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The Christmas Presents

that endure thru out the years, and bring comfort as well as memories of the giver are the Presents that count. In this respect there is nothing that compares with our

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A Library or Drawing Room Set of Good Furniture

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Seven Immigrant Cars Moday Train

On Monday's down train were seven immigrant cars, which were set on the switch at Tahoka. These cars were for Lynn and Terry counties, and were as follows: C. L. Tyler, from Melvin, Texas; D. G. Cooke, Santa Anna; T. E. Park, two cars, Myra; B. G. Miller, Saratoga; E. Hunter, Itasca; and J. W. Henry, Weinert. What proportion of them stopped in Lynn county we were unable to learn. This is the largest bunch of immigrants that have arrived here any one day this year. On several occasions two and three cars have come in and seldom a week has gone by since crops were in hand in the lower country, that one or more have not come in. They are coming to Lynn county. You had better come along with the bunch.

ELECT OFFICERS; DIRECTORS

Saturday of last week, the stockholders of the proposed Lynn State Bank met in the Jones building on the west side of Main street and transacted such preliminary business as was possible before the arrival of the charter.

The following officers and directors were elected:

A. D. Shook, Pres., J. E. Ketter, V. Pres., A. E. Herring, Cashier, J. W. Elliott, Asst. Cashier, A. D. Shook, A. E. Herring, J. W. Elliott, J. R. Chambers, W. A. Waller, and Brashear directors.

It is generally understood, but not officially confirmed that this institution will begin operations in the Jones building as soon as their charter arrives, and will remain there until plans are agreed upon and a building erected on the Parkhurst corner.

For up-to-date construction and quick work—any and all kinds of building: See S. S. Ramsey; who knows how. Prices moderate. 521f

Prof. H. C. Zornes, superintendent of the Tahoka High School, received a telegram Monday afternoon stating that his mother was lying at the point of death. His mother has been sick for some time and the Professor and Mrs. Zornes had intended spending the holidays there as he had not seen his mother for some time. Prof. Zornes left on the Tuesday morning train for Boyd where he should arrive at eight o'clock Wednesday morning.

Two Story Bldgs. For West Side

We are able to announce this week that J. S. Wells and I. S. Doak of the southwest corner of the square will commence the construction of brick buildings the Monday after Christmas, which is the 27th day of this month.

The Wells building will be 30x100 feet, two stories. The lower floor given over to the J. S. Wells general merchandise store, the oldest established house in Tahoka.

We failed to learn any of the particulars about the Doak building, other than it will be built, and occupied in part by Mr. Doak's barber shop.

We learn this week that the Larkin building on the southwest key block will be a two story structure, instead of one as originally announced in these columns. The excavations for the foundations are completed and the steel girders for the front are on the ground and as soon as the contractor, A. Z. Rodgers, can command the material, the foundation will be poured and brick work commenced.

Ben Moore delivered at the "car door," Tuesday, 115 pounds of turkeys, some of which "Less than six months old gobblers, weighed twenty-three and twenty-four pounds apiece." The turkeys brought him 10 cents a pound; he also sold 160 pounds of chickens at 8½ cents a pound.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Samford, Mr. and Mrs. Guy King, and Prof. Lee Johnson, took dinner with J. F. Cavitt and family Sunday, and one of the guests stated to the News representative that they had the greatest dinner he ever saw placed upon a table, and nearly every bit of it raised right on the J. D. Donaldson farm, where Mr. Cavitt farmed this year.

J. O. Scarbro, of Lubbock, was a prospector in Tahoka Tuesday, and stated that he liked several locations he had seen in town.

W. F. Bigham stated that the rain Monday was just the thing he needed on his ten acres of oats. Not that that they needed the rain as yet, but he felt better to see a little moisture. He had been pasturing the oats as they were growing too rank for this time of the year.

LET US SOLVE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT PROBLEMS

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We extend a cordial invitation to call, when in the market for presents, practical, appropriate and appealing alike to discriminate taste and the sense of the useful.

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MARTIN'S BAKERY
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WHOLESALE BAKERS

FOR SALE—GOOD MILK COW, FRESH IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS; GENTLE, AND WILL SUPPLY LARGE FAMILY—APPLY AT NEWS OFFICE

FROM MORGAN COMMUNITY

Morgan, 12-6-'15.

Editor News:

They are still coming to Lynn County. Since our last to the News, the following have moved in with their families:

Messrs A. W. Goodwin, R. G. Hines, R. C. Thrush, and two families by the name of Hendrix. And by the way we were about to omit one and that was Mr. C. B. Blankenship. I think the above list are all from Oklahoma. There are several new houses in the neighborhood that are not occupied as yet but will be by the first of the year.

Mr G. J. Jennings, who purchased a Post contract has sold out to Cecil Shaw, and will leave

in a few days for New Mexico.

There was quite a lot of Lynn county young folks attended a party last Thursday night at Mr. Way's, just over the line in Garza county; all report a very pleasant time and got acquainted with many of the new comers. This scribe in company with Mr. F. A. Robinson, visited Southland last Saturday.

Mrs. Beulah Shaw, Mrs. E. N. Milliken, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shaw, Mr. Wren Bailey, and Miss Etta Shaw, were pleasant callers at Waller Robisons' Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Percy Davis was a visitor in the Morgan neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Robinson attended Sunday School at

Southland Sunday and spent the remaining part of the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Davis.

There will be a singing at the Morgan school house next Sunday (the 12th) afternoon at 2:30; everybody invited. We expect to have Mr. A. W. Goodwin with us to lead.

Mr. Goodwin is quite a noted singer, having taught for several years, and traveled with and sung for an Evangelist.

There is going to be a box supper at Southland, on Saturday night the 18th for the purpose of raising money to pay for an organ for the Sunday School. It is the intention to get up a program consisting of music, recitations, etc. There will be

quite a number of Morgan young folks take part in the program. The people of Southland extend an invitation to everybody.

The Old Ship Morgan started out this morning on her winter cruise with Miss Ella Dillard as her captain. The weather being bad and the report had gotten out that Miss Dillard was sick and would not be ready to commence school, her crew was not complete. We expect to have a crowded house at Morgan this winter.

PAP MOORE.

Box Cathey, who lives in the Pride neighborhood, had in ten acres of corn that made thirty bushels to the acre, and about seventy-five acres of maize that turned out forty-five bushels to the acre; no cotton.



THE YULETIDE SPIRIT'S HOME

First Call For Christmas Clothes

Don't wait for a blizzard and let winter's icy weather catch you unprepared. Whether you wish to be the giver of a nice tailored-to-measure suit or overcoat to a friend or relative, or whether you require more comfortable clothes yourself.

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"No Santa Claus!"

If it be true, as some do say,
That there's no Santa Claus,
What is this spirit on the way
That never seems to pause
When Christmas chimes are sounding clear
Upon the frosty night
In spreading splendid gifts of cheer
In every mortal's night?

What is this sense of glow divine
That comes to you and me
When watching all that happy line
Of children round the tree?
Whence comes this mantling atmosphere,
So full of sweet release
That falls upon us once a year
And covers us with peace?

No Santa Claus? Oh, men of doubt,
Whence comes this sorry claim?
Would you so fair a spirit flout
For reasons of a name?
Dear Santa Claus is everywhere
Where hearts are true and kind,
And where there's love of man 'tis there
His presence rare we find.
—John Kendrick Bangs in Harper's Weekly.

Sing a Song of Christmas.

Sing a song of Christmas,
Gladdest day of all;
O'er the hills and valleys
See the splendor fall;
Sing of gleaming holly;
Sing of mistletoe—
Sing a song of Christmas
Everywhere you go.

Sing a song of Christmas,
Holy, happy day,
Sing of Bethlehem's manger,
Where the Christ Child lay,
Sing of love unbounded,
"Peace, good will to men."
Sing a song of Christmas
O'er and o'er again.

Sing a song of Christmas:
Even on this glad day
There are griefs and heartaches
All along the way.
Hearts that wait the uplift
Of your note of cheer—
Sing a song of Christmas,
Strong and sweet and clear.

—Mrs. Virginia Reed in Ladies' Home

LAMESA-CROSBYTNN RUMOR

There is a persistent rumor afloat here that in the near future, the Santa Fe will put on a local passenger from Lamesa thru to Crosbyton, the terminus of the Crosbyton South Plains Railway, recently purchased by the Santa Fe system. Interviewing one of the local Santa Fe employees, he made the statement that he was not officially informed upon the matter, but had heard the train master mention such a service.

Should this schedule be established, it is very probable Tahoka and Lamesa would secure that long looked for Sunday train.

J. S. Barnes of the Edith community, about eight miles east of Tahoka, purchased the Tahoka garage last Friday, and placed his son, Joe, in charge Monday. Mr. Barnes stated to a News-reporter that he intends making many important improvements in the near future, among others, he mentioned the possibility of a brick building if he can secure a desirable location at a reasonable figure, and as that is one of the easiest things to do in Tahoka at the present time we will likely see a brick garage in the near future.

Come to Keith's, the largest, dryest and cheapest yard in town. 14-15p

Mrs. Hall Robinson and small son, Jack Alley, returned home the latter part of last week from an extended visit to the Slaughter ranch near Soash. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. Jack Alley and little daughter, Hazel, who remained a day or two visiting old friends in Tahoka.

CRUSHED BONE

We have installed a bone crusher and are prepared to furnish green bone meal—the feed that makes hens lay.—SANITARY MEAT MARKET. 13 th

20 Cwt. for a ton at Keith's. 14-15p

Saturday, December 18th, President Wilson and Mrs. Galt will become man and wife. We wish for them a merry Christmas and a long and happy life.

T. T. St. Clair, talking with a News representative one day this week, made the remark that he had visited California and almost every other so-called garden spot of the south and west, and none of them offered more or better opportunities to the homeseeker than the great South Plains.

Interviewed by a News reporter, A. L. Lockwood, breeder of full blood Herefords, related the following facts: He bought a car of twenty tons of cake before the market advanced; he has installed a No. 33 feed crusher, and intends to feed ake, crushed maize, kaffir and silage, this winter. Mr. Lockwood has a 320 ton silo filled with sorghum that he raised upon 50 acres on his own place this summer, and off of this 50 acres he also will sell between six and seven hundred dollars worth of sorghum seed at the prevailing prices. He filled his silo last year with kaffir, but after talking with several stockmen who have used silos for several years and tried several different kinds of feed, he decided to use sorghum entirely this year. Mr. Lockwood lives two miles north of Tahoka and has one of the most up-to-date stock farms in the county, mainly because he began earlier than several others who in a few years will have as developed place as he.

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The Story of the Magi.

The story of the Magi, as it is given by the evangelist Matthew, is astonishingly brief and unadorned. He tells us without preface that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem certain foreigners arrived at Jerusalem.

He does not tell us how many they were nor of what race nor of what station of life, although it is fair to infer from the consideration with which they were received at the court of Herod and from the fact that they carried treasure boxes with them that they were persons of distinction.

The most important statement in regard to them is that they were Magians—that is to say, disciples of Zoroaster and members of the sacred or priestly order of Persia, which was then widely scattered among the oriental nations and included men of exalted rank. They came from the east, a word which to the dwellers in Palestine could hardly have any other meaning than the ancient region of Chaldea, lying beyond the Jordan and the desert.

Their explanation of their journey to Herod was that they had seen an appearance in the heavens (whether one star or many or a comet they did not say) which led them to believe that the King of the Jews had been born, and they had come to do reverence to him. Herod was greatly troubled at hearing this and sent for the chief priests and scribes to inquire where the prophets had foretold that the

Messiah should be born.

They answered at once that Bethlehem was the chosen place. Then Herod, having asked the Magi how long it was since they first saw the appearance in the sky, sent them away to Bethlehem, promising that when they had found the young Christ he would come to do reverence to him. Having set out on their journey, they saw once more the celestial sign, its motion was such that it guided them to the place where Jesus was. Coming into the house—for Joseph now found better shelter than a manger—they saw the young child with his mother, and prostrated themselves before him in worship. Opening treasure chests, they presented gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Then, being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they took another road into their own country.

The conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn is one of the rarest celestial events. It occurs only once in 800 years. This conjunction, astronomers agree, happened more than three times in the year 7 B. C., shortly before the birth of Christ. It may be that we have here, in "fairy tale of science," a confirmation of this beautiful story of religion.

The light that led the Magi was the light of the Gospel. —Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke in the Magazine.

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JURIES, SEX and JUSTICE.

Before a jury of twelve men at Wetaskiwin, a small wheat town in Alberta, there appeared a woman charged with murder. She had killed her husband's mistress. This mistress had been living under the same roof in the lawful wife's home until the outraged wife ended the intolerable situation.

The jury found the wife guilty of murder and the judge sentenced her to be hanged by the neck. There is no record of any punishment inflicted upon the husband.

Almost at the same time a jury in Cranbrook, Alberta, passed upon a similar case. Returning from work, a mechanic found his house dishonored by a rival and shot the intruder dead before his unfaithful wife's eyes. The jury of twelve men acquitted the defendant. The judge endorsed the acquittal; he expressed the hope that the dead man's fate would help to protect the sanctity of the Canadian home. In the light of these decisions suffrage takes on new meaning. Apparently militant suffragettes are sadly needed to preach the fundamental truth concerning equal rights of both sexes in Canadian. —Sunset.

EVOLUTION OF MAN.

So complex and specialized is the organism of man that it takes a long stretch of imagination to believe that he evolved from the lower animals. Though it finally be established that man was the ultimatum toward which specialization worked and in man is found the perfect animal for the life here in this world and that spiritual life began where physical man was perfected and that now spiritual specialization is equipping him for the highest enjoyment in the world to come, I shall find no fault with the facts. And there is no conflict between this theory and the word of inspiration so far as I can see. I'm sure of science and religion being good friends but so many of us are strangers to each other, or one of them at least, until we are hopelessly unable to harmonize them.

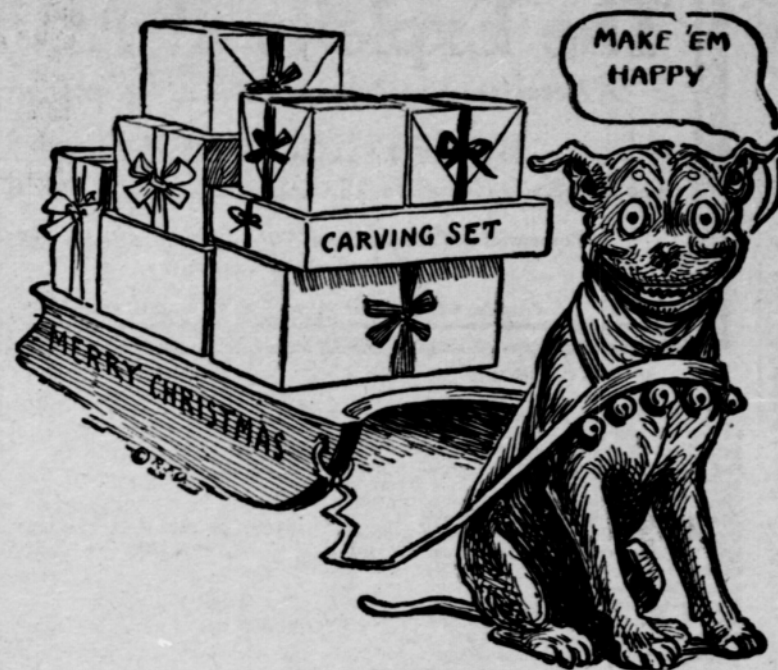
Man is specially endowed and as such he is called upon to perform the highest service. No matter whether you believe in spiritual religion or not you from an ethical basis are called upon to do your part nobly in this present life. If I were convinced that this life was all of life, it seems to me that I should even redouble my energies to make it conform to the highest standard. No man doubts but that his type of life is in large a measure transmitted or lives over again in his offspring. So outside of religion we are called on to be our very best. A thing is not true because it is a tenet of religion but because of its being true it became a tenet of religion. No great man invented truth. It was only perceived to be true by the minds of inspired men. We will do well to think and study to arrive at truth's dictum, for if we ignorantly follow delusions we must finally be awakened to the truth.

Let us be constructive in our lives and build upon the eternal truth and not lose out in the end because of our own stupidity.
C. P. WELCH.

Lial McGonagill, who has lived at O'Donnell for the past several months, was in Tahoka Tuesday, just returned from a trip thru the Midland country. He says conditions are good in that section, and in some localities enroute, but that he failed to see anything that equaled the South Plains.

C. B. Morrison of the Pride community, cultivated sixty-five acres in corn this year that made thirty-five bushels to the acre; sixty acres of maize made forty bushels to the acre. Like most of the farmers in the Pride community, Mr. Morrison feeds most of his stuff to cattle.

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DEEDS AND DEVOTION

He worships best who labors best
With head and heart and hand;
And he will find the sweetest rest,
When on the golden strand.

Religion is not waving palms,
When men hosannas cry,
Nor is it singing sacred psalms,
In high-wrought ecstasy.

'Tis not repeating lengthy prayers,
And making formal pleas,
Or climbing Pilate's marble stairs,
Upon your bended knees.

'Tis not professing holy creeds,
Subscribing to beliefs;
Instead it lives in noble deeds,
That lessen human griefs.

He who can make two roses grow,
Where only one has grown,
On man more bounty will bestow
Than saints who seek a throne.

The husbandman who brings the sod
To yield a hundred fold,
Is just as true a Son of God
As wintered priest of old.

The architect, the artisan,
The toiler in the quay,
Is ministering to God and man—
To labor is to pray.

—J. M. Cavaness. In Amarillo News.

WANTED—Fresh eggs. See us before selling.—City Bakery.

FROM GOVERNOR JIM

Governor's Office, Austin,
November 27, 1915.
Hon. T. A. Brown,
Tahoka, Texas,

My dear friend:

I acknowledge with deep appreciation the receipt of the photograph of yourself and the farm exhibit. I appreciate thus being remembered more than I can tell. The loyalty of such patriots as yourself has made this grand old state what it is; and it should be the ambition of every young man to build upon the foundation laid by you and your kind; an equal heritage to be handed down to their posterity.

Thanking you for writing me, and with much personal esteem, I am,

Your friend,

Jas. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

The above letter needs no comment to make it comprehensible. However, Uncle Tom, as Mr. Brown is familiarly known, has had quite a unique connection with Texas governors. He went to school with Jim Hogg, played with Tom Campbell, says he voted for Colquitt and Ferguson, and still has his hat in the ring for Governor Jim.

NO FAILURE IN NINE YEARS

G. W. Hickerson of twelve miles southwest of Tahoka, has 225 acres in cultivation this year; fifty-five acres of cotton will yield thirty-five bales; ten acres in corn averaged forty bushels; seven acres of sudan grass gave two cuttings and he could have cut it again if he had only had the time; eight acres of peanuts off of which he hauled in eight heavy loads of nuts and hay; thirteen acres in wheat in his hog pasture will help out this winter; the balance of the field was in maize and made at least one and a quarter tons to the acre. Mr. Hickerson has a fine big barn in which he has stored his peanuts, sudan hay and about ninety tons of maize heads, and is now stacking maize heads out in the lot. He has hauled up five loads of pie melons and says that as soon as he begins cutting melons his nogs, of which he has sixty head, will leave all other kinds of feed and come to eat the melons. Mr. Hickerson has a section of land upon which he has lived nine years and has never yet made a failure. His place has paid for itself and he has built a nice residence, a big barn, and has a fine large orchard that bears lots of good fruit every year.

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SYNOPSIS.

The New York police are mystified by a series of murders and other crimes. The principal clue to the criminal is the warning letter which is sent the victims, signed with a "clutching hand." The latest victim of the mysterious assassin is Taylor Dodge, the insurance president. His daughter, Elaine, employs Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective, to try to unravel the mystery. What Kennedy accomplishes is told by his friend Jameson, a newspaper man. Enraged at the determined effort which Elaine and Craig Kennedy are making to put an end to his crimes, the Clutching Hand, as this strange criminal is known, resorts to all sorts of the most diabolical schemes to put them out of the way. Each chapter of the story tells of a new plot against their lives and of the way the great detective uses all his skill to save this pretty girl and himself from death.

THIRTEENTH EPISODE

THE DEVIL WORSHIPERS.

Elaine was seated in the drawing room with Aunt Josephine one afternoon, when her lawyer, Perry Bennett, dropped in unexpectedly.

He had hardly greeted them when the butler, Jennings, in his usual impassive manner announced that Aunt Josephine was wanted on the telephone.

No sooner were Elaine and Bennett alone than Elaine, turning to him, exclaimed:

"Last night I dreamed that father came to me and told me that if I would give up Kennedy and put my trust in you, I would find the Clutching Hand. I don't know what to think of it."

Bennett, who had been listening intently, moved over nearer to Elaine and bent over her.

"Elaine," he said in a low tone, his remarkable eyes looking straight into her own, "you must know that I love you. Then give me the right to protect you. It was your father's dearest wish, I believe, that we should marry. Let me share your dangers and I will swear that sooner or later there will be an end to the Clutching Hand. Give me your answer, Elaine," he urged, "and make me the happiest man in all the world."

Elaine listened, and not unsympathetically, as Bennett continued to plead for her answer.

"Wait a little while—until tomorrow," she replied finally.

"Let it be as you wish, then," agreed Bennett quietly.

He took her hand and kissed it passionately.

An instant later Aunt Josephine returned. Elaine, unstrung by what had happened, excused herself and went into the library.

Involuntarily, her mind traveled back over the rapid succession of events of the past few weeks and the part that she had thought, at least, Kennedy had come to play in her life.

Then she thought of their recent misunderstanding. Might there not be some simple explanation of it, after all, which she had missed? What should she do?

She solved the problem by taking up the telephone and asking for Kennedy's number.

I was chatting with Craig in his laboratory, and, at the same time, was watching him in his experimental work. Just as a call came on the telephone, he was pouring some nitrohydrochloric acid into a test tube to complete a reaction.

The telephone tinkled and he laid down the bottle of acid on his desk, while he moved a few steps to answer the call.

Whoever the speaker was, Craig seemed deeply interested, and, not knowing who was talking on the wire, I was eager to learn whether it was anyone connected with the case of the Clutching Hand.

"Yes, this is Mr. Kennedy," I heard Craig say.

I moved over toward him and whispered eagerly, "Is there anything new?"

A little impatient at being interrupted, Kennedy waved me off. It occurred to me that he might need a pad and pencil to make a note of some information, and I reached over the desk for them.

As I did so my arm inadvertently struck the bottle of acid, knocking it over on the top of the desk. Its contents streamed out saturating the telephone wires before I could prevent it. In trying to right the bottle my hand came in contact with the acid which burned like liquid fire, and I cried out in pain.

Craig hastily laid down the receiver, seized me and rushed me to the back of the laboratory, where he grenched my hand with a neutralizing liquid.

He bound up the wounds caused by the acid, which proved to be slight, after all, and then returned to the telephone.

To his evident annoyance, he discovered that the acid had burned through the wires and cut off all connection.

At the other end of the line, Elaine was listening impatiently for a re-

last, that Kennedy had apparently left the telephone without any explanation or apology.

"Why—he rang off," she exclaimed angrily to herself, as she hung up the receiver and left the room.

In the center of a devious and winding way, quite unknown to all except those who knew the innermost secrets of the Chinese quarter, and even unknown to the police, there was a dingy tenement house, apparently inhabited by hard-working Chinamen, but in reality the headquarters of the notorious devil worshipers, a sect of satanists, banned by the Celestial empire.

The cult comprised some of the most dangerous Chinese thugs and assassins, members of dangerous character who belonged to various Chinese secret societies. At the head of this formidable organization was Long Sin, the high priest of the devil god, and Long Sin had, as we know, already joined forces with the notorious Clutching Hand.

The room in which the uncanny rites of the devil worshipers were conducted was a large apartment decorated in



Elaine is Forced to Kneel to the Gruesome Metallic Figure.

Chinese style, with highly colored portraits of some of the devil deities and costly silken hangings. Beside a large dais depended a huge Chinese gong.

On the dais itself stood, or rather sat, an ugly figure covered with some sort of metallic plating. It almost seemed to be the mummy of a Chinaman covered with gold leaf.

Into this room came Long Sin attired in an elaborate silken robe. He advanced and knelt before the dais with its strange figure, and laid down an offering before it.

This performance was witnessed by twenty or thirty Chinamen who knelt in the rear of the room.

At the same time an aged Chinaman carrying a prayer wheel entered the place and, after prostrating himself devoutly, placed the machine on a sort of low stool or tabourette and began turning it slowly, muttering.

A few moments later Long Sin, who had been bowing before the metallic figure in deepest reverence, suddenly sprang to his feet. His glazed eye and excited manner indicated that he had received a message from the lips of the strange god.

The worshipers who had prostrated themselves, in awe at the sight of their high priest in the unholy frenzy, all rose to their feet and crowded forward.

Long Sin struck several blows on the resounding gong and then raised his voice in solemn tones.

"Ksing Chau, the Terrible, demands a consort. She is to be foreign—fair of face and with golden hair."

At the same time, in a room of the adjoining house, the Clutching Hand himself was busily engaged in making the most elaborate preparations for some nefarious scheme which his fertile mind had evolved.

The room had been fitted up as a medium's seance parlor. Two of the Clutching Hand's most trusted confederates and a hard-faced woman of middle age, dressed in plain black, were putting the finishing touches to this apartment, when their chief entered.

Clutching Hand gazed about the room, now and then giving an order or two to make more effective the setting for the purpose which he had in mind.

Finally he nodded in approval and stepped over to the fireplace where

logs were burning brightly in a grate. Pressing a spring in the mantelpiece, the master criminal effected an instant transformation. The logs in the fireplace, still burning, disappeared immediately through the bottom of the brick tiling and a metal sheet covered them. An aperture opened at the back, as if by magic.

Through this opening Clutching Hand made his way quickly and disappeared.

Emerging on the other side of the peculiar fireplace, Clutching Hand pushed aside a curtain which barred the way and looked into the Chinese temple, taking up a position behind the metallic figure on the dais.

The Chinamen had by this time finished their devotions, if such they might be called, and the last one was leaving, while Long Sin stood alone on the dais.

The noise of the departing satanists had scarcely died away when Clutching Hand stepped out.

"Follow me," he ordered hoarsely, seizing Long Sin by the arm and leading him away.

They passed through the passage-way of the fireplace and, having entered the seance room, Clutching Hand began briefly explaining the purpose of the preparations that had been made. Long Sin wagged his head in voluble approval.

Elaine was standing in the library gazing sadly at Kennedy's portrait, thinking over recent events and above all the rebuff over the telephone which she supposed she had received.

Jennings entered with a card on a saucer. Elaine took it and saw with surprise the name of her caller:

MADAME SAVETSKY,

Medium.

Beneath the engraved name were the words written in ink: "I have a message from the spirit of your father."



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At the house the medium opened the door with her key and ushered in her three visitors.

Entering the room, the medium at once prepared for the seance by pulling down the window shades.

Suddenly an indistinct face was seen to be peering through the black curtains. A voice, deep, sepulchral, was heard in slow and solemn tones.

"I am Eeko—the spirit of Taylor Dodge. I will give no message until one named Josephine leaves the room."

No sooner had the words been uttered than the medium came writhing out of her trance.

"What happened?" she asked, looking at Elaine.

Elaine reported the spirit's words. "We can get nothing if your aunt stays here," Savetsky added, insisting that Aunt Josephine must go. "Your father cannot speak while she is present."

Aunt Josephine, annoyed by what she had heard, indignantly refused to go and was deaf to all Elaine's pleadings.

"I think it will be all right," finally acquiesced Bennett, seeing how bent Elaine was on securing the message. "I'll stay and protect her."

Aunt Josephine finally agreed. "Very well, then," she protested, marching out of the room in a high state of indignation.

She had scarcely left the house, however, when she began to suspect that all was not as it ought to be. In fact, the idea had no sooner occurred to her than she decided to call on Kennedy and she ordered the chauffeur to take her as quickly as possible to the laboratory.

Kennedy had not been in the laboratory all the day after my experience with the acid, and I was impatiently awaiting his arrival. At last there came a knock at the door and I opened it hurriedly. There was a messenger boy who handed me a note. I tore it open. It was from Kennedy and read: "I shall probably be away for two or three days. Call up Elaine and tell her to beware of a certain Madame Savetsky."

I was still puzzling over the note and was just about to call up Elaine when the speaking tube was blown and to my surprise I found that it was Aunt Josephine who had called.

"Where is Mr. Kennedy?" she asked, greatly agitated.

"He has gone away for a few days," I replied blankly. "Is there anything I can do?"

She was very excited and hastily related what had happened at the parlor of the medium.

"What was her name?" I cried anxiously.

"Madame Savetsky," she replied, to my surprise.

Astonished, I picked up Craig's note from the desk and handed it to her without a word. She read it with breathless eagerness.

"Come back there with me, please," she begged, almost frantic with fear now. "Something terrible may have happened."

Aunt Josephine had hardly left Savetsky when the trance was resumed.

Suddenly, from the mysterious shadows of the cabinet, there appeared the spirit of Long Sin, whose death Elaine still believed she had caused when Adventuress Mary had lured her to the apartment.

Elaine was trembling with fear at the apparition.

As before, a strange voice sounded in the depths of the cabinet and again a message was heard, in low, solemn tones:

"I am Eeko, and I have with me Long Sin. His blood cries for vengeance."

Elaine was overcome with horror at the words.

Then a dim, ghostly figure, apparently that of Long Sin, appeared.

With arms outstretched, the figure glided from the cabinet and approached Elaine. She shrieked back further in fright, too horrified even to scream.

At the same moment, the medium drew a vapor pistol from her dress, and, as the ghost of Long Sin leaped at Elaine, Savetsky darted forward and shot a stream of vapor full in Bennett's face.

Bennett dropped unconscious, the lights in the darkened room flashed up, and several of the men of the Clutching Hand rushed in.

Quickly the fireplace was turned on its cleverly constructed hinges, revealing the hidden passage.

Before any effective resistance could be made, Elaine and Bennett were hustled through the passage, securely bound, and placed on a divan in a curtained chamber back of the altar of the devil worshippers.

It was at that moment that I, little dreaming of what had been taking place, arrived with Aunt Josephine at the house of the medium.

She answered my ring and admitted us. To our surprise, the seance room was empty.

"Where is the young lady who was here?" I asked.

"Miss Dodge and the gentleman just

left a few minutes ago," the medium explained, as we looked about.

I happened to notice a torn handkerchief lying on the floor. It flashed over me that perhaps it might afford a clue.

As I passed it, I purposely dropped my soft hat over it and picked up the hat, securing the handkerchief without attracting Savetsky's attention.

Aunt Josephine was keen now for returning home to find out whether Elaine was there or not. No sooner had she entered the car and driven off, than I examined the handkerchief. It was torn, as if it had been crushed in the hand during a struggle and wrenched away. I looked closer. In the corner was the initial "E."

That was enough. Without losing another precious moment I hurried around to the nearest police station.

The sergeant detailed several roundsmen and a man in plain clothes, and together we returned to the house, laying a careful plan to surround it secretly, while the plainclothes man and I obtained admittance.

Meanwhile, the Chinese devil worshippers had again gathered in their cursed temple and Long Sin, in his priestly robe, appeared on the dais.

The worshippers kotowed reverently to him, while at the back again stood the aged Chinaman patiently turning his prayer wheel.

Two braziers, or smoke pots, had been placed on the dais, one of which Long Sin touched with a stick, causing it to burst out into dense fumes.

Standing before them, he chanted in nasal tones: "The white consort of the great Ksing Chau has been found. It is his will that she now be made his."

As he finished intoning the message, Long Sin signaled to two young Chinamen to go into the anteroom. A moment later they returned with Elaine. Frightened though she was, Elaine made no attempt to struggle, even when they had cut her bonds.

They carried her up to the dais, and now Long Sin faced her and sternly ordered her to kotow to the gruesome metallic figure.

She refused, but instantly the Chinamen seized her arm and twisted it, until they had compelled her to fall to her knees.

Having forced her to kotow, Long Sin turned to the assembled devil dancers.

"With magic and rare drugs," he chanted, "she shall be made to pass beyond and her body encased in precious gold shall be the consort of Ksing Chau—forever and ever."

With callous devilry, the oriental satanists made every arrangement for embalming and preserving the body of Elaine.

At last all seemed to be in readiness to proceed.

"Hold her," ordered Long Sin in guttural Chinese, to the two attendants, as he approached her.

Long Sin held in his hand a small, profusely decorated pot from which smoke was escaping. As he approached he passed this receptacle under her nose once, twice, three times.

Gradually Elaine fell into unconsciousness.

While Elaine was facing death in the power of the devil worshippers, I had reached the house of Savetsky next door with the police, and the place had been quietly surrounded.

With the plainclothes man, a daring and intelligent fellow, I went to the door and rang the bell.

"What can I do for you?" asked the medium, admitting us.

"My friend here," I parlayed, "is in great business trouble. Can your controlling spirit give him advice?"

Savetsky set to work preparing the room for a seance. As she moved over to the window to pull down the shades she must have caught sight of one or two of the policemen who had inactionally exposed themselves from the hiding place in which I had disposed them before we entered. At any rate, Savetsky did not lose a jot of her remarkable composure.

"I'm sorry," she remarked morally, "but I'm afraid my control is weak and cannot work today."

She took a step toward the door, motioning us to leave. Neither of us paid any attention to the hint, but remained seated as we had been before.

Almost before I knew what she was doing, she made a dash for something in the corner of the room. It was time for open action, and I seized her quickly.

My detective was on his feet in an instant.

"I'll take care of her," he growled out, seized her wrists in his viselike grasp. "You give the signal."

I rushed to the window, threw up the shade and opened the mesh, waving our preconceived sign and turned again toward the room.

With a sudden accession of desperate strength, Savetsky broke away from the plainclothes man and again attempted to get at something concealed on the wall. I had turned just in time to fling myself between her and whatever object she had in mind.

As the detective took her again and twisted her arm until she cried out in pain, I hastily investigated the wall. She had evidently been attempting to press a button that rang a concealed bell.

What did it mean?

Elaine, now completely unconscious, was being held by the Chinamen, while her arm was smeared with sticky, black material from the cauldron of Long Sin.

Suddenly the aged Chinaman with the prayer wheel stopped his incessant, impious turning, and, rising, held up his hand as if to command attention.

"This is nonsense," he cried in a loud voice. "Why should our great Ksing Chau desire a white devil? I, a great-grandfather, demand to know."

Shaking with rage, Long Sin ordered the intruder off the dais. But the aged devotee refused to go.

"Throw him out," he ordered his attendants.

For answer, as the two young Chinamen approached, the old Chinaman threw them down to the floor with a quick Ju-jitsu movement.

Furious now beyond expression, Long Sin stepped forward. He seized the beard and queue of the intruder. To his utter amazement they came off!

It was Kennedy.

With his automatic drawn, before the astonished devil dancers could recover themselves, Craig stood at bay.

Long Sin leaped behind the big gong. As the Chinaman rushed forward to seize him, Kennedy shot the leader of Long Sin's attendants and struck down the other with a blow.

Kennedy seized Elaine's yielding body, and, pushing back the curtain to the anteroom, succeeded in gaining it and locking the door into the main temple.

Bennett was still lying on the floor tightly bound. With a few deft cuts with a Chinese knife which he had picked up, Kennedy released him.

At the same time Chinamen were trying to batter down the door, Kennedy's last bulwark. It was swaying under their repeated blows.

While Kennedy was thus besieged by the devil worshippers in the anteroom, several policemen and detectives gathered in the seance room with us, next door, where Savetsky was held a defiant and mute prisoner.

I had discovered the bell and, taking that as a guide, I started to trace the course of a wire which ran alongside the wall.

To the fireplace I traced the bell and, in pulling on the wire, I luckily pressed a secret spring. To my amazement the whole fireplace swung out of sight and disclosed a secret passageway.

I looked through it.

It was almost at that precise instant that the door of the anteroom burst open and the Chinamen swarmed in, urged on by the insane exhortations of Long Sin.

To my utter amazement, I recognized Kennedy's voice.

In the first onslaught Craig shot one Chinaman dead, then closed with the others, slashing right and left with the Chinese knife he had picked up.

Bennett came to his aid, but was immediately overcome by two Chinamen, who evidently had been detailed for that purpose.

Meanwhile Kennedy and the others were engaged in a terrible life and death struggle.

Finally, Long Sin, seizing a large wall-hanging, leaped upon Kennedy from the back and threw it over his head, almost suffocating him.

It was just as the Chinese was about to overpower him that I led the police and detectives through the passageway of the fireplace.

It was a glorious fight that followed. But Long Sin and his Chinamen were no match for the police and were soon completely routed, the police striking furiously in all directions and clearing the room.

Instantly Kennedy thought of the fair object of all this melee. He rushed to the divan on which he had placed Elaine.

As she opened her eyes for an instant she gazed at Craig, then at Bennett. Still not comprehending just what had happened, she gave her hand to Bennett. Bennett lifted her to her feet and slowly assisted her as she tried to walk away.

Kennedy watched them, more stupefied than if he had been struck over the head by Long Sin.

Police and detectives were now taking the captured Chinaman away, as Bennett, his arm about Elaine, led her gently out.

A young detective had slipped the handcuffs over Long Sin's wrists, and I was standing beside him.

Kennedy, in a daze at the sight of Elaine and Bennett, passed us, scarcely noting who we were.

As Craig collected his scattered senses Long Sin motioned to him, as if he had a message to deliver.

Kennedy frowned suspiciously. He was about to turn away when the Chinaman began pleading earnestly for a chance to say a few words.

"Step aside for a moment, you fellows, won't you, please?" he asked. "I will hear what you have to say, Long Sin."

Long Sin looked about craftily. "What is it?" prompted Craig, seeing that at last they were all alone. Long Sin again looked around.

"Swear that I will go free and not suffer," he whispered, "and I will betray the great Clutching Hand."

Kennedy studied the Chinaman keenly for a moment. Then, seemingly satisfied with the scrutiny, he nodded slowly assent.

As Craig did so, I saw Long Sin lean over and whisper into Kennedy's ear. Craig started back in horror and surprise.

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59 counties out of the 252 counties in the state made reports of contagious diseases. 53 counties reported diphtheria. The largest number of cases in any one county was 41.

If 15,000 units of antitoxin on an average was given to each patient, 8,310,000 units were used during this month. At \$12.50 for 10,000 units (the usual price), this quantity of serum would cost the people of Texas \$10,387.50, but if bought under the new contract made by the State Board of Health in September, 1915, at \$4.00 per 10,000 units, costs only \$3,324, showing a saving of \$7,063.50.

The State Health Department, including the maritime and border quarantine service, costs the state \$4,220 per month, leaving a difference in favor of the tax payers' pockets of \$2,843.50.

Many people did not get the advantage of this saving as the plan of distribution has not become generally known.

By the State Board Contract, distributing stations were established in every county seat and all those central points where a druggist would accept the contract. This serum is inspected and passed by the U. S. inspectors, with the same care and precision used as in the case of other laboratories which sell their products at three times the price. If the people care to save this loss, the State Board of Health has made it possible for them to do so.

L. A. Bigham of the Edith community, happened to a painful accident Friday of last week, when he was scalding hogs; he stepped on a piece of loose chain that was lying near the scalding vat, and it rolled under his foot causing him to step into the vat of hot water, severely scalding him above his shoe. Lonnie said the water was just right as it brought away the hairs and some of the hide, and he did not let his foot stay in the water any longer than he could help, either.

Elmer Crab of Oklahoma City, came in Wednesday of last week and is spending several days here.

Friday of last week, J. B. Miles of the O'Donnell community, finished dipping nearly five hundred calves. He has purchased an eight horse gasoline engine and a No. 33 crusher which was on the track at O'Donnell Saturday; he intends to crush something more than one hundred tons of maize and kafir this winter to feed his stock on; using three pounds to the head for his calves and five pounds of the crushed feed for each head of cows at a feed. Mr. Miles states that this is in the nature of an experiment with him, as he has always used cake heretofore as his main stock feed. Every stockman in this country should use all the feed raised by the farmers in his neighborhood that he can, so as to develop the home market.

Telling Santa What They Want



FARM GROVE ON THE PLAINS

No one disputes that trees around the farmstead are much to be admired. The treeless plain may not at first sight be inviting to the tree planter. But trees have been planted and are today growing splendidly. What others have done in the line of tree planting, may be done again.

It was very noticeable through the summer that much fruit was raised on the Plains. From many stations fruit was shipped. This fruit came to the stations in any sort of boxes, gunnysacks, flour sacks, or anything that would hold plums, pears, apples, peaches and the like. It was the best evidence that people have succeeded in growing even fruit trees.

This is not an essay on tree planting. This is simply to call attention to the fact that trees grow on the Plains and that now is the time for planning the tree planting for the season. The planter has the choice of a number of good varieties that have proved successful, both in shade and fruit trees. Some are rapid growing, others come on slower, but are more valuable for their timber.

New varieties of trees with fancy names and much advertised at high figures, possibly untried in this climate, should be bought and planted sparingly. The trees already tried out on the Plains are not expensive. In fact the cost of a supply of trees or standard varieties for a family orchard and shade for the yard is not great.

The main thing in tree planting is to get started and never quit.

THE WAY OF LIFE

The individual who wrote the following evidently was a student of human nature: "Man comes into the world without his consent and leaves it against his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and misunderstandings, by the balance of the species. In his infancy he is an angel; in his boyhood he is a devil; and in his manhood he is anything from a lizard up. In his duties he is a damn fool. If he raises a family he is a chump; if he raises a check he is a thief, and then the world raises the devil with him. If he is a poor manager he has no sense; if he is rich he is dishonest, but is considered smart. If he is in politics you can't place him, as he is an undesirable citizen; if he goes to church he is a hypocrite; if he stays away from church he is a sinner and damned; if he donated to foreign mission he does it for show; if he doesn't he is stingy and a tightwad. When he first comes into the world everybody wants to kiss him; before he gets out they all want to kick him. If he dies young there was a great future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age he is simply in the way living to save funeral expenses. This life is a funny road, but we all like to travel it just the same.

TRY A WANT AD

until there is a beautiful grove about the house to take the sting out of the winds and furnish fruit and shade in summer.

A. M. HOVE.

Honesty Is The Best Policy Besides being right

We could not afford to misrepresent, in the slightest degree, anything that we sell, because we realize that every permanent success is based upon the principle that--
"Honesty is the Best Policy"

EDWARDS BROS.

Grain, Hay, Coal, Salt, Cotton and Cotton Seed Products
ONE BLOCK NORTH OF DEPOT
WAGON YARD IN CONNECTION

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Tracts Of Land From 160 Acres 5,000 Acres

This Land Is Located In Lynn County, Texas
If You Desird A Home Or An Investment, Address

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS A WONDERFUL VARIETY

Santa Claus Is Here

and he has forgotten no one.

Come Early and Make Your Selections
Before the Stock Has Been Picked Over

Ivory and Jewelry

There will be nothing that will appeal to miladie's heart this Christmas as will a set of ivory, or an odd piece. In anticipation of this demand we now have on display a stock that will please the most exacting. Also we have increased our line of jewelry, suitable for gifts to ladies and gentlemen alike.

Candies and Cigars

We have one of the largest stocks of bulk and fancy box candies ever opened up in Tahoka. We can fill your every want in this line. For milord's holiday smoking we offer a fine line of cigars and tobaccos to select from. Our cigars make appreciated gifts to a gentleman friend who smokes.

Fresh Fruit

We are headquarters in Tahoka for this line, in fact we are the only store that pretends to carry a full fresh line of apples, oranges, lemons, grapes, grapefruit, and bananas at all times. Christmas loses half its joy without the fresh fruit, and are prepared to supply this.

TOYS

We have not forgotten the little folks; we laid in a large and complete line of toys, dolls, blocks, picture books, and play house finishings.

Special Line of Books by Noted Authors

Parkhurst's Broken \$ Store

CHRISTMAS PARTNERS—
SANTA CLAUS—OUR STORE
—YOU—

Henry Ford, 87 delegates, 57 newspaper reporters, and 20 secretaries and stenographers left Monday on the Oscall for Europe, to spread "Peace on earth and good will toward men," which reminds us of the story of the incident of the painter and the shoemaker. In days of old a famous artist had on exhibit a painting. Among the crowd there chanced to be an humble shoemaker. He called the attention of the artist to a flaw in the shoe worn by the person in the portrait. The artist corrected the flaw. Emboldened by thus being noticed, the shoemaker criticized the limbs of the subject, and the artist politely told him, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last."

The Imperial Chancellor has agreed to tell the Germans on Dec. 9 what they are fighting for. Doubtless many of them have wondered and wished they knew. —Dallas News.

Despatch from Washington, Pa. (wherever that is) says that a man was found dying at that place, blood pouring from three bullet wounds in the back, and that "all signs point to murder." In Texas when all the wounds are in the back the signs point to self-defense. —Amarillo Daily News.

Today and tomorrow there will be gathered at Sweetwater, delegates from seventeen counties lying between Eastland county and the Pecos river and Tom Green county and Lubbock county. Among these delegates will be found county Judges, farmers, bankers, merchants and journal lists. This meeting is called by the Department of Agriculture of the state of Texas for the purpose of instigating immediate legislation or formulate a plan of community co-operation for the destruction of the rabbit, prairie dog, rat and raven, and like destroyers of crops, grass and trees.

The inroads of the above pests have reached that magnitude where silence is no more golden, and we as individual counties and as a district as a whole are compelled to come out in the open and fight them to extermination. There is written on the statute books of this state, a law passed by the last legislature known as the Biggers Dog Law, which it enforced will assure the elimination of the prairie dog and the dog rabbit, after the expiration of two years after the passage of the law.

But can we wait? These pests are increasing hundreds of thousands, yea, millions, every season and the longer we procrastinate the more insurmountable the task of exterminating them becomes. Now as patriotic citizens of this district, you owe and we believe you will give your hearty co-operation in whatever movement this conference decides to launch for the extermination of these pests.

In regular session Monday night the City Council of the city of Tahoka received a bid from J. F. Raymond for a contract for the scavenger work of the city. As the city was only incorporated last summer, and for the fact that no taxes are due to be assessed until next spring and would not be due until the fall following; therefore as of a necessity the city is financially unable to handle this matter until some future date.

However, the work needs to be done, and there are men willing to take the contract; then why not? It has been suggested to us that this work be made possible by subscription or by assessment. The figures submitted by the above mentioned bidder were: For residential work 50 cts. per month; business section, \$1.50, trash ashes and other rubbish, from 25 cts. to \$1.00 per month. It is thought that there is a local man who will make better figures than these.

This matter should be settled and submitted to the next meeting of the council.

SANDY LAND FARM

Joe Simmons of about five miles southwest of Tahoka has a fine sandy land farm stock ranch, on which he has plenty of beef, hogs and chickens to consume about all the feed he can raise each year. Mr. Simmons made the statement that he had not bought a pound of bacon during the last ten years, but, on the other hand, had an average of \$150.00 worth of hog products each year. He has thirteen hogs in his fat pen and a goodly bunch of pigs coming on for next year. He breeds his sows so that they have a litter of pigs just before just after cold weather and raises two good sized litters on each sow during the year. Simmons has purchased a gas engine and feed crusher and will crush his feed and does not expect to have to buy any of the feed. He has a small lake fed by a well and a windmill. He had twenty acres planted in cotton that was harvested in August and he only got a bale of bolls from the entire patch; forty-five acres of sorghum, however turned out a little less than twenty bushels to the acre. He has 100 acres of maize made a ton heads to the acre. His entire crop was damaged by the hail. Mr. Rhodes, who is a sister of Mr. Schooler has been visiting relatives and friends near Ballinger for the past three or four weeks.

Classified Column

NOTICE - Bids will be received by the Post Sanitarium on Tuesday noon, December 10, for an 8 room addition to the Post Sanitarium.

Post Sanitarium.

NOTICE

Positively no hunting, allowed on my premises, twelve miles south-west of Tahoka, - G. HICKERSON. 13-14

WEST TEXAS ABSTRACT CO. Miss Bertha Bauder, Mgr. Office in Clerk's Office, Tahoka. Complete abstracts of L. County, and Tahoka Real Estate. 15-16

Lost, Strayed or Stolen, one or two year old horse colt, coming yearling, unbranded, natural saddle. Finder return to Ben King for reward. 15-16

LOST - A riding bridle, back of Larkin's store, Tahoka. Finder please return to Larkin's store and receive reward. 15-16

WANTED - A job on a ranch. Good experienced hand. Wife cook if needed. Write P. Fuller, Tahoka, Texas. 15-16

WANTED - To rent 15 or 20 acres within 5 miles Tahoka. Apply Lewis Piowanka. 15-16

WANTED - Fresh eggs. \$1.00 us before selling. - City Baker. FOR SALE - Good, new furniture - H. C. Elliott at the Tahoka Garage. 15-16

FOR SALE - Corner lot south side of the square. Cash terms. - Address, Owner, 86, Tahoka, Texas. 15-16

FOR SALE - Five good teams of mules and horses, all broken. Phone or write me at Tahoka. - A. L. Lockwood. 15-16

FOR SALE - three spans of mares, weight twelve hundred pounds each. Geo. Short. 15-16

FOR SALE - Ten year old colts on the credit. priced - B. G. MONTGOMERY, Tahoka. 15-16

For Sale at a Bargain place in South Tahoka. G. Milliken. 15-16

HOLIDAY GREETING

No. 8597

A Condensed Statement Of

The First National Bank Of Tahoka, Texas,

As made to the Comptroller of Currency at Close of Business November 10th, 1915

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$170,012.07	Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
United States Bonds	7,500.00	Susplus and Profits	16,342.42
House and Fixtures	10,000.00	Circulation	7,500.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	1,050.00	Bills Payable	20,000.00
Cash and Exchange	84,726.93	Deposits	204,446.58
Total	\$273,289.00	Total	\$273,289.00

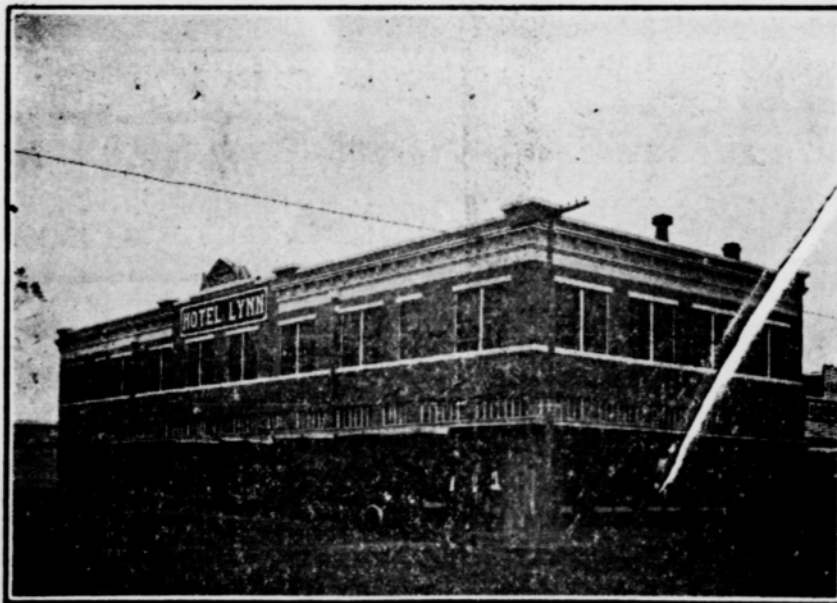
I Certify that the Above Statement Is Correct. W. B. Slaton, Cashier.

Nothing could be more appropriate as a Christmas Gift than a savings account in a
Bank Of This Character.

Every accommodation consistent with sound Banking extended to You.

THE HOTEL LYNN

European Plan,
20 Exterior Rooms
Baths and Toilets,
New, Modern and
Comfortable.
Rates 50c, 75c, \$1.




The Lynn Cafe,
On The First Floor,
One Of The Best
Appointed In
Western Texas.
Meals, Short Orders

"The Mecca of the Travel Weary Public"

Owned and Operated by A. D. Shook

East, Side Main Street from Porterfield to Harper Street

Tahoka, Lynn Connty, Texas



To All Good People of This Town Holiday Greetings!

For the Christmas Gift Buyer we are displaying one of the most refined and up-to-date lines of Christmas Season Goods ever shown in the City of Tahoka. Not knick-knacks that have but a fleeting symptom of value, but merchandise that is dependable and that you will never have reason to be ashamed of having given to your most intimate friends.

We realize that Christmas Shopping is one of the most difficult Problems that confront the public today: With this idea in mind and believing we can save you much thought, we submit for your approval these suggestions for the Holiday Shopping:

For The Ladies

Ivory Sets	Military Brush Sets	Manicuring Sets
Toilet Sets	Perfume in Christmas Boxes	Stationery
Traveling Sets	Candy in Fancy Boxes	Kodaks
Fine Cut Glass	Watches and Bracelets	La Vallieres

For The Gentlemen

Cigars	Traveling Sets	Thermos Bottles
Shaving Sets	Pocket Books	Pipes
Smoking Sets	Fountain Pens	Tobacco in Jars
Card Cases	Pen and Pocket Knives	Scarf Pins
Cuff Links	Shirt Studs	Tie Clasps

For The Little Folks

We have an unsurpassed line of Mechanical Toys, Dolls, Tea Sets, Doll Furniture, Bulk Candies, and other things too numerous to mention.

Christmas Shoppers are especially invited to make This Store Their Headquarters---And Don't Forget Our Soda Fountain is Working for you.

Incidentally, we wish to call your attention to a line of Drugs and Drug Sundries that are of Highest Quality. Bring us your next Prescription; we will fill it with just the items your Physician intended you should have. You will not be overcharged, but will be entirely satisfied.



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Thomas Bros. Drug Co.

Tahoka,

The Rexall Store

Texas