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THE FARM BLOC MAY FORCE POTASH ISSUE

MIDLAND-ODESSA FIELD IS STILL INTERESTING IN WASHINGTON

President Coolidge's recommendation for the sale of Mussel Shoals to private interests, in his address to the members of the Sixty-eighth Congress, has aroused considerable antagonism, judging from lobby remarks that are going the rounds.

Strange to say, much of the opposition to the sale will develop from the small group, in both branches of Congress, known as the Farm Bloc. Early in Harding's administration, when the Mussel Shoals sale was assailed and defended with equal enthusiasm, farmer-members were, in the majority, inclined to favor the sale, if it would result in an advantage to the farmer, as claimed.

Since that time, investigation by government agents, which included a careful survey of all farming districts of the country, has disclosed the immediate and pressing demand—not for fertilizer, now, for the supply is adequate—but for definite and reliable sources from which the enormously increased demand of the near future is to come.

The farming problem of the near future is to be, according to the report, a matter of the use of fertilizer, scientifically prepared. The strength of the soils in many parts of the farming centers is running out. The elements thus overworked and run down must be replenished with properly constituted fertilizer.

Farming-members of Congress realizing the hopeless plight in which this country was during the war, when Germany controlled absolutely the potash supply of the world, are desirous of having the nation strengthened instead of relinquish, its facilities for making this country independent of the world for its fertilizer supply.

The three most important constituents to scientifically prepared fertilizer are potash, phosphate and nitrate. Florida contains 75 per cent of the phosphate supply of the world. Mussel Shoals can manufacture nitrate as long as power shall last. Potash alone, is the only one of the three of which, at present, this country is destitute.

Proponents of the move to make secure the fertilizer supply of the country, are going to be insistent upon proper consideration being given to the development of all three features before letting Mussel Shoals, with its unbelievable power, fall into the hands of private interests.

Within the last two months, Washington has been flooded with potash propaganda which strove to create the impression that Germany's control of the potash market of the world was broken and that the American supply was adequate of all purposes. The falsity of this can be readily seen from the records of the Department of Agriculture, which show the American production to be not greater than 30,000 tons annually, while the demand today is for over 300,000 tons annually for all purposes, with almost positive assurance of trebling the demand in the next five years.

The U. S. Geological Survey is responsible for what pioneer exploratory work has been done for potash, the most favorable results from which appear in West Texas, in the section known as the Midland-Odessa field.

Here, government experts believe they have found a potash bed that exceeds many times the German supply. Numerous efforts have been made to secure governmental sanction for the development of the deposit which Darton estimates contains thirty thousand billion tons of rock salt, the largest known supply of rock salt in the world, but no funds for the purpose have ever been made available.

At present, the only development work being carried on is by an organization from Lancaster, Pa., which is conducting a painstaking core test near Odessa, Texas, to ascertain exactly what the formations contain. The company maintains a well-equipped laboratory and staff of chemists on the ground and is working in hearty co-operation with officials of the U. S. Geological Survey, on the recommendation of which the tests are being made.

Experts now claim that the future of the American farmer for cheap

SNOW AGAIN THE FIRST OF THE WEEK

MISTING RAIN THIS MORNING WITH PROMISE OF BAD WEATHER

The Midland Country continues to be awfully wet—not awfully, either, but splendidly wet. Monday night a warm snow fell, a heavy one, too, but it was so warm that it all melted the next day.

Every day since the snow it has been warm enough; cattle are not hurt and the weed crop—a most bountiful one—continues to come along.

This morning the clouds are lowering again, and a heavy, mist-like rain is falling, sufficient, quite, to wet the ground again thoroughly and keep going that which promises to be the wettest winter we have ever had; and, consequently the earliest spring grazing.

Some stockmen say even without any more moisture the weed crop is bound to be fine.

That which is good for the stockman is also good for the farmer, just as good, and these "horny-handed sons of the sod" who take advantage of reasonable conditions now will have made long strides in the production of bountiful harvests in 1924.

A lot of new farmers have come to Midland County, too, most of whom come to us from points west of Abilene. They know what this country is, how to take it, how to work it, how to overcome such of the country's handicaps as may exist, and they'll stick and prosper.

The Midland Country is going to be a great cotton center; not only so, but it is going to be settled by men who believe in and by precept and example teach the wisdom of diversification; and then will come the time when four streets will grow where but one has been grown before.

WHAT SORT OF SNOW REMOVAL ON ROADS?

A good road may be badly injured by improper snow removal. As yet, clearing a highway of snow is "anybody's job" in most localities; if the State or county doesn't do it, the transportation company will. Indeed, many automobile trucking concerns in the Middle West and North have more adequate snow removal apparatus than the States, the roads of which they use.

But the private concern, in removing snow from a highway, naturally considers only its immediate benefit, and spends no more money on the task than necessity requires.

Snow removed from the complete width of the highway, down to the surface, permits the road to freeze, but it freezes all over, and in the spring, thaws all over. Snow removed from the center of a highway presents a strip for freezing, leaving the sides of the road protected from cold by snow. When the thaw comes and the snow disappears, the sides are left soft and the center hard; result, ruts and broken crown.

Snow which is removed but partially results in ruts in the covering mat of snow, which all wheeled vehicles follow. There is no more destructive treatment to be given any highway than a concentration of all loads on the same spot. The result is a speedy pushing aside of foundation stones, and a rutty condition which is extremely destructive of the road.

County, State, and municipal authorities can well afford to make regulations regarding snow removal, which will protect the highways which cost so much. An investment of five, ten, twenty, thirty thousand dollars a mile should not be imperiled because of unwillingness to spend a few dollars per mile during winter for proper and adequate snow removal.

fertilizer, rests on the favorable outcome of the Odessa operations.

The importance of commercial potash more than justifies the expenditure by the government of large sums for the development of the project. If a portion of the funds made available from the sale of Mussel Shoals will be diverted to develop the potash possibilities of the country, Coolidge can count on the support of the Farm Bloc. If some provision is not made, the Mussel Shoals recommendation is going to have another period of rough-sledding.

THOUGHTS AT CHRISTMASTIDE

If human nature is the combination of self-seeking, ambition and greed which some materialistic philosophers assert it is; if life is a contest in which all finer sentiments are subordinated to self-advancement and success at any price, how is it that the spirit of Christmas has not only endured but grown in power during nearly 2,000 years? If the pessimists are right, it would seem that the light would have been extinguished long since and with it the spirit would have departed.

Were history and our daily lives not replete with evidences—noble evidences too—of the unselfishness in men's hearts, we might be impressed with the teachings of the sordid and the carplings of the morbid. Christmas is the symbol and a celebration of love—love which is synonymous with charity and which our purest teaching tells us is the finest attribute of the soul. We, who during the past few weeks have watched the Yuletide preparations, are prepared to say that they represent a beautiful manifestation of that attribute.

We have noted the working girl taking home at night her parcels; contributions wrung from the dole of her necessities, in order that she may testify to her love and bring a measure of cheer to some child, some relative, some friend. Tired from her daily toil mayhap, but in her eyes that something which transcends all fatigue; transcends, in fact, everything else in the world and comparable only to that which shone from a mother's eyes upon the Babe in Bethlehem. Friends, in the face of these and so many other manifestations which we are all witnessing during this season, what right has one of us to say that the Light of the World grows dimmer?

Our hearts tell us there is no dim-

REV. J. C. BURKETT PREACHED SUNDAY

Rev. J. C. Burkett, of Abilene, and who for twelve years was pastor of the Baptist church in Midland, was here last Sunday morning and preached at the 11 o'clock hour in the Baptist church to a large audience.

Bro. Burkett is loved by all the old timers of Midland, and his coming is always heralded with delight, and while his coming at this time was a sad mission, being called to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Chris Schaubauer, he brought a message of gospel preaching that appealed to all.

Bro. Burkett is enthusiastic over the growth and development of Abilene, but stated in his preliminaries that Midland and the Midland Baptist church would always be held as a sacred memory in his life, for all of his family with the exception of one, had united with this church at one time. He preached a most powerful and inspiring sermon, and at the close nearly the entire audience came forward and greeted him.

Jim Flanigan and Earl Williams are expected to return today from A. & M. College at College Station.

Miss Alice Haley left the first of the week for Mineral Wells. She goes there to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Aycock.

Let us be thankful for the extra radiance of Christmas. Let us seek to carry it into our daily lives. Our wish is, that this occasion, at least, will help all of us to forget our tribulations and sorrows, our complaints and animosities, and that it will be to all a day of cheer and everything which Yuletide typifies. The words of Tiny Tim have never been improved upon and we here invoke them: "God bless us all!"

PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

High School Dept.
S. W. Seale, Principal.
Georgia Kirk Davis, Reporter.

The high school musical program last night at the Christian church was one of the best prepared, most efficiently rendered and tastefully arranged in the history of the high school. It consisted of two ensemble choruses by the entire high school of 150 voices, a girls' Christmas anthem by 90 girls, and a male chorus of 75 boys; the male choruses receiving quite an ovation. Individual numbers by Clinton Dunagan, Kitta Belle Wolcott, and Kenneth Johnson were favorably received. Supplementing the program and adding much to its atmosphere and standard of excellence were: An artistic piano solo by Miss Mabel Holt, of C. I. A., and a vocal trio by Misses Wall, Graves and Williams. The soprano and alto duet by Mesdames Proctor and Flanigan had to be omitted on account of the illness of one of the ladies, very much to the regret of the audience. The Christmas poem read by the entire high school was one of the best the high school has ever given. A packed house was evidence of the popularity of the high school Christmas programs. Some who heard the 500 boys sing before the State Teachers' Association in Ft. Worth remarked that our program compared favorably with it, although an expert music supervisor is in charge of the music there and much attention is given to the subject, and a wealth of material is there to draw from. The program appears in another column of The Reporter.

Mr. Seale, principal of the high school, will spend Christmas in Austin.

Mrs. Tolbert and Miss Pearce will probably spend the holidays here. Miss Herron will spend the holidays in Ft. Worth and Dallas. Miss Sneed will spend the holidays at her home in Ft. Worth. Supt. Lackey will spend Christmas with his mother in Caldwell.

Dorsey Pinnell left last Friday for Ranger.

Grammar School Dept.—Central Ward
Miss Barbara Barzak, Principal.
Margaret Francis and Louise Clayton, Reporters.

Miss Barzak will spend the holidays at her home in Hempstead, Texas. Miss Pickerill will spend the holidays with her mother in Roswell, N. M. Miss Graham will spend the holidays with her father and mother in Bryan.

Both high school and the grammar school departments are looking forward to the treat of hearing the Mexican school sing Friday afternoon at their several programs.

Willie Choate, from Corona, N. M., enrolled this week.

Grammar School—South Ward
L. L. Thomas, Principal.
Miss Barham, Reporter.

Our programs are completed, and we are expecting quite a large crowd today to hear them.

We regret very much indeed to lose Miss Oliphint. After the holidays she will enter school at Huntsville.

Most of the teachers are to leave for the holidays. Mr. Thomas will go to Goodnight, Miss Oliphint to Huntsville; Miss Barham to Stephenville, Miss Ballard to Dallas, Mrs. Gist to Memphis, and Miss Scott to Buena Vista.

Miss Ruby Barham left today for her home at Stephenville, where she will spend the holidays.

Mrs. Eli Jones and Mrs. Calvin Smith, of Odessa, were shoppers in Midland this week.

Miss Crystal Poole left today for her home in Denton where she is going to spend the Christmas holidays.

Hobby Gann, of Odessa, was in Midland the first of the week.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY GIFT

FORMER TOWNSMAN, RAY M. CAMP, WRITES OF SPLENDID ENDOWMENT

Texas Christian University, of Ft. Worth last Wednesday became the beneficiary of the \$4,000,000 estate of Mrs. Mary Couts Burnett of Ft. Worth. Mrs. Burnett also gave the institution \$150,000 cash for a library building, which will be erected within a short time. President Edward McShane Waits of the university said that the gift is one of the largest ever made toward education in the South.

The gift was made through a declaration of trust, which was filed by W. H. Slay, of Slay, Simon & Smith, local attorneys, who handle Mrs. Burnett's affairs. Trustees appointed by Mrs. Burnett will have charge of the fund. During her life Mrs. Burnett will act as chairman of the group, and after her death W. H. Slay will be chairman. Other members of the trustees are Dr. Charles Harris, Mrs. Ollie Lake Burnett, Mrs. Ella Bardin, all of Ft. Worth, and John Swett, president of the Farmers State Bank of Mexia.

All the real and personal property of Mrs. Burnett is included in the gift. This consists of an undivided half interest in the 6666 Ranch in Carson and Hutchinson counties, with an acreage of 107,000, on which two of the largest gas wells in the United States are now located; one-fourth interest in the mineral rights on 12,000 acres in Wichita County oil lands; half interest in the Burk Burnett building at Fourth and Main Streets, Ft. Worth; full interest in the Reynolds building at Houston and Eighth Sts., Ft. Worth; the family residence, and eight or nine other valuable buildings in the business district; all personal property in stocks and bonds and government securities and bank holdings valued near \$1,000,000.

One-fourth of the net income from all these properties will go to the school annually during the life time of Mrs. Burnett, and after her death the entire net proceeds will be given to the school, and in the final settlement the estate and the control will go into the hands of the school. The only exception is a gift of \$12,000 to go to the establishment of domestic science chair in a negro orphanage at Gilmer, Texas.

Texas Christian University was selected to receive the gift after a consideration extending over seven years, Mrs. Burnett said. It was her expressed hope that she was doing the best thing possible for the youths of Texas so that they in turn might make the most of their lives. She asked that Texas Christian University be made attractive to students in all parts of America.

President Edward McShane Waits said that the ambition of the university board, of which Sam J. McFarland, of Dallas, is chairman, was to have a \$1,000,000 endowment by June 1925, and he was almost overcome by this stupendous gift which makes these plans a reality. He pointed out that the funds would be used to develop the various chairs and departments to the point of being second to none.

This gift, coming as it does after Texas Christian University has celebrated, last June, the 50th anniversary of its founding with the raising of funds to liquidate all indebtedness on the \$1,250,000 plant, and the raising of the endowment to approximately \$800, puts the university in a position to make the greatest possible progress.

With the largest enrollment in the history of the school and with the most rapidly developing residential district of the city as a setting, located on the most popular driveway in the country, Texas Christian University is already seeing her best year of her fifty. With the additional endowment, it is thought that immediate developments will take place that will make it one of the largest and best equipped universities of the South.

Misses Jessie Hill, Zelma Hill, Lela Mary Heard and Jack R. Medlin and "Slick" Rutherford spent last week end in Rankin.

R. M. Barron and wife are now domiciled at the Llano.

Mrs. B. C. Hendricks was a shopper from Odessa this week.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

What a lot of good will and happiness there is in the heart of Christmas time.

Our sincere wish is that you will get your full share of both these, and that you will have the Merriest Christmas and Happiest New Year that you have ever known.

Midland Mercantile Co.

"THE APPRECIATIVE STORE"

HAPPY "HOLLY" DAYS

We desire to extend to our patrons and other friends the sincere wish that this may be the Happiest Holiday Season that has ever been yours.

Let us hold in our hearts that brotherly love which is inspired by the Master of All whose birth we celebrate and who gives us to experience that beautiful sentiment

"Tis better to give than receive."

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS

and

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Midland National Bank

Slogan—"There Is No Substitute for Safety."

BRINGS PROSPERITY TO THE SOUTHWEST

CONDITION OF COTTON MARKET
AND RECUPERATION SPEC-
TACULAR IN TEXAS

With a population of about 5,000,000 and a 1923 crop return of not less than \$1,000,000,000 the people of Texas are in the best financial shape of perhaps any State in the Union. The cotton crop alone will yield not less than \$700,000,000, including cotton seed and byproducts.

"It is hardly conceivable that any State could 'come back' as rapidly as Texas during the years from 1920 to 1923," says Oliver C. McQuage, of the cotton brokerage firm of Vogel-sang & McQuage, of Dallas. "When the bottom fell out of cotton prices in 1920 and 1921 on account of the enormous surplus of raw cotton and the inability of the world to pay for any kind of commodities except absolute necessities, the cotton-raising State of Texas was dealt a financial blow which many thoughtful men believed it would take years to overcome. Banks in the interior of Texas found that the loans which they made to the farmer for growing the

crop became "frozen" and the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank avoided what undoubtedly would have been a financial crisis by not extending the full extent of their resources to the 860 member banks on the district but also borrowed almost \$50,000,000 from other Federal Reserve Banks. That the situation is vastly different today is seen by the fact that the Dallas bank is investing more than \$30,000,000 in the open market because there exists no demand for it in this district.

May Raise 50 Per Cent of Crop
"The spectacular recuperation of Texas is primarily attributable to cotton production which has sold at a high price," says Mr. McQuage. "In 1920 nobody thought that this State would raise more than 40 per cent of the total American cotton crop in 1923. At present close students of this money-fetching commodity are of the opinion that Texas will in a few years grow 50 per cent of the crop if no method of weevil control is discovered. Certainly the available land for cotton cultivation, particularly in West Texas, open country which affords no winter hibernation for the weevil, and better climatic conditions than that which exists in the Atlantic strongly supports such an opinion."

Money Flows In
Indications of the prosperity which

the cotton crop has brought Texas this fall—once December contracts touching the 37.70 cent level—are reflected in the deposits of the banks of Texas and in the amount of checks which have been cashed for the individual depositors of these banks. It is altogether likely that the deposits of the member banks of the Eleventh Federal Reserve District today are above the \$1,000,000,000 mark and the bankers are now trying to find favorable outlets to invest the surplus money which they do not need until spring planting time.

Check Cashing Highest in History
The debts to individual accounts (which is an accurate test of measuring the business activity since it shows the money which changes hands from time to time in the form of checks) in Texas are higher this fall than they have ever been in the history of the State. During October over \$800,000,000 changed hands through the medium of checks. Some Yankee wag in Boston has facetiously inquired whether everybody in Texas was riding in a Pierce Arrow automobile. A New York banker, in discussing the prosperity which the cotton crop has brought to this State and the likelihood of increased acreage next year because of the good prices, is said that he would not be surprised to see roof garden cotton patches.

"It must be remembered, however, that increased acreage is not the logical solution in maintaining the supremacy of the South and Texas in cotton growing. It is rather intensive cultivation and an eternal vigor by the grower, aided morally and financially by the banker and business interests, in fighting the pests.

Low Grades in West Texas and Oklahoma

"The 1923 cotton crop of Texas will go down in history as that of one with an abundance of low grades," says Mr. McQuage. "West Texas and Oklahoma is the 1923 home of 'snaps' and 'bollies' and with the constant advance of the future markets the basis on these low grades has naturally weakened steadily on account of the lower spinning value. During the past week, however, the low grade basis decline was checked somewhat but in the week preceding new lows were touched, with quotations ranging from 600 to 1000 off January, New York. In the Dallas market shippers have named prices during the past week as low as 1200 off for low bollies."

"The continental demand for cotton improved during the latter portion of last week but the mills in this country are seemingly out of the market in any large measure until after the new year."

"Dallas shippers and exporters have been very cautious in carrying large stocks of low grades and their purchases have been primarily confined to cases where they have an assured outlet," Mr. McQuage says. "In some instances where they have sold quantities against types, they have experienced some inconveniences in finding the kind of cotton which they sold to the changed character of the receipts following the rains and snow in sections of West Texas and Oklahoma."

Dallas Largest Inland Spot Market
"Since the Dallas market has reached the spot where it handles about 1,500,000 bales annually of spot cotton with representatives of the largest spot and future houses of the cotton world located here; much of the market opinion and determination of prices of Texas spot cotton is concentrated in Dallas.

"Several firms employing less than ten people are handling over 50,000 bales during a season and this cotton is shipped to the mills of the Southeast and New England, to Liverpool, Bremen, Havre, and seaport cities of the continent. Buying orders for Texas cotton penetrate the Dallas market from the furthest corner of the cotton-consuming centers of the globe. Recently a cotton mill in Russia which normally employs over 3000 people, came in the market again for Texas cotton. The world desires Texas cotton because of its desirable spinning quality and since this State has such a large proportion of the American crop, the world must come to Texas after its raw material."

BUSINESS WOMEN MAKE BEST WIVES

"The reason so many marriages go on the rocks is because wives spend more money than husbands can earn," said Mrs. S. J. Hay, dean of women at Southern Methodist University, while discussing the subject of dress for college girls. She is an advocate of more simple dress in higher institutions of learning. She thinks many men remain single rather than face the prospect of stinting their wives in funds for dress. Business women make the best wives and mothers, Mrs. Hay thinks, because they know the value of money and know more what the world is like.

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Merry Christmas

*This store wishes every one
a Merry Christmas and Pros-
perous, Happy New Year.*

Saturday and Monday Specials

For Saturday and Monday, the two last shopping days before Christmas, all of our strictly Holiday Goods will be reduced for Quick Clearance.

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We Want You To See These New Spring Items

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DEVELOPMENT AT BIG LAKE

From the Big Lake News:

With new locations for wells being made in this field together with new drilling contracts and the fact that the Santa Rita or discovery well has produced in paying quantities is more evident that this field will prove to be the best production in Texas.

Frank T. Pickrell, vice president and general manager of the Texon Oil & Land Company, also vice president of the Big Lake Oil Company, arrived here Friday with Mrs. Pickrell. Levi Smith, an official of the Big Lake Oil Company also connected with other large companies, is here in the field. Geologists of the larger companies have been in this field since the discovery of oil in May. The Big Lake Oil Company have made two locations on their lease recently purchased from the Texon Oil & Land Company.

The derrick is now being erected for No. 4 Santa Rita, which will be on the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 35, block 1, about one mile southwest of Santa Rita.

No 5 Santa will be in the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section 13, block 2, about two miles northeast of the No. 1 Santa Rita. The rig for this well has been shipped.

W. L. Kernes, general supervisor of the Big Lake Oil Company has opened offices in the Trust building of San Angelo.

WOULD YOU CHEAT YOUR WIDOW?

The general manager of a large and eminently successful mining company died the other day, leaving an estate valued at a million and a half. Among the effects the executor found a mass of stock certificates representing substantial interests in twenty corporations. The certificates were issued by rubber, real estate, potash, onyx, gold, silver, zinc, copper, coal and other mining companies. They represented a total of 55,000 shares and the executors placed a val-

ue of \$225 on the lot.

How many cats and dogs have you in your safety deposit vault? How many times have you been stung by optimistic or dishonest promoters? How many deeds to lots that produce no revenue but eat taxes every year have you lying round?

It's a safe rule to leave speculation and financing of unproved en-

terprises to those who can afford to take a chance. The average man with a family has no business buying anything except approved bonds, seasoned, dividend-paying stocks and amply secured mortgages. The moment he goes outside of this list, he cheats himself and his widow.—December Sunset.

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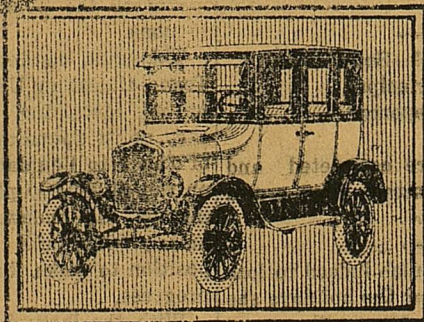
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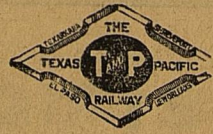
IT IS not at all surprising that the new Fordor Sedan is proving extremely popular as a Christmas gift. For this handsome closed type body is a truly exceptional

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WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

The First National Bank, of St. Louis, Mo., writing under date December 18th, says:

The export business of the American cotton industry has experienced a distinct improvement during the past few months as evidenced by statistics issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce on the exports of cotton manufactures for the month of October. The exports of both yarns and cloths to foreign markets last summer were reduced to exceptionally small proportions, since it was believed that the 1923 cotton crop in the United States would be large and would result in much lower prices for both raw cotton and for cotton products. The tide, however, began to turn in September and October figures compare quite favorably with those of last year's; from the value standpoint exports during October this year amounted to \$11,703,848 as compared with \$12,511,083 for

the month last year.

Our exports of cotton cloths during October amounted to 44,794,160 square yards valued at \$7,239,613 as compared with 38,169,420 square yards valued at \$6,230,422 exported in September and with 50,985,187 square yards valued at \$7,756,474 exported in October, 1922. For the ten months of this year our exports of cotton cloths amounted to 392,310,010 square yards valued at \$67,205,638 against 500,463,464 square yards valued at \$71,465,291 for the same period of 1922.

During October our exports of carded and combed cotton yarns and of sewing thread increased 29 per cent in weight and 26 per cent in value over September, amounting to 1,298,231 pounds, valued at \$798,656. For the ten months ending with October exports of cotton yarn of all descriptions from the United States totaled 12,075,013 pounds valued at \$7,493,374, against 14,930,398 pounds valued at \$7,410,575 exported during the first ten months of 1922.

January 11th.

RECOGNITION OF MERIT IN-SPIRES EFFORT

As recognition of merit encourages individuals to greater endeavor, so does it encourage large corporations to render better public service.

Recognizing this trait in human nature, Chas. A. Coffin established a prize award for distinguished contribution to the development of electric transportation for the convenience of the public and the benefit of the industry. Keen competition has developed among electric railways for the honor of receiving this recognition of merit. In competition with all electric railroads of the United States, the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee Railroad has just been announced as winner this year of the Chas. A. Coffin prize award.

The following factors were considered in adjudging the competition:

1. The particular initiative, skill and enterprise manifested in popularizing electric railway service—more riders and more revenue.
2. Outstanding success in gaining public good will.
3. Economies in operation resulting from original ideas.
4. Economies in operation viewed as a measure of the extent to which a company has taken advantage of new developments in operating and maintenance practice and equipment originating with others.
5. Improvements in construction practice which have resulted in reduced first cost, reduced maintenance, or greater reliability of service.
6. Particular success in conducting a safety program and actually reducing the number and seriousness of accidents.
7. Outstanding accomplishment in development of good relations between management and employees.
8. Special accomplishment, aside from good management, tending to reduce the cost of new capital.

The winning of the award carried with it the presentation of a gold medal to the company and a gift of \$1,000 to the employees' mutual benefit association of the road. It is the greatest honor of the year for employees and executives.

Your patronage solicited and appreciated at the Camp Filling Station, near Camp grounds. Day and night service. Bert Stringer, prop. adv 8-12t

HARD HIT DOWN IN SUGARLAND

We know it must have been awful down in Sugarland, where the Texas Commercial News is published, with Editor S. W. Adams at the helm. Of course we are speaking of the mud and slush and rain and chill damp weather, and here's proof, beautiful proof from the columns of the last issue of the News:

When God makes a beautiful day, He is slow and deliberate about it, just like He is when He is making an oak or a rose.

He first changes the atmospheric pressure, covers hill and dale with murky skies and squeezes oodles of rain out of the clouds, fills pools and pond with colorful waters which have fallen on the trees and the grass and the soil, gathering from each a tint here and a tint there until the pool and pond take on the hue of the myriad colors of the landscape.

He sends out His men and His cattle and they tramp through mud and slush for weeks, with the sky still murky, and the sun daring no more than an occasional peep through.

"Ah, ain't this miserable weather," rends the atmosphere.

The roads become impassable. The streets take on a viscous consistency. Muddy feet drag after them the foul of everywhere. The house takes on a dungeon smell and appearance. And you see folks go here and there and stretch their necks towards the great Unknown as if breathing had become difficult.

Then He changes the atmospheric pressure. The winds shift. Just before night the sun peeps back at you as it slips behind the western water-sigged hills and plains. It hasn't rained for several days now, and the water has been slipping to the brooks and the earth has been drinking drafts of it. Men have already beaten out little paths here and there, and are making it intolerable, dry-foot fashion.

You sleep just a bit better that night. A feeling of exhilaration takes hold of you and you walk out from your cot about one in the morning, and you find the sky that had been formerly clouded and dull adorned with myriad stars.

You hear the mocking bird as she titillates from the oak nearby, and you return to your cot satisfied and sleepy.

The next morning a brightness overspreads your room and you awake and rub your eyes a bit that they may accustom themselves to this heavenly light. You dress, eat breakfast, and walk down to the office. As you go, your old whistle seems to be trying some old love tune you hadn't thought of for days and months.

As you meet folks, a cheery smile greets you and they utter that wonderful bit of cheer, "Fine day!"

The God of heaven has painted a beautiful day!

The days before were the periods of His isolation and absorption in His task. Without His periods of isolation, there could be no beautiful day, for beauty is contrast!

ANOTHER DRIVE FOR SIMMONS

The initial step in the big endowment drive for Simmons College was made recently when the trustees of the college announced gifts amounting to more than \$75,000 from their number. This move officially launched the campaign to raise \$200,000 in Abilene to match a gift of \$100,000 proposed by the General Education Board of New York City, sometimes known as the Rockefeller foundation. The \$200,000 must be subscribed by Abilene by January 1, 1925. A vigorous drive will be put on in the next few weeks by the board of trustees working in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce of this city.

In the early part of 1922 the education board offered to give \$100,000 toward a fund of \$300,000, the remainder to be raised by the citizens. After acceptance by the Simmons Board the proposition was presented to the Abilene Chamber of Commerce who in turn agreed to assist in the drive. A committee from the Abilene Chamber composed of the following men: W. G. Swenson, chairman; Henry James, W. A. Minter, W. J. Fulwiler, and Geo. W. Fry, will be in charge of the campaign in connection with a committee from the trustees, headed by C. M. Caldwell, with others, Geo. L. Paxton, W. J. Bahrens, T. C. Campbell, and Geo. S. Anderson.

Successful termination of the drive will give Simmons an endowment of more than \$400,000 and will assure the completion of plans of President J. D. Sandifer and the trustees to make Simmons a class one university in 1925. Steps toward the university goal made in the last few years have been the erection of several new buildings, including a \$200,000 science building with equipment equal to the best in the State, and the enlargement of faculty and curriculum.

GIFTS THAT LAST

OPEN EVENINGS OPEN EVENINGS

LET YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS BE JEWELRY

Here's the Answer to "What Shall I Give?"

Gifts for Him	Gifts for Her
Watches	Bracelet Watches
Knives	Ring Watches
Emblem Jewelry	Set Rings
Strap Watches	Onyx Rings
Diamond Rings	Pendants
Cuff Buttons	Vanity Cases
Full Dress Sets	Compacts
Belts and Buckles	Bracelets
Cigarette Cases	Lingerie Clasps
Studs	Pearl Necklaces
Scarf Pins	Bar Pins
Waldemar Chains	Mesh Bags
Belt Chains	Diamonds
Tie Clasps	Costume Jewelry
Signet Rings	Necklaces
Pocket Combs	Bead Bags
Charms	Thimbles
Collar Pins	Silverware

D. H. ROETTGER
JEWELER

THE COST OF RUNNING TEXAS GOVERNMENT

FINANCIAL STATISTICS OF THE STATE ANNOUNCED AT WASHINGTON

The Department of Commerce announces that the costs of government for the State of Texas for the fiscal year ended August 21, 1922, amounted to \$45,842,985, which was a per capita cost of \$9.48. In 1917 the per capita cost was \$5 and in 1914 \$3.89, the totals for these years being \$22,204,625 and \$16,364,780, respectively. The per capita costs for 1922 consisted of expenses of general departments, \$9.13; payments for interest, \$0.04; and for outlays, \$0.34.

Revenues
The total revenue receipts for 1922 were \$41,858,571, or \$8.66 per capita. For the fiscal year the per capita excess of governmental costs over revenue receipts was, therefore, \$0.82.

In Texas property and special taxes represented 50.6 per cent of the total revenue for 1922, 56.6 per cent for 1917, and 64.5 per cent for 1914. The increase of the total revenue for 1922, 56.6 per cent for 1917, and 64.5 per cent for 1914. The increase in

the amount of property and special taxes collected was 14.1 per cent from 1914 to 1917, and 53.7 per cent from 1917 to 1922. The per capita property and special taxes were \$4.38 in 1922, \$3.10 in 1917, and \$2.87 in 1914.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by State officials, represented 4.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1922, 16.7 per cent for 1917, and 4.9 per cent for 1914.

Business and non-business licenses constituted 0.2 per cent of the total revenue for 1922, 12.5 per cent for 1917, and 11.6 per cent for 1914. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, while those from non-business licenses comprise taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

Indebtedness
The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of Texas was \$0.85 per capita for 1922, \$1.07 for 1917, and \$0.97 for 1914.

Assessed Valuations and Tax Levies
For 1922 the assessed valuation of property in Texas subject to ad valorem taxation was \$3,387,147,741; the amount of taxes levied was \$25,387,204; and the per capita levy, \$5.25.

If you wish to see, see Inman.

Christmas will soon be here!

We have a nice line of rockers, diners, dining tables, steel beds, buffets, cedar chests, dressers, kitchen cabinets and many other articles of furniture that will make delightful Christmas presents for the whole family.

We also have three large size TALKING MACHINES

That we will sell at half price. These machines have been in stock for some time and are a little shop-worn, but neither of them have ever been sold; they are good talking machines and will give anybody satisfaction. There are several of them in use in Midland, and are giving the best of satisfaction. If you are thinking of buying a Talking Machine for Christmas, now is the time to buy a real bargain. If you do not feel like paying all cash we can arrange to carry part of it for you.

Remember these three talking machines will be sold at exactly half the regular price, to-wit:

One \$150.00 machine at \$75.00; one \$200.00 machine at \$100.00, and one \$250 machine at \$125.00.

Basham, Shepherd & Co.

Merry Christmas and Glad New Year

Is our sincere wish for our many Midland friends

Ever-Ready Filling Station

Fred Wemple Leroy Whitson

A Merry Christmas!

Our Wish for Everybody

*Let us serve you these last two buying days—
Saturday and Monday—before Christmas.*

**Many Useful, Practical, Ornamental Gifts.
Beautiful Toys---Gifts for Everybody
at prices that cannot be duplicated.**

City Drug Store

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1928



NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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MEMBER, No.

EDITORIAL

An association of railroads maintain in the capital city of the nation what is known as the Bureau of Railway Economics, paying each their

proportionate share towards its maintenance.

Its activities include the gathering of a large and valuable library, bearing upon all phases of railroad transportation, and the issuing of bulletins and statistical summaries, designed to present a national picture of railroads, their operation, and costs.

The railroads contributing to the support of this institution, through it enabled to understand what all railroads are doing, and get a complete vision of national railroad operation, find it a most valuable adjunct to their business.

Such an organization is needed in that other growing and vitally important transportation field, the highway world. For highways are rapidly becoming much more than mere connecting links between farm and town, city and country, over which the farmer drives his grain and pigs, and hauls his household supplies. With the increasing use of the automobile as a passenger carrier and the truck as a means of freight transportation, the highway is coming to take its place in the nation, not as a secondary system, but as a primary or arterial transport system, which will, in a few short years, rival the railroads in tonnage, if not in speed.

A bureau of highway traffic economics will enable all road makers, road

planners, and road organizations to function more perfectly, make more progress, save more money, and use roads more efficiently.

"But who will do it?" The nation must do it. Its need is but one more argument for the establishment of a policy of national highway building, and national road using, by which the national government will not only build, pay for, and forever maintain a system of national roads, but will, through some organization laid down along similar lines to the Bureau of railway economics, make it possible for all highway users to employ these roads with the greatest economy and efficiency.

WHAT BECOMES OF THE LICENSE FEES?

Forty-eight States collected \$152,367,028 in 1922 as receipts from automobile license fees. The cost of collection, the cost of the plates themselves, and other expenses was less than four million dollars, so that a total of \$148,750,000 was left as the net receipts to be spent on highways.

This sum is divided into appropriations for State highway departments, 16 millions; Federal aid funds, 34 millions; maintenance of Federal aid roads, 32 millions; construction of other than Federal air roads, 6 1-2 millions; maintenance of other than Federal aid roads, 21 1-2 millions; and given as aid to counties, 25 1-2 millions.

New Hampshire collects the largest revenue per individual car or truck, getting an average of \$25.73 each, while Arizona is easiest upon car owners from the license standpoint obtaining but \$5.69 each.

The weather man says that January 11th will be a big day in West Texas.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT

A few years ago the expenditures of the United States on roads was nothing. The Federal Budget for the fiscal year of 1923 allows 2 1-4 cents out of every dollar for Federal aid roads.

This sum, of course, is not enough to build the roads the country must have, even when matched by an equal sum from the States. But all great movements have to be initiated slowly; it took many years to work up public sentiment to the point where this country was willing to build the

Christmas!

Just two more days in which to select the Gifts with which you are to remember friends and loved ones.

*We Can Make It Easy For You
Make It An Electrical Gift*

A Radiophone
A Percolater
Electric Irons
Curling Irons

A Table Stove
Waffle Irons
Vacuum Cleaners
Washing Machines

Everything in Electrical Goods calculated to make Home Comfortable and Convenient.

Make It An Electrical Christmas

And It Will Be a Happier One

Midland Light Co.

W. H. WILLIAMS, Mgr.

*There's Nothing More Appropriate or
More Appreciated Than Something for the
Car FOR Christmas*

A Few Suggestions

Spot Lights
Cigarette Cases
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Rear View Mirror
Motor Mirror
Pumps
Flash Lights
Seat Pads
Luggage Carriers
Tube
Mud Chains
Step Plates
Glass Wings

Cigar Lighters
Bumpers
Motor Horn
Jacks
Radiator Caps
Stop Signals
Heaters
Grip Racks
Tire
Tire Locks
Sun Visors
Lock Steering Wheel
Steering Wheel Grips

Or a New Car

Wrapped In Christmas Package for You

Let us help you make your Christmas Shopping Easy

Western Auto Supply Co.

"Dependable Service."

Panama Canal. That we have gone as far as we have in the matter of road building with government aid is a matter of congratulation, rather than regret that we have not as yet gone further.

The total 1923 budget for the Nation is 4 1-2 billions, with 91 1-2 millions allowed for the United States appropriations towards Federal aid in road building. Ten years ago such an expenditure would have been impossible. Ten years hence it will be looked upon as ridiculous. When, as must inevitably be the case, the United States switches its road policy from the present idea of helping the States, to the broader idea of building its own national road system, allowing the States to build the feeder and connecting roads, such an expenditure will be far from sufficient.

To those to whom the idea of building its own national road system, allowing the States to build the feeder and connecting roads, such an expenditure will be far from sufficient.

To those to whom the idea of greater Federal expenditure means greater taxes it is pointed out that invariably the good road more than pays for itself, and that the increased profits, the decreased costs of hauling, and the increased land values, which inevitably follow the establishment of a system of national highways, will not only pay the entire cost of the roads, but a handsome profit besides.

The Sole Killers Orchestra will play at the Elite Confectionery, Saturday and Monday from 4 p. m. until 6 p. m.

Mrs. Hugh Barnes, of Andrews, has been in Midland this week, a guest of her sister, Mrs. E. R. Thomas. Today Mrs. Thomas and sons, Thalbert and Louis, will accompany Mrs. Barnes home and spend Christmas as her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, of Stanton, were in Midland shopping the first of the week.

A very complete line of Christmas gifts and novelties are now on display at the Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop.

Aleck Cowden, who for some time has suffered with blood poisoning, is now able to be out again.

Good young Rhode Island roosters, for sale cheap. Phone 362, E. R. Leonard. adv 12-4tpd

WORK ON BELL WELL DELAYED BY WEATHER

Progress at the Bell well was held up the first part of the week by inclement weather, says the Pecos Enterprise, but work is now going ahead rapidly, casing and formation packer being run. Thirty-five hundred feet of casing was in at noon today, and it is expected to set packer by noon Saturday and a full completion with production soon after.

Although it has not been generally known this well has been making a great deal of both oil and gas, but with the great amount of open hole, together with difficulty in handling water, it has been a slow and tedious job which now seems near to a most successful completion that should start things moving in this section with a rush, and insure the development we have looked forward to for so long. The oil is here.

Miss Myna Graham left today for Bryan where she will spend the holidays.

Jax M. and Gib Cowden returned the first of the week from San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slaton were in Midland shopping the first of the week, from their ranch near Odessa.

A PRIZE STORY IN JUDGE'S MAGAZINE

"Ah, my good man," said the democratic pastor to the indigent looking individual sitting on a bench in the vestibule, "I think we could find a place for you in church work."

"Thank ye, sir," replied the other, "but I already have me place in the church work."

"And what is that?"

"I'm one of the poor and needy."

Nothing Serious

Shopper—"Can you tell me if there are any vitamins in lettuce?"

Grocer—"Well, mum, there's bound to be a few insects on most garden truck, but there ain't no reason in the world why you can't wash 'em off, if you've a mind to."

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED—To buy second hand piano. A. J. Guthrie, phone 268. 51tf

WANTED—To harvest your feed. Have good row-binder and charge \$2 per acre. Will Manning. 51tf

CARPENTER WORK—New and repairing. J. H. Wilhite, phone 261. 51tf

COWS WANTED—I want to buy from 100 to 400 cows on a credit. I have lots of grass and water and expense money to take care of them with. Joe Jay. 9tf

FOR SALE—Second hand Voce piano, Majestic range, Fox typewriter, all in good shape. Also a few Plymouth Rock bullets and young roosters. J. H. Wilhite, Phone 261. 81f

FOR RENT—The Presbyterian manse, phone 79, or see W. J. Sparks. 1f

FOR SALE—A Fordson tractor, one 3 gang disc plow, one two row Case Hester planter. For price or any other information see J. V. Gowd, two miles northwest of town. 10-1f

LOST—A package containing photograph of middle aged man, addressed to Miss Ora White, Midland, Texas, and from Duncan, Oklahoma. Finder please notify Miss Ora White, phone No. 303-C. 1f

FOR SALE AT BARGAIN—Bicycle, 26 inch frame, coaster brake, rubber hand grips, bundle carrier and new spring seat. First class condition. See H. J. Neblett, or Elliott Cowden. 1f

FOR SALE—Some Rhode Island roosters and Bronz turkeys. Apply to Floyd Countiss. 12-2t

FOR SALE—Residence in Northwest Midland. Nicely located, windmill, tank, garage, etc., all in good repair. Mrs. E. D. McAnelly phone No. 175. 12-3t

FOR SALE—One 4-burner oil stove at a bargain. Phone or see Mrs. E. W. Cowden. 1f

FOR SALE—Pure-bred Bronz turkeys fine breeding stock. Apply to L. C. Proctor or call phone 323-H. 12-2t

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Huss and baby are in from their ranch this week to spend Christmas.

GIFTS THAT LAST A Merry Christmas To All

Saturday and Monday you can buy that gift at your price from

INMAN

AT THE CITY DRUG STORE

GIFTS THAT LAST

OBITUARY

In Memory of Mrs. Jennie McCarty Scharbauer, Died Dec. 14, 1923.

(By Mrs. C. L. Sterling)

Again the white-robed angel of Death has swept through our town and put his seal upon one whom we could ill spare from the duties and cares of the life that now is. "God giveth His beloved sleep, That blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep."

Her watchful eyes are closed. Her willing hands clasped upon her breast. A smile of ineffable peace is on her face. Those who have known her longest and best, know that it is an indication of that peace that comes of duties well done, of all love's bests fulfilled, of a life of devotion to all trusts committed to her in a long life of usefulness. We may well believe that she was ready for the call.

Could she but speak to her beloved she would doubtless tell of an awakening to joys unspeakable and full of glory. Filled with the sweetest graces and virtues of a pure Christian life, all its tender admonitions all its sublime teachings were shown forth in her, blossomed and bore fruit.

"Tis well life is not all a peaceful summer dream, Dark hours and lurking cares must needs be met and overcome.

That weary of earth the care-worn soul may look aloft and plant its hopes in Heaven."

The poetry of love and duty hedged her about through a long and useful life. She leaves it as an heritage to her own, and to the many who knew and loved her. To the dear husband to whom she has ministered in sickness and health, she doubtless would speak this message: Be courageous and patient, the goal is not far off, "where we shall meet at Jesus' feet, shall meet to part no more."

Of her love and devotion, of her

spirit of pure benevolence, of her readiness to help any who needed her charity and love, we can truly say, "None knew her but to love her, None named her but to praise."

She was a member of the Baptist church, a devoted believer in its tenets, a true Christian, a devoted worker, a friend in need.

Visitors from Various Places

From Ft. Worth: Mr. John Scharbauer and daughter Mrs. W. C. Stonestreet; Abilene: Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rankin and son, Robert; Big Spring: Mrs. F. F. Gary and brother, Walter Largent; and Rev. J. C. Burkett, who was called to assist the pastor of the 1st Baptist Church in the funeral services, and who preached a short but forceful sermon. Many messages of condolence were received by mail and wires, one from Mrs. Geo. Elliott, who was too ill to come.

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M. M. O'Brian and two sons, P. M. and M. F. O'Brian, were here the first of the week from Fisher County, prospecting for farming locations. They say many farmers of that part of the country are looking this way for new, cheaper, and more profitable homes.

BOOKS—The Lasting Gift. We have them for all ages from infancy to old age.—Elite Confectionery & Floral Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carter, of Odessa, were visitors to Midland the first of the week.

Were you born on January 11th? If so you will be lucky; doubly so if it was on Friday, January 11th.

Marcus Gist was a visitor to Midland from Odessa this week.

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Mrs. A. W. Cato joined Mr. Cato here Wednesday from Weatherford. At the present they are stopping at the Llano.

I have moved my barber shop to one door north of John's tailor shop. Frank Criswell, Prop. adv 94tpd

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. McKinney and daughter, Marie, of Odessa, were in Midland Wednesday, shopping.

Mrs. Glenn Allen was a visitor to Midland this week from Odessa.

SENIOR ENDEAVOR

Subject: Advent Lessons from Bethlehem.

Leader—Mariam Pemberton. Scripture lesson: Matt. 2:1-12. Song: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Lord's prayer. Leader's talk.

Talk: Why Did Christ Come to Earth?—Pearl Wisdom.

Talk: Why should we make the spirit of Christmas unselfish?—Uphie Pemberton.

Talk: Why should every Christian look forward to Christ's second coming?—Mr. Wilhite.

Scripture reading—Endeavors. Song: "Joy to the World." Business and mizpah.

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Rain or shine the big show will open Jan. 11th.

It is claimed that Ft. Worth is the city of Good Positions. Many students going to school there work for their board and room, it costs very little by doing this, only the small amount for tuition. If you are thinking of learning Bookkeeping, Banking, Shorthand, Typewriting, Telegraphy or Radio, you should write the Brantley-Draughon College at Ft. Worth, Texas. It is a wonderful school, has four National Banks represented on its directory board. Just address Box 182, Ft. Worth, Texas, for all information. adv 11tf

Mrs. Monroe Kerr, of Pecos, is in Midland visiting her mother, Mrs. W. A. King.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY.—Elite Confectionery & Floral Shop.

Horace Newton, who recently opened a picture theatre in Odessa, says that he has been having large crowds and he is well pleased. We wish for him the best of luck in his enterprise.

January 11th comes on Friday.

W. J. Harris was a business visitor from Colorado this week.

T. C. Cowan, of Lamesa, was in Midland the latter part of the week on business.

The Railto Theatre is billing some very fine pictures. They will have some special features during the holidays, that will appeal to all. Matinees will be given and everything will be up to the standard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ramsey and D. Ramsey were visitors in Midland this week from Dallas.

D. H. Sollars, of St. Joseph, Mo., was a business visitor in Midland this week.

New assortment of gifts for the final pre-holiday shopping days. Mrs. Wemple's Gift Shop. adv

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Mrs. Wallace Drummond and daughter, Margaret Jean and brother, Ted Kenman, were in Midland Monday visiting Rev. and Mrs. L. U. Spellman. They are from Ft. Worth and are on their way to California.

Cut Flowers For Xmas
Carnations (red) \$5; others \$4 per dozen. Roses \$4 to \$6. Cut poinsettias 35c to \$1 each. Gorgeous chrysanthemums \$3 to \$10. Glorious blooming plants \$3 to \$6. Crated to ship. Arrived guaranteed. Phone your orders. Agent wanted.

ABILENE FLORAL SHOP, Abilene, Texas. adv

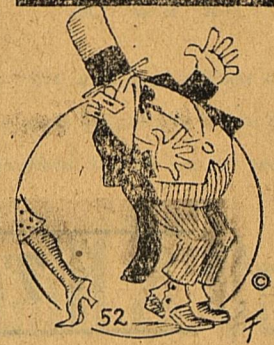
Leslie Shrader, of Concordia, Kan., is visiting in Midland this week.

B. O. Miller and wife, of Lorraine, are visitors in Midland this week.

Good specks for bad eyes at Inman's. adv 10tf

Jim Shelburne returned from a trip to Sweetwater Monday.

OLD DOC BRO



It appears that some things have rounded into shape.

SO—

At this Holiday Season of the year, we desire to again thank you for your irriendship and patronage.

May each New Year bring us into closer co-operation for the good of all.

It is this spirit that we wish you a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

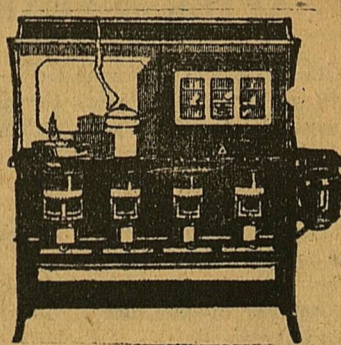
Neblett's Drugs

W. H. Terry, wife and baby, were visitors in Midland this week from Alpine.

Get your Christmas candies at the Midland Light Company, Saturday the 22nd, and Monday the 24th. adv

Mrs. George Broome is a visitor in Midland this week. She came to see her sister Miss Merle Moody, who for some time past has been a patient in the Midland Sanatorium.

A Handsome Christmas Gift For Someone

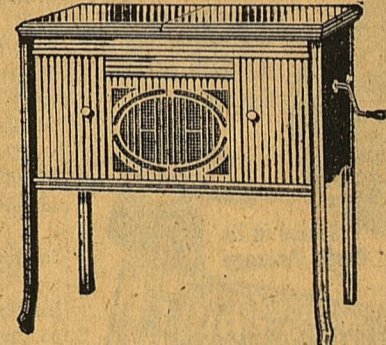


Pay your bills and get your tickets

This big Super Fex Range or this Handsome Brunswick Phonograph to be given away on the afternoon

of
5:00 P. M. DECEMBER 24 5:00 P. M.

EVERY DOLLAR PAID ON ACCOUNT AND EACH DOLLAR CASH PURCHASE Entitles You To a Ticket



Only two more shopping days

A STORE FULL OF USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We all love Christmas---we can't help it. It's appeal is so Universal and its Spirit so fundamentally good.

We are proud in the part we have played in the preparation for Christmas this year and can still play for the remaining two shopping days, on account of late shipments just arrived.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

Your Good Will---for without that we would not have enjoyed your valued patronage---has made this a very happy Christmas Season for us and we wish each and every one

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



Midland Hardware Co.

THE WINCHESTER STORE



Midland High School

Christmas Musical Program

Given at Christian Church Thursday Evening, December 20, 1923.

"Winter Song"	High School Chorus, two pianos	Hovey
Christmas Poem—"Luke 2:8-14"	Midland High School	Bible
Soprano—"Angel of Light, Lead On"	Maggie Snodgrass	Vanderpool
Reading—"A Friend's Greeting"	Clinton Dunagan	Guest
Christmas Anthem—"Glad Tidings"	Girls' Choral Club, two pianos	Danks
Reading—"John Alden and Percilly"	Kitta Belle Wolcott	Riley
Trio—"At Twilight"	Misses Graves, Wall, and Williams	Friml-Ambrose
Declamation—"Our Flag"	Kenneth Johnson	Owsley
Male Chorus—		
(a) "Sweet Sabbath Eve"	Boys' Glee Club, two pianos	Parks
(b) "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore"		Verdi
Piano Solo	Miss Mabel Holt, College of Industrial Arts	Selected
Soprano and Alto—"O Morning Land"	Mrs. Foy Proctor and Mrs. J. M. Flanigan	Phelps
"Hail to the New-Born King" from "The Star Divine"	High School Chorus, two pianos	Lansing

CANDY

The Big Gift for Xmas

Johnston's
Pangburn's
Norris'
Hoffman's

THE MOST COMPLETE LINE IN TOWN

You will find it at

NEBLETT'S

(WHERE MOST FOLKS TRADE)

WRIGLEYS



Take it home to the kids. Have a packet in your pocket for an ever-ready treat.

After Every Meal

A delicious confection and an aid to the teeth, appetite, digestion.



A poorly nourished dietitian was telling a mother that she must have her children eat porridge, milk, fruit and vegetables. In response to the objection that the children disliked these foods the visitor said he had been raised on them.

"Well," said the mother, "You ain't no ad for them eats."

G & M SIGN CO.

BOX 272

FOR

Sign Painting
and Road Boards

SOUND PRINCIPLES FOR EVERY CITIZEN

The International Farm Congress held its 17th annual session recently in Kansas City. It is a most influential and enlightened organization and has delegates from all other farm organizations. Particularly worthy of note is its declaration of principles. For 1924 they are:

1. Undivided loyalty to country, first and always, with no conflicting obligations; protection of its institutions and preservation of its traditions.
2. The increase and dissemination of scientific and practical agricultural education and knowledge.
3. Pledging adequate production on farms and demanding it in factories.
4. The right of every man to sell his services without interference, and to increase his earning power by improving his skill or increasing his capacity.
6. A sharply restrictive immigration policy, and careful selective process.
7. Recognition of the futility of effort to correct natural economic de-rangements by statutory measures.
8. Clear legal establishment of right of co-operative buying and selling.
9. Recognition and performance of the duty of every individual to so-

affiliation.

10. Basing right of any business practice to exist upon service it renders society.

11. Rigid economy in governmental expenses, and restriction of governmental activities to their legitimate functions.

12. No special favors to any section or industry; equal opportunity to all.

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MANY STUDENTS OF JOURNALISM AT S. M. U.

To encourage students of journalism at Southern Methodist University to greater efforts a prize of \$25 has been offered for the best news or feature story written before the end of the college year. Alpha Delta Epsilon, professional journalistic fraternity recently organized at the University to petition the national organization, Sigma Delta Chi, has offered the prize. Managing editors of the four Dallas newspapers will be asked to pass judgment on the stories submitted. There are thirty-eight students of journalism at S. M. U.

"Did you ever have the telephone bell ring when you were in the bath and there was nobody else at home?"

"Oh, yes," replied the family man. "What did you do?"

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GROWS GREATER ALL THE TIME

The misfortunes of one individual often prove the good fortunes of another. So it is with states; with sections of a State and with cities. The misfortune of the South Atlantic states cut short this year's cotton crop with the result that the price has soared steadily and Texas has benefited, says the Ft. Worth Star Telegram.

So it is with West Texas. The boll weevil, that great destroyer of cotton in other states and in section of Texas, is unknown in West Texas. And his very absence, the conditions that make it impossible for him to live in that region, promise to make of West Texas the greatest cotton growing section in Texas. This year cotton was grown in sections of West Texas where it had never been grown before and the yield was satisfactory. Cotton, with the \$280,000,000 it is estimated will be poured into West Texas from this one crop alone, has made West Texas rich this year. But it is only one crop.

Most any crop that can be grown anywhere can be grown in some section of West Texas and this proven fact is destined to make of that region one of the greatest agricultural sections in the country. The development has started. The big ranches have given way to the advance of the farmer. More and more they are being cut up into tracts of 160 acres and sold to farmers—mostly from other States.

These farmers, and for the most part they are expert farmers, too, have learned that they can buy lands in West Texas for from \$20 to \$60 an acre that will produce as much as the lands in the older States that cost from \$200 to \$400. And they have been coming into some sections of West Texas for many months. The South Plains particularly has received a large influx. They are buying their lands, improving them and bringing with them the improved methods of farming that have done so much for the older States.

The buying power of this territory—unlike that of the already thickly settled territories tributary to other Texas cities is steadily increasing. Ft. Worth should be awake to it; should prepare to serve it to the mutual advantage of both. This opportunity, alone, properly realized upon, will insure Ft. Worth's future.

PENSIONS GROW AFTER 60 YEARS

Although the Civil War ended nearly 60 years ago, payments for pensions during the fiscal year 1923 was the greatest in the history of the nation.

This is shown by comparison of the annual report of the U. S. pension bureau, issued recently with records of the past. Death is decreasing the number of pensioners, but not the allotments.

Exactly \$263,012,500 was paid out for pensions in 1923, as compared with \$253,807,533 in 1922 and \$258,715,842 in 1921, the former high mark. The number of pensioners on the rolls was 539,756 in 1923, 547,016 in 1922 and 566,058 in 1921.

All this does not include payment of soldiers' claims arising from the world war, as all the latter—with a few trivial exceptions—are handled by the veteran's bureau, which costs an additional \$400,000,000 a year.

Of the 539,756 on the 1923 pension bureau rolls, 168,283 were Civil War veterans, 264,380 were Civil War widows, 68,398 were Spanish War veterans and 136,167 were Spanish War widows. There are yet on the pension rolls 49 soldiers of the Mexican war and 40 widows whose husbands served in the war of 1812.

Since its establishment in 1790, the pension bureau has paid out \$6,606,356,621, of which \$6,224,106,631 has been paid out on account of the Civil War and \$105,533,496 on account of the war with Spain.

During the past year, 25,452 Civil War veterans died as against 25,082 in the previous year. Yet the net decrease in the number of Civil War pensioners was only 24,970, as new pensioners were added.

The smug reformer was dilating upon the advantages of prohibition. "People can no longer say they are driven to drink," he exclaimed.

"No, they now have to go by boat," growled the man with impressionistic nose.

Miss Charity Grace—"Good morning, Mrs. Callahan. I dropped in to let you know I heard Phelim was convalescing."

Mrs. Callahan: "Indade, mum, an' who told yez?"

"Dr. Casey."

"Arrah! now, that's anither av Dr. Casey's lies; bad cess to him. Dade, mum, Phelim is no such thing. He's much better an' is gettin' on foine, praise to Hivin!"

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Weak kidneys slacken this filtering work and the uric acid circulates with the blood, in many cases attacking brain, nerves, muscles and vital organs. Don't wait for serious trouble—begin using Doan's Kidney Pills when you feel the first backache or first notice urinary disorders. This remedy has given new life and strength to thousands. Read the grateful testimony that follows:

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Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Wooster had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 10-2t

Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable County Court of Midland County, Texas, by the clerk of said court, on the 4th day of December, A. D., 1923, in a certain cause wherein F. A. Youngblood is plaintiff and W. E. Newton is defendant, No. 785 on the docket of said court, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 21st day of November, A. D., 1923, in favor of F. A. Youngblood and against the said W. E. Newton, for the sum of five hundred thirty-two & 09/100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from November 29th, 1921, and costs of suit, with the foreclosure of an attachment lien on the following described personal property, theretofore levied on under writ of attachment on the 19th day of October, A. D., 1923, to-wit:

1 bay horse about 16 hands high, branded T on left jaw, 1 bay horse about 16 hands high, branded "cross" on left jaw, 2 black mares about 16 hands high, no brands, age about 6 and 10 years, weight about 1200 lbs., Peter Schuttler wagon, narrow tire, 8 inch with home-made bed, 2 sets of chain harness, 1 leather collar, 1 ducking collar, 1 and 1-2 sets of leather lines, as said attachment lien existed on the 19th day of October, 1923, and to me as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, directed and delivered, I will on the first Tuesday in January, A. D., 1924, at the court house door in Midland, Midland County, Texas, within the legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest secure bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said W. E. Newton in and to the above described personal property, levied upon as the property of the said W. E. Newton, to satisfy the judgment hereinabove described.

Witness my hand this 6th day of December, A. D., 1923.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff, of Midland Co. County, Texas. adv 10-3t

A colored "gentleman" named Joshua Johnson was arrested for making whisky. When his case was called the judge jokingly asked him if he was any relation to the Joshua that made the sun stand still.

"No, sah," replied Joshua. "Ise no 'lation to dat man, but Ise de real and 'riginal Joshua that made de moon shine."

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JUNIOR RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

An opportunity to greatly broaden and enlarge the scope of the work of the school children of America which was opened by the action of the last annual convention of the National Educational Association in San Francisco, is being developed by the Junior Red Cross of America. A resolution endorsing in very positive terms the international school correspondence as far as and as thoroughly as possible was passed by the association, and educators of America now are co-operating in the work.

A number of schools in America on their own initiative already have organized chapters of the Junior Red Cross and established correspondence with schools in Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, France, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Jugoslavia, Poland, Rumania, Scotland, Switzerland, South Africa and New Zealand. In some cases they are getting most interesting replies. In a few instances such as Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippines, Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, all of which are American dependencies, there is an exchange of correspondence material which is very helpful in working up the letters going to the foreign children.

This work, so far, has been carried on chiefly in the primary and intermediate grades of the public, parochial and private schools where Junior Red Cross chapters have been organized, but all grades may participate in the preparation of the material, according to the instructions sent out by the Junior Red Cross service in Washington, and they include class letters, illustrated or not, snapshots and postcards; maps, drawings, photographs, descriptions of interiors of homes and schools, types of dress, games, industries and industrial processes.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pegues, of El Paso, arrived in Midland the first of the week. They will spend the holidays with Mrs. Pegues parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wiley Taylor.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Midland. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Midland County, on the 5th day of December, 1923, by the District Clerk of said district court, for the sum of eleven thousand four hundred thirty-eight and 20/100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of The Midland National Bank in a certain cause in said court, No. 1659, and styled the Midland National Bank, a corporation, vs. W. J. Moran and J. Wiley Taylor, placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Francis, as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did, on the 5th day of December, 1923, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Midland County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All of lots 4 and 5 in block 36, of the Original Town of Midland, Midland County, Texas; all of the east one-half of block 20 in Haley Heights Addition to the town of Midland, Midland County, Texas; the west 1-2 of the southeast 1-4 of the northeast 1-4 of section 26, block 39, tsp. 1-south, certificate 3132, T. & P. Ry. Co. survey in Midland County, Texas, containing 20 acres of land; all of lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in block 79, in the Southern Addition to the town of Midland, Texas, as per plat of said addition as recorded in Deed Book No. 2, at pages 2 and 6, Midland County records, each of said lots being 50 feet front by 140 feet deep, in all 150 feet front by 140 feet deep, and levied upon as the property of W. J. Moran, and that on the first Tuesday in January 1924, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the court house door, of Midland County, in the town of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale and Judgment, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. J. Moran.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Midland Reporter, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 5th day of December, 1923.

A. C. FRANCIS, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas. (SEAL) adv 10-3t

If you need glasses, see Inman. adv 10ft

NORMAL CONDITIONS IN BUSINESS WORLD

COTTON MARKET GOES TRUE TO FORM WRITES PRICE OF NEW YORK

Theodore H. Price, New York, financial correspondent for the Dallas News, in a review of business conditions last week, writes that some students of hygiene maintain that an equable climate is depressing to those who live in it. They assert that frequent changes in temperature and humidity stimulate the human organism and that without them men become inert. This is another way of saying that "variety is the spice of life," physically as well as mentally.

Perhaps the same thing is true of business life, for the story of last week's markets is one of normal stability and activity that fails to inspire enthusiasm because it has become monotonous. Cotton is about the only commodity whose price has changed much, but the cotton market would not be normal if it was stable and people are no longer excited by its vagaries. The government crop estimate putting the crop at 10,081,000 bales was published on Wednesday. It does not prove anything, but has re-awakened the fear of an acute shortage at the end of the season and has enabled the bulls to reform their ranks and rekindle the ardor of their followers.

But the lack of excitement in the dry goods market is noteworthy and cotton goods are not yet selling at the parity of 35c for the raw material. The known facts indicate higher prices, but it remains to be seen whether their influence is spent because they are known.

Railroad Earnings Good

The stock market is in much the same condition. It is firm, but it has ceased to advance aggressively. Here again the bullish significance of the known facts is admitted. Railroad earnings are good and many industrial corporations are declaring increased dividends in order to distribute their increased earnings. The only exceptions are the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, which reduced its semi-annual dividend and the "Omaha," which passed its semi-annual dividend altogether. These are both called Vanderbilt properties and the action of their directors caused no little surprise. It is explicable only upon the theory that the payments withheld were required for improvements and maintenance, as the gross revenue of both roads exceeds last year's. It is, however, undeniable that the market for railway securities is held in check by the fear of adverse legislation by congress when the railroad bill comes up for consideration.

The bond market is firm and government securities in particular have worked upward on the buying of "liberties" attributed to the Federal Reserve Banks which are supposed to be investing their unemployed funds in the open market.

The staples other than cotton have changed but little in price. Sugar is slightly higher upon the downward revision of the large crop estimates previously current. Iron and steel are quieter as is natural in view of the large business booked a month ago. The jobbing trade is quiet as usual at the Christmas season, but the department stores report a holiday business that is already well ahead of last year.

Existing conditions and the immediate outlook are, in fact, as nearly normal as could be expected. There is no unemployment and in so far as the economic situation is concerned America's Christmas ought to be a happy one.

Gold Imports Heavy

The November statement of our foreign trade confirms this view. Merchandise valued at \$404,000,000 was exported, while our imports were worth \$292,000,000. The balance of \$112,000,000 in our favor was in a measure offset by November gold imports worth \$39,000,000. The probabilities are that the December imports of gold will be even larger, and it is quite possible that our net imports of gold during the calendar year will reach \$300,000,000, to which must be added the domestic production of gold amounting to approximately \$50,000,000.

The effect of this gold upon the commodity markets and business in general continues to be the unknown quantity in the price equation.

There seems to be but little likelihood that we will export any substantial portion of the gold we have accumulated in the near future and the Federal Reserve Banks are trying to camouflage it by putting gold certificates in circulation. By this method they may for a time succeed in stifling its inflationary influence, but it is to be doubted whether they can do this much longer, and everyone who has even a rudimentary knowledge of economics must admit that

when the point of "gold saturation" is reached prices will rise by leaps and bounds. A sub-conscious appreciation of this probability is probably responsible for the steadiness of the markets, while doubt as to its imminence is the only reason for this hesitancy.

The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve system should therefore be closely watched. For last week it shows a decrease of \$2,500,000 in the gold held and a reduction of 1.1 per cent in the reserve ratio, which now stands at 75.3. These changes are both due to the holiday demand for currency, which seems to have been met chiefly by paying out gold that is likely to come back during January, when it may be practicable to get a without precedent in financial history.

Foreign Situation

The problem is still further complicated by conditions abroad. It is said that much of the floating capital of Europe that is usually kept in London is being transferred to New York in the fear that the success of the Labor party in England may give it control of the British government and open the way to an imposition of the "capital tax levy." These transfers will compel London to send more gold here and still further postpone the resumption of specie payment in Great Britain.

As to Germany and France, there is little reason to hope that they can even stabilize their present currency and the exchange value of the franc is slowly declining as the financial condition of the French government becomes understood.

The revolution in Mexico is another discouraging development. That it has come soon after our recognition of the Oregon government is perhaps fortunate for us as there not been time enough to put much American capital in Mexico, but it is a great disappointment to those who had hoped that an era of tranquility and prosperity was at last assured for the Mexican people.

The immediate effect in this country has been a decline in all Mexican securities, but its consequences otherwise have not been important and they have caused hardly more than a ripple in the tranquil sea of American prosperity and opulence.

Notice

J. L. Lancaster and Charles L. Wallace, as receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, hereby give notice that on the 13th day of October, 1923, they filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., their application for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity permit the abandonment by them of the line of railroad formerly of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, extending from Midland to Seminole, a distance of approximately sixty-six (66) miles, in Midland, Andrews and Gaines counties, Texas. J. L. Lancaster and Charles L. Wallace, as receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company. adv 12-3t

A Traditional Viewpoint

"Do you intend to spend any money in your campaign?" "Not a cent," answered Senator Sorghum. "If a man can't get a financial backer to spend the money he hasn't enough sense or pull to warrant his staying in the game."

SAFETY DEPENDS ON RADIO

The salvage tug Widegeon is preparing to skirt the Pacific coast, seeking new locations for additional naval radio stations, following orders to this effect received from Washington. The additional stations, authorized as a result of the Point Honda destroyer disaster, will enable ships to get positions by simultaneous cross bearings from two points without depending on a serious of bearings from one station. Thus does radio constantly increase the safeguards for ocean shipping.

HELP THE KIDNEYS

Midland Readers are Learning the Way

It's the little kidney ills—The lame, the weak or aching back. The unnoticed urinary disorders—That may lead to dropsy and Bright's disease.

When the kidneys are weak, Help them with Doan's Kidney Pills. A remedy especially for weak kidneys. Doan's have been used in kidney troubles for over 50 years. Endorsed by 50,000 people—endorsed at home.

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Mrs. B. F. Stanley, Midland, says: "I had a case of kidney and bladder trouble and the action of my kidneys was irregular. The trouble pulled me down in weight and I felt all worn out. I tried different kidney remedies but none had any effect on me until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. After using one box, I felt better, as the action of my kidneys became more regular. Two boxes of Doan's cured me and I have been feeling fine ever since."

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Notice in Bankruptcy

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Texas, No. 43 in bankruptcy. In the matter of Don Clayton, bankrupt.

To the creditors of Don Clayton, of Midland, Midland County, Texas, and District aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of December, 1923, at my office in Pecos, Texas, the first meeting of his creditors will be held, at which time said creditors may attend, make their claims, appoint a trustee, and examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. The said Don Clayton was adjudged a bankrupt on Dec. 4, 1923.

BEN RANDALLS, Referee in Bankruptcy.

One Way Out

Wife—"What's the matter, dear? You look worried."
Husband—"The books down at the office won't balance."
Wife—"Can't you buy some new books?"

Boy—Are you and Sis going on a long hike this afternoon?

Suitor—"Yes, Jimmy; why do you ask?"

Jimmy—"Cause she's had the corn doctor here all morning."

Frequent Headaches

"I suffered with chronic constipation that would bring on very severe headaches," says Mrs. Stephen H. Kincaid, R. F. D. 1, Cripple Creek, Va. "I tried different medicines and did not get relief. The headaches became very frequent."

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and took it for a headache, and the relief was very quick, and it was so long before I had another headache. Now I just keep the Black-Draught, and don't let myself get in that condition."

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Folks Need a Lot of Loving.

Folks need a lot of loving in the morning;

The day is all before, with cares beset—

The cares we know, and they that give no warning;

For love is God's antidote for fret.

Folks need a heap of loving at the noontime—

In the battle lull, the moment snatched from strife—

Halfway between the waking and the noon-time,

While the bickering and worryment are rife.

Folks hunger so for loving at the nighttime,

When wearily they take them home and rest—

At slumber-song and turning-out-the-light time—

Of all the times for loving, that's the best!

Folks want a lot of loving every minute—

The sympathy of this and their smile!

The life's end, from the moment they begin it,

Folks need a lot of loving all the while.

The Civic League Annual Tag Day

Tomorrow will be the Civic League Tag Day, which is to be an annual event. The ladies will be stationed on the streets and when you are "tagged" respond graciously and with all the joyousness of this happy Christmas season, and let us all conspire to make it a gala event indeed.

College Students Returning for Christmas

Midland will be gay next week with a whole cargo of Christmas cheer and joy which shall reign supreme. The Christmas stars we hope will shine for all, and penetrate even the homes where sorrow abides.

The festivities will mostly be centered around the college bunch who are returning home for the holidays, and among that joyous contingent are: Misses Bessie Johnson and Eunice Allen, of Texas Woman's College; Mabel Holt, Ina Beth Whitefield, Tommie Preston, Margaret Caldwell and Elsie Wolcott, of C. I. A.; Messrs. Franklin Whitefield, Herman Klapproth and Miss Lillie Pliska, from State University; Mr. O. B. Holt, Jr., from Georgetown University; Miss Annie Lee Brunson, of McMurray College; Mr. Evetts and Miss Cora Mae Haley, of Canyon; Olive Allen, of Clarendon College.

Miss Carolyn Caldwell, of the El Paso schools, will arrive for the holiday season.

Miss Frankie Elkin, who is teaching in Balmorhea, arrived home today for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rankin and son, Mr. Robert Rankin, Jr., of Abilene, Mr. John Scharbauer and daughter, Mrs. W. C. Stonestreet, of Ft. Worth, were the out-of-town relatives who were in attendance upon the funeral of Mrs. Chris Scharbauer, whose lovely soul early last Friday morning slipped its moorings and sailed away o'er that Unknown Sea to the Unseen Shore. All of Midland grieves over the loss of this estimable woman, and which such sorrow as the family may feel at this time is too sacred almost for public comment, yet who has not shed a silent tear of sympathy for them in their bitter sufferings, especially for the daughter who could not come to her mother on account of her own ill health.

The Wednesday Club met with Mrs. R. M. Clayton November 27th. The Club voted to give \$5 to the Near East Relief. The lesson for the day was led by Mrs. Frank Elkin and the Club as a whole discussed the native races of Chile, the straits of Magellan and the tip of the South American continent.

December 5th the lub met with Mrs. DeArmond. Mrs. Homer Rowe was leader for the lesson and very ably presented the following subjects: Trip Over the Andes. Mount Aconcagua. The Christ of the Andes. Argentina Patriots and Heroes. Dominant Races, Social Development, Character, Morals, Education, Literature.

Buenos Aires, the Paris of America.

Mrs. Rube Evans and children, together with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cowden, Jr., and children, left yesterday afternoon for El Paso to spend the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Evans.

Mr. A. E. Zinn this week received the sad intelligence that his sister, Mrs. Sam Gee, who lives in California, had passed away. He, together with other relatives started to go out there to attend the funeral, but were snow-bound and had to return home. The Reporter with other friends deeply sympathize with the sorrowing family.

Silver Tea Beauty Event

The home of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Garnett was en fete Friday afternoon with the presence of many ladies assembling there to attend the silver tea given by the ladies of the Baptist church. The handsome reception suite was artistically decorated with flowers of unusual loveliness, while the lavish adornment of moss and Christmas reds and greens, with tinsel added a joyous holiday air.

A refreshment plate consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, olives, cake and coffee was served in the dining room. Favours of little sprigs of mistletoe tied with Christmas ribbons were also given each guest. Misses Lydie G. Watson and Annie Wall played during the afternoon.

Miss Leola Bigham, who is teaching at Kress, will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Bigham.

Miss Alice Haley left Thursday of last week to spend the Yuletide with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Aycock, at Mineral Wells.

Miss Vernon Hill, of Duncan, Okla., will arrive tomorrow to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Miss Mittie Lee Allen, who is teaching in the Clarendon schools, will arrive tomorrow for the vacation.

Miss Ernestine Half, Hostess

The members of the Polly Anna Club had a very happy afternoon in the attractive home of Miss Ernestine Half last Friday afternoon, who assisted by her mother, proved herself to be a charming, gracious little hostess. The joyous Christmas spirit prevailed in the hearts of the girls, and a "lovely time" was enjoyed by each one. A delightful refreshment plate was served and cunning little Christmas dolls were given as favours. The girls who enjoyed this hospitality were Misses Gladys Inman, Maggie Snodgrass, Georgia Kirk Davis, Minnie Rita Hutchison, Minnie Warren Pemberton, Junie Tucker, Susan Cowden and Ernestine Half.

Ladies, let me help you solve that Christmas gift problem. New things received daily. Mrs. Fred Wemple, Rest Room, Ever-Ready Filling Station. adv

The Wednesday Club met Dec. 19th with Mrs. Frank Elkin. It was voted to have the annual Club party New Years Eve. The lesson was conducted by Mrs. Holmsley. Mrs. Gibbs gave a parliamentary drill and Mrs. Caldwell led the current events discussion. On account of the absence of the regular Club reporter three meetings are being given at one time.

Camp Filling Station, near camp grounds, will appreciate your patronage. Service day or night. Bert Stringer, proprietor. adv 7-12t

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Thomas were visiting in Stanton the latter part of last week.

Buy mother a pair of glasses for Christmas at Inman's. adv 10t

Everybody's Store

Late Gifts

May be selected from our stocks which are even now very complete.

Beautiful Furs for Xmas

Red Fox, Brown Fox, Baum Martens and beautiful hatched sables, priced from \$15 upward to \$100.00. Nothing could be more appreciated than furs.

New Bags an Ideal Gift

Both beaded and leather Bags will make a welcomed gift, and range in price from \$1.50 to to \$15.00.

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Here are hundreds of nice inexpensive novelties, such as Compacts, Bracelets, Ear Bobs, Beads, Soutoirs, etc.

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CHURCH NOTICES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Christmas services will be held as follows:
Midnight mass at midnight Christmas night.
1. Mass at 7:30.
2. Mass at 8 a. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

9:30 a. m., Children's song service.
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:40 a. m., Communion service.
3:30 p. m., Intermediate Endeavor.
6:15 p. m., Senior Endeavor.
A cordial invitation to all.

METHODIST CHURCH

The regular order of services will be observed on Sunday and the week following.
L. U. SPELLMAN.

BAPTIST CHURCH

All regular services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday. The evening service will begin at 7:15. Our Christmas offering for the Buckner Orphans' Home will be taken on Sunday morning.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church Monday evening. Every one is invited to come.
W. S. GARNET, Pastor.

Smoking sets, pipes, cigar-cigarette holders, tobacco pouches, Christmas cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos.—Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop. adv

Miss Lotta Williams returned on Monday from a visit to Cleburne and other points east. She has been there for some time visiting her sister, Mrs. O. W. Ligon.

Get the date fixed in your mind. January 11th—Friday.

Miss Geraldine Cowden left today for Waco where she will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Whit Stafford.

Stationery, Candles, Candle shades and Candle Sticks.—Elite Confectionery and Floral Shop.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our friends and to our patrons—may we express our message of well wishes. And in all sincerity we add the measure of our greetings to you.

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