LYNN COUNTY NEWS.

THE ONLY PAPER IN LYNN COUNTY

Some Historic Happenings of January

The first month in the year has always been a fateful one in English history, but it began most specially to be recognized as such during the reign of Charles I. It was on January 4, 1642, that the attempt was made to arrest the five members. On the tenth of the month, three years later, Archbishop Laud, was beheaded, and January 30, 1649, saw the king's own head laid upon the block.

There is probably no act of parliament which has ever been the cause of such amazing dissensions and discord as that which brought about the union between Great Britain and Ireland. This came into force upon January 1, 1801. It was in the same month that Richard Trevithick, the Cernish inventor, perfected the first steam locomotive which ever moved upon an English road.

The great William Pitt, the most able prime minister who ever controlled the destintes of the kingdom, came into office at Christmas. 1783. and died in January, 1806. His great rival, Charles James Fox, born in January, 1749, only survived Pitt six

One of the greatest boons that a nation ever received from its government was conferred upon Great Britain on January 1, 1840-namely, penny postage. Adhesive stamps had been invented by Mr. James Chalmers of Dundee, six years previously, and these superseded Mulready's envelope later in the same year.

January has for a long time past been a very notable month in the histery of the British royal family. On January 25, 1858, the Princess Royal was married to Prince Frederick William of Prussia. The German kaiser was born in January, 1859.

Prince Henry of Battenberg's death occurred on January 20, 1896, and the duke of Teck's life came to an end on the twenty-first of the month, 1900.

One year later, on January 22, 1901, came the end of the most famous reign in English or any other history. Queen Victoria died at 6:30 on the fateful evening.

In northern latitudes no nation fights in winter if it can possibly be avoided, and yet January has seen some of the toughest struggles of modern war. January, 1871, holds the record for fierce fighting. During that month there were no fewer than six terrific battles between the French and the Germans. The last was Gen. Trochu's grand sortie from Paris, which ended in his defeat and in the extinction of the last hopes of Paris and her citizens.

FOR RENT.

Jack Alley will have 5 nice office rooms for rent over his store building on the west side of the square. Best located and most comfortable in Tahoka.

Jack Alley, west side square.

A family by the name of Peel passed through Lubbock some time Monday traveling in a wagon, journeying from New Mexico to Voss, Texas, and Tuesday they had reached a point about fifteen miles southeast of here, when the sixteen months old baby fell out of the wagon, the wheel passed over it killing it instantly. The body was brought back to Lubbock for burial services.

Mrs. Swan had a letter telling of her mother, being very sick.

Fluvanna, Scurry County, Tex. Dec. 16.—The Texas Central Railroad bonus men were here, December, 14, conferring with John B Slaughter, and other prominent land owners along the route as to the inducements that may offer to get the road to run by here. They eft in the afternoon for Tahoka to onfer with the Commercial Club t that place. Before leaving here Ar. Cureton authorized the stateent that he did not see any reaon why Fluvanna should not get he road if Tahoka and Fluvanna could work together and give atfactive inducements. John B. secure the road as well as other nd owners along the proposed utes. Fluvanna is already the rminal town of the Roscoe, Snyr and Pacific Railroad. - Avalan-

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A Christmas Parlor.

The Christmas Parlor at the Methodist church was a new thing for Tahoka and with its large fire place and highly decorated furnishings was a thing of joy to the young and beauty to the older people. After several telegrams were read telling of his progress, D Rodgers as Santa Claus was discovered in the chimney and came forth greatly to the delight of all, and the distribution began. Everything passed off nicely at the "Parlor" as well as at the "Tree" at the Baptist church,

Ray Skinner who has been spending the summer in Abilene is at home spending the holidays.

W. M. Mayes of the Tahoka Mercantile Company left Tuesday the 21 for his home in Tucumcarie, New Mexico to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Slaton came in Wednesday the 22nd after quite an extended honeymoon.

Born to Mr. Mrs. Francis Beeman Tuesday December 21st a girl.

The fine snow we had in Lynn county was welcomed by all as it will help greatly on our fine crop prospects. It lay on the ground for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rodgers are now nicely established in their tent in the Williams Wagon Yard. Mr. Williams has reuted his yard to L. M. Kirkes for use as a commissary depot for his grading outfit and Mr. Rodgers is in charge.

Mr. I. F. Nevels and his son Luther left Thursday morning on George Shoemake's auto for the voice of the clock did not disturb her, railroad on his way to Mineral

W. L. Lansford, of ten miles east of town was in Tahoka last Saturday with a nice bunch of

Luke Riley left Wednesday Dec. 22 for his old home in Tennessee time, long time." to visit his mother who has been quite sick.

FOR SALE- Two wagons, team of mules, team of horses and all kinds of farming implements .-Bob Majors at the Tahoka Livery Eeed and Sale Stable.

Jack Alley, a merchant of Tahoka, Texas, has purchased the south half of the Herring building owned by attorney W. W. Mayes and occupied by Record's saloon for a consideration of \$15,000. This is the largest deal that has taken place in this city recently. Mr. Alley will remain in business in Texas and local parties will have charge of the renting of the building.-Tucumcari Sun.

Married in Big Springs

John Blevins of Throckmortan and Miss Lena Curry of Tahoka were married in this city Tuesday afternoon. The ceremony was performed at the Palace hotel, Rev. E. S. Bledsoe officiating.

The bride is one of Tahoka's most charming and popular voung ladies and held in high esteem by all who are acquainted with her. She is a mece of Mrs. W. W. West

The groom is one of Throckmortan's most prominent business men honored and respected by old

and young alike. The Herald joins many friends in wishing for these popular young people a full measure of joy and

The happy couple left on passenger train No. 6, Tuesday night laughter has offered inducements for their future home in Throckmorton.-Big Springs Herald.

FOR SALE.

Second hand tent 14x16 with 4 ft wall for \$11 cash. Tahoka Grain & Coal Comgany.



By DANIEL W. GALLAGHER NDER the old earth's outer crust-'Mid bed-rock fragments and lava

Watching the axis turning slow, The Old Year stood at his dynamo In the power plant which time maintains, And numbered losses and figured gains.

"I've done quite well," said the aged seer—
"My record's good as an engineer,
I've kept things humming, above—below. I olks can't complain that I've been slow, And now I'm off when midnight calls—" Then he started doffing his overalls.

He washed his face and brushed his hair-

Then leaned far back in his arm-chair In pensive mood till a sturdy chap Clambered up to the old man's lap. And said: "Old Year-they tell me you Are sorter thinking of getting through."

"Right you are," cried the aged man. Your task awaits you, little Jan. Get into your duds and start right in, I will wait right here until you begin, For I wish to see if I rightly guess, Which of the levers you arst will press."

Then Jan marched up to the dynamo. He passed the levers of "Want" and "Woe"

Nor touched the levers of "War" or "Fame" Stopping the while to read each name: Then a handle grasped - as he turned to go, The Old Year's face seemed all aglow.

So when the dawn of that day began Man thought of his stricken brother man. With ready help and an honest tear. For them that knew no glad New Year. Twas the lever of Love in the midst of

That Jan had gripped in the engine-room

The Old Year and the New

"Seven-eight-nine! Do you hear that?" asked the old clock in the corner. "Here it is a full hour after your bedtime, and yet you sit there staring into the fire!"

In front of the fire sat an old woman-gray haired, wrinkled, feeble. The but as she watched the fitful flames, one could have read her thoughts.

"But it's excusable on this night," continued the clock, in soft tones. "Heigho! but it's the last night of the old year! Three hours more and we are done with 1909. You and I are going to watch the old year out together. Let's see? How many years have I seen come and go? Forty-exactly forty with this one. That's a long

The woman rocked gently to and fro, and by and by the clock suddenly called out:

"What, tears in your eyes! Come, now, but that's no way to end the year. We are thinking of the same thing. Yes, he was a good and loving husband, and I'll say this for both of you, that I never heard an unpleasant word between you. It is 12 years since he died. I could only look into his face as he lay on his dying bed, and if ever heaven sent its light to lead a soul across the dark valley it was given to him. I remember your tears and moans and sobs, and you prayed that death might come to you

The woman wiped her tears, and there was a feeling of suffocation as she let memory bring up the events. "Eight-nine-ten!" called the clock after a while. "How time does fly! I distinctly remember striking the last hour of 1903. Let me see! Some one then wept with you at that bedside. There was a son and a daughter. Ah! now I recall their faces-their gentle ways-their loving words. Two years latter there was another death-bed, more wails and sobs, and I saw the pall-bearers as they carried the daughter's body out of the house. It seems as if the last blow must crush you. and I well remember saying to myself that it wouldn't be long before you were called to go."

The woman choked back her sobs,

and her lips moved as if she were speaking the names of her dead ones. For many minutes her reverie was unbroken, and she heard not the ticktack! tick-tack! of the steady old

clock. "Nine - ten - eleven!" suddenly called the clock. "The son? Ah! how do I remember the day a woman with a pale face and frightened eyes of the door and handed you a letter. which bore the insignia of death. You opened it with trembling fingers, and next moment you were like one dead. There were days and days when you hovered between life and death, and I, for my part gave up all hopes. Died in a foreign land; buried among strangers over the sea. It aimed at a heart trice be

The woman covered her face and moaned in anguish, and the clock con-

Don't grieve so, the dead are but the dead reaped their reward. You are old and poor and broken, but who can tell what new friends the new year may raise up for you? I cannot tell you to forget the past, for a mother's heart ever goes out for her dead, but the new year may have more sunshine. Come, now I am about to strike the old year out and the new year in. Let us greet the new with a smile of welcome as I count-teneleven-twelve-a happy New Year!"

The woman did not move. "Heigho!" called the clock: "We have left the old behind!"

Her hands had dropped beside her, and her bead had fallen. "Dead!" clicked the clock, as the

last faint echoes of his bell died away.

Being and Doing.

It is said, "To be good is the way to be happy," but to be good and to do good is the way to be happy. What a happy world this would be if all would do the best thing for themselves, if all realized that the only way to get out of life is to put into it, that the way to receive is to give, and the only way to be helped is to be helpful, and the way to gain life is to lose it for others, and the way to go up is to go down, for "The meek shall inherit the earth." "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." It is petty to live for self, it is grand to horrified with the scene which met live for friends, but 'tis glorious to live for mankind, and, as one has said, "The only way to work for God is to work for man."

The Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree at the Baptist Church the night of the 24th with Bert Ramsey for Santa Claus was a decided success. The tree was nicely covered with cotton and looked very realistic being loaded with many beautifull and useful presents, as well as many placed on the floor as is usual in Tahoka; it would be a hard job to find a tree large enough on the plains to hold the presents even though there was another display at the Methodist Church.

LICENSES ISSUED.

Marriage licenses issued by the county clerk. L. M. Hayes and Miss Reatrice A. Hubbard, Dec. 21st.

Wm. J. Cone and Miss Bessie S. Sumner December 26.

Ketner Depriest and Miss Artie McManis, December 28.

This last license makes ninty that have been issued since Lynn County was organized.

Avalanche Items.

A. R. McGonagill, freight receiver for the Double U Company of Post City, was a pleasant caller at our office Saturday evening. Mr. McConagill tells us that they are receiving from three to five and are hung that the fays may find hidsix cars of stuff every week. The most of the present stuff that is coming in, is for the sewerage sysabsentminded I have become! Well tem to be put in at Post at an early date. While here he visited the mechanical department of our of- in the real estate business to Cloyd fice and expressed himself as seeing the best equipped plant that it has been his pleasure to see this side of Fort Worth.

and Mrs. Jas. R. Robinson, Miss Gertrude Robinson and Mr. Leonard S. Mast were united in marneed to be washed away with tears, but the immediate family witnessed the ceremony.

join the Avalanche in wishing them life's greatest pleasures and look forward to the time when Lubbock will be their permanent

from Tahoka Tuesday evening so as your large mercantile establishas to attend the nuptials of Web- ments, you. banks or any other ster-Ervin which wewe solemnized line of business. Every time the at the First Baptist church Wed- newspaper puts forth extra effort nesday evening.

Last Sunday evening about o'clock, people in the northeast part of Lubbock were startled by hearing the report of a gun and when they investigated, they were their eyes, and well they might be, for on the snow covered ground Edwards, 8 years old, with fearful wound in his head, dead.

It seems that a Mr. Rotan and guests of Mr. Edwards and family. Mr. Rotan went to his wagon for something and the little boys followed him, there was a loaded shot gun in the wagon and as Lee Edwards pulled it out from under something, it went off, the entire load taking effect in the head of his little brother, Floyd, killing him instantly .- Avalanche.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.

My home including 1 block in Shook Addition, also my furniture at your terms. See or address,

> La Verne Kershner, Tahoka Texas.

A Resolution □ for □□ New Year's

The noblest resolution that any citisen could make for the new year would be the resolution to live more faithfully by the golden rule, that sublime principle of conduct for this world and for all worlds. Failure to live by this law causes the chief sorrows and collisions among men, says Edwin Markham in Success.

Let each earnest man search into his words and ways, determined to find the special manner in which be breaks the golden law-his special habit that works injustice or unhappiness in his shop, his office, his home, his city. He will find, perhaps, that in the shop he is in the habit of misplacing tools, and this hinders the work of his comrades; that in the office he is in the habit of being late in keeping appointments, and thus steals other people's time; that in the club he is in the habit of belittling worthy competitors, and thus joins the gang of thieves who steal reputations: that in the home he is in the habit of monopolizing the conversation, and thus fails to draw out the powers of others; that in the city he is in the habit of spitting on the sidewalk, and thus spoils the comfort of his townsmen; that in business he is in the habit of misrepresenting his goods. and thus robs under the cover of cus-

Christmas Fairies.

An old English tradition has it that at Christmas-tide, elves and fairies may mingle with humankind in the festivities, and the holly, bay and ivy ing places. They are also hung to afford a refuge to the woodland sprites who, at this season, are half-frozen in the forests.

W. S. Swan has sold his interest

Austin, Texas, Dec. 27.-In granting Christmas pardons this year, the governor has been very Last Saturday morning at the liberal in comparsion with his forhome of the bride's parents, Mr. mer record, a total of 106 Christmas gifts of this character having been granted. Included among those liberated were several conrest forevermore. Life's mistakes may riage by Rev. A. C. Miller. None victs who had already served long sentences and several who had been sentenced for life. Among these Mr. and Mrs. Mast left on the latter was a woman who had killed northbound train for Houstin, her husband and in signing the Galveston and other points where pardon the governor wrote on the they will visit the relatives of the margin, "This woman appears to groom. Both Miss Robinson and have been more sinned against Mr. Mast were well known in than sinning," Bcb Steyens of Lubbock society circles, where Milan county, one of the alleged they have many friends who will Humphrey lynchers, was also lib-

> Did you ever think what a close relation the local newspaper bears to every other business in the town? The printing office is a L. D. Webster and wife came in business enterprise just the same to push its business, it is pushing your business. The merchant that declares a boycot against his local newspaper is going against a stronger force than perhaps he thinks. More read the paper than buy your goods. - Anson Reporter.

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES Began with a recital given at lay the remains of little Floyd the Methodist church by Miss Mae Caldwell and Mrs. York Skinner, which furnished about two and a half hours of enjoyment family were spending the day as for crowded house of both old and

> Saturday night the young folks had a nice party at the home of B. H. Black.

Monday night the youngsters again met for a good time at the home of LaVerne Kershuer.

Tuesday night saw a very enjoyable party playing 42 at the home of W. S. Swan.

Again last night, Thursday there was a party at G. W. King's that was enjoyed by all present.

Also last night found quite a number up stairs in the court house enjoying the dance for several hours.

The Child of the Year



Said the Child to the youthful Year: What hast thou in store for me. O giver of beautiful gifts, what cheer, What joy dost thou bring with thee?"

Their treasures-the winter's snows. The autumn's store and the flowers of And the summer's perfect rose.

"My seasons four shall bring

"All these and more shall be thine, Dear Child-but the last and best Thyself must earn by a strife divine, If thou wouldst be truly blest. Wouldst know this last, best gift?

'Tis a conscience clear and bright, A peace of mind which the soul can lift To an infinite delight.

-Celia Thaxter.







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THE GIFT OF THE MAGI.

Christmas Chronicle of Love and Dual Sacrifice.

By O. HENRY.

that she could not read, and it terrified her. It was not anger nor surprise nor disapproval nor horror nor any of the sentiments that she had been prepared for. He simply stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face.

Della wriggled off the table and went for him.

"Jim, darling," she cried, "don't look at me that way! I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have lived through Christmas without giving you a present. It'll grow out again. You won't mind, will you? I just had to do it. My bair grows awfully fast. Say 'Merry Christmas!' Jim and let's be happy. You don't know what a nice -what a beautiful, nice gift I've got for you."



"THET'RE TOO NICE TO USE AT PRESENT." "You've cut off your hair?" asked Jim laboriously, as if he had not arrived at that patent fact yet even after the hardest mental labor.

"Cut it off and sold it," said Della. "Don't you like me just as well anyhow? I'm me without my hair, ain't

Jim looked about the room curiously. "You say your hair is gone?" he said, with an air almost of idiocy.

"You needn't look for it," said Della. "It's sold, I tell you-sold and gone too. It's Christmas eve, boy. Be good to me, for it went for you. Maybe the hairs of my head were numbered," she went on, with a sudden serious sweetness, "but nobody could ever count my love for you. Shall I put the chops on,

Out of his trance Jim seemed quickly to wake. He infolded his Della For ten seconds let us regard with discreet scrutiny sor e inconsequential object in the other direction. Eight dollars a week or a million a 'ear-

For there lay the combs, the set of combs, side and back, that Della had worshiped for long in a Broadway window-beautiful combs pure tortoise shell, with jeweled rims, just the shade to wear in the beautiful vanished hair. They were expensive combs, she knew, and her heart had simply craved and yearned over them without the least hope of possession. And now they were hers, but the tresses that should have adorned the coveted adornments were gone.

But she hugged them to her boson, and at length she was able to look up with dim eyes and a smile and say, 'My hair grows so fast, Jim!"

And then Della leaped up like a little singed cat and cried, "Oh, oh!"

Jim had not yet seen his beautiful present. She held it out to him eagerly upon her open palm. The dull precious metal seemed to flash with a reflection of her bright and ardent spirit. "Isn't it a dandy, Jim? I hunted all over town to find it. You'll have to

look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. I want to see how it looks on it." Instead of obeying, Jim tumbled

down on the couch and put his hands under the back of his head and smiled. "Dell," said he, "let's put our Christnas presents away and keep 'em awhile. They're too nice to use just at present. I sold the watch to get the money to buy your combs. And now

suppose you put the chops on." The magi, as you know, were wise men - wonderfully wise men - who carried gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in lamely related to you the uneventful each other the greatest treasures of known even in her cramped young life. their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that dormitory, with her own maid to wait for Big Springs where of all who give gifts these two were upon her. She was compelled to take the wisest. Of all who give and re- a small room in the town, for which ceive gifts such as they are wisest. she paid out of her earnings by doing

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Neglected at First, She at Last Found Her Level.

By VIRGINIA TYLER HUDSON. [Copyright, 1909, by American Press Asso-

"My dear," said Mrs. Robert Gilbert Parks to her husband at the breakfast table one morning, "I have decided that we must send Evelyn to Randall-Phillips college after all. It is the best school in the state, even if they do have those horrid scholarships. That is the only objection, for all the other girls are an exceptionally exclusive lot, as I have been at pains to find out. But she must go, though she be compelled to associate occasionally with a washerwoman's daughter, if one should win a scholarship and be of 'good moral character' enough to satisfy the faculty."

So Evelyn Lucille Parks was entered at Randall-Phillips the same fall that



"SHE'S IN FOR A SIEGE."

Della Henning, daughter of the widow of a poor little Methodist clergyman. achieved the ambition of her life and matriculated at the school on the scholarship she and her mother had stall these new officers: made every known sacrifice to win.

As the school year went by, though, it did not take Della long to find that the hardly won scholarship did not entitle her to social honors in the school. She came to be known only as a "greasy grind." and when the time came for the freshmen to be reres best improved case of duplication. And here I have chosen for the college societies she part of Lynn county. waited in vain for the longed for tap hronicle of two foolish children in a on the shoulder. This was the greatflat who most unwisely sacrificed for est disappointment Della had ever

Della did not live in the college Everywhere they are wisest. They are mending, cleaning gloves, making fudge and washing the hair of the

luckier girls who were given a pu lowance by their doting ou Among her first patronesses wal

eral favorite in the college, le seemed impossible for her to a sufficiently to the rules to make in As Della sat working in D

Pretty, light hearted, generou, I

lyn was not long in becoming a

rooms one afternoon after bours the latter came fying & flung herself down on the rugh

"it's all over. Della," she et "My dotting parents will know tomorrow that I'm a disgrace family, for I can never in the pass that geometry exam."

Della looked up, with co written on her face.

"Why. Evelyn," she cried, " that! You know you have h come up to the standard b other studies, and that will a

"I know," wailed the mise lyn, "but what can I do? I'm brilliant student, like you-I I'd been a greasy grind-and l remember enough geometry page. The only thing I can 'cut,' and then, even though pended. I'll have another c

With sinking heart Della ...onitor, marked Evelyn P. sent" the next morning at d mark that spelled suspe the girl returned to college the later, somewhat subdued by in the little cottage reserve college authorities for quents, she saw her sate jolly afternoon in ber n her classmates had planned

"I'm going to do it this time she said, "If it means losing ketball team."

"And I'm toing to help! nounced the little scho looking up from the mending Evelyn's clothes ways to be undergoing.

"But you haven't the time strated the pretty girl. "Hee coach me when you have do out of hours? At less ! let me pay you." The other

If you are at all doubt the age and tenderness of key rub common baking the bird after dressing stand twelve hours before

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For District Attorney, 64th District. REUBEN M. ELLERD.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector J. H. EDWARDS.

We wish our subscribers and advertisers a happy and prosperous New Year and while The News makes no regular resolution, yet, 13 months in a year in the deep, we will state that we will redouble deep, blowing sand in order to our efforts to give you a better paper and service than in the past.

Never since we have been in the newspaper business have we been bale of cotton 35 miles; 25 of satisfied with an issue of the paper always something causes it, no matter how good it may be, to The Center of the cotton growfall short of our ideal.

always in direct proportion to the growth and development of the his cotton to Tahoka today, town. If the paper grows, the Friday, to get it ginned, had town grows, if the paper dwindles only lived in Lynn County he dies the town retragrades also. Town building is simply a game of progression; the advertisers build it through either. up the newspaper, the paper builds up the advetisers.

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the other business men say "thank God he is gone," even his customers feel no sorrow for they were all more or less ashamed of trading with him; No one likes a chinch.

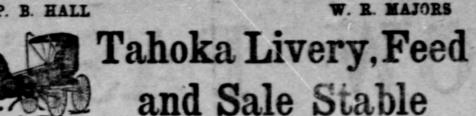
Luckily Tahoka has had very few of this class of citizens to contend with, therefore witness her continued growth, until today Tahoka is without exception the nicest and prettiest town with the brightest future before it of any

Lets all work together and make 1910 the year when Tahoka was advertised to all the world. Carry a continuous ad ia The News. write to all your friends and acquaintances. Don't boost the town, but simply tell the truth, and the whole truth: that will be enough to make the coming year the best year yet for our beloved town and county.

Poor old Terry County! Or rather, poor old citizens of our western neighbor county. Just think of working and sweating raise one bale of cotton, living within five miles of the county site, and then have to haul that them through half hub deep sand, to the cotton gin at Tahoka ing country of the Plains. If The growth of a newspaper is Mr. Sparks, who lives five miles north of Brownfield, and brought might have had two bales to gin and not had all that sand to haul

That is all right, Bro. Herald. up the town and the town builds In spite of the dry, hard year, Lynn County farmers and stock Every non-advertising business men have made enough money to man in a town is simply a leach or buy up what little feed and a barnacle, he is a brake or a drag, goobers Terry County raised 2 he lives on the patronage that oth- this year, and you can tell your where he has not sown, and after a bale of cotton, to take it over

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> In big glaring black letters on the front page, last week's issue of the Lynn County News announced that the Texas Central would cross the Santa Fe at Tahoka. It was a positive statement without any conditions, and we are curious to know from what source Bro, Crie got his valuable informatio. The Citizen is not disposed to boldly claim a thing that is yet uncertain but it is our candid belief (as well as the belief of many in a position to know) that the Texas Central road will be built by Snyder and Gail. The actions of those who have money to invest lends credibility to this belief. We would bed away at his gun. "Want any help?" warn you, Bro. Crie, not to be quite so positive as you may find sober with me?" ourself holding the empty sack in the grand snipe hunt that is

other day of a man who claimed he was too poor to take his home paper, but all the same he read a notice in one of the county papers telling how to prevent a horse from slobbering, and sent \$1.50 house, "and I never found it out till for a receipt. When the \$1.50 worth of information came it said: Teach your horse how to

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Dot Was Very Much Worried as to How It Was to Be Paid.

By MARY A. BOWERS. [Copyright, 1909, by American Press Asso-

"Two dollars a visit," cried Dot in dismay, forgetting entirely that she had come to look for a spool of No. 40 in mamma's drawer, and opening ber brown eyes wider and wider as she read the heading of an old bill of Dr. Cogswell's.

"Two dollars a visit," she repeated. 'Oh, why doesn't Donnie get well? And where is all the money to come from?" she asked herself sadly. "We will get very poor," continued Dot. shaking her little brown bead slowly over the bill. After thinking awhile she slipped the paper in her pocket and went downstairs.

Mamma and Sister Margie were sewing. Dot went quietly to Mrs. Ladyard and whispered:

"We'll feel very poor afterward. won't me, mamma?"

Mamma smiled-a sad smile, Dot thought-as she replied: "You're better at guessing than we supposed. Now, why don't you take your trimming, little daughter, and go into the library? There's a nice fire on the bearth, and you can work away like a bee. We'll need it soon, you know," added mamma, for Dot was rather inclined to dream when she was alone.

"We'll need it soon," repeated Dot as she climbed up in the big library chair. "We'll need it soon. Oh, why didn't they tell me? Why did they leave me to find it out for myself? I might have worked yards and yards by this time and sold them for ever so much, but I supposed it was just to give me something to do, and I've sometimes not done more than one scallop in a whole afternoon," confessed Dot as she made her little ivory needle fly in and out of her work. as if any one could ever make up for time wasted.

Tom went into the barn to clean his gun. Dot saw him.

"I'll ask him." she decided as she put ber work burriedly in a little silk



handkerchief and started with it for the barn. "He won't tease me when he knows how badly I feel."

It was a very sad little face that peered in at the barn door. "Hello," was Tom's greeting. "Been

"Yes," admitted Dot in a voice that

could leave no doubt of it. "What's up?" asked Tom as be rub-

"Ob. yes. Tom. That's just what I've come for. Won't you talk real "Nary a smile from me," said Tom.

Then, glancing sidelong at the little face in the doorway, he added: soon to take place .- Borden Citizen. "Come in and state your case, Here's a seat on the hay," as he lifted her gently upon a pile he had just We heard on the street the brought down for the borses, "There! Official Surveyor for Lynn, Borden,

> "Not a bit," said Dot. "All right, then. Go ahead," said Tom cheerfully.

"Well, you know. Tom," began Dot in her sweet, timid voice, "there's a secret in there," pointing toward the

"So you found it out, did you? Well, I told 'em you would."

"I wouldn't but for the bill." "You wouldn't what?" asked Tom,

who was rubbing away again. "I'll tell you about that afterward.

When I went into the sitting room mamma and Margle were sewing." "That certainly didn't surprise you."

laughed Tom. "Ob, Tom! How can you make fun

of it all? Mamma looked just ready to cry, and-oh, ob, oh! What can we ever do about it?" as she threw herself face downward on the hay and sobbed as though her little heart would break, while Tom stood by in speechless astonishment.

ed himself. "I mustn't forget my promise to mother, but I must give the child some comfort," he thought as he went over to the little blue

cloak on the hay. "Come, Dot," said he tenderly.

"Don't cry. You haven't told a what the matter is. Now, we'l right up here while you tell Tot

After awaile Dot managed to say "Does Dr. Cogswell charge pe

who are ill \$2 every time he got

"Something like that, I believe," swered Tom wonderingly. "It's exactly that," said Dot, fe

for the bill. "Oh, Tom, we must him hundreds of dollars." There was a queer look in To

"I suppose we do," be said. "But have we got the money to him?" questioned Dot, the brown es swimming again.

"No; I don't believe we have." "Then what are we going to do said Dot, with another sob.

"There, Dot," said Tom soothing! "Don't be so foolish as to cry. It's a coming out right, I can't tell you just now, but take my word for it." "Tom," called Mrs. Ledyard, "they'r

all waiting for you." "The boys have come, Dot." said Tom, giving her a hasty kiss, "Now,

remember not to worry. It's coming out all right."

Dot sat a long time on the hay. "Tom always thinks everything's go ing to come out all right," she said, determined to be miserable. "He doesn't know anything about money. Margie says so, and I know myself be doesn't. cause I once owed him 5 cents for weeks, and then when I went to pay Continued on next page.

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'd forgotten all about it and just have dreamed it.

gone off now to sleigh ride sn't care bow hard we're all " and the little peedle flew han ever. "I just know he Dr. Cogswell isn't going to but he is, for here's one bill, s probably got another all ready. ould just as well not charge." m on, "for Edith Olcott told was ever and ever so rich and than this. But bow could " she wondered. "How could to be lovelier than the one ane took Edith and me into the av, the little one with the winoking on the lake, and the little ith curtains and everything pet and all? Dr. Cogswell his little sister's room, and ning in the spring."

title fingers never did better han that day, for "mamma t have told me they needed it didn't." Dot kept assuring her-Tom just wanted to comfort e doesn't know bow bard they nking and crying."

ight Dot added to her prayer is, "O God, please don't let it than we can pay."

what?" asked mamma as she doctor's bill," whispered Dot,

s very tight about Mrs. Led-

edvard smiled. She thought

oung doctor must have been asppened in the next morning fter breakfast, and the first

going to have my bill settled ttle Miss Dot." as with quite face he took out a memoranda. ne see," be mused. "I began in May. Two visits a day

dreds!" said poor little Dot

want to be businesslike," said eswell "Suppose you get your d figure it."

Dot ran, "He isn't going to let us off a penny," she meaned.

"Now, let's do a little sum in arithmetic." said the doctor. "What does M. stand for?"

"One thousand," said staggered little Dot, pushing the crochet work way down in her pocket.

"Very good," said the doctor. "Now, what does C. stand for?" "One hundred," said Dot, trying to

"And altogether?" was the next

"Eleven hundred." said Dot tear-"H'm!" coughed Dr. Cogswell. "Now,

can you think of anything else they might stand for?" "No, sir," said Dot.

"Why, yes, you can, Dot," cried Doneld, who had just been wheeled into the room. "M. C." clapping his hands, "Why, Merry Christmas! Don't you see?" Dot smiled.

"Then there isn't any bill?" she

"Nary a bill," said Tom, "but can't you think of anything else the letters might stand for?"

"No," said happy, stupid little Dot. "I can." cried Don, extching sight of some glances being exchanged and Margie's pretty cheeks aglow. "Margie Cogswell!"

Then they all laughed, and the doctor caught Dot up and set her on his shoulder and pranced with her juto s half asleep, so she tiptoed the cony sitting room. Pretty soon downstairs to the library and Don was wheeled into the sunny bay und Tom telling Margie about | window, and there they all sat the rest of the morning

Dot had to submit to a good deal of o, or heard of it in some way. teasing, but she was very happy notwithstanding and wrote in her diary that night in such big letters that she went right over two or three of the

"The dector wasn't coming to see Donnie, after all, and there wasn't any bill. I am going to be bridesmaid and wear white. There isn't any little sisr it's nearly Christmas, isn't ter but me, and I'm going to have the ar, how much should you think little blue room whenever I want to go there to visit."

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CHRISTMAS LONG DELAYED,

Woman's Loyalty Recompensed After Many Weary Years.

By FRANK H. SWEET. [Copyright, 186, by American Press Asso-

She was just a common, everyday sort of woman, a woman of the people, a product of poverty and yet a beroine as noble as ever was immortalized by poet's pen. Her wasted form was scarcely hidden by the limp, angular folds of her scanty calico skirt and the shawl about her shoulders. Her name was Mary, and as for her other name-it does not matter. She had hardly dared to use it for eighteen long years, and she thought of this as she drew near the big stores which were filled with happy Christmas shoppers.

She could just faintly remember that first sad Christmas thirty years before when her father, mother and herself were taken to the city pesthouse. She never saw them after that day, for when she left the bospital she went away alone. Mary was only six years old then, and her life seemed to have begun in her uncle's tenement, where the health officer had left her. It was even then a life of poverty and hunger. Her uncle was a strange man and before she came had lived all by himself.

When she was a little older be sent her out upon the streets to beg and then cursed her because she was so timid and got so little. She was begging one night by the Common when she met ber first friend, a very kind young man, who took her hand and told ber she mustn't beg. He took ber down into Pie alley and gave ber supper there with the newsboys and promised that she should become a news girl berself next day, which was better than begging. "Mary the news girl"

they called ber then. Her second friend was a new neighbor's girl, who moved into the same house where she lived. This neighbor's girl worked as a "eash" in a big store, and when Mary's uncle disappeared one night and did not come back the neighbor's girl lent her a dress, found her a place also as cash girl and persuaded her mother to take the orphan into the family. Then began the best part of Mary's life. Dora and her mother were honest, if poor, and they gave Mary as good a home as they could for her meager wages. But the hours of work were long and weary, with no money for finery and no time for play. It was scarcely easier when Mary became a clerk. with better pay, but with greater expenses for board and decent clothes. She was old already at seventeen, a pale, shy girl, when she came to know Tom Haley, who was a janitor in the store. It seemed very strange that Tom, who was several years older, should care for her and should want to take her to walk on Sunday afternoons, but when they knew each other good. That did not clear the mystery | was the first that came to her mind, line .- HOWELL & McGIL

She promised to marry him, and yet and it mes har courage to say the she held with timid obstinacy that



"MARY, MARY, ARE YOU MAD?"

there was a great deal to be done before then. Homeless as she had always been, a waif of the street, she knew that Tom was scarcely better off our part toward making the than herself, yet she could not bear to 1910 as prosperous for them think of marrying without a home. A is in our power to do by home was her great ambition, and it them the best drugs and toilet could not be realized without moneya great deal of money, as it seemed to ber, at least \$500. And ber lover came to share that ambition.

Late one Saturday night when Mary and Dora went home together to the tenement down in the Cove district cannot be duplicated. they saw a fierce looking man sitting need of anything in our line on the doorstep. His rough hands stop- around and let us supply ped Mary as she tried to pass, and she felt the return of the old sickening fear as she recognized her uncle. He did not say why he had deserted her better and after Tom had asked her to or tell where he had been, but barshly West Side Drug Store for marry him he said that the reason he ordered her to pack her "duds" and go you want. We will be p liked her was because she was so with him. The thought of Tom Haley show and price any thing

she would not go. Then as the team started to her eyes she jerked away her hand and ran up the stairs, breathless and sobbing. A little later the rie followed and told Dora and be mother that he was Mary's goardie and was going to have his right Mary had locked berself in an interiort room, and, although her supposed cle swore that he would have the he on them all, be finally left the boss

Tom Haley came that Sunday after Itel noon, as usual, and when be for what had happened be was pale with anger. He and Mary talked the ple who are accustomed to misfortus Dr It did not seem impossible that Mary uncle might have the law on them. be threatened. They could not be sharing the fear that all the old self bors felt for the man. It seemed Tom that the only thing they could was to be married at once. But would not listen to this proposition

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The Russians are great at fortune

telling, and on New Year's eve the un-

married ladies and gentlemen send

servants into the street, or go out

themselves, to ask the names of per-

sons they meet. These will be the

names of persons they will severally

marry, and many a bashful Russian

lover has speeded himself in his suit

by taking care to be the first man his

member of the family salutes the oth-

er with a kiss, beginning with the

head of the house, and then retire,

HE hospitable Norwegians and

Swedes spread their tables

heavily for all who may come

in, and in Stockholm there is a grand

banquet in the Exchange, given to the

king and his family. On this occa-

sion the monarch throws aside "the

divinity which doth hedge a king.

and mingles with his people as citi-

sen to citizen, in true democratic

Danes greet the New Year with a

tremendous volley of cannon, and old

Copenhagen is shaken to its founda-

tions at midnight. It is also consid-

ered a delicate compliment to fire of a

gun or a pistol under the bedroom

window of one's friends at a very

Dwellers in Cape Town, South Al-

rica, are an exception to the genera'

run of English colonists. After the

they celebrate New Year for an en-

tire week. Every house is full of vis-

dressed in his best, and no one has

any business except to seek amuse-

ment, which he does frantically. There

are picnics to Table mountain and

When midnight is reached, each

visits are paid.

lady's servant met.

New Year.

Americans are too busy to take many holidays, but few of them fail to observe New Year's day in some way or other. The good old custom of making calls on one's friends fell OF HANDKER into disrepute long ago because it was so abused by the over-convivial, CHIEFS, CAPS but family gatherings usually mark the day, and the church folk all over the country still hold watch meetings in the religious edifices to usher in the new year. Our observances of the day, however, are not so picturesque as are those of many other countries.



WGLAND and Scotland have retained many of their interesting customs of olden times. this being especially true of Scotland. Weeks before the New Year begins, the village boys, with great secrecy, meet in out-of-the-way places and rehearse their favorite ballads. As the time draws near they don improvised masks and go about from house to house singing and cutting many quaint capers.

The thirty-first of December is called "Hogmanay." and the children are told that if they go to the corner they will see a man with as many eyes as the year has days. The children of the poorer classes go from house to house in the better districts with a large pocket fastened to their dresses or a large shawl with a fold in front. Each one receives an oaten cake, a piece of cheese, or sometimes a sweet cake, and goes home at night with a good supply of homely New Year cheer for the rest of the family.

The Scottish elders celebrate the day with a supper party, and as the clock "chaps" 12, friend greets friend and wishes him "a gude New Year and mony o' them." Then, with great formality the door is unbarred to let the Old Year out and the New Year in, and all the guests sally forth into the street to "first foot" their ac-

In Edinburgh a great erowd gathers around the church in Hunter square and anxiously watches the clock. There is absolute silence from the first stroke of 12 until the last.

The old folks now go to bed but the young have other business on foot" from her sweetheart, and there is much stratagem displayed in outwitting her occasionally, and having some serving maid or grandmother

The weather is carefully observed at this season, for it is supposed to betoken that which is to come. There is a rhyme current in Scotland which runs thus:

If New Year's eve the night wind bloweth south

It betokeneth warmth and growth: If east, the trees will bear much fruit; If northeast, fice it, man and brute.

During the last century all work was laid aside on the afternoon of the thirty-first, and the men of the hamlet went to the woods and brought home loads of juniper bushes. Each household also procured a pitcher of water from the "dead and living ford," meaning the ford in a river, by which passengers and funerals crossed. This was brought in perfect silence and without being allowed to touch the ground in its progress, as contact with the earth would have destroyed the charm.

The rites next morning were supposed to protect the household against witchcraft, the "evil eye," and other devilments. The father rose first, and taking the charmed water and a brush, treated the rest of the family to a vigorous baptism, which was generally acknowledged with anything but gratitude.

Coming back, the thrifty Scotchman closed all the doors and windows and put the juniper bough on the fire. When the smoke reached the suffocating point, the fresh air was readmitted. Then the cattle were fumigated in the same manner, and the painful

solemnities of the morning were over. On New Year's day a superstitious Scotchman will neither lend nor give anything whatever out of his house, for he fears that his luck may go too, and for the same reason, the floor must not be swept. If the fire goes out it is a sign of death.

THE CZAR'S

USSIANS have a very pretty ceremony. On each New Year's day a pile of sheaves is heaped up over a large pile, and the father, after seating himself behind the pile, asks the children if they can see him. Upon their replying that they cannot, he says he hopes the crops will be so fine the coming year that he will be hidden in the fields.

The Russian New Year is 12 days later than ours, and is a gala occasion for all. There is a grand celebration of mass in the morning, and the rest of the day is devoted to congratulatory visits Good wishes that to business, and the settlement is as calm and well ordered as if it had never heard of New Year.



Chinese quarter in a large city knows, "the heathen Chinee" celebrates the New Year in a right royal fashion. In the mother country the rejoicings absorb fully a month, during the first part of which there is not an empty mouth in the

But the refreshments are of a light kind-peanuts, watermelon seeds, sweetmeats, oranges, tea and typically Chinese cakes. Presents of cakes are given to the poor, and "brilliant cakes," supposed to help the children along with their studies, are distributed from the temples.

At an early hour on the second of February—their New Year's day— every spark of fire they can find, they they propitiate heaven and earth with offerings of rice, vegetables, toa, wine, oranges, and imitation paper money, which they burn with incense, joss sticks, and candles. Afterward they worship their household gods and deafter wishing each other a Happy ceased ancestors and living relatives. All this is carried out in the most solemn manner, and offerings are made to everybody except the living.

> Images of gods are carried in progong, and mandarine go by hundreds with congratulatory addresses to the emperor. Their robes are gorgeously embroidered and are heavy with gold. Numerous amusements are provided for the public, the chief of which are acting, illuminations, and fireworks.



twenty-ninth of January. By this time all accounts have been adjusted and all dispute, settled. his horn to announce the birth of the Everybody puts on the regulation dress-a sort of light blue cottonand starts out to visit relatives and almost all over France, and many of friends. The visiting lasts for three days, and they send letters of con- Christmastide are transferred to New gratulation, in stiff, set phrases, to Year. In many parts of that country those in distant places.

custom of the early Dutch settlers, in which all trades are represented. ging for small presents. itors, every man, woman and child is Drums and stringed instruments are played by numerous bands, and wax ures are sold by the thousand. They amuse themselves with top spinning. kite flying, jugglers, actors and firepleasure excursions in boats. There is a dance every evening. At the end please themselves with the "butterfly of the week everybody settles down

Presents are offered of cooked rice. roasted peas, oranges, and figs. The peas are scattered about the houses to frighten away evil spirits, and on the fourth day of the New Year, the decorations of lobster which signify reproduction, cabbages which mean riches, and oranges which mean good luck, are taken down and replaced with boughs of fruit trees and Sowers. This is to signify the near approach of spring, when the "winter garment of repentance" shall be thrown aside.



Esquimaux go forth from their snow huts or ice caves in pairs, one of each pair being dressed in women's clothes. They gain entrance to every igleo in the village, moving silently and mysteriously. At last there is not a light left in the whole place, and having extinguished kindle a fresh one, going through myeterious ceremonies meanwhile. From this one source all lamps and fires in the district are lighted anew.

In the Indian empire, the day which corresponds to other New Year celebrations, is called Hooly, and is a feast in honor of Krishna. Caste temporarily loses caste and the prevailing hue is red. Every one who can afford it wears red garments. They throw cession to the beating of a deafening red powder at one another, and mix. it with water and squirt it from syringes on passers-by. This is taken in as good part as snow-balling to in northern climes.

Complimentary visits between the merest acquaintances are exchanged in Germany, and New Year's gifts are made to the servants. The eve of the New Year is called "der Sylvester Abend," and while it is deemed not unbecoming for the young and thoughtiess to while away the evening by dancing. the day in more serious households takes on a semi-religious aspect. During the evening there is prayer at the family altar, and at midnight the watchman on the church tower blows

The "Jour de l'An" is a great period the customs common with us at masquerading by children continues They go to their favorite tea gar for three days, the youngsters going dens, and there is a grand procession from house to house, singing and beg-

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If you have never traded with us, come and get acquainted - - We will treat you right - - We wish you all a Happy New Year. THANKFULLY.

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when invoice was closed, and all accounts for merchandise
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ABSTRACTOR and JUSTICE of the PEACE OFFICE IN THE COURT HOUSE

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OF

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(Paid Up Capital \$25,000.00)

DIRECTORS:

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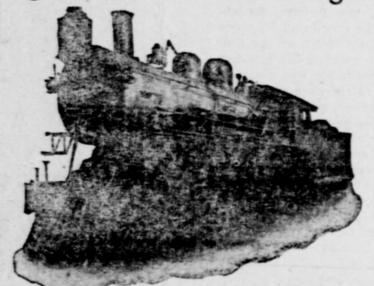
IS BEFORE YOU IN WHICH TO MAKE OR LOSE

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