.

Seebrook seized the Governor's kit bag containing the sixty thousand dollars and carried it out to

the car. The sight of it in Seebrook's hand gave Archie sensations of nausea that were not relieved by the grin he detected on the Governor's face. Within an hour or two at most the substitution and robbery would be discovered and the country would ring with the demand for their detention. But the Governor was carrying off the departure with his usual gaiety. It was clear that he had made the most favorable impression upon Seebrook and Walters; and in the cordial handshaking and expressions of hope for future meetings Archie joined with the best spirit he could muster. A cheery good-by caused him to look up. Miss Seebrook with a red rose in her hand waved to him from her window.

As he lifted his cap she dropped the rose with a graceful sweep of the arm.

"Like the old stage coach days!" cried the Governor applauding

him and see!

Archie's catch.

He jumped into the machine and Archie scrambled after him. Archie's last impression of the inn was the blur of a waving handkerchief in Miss Seebrook's window.

"We are a success, my boy! You bore yourself marvelously well," said the Governor testing the gears. Ah, that little touch of the rose was worth all our peyils; nothing in my experience was ever prettier than that! A lovely girl; you might do worse if you were not al-

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EXPERT WATCH REPAIRING

I am now back home and am prepared to do your watch and clock repairing. I do the work in my study at the residence. Either take it there or leave it at Smith's Drug Store. 21 years experience at the bench. Walter Cook. Cook can fix that watch or clock—try him and see!

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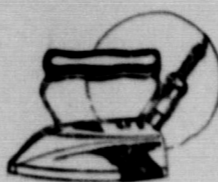


Our enlarged store, which has given us several hundred more feet of floor space, makes it possible for us to offer you a greater selection of Christmas goods than ever before in our history.

Every department is chuck full of Christmas gifts, from handkerchiefs to expensive furs, cloaks, dresses, men's suits, overcoats, etc. The additional space given by our recent expansion has given us an opportunity to greatly increase our stock and our holiday lines has been bought with a view to making this truly the Christmas store of all West Texas.

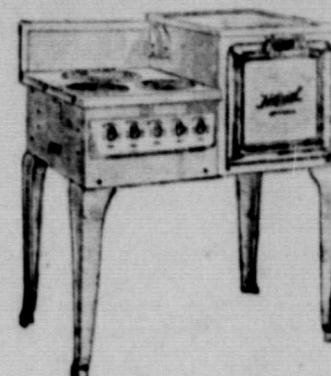
Be sure when you are in San Angelo for your Christmas shopping to come in and look over the hundreds of suggestions for practical giving, gifts that are useful and therefore appreciated.

Electrical Gifts for Christmas



Hotpoint Ranges

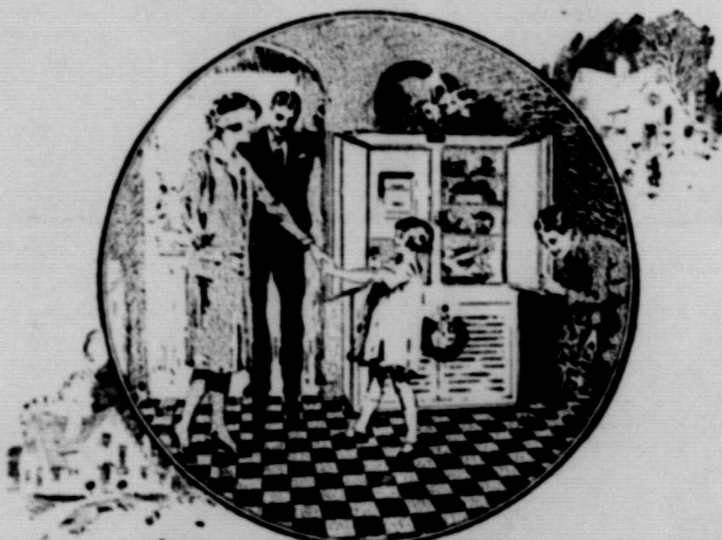
The ideal gift for the home. Make her happy the whole year through



Frigidaire

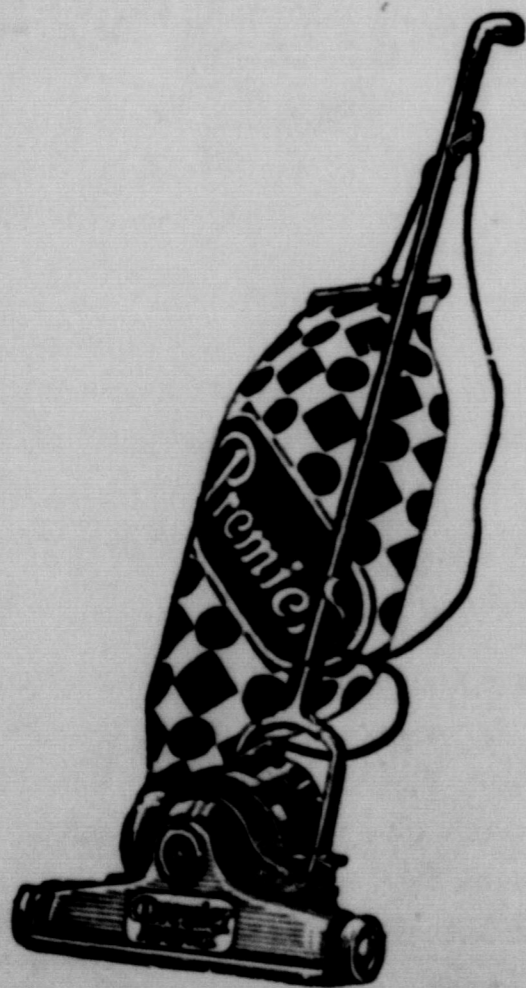
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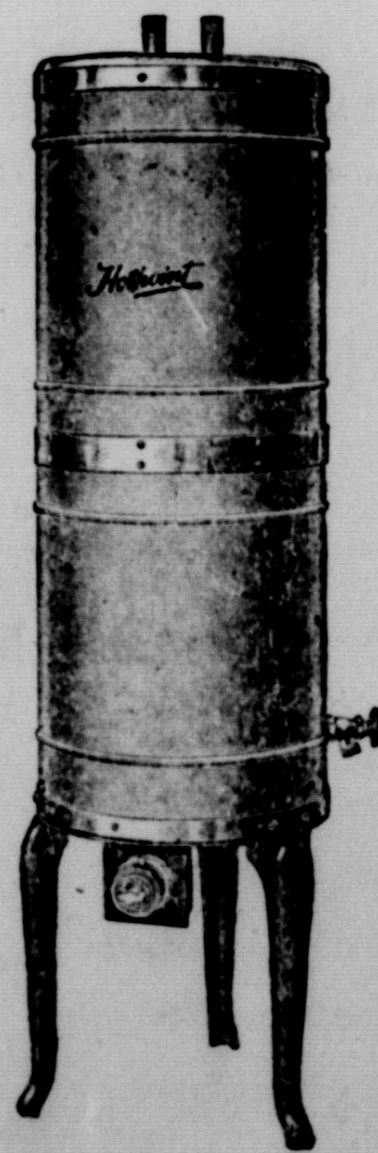


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Don't Be One Sided on Prohibition

Underneath all this wordy warfare between the wets and the dries and between the noble and free-born souls that enjoy the privilege of getting drunk whenever they please, and the fanatics who want to interfere with other people's liberty, lies the question, what, after all, is the net condition of the common man?

For we are not so much interested in crime among the rich and fashionable, nor with the case of the down-and-outers as we are concerned with the condition of the ordinary, average man.

Perhaps it is true, as asserted, by the wets, that more liquor is drunk under prohibition than ever before, more gilded youths are car-

rying gin in their hip pockets, and a more murderous brand of booze is being consumed.

But the fact remains that the average man who has to work for his living and gets a modest stipend therefor, does not drink liquor simply because he cannot afford it. Much more liquor may be drunk now, but the working man does not care to pay fifty cents or one dollar for a drink.

A recent survey made by Prof. Herman Feldman, of Dartmouth College, published in the Christian Science Monitor, establishes the fact that since the advent of prohibition there has been an amazing increase in the productivity of the wage earner, embracing almost every industry in the coun-

try. For instance, the output of the rubber tire worker was 139 percent greater in 1925 than in 1919, and this is a typical instance, not the exceptional one.

Labor bodies opposed the passage of the prohibition amendment, but the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics calls attention to the almost unbelievable increase in the productivity of the worker during the past few years.

As a matter of fact, the much-cursed prohibition amendment has placed the United States industrially in the fore front of the world. It may have been unwarrantable interference with our personal liberty, but the effect of it has been to increase our personal efficiency, and the effect of most men is in the direction of increasing their efficiency by learning

how to restrict their liberties. Some people may think that being the most industrially effective nation in the world does not mean much, but most of us think that it does and are willing to pay the price.

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ready plighted. If she had come down to say good-by it would have been much less significant. But the rose, the red, red rose! It wouldn't be a bad idea to stick it in an envelope and mail it to the girl you were telling me about—the one who sent you forth to shatter kingdoms. I guess that would jostle her a little, particularly if you were to enclose a line telling her that it had fallen to your hand from a curtained lattice."

"I don't know her address," mumbled Archie.

He suggested the dangers of their situation, thinking that here at last was something that would sober the Governor. But the Governor merely laughed as he swung the car around a sharp corner.

"Don't you believe that I hadn't a care for our safe flight! You must learn to use your eyes, son. There was one of the brotherhood of the road right there in the office when we left. I gave him instructions last night. He's a sneak thief of considerable intelligence who gave me the sign as I was pretending to leave for that call on my old friend. I smuggled him upstairs to keep watch for me and he proved himself a fellow of decided merit. He'll be hanging around Cornford today and as the absurd police will be obliged to make an arrest to save their reputations he will put himself in their way and encourage the idea by subtle means that he might have been the malefactor who robbed Seebrook's trunk and left Leary's bills behind. They will be unable to make a case against him but he'll probably get thirty days for loitering. Then he will walk out and draw a thousand dollars from one of our little private banks further along the road for so chivalrously throwing himself into the breach! I can find you men who will do a year's time to save the men higher up. This satisfies the public as to the zeal of its paid protectors and makes it possible for men of genius like you and me to walk in high places unmolested. A damnable system, Archie, but we learned it from the

greedy trust magnates. You take the wheel; it just occurs to me that you said you were a fair driver."

CHAPTER VII.

With all his outward candor the Governor had, Archie found, reserves that were quite unaccountable. He let fall allusions to his past in the most natural fashion, with an incidental air that added to their plausibility, without ever tearing aside the veil that concealed his origin or the manner of his fall, if, indeed, a man who so jubilantly boasted of his crimes and seemed to find an infinite satisfaction and delight in his turpitude, could have said to have fallen. Having mentioned Erattleboro as the point at which they were to foregather with Red Leary, the Governor did not refer to the matter again, but chose routes and made detours without explanation.

It was on the second afternoon out of Cornford that the Governor suddenly bade Arche, whom he encouraged to drive much of the time, pause at a gate.

"We linger here son. May I suggest that you take your cue from me? Bill Walker is an honest dairyman to all intents and purposes but really an old crook who got tired of dodging sheriffs and blood hounds and bought this farm. A sober, industrious family man, you will find him, with a wife and one daughter. This is one of the best stations of the underground railroad; safe as a mother's arms, and you will never believe you're not the favored guest of a weekend party. Walker's an old chum of Leary's. They used to cut up in the most reprehensible fashion out West in old times. You've probably wondered what becomes of old crookes. Walker is of course an unusual specimen, for he knew when the quitting was good, and having salted away a nice little fortune accumulated in express holdups, he dwells here in peace and passes the hat at the meeting house every Sunday. You may be dead sure

that only the aristocracy of our profession have the entree at Walker's.

A gray-bearded man with a pronounced stoop, clad in faded blue overalls, was waiting for them at the barn.

"Just run the machine right in,"

he called.

The car disposed of, the Governor introduced Archie as one of his dearest friends, and the hand Archie clasped was undeniably roughened by toil. Walker mumbled a "glad-to-see-ye" and lazily

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"PRISONERS OF THE STORM"

A Tremendous Drama of the snow country from the pen of James Oliver Curwood

Tuesday

Monte Blue
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Wednesday & Thursday

"THE LOST WORLD"

At last "The Lost World" is coming. You've heard of it, of the remarkable reproduction of prehistoric beasts and the thrilling experiences of modern men in a prehistoric age.

Friday

Ramon Novarro and Marceline Day
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"THE ROAD TO ROMANCE"

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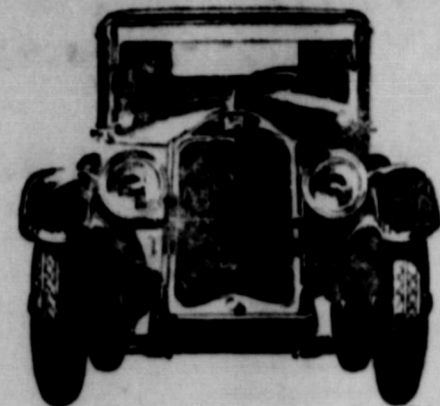
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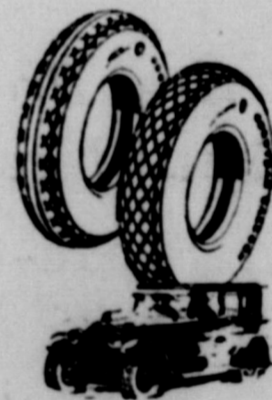
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Run—Before Its Too Late

Dear Miss Flo:

Many months ago I read your article in which you advised a girl to give up the married man whom she loved. I too, was faced with the same problem, and I tried to follow your advice. I was deeply in love with my employer—so I gave up the lucrative position which I held. I haven't seen or heard from him since, but my love for him has increased rather than abated, and my triumph of will-power and self-respect is bringing me very little consolation. I am utterly miserable. I know that he is making a great effort to forget and fulfill the duty he owes to his wife and children, and that he is just as unhappy as I. Divorce is impossible.

And, withal, I cannot believe that such a remedy is ever a cure. Life is so short, so bitter, why aren't we justified in taking our happiness where we find it, forgetting our conventions and inhibitions, and stealing a few moments of love.

L. A.
One argument which has often been used against women working in offices is that they are always falling in love with their employers and being miserable about it. While I know that such accusation is unjust, I am becoming rather impatient with those women who do seem to justify the argument. They seem to envelop the man with a veil of glamor and romance which he is far from deserving, and, manlike, he can't resist the flattery and the first thing you know there is what is commonly called "an affair."

And a most unfortunate affair for everybody concerned. If it is a mere scratch on the heart, such as most affairs with married men are, it might heal in a few months without even leaving a scar.

But no remedy is a universal

cure, guaranteed never to fail, and while it is true that time and absence do almost always cure, they are not always effective. For there are men and women who love but once and who are faithful to that love until death. Then the wound goes deeper—and it might take years for even the surface of the wound to heal over, and there might never be a moonlight night on which the old hurt would not throb with dull pain.

Perhaps you are one of those few women capable of feeling a great love. If you are, you have no choice but to go on loving. Time will lessen your grief and dull the edge of your loss, and while you may never be completely happy, you will not always be miserable.

Not nearly as miserable as you will be if you yield to the temptation to steal a few moments of love. You have no more right to steal that which rightfully belongs to another woman than you have to steal anything else you want and haven't got. You cannot justify the philosophy.

What happiness would you find knowing yourself guilty? There are women without moral sense, weak creatures who are the victims of their own desires, and who take the easiest way to their desires and who may possibly be happy and content following such a code. But the kind of woman who

of her own free will and accord has had the courage to make a good fight against temptation, would be utterly miserable in such a manner. There are too many centuries of virtue behind her, too many women who have held their honor spotless. You could not abandon yourself to your temptation, for you would die of self-loathing.

All that I said before, in the article to which you refer, holds true and you must give the time cure a sufficient test. And the moral of the story, for other girls, never work in close association with a married man with whom you believe you are falling in love. Run—before it is too late.

POSTED—All my pastures are posted. Anyone caught trapping, hunting, and especially hunting with headlights, will be prosecuted. J. Bert Kincaid. 36-10tp.

POSTED—My ranch lands lying in Crockett County. Trespassing without my consent positively forbidden. S. E. Couch. —29-tfc

POSTED—My ranches lying in Crockett and Val Verde Counties. Trespassing positively forbidden. T. A. Kincaid. —1tp

The regular meeting of the Ozona chapter of the Eastern Star will take place on the 3rd Tuesday night of each month.

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Rev. Fulmer Receives Tiger Skin Hat From Missionary In Brazil

Rev. M. M. Fulmer, pastor of the Ozona Baptist Church, was displaying one of the most novel hats ever seen in Ozona this week.

It was a "Brazilian Cowboy" hat made of tiger skin throughout, with the natural hair on both crown and brim. This novel hat was sent to Mr. Fulmer by E. A. Nelson, missionary to Brazil whose mission work is being financed by the local congregation.

The hat was placed on display in the window of the Jones Saddlery and attracted considerable attention. Most of the cowboys in Brazil wear hats made from the tiger skin, Mr. Nelson wrote. The crown is fashioned from a solid piece of skin, with no seams or breaks.

Total Seal Sales Double In Amount Over Last Report

By Wednesday noon of this week the Christmas Seal Sale for the benefit of tuberculosis work in Texas amounted to \$103.92, almost double the amount reported last week. The sale has slowed up considerably but has by no means halted.

The fifth grade still leads, with the seventh a close second. The fourth grade is third, with the third grade close on its heels and holding fourth place. The sale by departments of the school Wednesday of this week was as follows:

- Primary grades, \$36.22 - fourth grade leading.
- Junior High \$44.71, fifth grade leading.
- High School, \$19.65, ninth grade leading.
- Mexican School, \$19.44.
- Miss Wheat is sponsor of the leading fifth grade. Miss Doty of



the close-following seventh, Miss Burton of the lively third placers, and Miss Kaderli of the leading high school grade, the sophomores. Next week a final report will be published. Not until then will one grade be allowed to know what other grades have accomplished in actual amounts of sales. The sales for each grade and the per capita for each pupil will be given. Already the total of \$103.92 is in excess of the sales of any previous year, but only slightly in excess of that of last year.

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Thursday, December 15, we start our 37th Anniversary Sale, continuing until Christmas Evening. Owing to the extreme warm weather during the early Fall, the sale of Winter Merchandise had a tendency to slow up. Therefore, our Anniversary caught us heavily loaded on merchandise wanted by the public today. But being our policy for years to celebrate our anniversary during December, we are offering our Entire stock at a great sacrifice. We realize to reduce such stock to its normal size, we must take drastic reductions in all departments. Seriously and thoughtfully this Sale is not to make profit but a determined effort to move goods, make new friends, and show our appreciation of your patronage in the past. One of the greatest advantages of this sale is that it comes just in time to do your Christmas shopping, which means a great saving to all, for all of our Holiday merchandise is included. Remember after 37 years of successful merchandising, we have always had one view in mind and that is in buying our goods, first consider quality and then the price. Therefore you have this protection in trading with us.

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Our buyers have not searched the markets for merchandise to offer at a price during this sale because we are well aware of the fact that quality remains long after the price is forgotten. Remember the date December 15th to 24th inclusive. Attend our Greatest Sale early and buy your Winter Merchandise also do your Christmas shopping while our stock is complete.

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looked him over.

There was nothing in his speech or manner to suggest that he had ever been a road agent. He assisted them in carrying their traps to the house, talking farmer fashion of the weather, crops and the state of the roads. The house was connected with the barn in the usual New England style. In the kitchen a girl sang cheerily and hearing her the Governor paused and struck an attitude.

The girl appeared at a window, rested her bare arms on the sill and smilingly saluted them with a cheery "Hello there!"

"Look upon that picture!" exclaimed the Governor, seizing Archie's arm. "In old times upon Olympus she was cup-bearer to the gods but here she is Sally Walker, and never so charming as when she sits enthroned upon the milking stool. Miss Walker, my old friend, Mr. Comly, or Achilles, as you will!"

A very pretty picture Miss Walker made in the kitchen window, a vivid portrait that immediately enhanced Archie's pleasurable sensations in finding a haven that promised rest and security. Her black hair was swept smoothly from her forehead and there was the glow of perfect health in her rounded cheeks. Archie noted her dimples and the white even teeth that made something noteworthy and memorable of her smile.

"Well, Mr. Saulsbury, I've read all those books you sent me, and the candy was the finest I ever tasted."

"She remembers! Amid all her domestic cares, she remembers! My dear lad, the girl is one in a million!"

"You'd think Mr. Saulsbury was crazy about me!" she laughed. "But he makes the same speeches to every girl he sees, doesn't he, Mr. Comly?"

"Indeed not," protested Archie, rallying bravely to the Governor's support. He's been raving about you for days and my only surprise is that he so completely failed to give me the faintest idea—idea—"

"Of your charm, your ineffable beauty!" the Governor supplied.

"You'd better chase yourselves into the house now or pop'll be peevish at having to wait for you."

On the veranda a tall elderly man rose from a hammock where he had been reading a newspaper

and stretched himself. His tanned face was deeply lined but he gave the impression of health and vigor. "Leary," whispered the Governor in an aside and immediately introduced him.

"The road has been smooth and the sky is high," said the Governor in response to a quick anxious questioning of Leary's small restless eyes.

"Did you find peace in the churches by the way?" asked Leary.

"In one of the temples we found peace and plenty," answered the Governor as though reciting from a ritual.

Leary nodded and gave a hitch to his trousers.

"You found the waters of Champlain tranquil, and no hawks followed the landward passage?"

"The robin and the bluebird sang over all the road," he answered, then with a glance at Archie: "You gave no warning of the second pilgrim."

"The brother is young and innocent, but I find him an apt pupil," the Governor explained.

"The brother will learn first the wisdom of silence," remarked Leary, and then as an afterthought he shook hands with Archie.

They went into the house where Mrs. Walker, a stout woman, middle-aged, greeted them effusively.

"We've got to put you both in one room if you don't mind," she explained, "but there's two beds in it. I guess you can make out."

The second floor room to which Walker led them was plainly but neatly furnished and the windows looked out upon rolling pastures.

The Governor abandoned his high flown talk and asked blunt questions as to recent visitors, apparently referring to criminals who had lodged at the farm. They talked quite openly while Archie unpacked his bag. The restless activity of the folk of the underworld their methods of communication and points of rendezvous seemed part of a vast system and he was ashamed of his enormous interest in all he saw and heard. The Governor's cool fashion of talking to the world of crime and its denizens almost legitimized part of the accepted scheme of things.

Walker aroused the Governor's deepest interest by telling him of the visit of Pete Barney, a diamond thief, who had lately made a big

haul in Chicago, and had been passed along from one point to another.

Leary appeared a moment later and Archie was about to leave the room, but the Governor insisted stoutly that he remain.

"I'm anxious for you and Red to know that I trust both of you fully."

"What's the young brother—a con?" asked Leary with a glance at Archie.

To be referred to as a confidence man by a gentleman of Leary's professional eminence gave Archie a thrill. The Governor answered by drawing up his sleeves and going through the motions of washing his hands.

The brushing of the hands together Archie interpreted as a code sign signifying murder and the subsequent interchange of words he took to be inquiry and answer as to the danger of apprehension.

He felt that Leary's attitude toward him became friendlier from that moment. There was something ghastly in the thought that as the slayer of a human being he attained a certain dignity in the eyes of men like Leary. But he became interested in the transaction that was now taking place between the thief and the Governor. The Governor extracted the sixty one-thousand dollar from his bag, and laid them out on the bed. He rapidly explained just how Leary's hidden booty had been recovered, and the manner in which the smaller denominations had been converted into bills that could be passed without arousing suspicion.

Leary philosophically stowed the bills in his clothing.

"You're done, are you?" asked the Governor; "out of the game?"

"I sure have quit the road," Leary answered. "The old girl has got a few thousands tucked away and I'm going to pick her up and buy a motion picture joint or a candy and soda shop somewhere in the big lakes—one of those places that freeze up all winter, so I can have a chance to rest. The old girl has a place in mind."

"On the whole it doesn't sound exciting," the Governor commented, inspecting a clean shirt. "Did your admirable wife get rid of the pearls she pinched last winter? They were a handsome string, as I remember too handsome to mar-

ket readily. Mrs. Leary has a passion for precious baubles, Archie," the Governor explained. "A brilliant career in picking up such trifles; a star performer, Red, if you don't mind my bragging of your wife."

Leary seemed not at all disturbed by this revelation of his wife's larcenous affection for pearls. That a train robber's wife should be a thief seemed perfectly natural; indeed it seemed quite fitting that thieves should mate with thieves. Archie further gathered that Mrs. Leary operated in Chicago, under the guise of a confectionery shop, one of the stations of the underground railroad, and assisted the brotherhood in disposing of their ill-gotten wares. A recent reform wave in Chicago had caused a shake-up in the police department, most disturbing to the preying powers.

"They're clean off me, I reckon," said Leary a little pathetically, the reference being presumably to the pestiferous police. "That was a good idea of your's for me to go up into Canada and work at a real job for awhile. Must have worked hard enough to change my finger prints. Some bloke died in Kansas awhile back and got all the credit for being the old original Red Leary."

This error of the press in recording Leary's death tickled the Governor mightily, and Leary was obliged to wipe the tears from his eyes.

"I'm going to pull my freight after supper," he said. Walker's going to take me into town and I'll slip out to Detroit where the old girl's waitin' for me."

Walker called them to supper and they went down to a meal that met all the expectations aroused by the Governor's boast of the Walker cuisine.

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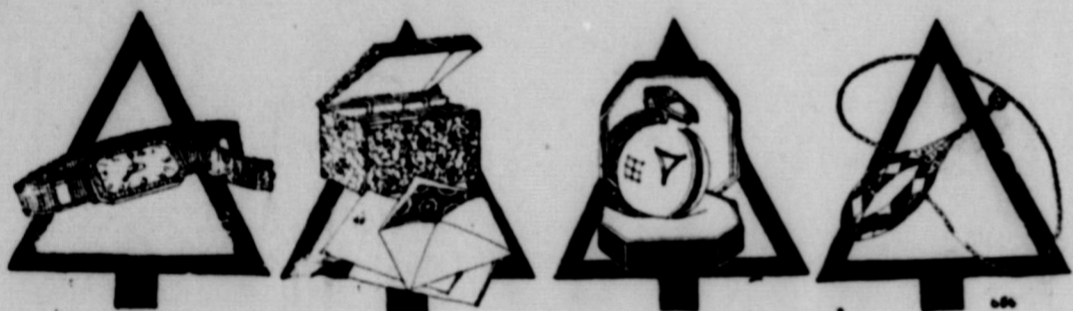
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Christmas Gifts Of Quality

You will have to come into our store and study our line of Christmas goods before you can realize just what a wonderful selection we have assembled for you this year. Positively the most complete and the highest class holiday merchandise ever brought to Ozona. We searched the markets in four of the great centers of Texas and topped out each with the highest quality merchandise offered, and what's more we are offering them to you at prices you can not beat and in most cases can not equal in Dallas or Fort Worth. That sounds like an idle boast but we invite you to come in and see for yourself.

We have a full line of Christmas goods for every member of the family, to fit every purse and every taste. One of the most complete, though necessarily limited, stocks of jewelry in West Texas; a full line of Community Plate silverware (everything Community make in all patterns); handbags, hatboxes and travelling bags of genuine cowhide, the best that money can buy; the newest glassware and chinaware on the market; gifts of every description for men, women, boys and girls—real gifts, practical gifts, quality gifts, gifts that keep on giving. These are a few surface suggestions of the kind of line we are offering Ozona people this Christmas. There is no need to go out of town this year for any gift you may want to make. You'll find it here, but you will have to come in and study our stock before you can fully appreciate it.

Smith's Drug Store
NO. 1 & 2

For Your Christmas Feast

Your Holiday menus should be selected carefully. You'll want only the best of food for the preparation of the Christmas feast. We have stocked up with fresh goods of all kinds especially for your Christmas dinner. If you are in need of ideas for the meal, just come in and look around at the many suggestions on our shelves.

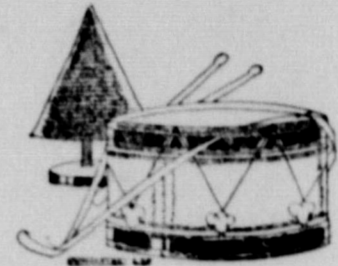
We will have fresh vegetables, nuts, fruits, and all kinds of holiday specialties. Phone us your order.



Chris Meinecke
The Store For Everybody



Come Down To TOYLAND



We have eye sparklers in every aisle for the kiddies. A maze of toys of every description to thrill both the boy and the girl. There are velocipedes, pedal cars, steel coaster wagons, footballs, airplanes, electric trains, wagons, books, sport goods, building sets, knives, dolls, sewing machines, doll carriages, desk and chair, and no end of unique and clever novelties which must be seen if one is to appreciate the cleverness of the ideas.

Gifts for the Home and for Every Member of the Family



TO THE MISSUS.— Give him a new hunting outfit. We have one of the most complete stocks of guns, ammunition and hunting paraphernalia in Ozona. Any one of these pieces will please him the whole year through.



LUGGAGE. The All-Year-Round Gift. There is no more acceptable gift than fine luggage. It is the gift that is used the whole year thru. Handbags of genuine cowhide, hatboxes, wardrobe trunks, suitcases, week-end bags—these are real gifts.



DOLLS.—Mama dolls, Baby dolls, Walking dolls, Lady dolls, Boy dolls.—Dolls of every description and style. Oberkampff's Toyland is a paradise for the little girls.



CHRISTMAS RECORDS.—The enjoyment of music is not confined to the yuletide—especially if you are fortunate enough to have a Victrola in your home. A Victrola or some new records will be a welcome gift to the family.



Give **SPORTING GOODS.**—What would be appreciated more than a new golf set, tennis racket, fishing tackle, football, skates, or any number of other suggestions in our sporting goods department.

JOE OBERKAMPFF
Headquarters For Santa Claus