

SANTA ANNA NEWS

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"He Profits Most, Who Serves Best"

D. C. KEELING SUICIDES IN BROWNWOOD

D. C. Keeling, brother to J. J. and W. L. Keeling, of this city, who farmed in the Plainview community this year, committed suicide at the Travelers Hotel in Brownwood Monday night of this week. The Keeling brothers from here were notified by phone of the tragedy and left immediately for the scene, but he died before they reached his bedside.

The body was prepared for burial and placed in its last resting place Tuesday evening.

J. J. and W. L. Keeling, of this city, a sister who lives at Indian Creek, and two sisters of Dallas, were present at the funeral.

The News very tenderly extends sympathy to the Keeling brothers in their sad bereavement.

FORMER CITIZEN BURIED HERE MONDAY.

The body of T. B. Taylor, 88 years old, was buried here Monday of this week. Mr. Taylor lived near Shield during his sojourn in Coleman county, and his wife was buried here about fifteen years ago. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Masonic lodge here and the membership of the Order met the train Sunday night, took charge of the body and laid it away Monday afternoon with Masonic honors.

Mr. Taylor died at Corpus Christi, where he has been living for several years. Several of his children were here at the funeral, but we failed to get a correct list of them, except Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Brown, of Eliasville, Texas.

Willie Finneash and wife returned to their home in Sweetwater Wednesday after spending Christmas here with Mr. Finneash's parents.

CHRISTMAS MARRIAGE

To say this has been a happy Christmas would be expressing it very mildly to some, especially to the following splendid young couples who have submitted to the cooing and wooing of the love bug and given up selfishness of living alone and joined with others to share the burdens, pleasures and responsibilities of life with and for each other.

Walters-Reynolds.

On Thursday evening of last week Mr. Floyd Reynolds and Miss Elizabeth Walters were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vinson, Rev. E. E. Dawson, of Coleman, officiating.

The happy young couple left Friday for San Antonio and Nixton, where they will spend a short honeymoon with friends and the groom's parents.

Pope-Freeman.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Pope, last Sunday afternoon, Miss Annie Love Pope was united in marriage to Mr. Emory A. Freeman, of Tuscola.

Shortly after the marriage the happy young couple left for Tuscola, where they will make their future home.

Pearce-Holt.

Last Sunday Prof. Roy D. Holt and Miss Mildred Pearce surprised many of their friends by driving over to the home of Rev. T. W. Davidson, where they were united in marriage.

The bride and groom are both teaching school at Brady, but spending the holidays here with homefolks. They will return to Brady next week and re-assume their duties as teachers.

Ruble-Biggs.

At the home of the bride's mother, in the east part of town, the editor was called out Wed-

nesday afternoon to unite in marriage Mr. Mitchell Biggs and Miss Willie Ruble.

We have not been informed as to where this happy young couple will live in the future.

To one and all, we wish you all the joys that it is possible for you to receive, and may your every efforts be crowned with success.

Thurman-Todd.

The News has been informed of the marriage last Sunday of Richard (Sprout) Todd, Jr., and Miss Eestelle Thurman.

This happy young couple will continue to make their home in this community.

PARISH-FREEMAN.

A very beautiful wedding took place at the Christian church last Sunday night at 6:30, when Mr. Preston Parish and Miss Lillian Freeman took upon themselves the solemn vows to tread the pathway of life hand in hand.

The church had been beautifully decorated for the Christmas exercise of the evening, and it was a most impressive sight, when they came slowly down the aisle and stood under the star, while just in front of them was the suspended cross. In this attitude the minister pronounced the words that made them husband and wife, using the beautiful ring ceremony.

After the ceremony they received the congratulations of their friends who had gathered to wish them happiness along life's pathway.

Mr. and Mrs. Parish are well known in Santa Anna and a host of friends wish for them every blessing.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Risinger had for their Christmas guest several of their married children and grandchildren.

SELF CULTURE LUB.

Time—3:30 o'clock Jan. 11.
Hostess—Mrs. J. Frank Turner.

Leader—Miss Cora Stockard.
Subject—As You Like It, Acts IV-V.

Roll Call—Quotations from the play, Sketch of Rosalind—Leader.

Critical Comment on play—Miss Ruby Harper.
Character Sketch of Jacques—Miss Bettie Blue.

Quotations:

1. How does Jacques account for his melancholy?
2. How do you defend the forwardness of many of Shakespeare's heroines in love-making?
3. Does Sc. I. mark the climax of the drama?
4. What is Celia's humorous comment on Rosalind's ecstatic state?
5. How does Oliver penetrate the counterfeiting of Rosalind?
6. Is the scene between William and Touchstone a necessary part of the resolution?

ACT V.

7. Why is so much of the fifth act set down in prose?

Describe the completion of the resolution.

8. What points of autobiography does Touchstone furnish?

9. Why are almost the last words of the drama in character given to Jacques to speak?

GENERAL.

10. What is the dominant spirit of the play?

11. What element of tragedy does it contain?

12. Indicate the kinds of humor displayed in Rosalind, Touchstone and Jacques.

13. Give some reasons why Shakespeare so frequently disguised his heroines in male attire.

LOCALS PLAY BALLING-GER CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday the all-star football team went to Ballinger where they played a hard-fought game with the American Legion team of the latter place.

The locals were defeated by a score of 27-6, but those present report a good game.

Clyde Sims made the only touchdown of the locals.

SENIOR B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM (Dec. 30, 1923)

Subject—China Calls.
Leader—Ora Lee Neill.
Introduction—Leader.

1. The Wide Open Door—Jewell Harris.
2. China Unchanged—Upton Pearce.
3. China's Call Is China's Need—Rowena England.
4. China's Call a Divine Challenge—Mary McCorkle.
5. News Notes On China—Glenda Ford.

Appropriate Entertainments.

Several nice entertainments have been given this Christmas for the entertainment of the public, but largely for the entertainment of the younger set. At this writing we have no reports from the other churches over the city, but the Sunday school folk of the Baptist church gave a splendid Christmas tree and program at the Baptist church Monday night. A nice tree was prepared and many presents were placed upon it. To be present was typical of the good old Christmas spirit. Especially did the children enjoy the affair.

Speak gently, smile sweetly, give liberally. That is what Christ would do were he on earth today.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS.

Our services Sunday were par-excellent, especially the program at night. This program had been arranged by Bro. W. E. Baxter, assisted by some of his splendid helpers. Special mention should be made of Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough, who rendered special assistance. The program was voted by the large audience present to be the finest ever given in that church. As a fitting climax to the service, twelve names were added to the membership of the church, nine by statement and three splendid girls confessed their faith in Christ, and will be baptised soon. We count this one of the most impressive services that we have ever attended. We are going to expect you next Lord's day. Please do not disappoint us. A cordial welcome awaits you.

A. L. ODER, Minister.

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

December 30)

Song.
Sentence prayers of thanks for blessings of past year.
Special music.
"Pilgrim's Light"—Elizabeth Greer.
"Wicket Gates"—Selected.
"A New Year Motto"—Dorris-lee Franklin.
Song.
Benediction.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The editor and family, and also the News, have been the recipients of several remembrances this Christmas, and we acknowledge receipt of them all with kind thanks. We hope that each of them were received in the right way and in the proper spirit. May we, in some way, be able to show our appreciation.

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We extend to you our appreciation for your friendship and good will which has made it possible for us to serve you more faithfully.

We trust that 1924 may bring to you and yours prosperity and success, and with you we are planning bigger and better things for you, for us and the county.

Again we wish you a Happy New Year, and that 1924 may bring to you the fullness of your every plan and hope.

Adams Mercantile Co.

Santa Anna, Texas

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As Father Time Draws the Curtains of Time On 1923 We Pause to Think

Look back over the days of the year gone by we see some things we might have done and some we might have left undone, but one thing we feel is as unchanged as it was the day we entered business and that is sincere appreciation of our patrons and our earnest desire each day to serve them better. The approach of a new year brings renewed interest in our regular patrons and strengthens our desire to serve others. But in the midst of it all we stop to "take stock" so to speak and we find on hand a generous supply of good wishes so we pass this one along to you—

MAY 1924 BE THE BEST YOU HAVE KNOWN

Bringing to you the joys that come from health, prosperity and contentment. We want to thank you for your patronage during the old year. We assure you that we have striven in word and action to merit your confidence and good will and with the coming of 1924 we anticipate the pleasure of continuing to number you among our friends and customers. This message, we hope, will find its way to those who have helped in making this business what it is today.

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JIM DIDN'T; FRANK DID; AND GEORGE DID MORE

Recently a writer in a prominent magazine undertook to explain why some men get \$500 a month while others get \$100. Here's the substance.

Three brothers left the farm to work in the city, and all got jobs in the same company, starting out at the same pay.

Six years later one was receiving \$100 a month; a second \$200 and the third \$500.

Their father, hearing of these salaries, decided to visit his sons' employer and find out why they were paid on what seemed to be such an unfair basis.

"I will let them explain for themselves," said the boss as he pressed a button on his desk.

"I understand the Oceanic has just docked," said the employer. "Please go down there and get the inventory of her cargo."

Three minutes later Jim was back in the office.

"She carries a cargo of 2,000 seal skins," reported Jim. "I got the information from the first mate over the phone."

"Thank you Jim," said the boss. "That will be all."

He pressed the button again, and Frank, the \$200 man, reported.

"Frank I wish you would go down to the dock and get an inventory of the Oceanic's cargo."

An hour later Frank was back with a list showing that the Oceanic not only carried 2,000 seal skins but that she also carried 500 beaver and 1,000 mink pelts.

The employer pressed the button the third time and George, the \$500 man, walked into the office.

He was given the same instructions his brothers received.

George did not return for 3 hours, and the office had closed for the day, but the boss and his father were waiting for him.

"The Oceanic carries 2,000 seal skins," he began. "They are offered at \$5.00 each, so I took a two-day option on them, and I have wired a prospect in St.

Louis offering them to him at \$7 I expect to have this order tomorrow. I also found 500 beaver which I sold over the phone at a profit of \$700. The mink pelts are of poor quality so I didn't try to do anything with them."

"That's fine, George," said the boss.

Then when he had gone, the employer turned to the father and smiled.

"You probably noticed," he said, "that Jim didn't do as he was told, Frank does as he's told while George does without being told.—Albany News.

DON'T BE A MISFIT

There are plenty of misfits in this world. Men, who would have made good mechanics, have become poor clerks; men, who would have made a success as farmers are struggling along as lawyers with few clients and little income; men, who might have been good salesmen, are sitting in offices with a physician's shingle on the door, waiting for patients who never come. In fact, every trade and profession contains many men who are not fitted for the work they are trying to do, but who would be able to do good work somewhere else.

It is a pity we can't adopt the merchant's plan and take all the misfits of business life and place them where they will do real good, but as this cannot be done, we urge every boy and young man, starting out in life, to do his best not to become a misfit. If you love figures, take steps to become an accountant.

If you love the outdoor life among the fields, be a farmer. If you love drawing become a draftsman. Find out what you love best and then follow your inclination if you would avoid becoming a misfit. Don't let pride stand in your way. The world has more respect for a good mechanic or a good laborer than it has for a poor clerk or an incompetent physician.

Some folks will tell you that every trade and profession is

crowded. So it is, but the crowd is at the bottom of the ladder and not at the top. The men who lead in every walk of life, are the men who love their work, not the men who have chosen that work because it was considered more respectable than other vocations.

Misfits are always unhappy, always growing at the fate that keeps them down. The man who loves the work he has chosen is contented with his lot, although ambitious for greater things. The man who fits will rise, while the misfit will hover around the bottom rung of the ladder of success.

Don't be a misfit.

GOING AND COMING.

The old year fades away, and the god of time ushers in the infant of 1924.

The years come, and they go, and are seen no more, but they leave a heritage that even time itself can not efface.

In 1923 we have had our ups and our downs, but they have been principally ups. Business has been reasonably good, employment has been plentiful, and general in its scope.

In past years the approach of a presidential election has meant uncertainty, unrest, and a considerable degree of commercial and financial apprehension, if not stagnation.

The coming election has produced no jolt or jar. It seems to have had no appreciable effect, except to convince the public that our system of government is so sound it approaches the unshakable—a Rock of Gibraltar among the nations of the earth.

Legislation is required to relieve certain classes of our citizens from apparent injustice, but that is a matter that will undoubtedly be regulated by the new congress.

Everything considered, the outlook is bright—very bright.

Be an optimist, and its brightness will not be dimmed.

COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL.

Way out in Western Texas, where the Clear Fork waters flow, Where the cattle are a-browzin, an' the Spanish ponies grow, Where the northers come a-whistlin, from beyond the neutral strip, And the prairie dogs are sneezin' as if they had the grip;

Where the possum and the badger and rattlesnake abounds, And a million stars are twinkling o'er a wilderness profound;

Where the lonesome, tawny prairies melt into airy streams; While the Double mountains slumber in heavenly kind of dreams,

Where the antelope is grazing and the lonely plovers call,

It was there that I attended the Cowboys' Christmas Ball.

The town was Anson City, old Jones' county seat,

Where they raise polled Angus cattle, and waving whiskered wheat, Where the air 'is soft and balmy, an' dry and full of health,

And the prairies are explodin' with agricultural wealth,

Where they print the Texas Western, your Knight Hawk friend supplies With news, and yarns, and stories, of most amazin' size;

Where Frank L— pulls the badger on knowing tenderfeet, And democacy's triumphant and mighty hard to beat,

Where lives the good old hunter, John Milsap from Lamar, Who 'used to be the sheriff, back east, in Paris, sah!

'Twas there, I say, at Anson, with the lively Widow Wall,

That I went to that reception, "the Cowboys' Christmas Ball."

The boys had quit the ranches and come to town in piles, The ladies, kinder scattering, had gathered in for miles.

And yet the place was crowded as I remember well;

The women folks looked lovely—the boys looked kinder "treed."

Till their leader commenced yelling, "Whoa! fellows; let's stampe!"

And the music started sighing and wailing through the hall,

As a kind of introduction to "the Cowboys' Christmas Ball."

The leader was a fellow that come from Swenson's ranch;

They called him "Windy Billy," from "Little Deadman's Branch."

His rig was "kinder keerless," big spurs and high heeled boots;

He had the reputation that comes when "fellers shoots."

His voice was like a bugle upon the mountain height;

His feet were animated and a mighty moving sight.

When he commenced to holler: "Neow fellers, stake your pens!

Lock horns to all them heifers, an' rus-sle them like men.

Saloot yer lovely critters; neow swing and let 'em go!

Climb the grapevine 'round 'em—all hands, do-ce-do!

You mayerics, jine the round-up. Jest skip her waterfall!"

Huh! it was getting active at "the Cowboys' Christmas Ball."

The boys were powerful skittish, the ladies powerful neat;

That old bass viol's music just got there with both feet!

Then shook our hoofs like lightning until the early dawn.

Don't tell me of cotillions or german; No, siree!

That whirl at Anson City just takes the cake with me.

I'm sick of lazy shufflin', of them I've had my fill,

But give me a frontier breakdown, backed by Windy Bill.

McAllister aint nowhar when Windy leads the show—

I've seen 'em both in harness, and so I orter know.

Oh! Bill, I shan't forget yer, and I'll oftimes recall

That lively gaited sworray—the Cowboys' Christmas Ball.

—Texas Western.

Note—The above poem was left on the editor's desk Monday of this week by some good lady friend, who stated that it was published in the Santa Anna News thirty years ago. We failed to get her name, but, thanks, just the same.

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BEST prices ever made on Goodrich casings, Ford sizes.—C. E. WELCH. 41-tf.

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE.—Morell Wilson, Phone 162.

FOR SALE—Three good milk cows at Refinery Place.—Gene Bell. 50-tf.

FOR SALE—A Buick-6 Touring Car in good repair.—Santa Anna Motor Co. 50-tf

A McDongal Kitchen Cabinet for sale reasonable. Only used 3 months. Phone 68.

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OUR prices on all kinds of leather goods are right. The lowest in the country and a big stock to select from.—C. E. Welch 41

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—One 1921 Model Studebaker 6 touring car.—W. C. Ford & Co., Garage. 49-tf.

WANT TO BUY—A Cream Separator, prefer DeLeval.—J. D. Sparks. 48-tfc.

FOR SALE—Good 8-room house and barn, 3 lots, well located in west part of town; terms.—H. P. Hudgens, Winters, Texas, or News office. 46-tf.

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BEST prices ever made on Goodrich casings, Ford sizes.—C. E. WELCH. 41-tf

SEE me for plain or ornamental Concrete work.—J. K. Odle.

OUR prices on all kinds of leather goods are right. The lowest in the country and a big stock to select from.—C. E. WELCH. 41-tf

FOR SALE—Seven registered Hereford bulls, priced right. E. W. Gill. See bulls at Gill ranch 52-3-p.

FOR SALE—My home, consisting of 5 room house and 4 acres of land, gas and city water connections, 2 wells of water on place; could be used for irrigation. Price reasonable.—Mrs. D. F. Rackley, Santa Anna, Tex. 2

J. D. Williamson has oats for sale at 60c per bushel. Maize heads at \$25 per ton, at my farm eight miles southwest of town.

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A Prize For Your Effort.
To the student entering the Tyler Commercial College, who makes the highest average in all courses taken for the year of 1924, will be given, free of cost, a transferable scholarship, value \$70.00—any course taught.

This is to encourage hard work and honest effort on the part of the student because the more proficient the graduates, the greater they reflect on the institution and the better service they can render the business man. The only requirement to enter this contest is hard work—and to notify the Enrollment Secretary either by letter before you enter, or at the time you enroll, that you are going to win.
Fill in coupon and mail for free catalogue.

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J. D. SPARKS. 49-tf

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, to be held at the office of the bank at 2 p. m., on the Second Tuesday in January, being January 8, 1924, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that might come before it.
Burgess Weaver, Vice-pres.

NOTICE

Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg, originally of Sterling City, Texas, now located just north of the First Baptist Church, 211 E. College Street.
If you have a disease that medicine or other remedies have failed to cure besure to give us a trial and join the happy throng. Our method is absolutely harmless. Office hours 8:30 to 11:30 a. m., from 2 to 5 p. m. Post office box 97. 45-tf.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First State Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, to be held at the office of the bank at 10 a. m., on the Second Tuesday in January, being January 8, 1924, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that might come before it.
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WASHINGTON INSIDE OUT

A Weekly Panorama of Events in the National Capital.

(By Peter Keegann)

Congress ends the first month of its session with nothing whatever accomplished. Its winter's work, as mapped out by President Coolidge and administration leaders at the Capitol, remains thus far untouched except for preliminary bickering and maneuvering, while day after day has been occupied in organization controversies between the regular and insurgent Republicans. The President has confided to his friends that this situation is highly displeasing to him, but he wants to keep his fingers out of the Congressional pie just as long as he possibly can. Some of the major committees will hold sessions during the Christmas recess in an effort to have something tangible in the way of legislation ready to present when Congress comes back on January 3rd.

The hope that flamed in the hearts of the Soviet officials in Moscow was short-lived. The American government wants to recognize Russia, but Secretary Hughes is as hard-boiled now as he ever was; and it is made plain that the conditions insisted upon by the United States under Coolidge are no easier than those of Harding and Wilson.

One of the Republican war horses who was in the limelight three years ago is taking a back seat now. He is Harry Daugherty of Ohio, the Attorney General of the United States, and the man who would have directed the Harding re-election campaign. Except for his moral support, Daugherty is taking no part in the Coolidge campaign, for the scene has now shifted from the banks of the Ohio to the Back Bay of Boston and there are new chieftains in the political saddle to see that a Republican Administration succeeds itself.

The new Congress is strong for education. Senator Ransdell of Louisiana wants the Congressional Record sent free to all high school pupils, Senator Fletcher of Florida proposes the establishment of great school of music in Washington under the auspices of the federal Government, while Senator Fess of Ohio has introduced a bill to create a national University here with the President at the head. None of these proposals however, if should be noted, are in line with the economy policy of the Administration and the desire of both parties to reduce taxes.

The Republicans have been getting most of the newspaper publicity lately, largely due to the meeting of the National Committee here and the excitement incident to the Coolidge-Johnson feud. The Democrats will get their share in a few weeks when they gather here to name their 1924 convention city. It is expected that the meeting will go to Chicago, in view of the decision of the Republicans to meet in Cleveland.

The European cables should buzz with some 'hot stuff' in a few weeks when the forthcoming reparations inquiry starts in Paris with Charles G. Dawes, the roarin' brigadier who was Pershing's right hand man in the A. E. F., sitting in form the United States. Dawes is one of America's leading financiers and he is not expected to stand for much 'back door diplomacy' when the effort is made to revive prostrate Germany.

ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT

The most profligate institution in the world, and the most lacking in business methods of conducting its affairs, is the government itself. There is some palliating cause for this state of affairs to a reasonable extent, but absolutely no excuse for the length to which it is carried.

When it is remembered that the government has no money except what it takes from the people in taxation—forced extraction from their earnings; and when it is remembered that no question of personal necessity enters into its transactions, that it can do only that which is authorized by law and for which a revenue is provided, there should be the most scrupulous honesty and economy practiced at all times by those clothed with authority to administer the people's affairs. But as stated, the reports in the papers show the wildest kind of extravagance in

every department, to say nothing of the graft and corruption that is constantly being brought out by investigations that are carried on.

The government is a big institution, but that is the more reason why it should be run on the most economic and approved business principles. The constantly enlarging functions of government, brought about the false and undemocratic idea that its duties are to look after the moral and spiritual welfare of its citizens instead of confining itself to the object of its organization—the "protection of the rights" of the people in the pursuit of happiness, in their business, and in their worship—the temptations and opportunities for waste and graft would be greatly diminished. And when the people wake up from their pipe dream of reforming the world by law and demand that more honesty and economy be practiced in the administration of governmental affairs, we may expect to see some changes in the way things are going.

When it comes to "reform," the first thing that should be reformed is the government itself. We should "cut out" a lot of bureaus and commissions and their subsidiary attachments that are infested with crooks and parasites who live on the hard earnings of the people and get back to simpler government. And the moral effect of it would do more to encourage honesty and honor in the youth of our land than all the corrective and prohibitive laws that have been enacted within the last decade. Let the government and public officials set the example and we will have a higher type of citizenship in this country; crooks and grafters will not be regarded so highly as expert "financiers" and will not be nearly so numerous.

The people are asked to economize whenever any national crisis is on; with patriotic response they make personal sacrifices to meet their country's need. It is sickening therefore to learn that their money has been wasted and swallowed up on "padded contracts" and wholesale theft, and respect for the government that permits such corruption is correspondingly lessened.

Let us have less government and more economy in its administration.

POOR, HELPLESS SICK BEGGING FOR MEDICINE

It is enough to bring tears of sympathy to the most cruel and hard hearted person, to think that in this land of peace and plenty the poor sick person has to put up a pitiful plea for just a little medicine with which to alleviate his suffering. To such extent have the poor been oppressed, that they are now pleading to the government to allow them the privilege of making their own home "remedy," since they are not allowed to buy the medicine with which to relieve their aching bellies. They are sick!

And isn't there lots of sick ones? It must be embarrassing for the once proud healthy robust looking fellows who have before, had plenty of this health giving balm, to have to acknowledge that they are sick. Wonder what makes them so sick when they have had the very thing that guaranteed them to have good health? We have been sick ourselves and it felt awfully good to get well, but we don't care to get sick again just for the fun of getting well. We have seen some mighty healthy looking fellows who could get sick just any time they wanted to.

According to an associated press dispatch we read in the papers, the court of criminal appeals has succumbed to the pitiful pleadings of the sick and reversed the decision of a lower court in convicting one of these poor fellows for making his own "medicine."

It may be right to let them have it. They say: "take a little for stomach's sake," but we just can't keep from thinking that a little nourishment for the brians would contribute more to the health and happiness of anybody. We haven't much faith in the virtue of any cure that the more you take of it, the oftener you get sick.—Brady Sentinel.

A bargain that takes money out of Santa Anna is a backfire.



At this busy season you are helping many to express with gifts the true spirit of Christmas. But to us you have expressed this spirit in a service which we value highly—a year of friendly cooperation and good will. Please accept our sincere thanks and our best wishes for a New Year of uninterrupted prosperity.

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Friday, December 28, 1923.

One thing the News can say while entering upon the year, without fear of contradiction, and that is the Santa Anna News has the largest paid-up circulation in this trade territory it has ever had in the thirty-seven years of its existence, and we think we have the best set of readers in the world. The writer has been guiding the destinies of the News two and a half years, and to say we have fought for increased circulation, increased advertising patronage, increased volume for service, and in every way we have fought the battles with courage, and our efforts have not been lost in vain. Our circulation now is three times greater than it was when we first entered the field, and our advertising rates are the same, or even lower than was being charged at the time we took over the paper. We have always strived to give service, whatever our undertaking, and we are proud of a medium of such large volume to offer our advertising customers the coming year. We need your advertising patronage, moral support, friendly encouragement and co-operation. We believe in Santa Anna, we believe in Coleman county, and we believe in the good people who live here. The writer has ever craved to be of service to our fellow man, and we believe that we can serve mankind better in the capacity of editor and publisher than any field we could choose. And there is not, in our humble judgment, a field of greater opportunities than the one in which we are now located. Coleman county is among the best counties in the State, and Santa Anna is one of the best and most permanent towns in the southwest. Let us as citizens do our part and God will do the rest.

Texas adopted a new auto law that went into effect December 1. The cost of a license is greatly increased under the new arrangement which is governed by the weight of the car. Perhaps that is more just as the heavier cars are the ones that wear the roads most. But the motto with Texas seems to be "more money" and it keeps busy selecting people and industries to get it from. Their compulsory poll tax law that costs a man and his wife about \$3.50 a year, is only one of the many avenues to gather in what loose change a fellow can get hold of.

Listen to This

If your physician can't help you, and you have almost given up, and have tried every known remedy for your ailments and yet you are nervous, rundown, worn out, can't sleep, can't eat, and are tired and worn-out in the morning, there is a reason.

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AS THE EDITOR SEES IT.

The presidential campaign is in full swing, with politicians scurrying in every direction in the interest of their respective favorites.

In the Republican camp the open arena fight seems to be between President Coolidge and Senator Hiram Johnson of California.

In the mists of the background stands a towering sphinx in the person of Former Governor Lowden of Illinois, silent as the grave, but with millions watching intently his every move.

In Pennsylvania Governor Pinchot is openly waging war on the president. He, too, is a potent possibility.

Others have ambitions, some are possible, but few have achieved any degree of prominence in the present race.

It is a merry fight in the Republican camp, with the victor yet to be named.

Democratically speaking, the two outstanding personages are Former Secretary of the Treasury William Gibbs McAdoo and Senator Oscar W. Underwood.

Both are so strong in their party it is difficult to predict who will be the Democratic standard bearer.

One thing, however, seems morally certain in this presidential campaign. The mantle of leadership in both parties will fall upon political giants who are known by their deeds, and not merely through the paise of campaign orators and spellbinders. We have nothing to fear, which ever way it goes.

As you begin the new year speak a good word for our schools, and our churches, and our business and professional men, and our neighbors and friends, and for humanity in general.

Speak a good word for the community, and keep on speaking until others get the habit and begin speaking with you.

It is a good thing for the town, and in time others will begin to speak well of you.

Good times are prophesied for 1924, and if every person in this community begins now to lay up a store in anticipation of the next period of business stagnation we will live in plenty while others do the yelping.

If you like your home town, tell everybody about it. It must be worth liking or you wouldn't like it. And if it is worth liking it is worth talking about.

But if you don't like it, don't let it stop at that. Go to work and do something to convert it into a town that you can like.

Perhaps the one thing the town most needs may take root in your own brain.

Why kick about the amount of booze that is floating around the country in these days of prohibition?

What have you done to eliminate it?

What have you done to aid the officers in enforcing the law?

Kick when you have a right to kick, but don't kick until you have.

If you see a hat in the street, kick it. If it has a brick under it, kick it again. Then you will know that the kicker injures himself most of all.

In Europe the dove of peace has degenerated into a buzzard.

THINK, CONGRESS, THINK!

The secretary of war is asking congress to enact a law whereby General Pershing may be retained on the active list of the army after he reaches the retirement age in September, 1924. To do this a special bill would have to be passed in the isolated case of General Pershing, or that clause of the existing law requiring retirement at the age of 64 would have to be amended or nullified, thus retaining officers indefinitely who have political influence sufficient to prevent retirement.

The secretary asks this preference for General Pershing on the basis of his services in the world war, and it is far from our desire to cast any reflections upon those services.

But it occurs to us that there are other generals who served in the war with distinction, whose services were of inestimable value to our country, who are

physically fit and mentally alert and yet who have since the war been retired from the service because they have reached the age of 64.

If it is right to retain General Pershing in the service after he reaches the age of retirement for the good of our country, as the secretary says, then it is equally vital that these other valorous and distinguished officers who have been retired be restored to the active list of the army and retained in the service—for the good of our country.

Many major generals who commanded fighting divisions in the great war have since reached the age limit and been promptly retired, as the law requires. No estimate can be placed upon the tremendous value of the experience and lessons learned by them at the cannon's mouth. They are too immeasurably great to be sacrificed, too precious to be cast aside, too vitally necessary to our future security to be swept into the discard.

If we need the continued services of General Pershing we are equally in need of the services of these other distinguished and efficient leaders, who performed so nobly in wresting victory from certain defeat.

It is a cardinal principle of the army to be fair and just in all things, and General Pershing, as its head, would, we think, be the last to ask discriminatory legislation in his own behalf.

Congress should be just to these other gallant officers, or leave the law as it stands.

MELLON AND TAXES

Three hundred millions to be lopped off of the people's taxes during the coming year. That sounds like a very big sum of money. To people who do not think it will seem like a tremendous relief to them personally.

But let's consider the facts. Roughly speaking, there are one hundred millions of people in the United States. At a dollar a head that would mean \$3 a year for each person, averaging five persons to each family, it would mean a saving of \$15 to each family, if all people were on a par in the matter of wealth.

But when John Smith has \$10,000 worth of property and Sam Jones has \$1,000,000 worth, it affords a substantial relief to the man of wealth and practically nothing to the poorer man, even on the proposed sliding scale of reduction. Then again, the Mellon scheme, which is the one advocated by big business and men of swollen incomes, would wipe out about fifty per cent of the income tax. That tax is paid principally by men of large incomes, who do not need the relief that would be handed to them.

Do not let big business delude you into the belief that the Mellon scheme of tax reduction is any great relief to the man of \$10,000 or under.

Thus far Mr. Mellon has succeeded in defeating the soldier bonus against the expressed wish of a majority of the American people.

Now he seeks to hand a Mellon to the rich and a green persimmon to the poor in the matter of tax reduction.

A great head, but one that has overshot the mark.

CISCO TO HAVE 20,000 EGG HATCHERY

In the early part of January a twenty thousand egg hatchery will be in readiness for commercial hatching at Cisco, Texas. This hatchery will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Tierce, formerly of Millsap, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Tierce are well known throughout the Southwest as breeders of S. C. Buff Orpingtons, and for the past several years have made an enviable showing at all of the important poultry shows in Texas. These people have been operating a hatchery at Millsap for several years and are experts in this branch of the chicken business.

Due to the active interest of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce in the poultry business, Mr. and Mrs. Tierce have been attracted here to launch into the hatchery business. And it is their intention to eventually operate a one thousand egg hatchery.

The hatchery will be located in the rear of the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Main St., according to G. C. Richardson, secretary of the Cisco Chamber of Commerce.

STATE MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY ROADS WILL BE DELAYED

Austin, Texas, Dec. 23.—That negotiations have been opened by the state highway commission with officials of Texas counties seeking to have the various counties maintain the designated state highways for the first four months of 1924 was learned here Saturday.

The state highway department is not prepared to undertake the gigantic maintenance program throughout the state on January 1, 1924, as provided by the highway act passed by the Thirty-Eighth legislature, because of a lack of equipment and road machinery.

An announcement was made last week that contracts for \$3,000,000 worth of road machinery had been canceled and that the use of machinery already owned by the various counties is being contemplated.

INABILITY TO CO-OPERATE

A bank official in a town where there is no chamber of commerce or other like organization, was asked a few days ago why the business men of his place did not organize. Things had been going pretty badly in that town.

There were plenty of bright people, and a great deal of fault finding. Plenty of folks could show what ought to be done, and where the defects had been that had held the town back. But there was no concerted plan to remove those defects and work for better results.

The reply was that the project of a board of trade had been talked of, but that the business men had never been used to working together. It seemed to be impossible to get them to think of co-operation for a common cause. Each merchant came to his store or factory in the morning, and worked solely for the prosperity of his own concern. He would never be willing to give any time for the general advancement of the town.

A city or town usually has certain fundamental defects as a business and residential center that need to be removed. But those defects can not be gotten rid of as a result of individual effort. It needs some organization representing the whole community, to get after them, and agitate and agitate until public sentiment has reached the point where it will provide means for remedying those lacks or faults.

As long as the business men of the town referred to, pursue their present policy, they will just scramble among themselves for the dollars of their townspersons. The total of business will remain about the same, and each individual's share will be about the same. If they would get together, work unitedly for a general advance, they would increase their total prosperity, and the individual share of all progressive concerns would jump to higher aggregates.

We agree with you Mrs. Warner when you say that our American people need educating. We have a large number of people in Texas, who live in wagons and never stay "hitched" in once place long enough for their children to get a full term of school. Some of them are never enrolled anywhere. When you ask these people who their ancestors were they do not know. They have been Americans so long that they can't speak good English. Their children lack education and proper nourishment. If there are eight or ten in the family, they all have the tobacco habit and no money is left for milk for the babies or for clothing. We have too many of such uneducated Americans drifting around with half a dozen dogs following the wagon or lying around the tent. We had occasion to try to keep one of their youngsters in the shop once and every time he started home he would say: "I am going to the camp." He was so used to staying in a camp. You are exactly right, Mrs. Warner, these foreigners will stay "hitched" and like Jacob, if you give them half a chance they soon own the flock.—San Saba Star, comment on Mrs. Phoebe Warner's article written for the Star Telegram.

1924 Greetings

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TALES OF THE OLD FRONTIER

By **ELMO SCOTT WATSON**
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CIRCUIT RIDER DAYS AND WAYS

Yours was not a man-made temple. Yours no pulpit wealth-endowed; God and you spoke in a cabin. Where the humble meekly bowed. There you preached your gypsy gospel. Gave soul-rite a happy dawn; Left them singing songs of Zion. Leaped your horse and journeyed on. "The Gospel Gypsy," by William Herschel.

EVER a frontier hall of fame is erected, this "gospel gypsy," the circuit rider, is sure of his niche. For these itinerant preachers who rode from settlement to settlement were heedless of all perils of weather or hostile Indians; fearless, unselfish and humble, they were fired with the zeal to carry the word of God to the farthest border of civilization.

The circuit rider must have counted strongly upon a "reward in heaven" for his earthly recompense was scanty enough. Perhaps the most famous of them all was Peter Cartwright, but even his salary was scarcely in proportion to his fame. The records of a quarterly conference of the Pulaski circuit in 1835 show that he received a three months' wage of \$16.97 1/2, "quarterage" of \$2.12 1/2, and 50 cents for travelling expenses, a total compensation of \$19.60.

Cartwright was an eccentric old fellow, stern of demeanor and caustic of tongue. He believed thoroughly in the future of the raw Western country in which he served and he had a great contempt for the narrow provincialism of the Atlantic seaboard. "They represent this country as a vast waste and its people as very ignorant," he once declared. "But if I was going to shoot a fool I would not take aim at a Western man. I would go down to the seashore and cock my fuzee at thoseimps who live on oysters."

The circuit riders preached in a day of rough living and more than once they were called upon to use physical strength in turning the particularly ungodly from the path of sin. Once a band of rowdies interrupted the meeting that was being conducted by one of these churchmen militant. He did not hesitate for a second. Springing over the pulpit of the rude little log-cabin church, he strode down the aisle, seized two or three of the disturbers and threw them to the floor. Then he sat on them and, as he bumped their heads together repeatedly, he remarked: "Well, boys, if I can't beat religion into you, I'll beat the devil out of you."

And he did it so thoroughly that they never again disturbed his meetings.

Prof. C. A. Freeman, wife and child, of Talpa, are here spending the holidays with Prof. Freeman's parents, C. F. Freeman and family. In talking with Prof. Freeman he informed the News editor that he was a candidate for County School Superintendent of Coleman county and would furnish us with his formal announcement for publication in our first issue in January, the same being next week. The News will have further comments after we have read the announcement.

We will thresh maize and cane heads at the Farmers gin Friday and Saturday, January 4th and 5th, 1924.

Wheeler & Sanderson.

NEED GLASSES

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, will be at Childers & Co. Store, Saturday, December 29th. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, headache and eye strain relieved.

Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough Mrs. Will Hall, R. No. 3, Baxley, Ga., states "I am writing to all who suffer from coughs, colds, croup or whooping cough. I cannot recommend Foley's Honey and Tar too much, and I can't keep house without it. The largest selling cough remedy in the world.—C. K. Hunter, druggist."

W. O. W. NOTICE

Delinquent Woodman may now reinstate FREE. See me at once for particulars.—J. S. Jones clerk. 19-tf.

To relieve rheumatism sprains, lame back, lumbago or pleurisy, Ballard's Snow Liniment is a remedy of proven merit. It is very powerful and penetrating. Three sizes, 30c, 60c, and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCall, of Brady, spent Christmas with Mrs. McCall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rainbolt.

1924, right on the dot!

STOP THAT ITCHING

Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. Prescribed by

C. K. HUNTER

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

It will be a year of plenty to those who help themselves and keep what they get.

Begin right, stay right, and you will end right. Of course, the other fellow doesn't do it, but why shouldn't you?

Your hat may cover a lot of brains, but it is too small to top them all. There are others scattered around his town.

A man may meet with reverses, but he is never a failure until he admits it himself.

Begin now to save for the next Christmas. It is only a year away.

Wise men do not always speak the truth. Sometimes they say nothing.

Don't begin the new year with a frown. Smiles will make the time seem shorter, sweeter, and more profitable.

Never engage in a controversy without considering the possibility of defeat. It is impossible for both sides to win.

The wise man attends to his own business while his employees are attending to it for him.

A brother editor says that "our sins may not find us out, but our neighbors will." Speaking from experience, we presume.

Never mind those good resolutions. It is better to live up to them without making them.

Old Santa didn't stay long, but he did a lot of good while here.

Don't be so indiscreet as to start a diary with the new year. Some one might see it.

There are a lot of mighty good people in this town, but just how near to the top are you?

A friend insists that every man knows his own mind. But knowing him as well as we do, we can not endorse his assertion.

Truth is mighty and will prevail, until a falsehood knocks it out.

In time of peace prepare to lick the other fellow if you don't want to get licked.

Being unable to make money, some people are content to make trouble.

Be sure that you are right, whether you are able to go ahead or not.

While setting a standard for others, why not live up to it yourself?

The price of a subscription looks just as good to us in 1924 as it did in 1923. Or did we get yours in 1923?

A good January motto: "Step up and pay up."

Anyway, all your Christmas money was well spent—if our own merchants got it.

And it will be just another year of what you make it.

Foley Pills Bring Relief

"Foley Pills are the best I have tried. My kidneys work a lot better since I received your generous offer," writes John W. Brogan, Adams, Mass. Foley Pills are a diuretic stimulant for the kidneys. While taking avoid sweets, pastry, starchy foods and alcoholic drinks.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

E. H. Farrow of Miles spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Powell near Buffalo, and called at the News office while here to renew her subscription to the News.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirit. Price, 60c. Sold by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Davis, of Los Angeles, California, spent Christmas here with Mrs. Davis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Perry.

Ike Rainbolt, of Dallas, spent Christmas in Santa Anna with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rainbolt.

COUNTRY LIFE A TRAINING LIFE

The old time complaint against rural life was that it was too isolated. As conditions now are, with plenty going on in the majority of the country towns, with automobiles to take the folks flying around the country not much is heard about isolation.

People need a certain amount of isolation in order to make the best of their own natures. The majority of great men came from small towns. Their quiet lives gave them a chance to think and to study. They acquired deeper perceptions of human nature, and were able to shape out plans that would improve human life.

The ideas of such men are apt to be practical, and to fit human nature. They have seen many new ideas tried out, which promised brilliant success, but proved not to fit in with human nature. The man who has lived in intimate contact with his neighbors in a country town will have a restraining common sense that keeps him sane. When he suggests some idea for the improvement of society and the state, it is apt to be sound and to appeal to the masses of the people.

The person who lives in a crowded city does not have much time to think. His mind is so constantly assailed by new impressions that take the place of thought. His mind is a kind of mirror that reflects the life of others, but which originates no light of its own.

The future of this country is thus being shaped largely by the people who are doing quiet thinking and planning in the country home towns. That is why it is absolutely necessary for the welfare of the nation that the country towns should be prosperous and should give their young people educational advantages. Country life is a school in which the nation's best minds are being trained.—Dublin Progress.

Following is the list of our splendid young people attending various schools over the State, who are home for Christmas:

Trinity University—Albert and Clifford Lowe, Shield Brown, Jim Williams, Garner Morgan, Misses Ethel Wheatstone, Ruth Holt and Louise Boyd.

Howard Payne—Clyde Bartlett, Joe Baker, Reuben Howington, and Misses Grace Lackey, Velma Evans, Lena Polk.

T. C. U.—Gene Polk, Loris Faulkner, Misses Edrine and Annetta Tyson.

State University—Lee Land, Elgean Shield and Duane Holland.

A. & M.—Gorden Baggett and B. R. Powell.

This list may not be complete but contains all the names furnished us up to the time we go to press.

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rainbolt, of Jacksonville, Tex., spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rainbolt.

BILL BOOSTER SAYS

MY IDEA IS THAT WE OWE IT TO EACH OTHER TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES! THE GUY WHO GOES AROUND DRESSED LIKE A SCARECROW SHOULD REMEMBER THAT WE'D HAVE A FUNNY LOOKING WORLD IF EVERYONE DID THAT!



BROWNWOOD GROCER IS SLAIN BY ROBBER

Brownwood, Dec. 22.—Thomas J. Pullen, 65, suburban grocer, died at eleven o'clock this morning from wounds received last night supposedly at the hands of a robber shortly after he had closed his store for the night. No clue as to the identity of the robber-murderer has been found by police.

Pullen's store is located on Fisk Avenue, sixteen blocks from the business district. Last night about 8 o'clock the attention of neighbors was attracted by groans from the vicinity of the store, and the aged grocer was found lying unconscious in front of the door, which was closed. His head was evidently crushed with an ax or some blunt instrument. More than \$38 in cash was found in his pockets. A purse in which he was accustomed to carrying currency, however, was missing, and it was said by a son that about \$65.00 was gone.

Pullen was hurried to a hospital where he died. The theory is advanced that the grocer was attacked and beaten to death by the robber, who took his purse, and in his haste overlooked the money in other pockets.

This robbery and murder is a climax of several petty burglaries here the past few weeks. In most instances homes have been robbed of clothing and similar articles. One person has been held in jail for several days on a charge of robbing a garage.

PEOPLE'S GREED.

People are real greedy. Just as we read about the poultry saving the country along comes some fellow who wishes to make the hens lay two eggs a day. The next thing will be to insist on grease enough to fry them in.

Relieved Boy's Cough

Mrs. L. Van Belle, Pendroy, Mont., writes, "My little boy, 6 years old, had a very bad cough and after using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound he secured relief." For coughs, colds and hoarseness get Foley's Honey and Tar. Made of purest ingredients; contains no opiates.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

TAX BURDEN MUST BE LIGHTENED.

It is very evident that the entire country is vigorously in favor of lower taxes. The plan to reduce taxes, prepared by Secretary of Treasury Andrew Mellon, and endorsed by President Calvin Coolidge, we believe, will be welcomed by voters of all parties. We all want lower taxes.

The Washington Post says: "So long as the people's living is pinched because of excessive taxes they will demand relief."

Considering the matter from the standpoint of those who advocate the passage of the bonus bill, the Richmond, Va., Times Dispatch says that "tax reduction will mean a bonus for everybody, including the man who served in the war with Germany. The single person who now pays \$40 a year on a net income of \$2,000 will pay, under the Mellon plan \$22.50, realizing a yearly bonus of \$17.50. That would be a saving to millions of people, spelling happiness and prosperity to a great portion of our population."

If the American people wish tax reductions they must curb their demands for tax expenditures and vote for men and measures pledged to business administration and economy in public affairs. Unless they do this, they will have no one but themselves to blame if their tax burden is double its present figure five or ten years hence.

For Constipation

For constipation and bowel disorders try Foley Cathartic Tablets. Mild in action and bring prompt relief. Mr. W. E. Parrott, 1861 West 76th St., Cleveland, Ohio, writes "Your Cathartic Tablets are world beaters, and I have recommended them to my friends." Refuse substitutes.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

And now some patriotic senators have advocated making another big loan to "poor" Germany. Better let those birds take care of themselves and devote more of our time to discover some method of reducing the heavy taxes already upon our people.

Happy is the country that can cut down its taxes.

In the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, at San Angelo
In the Matter of A. L. Jones Bankrupt
NO. 280 IN BANKRUPTCY

San Angelo, Texas, Dec. 19, 1923

Creditors of A. L. Jones, a rig builder and contractor of Coleman, Coleman County, Texas are hereby given notice that on the 31st day of January A. D., 1924 at 10:00 o'clock a. m., there will be a meeting of the creditors at the office of the Referee in the City of San Angelo in said District for the following purposes:

1st. To examine and pass upon the final report and account of the trustee which was filed in the office of the undersigned at San Angelo in said District on the 15th day of Dec. A. D. 1923.

2nd. For the purpose of declaring and ordering paid a second and final dividend herein.

3rd. To transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

CARTER T. DALTON,
Referee in Bankruptcy.

MORE COURTESY NEEDED.

The old question of hospitality and courtesy should enter into the present day life more than they do, we think. It used to be against good taste to become a man's guest and then criticize his hospitality one received. It is such a pity that this has gone out of fashion.

Cut This Out—It Is Worth Money. Send this ad and ten cents to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive a ten cent bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar for Coughs and Colds, and free sample packages of Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Try these wonderful remedies.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

CATARRH

Catarrh is a local disease greatly influenced by Constitutional conditions. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which gives quick Relief by local application, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces and assists in ridding your System of Catarrh. Sold by druggists for over 40 Years. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

New Years' Greetings

We extend to all our customers hearty wishes for a tranquil and prosperous New Year.

This is the time of year when one looks two ways, in retrospect and prospect. Looking backward, we congratulate ourselves on the warm and loyal support extended to us by old patrons, and for the large number of new friends we have made.

Looking ahead, we see a long program of activities in behalf of Service.

We are ever reaching for the best and finest in merchandise, and our ideal of quality beckons to ever greater achievement.

We are setting a new standard for service in merchandise and in performance for the year 1924.

Our New Year's Resolution is to try, to the best of our ability, to render you cheerful, efficient service. To keep the standards of quality in our merchandise as high as possible. To keep our prices at as low a level as we can, and to try and do our part in 1924 toward making our country more prosperous than ever before.

R. P. CRUM & SON

The House of Service

The Week's Program

BEST THEATRE

MONDAY-TUESDAY
QUINCY ADAMS SAWYER
A cast which numbers some of the most popular actors and actresses in motion pictures today is seen in—

"Quincy Adams Sawyer."
A stupendous screening of a story which millions have loved. A photoplay version of rural American classic; quaint humor, amusing situations and thrilling episodes in a rustic setting in which love and courage thread through the mazes of conspiracy. A METRO SPECIAL—Also a Comedy.

WEDNESDAY ONLY—
"PINK GODS"
Featuring Bebe Daniels and James Kirkwood. Also a Comedy.

THURSDAY ONLY—
BETTY COMPSON
In—
"THE BONDED WOMAN"
Also a Comedy.

FRIDAY—
13th Episode of
"HAUNTED VALLEY"
A two-reel Western Comedy and Pathhe News.

SATURDAY—
WILLIAM DUNCAN AND EDITH JOHNSON
In—
"PLAYING IT WILD"
Also LARRY SEMON Comedy. You all know Semon!

NO 947
Citation on Application for Probate Of Will
THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coleman County; Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for ten days, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than 1 year in Coleman County, Texas, the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Tabitha Wallace, deceased, W. E. Wallace, has filed in the County Court of Coleman County, an application for the probate of the will of said Tabitha Wallace, deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary; said application further stating that it is provided in said will that no bond or other security be required of said W. E. Wallace as Executor and that no further action be had in the County Court in the settlement of said estate than to prove and record said will and to return an Inventory and Appraisal of said estate and a List of claims; which application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the First Monday in January, A. D. 1924, the same being the 7th day of January 1924, at the Court House thereof, in Coleman, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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 L. Emet Walker, Clerk of the County Court of Coleman County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Coleman, Texas, this 8th day of December, A. D., 1923.

L. Emet Walker, Clerk County Court, Coleman County, Texas. By V. Rawlins Gilliland, deputy.

LIVERGARD—the New Laxative
Mothers: LIVERGARD is the new Laxative we cannot improve. Safe and best for the Baby, Father, Mother, grandparents, sickly and strong. When the bowels are sluggish, LIVERGARD makes laughing babies of puny ones; keeps old folks young; a bottle today keeps ill away. Children are eager for it, grown-ups praise it. At good drug stores. Write us for free samples. Langgardia Company, Dallas, Texas For Sale by C. K. Hunter

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. (© 1923, Western Newspaper Union.)

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 30

REVIEW

THE WORLD FOR CHRIST

GOLDEN TEXT—"They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness."—Ps. 145:7.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Favorite Missionary Stories.

JUNIOR TOPIC—What We Have Learned About Missions.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What is My Missionary Duty?

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Present Missionary Outlook.

Two plans for the review are suggested:

1. The Summary Method. This will be to lift out the main facts of each lesson and state the leading teaching thereof. The following brief statements are suggested:

Lesson 1. God, called Abraham out from his country and kindred to make him the head of the nation through which the Redeemer was to come. The leading lesson is that God blesses men and nations in order that they may be a blessing. This is the universal law of the spiritual realm.

Lesson 2. Israel was given an exalted position in order that she might make God known to the nations. The message they were directed to proclaim was that God was the Savior of all the nations.

Lesson 3. Israel's geographical position afforded the best opportunity to carry the Gospel to the whole world. She was literally in the center of the world. Special privilege carries with it special responsibility.

Lesson 4. The burden of the message of the prophets was that God is great in mercy to all the nations when they penitently turn to Him from their sins.

Lesson 5. Strong drink works great ruin to all. The only way to escape this ruin is to totally abstain from its use.

Lesson 6. The Psalter, the hymn book of the Jewish nation, has as its central message the Spirit of God's grace to the world. Its aim is to call men back to God.

Lesson 7. Jesus Christ was the pre-eminent missionary. His compassion for the multitude moved Him to send forth laborers in His vineyard. The missionary message to the lost world is that, through the sacrificial death of Christ, salvation is offered to all.

Lesson 8. Christ saved men in order that they might go to the lost world with the message of His salvation. Those who have experienced His saving power will go forth to tell others.

Lesson 9. The Holy Spirit is the power which will enable the disciples of Christ to witness His salvation. He will not only enable them to witness, but to endure afflictions and trials.

Lesson 10. The Gospel was intended for all the world. God in His providence permits persecutions and strife to scatter the disciples in order that they might witness.

Lesson 11. In spite of opposition, Paul preached the Gospel in the capital city of Rome. He was not ashamed to proclaim it there, for it was the power of God.

Lesson 12. Christ will come and establish His kingdom over the whole earth. Peace and righteousness shall then cover the whole earth.

11. The Question Method. These questions should be assigned to the members of the class the previous week. The following samples are given in Peloubet's Select Notes:

1. What were the missionary characteristics of Abraham?

2. What was God's missionary purpose for Israel?

3. What in Israel's geographical situation made it easy to be a missionary nation?

4. What was the missionary teaching of Jonah?

5. What is the missionary teaching of Israel?

6. Quote a missionary verse of some Psalm.

7. Name some particulars in which Christ was the ideal missionary.

8. Why should every Christian be a missionary?

9. Whence came the missionary power of the early church?

10. Describe the gradual outreach of the early church.

11. Why must Christian missions cover the earth?

12. What will Christ's universal reign do for mankind?

The Lord Knoweth Them.
In the lack of all human recognition, surely the Lord knoweth them that are His. His great heart of love will go out to them, till He has done for them exceedingly abundantly above all that they ask or think.—S. F. Smiley.

The Pledge to Us.
The cross of Christ is the pledge to us that the deepest suffering may be the condition of the highest blessing; the sign, not of God's displeasure, but of His wisest and most compassionate love.—Dean Stanley.

Decision.
Any worth-while decision is for life, and needs a foundation that will not crumble. When we make a life-decision for God we have his grace and power for our solid foundation.—The Expedition.

LEAVE A MEMORIAL OF BEAUTY AFTER YOU

When we read anything worth while or get a beautiful idea from some one else we like to pass it on to our readers. Such was a letter we read in the Progressive Farmer of November 10th. We hope you enjoy it and get as much out of it as we did. The letter in full is as follows:

"I am living at an old homestead that has belonged for several generations to the Black family. It has now passed into the hands of strangers. The old family are dispersed and gone far away. But this place is a memorial of them, and especially of the lady who came here as a bride and lived here as wife and mother through a long and useful life.

"Her impress is still upon everything, her spirit lives anew in the recurrent blooming of her rose garden. I, a stranger, feel a kinship with her as I breathe their dewy fragrance. Today there is a flaming of crimson lilies and amaryllies, against the green shrubbery. Though she is mingled 'dust with dust,' the work of her hands lives on in the beautiful life of the lilies. At Easter time the 'white flags' unfurled in all their purity, an emblem of the sweet spirit of her, whose pure thought and innate love of the beautiful gave them, a perpetual gift of loveliness, to those who came after her. Early in the spring a myriad of daffodils, jonquils, and narcissi came up in great haste. Some bore trumpets and were the trumpeters of the good tidings of spring. The eternal yellows of all the sunsets were within the hearts of them. Their fragrance and freshness were divine.

"The sweetness of one woman made possible all this loveliness. She is immortalized in the blooming of her flowers. And there is a lesson for me in all this exquisite loveliness. I, too, may live again in a flower, or vine, or tree. Who of us but can recall even now 'mother's rosebush' or the hollyhocks larkspur of the old home garden, the trees that father planted, the cedar by the gate; the poplar and walnut at the barn lot, to say nothing of individual name and personality of its own.

"Now for the lesson. I have already planted some blood-red cannas. They are growing fine and will continue for years and years. I am a 'rolling stone' and gather no moss perhaps, but I do try to leave each spot that I roll away from, a little bit improved. At one is growing a clematis vine that blooms like a midsummer snowstorm of vapor white flowers. At another a Virginia creeper covers a plain little cottage changing it to a fairy castle by moonlight.

"It is easy to set a few fine, straight little trees in the bare sun-stricken yard of the 'rented' place. They are growing wild and free all over our dear South land. Just a thought of these who are to come after us, and let that thought materialize by planting a cedar or maple or a vine or fig tree, or anything else of joy and beauty. It will make all the world lovelier and ourselves nobler. Do this. Do it now. No matter if you have only a week to stay there, leave a memorial so that others who live there in days to come shall know that it has sometime been the abode of one whose soul was alive with the love of God, of nature, and of humanity."

PEACE TO HIS ASHES

King Tut lived three thousand years ago. He has been dead a long time, long enough for the present generation to become morbidly curious and desecrate his last resting place in the name of archaeology. They want his ancient body.

Some day you will die, and your remains will be laid away, and perhaps three thousand years hence our more enlightened descendants will be digging up your bones or ashes and wondering how many sins you possessed.

It doesn't bother King Tut now, and it won't worry you then, but it does seem that common decency ought to prompt us to let our human dead rest in peace.

THINGS WORTH WHILE

It is strange but too true that most of us give the greatest thought and attention to those things of the least importance, and neglect to dwell upon the things of the most vital concern. We will quibble and differ over the most trivial matters when we could agree and work harmoniously for those things that are necessary to the well-being and happiness of all.

In the advancement of our own home interests there are certain fundamental principles that we cannot afford to disregard if we expect to make progress along the lines we have mapped out. In the first place we must recognize that we are dependent upon each other, and that we need the friendly help and assistance of one another to attain that success which we have hoped to reach, no matter what may have been our ambition in life.

And again we must recognize that co-operation is one of the essentials in a community if anything is to be accomplished that will add to the prosperity and happiness of those who compose its citizenship. Animosity and hatred must be banished in order that confidence and trust in the honor and integrity of each other may be felt by all. In union there is strength, is an old and tried saying, but there can be no union when one neighbor is suspicious of another and does not feel that he has the sympathy and friendship of those with whom he is associated.

There is but one standard of honor in the world, and every man must be measured by it. That standard calls for candor and honesty in our dealings with each other. We cannot act the hypocrite or play false with each other without being found out, and we should always deal on the square. But we should not allow trivial affairs, wherein we may differ in our opinions, to interfere with our working together for the accomplishment of the most important and serious things that underlie the prosperity and happiness of all. Let us be true to ourselves and to each other and work together at all times in harmony for the things worth while. The News has no higher ambition than to cement the friendship of the people here by discouraging those things that tend to divide and estrange them. We must have unity of feeling if we advance and enjoy the society of one another.

FAST AGE.

So much is going on these days that children are quitting school to see it.—Ed Howe.

That sounds like an Abe Martin paragraph. It has a whole sermon-boiled down.

School children in town don't usually advance in their books as rapidly as school children in the country, and this is probably the reason. There are so many things to keep the child excited over; so many places to go; so many activities to take part in.

The country boy, if he's lucky, may go to school half the time, or a third of the time, and when he becomes a man he goes to town and takes the place of the boy who had to go to school from the time he was six till he is grown. Hence the country boys are running the big industries, the big institutions, and holding the big political jobs.

"MY CITY AND I"

My city is where my home is founded, where my business is situated, where my vote is cast, where my children are educated, where my neighbors dwell, and where my life is chiefly lived.

It is the home spot for me. My city has a right to my civic loyalty. It supports me, and I must support it.

My city wants my citizenship—not partisanship; friendship—not indifference; co-operation—not dissension; sympathy—not criticism; my intelligent support—not indifference.

My city supplies me with law and order, trade, friends, education, recreation and the rights of a free-born American. I should believe in my city and work for it.

AND I WILL.
To the man disposed to criticize Santa Anna this is of special importance.

GOOD WILL TO ALL
May the Christmas of 1923 be the merriest of your life and may the year 1924 be the freest of worries, the healthiest, happiest, and best you ever experienced.
F. M. JAYNES

Our tears for the departed year. Our smiles for the one that has come. But remember the poor and needy at this holiday time, as God in His mercy has remembered you.
Santa Anna is big enough to be convenient and small enough to be a pleasant place to live in.

Business Change!
I have bought the East End Grocery, and would like to have some of my old friends to come in and see me.
Will give you some good prices on your groceries.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
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Fall bargain sale
I have many items of Seasonable Merchandise that I am selling at less than wholesale cost.
Bargains in Men's Tailored Made Suits. \$35.00 values at \$19.50
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MEN'S SHOES, WORK OR DRESS SHOES AT REAL BARGAINS
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Men's Kaki Pant, from \$1.24 up
All kinds of Christmas Toys for the Kiddies, cheap.
MANY OTHER BARGAINS

The Story of Aqua Pura

By
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PEOPLE who write about Kansas, as a rule, write ignorantly, and speak of the state as a finished product. Kansas, like Gaul of old, is divided into three parts, differing as widely, each from the other, as any three countries in the same latitude upon the globe. It would be as untrue to classify together the Egyptian, the Indian and the Central American, as to speak of the Kansas man without distinguishing between the eastern Kansan, the central Kansan, and the western Kansan. Eastern Kansas is a finished community like New York or Pennsylvania. Central Kansas is finished, but not quite paid for, and western Kansas, the only place where there is any suffering from drought or crop failures, is a new country—old only in a pluck which is slowly conquering the desert.

Aqua Pura was a western Kansas town, set high up, far out on the prairie. It was founded nine years ago, at the beginning of the boom, not by cowboys and ruffians, but by honest, ambitious men and women. Of the six men who staked out the town site, two—Johnson and Barringer—were Harvard men; one, Nickols, was from Princeton; and the other three, Bemis, Bradley and Hicks, had come from inland state universities. When their wives came West there was a vassar reunion, and the first mail that arrived after the post office had been established brought the New York magazines. The town was like dozens of others that sprang up far out in the treacherous wilderness in that fresh, green spring of 1883.

They called it Aqua Pura, choosing a Latin name to proclaim to the world that it was not a rowdy town. The new yellow pine of the little village gleamed in the clear sunlight. It could be seen for miles on a clear, warm day, as it stood upon a rise of ground; and over in Maize, six miles away, the electric lights of Aqua Pura, which flashed out in the evening before the town was six months old, could be seen distinctly. A schoolhouse that cost twenty thousand dollars was built before the town had seen its first winter; and the first Christmas ball in Aqua Pura was held in an opera house that cost ten thousand. Money was plentiful; two and three-story buildings rose on each side of the main street of the little place. The farmers who had taken homesteads in the country around the town had prospered.

Barringer was elected mayor at the municipal election in the spring of '87, and he platted out Barringer's Addition, and built a house there with borrowed money in June. There were two thousand people in Aqua Pura then. There was not a lawless element. There was not a saloon in the town. A billiard hall, and a dark room, wherein cards might be played surreptitiously, were the only institutions which made the people of Aqua Pura blush, when they took the innumerable "western capitalists" over the town who visited western Kansas that year. These "capitalists" were entertained at the three-story brick hotel, equipped with electricity and modern plumbing in order to excel Maize, where the boom was an indifferent, frame affair. This is the story of the rise. Barringer has told it a thousand times. Barringer believed in the town to the end. When the terrible drought of 1897, with its furnace-like breath, singed the town and the farms in Fountain county, Barringer led the majority, which proudly claimed that the county was all right; and as chairman of the board of county commissioners, he sent a scathing message to the governor, refusing aid. Barringer's own bank loaned money on land, whereon the crop had failed, to tide the farmers over the winter. Barringer's signature guaranteed loans from the East upon everything negotiable, and Aqua Pura thrived for a time upon promises. Here and there, in the spring of 1898, there was an empty building. One room of the opera house block was vacant. Barringer started a man in business, selling notions, who occupied the room. Barringer went East and died with the men who had invested in the town to be easy on their debtors. Then came the hot winds of July, blowing out of the southwest, scorching the grass, shriveling the grain, and drying up the streams that had filled in the spring. During the fall of that year the hotel, which had been open only in the lower story, closed. The opera house began to be used for "aid" meetings, and when the winter wind blew dust-blackened snow through the desolate streets of the little town, it rattled a hundred windows in vacant houses, and sometimes blew sun-warped boards from the high sidewalk that led across the gully to the big red grade of the unfinished "Chicago Air Line."

Barringer did not go East that year. He could not. But he wrote—wrote regularly and bravely to the Eastern capitalists who were concerned in his bank and loan company; and they grew colder and colder as the winter deepened and the interest on defaulted loans came out. Barringer's failure was announced in the spring of '99. Nickols had left. Johnson had left. The other founders of Aqua Pura had died in '87-'88, and their families had gone, and with them the culture and the ambition of the town. But Barringer held on and lived, rent free, in the two front rooms of the barn of a hotel. His daughter, Mary, frail, tanned, hollow-eyed and withered by the droughts lived with him.

In 1890 the hot winds came again in the summer and long and steady they blew, blighting everything. There were only five hundred people in Fountain county that year, and they lived on the taxes from the railroad that crossed the county. Families were put on the poor list without disgrace—it was almost a mark of political distinction—and in the little town many devices were in vogue to distribute the county funds during the winter.

There was no rain that winter and the snow was hard and dry. Cattle on the range suffered for water and died by the thousands. A procession from the little town started eastward early in the spring. White-cannopied wagons, caught the rising sun.

Christmas eve, 1891, the entire village, fifteen souls in all, assembled at Barringer's house. He was hopeful, even cheerful, and talked bitterly of what "one good crop" would do for the country; although there were no chances left to plant it, even if nature had been harboring a smile for the coming year. The year that followed that Christmas promised much. There were spring rains, and in May the brown grass and the scattered patches of wheat grew green and fair to see. Barringer freshened up perceptibly. He sent an account of his indebtedness—on home-ruled manilla paper—to his creditors in the East, and faithfully assured them that he would remit all he owed in the fall. A few wanderers straggled into Fountain county, lured by the green fields and running brooks. The gray prairie wolf gave up the dug-out to human occupants. Lights in the prairie cabins twinkled back hope to the stars. Before June there were a thousand people in Fountain county. Aqua Pura's business houses seemed to liven up. There was a Fourth of July celebration in town. But the rain that spoiled the advertised "networks in the evening" was the last



"The Old Man's Lamp Was Seen by Straggling Travelers Burning Far into the Night."

that fell until winter. A carload of aid from central Kansas saved a hundred lives in Fountain county that year.

When the spring of 1893 opened, Barringer looked ten years older than he looked the spring before.

It was his habit to sit on the front porch of the deserted hotel and look across the prairies to the southwest and watch the breaking clouds scatter into the blue of the twilight. He could see the empty water tower silhouetted against sky. The frame buildings that rose in the boom days had all been moved away. He sat and waited, hoping fondly for the realization of a dream which he feared could never come true.

There were days when the postmaster's four-year-old child sat with him. The old man and the child sat thus one evening when the old man sighed: "If it would only rain, there would be half a crop yet! If it would only rain!" The child heard him and sighed imitatively: "Yes, if it would only rain—what is rain, Mr. Barringer?" He looked at the child blankly and sat for a long time in silence. When he arose he did not even have a pretense of hope. He grew despondent from that hour, and a sort of hypochondria seized him.

That fall when the winds plied the sand in the railroad "cuts" and the prairie was as hard and barren as the ground around a cabin door, Barringer's daughter died of fever. The old man seemed little moved by sorrow.

That winter the postmaster left. The office was discontinued. The county commissioners tried to get Barringer to leave. He would not be persuaded to go. The county commissioners were not insistent. It gave one of them an excuse for drawing four dollars a day from the county treasury; he rode from Maize to Aqua Pura every day with supplies for Barringer.

The old man cooked, ate, and slept in the office of the hotel. Day after day he put on his overcoat in the winter and made the rounds of the vacant

store buildings. He walked up and down in the little paths through the brown weeds in the deserted streets, all day long, talking to himself. At night when the prairie wind rattled through the empty building, blowing snow and sand down the halls, and in little drifts upon the broken stairs, the old man's lamp was seen by straggling travelers burning far into the night. He told his daily visitors that he was keeping his books.

Thus the winter passed. The grass came with the light mist of March. By May it had lost its color. By June it was brown, and the hot winds came again in August, curling the warped boards a little deeper on the floor of the hotel porch. Herbers and travelers, straggling back to the green country, saw him sitting there at twilight looking toward the southwest, a grizzled, unkempt old man, with a shifting light in his eye. To such as spoke to him he always made the same speech: "Yes, it looks like rain, but it can't rain. The rain has gone dry here. They say it rained at Hutchinson, maybe so; I doubt it. There is no God west of Newton. He dried up in '90. They talk irrigation. That's an old story in hell. Where's Johnson? Not here! Where's Nickols? Not here! Bemis? Not here! Bradley? Not here! Hicks? Not here! Where's handsome Dick Barringer, Hon. Richard Barringer? Here! Here he is, holding down a hot brick in a cooling room of hell! Yes, it does look like rain, doesn't it?"

Cattle roamed the streets in the early spring, but the stumbling of the animals upon the broken walks, did not disturb him, and the winds amid the drought soon drove them away. The messenger with provisions came every morning. The summer, with its awful heat, began to glow. The lightning and the thunder joked insolently in the distance at noon; and the stars in the deep, dry blue looked down and mocked the old man's prayers as he sat, at night, on his rickety sentry box. He tottered through the deserted stores calling his roll. Night after

night he walked to the red clay grade of the uncompleted "Air Line" and looked over the dead level stretches of prairie. He would have gone away, but something held him to the town. There he had risked all. Here, perhaps, in his warped fancy, he hoped to regain all. He had written so often, "Times will be better in the spring," that it was part of his confession of faith—that and "One good crop will bring the country around all right." This was written with red clay in the old man's nervous hand on the side of the hotel, on the faded signs on the deserted inner walls of the stores—in fact, everywhere in Aqua Pura.

The wind told on him; it withered him and sapped his energy.

One morning he awoke and a strange sound greeted his ears. There was a gentle tapping in the building and a roar that was not the guffaw of the wind. He rushed for the door. He saw the rain, and bareheaded he ran to the middle of the streets where it was pouring down. The messenger from Maize with the day's supplies found him standing there, vacantly, almost thoughtfully, looking up, the rain dripping from his grizzled head, and rivulets of water trickling about his shoes.

"Hello, Uncle Dick," said the messenger. "Enjoying the prospect of River's risin'; better come back with me."

But the old man only answered, "Johnson? Not here! Nickols? Not here! Bemis? Not here! Bradley? Not here! Hicks? Not here! And Barringer? Here! And now God's moved the rain belt west. Moved so far west that there's hope for Lazarus to get irrigation from Abraham."

And with this the old man went into the house. There when the five days' rain had ceased, and when the great river that flooded the barren plain had shrunk, the rescuing party, coming from Maize, found him. Beside his bed were his balanced books and his legal papers. In his dead eyes were a thousand dreams.

SLAT'S DIARY

(By Ross Farquhar)
Friday—Well me and Jake has got a good joak on the teacher and we have found out that she is not as wise and smart as she lets on before us kids. When me and he cums in at noon before the rest of the balance of the kids showed up we ketches her a looking in the Dickshunary for sum kind of a word or other.

Saturday—are cuzzen witch was at Atlantick city for his vacation last summer in June or July or August is here on a visit. Pa ast him if his vacation costed him very dear and did he have a good time. He answered and replied that he had a whale of a time but it costed a hole lots of money. He got engaged to 2 Girls. And 1 of them married him and the other 1 sewed him for a breech of Promises.

Sunday—Ant. Emmy is very religious. She is visiting here at are house for the winter time. She is always thanking the Lord for her good helth and then she all ways goes and pays the Dr. for his medicine.

Monday—I have resolved to start the New yr. with a clean Slate as they say in bsniss circles. I am a-going to try and pay evry buddy I owe emnything to. As it stands now I can borrow eighty 5 cents I will be clean out of detts. We shall see.

Tuesday—We that is pa and ma got a invitation to a fancy party for a wk. frum tonite and pa says well honey shall we go all the rest of the swell people will be there and ma says I don't think so because I havent got nothing decent to ware. Pa sed O thats all rite go on ahead and ware sum of them dresses with the low neck witch hassent got emny back in it there will be lots of others like it there I spose. So ma is going to by a ned dress.

Wednesday—I carryed out sum Ashes for ole Mr. Hix today and spilt sum on his floor and tracks sum mud in the house and when I was done he sed I was the dirtiest meanest most disrespectfulllest kid he had ever new. I got sore then and sed Well that all rite but I cant liv on complements. I gess I was lucky I dident get threw out all together.

Thursday—Ma is doing her Christmas shopping erly to. I seen her list of stuff to order and it had in it Tirky and cramberrys and nuts and candy and fruit cake and a Qt. of Castor Oil.

PROTECT THE CHILDREN.

Every day in every newspaper there are stories of children run over and hurt by automobiles. In many cases the fault is with the motorists but in many others the accident are found to have been inevitable. A man driving a car along a street can do nothing to avert an accident if a child suddenly rushes off the sidewalk and tries to cross the street in front of him. That is the cause of many accidents.

Unfortunately, for many children, the streets are the only

possible playgrounds, and it is difficult—but not impossible—to keep them on the sidewalk. Parents can do much to prevent accidents by insisting on their children off the streets.

Meet opportunity face to face. It never recognizes your back.

The revolution in Mexico is not without its blessings. The oil men in that country are shutting down and the production of oil will be materially curtailed. As a result the price of crude oil will advance and the products of the United States will get the benefit. But it is tough on Mexico.

What is a Teaspoonful?

—it depends on the Baking Powder you use. You must use a heaping spoonful of many brands because they don't contain as much leavening strength as

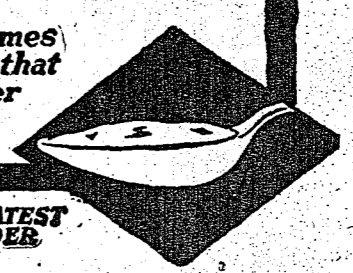
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The Economy BAKING POWDER

Level spoonfuls are all that are necessary when you use CALUMET—it makes more bakings which means a real saving on bake day.



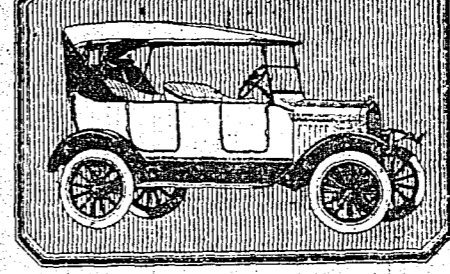
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THE WORLD'S GREATEST BAKING POWDER

The New Touring Car \$295

F.O.B. DETROIT



A Striking Value—at \$295

Considering the improved appearance of the new Ford Touring Car, one would naturally expect a proportionate advance in price.

Larger scale production, however, has made it possible to incorporate in this new type touring car a number of decided improvements without increasing its cost to the purchaser.

A comparison extending over a long period of years will reveal the fact that the present price is actually the lowest at which the five-passenger open car has ever been sold.

The Ford Touring Car stands today, as it always has, a most remarkable value in the motor car field.

This Car can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan

SANTA ANNA MOTOR CO.



Railroads Completely Regulated

The Santa Fe says efficient transportation to meet growing needs of country is possible under existing Governmental regulation. Farmers and business men asked to exercise their influence in giving Transportation Act a fair trial.

- 1. A Government Commission determines freight and passenger rates.
- 2. A Government Commission determines what is a "fair return" on the value of property used for transportation purposes, but does not guarantee any return.
- 3. A Government Commission determines the above value of transportation property.
- 4. A Government Board determines wages and working conditions in case of dispute between railroad employer and employe.
- 5. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad may issue its stock and bonds.
- 6. A Government Commission has determined how all railroad accounts are to be kept.
- 7. A Government Commission determines whether or not a railroad line may be built or abandoned, leased, sold or merged with any other line.
- 8. Any and every form of discrimination is prohibited by law.
- 9. A Government Commission prescribes safety methods and appliances and makes constant inspection for any failure to observe its requirements.

W. B. STOREY, President
The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System

When We Tell You

- ☛ That this HUMAN BANK lives up to a fixed policy;
- ☛ That every patron is a personal friend;
- ☛ That everyone who enters the door is treated as OUR GUEST;
- ☛ That politeness and courtesy enters into every transaction;
- ☛ That promptness and competency are always present—

Why, We Know
You Expect to Be Shown.

We'll Be pleased to Do That.
Come in Today.

The First State Bank

Santa Anna, Texas



Caught in the Round-Up

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Sears spent Christmas in Brownwood.

Miss Opal Garrison is spending the holidays in Waco.

Miss Clara May Stewardson spent Sunday in Brownwood.

Mrs. Sam J. Smith and children are visiting at Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Burris were Coleman visitors Christmas day.

Ed Witten, of Lampasas, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Witten.

Miss Ruth Stephenson was a Brownwood visitor Christmas day.

Mrs. Maud Russell, of Novice, spent Christmas here with relatives.

C. E. Welch is spending Xmas week with homefolks in San Antonio.

W. S. Garner, of Lampasas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. S. Morgan.

Mrs. Tom Garrett, of Coleman, was a Santa Anna visitor Christmas day.

Calvin Dyer is spending the holidays with relatives at Trinity, Texas.

Mrs. A. D. Lowrey left Saturday night for Comanche to spend Christmas.

J. D. Williamson was a business caller at the News office Wednesday.

Pete Hamen, of Goldsboro, is visiting his uncle, Sam Hamen and family.

Miss C. L. Garrison spent Christmas day with relatives near Valera.

E. W. Gill, of Brownwood, was a business caller at the News office Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Green were pleasant visitors at the News office Thursday.

Roy Voss, of Lawton, Okla., is spending Christmas with his parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watkins spent Christmas with relatives in Lometa, Texas.

Grandpa Ellis, of Coleman, spent Christmas with relatives in the mountain city.

Miss Lula Valentine and Mrs. L. Frankie Adams visited in Brownwood Sunday.

J. W. Brown, of Silver Valley, was a business visitor at the News office Wednesday.

Miss Fay Childers went to Comanche Saturday night to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mrs. L. L. Shield went to Bangs Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Karl Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Battle left Saturday night for Cleburne to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Kate Phillips is spending Christmas week with her sister, Miss Annie, at Canadian, Texas.

E. W. Polk, of the Liberty community, was among the callers at the News office Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Smith had several of their married children with them for dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Lawrence Lowe left on Thursday for Waco and Hillsboro to spend the holidays with relatives.

Messrs. John and Floyd Moore of Gorman, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Moore.

Uncle John L. Dodgen, from out on route 1, was among the pleasant callers at the News office this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams left Monday for Waxahachie to spend Christmas with Mr. Williams' parents.

Mrs. S. J. Parker and granddaughter, Miss Lela Faulkner, went to Abilene this week to spend Christmas.

R. B. Fry and family boarded the train Saturday night for Wichita Falls to spend the holidays with relatives.

E. B. Bagby and wife, of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Bagby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dick.

Miss Kathryn Baxter of Waco, and Miss Jassie Baxter of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays here with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chambers, of San Antonio, and Mrs. Tom Bass, of Brownwood, visited Mrs. L. Chambers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farmer, of Ballinger, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Farmer's mother, Mrs. A. S. Wilson and family.

H. H. Baker and family, of Houston, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Overby spent Christmas day with Mrs. Overby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Blair, in Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker, of Houston, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Len Phillips.

The Santa Anna all-star football team was defeated 26 to 6 by the American Legion team at Ballinger on Christmas day.

Miss Elsie Lee Harper came in last week from Oklahoma to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harper.

Miss Florence Harper, who is teaching at Beaumont, is spending Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Harper.

Miss Vada Crenshaw, teacher of one of the Eastland county schools near Ranger, is spending the holidays here with her mother.

Miss Rosemary Bowman, of S. M. U., at Dallas, is spending Christmas week here with parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Hall Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crum and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lavender enjoyed a Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Crum Christmas day.

Miss Gordon Owens, one of the employees on the News for over two years, is spending the holidays with her mother in Eastland county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vinson have for their guest this Christmas, J. W. Montgomery, a brother to Mrs. Vinson, whose home is at Cleburne, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Boggus went to Eastland Monday to pack up their household goods and ship them here, where they will live in the future.

Prof. Robt. C. Withers and family, of Sherwood, Irrion county, are spending the Christmas holidays in the home of Prof. and Mrs. B. T. Withers.

Mrs. Talmadge Bently, of Oklahoma, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Smith, and other relatives here and at Rockwood during the holidays.

Miss Undene Stockard, of Brenham; Miss May, of Waco, and Misses Maude and Mildred, of Houston, are spending Christmas week in the Stockard home.

G. E. Adams and family left Monday for Comanche, where they enjoyed a real Christmas day Tuesday with Mr. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Adams.

Miss Edrine Tyson left Tuesday evening to join a party in Dallas as a delegate from T. C. U., to the quadrennial convention of colleges to meet in Indianapolis, Ind., December 28.

Miss Cora Lea Garrison, teacher of the Indian Mountain school in the northern part of Comanche county, is spending Christmas week here with her father, C. B. Garrison.

The weather man behaved very nicely the first of the week and favored us with some right appropriate weather for Christmas. Thanks to the Supreme Being for a few days of better weather.

J. B. Gardner and family, of Sweetwater, spent Christmas with W. A. Gardner and family near Red Bank. The two Gardner's and their wives were among the visitors at the News office Wednesday.

The ladies of the Advisory Board of the hospital will give a tea at the home of Mrs. P. P. Bond, from three to five o'clock in the afternoon of New Year's day. No admission and the public is cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Simpson have with them this Christmas their son, Eugene, from Prosper, Texas; their daughter, Miss Hattie, who is teaching at LaPort, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Adams and family, of Brownwood.

Jno. L. Pearce has our thanks for sending the News one year to S. H. Brown, Eliasville, Texas. Mr. Brown formerly lived here and was here this week to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Grandpa Taylor, whose remains were shipped from Corpus Christi for burial.

Mr. E. T. Haden and family went to Brownwood Sunday to attend the funeral of J. T. Pullen who was murdered in that city Saturday morning, account of which is given elsewhere in this paper. The Haden family went to Miles Monday to spend Christmas with relatives.

E. M. Simmons left for Bell county Saturday night to spend Christmas with his parents. His brother, J. F. Simmons, intended to join him and also spend Christmas with his parents but was prevented at the last moment on account of Mrs. Simmons being called to Electra to attend the bedside of a sick sister, who was reported critically ill.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Matthews returned from Brownwood Monday where they visited in the home of their son, J. C., and while there Santa Claus presented to J. C. and wife a fine baby girl, their first born, and also the first grandchild of Dr. and Mrs. Matthews. The doctor has not adopted the walking cane yet, and being grandpa is a little odd, but that will soon wear off.

Christian Endeavor Program. (Presbyterian)

Topic—Wishes for the new year. Phil. 3:12-16.

Leader Arnold Davidson. Motto for the service—"The goal is so far away that we should not think we have reached it."

Questions for decision: What is your first wish for yourself during the new year?

What is your highest wish for your Christian Endeavor Society?

What wish is uppermost in your mind for your Sunday school? For your church? For your community? For your home? For the town?

Each make New Year wishes. Leader's message. Bible drill.

We pause today and Look Back!

And as we recount the experiences of the days and years we have been in business we find but little to regret and much to be thankful for. We are deeply grateful that so many have shown their confidence in us.

As we look to the future we are thinking of how we can serve you better and we hope we will be given the opportunity.

JOY TO YOU FOR
CHRISTMAS
PEACE, HEALTH AND PLENTY
FOR THE NEW
YEAR

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK



May 1-9-2-4 Mean Much to You

And may Health, Happiness and Prosperity become more and more enriched with the passing of time, and may you and those whose happiness depends upon enjoy the best of health and a full measure of prosperity and true happiness.

We are grateful to all for patronage of 1923 and pledge you that during 1924 we will put forth our very best effort to serve you even better than in the past.

MARSHALL & SONS

"The Store That Makes The Prices."

SENATOR NORRIS ON TAX PUBLICITY

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, proposed to repealing the publicity law relative to income taxes, and gives his reasons in the following statement, which will appeal to business men generally: "Publicity of tax returns is neither unjust nor a hardship. I know of no instance where such publicity has injured either the public or the person who pays the taxes. Furthermore, publicity will increase rather than decrease revenue, and tax authorities will sustain me in this statement. It is the dishonest taxpayer who has to be watched. The honest man or woman has nothing to fear from publicity. The returns secret and the honest taxpayer has every incentive to take advantage of the present law. Keep the returns secret, and he will think of making a false return. The law has never passed a revenue bill that has not had its defects, and the fact that the Congress is upon to act upon amendments as far as possible. This is an act in favor of publicity. The returns secret, old law, and even the new law, do not get the interest that it should have if it is not intelligently in accordance with the law. Have you ever heard of any one urging that the tax returns of the State and county assessors should be locked up and kept secret from the public? In every part of our country taxation is a public business and there is nowhere a demand that it be secret. If its right in the States, why not also in the national sense? "I am of those who believe all government business should be conducted in public. Nothing is more necessary, for in the end secrecy means just one thing, and that is corruption. A typographical error in a Washington paper makes one statesman refer to his wife as his "bitter half." She probably will be so now if never before.

DO WE APPRECIATE OUR HOME PAPER

Being a Santa Anna News reader I am wondering how many of us appreciate the efforts of our editor to make the paper what we would for it to be? If we would have a home town paper let us help, and cooperate with our editor. Did you ever stop to think how difficult it is for our editor to secure news if we don't send in any news, and yet we criticize if we receive our paper and there is not a great deal of news in it. Just think what an interesting paper we would have should we all help. We do appreciate our home paper and how eager we are to receive it. So let us show our appreciation by helping all we can. As a Christmas present to our editor let us see how many new subscribers we can obtain, and for a Christmas present to our loved ones moved away what would be more appreciated than a year's subscription to the "Old Home Paper." Think of the pay they would receive week after week as their paper arrives and they turn the pages and scan the lines for a bit of news from "Home" perhaps a marriage announcement of some friend. School or church items; and many many other notes of interest that would be so much enjoyed by the dear ones at home. Is mother and dear old dad receiving the home town paper? If not they are missing a lot of joy and happiness in their old days. Send it to them by all means it don't cost much and next year might be too late; how it will lighten their hearts, and you will be giving two presents in one, for each subscription sent in will be a Christmas present to our hard working editor as well as to the loved one to whom it is sent.—From a life time Subscriber to the Santa Anna News.

CHRISTMAS CHIMES

The chime of the cash register bells ringing in the stores is an indication that the customers have recovered from their scare and are buying again—not buying what they do not want, but

buying what they actually need. The early touches of winter are driving shivering humanity to seek their heavies, woolen socks, overcoats and the things they put off buying while the delightful Indian summer lasted. In addition to this necessary shopping the Christmas trade

is also at hand and there are no Christmas chimes so merry to the ear of the merchant as the chime of the cash register bell. It is needless to add that these bells chime most frequently in the store of the man who advertises.

Christmas Buying

Will be simplified if you come here without a single idea of what you want. Whoever you plan to remember, the Christmas merchandise that we have for your inspection will prove especially acceptable.

The desire to give something different, that comes to everyone, will be answered in this store, because of the many new novelties that make attractive and useful gift.

Dainty, colorful things for women that have the added advantage of being extremely useful as well as ornamental. Scores of articles for men that will give them great enjoyment.

And there is a liberal assortment from which to choose.

Corner Drug Co.,
Santa Anna, Texas



WE WISH YOU A

JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HAPPINESS

To the many greetings which we know have come to you let us add our's. Each person connected with this business joins in the season's greetings to all who have patronized us or spoke to a friend in the interest of this business.

WE APPRECIATE OUR FRIENDS

And we strive every day to show some mark of appreciation of business entrusted to us. If given the opportunity we will try to make each day of 1925 happy for you.

Simpson & Turner
GINNERS

RING OUT THE OLD RING IN THE NEW

It is well that we observe the passing of a year--to ring out the old and ring in the new. We are glad of the opportunity it affords for reflection. Closing, as we are, another successful year for this business we are reminded with a deep appreciation of the unswerving loyalty of our friends and patrons. We count it fortunate to have had the opportunity of dealing with you.

We are constantly striving to bring our friends and customers more closely to us that we work with them in the spirit of co-operation to the end that it may be mutually helpful.

Your friendship and good will is an asset which we value highly. In sincere appreciation of your patronage and of the kind words you have spoken to us and to others in our behalf.

FARMERS GIN CO.

MAY

Happiness and Content
be the Blanket of
Comfort and Delight
to Cover You During
The New Year.

That's Our Wish For
You and Yours.

Burton-Lingo Co.
BUILDING MATERIAL PHONE 100

SANTA ANNA NEWS

Entered at the Post Office at Santa Anna, Texas, as Second Class Mail.

One year in Coleman county \$1.00
Six months in Coleman county.....60c
One year outside of county \$1.50
Advertising rates 25c and 30c per inch.

Local notices ten cents per line for each insertion.

Obituaries, Cards of Thanks and Resolutions of Respect are charged at one-half the regular rate.

J. J. Gregg, Editor and Pub.

Friday, December 26, 1924

GRANDMA JACKSON BURIED THURSDAY

The body of Grandma Jackson was buried last Thursday at Cleveland, after funeral services conducted by Revs. J. R. McCorkle and Sidney F. Martin.

The following paper was read

at the funeral. Grandma Jackson was born in Alabama, February 16, 1839 and died December 17, 1924, age 85 years, 10 months and 1 day. Her maiden name was Mary Jane Phillips. She was married to W. C. Jackson, Sept. 28, 1852. To this union 13 children were born, 7 of these children are now living to mourn her death. They are: Mrs. A. L. Mathews, J. L. Jackson, Mrs. John Dry, Mrs. O. V. Mitchell, R. W. Jackson, Mrs. Milton Crow and Mrs. John Buse.

She leaves 42 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren.

She joined the Missionary Baptist church some 40 or 45 years ago, and has lived a consistent Christian life.

Miss Louise Campbell who is attending Baylor College, Belton, is here to spend the holidays with home-folks.

OUR CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

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

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

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

Our hearts tell us there is no dimming. Let us be thankful for the extra radiance of Christmas. Let us seek to carry it into our daily lives. Our wish is that this occasion, at least, will help all of us to forget our tribulations and sorrows, our complaints and animosities, and that it will be to all a day of cheer and everything which Yuletide typifies. The words of Tiny Tim have never been improved on and we here invoke them: "God bless us all!"

NO ROOM AT THE INN

The above heading was brought about 1925 years ago, when a certain family applied for entrance in the city of Bethlehem, and is a familiar subject at this particular season, but the writer is using it this time for a different article to that of 1925 years ago. The instance that gave rise to this article was brought to our attention last Saturday when the editor went out to pay a short visit to the local hospital and this is what we found. Every room occupied by a patient and the overflow had been placed in private homes in the vicinity of the hospital. Others are wanting admittance, but cannot be admitted until a vacancy is created by reason of some patient being dismissed. Where could some philanthropist spend a few thousand dollars to better service of humanity than to build an annex to the present hospital building. Santa Anna needs it, humanity throughout this section needs it, what more is necessary?

TEXAS IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

The entire Southwest, in so far as we have been able to learn, and especially this part of Texas, has been in the grip of the coldest wave the past three or four days it has experienced in several years. The mercury dropped down to only 4 degrees above zero here in Santa Anna, which is said to be the coldest weather that has ever been recorded, and in so far as the writer is concerned, it need never do it again. The blizzard followed a light rain, which was most too light to do any good. This section is very much in need of rain.

Miss Grace Pleasant, of Simmons College, Abilene is here spending the holidays with home folks.



**For Christmas Week
Bake a
Plum Pudding**

1 1-4 cups Raisins, 1-2 cup molasses, 1-2 cup milk, 1 cups CARNATION Flour, 3 tablespoons fat, 1-2 teaspoon soda, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 1-4 teaspoon cloves, 1-4 teaspoon allspice, 1-4 teaspoon nutmeg; melt fat, add molasses, milk; then the dry ingredients, which have been shifted together and the floured raisins; beat well and steam in greased covered tin 2 hours.

You will find us always ready and willing to help you plan your Christmas dinner. And we have a complete stock for you to select your Christmas dinner from.

Quality and Service
at
Hunter Brothers
Phones 48 and 49

**LET'S ALL
SMILE
AND BE HAPPY**

For Christmas is the season for good cheer and good will—for peace and for kindness.

We are happy Because:—

- We live in a good town
- We deal with good people
- 1924 was good to us
- We look forward to 1925 with pleasure.

We trust you have had a good year and that a better one is near at hand.

—That's just the way we feel about it.

We thank you.

**Santa Anna
Gas Co.**



FATTY FOSTER

SEZ:

Now let me tell the proper place
To get your bread and butter,
And if you follow my advice
You'll not complain or mutter.

You won't complain nor mutter if you get our best line of groceries. We advocate quality, service and delivery, and can furnish you fine Bell of Vernon Flour, Schotten's Coffee, bacon, tea, syrups, potatoes, cereals, and everything in the grocery line, fresh, pure and good.

Thanking you in anticipation.

W. R. KELLEY & COMPANY

WANTED—White girl for general house work. Apply K. J. T. Brown at Ice Plant.

GIN NOTICE
We will run our gin on Tuesday, December 23 and Saturday, 27. We will buy your remnants any day. Those wishing to settle gin accounts for gin No. 2, will find the books at office of Gin No. 1.—Farmers Gin Co., O. W. Parris, Mgr. 51-2tc

TWO furnished rooms for rent.—H. R. Layne. 1tc

STOCKHOLDERS NOTICE
The stockholders of the First National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting will be held at the offices of the bank at 2 p. m., on the Second Tuesday of January, being January 13, 1925, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may come before it.
Burgess Weaver, Vice-pres.

"Say It With Flowers"
Have the sunshine stored in. Flowers radiate joy for you this Christmas. The Quality Flower Shop has the flowers in the shop. Phone 71 and in Crum's Store, phone 66.

LOST—Saturday, December 13, pair or shaded shell-rim glasses. Reward.—Mrs. Leman Brown.

Notice to Milk Customers
We wish to impress upon our customers the importance of our putting the empty bottles out where the deliveryman can collect them while on his rounds. This is very important and will greatly help us. Two bottles at each house ties up 200 bottles, and represents quite an investment.—Sparks Dairy. 51-2tc

Produce wanted—I want your Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs and Hides; highest market price paid.—Ben Melton. 48-2

FOR TRADE—1102 acres improved farm near Lamesa, Texas; will take \$10,000.00 in good trade, balance part-crop-payment; price \$28.50 per acre.—May & Garrett. 40-tfc

LOCAL ADVERTISING

JUST received a new lot of Glidden Paint, none better. Have a large shipment of wall paper coming. Can save you money on your paint and paper bill.—F. M. Jaynes. 49-tf

HEAD Maize \$27.50 per ton at my barn.—T. W. Davidson. 49

FOR SALE—Lot No. 2, Block No. 2, Pearson's Addition to Santa Anna, size 154x135 feet, price \$600.00.—I. C. Browder, Florence, Texas. 51-3tp

RADIO Receiving Set Free. No extra charge for tickets. Call for coupons when making purchases.—Phillips Drug Store.

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NOTICE
We will discontinue giving out S & H Green Stamps January 1, 1925.—Texas Mercantile Co. 3

WILL give \$100 for good Second-hand Ford Touring Car.—Dr. Hays. 50-3tc

REGISTERED Jersey Male for Sale.—H. J. Parker. 49-tf

DODGE Touring For Sale cheap, \$250.00.—Archie Hunter. 49-2

W. CRUGER & SON
Painters and Contractors
Give us a chance at your work. Satisfaction guaranteed
Santa Anna, Texas

TRY Gardner's Pure Filtered Gasoline and see the difference. It cost no more. 13-tf.

FOR SALE or trade—Two 177-acre tracts of land, 14 miles west of Lamesa, \$2.50 acre down, balance 20 annual payments on or before.—Upton Henderson. 43

WOOD FOR SALE—Plenty dead Post-oak, \$1.50 per two horse load.—E. C. Green, route 2 46-t

FOR TRADE—One pair farm mules for Ford Car, would pay some difference, want 1923 model or later.—L. E. Bell 50-2tp

SEED OATS
First year from originator. Ferguson '71 Red Rust proof oats, made 75 bushels per acre, price 75c. See W. E. Wallace or Joe Flores. 33-tf

Produce wanted—I want your Turkeys, Chickens, Eggs and Hides; highest market price paid.—Ben Melton.

LEATHER GOODS
We are still making prices on Leather Goods of kinds. Will give you a real gain on Harness and Saddles. C. E. Welch.

HAMBURGER PALACE
For short orders, ice cream, sodas, apples and fire works. KASCH Cotton Seed, first year run, \$1.50 per bushel, at farm 1 mile east of Trickham.—B. W. McIver. 48-tf

I WILL sell any size tract to suit the purchaser on 20 year time, any of land I have in Coleman county. Small cash payment with privilege of Federal Farm Loan.—Upton Henderson. 44-tf

800 acres on South Plains, four miles west from the S. W. corner of Gaines County, Texas, at half price lands are selling for in Gaines County. This land is in Lea County, N. M. There is no better 800 acres on the south plains; can use some trade. See Fred W. Turner, Santa Anna, Texas. 44-tf

FOR SALE
114 acre farm 3 miles east of Santa Anna; 75 acres in cultivation, well watered place, fairly good improvements. Bargain at \$57.50 per acre.—A. R. Brown. (45-tfc)

FOR SALE—211 acres of land one-fourth miles north of Whon two houses, two tanks, 15 acres in cultivation, 40 more tillable land, plenty wood, price \$35.00 per acre.—L. Fiveash.

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On 10 or 20 years time with prepayment privileges. Low interest, prompt service.
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HONOR ROLL

Following is the list of subscribers to renew and subscribe for the News the past 2 weeks: W. H. Hodges, W. W. Hunter, W. H. Gardner, D. L. Wallace, Frank Leady, John Rainbolt, W. E. Vanderford, W. E. Ragsdale, J. Hall Bowman, Mrs. W. B. Mitchell, O. W. Parris, City; G. P. England and J. R. Havens, Route 1; E. C. Traylor, Rockwood Route; S. R. Rutherford, G. A. Robertson, Wm. Ashmore, Rockwood; O. C. Yancy, Coleman Route 2; J. D. Holt, H. O. Norris, Bangs Route 2, C. L. Martin, Bangs Route 1; Mrs. E. J. Melton, Brownwood; Z. E. Daniel, Dallas; W. W. Ewing, Cooper; J. L. Dry, Carey; C. L. Pace, Tishomingo, Miss.; E. Y. Farrell, Kirkland, Texas; H. C. Davis orders his paper changed from Gouldbusk to Lott, Texas, and R. L. Ratcliff and E. B. Par-

Miss Lee Harper is here from Lawa, Okla., to spend with home-folks.

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The superiority of our service, the quality of the food we serve, and good home cooking make a meal here a pleasure that is not often afforded in a cafe.

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Service Cafe



FASHION DICTATES
THE SHINGLE

The shingle is here to stay a long, long time, and new variations are constantly appearing. There is a tendency to reveal the ears, in a shorter and closer cut, which is decidedly chic.

PALACE BARBER SHOP
T. D. Moore, Prop.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Did you ever stop to analyze this expression?

As a general proposition this is a tough old world and the burden of responsibilities often choke the fountain of merriment.

The charm of Christmas is not only in the expression we use but what is in the heart behind it, and to express this joy of living is the aim of all Christmas literature and customs.

In order to produce this effect it is not necessary that one should sentimentalize over the world in general. The spring may be in the desert, but its waters are none the less refreshing. One may find joy in an oasis. In fact, the Christmas spirit may manifest itself against a tragic background.

To a healthy child this is the easiest thing in the world. He asks for nothing but what he finds, and he finds instantly what he asks for. To him the law of supply and demand represents no dismal science. Everything is equally surprising and familiar. His joys are in the moment and are marred by no forebodings. The fountain of life is bubbling up fresh and pure.

That is the reason why food and drink are so important in the Christmas program. It is a sign of good cheer that is substantial. The Christmas goose is a visible symbol of an enjoyment that is not to be postponed. And the crackling Christmas fire and the Christmas greens and the jovial company of friends who make no demands upon one another, but are ready to share in any pleasant thing that is presented, have the same character of hearty actuality. Whatever may come before and whatever may follow, the present hour is blessedly real and it may be lived right merrily.

To those who give us companionship; to those who give sympathy in our joys and sorrows; to those who reach out helping hands in times of trouble and do a thousand acts of kindness, and to all our fellow creatures, we extend sincere wishes for a really "Merry Christmas."

Notice of Shareholders Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of the First State Bank, Santa Anna, Texas, that the regular annual meeting of the shareholders, of said bank will be held at Santa Anna, Texas at the Banking Rooms in said First State Bank, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. on the second Tuesday in January 1925, the same being the 13th day of said month, for the purpose of electing a board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may legally come before such meeting.

All shareholders are cordially invited to be present and take part in this meeting.

Respectfully,
P. P. Bond, Cashier

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Sore and Bleeding
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This new discovery is a pleasant penetrating liquid medicated with gum-tissue healing and germ-destroying ingredients used by the dental profession, which carries the medication direct to the roots of the teeth, relieving pain, tightening loose teeth, healing pus pockets and killing the germ that leads to pyorrhea, thereby accomplishing at home in a pleasant way, all the good benefits of a treatment in the dental chair without the pain and expense. Recommended by

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Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap), fail in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.

S. H. PHILLIPS, DRUGGIST
Santa Anna, Texas.

In all of your life there is never a day

That a smile doesn't better a soul;

There is never a turn in all life's way

Where kindness goes wide of the goal:

There is never a prayer that you can bestow

But lightens some burden of care—

There is never a one of those jewels, I know,

That isn't recorded up there.

The joy of Christmas derives special charm from knowledge of the fact of its being joy that is widespread. It is part of the happiness of the season that everybody betinks himself whether he can do something to add to other people's happiness.

A CHILD'S PLEA

(By Robert Worley)

I wish Old Santa would hurry,

I have waited almost a year;

The last time Santa came,

My dear old mother was here.

I wish he had mother to bring

Along in his large pack,

Then my dear, dear old mother

Might by him be brought back.

I wish there was a wireless to heaven,

And then I might could hear

The singing of the angels,

And the voice of my mother dear.

I wish I had an airplane,

And then I would visit Mars;

And then I might could find her

Among the twinkling stars.

Mrs. Frankie Adams and Miss Lula Volentine, teachers in the public schools at Colorado City, are here to spend the holidays with home-folks.

CARD OF THANKS

The News has been requested to extend thanks to the good friends and neighbors of Grandma Jackson and family for the kindness and favors shown them during the illness, death and burial of Grandma. Words cannot express the full appreciation of the family. May God bless you all.—The Jackson Children.

The Week's Program

—AT—

BEST THEATRE

Monday & Tuesday, 29 & 30

"BREAD"

With Mae Busch, Wanda Hawley, Robert Frazer, Pat O. Malley, Hobart Rosworth, Myrtle Stedman, Eugene Bessner and Ward Crane. Bread is cut out from the hearts of every day people. A deep swift moving, thrilling story of modern conditions.

PATHE NEWS in connection.

Wednesday & Thursday, 31 & 1
THOMAS MEIGHAN
in

"WOMAN PROOF"

You may remember that in "BACK HOME AND BROKE" Tom was back home, but he wasn't broke—not by any means. The point of the story was that a lot of people thought he was broke. In the new story a great many relatives and friends and excited bystanders think that Tom is woman proof because he is a little slow about picking out a girl and hounding her into matrimony.

COMEDY in connection.

FRIDAY 2

"BLUFF"

With Agnes Ayers and Antonio Moreno. Ninety-nine out of every hundred girls who venture to New York for career go back home beaten and crestfallen. Here's the comedy drama of a girl who won because she knew the secret was "BLUFF."

2nd episode of "TEN SEARS MAKE A MAN."

SATURDAY 3
FIVE REEL WESTERN AND COMEDY.

NOTICE.—This week Matinee Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Change of programs each one of these days.

VISIONS OF YULETIDE

Have you ever had a vision of what this world would be had there never been a Christmas time, and no reason for one? We do not like to think of it, for it surely would be a black time in the world's history were we to go back to the day when the Christ child had not been born.

A good many things we have to pass quite unappreciated, until thorough some wrench of fortune they are snatched away from us. Lovely things, beautiful things, things we could scarcely do without far too often lie in our hands without bringing to us a single thrill of joy or of thanksgiving. We have them; we enjoy them, but we are not grateful for them. Only when we wake up some morning and find that our treasure has been taken away from us do we cry, "Oh, bring it back! I must have it; I cannot live without it!"

Now, we have our Christmas treasure. It has been ours all our lives, so long that we have become accustomed to it. We accept it and all that comes with it, as a matter of course; and it means so little to us! We give; we get, and we do not stop to think why.

What if a new vision of the Christmas time were to come to us in this year of our Lord 1924? What if we were to take down a book which has lain on the shelf so long that the dust is deep on its covers and read once more the story of that first Yuletide, the brightest and the best day that ever came to this old world, and lingered over it until our souls beat warm once more, and our hearts filled again with the love which was on that day manifest toward all the world. What a new day that would be in the lives of us all!

And it may be so. A stone has too long lain at the doorway of our hearts. Let us roll it away now, and let its glory flood our lives and make us once more little children with all a child's innocence, goodness and longing for the happiness of everyone he knows!

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

A glimpse of China's boys and girls.
The country and its people—Johnnie Pearce.
Some things about the Chinese—Floyd Lackey.
Chinese Boys—Elucian Niell.
Chinese girls—Tommie Tisdale.
Chinese eager to hear the Gospel—Effie Hudler.
A Chinese Bible drill—Nel Sue Nabours.
Our Baptist working in China—Raymond Bays.

A
Very
Merry
Christmas
To All

May you enjoy a Christmas that will fill your heart with joy and a New Year that will fill your pockets with money.

And to make these things come true we will be found at the post of duty to serve you in our line.

Thanks for 1924 business.

May we serve you in 1925?

D.R. Hill & Bro.

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Subject: China.
Introduction, by Leader—Lee Land.
B. Y. P. U. for China—Melvin Lamb.
Blend—Mary McCorkle.
Your—Ora Lee Niell.
Prayers—Clyde Bartlett.
Unceasingly—Byron England.
B. Y. P. U. in China (1) Organizing Unions—Sybil Vinson.
(2) Preparing Literature—

Bro. Martin. We have a Missionary program next Sunday. Be sure and give your best to the Master for His sake.—Reporter.

Miss Loree Dennis will arrive Tuesday from Throp Springs to spend the holidays with home-folks.

Max Woodward of Galveston is here to spend Christmas with his mother and other relatives and friends.

Santa Fe Helps Shippers

Record-breaking freight traffic handled without congestion or serious delay

Since January 1st, 1923, the Santa Fe has purchased new equipment costing over \$50,000,000, including 13,750 freight cars and 146 locomotives. It has spent \$43,000,000 additional on new shops, terminals, double track, etc.

As a result, from August 1st to November 1st, the Santa Fe Railway handled 48,395 cars of commercial freight in excess of any previous year—an increase of 9.7%—without congestion or any material delay. Notwithstanding the heavy calls, cars have been furnished practically on demand. In the few cases of local shortage, due to excessive local demand, cars have been furnished with such slight delay as to be negligible.

Four years of legislative peace and fair treatment under the Transportation Act have been a vital factor in its ability to meet satisfactorily the record-breaking freight traffic of the past two years and maintain a surplus of cars at all times, barring local temporary shortages.

Good service to the farmer is of the utmost importance when prices and crops in the aggregate are good. Inadequate railroad facilities cause freight congestion, delays, waste, and loss to everyone. The wholesaler, jobber, and retailer must carry heavy stocks and place orders well in advance, to make sure their shelves do not become bare. The farmer must store his grain and hold his livestock waiting for cars to ship to market.

In a country growing like ours it is not easy to keep pace with such growth. During the war the railroads fell behind, as their expansion had to be deferred for more pressing matters. Today they are fairly abreast of the procession. They are pressing forward on a continued program of improvement which, with a continuance of present general conditions, will steadily extend their ability to serve.

W. B. STOREY, President
The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway System

1924 == 1925

Seasons Greetings

We would like to meet you face to face and tell you in a friendly sort o' way that we appreciate you not only as a patron but as a friend to tell you that we wish you a full measure of the comforts that come from health and prosperity in the New Year and that it will be joy to contribute to your happiness if we are afforded an opportunity.

Santa Anna Telephone Company

To Those We Serve and to Those Who Serve Us

We extend to you the compliments of the season and wish you a full measure of lasting pleasure originating during the Christmas season and lasting through the days of the new year.

And let us thank you, too, for your patronage of the past.

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Increased Attendance One Cause of Increased Expenditures in Schools

(By J. L. Tennant)

One important cause for the increase in expenditures for public education that has taken place is the increase in school attendance. In 1813 the estimated average daily attendance at elementary and high schools in the United States was 13,613,656. In 1923 it was 19,180,695, an increase of 5,567,039. The estimated total population of the United States was 96,512,407 in 1913 and 110,663,502 in 1923. This is an increase of about 14 million people. School attendance increased 41 per cent during the ten year period while the total population only increased 15 per cent.

The amount of money required to carry on schools today can not be estimated by comparing our present total population with the total population ten years ago. It is erroneous to assume that school enrollment and attendance increase at the same rate as the total population. It has increased in the last decade nearly three times as rapidly. School boards must provide for the children in school, not the people living in the community. They have no authority to decrease the number of children attending school, and must admit those who wish to come. Neither can school boards provide facilities for instructing 200 children for the same money that will instruct 100. Without raising the level of the efficiency of instruction much more money is needed today to care for the children who attend school than was the case in 1913.

To house this increased attendance more buildings had to be provided. Many towns and cities have found it difficult to provide more classroom space fast enough to care for the in-

creased enrollment. New buildings and recent additions to old buildings have been constructed during a period when building costs were double those which obtained in 1913.

More children attend high school today than ten years ago, and the enrollment in special classes for those who are handicapped either physically or mentally has greatly increased. Permanent progress is based on intelligence rather than ignorance and the larger number of children attending school today justifies the increase in expenditures for public education.

GOODNIGHT TO MOTHER

(By Manton Marlowe)

In the city of Boston is an old lady whose "baby" is 65 years old, while the old lady herself is a wonderfully alert woman of 90 years. She has always had that dear delight of an old woman, a home of her own. Her "baby" has a large fine house with spacious grounds, and in one little corner, in a neat little house lives "mother," in her own "things" around her and an attendant to care for her. The old lady has the satisfaction of "messing around" in her kitchen, and she can do as she "a mind to," and it is her conviction that all old ladies should have this privilege. The old lady's "baby" is a very handsome, big fellow, prominent in public affairs, and a man noted for the integrity of his character. He is a man of wealth and wide influence, and has the satisfaction of knowing that he was never done anything to grieve his mother, who declares he is and has always been a "good boy."

Every night of his life he goes over to the little house to say good night to mother. He has not missed this duty and privilege a single night in more than thirty years, excepting when he

is going out in the evening he always goes over to the little house to say "good night to mother" before he starts, and his kindness and tenderness to her is beautiful to witness. When he is praised for it he says, "It is only mother's goodness cropping out in me."

It is, after all, "mother's goodness cropping out" in children that makes so many good men and women in the world.

It is not generally known that the finest artificial pearls are made on Cape Cod from fish scales. For hundreds of years the artificial pearl industry has been carried on along the Mediterranean, but only recently has an American fish been found suitable for the purpose. The scales of the codfish are made up by machinery and mixed with a secret solution of beads of milky glass are introduced into the solution from time to time, and the necklars from \$10 to \$200.

One thing dad is certain to get for Christmas is an overdraft.

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New and Secondhand clothing of all kinds, also appliances in bulk and boxes.

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Christmas Greetings

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Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Nuts, Candies, Fire Works, Toy Pistols and Caps, in fact, everything you want for Christmas is here.

Shoes, Silk Hose, Neckties, Silk Handkerchiefs, etc.

The largest stock of Groceries and Feed in Santa Anna. All Groceries at cost the remainder of this year.

Yours For a Merry Christmas

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