

# LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

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## WILL BE HERE SUNDAY

Miss Pool, the lady who was to have been here Thursday night to lecture on missionary work in Japan, failed to arrive, and we have heard since that her sister was taken very ill and had to be carried to the sanitarium.

Mrs. Cris, president of the W. H. M. Society, received a phone call this morning from Miss Pool at Lubbock and it was arranged for Miss Pool to come down on the train tomorrow and deliver the lecture at the Methodist church some time Sunday, the hour will be announced at both Sunday Schools Sunday morning.

Let every one who can, come and hear from one who knows about Japan.

The best flour in town at J. B. Keever's. Every sack guaranteed. 15-1t

H. H. Hayley, a spectacle pedler, from Robert Lee and Bronte, Texas, was here Saturday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Y. T. Crouch, of East Tahoka, December 5th, a girl.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. King, of west Tahoka, December 10, a girl.

For Windmill work call Frank King. Phone No. 3. All work guaranteed. 13-19pd

Messrs. Jas. and Jno. Brown, of San Saba, Texas, came in Saturday to visit their sister, Mrs. J. P. Fleming. They spent Sunday here leaving for home again Monday.

Just received at J. B. Keever's a nice line of Men's, Ladies' and Childrens' winter underwear, union and two piece suits. 15-1t

Uncle George Milliken, of Balingier, Texas, came in Thursday of last week to visit friends and relatives. He paid The News a pleasant call Saturday; one of the kind that we have to return 52 times a year. Did you ever pay The News such a call? If not you are missing 52 pleasant return calls each year.

## TO KILL PRAIRIE DOGS

H. F. Priest, Chaves county, New Mexico, has taken the contract to exterminate the prairie dogs on the T-Bar ranch, and will begin operations right away. This is rather a large job, the ranch containing 130 sections or 83,200 acres of land. Quite a number of sections have no dogs on them, while in other places the dogs are very numerous, and annually destroy much of the grass.

Mr. Priest uses a machine that generates gas from carbon and other ingredients, which is forced or pumped into the burrows through a short piece of hose, killing all the dogs, both young and old that are in the burrow at the time. He will employ from six to twelve hands, running two crews. He also has the contract to clear 70 sections for Jno. B. Slaughter, of Post, Texas, part of whose land lies in Lynn county.

Mr. Priest usually charges \$30.00 per section to exterminate the dogs, but he gave us to understand that in consideration of the fact of the large contract and so many sections having no dogs on them, the price per section for the T-Bar job was at a lower figure.

Mrs. Edwards and daughter, Miss Alma, who have recently returned from an extended visit with kinfolks, left Thursday morning with a couple of wagon loads of household goods for the farm about six or seven miles east of O'Donnell, where they will make their home.

The man or woman who does not take The News or borrow it, must depend on some one telling them about our advertisements or lose money. A merchant is not going to spend \$5, \$10 or \$20 advertising bargains unless he has them. The merchant who does not advertise never has quite enough bargains to go around among his pets, so does not need to advertise, and the general buying public pays the freight.

## PREPARING FOR HIS ANNUAL JOURNEY



## Buying Broom Corn

The Tahoka Broom Factory is stocking up on broom corn right along. Harley a day passes that Messrs Chambers & Smith do not add to their already large rupply of broom corn. So far they have bought all the corn that has come to Tahoka, paying the top price which has run all the way from \$40 to \$80. At present they have more than thirty tons on hand, representing an outlay of something like \$2,000. Every one who brings broom corn to Tahoka gets a square deal because if he does not like the price offered here all he has to do is to unload his corn and store it in the large store room of the factory until he finds out what he can do elsewhere. Messrs. Chambers & Smith declare that they want to handle the entire crop of this section, and if a man wont accept their prices they will store his corn free of charge until he can do better or convinces himself that they have offered him the market price for his crop. So far every one has been satisfied to sell right here as they brought their corn to town.

The factory has over 250 dozen finished brooms now on hand, and Bob Chambers left Monday for the purpose of disposing of some of them. He carried a good supply of samples with him taken right out of the general stock, the only difference being that he sawed the handles off short so as to make them easily carried. If the people of the plains want good, well made honest brooms, Bob will return with enough orders to keep the factory running all the year.

A. J. Warren, of south of town, dropped in to see the editor one day last week and claim the small shawl we have been advertising, for a week or two, as found. Mr. Warren said that he himself would not know whether the shawl belonged to his wife or not, but that Mrs. Warren would know if it was the shawl she lost. Wednesday morning of this week Mr. Warren again called on us to return the shawl as it did not belong to Mrs. Warren. So we still have the shawl hanging up in the News office and are ready to turn it over to the owner when ever called for.

## Three Lake Locals

Prof. Brown Bishop's school is getting along nicely with a full attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Kaigler were Tahoka visitors Saturday and Sunday.

W. A. Yates killed a 500 pound hog last week. How's that for Lynn county?

Mr. and Mrs. John Burlison, of Coryell county, are visiting with G. W. Hickerson's and Burton Edwards' families this week.

Miss Linnie Babston visited in this community since our last.

John Yates visited home folks Sunday eve.

Mr. Martin was out Wednesday to buy a milk cow.

Perry Clayton had business at Three Lake Tuesday.

G. W. Hickerson visited with W. B. Edwards Tuesday.

BEAVER.

Dr. Bachelor, of Post, will be in Tahoka Dec. 28th, will remain one week. \$5.00 for gold crown, worth \$8.00 to \$10.00. \$1.00 for filling. Other work in proportion. All work guaranteed. 15-16

J. M. Gray, of Byers, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Martha Stroud, for the past two weeks, left for his home this morning. They have had some fine rains in his country lately and he had to go home and begin his fall plowing.

I will pasture 50 to 100 head of horses until the first of April for 50 cents per month per head. Fine grass and stalk field, plenty of water—M. E. Gilmore, Redland, New Mexico. 14-15

FOUND—A small shawl, enquire at The News office. 12-1f

Last week saw the cotton market in Tahoka reach the top for this year so far. Paul Miller paid 12:42 1/2 for six bales of the fleecy staple. Mr. Miller says that the best grades of cotton are now at a premium. If you have and cotton bring it to Tahoka and you are sure to get the very top of the market for it.

Just received, a nice line of Men's woolen shirts. Give us a call and see them. J. B. Keever. 15-1t

## TO THE CITIZENS OF TAHOKA

Come over and help us help Tahoka. We need you, each of you.

We are delighted with our reception by the people of Tahoka. As the pastor of the Methodist Church and a citizen of the town, your interest shall be my interest. Your prosperity along all lines shall be our delight. We are here to do you good.

We cordially invite you to attend our services and at all times encourage our feeble efforts to build up every interest of our town. We also invite you to visit us in our home. Let us become friends and co-workers for the cause of our Lord.

Respectfully,  
Jos. P. Callaway.

Pure Hog, Lard at the Cash Meat Market. 11-1f

Brother and Sister Callaway have for a few days had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Carrie Lutrick, of Abernathy.

A. H. Hardin, son of Brother and Sister Callaway, has been visiting them for a few days this week.

NOTICE.—No hunting allowed with guns or dogs in the Brownfield ranch. 11-1f

RAY BROWNFIELD.

We wish to call attention to the advertisement of the McGill Drug Store on the last page of this paper. They have a nice display Xmas goods of all kinds.

We want your hides and furs of all kinds at the Cash Meat Market. 11-1f

This week we have a half page ad for the J. S. Wells general store, and if you look it over carefully you will be sure to find some bargains, and if you will go to their store and look over their stock you will find many more bargains that they did not have space enough in their ad to tell about. To those who have never traded with this house we will say that when they advertise to sell at a bargain, you will find the bargains to be all they represent them to be.

## POOL HALL IN TAHOKA

C. A. Wasson, of Lamesa, has had a new building put up on the south side of the square, next to the Fair store. The building is a box and weather board affair with a square top front, one story, 18x40 feet and will be used as a pool hall. Mr. Wasson has not yet moved his family here but will in a few days if nothing happens to prevent.

Mr. Wasson requests us to state to the good people of Tahoka and vicinity that those parents having sons who look like they might be 21 years or over but who are not yet of age, and who do not wish their sons to frequent the hall to inform him of the fact and he will see that the boys do not hang around his joint.

Very few of our readers will fail to notice the Fair ad on the second page this week. Mr. Larkin certainly has a large and varied stock of goodies for the Christmas cooking.

How does eight sheets for 25 cents and towels one cent each strike you? Get Sweetwater Laundry quantity prices from Russell Ramsey, agent. Work guaranteed. 15-1f

W. M. Garder and family, of Lovington, N. M., and who have been spending the past few months down near Abilene, Texas, spent a few days visiting the home of H. C. Smith, of this place, leaving for their home Monday morning. The Smiths and Gardeners went to school together when children and so enjoyed being together very much. Mr. Gardener carried home some sample brooms from the Tahoka Broom factory.

We wis to call attention to the ad of Thomas Bros. Drug Co., to be found at the top of the fifth page of this paper. This firm has lately undergone a change in its members. Mr. Otho Thomas, of Mexico, and Mr. Clifford Thomas, of this city, are now the sole proprietors, they having purchased the interests of Messrs A. I. Thomas, of Ellis county, Texas, and R. H. Collier of Post, Texas, and the firm from now on will be known as Thomas Bros. Drug Store.

*When Mistletoe Blows*

**WHEN Mistletoe blows,  
There's a hope in my heart!  
For haply—who knows?  
I may catch her apart.  
When Mistletoe blows,  
There's a hope in my heart!**

There's a strange new wonder-whisper in the night wind,  
There's a song of laughter on the lip of mom;  
Oh, can you hear him winging, he who sets the earth a-singing,  
Who holds the wonder of the world in his pale arms, new born?  
Sing low, sing low, oh you who feel his presence,  
For great and good and glorious is he;  
He fills the awesome dawn of the only winter morning  
When sin and hate and sorrow are lost in charity.  
He can make the sinner saintly for a moment,  
He can make the sorrid splendid for a day;  
Then while yet his spell is on us, he wait man's along before us,  
Right out into the silence of the shadows on away.  
Oh, cynics, rule from Christmas unto Christmas,  
But then give place to better men and wise,  
Though you preach your sorry story, still we know that life is glory,  
For I think we see the real world through the Christmas spirit's eyes.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS  
BY D MACE LDGINTON

DONOVAN FOLLOWS



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## THE LAND OF CHRISTMAS TREES

The express wagon is backed to the grocery store entrance and the driver, assisted by the grocer's boy, begins to unload Christmas trees. Soon the walk is cluttered with them and the passerby, catching the spirit of the tree, smile at the children gathering 'round. A light snow is falling and the green of the spruce is inviting, to say nothing of the reason it has come to town.

What a lot of Christmas trees the grocer has ordered—and yet how few compared to the many thousands that grow in Christmas Tree Land, away up north. Up there the woods are full of Christmas trees and the snows are so deep that snowshoes may be necessary. And in Christmas Tree Land there are vast stretches of nothing but evergreen trees and white snow—and in the snow, if you are versed in woodcraft, you might find the track of a deer and innumerable trails of their Rabbit, leading away through the greenery to the quiet, vast places.

Probably you pay \$1 or more for a Christmas tree. Up north they are free, but the hardy men who gather them must wade in the deep snow and draw them many miles to the railroad that they may be shipped to the little boys and girls of the city.

And as you sit beside your tree, with your heart glad and your spirits gay, you might ponder on how that tree got to you. You can picture the vast snow field and the forest with the December sun shining on it, shedding

jewels of light. A squirrel is floundering about in the snow trying to locate some buried nuts and a bluejay is scolding saucily from a maple tree hard by. And then, into the quiet comes a man. He is a sturdy man with a woolen cap drawn closely over his ears and nose. There are slits for his eyes. On his feet are great woolen packs with rubber shoes and his trousers are tucked inside the packs. His coat is very odd, to you, consisting of a great, bright sweater sort of garment, buckled closely around him. On his shoulder he carries an ax. He begins to cut Christmas trees and the one you have in your home is a very pretty one that pleases him as he hauls it away to where his team awaits. With many other trees your tree is put on the sled and after a time, is hauled to the depot where it is shipped to your grocer.

The man who cut it was no doubt a lumberjack and if he is like his kind, he lives in a log cabin with his wife and children. In the olden days he worked in the timber exclusively, but now he farms during the summer on a wee farm that he is clearing of stumps, and in the winter time he cuts wood for the lumber companies.

And his little ones always have a Christmas tree, for Christmas trees are free where he lives, but probably it is not as plentifully loaded with gifts as yours, for which you should be very thankful.

## CHRISTMAS FOR TWO

By AGNES HOWARD BUTLER.



M A L L Thomas Moore was born an orphan. So far as he was concerned, his brief history began and ended at the Children's home. His big sister Lily, who was six and therefore should have known better, told vague tales of a real Mother and a little house in the country where they had cocoa every day for breakfast. This last condemned the whole story. At the Asylum one had cocoa only on Sunday, and this festive event redeemed a day otherwise devoted to religious exercises.

The two children sat on the edge of their chairs in the bleak asylum parlor, where three holly wreaths in the curtainless windows proclaimed that it was Christmas. Both were dressed in the institutional blue and white check, and there was a red shinningness about their faces which told of the recent and vigorous application of soap and water. Lily was cream and roses with appealing long-lashed eyes that would have secured her a home many times over if she had been willing to go alone. No one wants to adopt a boy. Even the blonde ones were unclaimed, so what chances had Thomas, brown as to hair and eyes and skin, although anything but somber in effect? The overworked Matron had reluctantly given up the idea of "placing" the two children together. A desirable home had been found for the girl with two prim maiden ladies and little brother had to remain behind. So the tiny folks were to spend their last Christmas together with Lily's new guardians.

"Sister will come every Saturday to see Brother," said the little girl, who accepted the coming separation with a child's strange fatality, although her heart was aching.

"Yes," assented Brother noncommittally. He was less concerned with future happiness than with the pleasing prospect of a day in new surroundings.

A carriage drawn by a fat slug of a horse drew up to the curbing, two ladies got out and cautiously ascended the slippery steps.

"Miss-Priscilla-red-headed and Miss-Mattie-pull-her-hair-back," announced Thomas, who had his own way of characterizing people.

"Tommy! Tommy! Don't call them that," wailed Lily; "say Miss Priscilla and Miss Mattie or maybe they won't want me."

At this awful thought even Thomas was abashed, so it was the shy little Lily alone who slipped from her chair and offered her hand to the two ladies as they entered the room followed by the Matron. Miss Priscilla shook hands in a matter of fact way, but Miss Mattie bent to kiss the children as she helped them on with their wraps and gathered up the meager parcel that contained Lily's personal belongings.

"Shall we go now, Sister?" she ventured. The dominant chord of her existence had always tinkled a soft accompaniment to the leitmotif of the decisive Miss Prie.

"Yes," assented the latter positively, "and we will return the boy precisely at five," she added to the Matron, who had been hovering over Lily with good-byes and admonitions.

The coachman carried both children down the icy steps and they bore themselves with becoming modesty, as if accustomed to such care, while the orphans in the front ward watched enviously, and one of them opened the window wide enough to call down:

"Aw, Tommy's coming back anyhow," as a salve to their slighted condition.

When the big house was reached there was a delightful holiday smell in the air of evergreens, oranges and freshly burning driftwood. Lily was taken upstairs to come down later, her blonde beauty radiant in the white lawn and blue ribbons in which Miss Mattie had dressed her. With a child's adaptability she seemed to fit in perfectly with her surroundings in contrast to Thomas in his coarse blue gingham and heavy shoes. She would bring the spirit of youth to a house, long accustomed to the decorous ways of sober middle age. A black and white Japanese panel, with a nose so short that he seemed always on the point of a sneeze, jumped up beside her and laid his head affectionately on her arm.

"What a picture," sighed Miss Mattie.

"Don't spoil the child," rejoined her sister, with a glance at small Thomas, who seemed rather out of it. "Come, it's time for the tree."

A white-capped maid shoved aside the portieres and revealed a tree, glittering with tinsel and heaped around with various ribbon-tied packages. There was a satisfying smallness, a cozy "portion for two" feeling about this fat little tree, in contrast to the usual spindly, sparsely trimmed evergreen at the Asylum, which was so large that it never seemed to belong to anyone but the Board of Directors. After a moment of rapturous silence Lily hugged a real dolly, and

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### BEST GAME OF ALL



The Fan—You can talk about baseball, football and basketball, but the mistletoe game is the best of all.

Treacherous Memory. The lawyers got a tartar when, in a recent trial in a southern city, they summoned to the stand an aged dandy who had been an eyewitness of a fight that occurred between a number of persons.

"Tell us what you know about this fight," said counsel when old Mose had been placed upon the stand.

"Fight?" asked Mose, apparently greatly surprised. "What fight?"

"You know very well what fight is meant," said counsel. "Tell us about it!"

"I don't know nothin' about no fight," insisted the witness. "When was it?"

"See here, Moses!" exclaimed the lawyer; "no trifling! The fight day before yesterday. You know all about it. Tell us—"

"Oh, de fight day befo' yesterday," said Mose. "Well, suh, you see I slept since de day befo' yesterday, and I never kin rickollect anything after I 'se been asleep."

And that was all they could get from him.—Green Bag.

### Mistletoe and the Druids.

The custom of decorating strategic points in the household with sprigs of mistletoe at Christmas dates far back to the time of the Druids, who held the little plant in great veneration. At the approach of their winter festival, twigs of it were placed above the doors of their houses to serve as talismans and signs to the sylvan deities that shelter and comfort awaited them within.

Present-day customs relating to mistletoe represent the evolution of the Druidical legend.

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Just What He Meant.

"Your toys are very pretty, but the prices are too high," objected the customer.

"Why, look at that drum for \$6.48. You can't beat it at the price," protested the dealer.

"I believe that is what I intimated in my remark," said the customer.

## CHRISTMAS WITH DAD AS THE GOAT

By BYRON WILLIAMS

About October 1 when the granaries of the world are full to bursting and the cellar is so cluttered up with coal and preserves that the maid cannot reach the laundry taps without stumbling over the snowshoes, somebody says something about Christmas and gives Father heart disease. All summer "dad" has been wrestling with the problems of business—this was presidential year, and everybody had to have vacations and Lilly & Jones started in direct competition and—oh, the dickens knows what!

And now he has to face that Christmas thing again!

The list is a mile long and father knows it will put a crimp in his bank account amounting almost to cramp, but mother says it will have to be added to, if anything, so there!

But somehow as I look at "dad," I cannot restrain from asking:

"Why should father be the goat?" It wasn't so in the days when I was reaming of a wonderful career in letters. Everybody worked on Christmas presents then and father was not called upon to settle the Christmas bills for all the family. I made a "corner-copla" (We don't spell it now the way we pronounced it then) for mother. She knitted some

socks for me. I rigged up a shaving-paper outfit for pa and he gave me a perfectly good twenty-five cent jack-knife. I made a wood box for the neighbor's wife and she sewed me a pair of mittens. Everybody made things in those days. For weeks before the holidays, mother worked every night on Christmas gifts, and she was as happy as could be doing things for those she loved. Into the fabric of what she was sewing, she put the love and affection of a great heart—and all of us did the same.

And I'll leave it to you—didn't the presents we got in the old days, the presents we made ourselves for each other, come nearer exemplifying the true Christmas spirit?

Of course they did!

And father did not have to dig down in his pocket and pay for two hundred and fifty-seven presents, two hundred of which are given just because somebody else gave us something and got on the confounded list!

I'm for Christmas—but I like the old-fashioned observance best. It isn't observing the "peace-on-earth" spirit to load "dad" up with so much debt that he can't crawl out in five months better take to wood boxes and corn-coplas.

## J. N. JONES

Dealer In

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## CHRISTMAS Suggestions

BOYS SUITS,	SHOES,	ALMONDS,
UNDERWEAR,	HOSE,	WALNUTS,
HANDKERchiefs	HATS,	FILBERTS,
MUFFLERS,	CAPS,	PECANS,
GLOVES,	DRESS GOODS	BRAZIL NUTS,
TIES,	TRUNKS,	CITRON,
COLLARS,	SUIT CASES,	CURRENTS,
CUFF BUTTONS	RIBBONS,	RAISINS,
COLLAR " "	LACES, ETC.	COCONUT,
THE CLASPS,	FULL STOCK,	CHOCOLATE,
ALL KINDS OF	RIGHT PRICES	ETC. FOR
JEWELRY.	-COME EARLY-	XMAS BAKING

Come to see us for your Xmas Goods We will have toys, Fire works, etc., etc.

Yours to Please

THE FAIR H. M. Larkin, Prop.





**Neighboring County News**  
**Gleaned From Our Exchanges**

**DAWSON COUNTY**

From The News.  
A. H. Lindley & Co. today shipped a car load of peanuts to Leburne, the first car load shipment of peanuts ever made from the South Plains. This means much to the farmers of this section and we look for a largely increased acreage put in this crop next year. Mr. Lindley advertised to pay a good price for all the nuts delivered here and the "peanut money" has been quite a help to our people. Mr. Lindley very much appreciates the promptness of delivery by the farmers at the time specified and the interest manifested by those who helped him

get up the car load.

Come to Dawson county!  
Raise peanuts and hogs!  
Be prosperous and happy!

♦♦♦  
**HOWARD COUNTY**

From The Herald.  
Miss Ona Wright, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Wright had a narrow escape from death, if not serious injury last Sunday afternoon when she fell backwards from a buggy, her head striking the ground, rendering her unconscious for six or seven hours.

She was standing up in the back of a buggy, her sister and one or two other girls occupying the buggy seat, and when near the crossing at 5th and Runnels street

the horse became frightened at some boys roller skating on the sidewalk and gave a quick jump; Ona lost her balance, fell backward, and her feet becoming caught beneath the buggy seat she was dragged some distance before the horse could be brought to a standstill.

She regained consciousness about 6 o'clock Sunday night and rapidly recovered from the effects of the injuries, being able to attend school Tuesday.

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**ASSORTED CAKES**

From Holland's Magazine.  
Not long ago at a luncheon, a plate of delicious looking cakes was passed by a colored waiter. There appeared to be but one small eclaire on the plate, and a near-sighted lady was very fond of chocolate.

"I'm going to be impolite enough to take the only chocolate eclaire," she said.  
"Excuse me, ma'am," said the waiter, "dat's ma thumb, ma'am."

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**TERRY COUNTY**

From The Herald.  
The thrasher that came from O'Donnell could not thresh maize in the bundle, and left last week for places where the grain was headed.

Dock Powell returned from Lubbock Saturday, where he spent about a week under the treatment of Drs. Hutchinson & Peebler, who removed the adenoids from his nasal passage. Dock also took the Knight Templar degree while up there.

Last Friday morning it began to snow at Lockney and by Sunday morning five inches of snow had fallen.

**A Christmas Carmen**

John Greenleaf Whittier

Sound o'er all waters, reach out from all lands,  
The chorus of voices, the clasp of hands,  
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,  
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born!  
With glad jubilation  
Bring hope to the nations!  
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun,  
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,  
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!  
Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace,  
East, west, north and south, let the long quarrel cease:  
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,  
Sing of glory to God and of good will to man!  
Hark, joining in chorus  
The heavens bend o'er us!  
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun,  
Rise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun,  
All speech flow to music, all hearts beat as one!

**Seaweed Substitute for Rubber.**

A substitute for hard rubber, gutta percha and leather has just been put on the market in England under the name of seagumite. It is prepared from seaweed. The properties of the new discovery are said to be that it is non-inflammable, proof against heat, cold, oil and weather; its insulation resistance increases with immersion in water; it is unaffected by dilute sulphuric acid, which makes it especially valuable for use in storage battery jars and separators. It is well adapted for motor gears, switchboard panels, switch handles, steam and gas packings and to replace leather in beltings.

**Cole's Original Hot Blast Heater**

The simplest, the easiest to care for, the most economical, the most efficient heater is a big case to operate. That its smoke and ashes entail dusting, certain washing and careful sweeping. Think then of the ease with which the Cole's Original Hot Blast Heater. This heater has a guaranteed smoke-proof feed chute through which a current of air draws the smoke directly across the top of the stove to the stove pipe, away from the opening. Contrast this simple, cleanly fed with the side door in an ordinary heater. Side doors used on other stoves permit the escape of dirty smoke, unpleasant gases and accumulated soot from the fire. Cole's Original Hot Blast Heater is an everlasting advantage in the future. Allow us to show you the perfect heater before you buy. (E-12)

J. E. Cunningham, who has been working on the Singleton ranch in the southwest corner of Lynn county for about a year, passed through Tahoka Monday on his way to the north Panhandle to attend the funeral of his wife's mother. Mrs. Cunningham took the train in Tahoka last Saturday and reached her destination after her mother died.

F. E. Redwine was in Austin the first of the week so of course the I. O. O. F. Lodge failed to meet Tuesday night as it should have done. It is strange what a difference just the absence of one member will make.

W. W. Brandon who has been making Singleton's ranch his headquarters for some time while he has been buying cattle was a Tahoka visitor Monday.

C. S. Campbell of Edith community was a Tahoka visitor Monday.

J. N. LeMoind, of the Draw community, came up to Tahoka Monday.

Wess Allen and brother and Brooks Bell, all of Ft. Worth, spent last week at the Singleton ranch visiting and hunting prairie chickens.

**Notice of Sale of Real Estate Under Execution**

State of Texas } In the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, A. G. McAdams Lbr. Co. a Corporation, Plaintiff, vs L. A. Robinson et al. Defendants.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the County Court of Lynn County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 29th day of October 1912, in favor of the said A. G. McAdams Lumber Co. a Corporation, and against the said L. A. Robinson, G. E. Lockhart and C. H. Doak, No. 72 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 13th day of December A. D. 1912, at 11 o'clock a. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Lynn, State of Texas, and belonging to the said C. H. Doak, to-wit: All of the Undivided Interest in and to the East Half of No. 17, Block No. 19, Cert. 705, E. L. & R. R. Co. located in the South-east part of the county, containing 320 acres. Also all of the undivided interest of the said C. H. Doak, in and to all of Sur. 4, Block 9, Cert. No. 66/G, Grantee D. & W. Ry. Co. located in the North-east portion of the county, containing 640 acres; and on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1913, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said County, I will offer for sale, and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said C. H. Doak in and to said above described property.

Dated at Tahoka, this, the 13th day of December A. D. 1912.

J. H. Edwards, Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas. 15-17

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS** which convenes in January, 1913, for the purpose of an act or acts authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase the properties owned and hereafter acquired by The Concho, San Saba and Llano Valley Railroad Company, The Texas and Gulf Railway Company, The Gulf and Interstate Railway Company and the Beaumont Wharf and Terminal Company, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned and hereafter acquired by The Texas and Gulf Railway Company, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned and hereafter acquired by The Texas and Gulf Railway Company, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned and hereafter acquired by The Texas and Gulf Railway Company.

**By E. P. RIPLEY, President.**  
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**By J. H. KEEFE, President.**  
**THE GULF AND INTERSTATE RAILWAY COMPANY OF TEXAS.**  
**By H. E. STONE, President.**  
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**By E. P. RIPLEY, President.**  
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**By E. P. RIPLEY, President.**

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FRANK J. CHENEY.  
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**Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate.**

State of Texas } In the Justice Court of Lynn County, Texas, November Term A. D. 1912.

G. W. Perryman, Plaintiff, vs. T. E. Campbell, Defendant, No. 157.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of Precinct No. One, Lynn County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 25th day of November A. D. 1912, in favor of the said G. W. Perryman and against the said T. E. Campbell, No. 157 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 4th day of December A. D. 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Lynn, State of Texas, and belonging to the said T. E. Campbell, to-wit: All of the East half of the North-east One-fourth of Survey No. 176, Certificate No. 694, Abstract No. 734. Purchased from the State by W. E. Bradshaw, Original Grantee, E. L. & R. R. Co. in Blk. 12, containing 80 acres of land, and located north-west from County seat, about 20 miles, and being property of said T. E. Campbell, and on the 7th day of January A. D. 1913, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said Lynn County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said T. E. Campbell in and to said property.

Dated at Tahoka, this the 4th day of December A. D. 1912.

J. H. Edwards, Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas. 15-17

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

State of Texas } Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain ALIAS execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Lynn County, of the 12th day of December 1912, by J. W. Elliott, clerk of said court, for the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Eight and 35-100 Dollars, with interest and damages including cost of writ of error and cost of suit under a judgment, in favor of Nick Alley in a certain cause in said Court, No. 102 and styled Nick Alley vs Jack Alley and T. M. Bartley, placed in my hands for service, I, J. H. Edwards, as Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas, did on the 12th day of December 1912, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Lynn County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being a tract out of the East side of the North half of Survey 492, surveyed by virtue of Certificate 469, Grantee A. L. Lockwood, Abstract 819, adjoining North Tahoka Addition to the town of Tahoka, about half mile North easterly from Court House and containing 123.8 acres, also the following lots in the following blocks in North Tahoka, which is an Addition to the town of Tahoka, located about one block North of the Court house, to-wit: Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 27; Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 43; Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 47; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 in Block 2; Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 3; Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13 in Block 4; Lots 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 5; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in Block 6; Lots 11, 13, 17, 19, 20 in Block 7; Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 in Block 18; Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 in Block 19; Lots 3, 4, 9, 10 in Block 20; Lots 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 21. And levied upon as the property of T. M. Bartley and that on the first Tuesday in January 1913, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court house door of Lynn County, in the town of Tahoka, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. by virtue of said levy and said Judgment and Alias Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said T. M. Bartley.

And in compliance with the 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 Lynn County News, a newspaper published in Lynn County.

Witness my hand, this the 12th day of December 1912. 15-17  
J. H. Edwards, Sheriff, Lynn County, Texas, by J. B. Walker, Deputy.

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Lynn County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon William Miller and his wife, Catherine Miller, and Geo. E. Boots and his wife, Mary E. Boots, and A. J. Russell and his wife, Rebecca J. Russell, if they or any of them are now living, but if they or any of them are not now living, then the unknown heirs of any and all of the above named persons who are not now living, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, in the town of Tahoka, on the second Monday in March, 1913, being the 10th day of March, A. D. 1913, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 29th day of November, 1912, in a cause numbered 124, wherein A. D. Shoock is plaintiff and William Miller, Catherine Miller, Geo. E. Boots, Mary E. Boots, A. J. Russell, and Rebecca J. Russell and the unknown heirs of each and all of them are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Plaintiff alleges that his place of residence is Lynn County, Texas, that the place of residence of the defendants is to him unknown, and that he was, on the 15th day of April, 1912, lawfully seized and possessed of the West one-half of survey No. 501, in Block No. One, situated in Lynn County, Texas, claiming the same in fee simple by those under whom he claims from the State of Texas, and that he has had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said land under title (or color of title) from and under the State of Texas for more than three years before the commencement of this suit; and that he has had peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said land, cultivating, using and enjoying the same and paying taxes due thereon for a period of more than five years before the commencement of this suit; and that he, claiming to have good and perfect right and title to said land, has had and held said land peaceably and has held adverse possession of the same, cultivating, using and enjoying it for a period of more than ten years next before the filing of this suit.

It is further alleged that each of the defendants named are remote grantors in plaintiff's chain of title from the State of Texas, that as such they each executed and delivered proper and sufficient deeds of conveyance conveying said land to plaintiff's grantors and acknowledged such execution in due form of law before a notary public, but that the certificate of acknowledgment, defendants are casting a cloud upon plaintiff's title by claiming that said deeds are insufficient to convey title to said land.

It is further alleged that on the day and year last aforesaid defendants unlawfully entered upon the above described premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from him the possession thereof, to his damage \$5,000.00.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays the court that each and all of the defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff have judgment for the title and possession of the above described land and premises, that the certificates of acknowledgment hereinabove mentioned be corrected in conformity of law, that plaintiff be quieted in his title and possession of the above described land and premises, and that writ of restitution issue, and for his damages and costs of suit, and for general and special relief.

The said petition being endorsed as follows: "This action brought as well to try title as for damages."

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. W. Elliott, Clerk of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the town of Tahoka, Texas, this the 29th day of November A. D. 1912.

J. W. ELLIOTT,  
Clerk of the District Court of Lynn County, Texas.

Issued this the 29th day of November A. D. 1912.  
J. W. ELLIOTT,  
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**Christmas Plum Pudding.**  
The Christmas plum pudding is descended from the plum porridge and is a time-honored dish at every Christmas feast. To be properly made, each person in all the household must stir it before it is boiled and the mistress of the house must add the spices "with her own fair hand," and so she favors fortune for a year. If she is an American and mixes her pudding in an ancient china bowl, stirring it with an ancient spoon, whose handle is adorned with an old English crest, so much the better, for in the new land she is helping to keep alive the customs that made old England merrie.

**Had Something in Him.**  
Rev. Hudson Robert Jones had preached what he thought was a great Christmas sermon. On the way home from church he came upon a youth sitting doubled up on the steps of a domicile. Wishing to admonish this young person for what he took to be laziness, he stepped up to him and said:

"Don't sit there like that, my boy; this is Christmas. Get up and stir yourself; you certainly must have something in you."  
"I've got a big Christmas dinner in me," was the forced reply, "and I can't move."

## "AS YE DID UNTO THEM"

So he died, and they said unto him: "It is written against you that you heeded not the sorrow and the want of them that were stricken in poverty and suffered in illness and want."  
And he said: "That is unfair, for all my life long I noted especially the suffering and want of the poor, and not a Christmas went by that I did not say over and over that I was sorry for them. No one gave them more sympathy than I, no one showed more commiseration for them. Why, lots of times I thought of them on cold winter nights, and said to my friends that it was too bad they had to endure privations."

"That is correct," they said unto him. "But it is written that you did not materialize your sympathy—your sympathy in words, and words are not eaten, nor are they worn, nor are they burned in stoves."  
So he was abashed, and stood silent for a space. Then he said meekly: "And I must not come in?"  
As to that, they did not answer, but they said again unto him:  
"All those that you sympathized with are here, and now they will sympathize with you."

Wilbur D. Nesbit.

**His Hard Work.**  
Mrs. Wunder—Does anybody ever read those Christmas poems in the papers?  
Mr. Wunder—Oh, yes. The editor and the proofreaders have to.



If candy makers had to depend on men consumers instead of upon Cupid and the kids, there would be great failures in saccharine circles—but there is one time of the year that my masculine sweet-tooth asserts itself and then, instead of yearning for the chocolate-cream confections or the fruit dips, it clamors for a big bag of mixed candy, right out of the barrel!

I admit it is a plebeian taste, that the candy is mostly glue and flour jumbled to suit the taste of the adolescent—but somehow I cannot feel that I have rightly celebrated Christmas without this bag of candy. When I was a boy this is the sort of candy we got and the taste was early acquired. And what a lot of anticipation there was in eating the stuff—anticipation because when you stuck your hand in the sack for a sweet bit, you never knew whether it would come out clutching a lemon-drop, a caramel or a peppermint!

And, too, the candy was cheap. You



**(THE OLD LADY SPEAKS)**  
By James Whitcomb Riley  
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Last Christmas was a year ago, Says I to David, I—says—I, "We're goin' to morning service, so You hitch up right away; I'll try To tell the girls jes' what to do For dinner. We'll be back by two." I didn't wait to hear what he Would more'n like say back to me, But banged the stable door and flew Back to the rouse, jes' plumb chilled through.

Cold! Wooh! how cold it was! My— Oh! Frost flyin', and the air, you know,

"Jes' sharp enough," heerd David swear, "To shave a man and cut his hair!" And blow and blow! and snow snow!— Where it had drifted 'long the fence And 'crost the road—some

places though, Jes' swep' clean to the gravel, so The goin' was as bad fer sleighs As 't was fer wagons—and both ways, 'Twixt snowdrifts and the bare ground, I've Jes' wondered we got through alive; I hajnt saw nothin', fore er sense, 'At beat it anywheres, I know— Last Christmas was a year ago.

And David said, as we set out, 'At Christmas services was 'bout As cold and wuthless kind o' love To offer up as he know of; And as fer him, he raily thought 'At the Good Bein' up above Would think more of us—as he ought— A-staying' home on sich a day, And thankin' of him thataway! And jawed on, in an undertone, 'Tout leavin' Lide and Jane alone There on the place, and me not there To oversee 'em and p'pare The stuffin' fer the turkey and The sass and all, you understand.

I've allus managed David by Jes' sayin' nothin'. That was why He's chased Lide's beau a way— cause Lide She'd allus take up Perry's side When David tackled him; and so, Last Christmas was a year ago— Er ruther, 'bout a week afore,— David and Perry'd quarr'ld about

could get a big bag full of it for ten cents—and some of it was red and some white and some yellow and there were sugar hearts with mottoes on them and nice round marble-balls with nuts in them and funny animal shapes that tickled—and oh! heaps of interesting things in that Christmas sack of candy.

This was the same kind of candy we got sewed up in red mosquito-bar sacks at the Sunday school Christmas tree festivities, along with the nuts and the popcorn balls.

Some tom-fool argyment, you know, And pap told him to "Jes' git out O' there, and not to come no more, And, when he went out, to shet the door."

And as he passed the winder, we Saw Perry, white as white could be March past, onhitch his boss, and light

A see-gyar, and lobe out o' sight. Then Lide she come to me and cried!

And I said nothin'—was no need. And yit, you know, that man jes' got Night out o' there's ef he'd been shot, 'Ttendin' he must go and feed The stock er sompin'. Then I tried To git the pore gal pacified.

But' gittin' back to—where was we?— Oh, yes!—where David leetered me All way to meet— in', high and low, Last Christmas was a year ago: Fer all the awful cold there was A fair attendance; mostly, though The crowd was 'round the stoves, you see, Thawin' their heels and

scrougin' us, Ef 't 'adn't be'n fer the old squire Givin' his seat to us, as in We stomped, a-fairly perishin', And David could 'a' got no fire, He'd jes' 'a' dropped there in his tracks;

And squire, as I was tryin' to yit Make room fer him, says, "No; the fac's Is. I got to git up and git 'thout no preachin'. Jes' got word— Trial fer life—can't be deferred!"

And out he put! All way through The sermon—and a long one, too— I couldn't help but think o' squire

And us changed 'round so, and admire His gentle ways,— to give his warm Bench up, and have to face the storm.

And when I noticed David, he Was needin' jabbin'—I thought best To kind o' sort o' let him rest: 'Pared like he slep' so peacefully!

And when I thought o' home, and how And what the gyrls was doin' now, And kind o' prayed, 'way in my breast, And breshed away a tear er two As David waked, and church was through.

Was jes' packed, as we rode away,— The young folks, mild er so along, A-strikin' up a sleighin'-song, Tel David laughed and yelled, you know, And jes' whirped up and sent the snow

And gravel flyin' thick and fast— Last Christmas was a year ago. W'y, that-air seven-mild jant we come— Jes' seven mild scant from church to home—

It didn't 'pear, that day, to be Much fuder rally 'n 'bout three!

But I was purty squeamish by The time home hove in sight and I See two vehickles standin' there All to mysef. And presently David he sobered; and says he, "Hain't that-air Squire Hanch's old Buggy," says he, "and claybank mare?"

Says I, "Le's git out the cold— Your company's nigh 'bout froze!" He says, "Whose sleigh 's that-air, a-standin'—"

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there?" Says I, "It's no odds whose—you Drive to the house and let us out, 'Cause we 're jes' freezin', nigh about!"

Well, David swung up to the door, And out we piled. And first I heard Jane's voice, then Lide's—I thought afore

I reached that gyrl I'd jes' die afore And when I reached her, would be keered Much if I had, I was so glad, A-kissin' her through my green veil And jes' excitin' her so bad, 'At she broke down herself—and Jane She cried—and we all hugged again And David? David jes' turned pale. Looked at the gyrls, and then at me Then at the open door—and then—

'Is old Squire Hanch there?' says he. The old Squire suddenly stood in The doorway, with a sneakin' grin. 'Is Perry Anders in there too?' Says David, limberin' all through.

As Lide and me both grabbed her hand Perry stepped out and waved his guess Yer mother's much to blame as you Er she kin reek him, I kin too!"

The dinner we had then hain't no Bit better'n the one today 'At we'll have fer 'em. Hear a sleigh A-jinglin' now. David, fer me, I wish you'd jes' go out and see Ef they're in sight yit. It jes' do Me good to think, in times like the Lide's done so well. And David, I More tractabler'n what he was— Last Christmas was a year ago.

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## Christmas Chronology

- 306—Diocletian slaughtered 20,000 Christians.
- 597—St. Augustine baptized 10,000 Saxons in Kent.
- 790—Offa, King of Mercia, in battle with Welsh.
- 800—Charlemagne crowned Emperor by Pope Leo III. in Rome.
- 878—Alfred the Great defeated Guthrum, the Dane, at Chippenham.
- 1065—Westminster Abbey consecrated in presence of Queen Edith.
- 1066—William the Conqueror crowned at Westminster.
- 1171—Henry II. entertained Chiefstains at Dublin.
- 1190—Richard the Lion Heart defeats Crusaders at Sicily.
- 1417—Sir John Oldcastle burned Lollard heretic.
- 1428—Truce at siege of Orleans observe Christmas.
- 1492—Columbus's ship, Santa Maria wrecked at Hoggit.
- 1572—Cardinal Wolsey, insulted Gary's Inn rebels, the two men into prison.
- 1620—Pilgrims building first house Plymouth.
- 1642—Sir Isaac Newton born.
- 1644—Christmas kept as a fast day in English Puritans.
- 1647—Christmas celebration prohibited by Parliament.
- 1659—General Court of Massachusetts prohibits celebration on any day of the year.
- 1720—William Collins, poet, born.
- 1773—Tea ship in New York back to England.
- 1775—Arnold and Montgomery siege of Quebec.
- 1776—Washington crossed the Delaware to attack Trenton.
- 1777—Washington's army starved at Valley Forge.
- 1785—Shay's rebellion starts Massachusetts.
- 1837—Zachary Taylor defeated Mexico near Big Water in Florida.
- 1848—Col. Doniphan and his Volunteers defeated Mexicans under Gen. Pablo Leon at Brazito.
- 1851—Library of Congress in fire.
- 1860—Coldest Christmas in England.
- 1864—Union fleet and army at Fort Fisher, but not taken.
- 1866—Yacht Henrietta ends race from New York to Cowes.
- 1868—President Johnson pardoned general with Civil War conditional amnesty.
- 1871—Paris in distress with army surrounding city.

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Norwegians in New England, but imagination can well picture the renewal in this strange land of the Christmas customs of Scandinavia. And thus it is entirely legitimate to assume that by them the first celebration of the day was observed in the new world.

History, and tradition as well, are silent after this on new world affairs until the coming of the Spaniards, followed by the Portuguese, French and English. By them the feast of the Nativity was celebrated, and long before Plymouth Rock was discovered, to be made the cornerstone of a new civilization, hardy fishermen from France chanted the hymns of the Catholic church in the waters of Maine. An old French chart gives to certain islands near the Machias river, east of Penobscot, the names of Isles des Rois Mages and Havre Mage—Isles of the Magian kings, and Magian harbor—in memory of the three wise men, who followed the mysterious star, to lay their offerings of gold, of frankincense and of myrrh before the Babe of Bethlehem.

In stern and puritan New England Christmas was placed under ban. The Plymouth colony, indeed, did not pass prohibitive laws, but in 1622 Gov. Bradford placed all Christmas games under interdict and those who afterward observed the day did so secretly. But the Massachusetts Bay colony, following the example of Cromwell's parliament, which prohibited all observance of the feast and decreed that "holly and ivy were badges of sedition," enacted a law, in 1659, obliging all men to labor on Christmas day and inflicting a fine upon those who observed the feast. It was not until 1681—more than 20 years after the passing of the Cromwell regime and the restoration of the Stuart dynasty to the throne—that this law, abolishing personal freedom and liberty of worship, was repealed, and several years after this the spirit of New England was reflected in a letter written by Rev. Joshua Moody to Rev. Increase Mather, in which the observance of Christmas was thus referred to: "And the shutting up of shops on Christmas day and driving the master out of school on Xmas holidays are very grievous."

Elsewhere throughout the colonies the feast of Christmas was observed. Both New Amsterdam and New York maintained the old-world customs associated with the day and in the south the beautiful festival never lost its hold upon the hearts of the English settlers.

Today there is no north, no south, no east, no west, to Christmas celebration in the United States. The story of the Babe of Bethlehem is written on every heart and every tongue on Christmas morning repeats the song the angels sang over the Judean hills: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

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WHILE the settlement of the American continent is modern and its history clearly defined, probably there were Christmas celebrations in what is now the United States several centuries before the first voyage of Columbus. The chronicles of Iceland tell the story of the visit made to Greenland by Lief, son of Eric the Red, of Norway, and describe the southward voyage of his little vessel past the snow-clad mountains of Labrador and the wooded shores of Newfoundland, until Vineland, an indefinite region on the New England coast, was reached.

Here Lief, who was a Christian, and the members of his little band of daring adventurers spent the winter of 1002 and no doubt on the bleak New England shore the beautiful feast, whose God-like spirit has softened and conquered the world, was celebrated.

The Norwegian visits to Vineland were continued by Thorwald and Thorstein, brothers of Lief, who had succeeded to the patriarchal office and possessions of his father; and on the deaths in quick succession of both Thorwald and Thorstein the wife of the latter, Gudrida, married a rich Norwegian named Thorfin and accompanied him and a company of his followers to Vineland, where they lived three years. Gudrida was a pious soul. When her second husband died she visited Rome, narrated to Pope Benedict an account of her adventures in this far western world and with the papal blessing returned to Iceland, where she founded a convent, of which she became abbess.

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## FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE

THE conflict of Christianity with heathenism produced no more dramatic incidents than those which have come down to us, half-history and half-myth, out of the forests and snows of northern Europe, where the cross confronted a god prevailed against the hammer of Thor. Often the crisis came at Christmas, which happened to correspond with the Yuletide festival, at the time of the winter solstice.

Longfellow has used one of these stories in "King Olaf's Christmas." Another, in which real religious fervor and moral heroism play a part, is the story of the first Christmas tree.

There stands at Altenbergen, in northern Germany a statue erected in 1811 in honor of Saint Boniface; and the place of the statue is said to be the site of the first Christian church in north Germany.

Boniface, who must not be confused with any of the nine popes who bore the name, was a Briton by birth, and his name was Wynfrith. Declining high ecclesiastical honor, he chose to be a missionary to the rude tribes of the German forests. Of these tribes Tacitus tells us; and we know that they were implacable in war and bloody in their worship, but that among their virtues was a marked purity of private life and love of home.

This they were assembled at the Yuletide in the year 724. As the midnight approached, an old priest raised the hammer to strike down the child, when Boniface interposed a strong arm and an eager word. He told them of a child who was born seven hundred years before, and how he showed to men that they need offer no more bloody sacrifices. He told them of the love of God and the beauty of his service. The stern men heard and believed. Urged by the heroic missionary, they hewed down the dark thunder-oak, the scene of so many sacrifices.

The legend says that when the tree fell, it left a young fir growing between the shattered branches, and unbroken by their fall. Boniface told them to take that tree to their banqueting hall; to serve God with joy and feasting; and to take for their Yule tree this one, with roots unstained with blood, and with evergreen foliage for a symbol of immortality.

If part of the story is myth, it is not all myth; and it is surely a beautiful way of explaining one of the most beautiful of Christmas customs.—Youth's Companion.

The Christmas plum pudding is descended from the plum porridge and is a time-honored dish at every Christmas feast. To be properly made, each person in all the household must stir it before it is boiled and the mistress of the house must add the spices "with her own fair hand," and so she favors fortune for a year. If she is an American and mixes her pudding in an ancient china bowl, stirring it with an ancient spoon, whose handle is adorned with an old English crest, so much the better, for in the new land she is helping to keep alive the customs that made old England merrie.

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