"He Profits Most. Who Serves Best"

BODY OF JOHN YANCY FOUND FRIDAY AT NOON

John Yancy who were drowned Grocery. found Friday about noon. Sev-Mountain City. Mr. Boggus is ference for such business as may eral hundred men composed the no stranger in Santa Anna, hav-come up, and also for the exsearching party, many of them ing lived here before, and has pressed purpose of calling a passtaying on the job day and night many friends who will welcome tor. under disagreeable weather con his return. ditions, in a faithful search.

The body was found about one half mile below the crossing in water eight or nine feet deep. | Word was received here Wed There were several boats with nesday stating that Roy Vaugh different devices attached in the an of Trickham, was painfully party, the boat that rescued the injured Tuesday night in an acbody was equipped with chains cident while on a wolf hunt and hooks, and was being moved Roy's horse fell and broke his by Paul Bivins, Jim Jones, J. E. Walkins and possibly others.

the DeRusha home where it was from current talk on the street. epaed for burial.

The two bodies were buried at Brown Ranch Saturday in the LOCAL HOSPITAL TO presence of a large number of HAVE TAG DAY SATURDAY sorowing relatives and friends.

Mr. Yancy was a member of the Masonic lodge at Coleman the local Hospital have planned a and was buried with Masonic tag day Saturday, December 22. honors.

PAPER NEXT WEEK

It is the custom of most country weekly newspapers to suspend publication Christmas week every one will purchase a tag and the News force would greatly enjoy the rest, but due to the fact, we have some advertising running on contracts and also have some citations running that must appear consecutively, so Yancy of Winters, all relatives the News will appear next week of the Yancy family were here as usual. Our readers will con-last week to attend the funeral called Saturday and renewed for a great fovar upon us by re- of John Yancy and wife, who his subscription for another year porting all the locals and perso- were drowned Wednesday in to the News and Fort Worth of Lamesa are here to spend the Bank community was a business towns in the interior section of mals they know.

BUSINESS CHANGE

A deal was closed last week,

WOLF HUNTER HURT

neck, and one of Roy's legs were broken. The News has not been The remains were carried to fully advised, but writes this

The Ladies Advisroy Board of for the Hospital. A committee will work Saturday selling tags, and the proceeds will go toward the purchase of some needed improvements at the Hospital Santa Anna is proud of her hospital and we feel sure that most Saturday.

H. L. Yancy of Lufkin, Texas, John Smith of Rogers, Texas, A A. Kellar of Belton and Roy Home Creek.

BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

All members are requested to families of this city. attend these services, and visitors and friends are cordially in-

SINGING CONVENTION 5th SUNDAY AT TRICKHAM

The News has been requested

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to the good people who assisted us during our bereavement last week, in the loss of our son and daughter-in-law John Yancy and wife, who were drowned in Home ful search for the missing bodies, words cannot be found sufficient to express our appreciation.

F. M. Yancy and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Simmons.

short distance west of town tion in the South. Star Telegram.

MARRIED

Sunday school promptly at Last Sunday, Mr. Floyd Par-Last week we carried an arti- whereby J. L. Boggus became 9:45 a. m., and we hope to have ris and Miss Addie Loraine

> Mrs. O. W. Parris and the bride hunt, and are determined to is the charming daughter of Mr. bring the evidence of their la- his generous policy of considera-

FIREWORKS NOTICE BANK AT BROOKE-

This is to call the attention of the public to the fact that it to announce the meeting of the is a violation of the law to shoot Eastern District Singing conven- roman candles, skyrockets, fire tion at Trickham on the Fifth crackers or any kind of fire-Sunday in this month, December works within the fire limits of 30. All singers and lovers of the City of Santa Anna. This is tion on December 8th, according sacred music are invited to at done for the protection of life to a recent annuoncement, the partment. tend, take part in the conven- and property, and this is to ask assets of the bank being taken tion and also help to support it. that every person refrain from over by the Citizens National Bank of Brownwood. The guilty of violating same will be prosecuted.

J. M. MARTIN, City Marshall.

T. C. U. RECEIVES GIFT

Fort Worth, Texas. Dec. 17.— Texas Christian University of sympathy were appreciated, but the beneficiary of the \$4,000,000 years, and its officers were Fort Worth became Wednesday to those who made such a faithest estate of Mrs. Mary Couts Burn-Mayfield, vice president; F. L. Mayfield, vice president and J. A. Nunley cashier—Brownwood also gave the instituion \$150,-000 cash for a library building, Semi-Weekly News. which will be erected within a short time. President Edward W. E. Ragsdale from out a largest ever made toward educa- issue.

> Mrs. A. C. Woodward and baby holidays with relatives.

HUNTER RETURN WITH THE GOODS

Dr. T. R. Sealy returned Moncle giving a brief account of the the owner of the Grocery store, all members present and on Meadows, drove over to Coleman day from South Texas, where he tragical death of Mr. and Mrs. generally known as the East End time. We are planning for our and were united in marriage, accompanied J. Fox Casey, and To Postmasters and Carriers: Christmas tree next Monday Rev. E. E. Dawson, pastor of the J. W. Johnson last week for a Wednesday afternoon in Home M. B. Coppic, former owner, night and it is very important Baptist church officiating. They deer hunt, and brought back Creek. At the time of going to has not stated his intentions, that all members of the classes were accompanied by a party of with him two fine bucks, victims Postal Laws and Regulations, as press, the body of Mr. Yancy but we would be glad to have be present. After Sunday school young friends, but the News of the Doctor's careful aim, Satthe result of which rural carhad not been found, but was him continue to live in the the church will be called in confailed to get their names. The groom is a son of Mr. and and Johnson continued their Day as a holiday, and Mrs. Joe Meadows, both good bors, with them when they re- tion for the welfare and happi-The News joins their friends fine mess of venison, which was We confidently expect that car-

SMITH TAKEN OVER BY BROWNWOOD BANK

The Guaranty State Bank of Brookesmith bank was said by possible, without incurring exits officers to be in good financial shape, and only discontinued they may be no delivery on rural business because they found the routes on Christmas Day so that small population of the town and they may arrange for the early the number of people served by mailing of Christmas packages it made it unprofitable. The or other matter. bank was capitalized for \$10,000 and had been in business for 3 Fourth Ass't. Postmaster Gen. A. Nunley, cashier.—Brownwood

R. W. Phillips from out on McShane Waits of the university Route 2, becomes a new reader fant daughter of A. G. Davis. said that the gift is one of the of the News, beginning with this She was given a check for \$250

> A. H. K. Wheatley of the Red caller at this office Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS DAY A HOLIDAY FOR RURAL CARRIERS

Fourth Ass't. Postmaster Gen. * Washington, Dec. 12, 1923.

The Postmaster General has approved an amendment of the

He did this in following out turn. Thanks to Dr. Sealy for a ness of the postal employees. in extending best wishes for a a real treat to the editor and riers will put forth the fullest happy and prosperous future. family. every piece of mail, parcels included, reaching their offices before Christmas so that there may be no disappointment and just ground for complaint on the part of the patrons. Failure on. the part of any individual car-Brookesmith discontinued busi- rier to do this will subject him ness as an independent institu-1 to severe criticism and be a cause of deep regret to the de-

Postmasters and carriers' are requested to notify patrons of rural delivery as generally as pense to the department, that

THE FIRST CHILD BORN AT LIGON GETS \$250 GIFT

Ligon, Texas, Dec. 12.—Some people are born lucky, etc. Such was the case of the in-

by E. Dick Slaughter for being the first child born in Ligon. Ligon is one of the newest

SERVICE



COURTESY

the Plains.

MAY THE JOY BELLS OF THE YULETIDE SEASON RING MERRILY FOR YOU AND YOURS!

Because of the opportunity it affords us to extend to you our expressions of good will, we welcome the happy Yuletide season.

To each of you we tender our sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas and unending happiness and prosperity for the New Year.

We trust that our relations have been as pleasant to you as they have to us and that it will be our good fortune to serve you in the future.

Adams Mercantile Co.

Santa Anna, Texas

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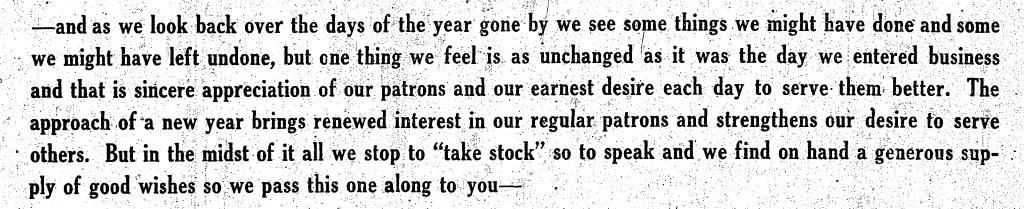








As Father Time Draws the Curtains of Time On 1923 We Pause to Think



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.



Dry Goods Phone 174

Quality

Service

Quality

Service

Grocery' Phone 25











Topic: Advent Lessons from Bethlehem, Matt. 2:1-12. Leader—Elizabeth McClellan Hymn:-Softly the night is sleeping.

Prayer. Christmas readings. Scripture reading, Matt.2:1-12 Hymn:—Star, beautiful Star.

Other discussions.

Open Meeting—Silent night Offering. Hymn: It came upon a Midnight "clear."

Mizaph. Christian Endeavor 6:00.

Free advice is worth all that

Ring out the bells for Christplayed softly—Sentence prayers. mas! How fast the years fly by after we have passed the meridian of life! It seems but a few short months since we got down the box of tinsel and glittering made recently when the trustees baubles to deek the Christmas of the college announced gifts baubles to deck the Christmas amounting to more than \$75,000 tree, and here we are at it again. from their number. This move So rolls old Time around; bring officially launched the campaign ing each year a whiter frost and to raise \$200,000 in Abilene to brighter gleams of silver to glint match a gift of \$100,000 prothe brown in your hair. May he posed by the General Education bring at last a peaceful old age Board of New York City, some and a love-locked home to every times known as the Rockfeller one of our real, earnest, human Foundation. The \$200,000 must lives—bristling with human be subscribed by Abilene by Jan. faults, marred by human mis. 1, 1925. A vigorous drive will takes, scarred and seamed and be put on in the next few weeks rifted with human troubles, unby the Board of Trustees work-til we all are crowned with that ing in conjunction with the compassion which only perfection can bring upon imperfection city. "Peace on earth, good will to use a limit of the early part of 1922 the ward men." Aye, let us have Education Board offered to give peace. The real sweet peace \$100,000 toward a fund of \$300, that the Master intended should 000, the remainder to be raised reign among brothers, neighbors by the citizens. After accepand friends. Think of the many tance by the Simmons Board the Christmas days that have been proposition was presented to the rolled into the ever-legthening Abilene Chamber of Commerce past since the Star of Bethle- who in turn agreed to assist in hem shone in the East. Think the drive. A committee from of the millions of babes that the Abilene Chamber composed have been born, since Jesus said of the following men, W. G. "Suffer little children to come Swenson, chairman. W. M. Min-unto Me"; think of the ripened ter, Henry James, W. J. Ful-grain that has been moved by wiler and Geo. W. Fry will be in that noiseless scythe that never charge of the campaign in conturns its edge, think of the nection with a committee from mighty armies that have gone the trustees, headed by C. M. down in defeat, and listen to the Caldwell, with the others, Geo. L. dull tread of the tired and weary Paxton, W. J. Behrens, T. C. feet that still ring upon the crust Campbell and Geo, S. Anderson. of this tear-soaked earth. Why Successful determination of the should one thought of bitterness drive will give Simmons an entoward your fellow-man rankle downment of more than \$400,-in your poor little throbbing 000 and will assure the comheart? Who are you, in all the pletion of plans of President J. uncountable throng of the un. D. Sondefer and the trustees to numbered souls that have peoplemake Simmons a class one unied this reeling planet, that, you versity in 1925. Steps toward should hold a grudge or harbor the university goal made in the

ENTERS CAMPAIGN FOR LARGE SUM

Abilene, Texas, Dec.-The initial step in the big endowment drive for Simmons College was

a thought of malice? Open your last few years have been the heart to the gleam of the erection of several new buildings Christmas candles, breathe deep including a \$200,000 Science

of the fragrance of the fir tree, building with equipment equal revel in the innocent dreams of to the best in the state, and the

your choldhood once more and enlargement of faculty and curget the Christmas spirit early: riculum.

your Christmas list just leave it see that nobody gets left.

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.

J. L. BOGGUS & CO





HE WORLD'S GREATES

rich casings, Ford sizes.—C. E. WELCH. 41-tf.

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE Morell Wilson, Phone 162.

CHRISTMAS candies, the good

I BEGIN work with a class in 71. P.O. Box 237. oil painting the first week in January. See specimens of my BEST prices ever made on Good-Mrs. Charles Oakes.

HEAD MAIZE for Sale at \$25.00 SEE me for plain or ornament per ton.—A. H. K. Wheatley, al Concrete work.—J. K. Odle. near Red Bank.

OUR prices on all kinds of leathin the country and a big stock at Hunter's Drug Store. to select from.—C. E. Welch 41

NOTICE

Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg, orig-71. P. O. Box 237. nally of Sterling City, Texas, now located just north of the FOR SALE-1 McCormic Bind-First Baptist Church, 211 E. er, 1 Superier Grain Drill, 1 College Street.

less. Office hours 8:30 to 11:30 Creek.—E. T. Haden, a.m., from 2 to 5 p. m. Post office box 97.

800 ACRES; no better on South ing car. W. C. Ford & Co., Ga-truders will be prosecuted ac-Plains, sheet water 59 feet, rage. fenced 3 sides, a bargain. Will trade.—Fred W. Turner. 49-tf

FOR SALE—Complete set, sev en volumes. Public School Methods, new edition. New. Will take one-half price.—Mrs. R. J. 49-3tp. Boardman.

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS" this Christmas. Get them a Mrs. Polk's shop. Phone 71, P. O. Box 237. Mail orders filled.

leather goods are right. The whooping cough. I cannot recommend lowest in the country and a big stock to select from.—C. E. largest selling cough remedy in the

west part of town; terms.—H. rage. BEST prices ever made on Good- P. Hudgens, Winters, Texas, or News office. 46-tf.

> PIANO FOR SALE Lightly used, in good trim. Will sell worth the money.—Ed Sander-49-tfc.

work at the Polk Bros. Store.— rich casings, Ford sizes.—C. E. WELCH.

CHRISTMAS candies, the good kind in boxes and packages. Just er goods are right. The lowest the kind you want for Christmas

> ARTIFICIAL wreathes your auto.-Mrs. Polk. Phone

Avery Disc Harrow with trucks, If you have a disease that 1 Avery Stalk Cutter, 1 Avery medicine or other remedies have Planter, 3 Cultivators, 1 Fan-failed to cure besure to give us ning Mill; also about four thousa trial and join the happy throng and bundles of feed. At Free-Our method is absolutely harm- man and Haden farm on Home

WANT TO BUY—A Cream Saparater, prefer DeLeval.-J. D. Sparks.

CHRISTMAS wreaths for your door or window. Artificial flowers for baskets or vases.—Mrs. Polk, Phone 71, P. O. Box 237. Mail orders filled.

Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough Mrs. Will Hall, R. No. 3, Baxley, Ga., states "I am writing to all who OUR prices on all kinds of suffer from coughs, colds, eroup or 41-tf | world.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

May Your Stocking

of Hope be Filled to

Overflowing

AND YOUR FONDEST DESIRES BE

REALITIES IN 1924

So good have the people of this city and community been

to us during the past year we look back and find much

for which to feel truly thankful. Your generous patron-

age has enabled us to record a satisfactory business and

in coming to thank you we are pleased with the oppor-

Santa Anna

LOCAL ADVERTISING FOR SALE—Good 8-room house USED FORD CARS FOR SALE FOR SALE—My home, consistand barn, 3 lots, well located in Call at W. C. Ford & Co. Galing of 5 room house and 4 acres

> DOLLS at cost and below cost at Hunter's Drug Store.

Stockholders of the First Na- Motor Co. kind in boxes and packages. Just DECORATE the graves of your tional Bank of Santa Anna, Texthe kind you want for Christmas loved one with a wreath, they as, to be held at the office of FOR SALE—Three good milk at Hunter's Drug Store. are made of artificial stuff will the bank at 2 p. m., on the Seccows at Refinery. Place.—Gene last well.—Mrs. Polk. Phone ond Tuesday in January, being Bell. January 8, 1924, for the election of directors for the ensuing year A McDongal Kitchen Cabinet and the transaction of any oth- for sale reasonable. Only used er business that might come be- 3 months. Phone 68.

Burgess Weaver, Vice-pres.

FOR SALE-Good P & O Planter and cultivator. See Melvin 49-3tc.

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USED FORD CARS FOR SALE -Call at W. C. Ford & Co. Ga-49-3tp.

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POST NOTICE

We the undersigned hereby notify the public in general that 45-tf. FOR SALE OR TRADE—One our premises and all property in 1921 Model Studerbaker 6 tour- our charge are posted and all incording to law.

L. D. Boyd Mrs. M. E. Chambers. Curtis Collins. C. F. Freeman.

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. P. P. Bond, Cashier.

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

Notice is hereby given of the FOR SALE—A Buick-6 Touring regular annual meeting of the Car in good repair.—Santa Anna

CHRIST-HIS DAY

Christmas, 1923! What does it signify?
A day of feasting, rest and

pleasure to some. A time of idleness and jollifi-

But to those who think it Anna, Texas.—W. Gy signifies the flight of time— Brownwood, Texas, box nineeen hundred and twentythree years since the birth of the Perfect Man.

What will we do on Christmas

Some will find their favorite newspaper and an easy chair too enticing to leave.

Others will glide swiftly over smooth country roads in one of their accustomed joy rides, wether permitting.

Numerous forms of diversion will be resorted to in order to

pass away the time. There will be family reunions, and feasting, and receiving of acquaintances, and discussions

on the topics of the day. And some—we hope many will wend their way to their respective places of worship and reverently listen to the minister tell the story of the Perfect Man the Man of Men. -

The world has produced many men of greatness who enjoy enviable space in history.

It has produced but one man whose personality and whose deeds elevate him above all men of all ages, of all races and of all time, whose praises have been sung since the Star of Bethlehem beckoned the wise men of the

That man was Christ, and Christmas is HIS day.

Don't make it yours. THE EDITOR.

TRICKHAM

The singing class met Sun-lay night at the regular time, out on account of the weather he attenndance was small.

Mr. George Bobo left Tuesday for Paris to visit his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Laughlin of Brownwood visited relatives at Frickham and Clabber Hill Sun-

The Trickham Literary Sociey will render a Christmas program Friday night.

Norton Sparks made another rip to San Angelo Monday.

Miss Eula Mae Blackwell from

Whon is visiting here this week. There will be a community Christmas tree at Trickham Tuesday night. Every body inrited to come and take part.

"NATACHEE"

Good looks are of little alue unless accomponised by good manners.

DR. L. O. GARRETT

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I will sell to the highest bidder at my place, Thursday, December 27th, 1923, the following property, to-wit:

20 head cattle, 10 horses, all farm implements and household goods.

Roy Cummings

two miles east of Buffalo school house. Sale beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOE GRIFFITH, Auctioneer

For Christmas



Beautiful Toilet Sets Delicate Perfumes Delicious Candies Finest of Cigars Stationery **Christmas Cards Manicure Sets** Fountain Pens and Pencil Sets Amber and Ivory Sets

And many other items worth while that you will find here.

This Drug Store carries at all times such merchandise as is generally sold in a first class Drug Store, and we appreciate your good business.

We take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and extend you an invitation to trade with us.

Shop Early

Motor Company

We are now up with deliveries and can furnish immedi-

tunity offered by the season to

ate delivery on Fords.

j

friend, Russel Hale.

Holland Cheaney.

apples.—John Gregg.

friend, Virginia Black.

nuts.—W. J. Kizer.

Louise Kizer.

Burton Gregg.

Sybil Kizer.

ples and oranges. Your friend

Dear Santa Claus: Please

bring me a pencil, tablet, and

some crayolas. Thanks. Your

doll, a little train and some

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pretty doll that will

bring me a little fire wagon and some candy, Apples and nuts.-

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a real pretty doll and a

little stove, and a set of dishes, a

ring and some fruit and candy.—

me a doll with brown curls, a doll

buggy, and set of dishes and

ittle friend, Mable Lawrence.

friend, J. D. Pieratt.

Dear Santa Claus:

friend, Addeline Tisdale.

nuts, candy and 5 boxes of pop-

ping matches.—Jack Gregg.

friend, Irvin Wilson.

Ruth Hill.

Leta Gay Williams.

Doll like mine, and some dishes.

we do want some nuts, candy

and fruit. Good Bye, Katherine Latham.

Dear Santa Claus: My Dady

use to always tell you what I wanted you to bring me, but he

Dear Santa Claus: Please

Piease

SANTA ANNA NEWS

Entered at the Post Office at Santa Anna, Texas, as Second Class Mail. J. J. Gregg. Editor and Pub.

One year in Coleman county: \$1.00 Six months in Coleman county......60c (Payable in advance.)

No subscription taken outside of the sounty for less than six months. Advertising rates 25c and 80c per

Local notices ten cents per line for ach insertion.

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

Friday, December 21, 1923

A male writer takes a shot at women because they spend more than a billion dollars a year on hair nets, soaps, cosmetics and toilet preparations—and its easy money well spent. We don't know how many billions men booze, but whatever it is it is not well spent.

Mr. Coolidge's opposition to the bonus leads one to wonder how much it would cost him.

BEE BRANCH

A little Christmas weather at present, but not cold enough for hog killing. Some predict it will be soon.

Changing the subject a little One year outside of county _____\$1.50 some report they don't think old Santa will visit much in this part of the world, due to muddy weather.

A program and Christmas tree will be given at the school house Friday night, Dec. 21. Every one have a special invitation to attend, and if the weather permits we assure you a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Choate are visiting Mrs. Choate's father

Mr. and Mrs. John Dalson are the proud parents of a fine baby

Miss Bessie Griffin returned spend on moonshine and poison from Oklahoma last week. Her aunt and children accompanied them home and will make this country their future home.

> We Hope to have more to report next week.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a wrist watch and a big Mamma Doll, and set of aluminium dishes, a fountain pen and lots of fruit, and don't forget I want a cape.—Lorna

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you a tiny note to ask you Dear Santa to please bring me some tin dishes and a stove that I can put fire in, and my baby sister wants a doll and a little red rocker. Thanking you, I remain, Doris Hill.

Dear Santa Claus: I am bring me a pencil, tablet, and writing to tell you to bring me a some crayolas. Thanks. Your pretty sleepy doll, a little red rocker, a book, some crayolas Dear Santa Claus: Please and little scissors, and bring me bring me a drum and a horn, a some apples, oranges and nuts. pair of gloves, some candy, ap- Frncis Gregg.

Dear Santa Claus. I want you to bring me a little car, a little Dear Santa Claus: Please fire wagon, a little street car, a horn, some tinker toys, and bring me a little automobile, a knife, some candy, oranges and plenty of fruit and candy. Please remember the little poor children.-Vernon Ragsdale.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll that goes to sleep, and will say "Ma, Ma", some oranges, apples and candy, Dear Santa Claus: Please and please bring my two little ring me a drum and a Eskimo nieces, and two little nephews, some nice things, and Santa don't fire works, and some fruits and forget the little orphan children. Your friend, Johnnie Pearl

Dear Santa Claus: I would say "Ma, Ma," a cape, some like for you to bring me. some fruits and some nuts.—Mable fruit and candies and all kinds of nuts, 2 vases, a box of Jack and Jill Stationery and some hander-Dear Santa Claus: Please chiefs. Well Santa I hope you don't freeze up before you get here. So wishing you to fill every little boy and girl's stockings to the top.—Amy Williams.

Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you a letter to tell you to please bring me a flashlight and a pocket knife, and some fire works. Yours truly, Robert Lee Dear Santa Claus: I would Hill, Santa Anna, Texas, Whon ike very much to have you bring route.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought some beads. Please bring my I would write and tell you what brother something nice. Your I want for Christmas. I want a little fire wagon, trapez set. story book, ball, wagon, and fruit and candy. Be sure and go see bring me a pencil, tablet, and the little poor children. Your some crayolas. Thanks. Your sincerely friend, William Earl Ragsdale.

Dear Santa Claus: I want vo bring me a pencil, tablet, and to bring me a great, big Mama some crayolas. Thanks. Your Doll, a set of dishes, a basket ball, a doll buggy, a doll cradle. some rubber boots, a rain coat, Dear Santa Claus: I am and some candy, nuts and fruit. writing you a letter to tell you Be good Santa Claus and bring what I want Christmas. I want me these things.—Willie Glen a little fire wagon, firecrackers, Cheek.

Dear Santa Claus: I will write Dear Santa Claus: I try to be brother. We want a foot ball. good about. Christmas times. I and a gold ring a piece, a pair want you to bring me a gun, a of union alls a piece, and just train, a foot ball, some fruit and lots of fruit and nuts, and please fire works, and oblige, Raymond don't forget my little sister and my two little baby brothers. Good bye Santa, hope to see you Dear Santa Claus: Please soon. From George Calvin and bring me a pencil, tablet, and H. L. Moore, Santa Anna, Texas, some crayolas. Thanks. Your route 2, box 2.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are now comfortably situis in heaven now, and I am ated in the parsonage at the writing you a letter to tell you church. Our phone number is to please bring me a set of tin 281. We will have services ev-dishes and a little stove, that ery Lord's day, and would be you can burn coal in. Will thank pleased to have you attend any you very much. Yours truly, of these services whether you are a member or not. If you are a member we insist that Dear Santa Claus: Please you attend all of these services. bring me a doll and doll cradle. We intend to preach the simkitchen cabinet, doll trunk, a lit- ple story of Christ and Him tle chair, also candy, nuts and crucified, in the Christ spirit. fruit. I have been a good little "I m determined to know nothgirl and will be very proud of ing among you except Christ my presents. Your little friend, and Him crucified."

eta Gay Williams.

We had a splendid Bible school Sunday considering the weather, and all other services been a real good little girl all were well attended. If you were this year, so I hope you will not there we extend you a very bring me the things I want. I cordial invitation to come next have tried to not want too much. Lord's day.

I want a big Mama Doll and a Bible school will meet prompt-

Wicker doll buggy to ride my ly at 10 o'clock. doll in, some pretty dishes and Communion service and sersome little handerchiefs to carry mon immediately after Bible to Sunday school. Santa please school.

don't forget my little sister. Subject of se Virginia, she wants a Mama Of the Angels.' Subject of sermon: "The Song

There will be a special Christ-She can play with my buggy. mas program at night. This will We surely will thank you Santa be a very unique and interesting for these nice things and oh, program. Don't miss it.

Come.—A. L. Oder, minister.

А Нарру Christmas!

Thanks to one and all for your generous 1923 patronage.

We want to serve you in 1924

and 1923

will not be complete unless you get one of our nice

Dressed Turkeys or Hens for Christmas Dinner

Hunter Bros.

48—TWO PHONES—70

The House of Quality

IT HAS BEEN **OUR EXPERIENCE:**

That Friendship in Business Counts for Much And We Are Grateful for Yours. Let Us Wish You a Real Happy, Contented and Prosperous New Year

E. G. OVERBY



EAT AT THE

Bertrand Cafe

Under New Management

Regular Plate Lunch Specially prepared for the Noon hour. Short orders at all hours.

We Appreciate Your Business.

Merritt & Donham

Proprietors

Riches for You!

If good wishes were wealth how rich you would be with our sincere good wishes for

A Merry Christmas and a **Happy New Year**

BEST THEATER

CHRISTMAS CHEER

We take this opportunity at this, another Christmas time to extend to our many friends and customers our wishes for the "Happiest Christmas of All." Allow us to call your attention to the fact that there are only three more days in which to do your Christmas shopping.

We again wish you and all the folks the merriest kind of a Merry Christmas.

BAXTER'S **Variety Store**

Same Goods For Less Money

NEED GLASSES

Fire, Tornado Insurance

W. E. BAXTER

Santa Anna,

Dr. Jones, the Eye Man, will be at Childers & Co. Store, Satcandy You will receive a most cordi-Mary al welcome to these services. urday, December 29th. Eyes ex-amined, glasses fitted, headache and Eye strain relieved.

We Wish You The Merriest Christmas Ever

70U have our heartiest wishes for L a most enjoyable Christmas and twelve months of happiness, health and prosperity in 1924.

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Hunter Drug Store

It Has Been a Pleasure for Us to Serve You

We take this method of expressing our thanks to the citizens of this community for the business entrusted to us this year, and to assure you it has been a pleasure to serve you.

ACCEPT OUR SINCERE WISH FOR AN ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR TO YOUR LIKING!

Phillips Drug Store

MAY THE

Santa Claus

Good Times

FILL YOUR HEART'S DESIRE AND DO SO IN SUCH A WAY THAT

A Successful

New Year

WILL BRING YOU HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PLENTY.

May we also voice the hope that you will continue your patronage and good will during the coming

Parker Brothers, Tailors

Gents' Furnishings

AUTOMOBILE VICTIMS

The United States government is authority for the -statement that the number of deaths from fore. Some of them expect a automobile accidents last year was 11,666 in territory embracing 85 per cent of the total population of the country. This number is an increase of 1,498 over the previous year. It represents a death rate of 12.5 per 100,000 population, an increase of one for every 100,000 as compared with 1921. Since 1917 there has been an increase of 3.5 per 100, 000. To California belongs the distinction of having the highest death rate, namely 26 per 100,-000 population. New York, New Jersey and Colorado have respectively, a 16.7, 16.4 and 16.3 death per 100,000. The states recording a decrease in the number of deaths are Connecticut, Massachusettes, Montana, Virginia and Washington. In Los Angeles the death rate was 29.5. Considering the increased use of automobiles, the increase in deaths is not particularly significant. After all is done, that can be done, to reduce the automobile death rate, it will still remain appalling. It is gratifying to know that all over the country both the civic authorities and automobile clubs and dealers are giving serious thought to safety on the highways. While the deaths and iniuries can doubtless be very considerably reduced, the automobile, in the very nature of things, will continue to take its ghastly toll.

NEW PRODUCTION RECORDS

Ten production records have been established in industry during the last few months.

Largest pig iron production. Largest cotton consumption. Largest steel igot production. Largest crude oil production. Largest automobile and truck production.

Largest residential construc-

Largest volume of mail order Largest construction of loco-

Largest volume of retail sales. Largest volume of railroad car

Important changes that have taken place in the United States

since the pre-war days of 1913 The population of the United States has increased 14,000,000

of people, with their enlarged requirements. The annual national income has increased from \$34,000,000.-

000 to \$50,000,000,000. The aggregate savings deposits have increased from \$6,000. 000,000 to \$14,000,000,000.

None of us are ever too old to learn, but not all of us have sense enough to realize it.

Many a dull mind is bright enough to keep a still tongue.

ROCKWOOD ITEMS

Our new pastor, Bro. Justice, lelivered his first sermon here Sunday to a good crowd in spite of the cold day.

Mrs. Kate Walker and daughter, Tylene took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sullivian.

Walter Faulkner had business nere Monday.

Jeff Bratton was a business

caller here Sunday evening. The box supper given under the auspices of the LO.O.F. Saturday night was quite a suc-

cess considering the weather. Hadley & Son Garage has changed hands, J. I. Ellis being the new proprietor.

Juanita Jenkins went to Bangs Tuesday to spend the holidays at

Matt Estes was a business visitor to your city Sunday.

There will be a community Christmas tree Monday night at the Baptist church. Everybody invited to take part.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ashmore, Mrs. Riddle and Mrs. Belle Calldwell were shopping in Brownwood Monday.

Bro. Justice went to Waldrip Sunday and preached his, first sermon at that place.

Opal Hadley, who has been in school at Abilene, is here to spend the holidays with her parents and relatives.

"SEPTEMBER MORN"

Are divorced persons happier vorced from one woman and

than they were before? asks a married to two others, all withwriter. They at least expect to in thirty days. He ought to be be happier than they were be able to answer the writer's question.-Brownwood Bulletin. great deal more happiness than they had before, and are so an-

xious for it that they can hardly wait until the divorce decree a railroad crossing will keep in have attracted that observation. is duly signed and delivered mind that his engine may stall, She is very gentle, very sweet, There is the case of the divorced and the train may hit him then very ladylike. Part of it is in the preceedings of the Court of there will be fewer such acci- the blood, but most of it is pro-Criminal Appeals, who was di-dents to record.

IS SHE YOUR GIRL,

The habit of observation is strong, and it brings to our mind just now a certain little girl in this community—brings her to If every person who drives on our mind because her daily acts bably in the training.

Ragsdale's Bakery

Give me your order for your Christmas Cake this week. We believe we can bake as good Cake as any one, and with our equipment to bake in large lots, they will not cost you any more. We will bake any kind of Cake you wish. Just place your order this week, and we are prepared to turn out the work that will please you.

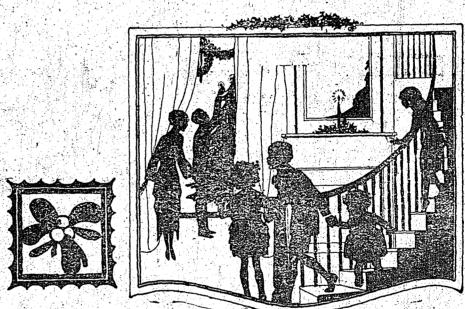
FRUIT CAKE—We still have some real Fruit Cake at 75c per pound. Will not bake any more unless the present stock is sold first of the week. With our latest machinery equipment, we can make up as much dough in 20 minutes as could be made with hands in ten days. We pride ourselves by claiming the equal, if not the best, equipped Baker shop in the Southwest.

We have some nice Boxes of Candy, also an assortment of other good Candies.

Bread Is Your Best Food Eat More of It!

.Ragsdale's Bakery...

Santa Anna, Texas





On Christmas Day-

On this day snowy locks forget their years; weighted shoulders cast off their cares. Eyes sparkle as the lights on thousands of Christmas trees, and voices send forth their joy in carols. For the spirit of good old St. Nicholas is abroad, making all of us children once again as we join the universal merriment.

What a relaxation for a busy world! What a revelation of the springs of new life that lie deep hidden in the nature of mankind! What a rediscovery-through kindness and generosity—of the secret of eternal youth! Such is the message and blessing of Christmas to the

May the fires of good cheer and warmth burn brightly in many hearts, as on, many hearths, during this Christmas festival; and may it be a feast in truth of "peace on earth, good will toward men."



It Means More to Us than the Dawn of a New Year

It means the beginning of another year of service to the people of this section. It gives us pleasant memories as we turn back the hands of time and recount our past experiences. You have helped this business to grow and as we grow we have tried to increase our usefulness in our sphere.

We thank all of our loyal patrons and assure you that each day of 1924 will find us planning and building for you, to make this store the store you want it to be.

Accept our best wishes for a New Year of good times, good health and contentment.

D. R. Hill & Brother

Dr. J. Harris Hales

Optometrist, (Eyesight Specialist) Office and Laboratory. 302 First National Bank, Brownwood, Branch office, Polk Bros. Bldg., Santa Anna, Texas.

I will be in Santa Anna Office EVERY SECOND and FOURTH TUESDAY of each month.

Children's eyes given very special attention.

The Merriest Day Ever

that's our Wish for You for Christmas!

The Brightest Year Ever

is our Wish for You for the New Year!

We are proud to live in such a city as ours and to do business with such a people.

Please accept our thanks for the good business given us in 1923.

We solicit a continuation of your trade with the assurance that we will try to serve you even better than in the past.

ROUNTREE & SON GROCERIES

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

The schedule for basket ball this year is a bit late in being sent out. If any school has sent out. If any school has failed to get a schedule the County Director of Athletics should MONDAY, DEC. 24 be notified.

Schedule for district number one which includes Talpa, Voss, Valera, Coleman and Coleman Junction schools is as follows: Dec. 21st Talpa vs. Valera at Valera. Voss vs. Coleman at Coleman. Coleman Junction op-

Jan. 4th Talpa vs. Voss at Tal- This picture is for one day only. pa. Valera vs. Voss at Voss. Coleman Junction open date.

Jan. 18th Talpa vs. Coleman Tuesday and Wednesday 25 & 26 Junction at Coleman Junction. Coleman vs. Valera at Coleman. "TRIFLING WOMFN"

Schedule for district number two which includes Novice. Silver Valley, Goldsboro and Glen Cove schools is as follows:

Dec. 21st Novice vs. Glen Cove at Novice. Silver Valley vs. Goldsboro at Silver Valley.

Jan. 4th Novice vs. Goldsboro at Novice. Silver Valley vs Glen Cove at Glen Cove. Jan. 11th Novice vs. Silver

Valley at Silver Valley. Glen FRIDAY, 28— Cove vs. Goldsboro at Goldsboro. The champion of this district will play the champion of district number three.

Schedule for district Number Pathe News, Western and three which includes Burkett and Roe schools is as follows: Jan. 4th Burkett vs. Roe at Roe.

Schedule for district number four which includes Santa Anna, Watts Creek, Plainview and Buffalo schools is as follows: Jan. 4th Santa Anna vs. Buffalo at Santa Anna. Watts Creek vs. Plainview at Watts

Jan. 11th Santa Anna vs. Plainview at Plainview. Watts Citation on Application for Pro-Creek vs. Buffalo at Buffalo.

Jan. 18th Santa. Anna vs. THE STATE OF TEXAS Plainview vs. Buffalo at Santa of Coleman County; Greeting:

Schedule for district number five which includes Rockwood. and Shield schools is as follows: Dec. 21st Rockwood vs. Trick-

Jan. 4th Rockwood vs. Gouldousk at Gouldbusk. Shield vs. Hardin at Hardin. Open date

Jan. 11th Rockwood vs. Shield at Shield. Trickham vs. Gouldbusk at Trickham. Hardin open date.

Jan. 18th Rockwood vs. Hardin at Rockwood. Shields vs. Trick ham at Shields.

District champions of districts four and five will play Jan. 25th to decide who will play the champion of districts one, two and three on Feb. 2nd. The championship of districts two and three will be determined Jan. 18th. The champion of two and three will play the champion of district number one Jan. 25th.

Any of the above dates may

be changed to Saturday if it meets the approvial of both

Some have not sent in their fee of \$1.00 for basket as the Inter-Scholastic League demands If you have not attended to this please do so at once.

The winning team of the scheduled games must forward to the County Director the scores of the two teams playing.

T. H. McDonald, Santa Anna, County Director of Athletics.

TAYLOR COUNTY JAIL IS ALMOST EMPTY

Sheriff John Bond reports that he now has only two inmates of the jail, the smallest number in five years, and both of these are trusties, hence it is not necessary to turn the lock in the jail now. Some 2 , years ago when the jail was filled it was being agitated to build a new jail and to separate ithaving a division for the women prisoners-now it seems

County Times,

The Week's Program -AT-

VIOLA DANNA

a laugh for every thrill.

LOVE IN THE DARK" An exciting comedy-drama with

And Fighting Blood Round 5.

'TRIFLING WOMEN"

This is a Rex Ingram Production Also Comedy.

THURSDAY, 27—

WALLACE REID

'GHOST BREAKER''

Also Comedy.

12th Episode of

'HAUNTED VALLEY"

Comedy.

SATURDAY, 29— RICHARD TALMAGE

'PUTTINC IT OVER''

Also Comedy.

NO 947 Bate Of Will

Watts Creek at Santa Anna. To the Sheriff or any Constable

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for ten days, before the Trickham, Gouldbusk, Hardin return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation. which has been continuously and ham at Rockwood. Gouldbusk regularly published for a period vs. Hardin at Gouldbusk. Shield of not less than 1 year in Coleman County, Texas, the follow-

ing notice: THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the estate of Tabitha Wallace, leceased. W. E. Wallace. ha 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 Appraisement 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 the 8th day of December A. D., 1923.

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

BE THOUGHTFUL

Christmas again! The glad that we will have little use even day never fails to arrive on for the old fail which will actime. You will go to church, comodate approximately sixty eat a fine dinner, and enjoy the The crime wave delights of home. But don't which has been prevalent during let it stop at that. Give your the past two or three years, is horse an extra feed, and a blangradually passing over, and it is ket if he is cold. And don't forbelieved that when the Federal get your dog, your cat, and your officers have been able to fowls. They are all placed upon stamp out the violations to the this earth for a purpose, just as liquor law that West Texas will we are. And they are entitled to have little use for jails.—Taylor consideration, just as we are. Too often they do not receive it.



Those Last Few Gifts

Let them be practical gifts. Gifts that last and are the most appreciated.

We still have a splendid assortment of Pyrex, Casseroles, Decorated Candles, Carving Sets, Silverware, Pocket Knives, Scissors, Air Guns and many others.



Relieved Boy's Cough

Mrs. L. Van Belle, Pendroy, Mont., drites. "My little boy, 6 years old, had a very bad cough and after using Foley's Honey and Tar Compound lief. Mr. W. B. Parrott, 1361 West he secured relief." For coughs, colds 76th St., Cleveland, Ohio, writes and hoarseness get Foley's Honey and Tar. Made of purest ingredients; contains no opiates: -C. K. Hunter,

For Constipation

For constipation and bowel disorders try Foley Catabartic Tablets. Mild in action and bring prompt re-"Your Catahartic Tablets are beaters, and I have recommended them to my friends." Refuse substi-tutes.—C. K. Hunter, druggist.

Special Holiday Fares



Between points in Texas and Louisiana

Tickets on sale December 20-21-22-23-24 limited to reach original starting point by midnight January 7, 1924

For particulars and reservations ask Your Santa Fe Ticket Agent

W. DUBOIS, AGENT, SANTA ANNA, TEXAS

SHAPIRO'S

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

Extra Coats \$5.75

Ladies Felt Slippers at Ladies Cotton Hose, 2 pair for 3 pounds Bats

MEN'S HATS

\$3.50 grade \$2.65

MEN'S SHOES, WORK OR DRESS SHOES AT REAL BARGAINS

Men's good grade Blue Jumper \$1.14 Men's Kaki Pant, from \$1.24 up

All kinds of Christmas Toys for the Kiddies, cheap.

MANY OTHER BARGAINS

BUY IT NOW WHILE THE BUYING IS GOOD!

Our special low prices on Hardware and Furniture will be discontinued December 24th.

If there is anything you need in either of these lines get it now; this is the last call.

Santa Anna

S.W. CHILDERS & GO.

Santa Anna

NEW REX INGRAM PRODUCTION "TRIFLING WOMEN," HERE DEC. 25-26

CHRISTMAS

For many centuries the 25th day of December has been observed as Christmas. It is supposed to commemorate the day of the birth of Jesus Christ. At first the day was observed only by Christian people in touch with the Roman Catholic church. It to be recognized as a universal tian lands. It comes nearer to any other day observed by man-Dec. 25 and 26. kind. There is a spirit and an atmosphere about the day that Rex Ingram's claim to film immortality is justified again in

what lies back of the gifts which pass among us, but every one of them is related to the "Unspeakable Gifts," which sprang The brilliant director of "The from the love of God. If God Four Horsemen of the Apohas not so loved the world as to calypse," "The Prisoner of Zen-give His only begotten Son, there da" and other big Metro pictures would be no Christmas and no is himself both author and adap-Christmas gifts. Every token of tor of his latest success. This love that passes from one per- fact makes his triumph all the son to another is but a reflection more complete, for the story and of that great love that expressed continuity are on a par with the itself in the gift of God. The production itself. In all, it is a angels which came over Bethle- distinctly worthwhile photodraham's field and the shepherds ma, and it is recommended to who gathered in the humble those who want the best in their manger in Bethlehem have had motion picture fare. their songs re-echoed and the The story is concerned with gift duplicated in all ages since. the facination of Zareda, a crys-

at yuletide.

It will be well for us as individuals, if we recognize the source from which our Christmas cheer has sprung, while we thank the loved ones from whom we have received Christmas gifts, let us not forget to thank the Heavenly Father from whom the inspiration of all gifts. It and move and have our being." hes done for our salvation, what for His unspeakable gift. he has wrought for our redemption, what he has given for our enrichment in spiritual well-be- dreams of idleness. Life withing that there is awakened in out toil, if possible, would be an us a deep and true thankfulness. intolerable existence. Work is when people think of their the sublime luxury of life. Christmas obligations as duties Warren G. Harding.

Discriminating motion picture patrons will have an opportunity celebrated throughout the world, based on an original story by Mr. general departments, \$9.13; pay- \$3.10 in 1917, and \$2.87 in 1914. in pagan lands as well as Chris- Ingram, and it was he who probeing a universal holiday than comes to the Best Theatre on

litudes of people may observe his remarkable new production the day without any serious "Trifling Women. It is the latest thought as to what lies back of achievement of the skillful direcit, there are still great multi- tor, whose name has become tudes to whom it has signifi-synonymous with the best in cance because it marks the day filmdom, and a guarantee of exof birth of Jesus in Nazareth, ceptional screen merit. It equals the Gift of God to a lost world. | and, in some particulars, sur-We may not think much of passes his earlier efforts, and should win a high place among the best of the season's photo-

God's gift was an interpreta- tal gazer, whose siren-like fascition of the universal heart of nation attracts men into her net. mankind and throughout the How she attains wealth and powcenturies that heart has re- er through a marriage with a sponded in its innumerable gifts wealthy Marquis; how she arranges his death to marry her young lover, Ivan; how she meets a terrible end with her lover when her husband finds them together, makes a graphic and dramatic story.

they find them hard of fulfillment, but, when they think of has come the Gift that has been them as a return of gratitude to God for his "Unspeakable Gift, was a wise man of old who spoke they become a pleasure. It will of God as one "in whom we live be well for us in the midst of our Christmas festivities to take There is cause for daily gratitime to reflect upon the supreme tude to the author of our being, Gift, for it is out of the realizawho showers upon us daily tion of what it means that here Messings and who ministers un- will come not only gratitude to to us in countless ways for our God, but that inspiration to obecomfort and our joy. But it is dience in which we shall find when we contemplate what God life everlasting. Thanks to God

"Let no one beguile you with

Financial Statistics Of the State Government Of Texas, 1922.

Expenditures.

to witness one of the season's 17, 1923. The Department of mental costs over revenue remost notable screen successes, Commerce announces that the ceipts was, therefore, \$0.82. the latest production by Rex costs of government for the

MERCE WASHINGTON for outlays, \$0.30.

Revenues. per capita. For the fiscal year privileges. Washington, D. C., December the per capita excess of govern-

who made the "Four Horsemen year ended August 31, 1922, of the total revenue for 1922, 1917, and \$0.97 for 1914. of the Apocalypse:" "Turn to amounted to \$45,842,985, which the Right," "The Conquering was a per capita costs of \$9.48. per cent for 1914. The increase Levies. Power," and "The Prisoner of Zenda." The new Ingram opus is entitled "Trifling Women," tals for these years being \$22,
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ments for interest, \$0.04; and and other incorporated com- ments, or compensation for serpaines, while those from non-vices rendered by state officials. business licenses comprise taxes represented 4.5 per cent of the The total revenue receipts for on motor vehicles and amounts total revenue for 1922, 16.7 per 1922 were \$41,858,571, or \$8.66 paid for hunting and fishing cent for 1917, and 4.9 per cent

The net indebtedness (funded censes constituted 0.2 per cent of and floating debt less sinking the total revenue for 1922, 12.5 In Texas property and special fund assets) of Texas was \$0.85 per cent for 1917, and 11.6 per Ingram, the brilliant director state of Texas for the fiscal taxes represented 50.6 per cent per capita for 1922, \$1.07 for cent for 1914. Receipts from Assessed Valuations and Tax

testant Churches and has come associated with it in several as a second from 1917 to 1922. \$3,387,147,741; the amount of associated with it in several ca- spectively. The per capita costs The per capita property and taxes levied was \$25,387,204; pacities in addition to that of for 1922 consisted of expenses of special taxes were \$4.38 in 1922, and the per capita levy, \$5.25.

Business and nonbusiness libusiness licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance

er editor. And if he has no son he wishes he had one to tell him Earnings of general depart- what he ought to know.

finds us mindful of our good friends and patrons so we pause to wish you

A Real Old Merrie Christmas

And as we do so we like to recall the pleasant dealings of the past year and as the curtains are being drawn on 1923 we find much to feel thankful for. We value the friendship and confidence of the people and will be found always striving hard not to dissapoint you in any way.

So we come in this season of happiness and rejoicing to take the opportunity to sincerely thank you for your patronage and good will and to extend to you our sincere wish that yours will be a Merry Christmas and the New Year one of Happiness, Prosperity and Success.

The Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes

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



Financiers and industrial leaders are repeatedly assuring us that 1924 is to be a prosperous year. What's the matter with hear some isolated remark about mankind. hard times, but where are they? plications, everything is serene that are tossed their way. at home. Hard times? Shucks! Be a human light, and le Talk about something that's in ers emulate the insects. You

BE A HUMAN LIGHT

You have noticed many times how insects flutter around a bright light. The light is power-1923, that we must be bolstered ful, the insects weak. One atup with such alluring prophe- tracts, and the other responds sies? True we, occasionally to the attraction. It is so, with

Some men possess the mental Certainly not in the United power to forge ahead, to sweep States. Wages are high, employ- away obstacles, and to attain ment is good, everybody has positions of honor and trust money, and we all appear to be Others flutter around them. happy. We have no foreign com- humbly accepting the crumbs

Be a human light, and let oth will go far and accomplish much.

Caught in the Round-Up

W. D. Taylor called Saturday and renewed his subscription for Comanche visited from Saturday another year to the Star Tele- to Monday with G. E. Adams and gram, Daily and Sunday.

S. P. Cordell, a young man who partly grew to manhood A.D. Olinger from out on here in Santa Anna, but now route 2, called Saturday and sub-lives in Los Angeles, Calif., is scribed for the Dallas Semispending the Christmas holidays Weekly News. here with friends.

Albert R. Moore, cashier of the First State Bank at Bangs, was a business caller in the Mountain City Monday.

Miss M. C. Rainey from out on route 2, called Saturday and renewed her subscription for another year. Miss Rainey has been a valued reader of the News for many years, and never overlooks her annual respects to her local newspaper.

Mrs. J. P. Woodruff and little son of Lamesa, are here to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wallace.

Elgean Hensley returned this week from the Panhandle country, where he has been working in the oil fields for several weeks and will spend the Christmas holidays here with his mother, Mrs. John Hensley.

Major Neill H. Banister of the School of Intelligence Department of National Guards, is visiting relatives here.

Jas. K. Wells had an accident ast Sunday in which he got a broken arm. Mr. Wells has a policy with the United Life Association of Brownwood and the company has already called and settled with him, paying him \$100.00.

THANKS AGAIN

Santa Anna, Texas, Dec. 9, 1923.

Editor Gregg, Santa Anna, Tex. Dear Sir: While in Coleman yesterday one of your subscribers handed me a copy of the News. The Santa Anna News is a spicy newspaper and to me it seems it should be in every house hold. Your article on the Soldier's Bonus is timely and to the point. I dislike the word Bonus. This word carries with it no force and really means giving something for no purpose. Adiusted compensation is better and carries the significant fact that the soldier only wants for his service compensation. Just what the stay at home boys got for their labor that was so profitable to Big Business. I am with you. Being sat in my way on this important political question I would take it as a favor if candidate for office, high or low, would pass me up and not seek my support who are against the measure. I had three boys who done service for their country in the "World War." Two are living; one died last April 15, 1923 Death was due to exposure while in the U. S. Navy. This fact makes me more enthusastic for the soldier in the fight for an adjusted compensation in their behalf. As an appreciation for the stand you have taken for the boys that made bare their breast to enemy bullets, I am enclosing herewith my check for \$1.00 to be placed to my credit on sub-scription to the Santa Anna News for one year.
I am respectfully yours,

John R. Havens, Rte 1, box 52, Santa Anna, Tex. With pleasure we place your name on our list for a year, and many thanks for the compliments. When you come to the Mountain city make it a point to call at the office and renew a personal acquaintance.-Editor.

TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE

It is natural for a child to be a spender. It should be taught to be a saver. Character and inclination are formed in youth. If not destroyed or corrected they remain into old age.

When you give your child a nickle teach it to save three cents and spend the other two. As soon as it is old enough to understand something of the future it will also comprehend the value of saving while young to insure comfort in old age.

If you do not mould the childs inclinations while young it, will not be able to control them in maturity. It is clearly up to you.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Adams of family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams.

- J. J. Keeling is taking in the sights at Memphis and other west Texas points this week.

Mrs. H. L. Voss and children came in from Miles last Saturday to join Mr. Voss who has been here for several weeks.

W. D. Taylor returned last week from a three weeks hunting trip in south Texas, and God only knows where else, reports a good trip, lot of game, plenty of fun, but refused to say where all he went, what he got or whether he ever expects to do it again.

W. W. Hunter visited several days with his son in Abilene last week.

Pastor J. Hall Bowman of the Methodist church called one day this week, subscribed for the News and ordered a supply of stationery.

Miss Virgie Jackson of Childress, Texas, is in town for the holidays with her cousin, Miss Viola Phillips.

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.

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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.

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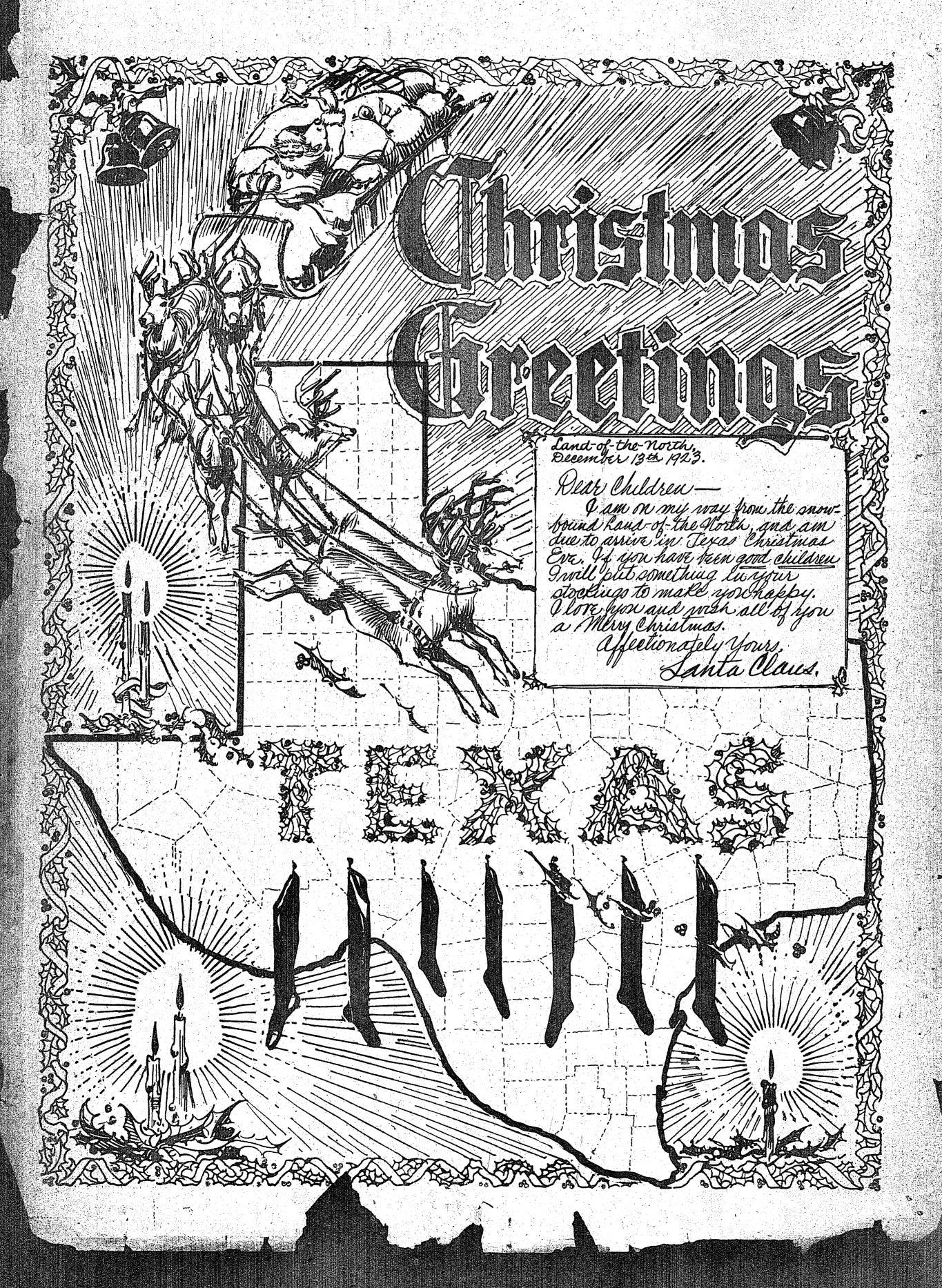
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we were in a big game country. Nig- ed in spoiling the pose of the noble animal. My bullet went astray, and that directed my steps in that direction buck simply folded his rocking-chair. The snow had ceased falling. Climbing antlers back on his weathers and took

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broiled bacon and molasses, I took one | returned; I felt hungry for vension and | a horse. It was one of the biggest bucks I had ever seen and the two of us could not have packed him. It was while we were walking along leading the horse with "our" prize tied across him that the ordeal came, which I knew was coming sooner or later. "What made you miss?" Tom asked. "You sure had a pretty shot and that is said to be the best gun in Menard county."

"It's the amunition," I declared. "You can't hardly get a good cartridge since the war. Some German spies must

have gotten into the factories."

Benchoff and Charlie returned at

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In ancient times one side, would be matched against another and blunt swords or spears were used instead of the poles of later days. The kings would attend such events and they were held all the way from the Black Forest of Germany to the banks of Loch Lomond, where a MacAlpin rode against a MacGregor.

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ed the Washington Post march.
For lack of better accommodations, the public dances of that period were always held in the courthouse and on special occasions a big supper would be served. This particular night, Mrs. Ed Sieker arranged that part of the program and the main delicacy of the feast consisted of roast turkeys killed by south edge of Menard county.

It cost just one dollar a couple to participate in all of the joys of this celebration, including the banquet, while such an amount today would be nothing more than one insignificant tip, several of which might become necessary during the course of one evening. In fact, no part of the Christmas entertainment of that time was expensive. If you rode in the tournament the entrance fee was never over \$5.00, and if your girl was present and you made any kind of a showing,

Turkey Shoots Were Popular.

"Turkey Shoots" was another one of the sports which figured prominently in the Christmas celebrations of the early days. You did not shoot at turkeys, however, but at a target, either with a rifle or a pistol, the scorer of the plete without this feature, and to have most "bulleyes" winning the turkeys. the distinction of leading the grand Contests of this kind drew a large march was an honor practically as great | crowd and there were always any numsame girl would become rivals and exert as that of being chosen caller for the every energy to "string the most beads" quadrille. packed a "hog-leg" and knew re straight with it;

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But really the Christmas tree of that day and time, when in fruitful regalia; was a funny looking concern. As a rule, a committee would decorate the tree and the decorations would be all home made. Cranberries and pop-corn were strung on strong cords and a lot of colored crepe paper, cut into ringlets by deft hands comprised the principal Mr. Sieker on Saline creek, in the part of the ornamentation. And there was another committee to see that no child in the community should fail to be remembered by good old Santa Claus, for even then the old man seemed to have a longer and a stronger arm when he stopped in front of a castle than when he stopped in front of a cabin.

The presents would generally be something useful. The girls would make their "beau-lovers" neckties out of black ribbon, which gave the tree the appearance of one great gibbet where a lot of unfortunates had been hung, while the boys would pick such presents as might prove useful in after years— wall-pockets, picture frames, photo albums and the like, and maybe there would be a wash-board for mother and a pipe for dear old dad.

Of course it would be considered tacky" today. Even in the remotest regions we have learned "the big town stuff," and if the parents of today were to take their children to the same kind of a tree they would doubtless he told where to "get off." We have moved up and on into a more expensive atmos phere. But as more modern Yuletide come 'round that we celebrate in

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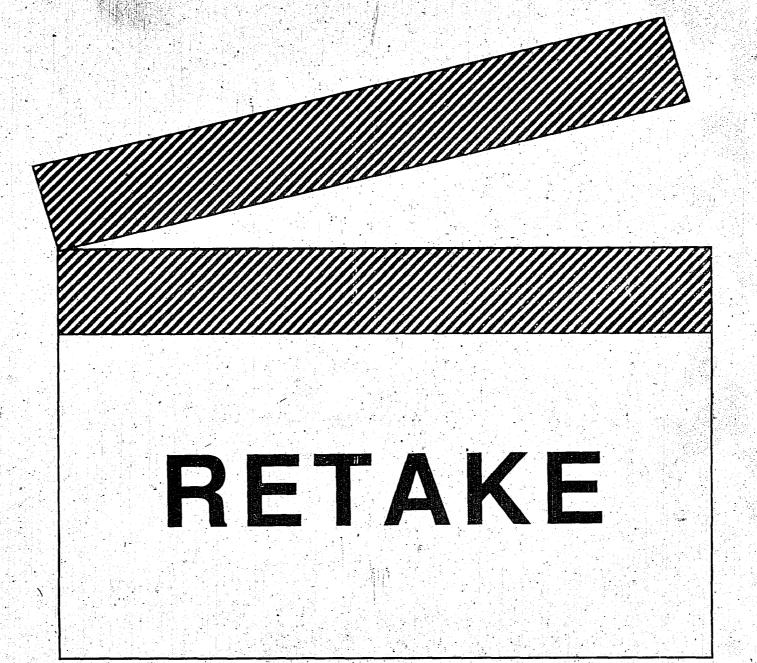
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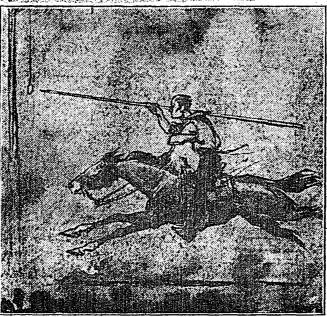
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Just about a week before Christmas I happened to drop in on Tom, who, by the way was the watch-maker and gunsmith of the community. He was seated before his work-bench probing into the vitals of an Ingersoll which had something the matter with the carbuerator, or some other part of it, and wouldn't run.

"What you doing, Tom?" I asked.
"O, piddling' with an old worn-out biscuit that couldn't keep time if a brass band were to play for it," he answered.

Been out this season?" "Nope, but I'm getting ready," he re-plied. "Come an go along. Three of us calculate spending ten days out on the divide twixt Bear Creek and the

forks of the Llano river, in Kimball county, Texas. We'll make our camp at Niger Head hill; Old Bench says deer and turkey both are plentiful in them

I jumped at the chance, and about noon the next day Tom, McCoy, D. G. Benchoff, Charley Graham and myself were off. My contribution to the "munitions of war" was a sixteen guage shotgun and several boxes of shells. The high-power rifles appealed to me and I wanted to kill a buck just as bad as any one of the outfit, but at the same time I was hungry and in case we fell down on getting venison, I intended to slip around and make a shock-formation

charge on a covey of Bob Whites.

In addition to the armament, we carried along a complete cooking outfit and a generous supply of coffee, flour, bacon, spuds and Mary Jane syrup. Tom, who always acted as quartermaster, explained that he did not distrust the hunting ability of the boys, especially "Old Bench," but that the powder might get wet, and besides he liked a change occasionally when in camp.

· Ideal Camping Spot.

It was late when we reached the chosen place, and a blue bank of clouds piled | miles in every direction, and I noted up along the north warned us to hustle that there was a wooded point only a for sneiter. Fortunately we found a thicket which had an opening to the south, where there were a few big trees along near the center and plenty of wood. No more ideal spot could have for shelter. Fortunately we found a short distance across a deep ravine. It

was less than a mile to where we could go and fill our keg from a clear, bub-

bling spring.
A big fire was built and supper prepared, after which we lounged around in camp until midnight, telling stories of other hunts, discussing the merits of certain rifles and digressing occasionally to pass judgment on the ability of friends of ours to get the right kind of a kick in their juvenile experiences with home brew.

bedding and 'tarps" were pulled up over us so that no discomfiture whatever was experienced. A snow storm is rare in that section of Texas. Perhaps the ground is not covered with snow on an average of once in three years. Daybreak, however, brought to us the recollection of a certain poem written in the long ago by James G. Whit-tier. We were truly snowbound, some six or eight inches covered the surface of the earth, and every limb or blade of grass was beautifullly upholstered pure white.

Immediately partaking of breakfast, consisting of strong black coffee steaming hot, camp biscuits,

of the high-power rifles and set out to make good the old story that "the early bird catches the worm." Not over three hundred yards from camp I saw deer tracks, and was assured that at least we were in a big game country. Nigger Head hill was, not far away and I directed my steps in that direction. The snow had ceased falling. Climbing up one slope of the peak I could see for

No prettier picture ever met the gaze of a mortal. Nature was at her best and robed in her grandest garments, and occupying a central position on the "screen" was this beauty of the wilds.

"Cracked Down."

For a time I looked on in admiration, forgetting that there was such a splendid limb back at camp to hang meat on. The virgin charm of the scene, the wild setting untouched by anything of man's Shortly after we retired it began creation, these fairly captivated me. snowing, but we had an abundance of But after a while my "animal instinct"

Tom McCoy seemingly enjoyed his been selected for such a camp. In fact, pe better than anything else. It had nothing was missing but water, and it out into the open space.

and commenced training his Long Tom on my buck, I knew that somebody's shooting record was going to smash, and that it wouldn't be his. I was in hopes, however, that he would miss for I did not relish the "guying" I knew would follow. But Tom didn't miss; in fact "miss" wasn't his name. The buck ran for a short distance and fell. We reached him about the same time. Apparently the big fellow was dead, but when Tom thrust a knife into his neck he threw his horns up with such great force that they almost broke that veteran hunter's leg.

Tom went back to the camp and got



"Four Hunters Gazed into the Dying Campfire, Silent and Thoughtful."

that buck defiantly standing up there with his nose in the air breathing the fresh aroma of the morning, seemed to say to me: "Crack down!"
Well, I "cracked," but I only succeed-

ed in spoiling the pose of the noble animal. My bullet went astray, and that buck simply folded his rocking-chair antlers back on his weathers and took to the lowlands.

Tom McCoy was several hundred yards off in the valley when I fired and the deer seemed to run directly toward | have gotten into the factories."

broiled bacon and molasses, I took one | returned; I felt hungry for vension and | a horse. It was one of the biggest bucks I had ever seen and the two of us could not have packed him. It was while we were walking along leading the horse with "our" prize tied across him that the ordeal came, which I knew was coming sooner or later. "What made you miss?" Tom asked. "You sure had a pretty shot and that is said to be the best gun in Menard county."
"It's the amunition," I declared. "You

can't hardly get a good cartridge since the war. Some German spies must

were satisfied; that night as we around the fire we planned to rem over and cook our Christmas dinner camp. Benchoff declared that it wou not seem like Christmas without eg nog, and Charley said that he could d without the egg-nog but that we ha to have a turkey to keep him from ge ting lonesome.

Having made a failure at getting ver ison, I decided to redeem myself in conquest against the turkeys, and the next day I shouldered a shotgun and went out to look for a roost. A pecan grove about two miles from camp re warded me. At a glance I knew some of the great American birds had roosted there the night before, so I concealed myself, and lay in wait for them.

Just about dusk the turkeys commenced flying into the trees and I "knocked down" four, one of which we named the Sultan and decided to bake for our dinner.

Primitive Christmas Dinner.

When Christmas day arrived we had five bucks hanging up in camp, besides the turkeys and a large number of quail, and we had something else, too. Ism had found a bee tree and brough some fine looking honey. The only that puzzled us was how to cook the key; the dutch oven we had was half big enough. Charley suggest that we wrap it up in a wet sheet are roast it like you do a calf's head by burying it in the hot ashes and coals This proved very successful, and dress-ing was made to go with it. Tom found some pecans when he went to cut the bee tree and these we added in with the onions and sage and corn bread.

Some of the venison was also baked and some of it was broiled Bill Cody fashion; that is done by throwing big thick slices into a hot skillet and letting it sear on both sides, driving the juices to the center. When you are reasonably sure that it is done through and through, you scrape off the charred sides and put the steak into a platter with plenty of butter on it and keep in a warm place until the butter is melted or absorbed.

A dozen quail, too, were made into a pot pie and served steaming hot. It was such a meal as would have satisfied a king. Even the biscuits were fluffy and fine and served as a desert with ou wild honey.

It was a great hunt we had—a grea hunt and a great feast served on a gre day. Everything was simple, class fresh, and in keeping with an occasion marking the dawn of a world's light hope, freedom and good will. When had finished, Tom lighted his pipe again and the blue rings of smoke, as the

The Tournament in Texas

Once Staged as a Red-Blooded Contest During Christmas Week Celebrations.

It was before the advent of the auto- smooth course, for 100 or 200 yards, the a bright hope vanished when some unmobile, or the moving picture, or the radio, that the tournament played a prominent part in Texas Christmas celebrations. In those days a man talked about his favorite saddle horse, rather than his Stutz or Henry, and the screen star of his choice was neither Norma Talmadge, Marion Davies, Mary Pickford nor any of the rest of the now famous moving players of America. It was some shy little lassic with dazzling eyes flashing from beneath a sunbonnet, on whose brow he hoped to place the laurels won by his skillful riding in a red-blooded tournament contest.

Back a Quarter of a Century.

We will have to go back at least a quarter of a century to find the tournament a popular part of the Christmas program in civilian life, although the cavalry branch of the army still stages it occasionally. The contest is for real horsemen, for men of the saddle who must learn to master the art, poise and daring while riding at full speed.

The auto has its advantages in shortening distance, in expediting business and in making travel more convenient and comfortable. But it certainly sounded taps for the old fashioned tournament contest, because it turned our saddle ponies out on the range and gave us a citizenship which has permanently abandoned the stirrup for the clutch and the bridle reins for a steer-

ing-wheel. The last big tournament Christmas celebration I remember, under the old order of things, took place in 1897 at Menardville, a beautiful little town in Menard county, in the stock country of Southwest Texas. Men participated in it who afterwards came to be known as cattle kings and who were rated at the banks as "seven figure financiers." They led in the thought and influence and social life of the city; they were real builders. But their most skillful accomplishment was riding and the tournament afforded them the best public opportunity to show how well they

The way to stage a tournament contest, was by erecting high polls along a hearts were won that way, and many

distance to be determined by those persons most interested. A cross-piece or arm was nailed to the post and a ring suspended from this arm at a height along about a man's breast as he sat on a horse. Then each participant was furnished with a long lance, and, at a given signal, he would dash down the track full speed catching as many of the rings as he could on the point of his lance. He had to make the distance in a time agreed upon by the judges, and the one who secured the greatest number of rings was decorated the winner.

The game originated in France about the twelfth century and was a favorite with the royalty. All through history it has been popular, but more especially during those days when Knighthood was in Flower. It came to America with the Pilgrim Fathers and Washington's soldiers amused themselves with such contests that bleak winter spent at Valley Forge. Col. Robert E. Lee is said to have been the first man to introduce it into °Texas.

To an onlooker the game seems easy enough, but, indeed, it takes a cool head and a steady arm to lift a single ring when the horse is running. Only those who are redblooded and experienced have a chance to win. The uninitiated and the "faint-hearted" had just as

well stay out of the game. In many of the contests of the old days the successful man was not only given a handsome purse for

his dexterity, but he was presented a of one hundred dollars to the winner, wreath as a favor, by "the queen of and in addition to this, it was announcbeauty," or "lady of the tournament," who was chosen before the contest was staged, and it was customary for the winner to gallantly place this wreath upon the brow of his best girl. This often-times made the riding more spirited. Two fellows contending for the favor of the same girl would become rivals and exert every energy to "string the most beads" in order to secure her smiles. Many

fortunate aspirant lost his goal.

In ancient times one side would be matched against another and blunt swords or spears were used instead of the poles of later days. The kings would attend such events and they were held all the way from the Black Forest of Germany to the banks of Loch Lomond, where a MacAlpin rode against a MacGregor.

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confess that there are a few people in this world of whom I am not very fond. There are some whose ways of saying

things and doings things nettle me. Some there are who are so unlikable, so despicable, and whose acts have been so low and mean that at times I have felt that if it were in my power I would have Heaven drop fire on them and connume them; but now I wish them, and all others, a Merry Christmas. There is in this wish a bit of selfishness, but it's case of pardonable selfishness. I want to have a Merry Christmas, and I have lived long enough to learn no person can have a Merry Christmas who would deny a Merry Christmas to any of God's creation.

A dull Christmas is the tragedy of all tragedies. It would be a tragedy indeed if the skies above us should lose heir amethystean glow. It would be a tragedy if the stars that gem night's radiant brow should put out their holy lights to shine no more forever. It would be a tragedy if the sun should its warmth, lose its golden glow, and never again send forth its straight d level beams to gladden and bless he earth. An unhappy bride is a tragenv: the death of a beautiful child, with the dews of beauty and innocence upon brow, is a tragedy that tears the heart: but the greatest of all tragedies is a dull, sad Christmas. And who will have a dull Christmas? All who remain with their ledgers when the great day comes. All who remember heir grudges, all who recount their dis-

the great truth that joy is a condition of the heart and mind, and not the gratification of an appetite or the triumph of a selfish desire. A Merry Christmas cannot be purchased with gold, it cannot come in the possession of goods or chattles; or high position. It comes from within, burgeoning and blooming in the life which has been purged of the tares of selfishness and low aspirations. He who forgets ambition for gain or power, and gives of his store of smiles and good cheer, will reap the reflex as surely as the mirror reflects the golden lights of the sun. And neither poverty, nor affliction, nor sorrow can cheat such a one out of a Merry Christmas. And so, as the great day draws on, may it be given unto all of us to put away all selfishness, all strife, all envying, and wish every heart a full measure of happiness and every creature well.

HANGING THE Many, beautiful STOCKING. customs cluster around Christmas

-customs we always think of when we think of the glad anniversary of the Savior's birth. One of these beautiful customs is the hanging of stockings as receptacles for good old Santa's gifts. Christmas without stockings suspended from the mantels or walls would be as the trees of springtime without bud or leaf. My mind goes back to the early, days in the country where I was reared, where the custom was for each child to drive a nail in the mantel or wall upon which to hang the stockings on Christmas eve. The nail was never withdrawn, unless the grim monster invaded the home and the silent boatman rowed its owner to the other shore. If death came to the child the nail was withdrawn and buried, that there might be no vacant nails to touch sorrow for the dead into the lives of the living when Christmas came again. This custom makes me think of Harry Marriner, one of the sweetest singers who has lived and sung in our beloved Texas, and especially of one of the last poems this sweet singer wrote. Each day for several years Harry Marriner contributed a gem of verse to the Dallas PRESENTS. News. But his great soul lived in a frail body, and nine years ago the white plague claimed the sweet singer as a victim. The sick man was sent to a western town with the hope that the

This is not to their baser desires. Who will have his wasted strength; but alas, the fangs and in a per- a Merry Christmas? Those who grasp of disease had struck too deep, and of disease had struck too deep, and slowly but surely it sapped the life of Harry Marriner away. The sick poet wrote on, even to the day of his death, and some of his sweetest verses came from the couch upon which he was dying. Christmas eve came on. With only two more days to live, Harry Marriner caught the spirit of the glad day. He looked at the old mantel, in the old home which he had rented to spend his last days in, and he saw there the nails which had been driven long ago as supports for the children's stockings on Christmas eye. Though the bugler from the dim shadows was sounding to Harry Marriner the summons of an unrelenting fate, he gazed upon those nails, mute messengers of the joys of Christmas tide to those he knew not, and he thought of the days when a nail was driven for his stocking, and of the later days when nails were driven for his children's stockings, and, while propped in bed, wrote these lines:

> "This is just a home we've rented, but tonight we tasted tears. Looking back to days departed, when, forgotten in the years,

> Tacks showed in the old wood mantel, telling us their tale at last, Of the limp, expectant stocking that once swung there in the past.

> They were driven in so firm-sure and safe against a fall-You could almost see the babies as they *hammered on the wall, Driving tacks to hold their stockings just

where Santa Claus could see, Just where now some other stockings on those hard-nailed tacks will be."

Who can deny a love for simple verses like these—verses that carry us back to rosy youth, when we drove nails in the mantel or wall to hang our stockings on; or to the even happier days when we saw our own children, so happy in the expectancy of Santa's coming, drive nails and hang their little stockings? Read the simple verses of the dying man again. They will draw you closer to the children of today and breathe into your life more of the Christmas spirit.

ABOUT GIVING No person can safely give advice in the matter of making holiday gifts; that is no one can safely tell you what to give. But from experience many of us can give valuable advice along the line of what

cumulated as gifts from previous holi-day seasons. This is dangerous. Memory is treacherous, and no person can remember who gave the presents received a year or two years ago. A good woman within my acquaintance found herself in possession of many cups, saucers, pitchers, etc., which she had received as presents and didn't need. The happy thought came to her that she would give these to her friends instead of purchasing other gift goods from the stores. It was a fine stroke of economy, but it blasted a beautiful friendship of many years standing. To one close friend a beautiful cup and saucer, received the Christmas before, was sent. But alas and alack! She sent the pretty cup and saucer to the lady who had sent it to her only a year before. In a few days this good lady received a curt note from the former friend saying she appreciated very much the return of her cup and saucer. And again. I warn all men against selecting as gifts for their wives such things as hats, dresses, wraps or other wearing apparel. Men are very smart along some lines, but when it comes to selecting a becoming hat, gown or wrap, they are as dense as the most benighted heathen of darkest Africa. If you must give the fairy queen of your home a hat, dress or wrap, by all means let said fairy queen do the selecting, and don't attempt the dangerous experi-ment of trying to do "female shopping." Once upon a time there was a Texas man who had stayed out all night with a "sick friend." Knowing what awaited him at home, the man worked out a plan which he hoped would lessen the fury of the storm, and so as he passed by a dry goods store on his way home next morning, he purchased for friend wife a very flashy wrap. When the flashy cloak was laid at the feet of the queen of the home she threw it on the floor and inquired why he had brought home a horse blanket. Poor hubby was told that "the thing" couldn't stay in the house, but if he would give her as much money to buy a real cloak as he lost the night before playing poker, the dog might sleep on his purchase. Of course the poor fellow was broke. What became of the flashy cloak, I don't know, but I do know that for a time the man got very poor meals and very few smiles and caresses.

Another don't. In all seriousness, when you select a present for your small | friend us most and nerve our arms and prointments, all who draw their purse- high altitude and balmy airs would to give. First let me say, don't give boy, don't select a gun. A gun and a steel our souls for greater and better any of the surplus cups and saucers, or small boy make a dangerous combination.

tion. All over the country there are maimed and crippled children because of the companionship of small boys and guns, and in the cemeteries there are many hallowed mounds that would not mark the resting places of the dead if small boys had not been given guns. You owe it to your child, and to your neighbor's children, and to the birds that sing in the trees and destroy harmful insects not to give your small boy a gun.

The good year of our Lord 1923 is rap-THE CLOSING YEAR. idly drawing to a close. Perhaps I should say that with Time, as with men, there is no death. What seems so to us is merely transition-a moving forward. The diurnal journeys of the sun, the waxing and waning of moons, the coming and exit of seasons, mark the periods that we call years, and when the round has been made the calendar is marked up and we say the old year is dead. But, in a few days 1923 will be numbered with the years that were but are not, and take its place in the musty halls of the Past. Taken as a whole, the year brought our nation and people good. The seasons were gracious, the soil yielded well, and the boll weevils left us enough to give a glimpse of prosperity's lights. We have more money in the banks than we had when 1923 came. We have a great many more Ford cars and much better roads. What more could we ask in material things? Better than this, we have been at peace with the world and have done something towards bringing. peace to others. And, as a people, we have not been selfishness or stingy. We have sent bread to Russia and Austria and China. We are helping Japan rebuild her ruined cities. We are even sending food to the hungry children of Germany, the country that tried to destroy the world a few years ago. All in all, 1923 has been lovely in its ministration, and will be precious in memory. But the year grows old and soon must pass. It totters with age and the sands in the glass run low. As we gaze upon the dying embers let us breaths a prayer of gratitude for what the year has done for us, and for what it has given

Fishin' Tales of Me and Jim

Catching Bream and Bass a Week Before Christmas at Lake Park, Near Tyler. By JACK MAXWELL.

I hope you folks who reads these fishin' tales whut Me and my sidethe is a ritin' git's a whole doggone fun outta them, fer the follerin' resen: It's sho funny to Me fer to el down with my stubb lead pencil an' try to sew this dope tugether fer you all to read—an' besides, the editury but got Me and Jim into this mess, is s payin' us rite hansomely fer the wurk; in fact, Thought Lindy Lou a pair stockin's with my part uy the bay e got fer the last tale. Now, don't fall to rite an' tell us how

tike the tales—so that I can show leter's to the editur, as thet will distrage him to keep rite on a payin' sum uv his hard-earned dolars.

As I wus a sayin', it's grate to go off a fishin' trip and jest lazy round is few days, a ketchin' fish, fightin' riskeeters an' a goin' a swimmin'. Of coarse, if a feller is a fishin' down here is Texas in the winter he cain't be exrected to go swimmin' an' freze his-elf to death. But if the weather is ter cold, an' a feller has gotta sleep ender a pair uv blankets why, he can have lots uv fun a fishin' an' a wanin round in the woods, a kickin' up brown leaves an' a listnin' to whut the leetle folks out in the "open" have gotta say. Yep, the leetle folks uv fur and feather can sho talk, an' if a feller understans their langwidge he can have a rite smart bit uv fun a listnin' to whut they's poping off 'bout.

Fall of the Year Best.

Durin' the years whut Me and Jim fished tugether we has kum to the conclusun thet we likes the fall-o'-the ear, the best uv all, fer fishin' an' a trampin' round out in God's big out of toors, when the leaves is fallin', the black-hawes is ready to eat an' everythin has got on hits fall suit an' the mernings are nice an' crispey.

Of coarse, down here in Texas we has purty nigh the same kind uv weather in the month uv Desember as the folks up North have in October—jist cold huff to put pep in a feller an' make him step round like a jack-rabbet walkin' in plowed ground.

Nope, Me and Jim don't stop a fishin' jist bekaws hits winter, an' a guy has rotta have a fire to keep warm. No, endeed, we never let's up on our piskatoreal art-whut konsists uv feedwums, minnies an' artifishul an' flies to the unsofistikated



"We Likes the Fall-'o-the-Year the Best uv all fer Fishin' an' a Trampin' 'round in God's Big Out o' Doors."

Texas lakes, rivers an' cricks. An' usin' a oyster-pot fer to cook 'em in. an' I'll tell the wurld, thet Jim knows knowin' this to be a solumn fact, why the editur uv the Magazine Section uv your Home Town paper, said he wanted Me and Jim to tell a tale about fishin' fer whut he called "bream," down in East Texas. Yep, that's whut he said, an' by gosh, he's gonna git his wish, fer Me and Jim is well ackquainted with the fishin' kundishuns down about the little city uv Tyler-havin' fished down thar more'n onct.

The trip whut I have on my mine is one we tuk a year ago this Christ-mas, a comin', an' I must say thet we had one deeliteful time an' ketched a hole lot more fish than we could eat; cooked 'em rite at the water's edge-so to speek—an' slept out in the woods

whar we cud hear the owls hoot an see the stars twink'in' thru the dark. As afore stated, bout the fust week in Desember last year, Me and Jim gotta figurin' on goin' down to Tyler fer a few days uv fishin', an' Jim rites to a frend uv his, whut lives down thar, thet we would likes to run down, sav 'bout a week 'fore Christmas, pervided he wud be at home. Well, in two er three days here cums a leter telin' us to cum rite on, everythin' wus a settin' purty, an' he'd be in frum off the rode an' wud go with us to Lake Park-

an' we'd have wun grand sweet time. When the week 'fore Christmas rolled 'round hit foun' Me and James with our fishin'-tackel, cookin'-utinsuls an' whut not loaded into Jim's ol' lizzie an' headed fer Tyler; when we got thar Mr. Taylor—(yep, hit wus Chas. S., an' I bin a nowin' him fer over 20 years, an' a durned fine skout, too)-wus a lookin' fer us, an' we soon wus on our way to Lake Park, a body uv water whut is so purty that hit makes you wantta rite a poem on hit's beautey.

"Lake Park" is clost to Tyler, an' has gotta lotta woods around hitsweet-gum, hickry, post-oak an' black jack, the best stuff in the wurld to cook lishus brown." Folks, yer know thar

Well, when we gits to the lake Mr. Taylor sez to Me and Jim: "Boys, what kind uv bate air ye a goin' to use? An' I up's an' tell's him thet, so fer as I am proved by the see that he's got wood a plentey to keep the fire goin' while Jimmie does persunally kuncerned, I'm a gonna try fer bass with my castin'-rod, an' if he an' Jim wantta fish fer brim why, have at hit; then and thar each uv us

got bisy a riggin' up his poles.
"Chas. S." an' Jim got 'em a boat an'
went after the brim, an' I took my castin'-rod an' meanderd off down the shore-line to try my luck with ol' bruther bass—thet fightin' son-uv-a-gun whut Dr. Henshall speaks so highley uv in his book "The Black Bass," whut tell's why a black-bass is the seckond kusin' to a sun-perch, an' a whole lotta other things pertainin' to the piskatoreal art.

A Real Fish Fry.

Talk about fishin', boy, Me and Jim have bin over the grater part uv two counties, in Arkansaw, an' have fished over the most uv Texas, but honest-togudness, we had the best time down thar at Tyler on this fishin' trip, thet we ever had in all our fishin' in the hole state uv Texas. We fit 'em an' fought 'em, an' we caught 'em an' we lost 'em-an' best uv all, we sho did cook 'em! Did I say cook 'em? Yes, endeed, an' I'll say hit agin, fer we cooked 'em rite out in the woods, whar all natcher is at 'er best, whar the brown leaves wus a playin' hide-an'-seek, an' the kool Desember brezes tuched a felle's cheek, jist like a kiss frum his best gal at a corn shuckin'.

Fer three days an' nites, we camped 'side the riplin' water's uv Lake Park, jist out away from the shore, in the edge uv the woods. An' we let ol' Jim do all the cookin', fer he knows how to make a pot uv mulligan, plank a 4-pound bass, broil a squirel or fry a mess uv brim to whut the editur speaks uv as a "dewhat swims an' frolicks in our fish with—espeshally, if a feller is a is a rite an' a wrong way to cook fish, down in the Tyler diggin's, but space wherever they may roam.

the rest.

Feller's, I guess lot's uv you guy's know how to "stink-the-skillet," an' have cooked meny a fish, but take hit frum a frend uv Jim's, if you wantta know how the real stuff uv fixin' fishfood, jist stand by, while I lites the fire an' put's the kittle on. Now, jist imagin' thet you air as hungrey as a ole' she kiote an' bin fishin' sense early in the mornin', an' have had durned leetle to eat, an' now, the day is dun an' hit's time to cook super. All rite, let's go frum here an' git super ready. "Mr. Taylor, you clean the fish, an' I'll git a armfull uv black-jack sticks fer the

When I gets the fire a goin' good why, here cums ol' Jim an' his ovster-pot. with jist the rite amount uv greese in hit fer the ockashun. An' when the greese gotta cuttin' up like corn in a popper, James has the fish all rolled in corn-meal, an' after puttin' 'em in the leetle wire baskit he set's 'em down in the pot uv hot greese whut wus-a doin' the shimmey over the fire.

Now, fellers, do you get me? I don't like to disputate with a lerned gent like Noah Webster-but when he tries to tell you guy's whut the word BROWN means why, he's absolootely off his nut. Whut he calls BROWN may be all rite when he's a talkin' 'bout paint an' the shade uv a gal's hair; yep, thet's one thing, but talkin' bout the color uv a nicely cooked brim -well, thet's nother thing.

When Jim got thru a cookin' them brim, an' sorter lifted the little wire baskit up outta thet sizlin' greese why, then wus the time a feller seed and smelled a real "delishus brown."

People, I'd love the best in the wurld

forbids; therefour, let's eat super, fer Jim's got everythin' ready an' hit's a gittin' a leetle bit lait.

us the ability and the will to do. And

let us read in the flickering light of the

smouldering heap the death of all our

fears and the renewal of hopes that be-

The fish is all cooked to a "delishus brown," an' with other good things to eat, is spread on top of a ole sawed-off tree stump. "Jimmy, says I, ain't yer cooked too meny fish," but Jim lafed an' kep pilin' 'em hier an' hier on the tin plates. I counted 8 brim an' 4 bass, all purty good size, but we eat each an evry one, down to nothin' but the boney fragmints. Then we had packed away, to take home, as meny more; not bad wurk for three ole fishermen.

Voices of the Night.

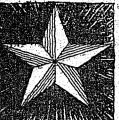
As we three set 'round the bounteful repass, out thar in God's grate out-o'doors, we hears sounds uv wild wood life all 'bout us; frum some whar kums the swish uv wings, as a flock uv mallards hurry past to circle agin an' finerly settle down over on the fer side uv the lake. Frum out the growin' darkness than kums 'nother sound, hit's the voice uv a nite-bird a singin' to hit's mait over thar in the branches uv the old sweet-gum tree.

At last, the meal over, dishes is washed an' put way. Me an' Jim an' Mr. Taylor bring out our ole pipes an' fill 'em fer the evenin' smoke. As we set thar clost to the campfire a lookin' into the fitful tongues uv flame why, each uv us travel onct agin the ole familer trails uv other days—days thet have long sense bin numbered mong things thet's gone beyon'.

An' as we set thar 'fore the open-fire a gazin' into hit, L kinder hear comin' frum out the nite-time stilness, the voices uv ol' fishin' pal's, who long ago started on the long trail whut reaches cross the Big Divide up to the Head Camp—out thar beyond the blue depths, where all followers uv the beloved Izaak Walton will sum day meet. after we have fished an' wished our way along the ever- changin' stream uv life.

CHRISTMAS ALONE.

A fellow that is far away from his home folks on Christmas day may make an effort to be gay, but doesn't have much luck, says a writer. For though he occupies no chair, cross the miles his heart is there, with mother, dad and sis to share the Christmas dinner. The man whose hair is turning gray, the laughing youth, so bright and gay all to tell you sum more 'bout our trip miss the homefolks Christmas day,



The people of Texas can well look forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. They have been blessed during 1923 with fairly good crop yields,

with increased business activity in practically all lines and with a health record far ahead of

last year. This year's cotton crop, produced at less cost than in several years and marketed at prices which brought a profit to the farmers, has ushered in a period of unusual prosperity throughout the state. Much ready money has been placed in circulation, merchants report a heavy fall trade and banks show a large gain in deposits and a

corresponding decrease in loans.
County banks, by reason of the paying power of farmer customers, have been able to liquidate their indebted-Rural deposits are now larger than at any time since 1919, the year of inflation and abnormal prosperity. County banks have lowest ratio of local loans compared to deposits in many

Government gin statistics show that Texas produced this year 40 per cent of the entire cotton crop of the United States, and the crop, including the seed, sold at prices that have already put in the pockets of our Texas farmers over \$600,000,000.00.

The best evidence of prosperity is the paying of old debts. The year of 1923 will go down in history as a year in which Texans materially reduced their indebtedness. Some merchants report debts paid by customers who have been in arrears from five to ten years.

And what is even more beneficial, our people have learned a lesson in economy. The lean years of the past, following several years of world war inflation, have taught them to conserve their resources, to eliminate waste, to spend

less and to save more.

Not only did Texas produce the best cotton crop in the south, but other crops as well. Estimates forecast by the United States Department of Agriculture, puts the Texas cotton crop production of 1928 at 8,800,000 bales, wheat crop 16,375,000 bushels, corn crop 151,750,000 bushels, oat crop 49,-824,000 bushels, barley crop 2,400,000 bushels, rye crop 348,000 bushels, tame hay crop 987,000 tons, wild hay crop 201,000 tons, broom corn crop 5,700

tons, rice crop 5,143,000 bushels.

Besides the foregoing crops, our farmers have had fairly good crops of sweet and Irish potatoes, ribbon cane,

the syrup.
South Texas has planted a spinach crop of 10,315 acres, 1,635 acres more than last year, and the crop will move in carload lots to eastern markets from January to March, 1924.

While on the subject of crops, it is interesting to know that our farmers

better cotton seed, better corn seed, etc. A farmer near Tyler has captured a prize for raising eight bales of cotton from five acres of fertilized and well cultivated land. Agricultural pos-

sibilities are so in-finite in Texas that we may expect many won-derful yields of field and truck crops as intensive cultivation is more generally adopted.

This has been a \$1,000,000,000.00 crop year for grand old Texas, and we now lead all other states in value of farm crops for 1923.

West Texas is doing her part in adding to the wealth of Texas agriculturally by cutting up her large ranches into small farms and by extending the cotton belt into the upper Panhandle. A gin has been recently erected at Dalhart, 81 miles from Amarillo and 407 miles from Fort Worth.

This brief review of the progress of the farm-

wealth of Texas comes mainly from the and contentment of our citizens than a centennial expositionsoil, and her people cannot become permanently prosperous and happy with-out abundant field crop yields.

While looking backward, with unassuming pride, upon the general progress from all over the world, and this year | wealth are seemingly inexhaustible, yet hum, peanuts, garden vegetables, berries, etc. A Cass county, East Texas,
farmer contracted to sell his output of We have built more new and better ganized at Llano, Llano county, for the

1,800 gallons of ribbon cane syrup be-fore he had completed the making of and colleges, more new and better homes. The school districts of our state issued approximately \$10,000,000 in bonds during the scholastic year ending August 31, 1923.

Millions of dollars in bonds also have been voted and issued for good roads, and much progress made this year in good road building. Some counties in are giving more attention to seed selection and fertilization than formerly— entirely through them, built of solid more actively.

purpose of developing the gold and platinum mine located five miles from Llano. This mine has been idle for the past fifteen years, but now it is to be worked under the name of the Llano Gold and Rare Metal Company. The potash deposits near Odessa has interested eastern capitalists and core tests reveal these deposits in paying quanti-ties. New lignite fields have been dis-

The State Compment puts the total yield of crude oil in Texas during 1923 at 77,530,382 barrels, valued at \$134,586,000.00 Appro xi m a t e l y sixty-five new oil fields have been brought in since January 1, 1923, including the Powell field, near Corsicana, which at peak produc-tion, was flowing 300,000 barrels of

crude oil per day.
In this limited review no account is taken of the advancement in fine livestock breeding and raising, fine poultry breeding and raising, dairy-ing, horticulture,

etc.
It is now suggested that Texas should celebrate its one-hundreth anniversary by a centennial exposition. Much interest has been m an ifested state in this movement, and the newspapers have given freely of their space in an endeavor to remind all Texans

that a glorious oping interests of Texas during 1923 cement, asphalt or gravel. Nothing portunity awaits them to advertise is important, in that the prosperity and can contribute more to the happiness the greatness of Texas by promoting

> Texas also heads all other states in the creation of new wealth from farms.

and preventing unnecessary wast gas and oil production.

These notable achievements of the passing year should inspire all Texan to face the New Year with supreme con-fidence and faith—faith in our unlimited resources and in our workmen -whether the workmen be tillers of the soil or tillers of the lathe and trowel, whether the workmen be dealers in merchandise or directors of schools and colleges, public officials, or ministers of the gospel. All Texans should be lieve in Texas and its matchless pos sibilities, should unite and stand shoul er to shoulder in forwarding the in-terests of their respective counties and communities, to the end that Texas may grow and continue to prosper and hold its commanding place among the grea states of the United States. Texas folks, therefore, both childre

and grown-ups, should look forward t the holidays with joy and thankfulnes because of our splendid progress in th past, our abundance in the present, and our promise in the future. We truly, and in all sincerity, have reason to rejoice with grateful hearts, and be merry, at this glad Yuletide season of the year or our Lord, nineteen hundred a twenty-three.

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS. The magic of the Christmas seas is the element of suspense that ente into it. The beauty of it—all the fu of it-would be spoiled were all th

Isn't that the greatest philosophy all? asks a writer in the Philadephi Ledger.

packages to be opened the week befor

Christmas or even the day before

While we have our hazy dreams the golden treasures we hope some da to attain, we don't want to know all the is in store for us until we actually rea ize them. Anticipation is ever so much better than realization. Familian breeds contempt when the treasures throughout the life become commonplace.

What we want is more of the of fashioned Christmas spirit; less of the and more of faith, "the substance things hoped for, the evidence of thin not seen.

Somewhere in a magazine story curs this phrase: "It's all that keed us going—the belief there's something better waiting if we can only catch us with it.'

Let's not insist on knowing all it gifts in store for us.

Before Christianity came in used to fear that the sun was when the days grew short and day

THE ABSENT ONE

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By FRANK L. STANTON

"I'm thinking of you in the Christmas," It rings like a tender refrain; The sky is so blue, Like the dear eyes of you, And still do the lilies remain.

"I'm thinking of you at Christmas." The halls with the holly are red; And where do you stay On this beautiful day, Where the light on your pathway is shed?

Do the lilies bloom for you, dearest? Under skies that are darkened or blue; In a far-away land Does some tender kind hand Lift a flower of Christmas to you?

Oh, the bells o'er the wide world are ringing, And the skies bend in beauty of blue; But a thought from the past Liveth with me at last; In the Christmas I'm thinking of you!

well constructed and well maintained The mineral and forest resources of ranches, mines, oil, forests, and fishthe state continue to attract investors eries. While these sources of new

has revealed greater wealth of the we should, at this

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

By An American Mother

The civilized world wants peace Diplomats and statemen, sitting in their high places, may theorize, and military leaders may sound their dark warnings. But if civilization civilizes, if education educates, we should know by this time that war is stupid, wasteful and unnecessary. We, the average men and women of America, should insist that the institution of war be abolished forever and that nations find some saner, safer way of settling their differences.

This is a season when all the world should be thinking of peace. It is a time of good will among men. It is a time when we will be most ready to accept the new rendering of an old and a very beautiful sentiment: "Peace on earth to men of good will!"

The method of settling international disputes by arbitration has been tried and found not wanting. Argentina and Chile at one end of the world, Norway and Sweden at the other, have settled their disputes by arbitration. Denmark's three treaties with Italy, Portugal and The Netherlands withhold no clause, however vital, from reason's peaceful sway. The Casa Blanca dispute between France and Germany, the Venezuela question, the North Atlantic fisheries case, the Alabama claims—all these have been settled by abitration. In fact, within the last century two hundred and fifty international disputes have been settled in this

And there is a case near home, a perfect object lesson in the methods by which international peace may be secured and maintained, a political wisdom that has created a transcontinental boundary between the United States and Canada nearly 4000 miles long, in which for many years there has been no need of a single fort, a single soldier or a single gun.

This agreement has stood every test -it has withheld the strain of politics as well as the threat of big business interests. It works. It is working to-

Argentine, it makes a peculiarly im-

was inspired by a woman, Madame of hatreds Angelina de Oliveira Cesar de Costa, founder and president of the South American Association for Universal Peace. Madame de Costa has received the two highest orders from Holy See, one of them the order "Pro Ecclesia of the "Societe Academique d'Histoire Internation-aille" of Paris. No story can be more beautiful of more inspiring than this of the erection of this figure of the Prince of Peace, dominating with its gesture of reconciliation. And certainly none is more fitting at this Christmas season.

Argentine and Chile had had serious differences concerning certain boundaries and the two countries were on the verge of war. European shipyards were busy with orders for gigantic battle ships of the latest models, and a tax of 5 per cent was levied to provide the cost. The dispute had already cost the contestants great sums of money, and much thought and energy had been put into it. Such controversies not only breed blind and unreasoning hatred, but divert the mind and heart of nations from constructive and wholesome things.

At last is was agreed that arbitration should be left to His Majesty King Edward VII of England, and the terms decided upon by the commission of distinguished men appointed by him were happily accepted by both Argentine and Chile. By the terms of the treaty armaments were reduced and the shipbuilding program was halted. The money thus saved was

on the border line between Chile and ships were dismantled and added to the commercial flotilla. Disarmament was tries, not only as a symbol of permanent pressive appeal for universal peace. It real, friendships began to take the place



Majestic Symbol of Peace, on the Crest of the Andes, Inspired

ed on the border line of the two counpeace between Argentine and Chile, but | Berlin.

as a plea for universal peace. The suggestion was made to the presidents of the two countries. who welcomed the idea cordially, and so enthusiastic was the response that in a very short time the young sculptor of Buenos Aires, Sr. Mateo Alonso, had finished the work.

The occasion of the dedication was remarkable. Chilean bands played the Argentine national hymn, and the Argentine band played the national hymn of Chile.

"These mountains will reverse themselves," said one of the speakers, "before Chileans and Argentines will forget their promise of peace sworn at the feet of Christ the Redeemer."
Madame de Oliveira did not

stop her magnificent work in the interest of world peace with the erection of this statue in 1904. She went to Europe and through her efforts a reproduction of the Christ of the Andes, by M. Lagas, was erected at The Hague in 1913.

Men have been fumbling at this job of ending war long enough. The first Hague conference was called in 1899 by Nicholas II of Russia, to the end that war might cease. In 1907 the second Hague conference was held. Between this and the recent Washington conference we have had conferences and councils and commissions at numerous times, and still war threatens.

And what a war the next will be if predictions are half fulfilled. Mr. Edison was asked if it were true that the entire population of London could be

dozen one-ton bombs loaded with L isite gas could eliminate all life

Shall we not then turn, at this he tiful Christmas time, toward South America where that majestic figure of the Prince of Peace stands as a beautiful reminder of universal friendliness He alone realized this sublime thought of fraternity which should over-shadow all bitterness, and eliminate all hatreds. His indeed is a creed, for all classes, and for all time—"Peace on earth to men of good will."

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(Continued From Page 2) grander way—appreciating every new and better gift and believing that in spite of it all this is the golden age of history—we cannot help looking back occasionally and "kinder half-way" longing for some of the plain old-fashioned things of a quarter century

We cannot bring back the past, an we do especially care to do so, but som times we find ourselves pushing or the gate that leads into the Garden the Past and looking around among half-dead shrubbery and unkempt vin where shadows fall on a broken c rock and wild birds flit through fad leaves; as we stand there in memor land, we feel the loss of a simplic which marked without marring time Christmas celebrations.

WHY DO WE DECORATE OUR CHRISTMAS TREE?

Ancient sun worshippers used to decorate trees, because they thought a spreading tree was like the sun rising. higher and higher, in the heavens. They used lights to signify the lightning; apples, nuts and balls to signify the sun, moon and stars, and figures of animal sacrifices which were made to their gods. The angels, cross, etc., which we Perhaps the most majestic symbol of peace in the world is "The Christ of the Andes." Standing as it does on a snow-crowned crest of the Andes, just turned to more practical and by a Woman.

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It is not generally known besides Christians, there are many other peonie who keep December 25 as a festival for different reasons. The Persians, the Hindus, even the Egyptians, do so, and even among the Arabs the "beardless rider" moves about in disguise, playing amusing pranks and collecting gifts.

The celebration of Christmas is strangely erratic from a geographical standpoint, Thus, in Northern Europe Holds firmly to any metal conducting part of the car by strong ducting part of the car by strong Electro-Magnet, exerting a pull assistation neighbors, the Russians, pay comparatively litattention to it, reservno their rejoicings for New for Easter.

To Letin nations, however. Christmas has not the denificance which nations risde up of the people of German stock attach to it. In South America, France, Spain and Portugal the festhe English or Scandinavian

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Christmas festivities and Christmas ideals, more than all others, should be kept unchanged from year to year. We cannot hope to improve upon the

splendid old customs which have been handed down to us thru the ages. It has always been a time of rejoicing a time for giving as well as receiving.

The Christmas spirit fell among black times during the long, weary years of the war. The holiday season came to be dreaded more than the dullest and hardest of worktimes. It was quite impossible for those at home to give gifts and be gay when the boys were in the trenches. It seemed like sacrilege to use the precious sugar for making Christmas cakes and candies. So we changed our Christmas customs to suit the exigencies of the times.

There are many ways of presenting a gift. First of all, be on time. A Christmas gift should be presented on Christmas and not two or three days afterward. Start early enough to make your gifts so you will be thru on time.

Start some time before Christmas and save every bit of pretty and attractive paper that comes in the house. Also save all the gay little pictures you can, and hunt for more. You will be surprised at what pretty packages you can make from brown wrapping paper with a bright picture on top and all tied with bright ribbon.

If you haven't any attractive paper in the house, invest a few cents in some bright-colored tissue paper. Then buy some gold passepartout binding. Wrap your gifts in bright red or green tissue paper and bind them round with the gold or silver paper. But first cut the binding down thru the center or it will be a bit too wide.

The making of gift boxes is a fascinating business. If you are going to give a little gift you will be giving a double gift if you present it in a box that can be kept on the desk or dressing table as a trinket box. Take an ordinary box and cover it with either brown wrapping paper or any fairly heavy paper of a bright color. Paste a pretty picture on the top of the box and paste a little border of good paper

Workbag Chat

Well, I hope you have a Merry

Christmas—I wish

it to you with

emphatic good-will

-and I trust that

all the many

stitches taken in

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gifts will be ap-

a very hackneyed

It's

saying that no one appreciates the

time spent upon needlework gifts but the one who makes them, and I

really don't think that's so. It's like

a lot of other bromides that sound true

but really aren't. We mustn't consent to

believe things just because someone

has said them over and over again be-

fore we were born. In this day of rush and hurry and so many outside inter-

ests lots of girls and women have little

time, too little time, for making with

their needles the pretty things they

would like to have. One has only to

price hand-made things in the shops

to know that women appreciate them

or they wouldn't pay the prices the

shops are compelled to ask for anything

that takes so large an amount of labor.

All or which is to say that anything

you needle-lovers have sacrificed in time

to make during the pre-holidays I just

know will give double the pleasure of

A Family Gift.

had time to make, possibly a family gift.

If that is so, you will want to make something that will take very little time,

won't you? Had you ever thought of

the possibilities of curtain net? It makes so many delightfully gifts and is

so decorative in itself that one doesn't

And let me whisper something to you: Many of the things can be made

from old curtain net, too. If it is in

good condition it will look just as smart

as the new when it is made up into the

gifts. For example, if you have a pair

of net curtains you aren't using, one

side will make a charming bureau

scarf and you may like to make a boudoir pillow from the other. Cut

the scarf the size you wish and place

a one-inch hem about the edges. At

the top of the hem run a narrow ribbon

-French blue or old rose will be effec-

tive—and place about three tiny pink

have to do a lot of stitchery upon it.

I wonder if it's possible that there is yet a gift or two which you haven't

many a bought gift.

preciated.

Of course these times are expensive, and most certainly we should save our pennies! But don't you really agree that taking thought for our relatives and best friends just once a year is not too often? And that any less would amount to none at all.

Savings count for nothing when weighed in the balance with the Christmas joy to both giver and receiver of the simple and thoughtfully planned Christmas gift.

"Christmas giving is too much of a strain on me. I haven't the strength to worry over a lot of gifts."

Do I hear you say that? Well, dear reader, let me argue with you. I do not ask that you worry over your gifts. I merely ask that you plan them carefully. Nor does that mean such a great deal. Give only to those who are without loved ones-

For Christmas without, Christmas giving would not be Christmas.

When one takes thought for one's friends at Yuletide, one not only saves money and gives useful things, but at the same time gives part of one's own

When you think over what to send Mary, remember that she is just starting out housekeeping and that you noticed there was a shortage of neat little chambray aprons in the immediate vicinity of her kitchen. Then send her an apron instead of a piece of frippery sent just so you had "something" to send and which will only suffer total inattention and uselessness the whole year thru while it is collecting dust in some obscure spot.

Christmas giving is a very balanced proposition. There are three things that enter into it—thought, patience and money. Skimp on one and you will have to add just that much more of the other. The wisely chosen gift uses these three things in just the right proportions.

Emerson had the right idea when he said that the only gift is a portion of one's self, reflecting the individuality of the giver.

Let us make this Christmas a "Saneand-Simple Gift" one. Giving is a gracious art and one which is put to the test at Christmas time. In these days of strain and hurry and enrest, let us not forget that gentle art, which really is the art nearest and dearest to the heart of Merry Christmas!

Making Clever Gifts With Needlecraft

ribbon roses, the kind bought by the

yard, in each corner. If you do not

wish to go to all this expense, simply

run a long basting stitch of rose, or blue wool, about the top of the hem. A

double row of the wool about half an

inch apart will look even better. Be

careful, if the double row is used, to

have the stitches the same length and

match. If it is round it should be shir-

red about the edges with about an inch

or two-inch frill of the nct and the rib-

bon or wool placed over the line of shirring. A bow of several loops of the

ribbon can be placed in the center of the

round pillow to cover the terminal of the

shirring there. The pillow may have a colored covering under the net. if you

wish, as may also the bureau scarf, but

neither is necessary. The scarf, per-

haps two scarfs, and the pillow make a nice set; but they can be given separate-

ly if you are rushed for time, and added

to upon other gift days. A little oblong

pillow is, of course, simplier to make

and takes less material. Leave a

straight one-inch flange all about the

edges and place a line of the wool or rib-

bon over the stitching; lacing the ribon

Let me whisper something to you:

if you have an old black satin frock

that isn't good for wearing any more, make some simply fascinating cushions from it. A black satin cushion (you

may use black silk, if you haven't satin)

is just the most effective thing in a room, no matter what the color scheme.

Black in interior decoration, you see,

always serves to emphasize whatever scheme it is added to. The square

cushions are good, and are smart; but

personally, I prefer the round, shirred

ones. A touch of gold somewhere on

a black pillow makes it doubly effective.

I would not advise combining it with

any color if you would have it keep

all its smartness. In this way you

could make an inexpensive Christmas.

I really must tell you about the most amusing of collar button boxes I have

seen. It is five inches high and is of

hand-painted wood. It is filled with

two gold-plaited collar buttons and the

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the following verse is attached:

"Here comes little Sally Sutton

in and out.

The boudoir pillow can be made to

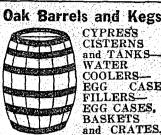
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An attractive corner may be arranged in the livingfroom where a fruit punch ments depends more on the default of the hostess at the new ones can be arranged to all corners the lad and the new ones can be arranged to all corners the lad and the livingfroom where a fruit punch ments and propers are lad and the all corners to contest held.

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of the table. Each bowl holds the same number of marshmallows. The players are divided into two sides and the object is to see which team can the more quickly roast over the can-

ed upon a table. Each play-bon't write unless you mean business. Address owner, C. C. TIPTON, Amarillo, er in turn is blindfolded and stationed with his back to the candle, about a foot from

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Tastened to the crepe rope, in the crepe rope, in the crepe rope, in the crepe rope, in the crepe rope. then he passes the snowball to the person next to him, who continues the story in like maner until he also reaches the fatal red button.

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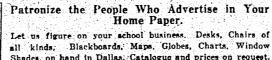
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even with his deformity and hard life he always wore a smile and had a cherry word for every passer-by. His home was an attic room at "Mis' Murphy's House." Danny shivered in cold weather and sweltered in hot weather.

This particular evening was a cold and biting one. The snow had been falling all day and with the lowering of the sun a fresh norther had come up. Danny was wet and cold. His few scanty clothes appeared to add more to his misery than comfort. Every one had been in such a hurry to get home out of the biting cold very few had stopped to buy a paper. By five o'clock it was dark and the street lights and blazing store windows only seemed to mock him. He had sold only five papers this afternoon instead of his usual large number. However, he struggled bravely on trying to make a few more sales. By seven o'clock he could stand it no long-

er, and turned to go in the corner store for a few minutes to get warm. The throngs bustled past him in their mad rush to finish their last minutes shopping. Dan-ny looked wistfully into an artistically decorated window where a large Santa

surrounded with little "wax" children was seemingly happy. Suddenly the thought passed thru his head "this is Christmas eve." However, it meant little to him as he had no one to share it with. In fact, he would be only the more lonely because of the holiday.

Stepping inside the swinging doors he crept over to one corner near a big steaming radiator. He thrust his hand into his pocket and brought out a few nickles and pennies. He slowly counted them and found he had just enough for a warm supper and a scanty breakfast. He was hungry, too, having had only a cup of coffee and a doughnut to eat that day. After he had warmed his hands, he tucked his remaining papers under his arm and started for the nearest lunch-counter. As he came close he could smell the cooked food and steaming coffee. How glad he was that he had at least made enough for a warm supper. Just as he turned to enter the door he saw an old, old man sitting on the edge of the sidewalk. He was scantily clad and seemed about ready to faint from the cold. Danny rushed to his side and said "Smatter, Pop?" The old man raised his head slowly and Danny saw great tears streaming down his face and falling into his long white heard. The man replied, "I am sick and cold. I am an old man and can hardly work. I was trying to sell some papers but my hands got so cold that when some one in the crowd shoved me I dropped them in the dirty street so no one will buy them now. My little lame daughter at home is crying, I know, because she hasn't eaten since yesterday. I am now too cold to go on." Danny hesitated a moment, he was so hungry, then he thrust his hand in his pocket and pulled out his few cents, these he put in the old man's hand and said: "Here, this will buy you a little food. I have a few papers left which I can still sell." The old man slowly rose and placed his hand on Danny's shoulder and said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive, and God bless you my boy, you shall have your reward.'

Danny was too tired and cold to sell any more papers so he crept to his attic room and tried to find comfort under the few rags that served him as cover.

Tomorrow is Christmas, and I have no one, he thought. How hungry I am, and tomorrow -, but I am glad I gave the old s----. He was so old." Over man my penniesand over again, these thoughts passed thru his head. Christmas with its joys to others meant

He thought of the great brown house on the hill, of its wide spreading lawns and beautiful trees enclosed behind the forbidding wall. He had seen it one time when he went on a special errand for the paper. As he was leaving he caught a glimpse of a pale hand waving to him from an upper window. He had waved his cap in return and then went out again thru the great gates. That was Christmas a year ago. He had been given a bright shining dollar by the butler for a Christmas present. But this year

would be different. He didn't even have the price of a cup of coffee. How long he had been asleep he did not know but he awakened to find the sunlight streaming into his room and a gentle hand on his head. When he had rubbed the drowsiness out of his eyes he looked up and saw standing beside him an old man in fine clothes and a long white beard. "My, boy," he was saying, "Merry Christ-mas to you."

Danny hardly knew what to do or to say. "Merry Christmas," he managed to mutter. "I have come to take you home with me to live. I need you; and my little lame girl, who can only sit by the window loves you already."
"But who are you? I can't go mister—,
I'm so——." Danny had started to cry.

"There, there, my little man. I am the owner of the brown house on the hill. I need some one for company for my little girl, she is so

lonely since her dear mother left us and went to live with God. Last night, I determined to test you to see if you were worthy of a good home, so I disguised as a poor old man and begged you for your pennies for food.
"Oh," said Danny. "So, you are the man who

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manger, in Bethlehem

of Judea. I am sure all

of you know what a

manger is. He came

in this lowly place to

save the humble as

Jesus was a sweet

well as the mighty.

little baby, rosy and

dimpled, just like your baby brother may be.

His mother watched

over Him as your

mother does over you,

although, I am sure, the Christ child must

have been just a little

'different" from other

A great star shone

over his birth place.

By this star the Shep-

herds, who were taking

care of their flocks on

the hillside, were guided to the place of his birth. They brought

him simple gifts of milk, cheese, wool and a lamb. In his sight, though, the gifts were

wonderful as they were given with love, which makes any gift accept-

The star also guided

the Three Wise Men of the East. They

brought expensive

gifts, which no doubt,

were no more accept-

able to Him than those

A few days after His

birth, Herod, who was

then the King of that

country, hearing that "a new King was born," sent his soldiers

of the Shepherds.

babies.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care.

In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds.

While visions of sugar-plums danced through their

heads; And mamma in her kerchief, and I in my cap, Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap, then out on the lawn there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash, Away to the window I liew like a lash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash,
The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen anow,
Gave luster of mid-day to objects below;
When, what to my wandering eyes should appear,
But a minature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer, But a minature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick.
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his courses they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and call'd them by name:
"Now Dasher, now Dancer, Now Prancer, now Viven,
On Comet, on Cupid, on Donder and Blitzen."
To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall,
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all.
As dry leaves that before the wild hurriance fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky.

So, up to the house-top the coursers they flaw,
With a sleigh full of toys, and St. Nickolas too.
And they then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnish'd with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back;
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes how they twinkled, his dimples how merry,
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry,
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

As tump of a pipe he had tight in his teeth.

And the smoke, it encircled his head as a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook, when he laugh'd like a bowl full of jelly.
He was ehubby and plump—a-right jolly old elf—
And I laugh'd when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his ere, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He apake not a word, but went straight to his work.
And filled all the stockings; then turn'd with a jerk
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he fose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

to kill all the little children under two years of age. Joseph had been warned of this by an angel in a dream and had taken Mary and Jesus into Egypt.

A very beautiful story is told of how during this journey the family stopped to rest beneath a fig tree. Mary desired some of the fruit as she was hungry. Joseph was too tired to climb the tree and get it for her, and the bough was to high to reach. So Jesus commanded a bough to bend down. He was so pleased with the obedience of the tree, that he promised, because of this, that one of its branches should be carried by the angels and planted in his Father's Paradise.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph did not stay long in Egypt but returned to Nazareth to His father's Here Jesus grew to be a man. He worked in His father's shop. His father was a carpenter. It was during this time he learned the sweet lessons of home life. His parents were poor and could give him no advantages. But the bible tells us that he daily grew in wisdom. God was his teacher:

Every year He made the journey to Jerusalem to the feast of the Passover, with His parents. In the twelfth year after His birth, during their return from the feast, Mary noticed that her Son was not with people making the journey home. She hastened back to Jerusalem and searched for Him three days and nights. At last she found Him in the Temple talking with a group of wise old men. They were atonished at His great knowledge and wisdom. Mary, was so happy to find Him and she asked Him, "Son, why hast Thou dealt with us? Behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing?" He answered her and said, "How is it that Ye sought me? Wist Ye not that I must be about My father's business?" He returned with His parents to Nazareth to work again in His father's carpenter shop. Thru the succeeding years he was a good student and an obedient child.

When John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, Jesus came from Galilee to Jordon to John to be baptized. John did not want to baptize Jesus, as he knew Jesus was greater than he. But Jesus said, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fullfill all righteousness." Jesus was well past childhood

now, as he was near thirty years old.

Up to this time he had labored in his father's shop, but now since he was grown-up, he must go to preach the gospel of His Heavenly Fath-

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2 teaspoonful grated nutmes 2 egg yolks
1/2 teaspoonful made 8 egg whites
Sift together the flour, baking powder and
spices. Sift again after adding the sugar. Then
make a hollow in the center of the sifted ingredients; add the eggs, unbeaten, and stir in the mixture a little at a time. Beat well for about five minutes. Add the orange juice and grated rind and chopped fruit last. Make into balls the size of a large walnut, dipping the fingers into pulverized sugar. Bake on a oiled or butter paper, an inch apart, in a hot oven.

A CHRISTMAS RESOLUTION.

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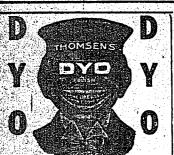
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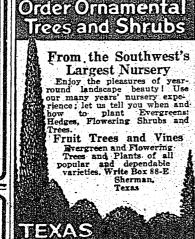
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WOMAN'S PAGE

MRS. MARGARET STUTE



THE CHRISTMAS TABLE.

The center of interest for Christmas (outside of the Christmas tree) is the dining table. Mother's interest is principally the dinner itself, then the decorations. With a little planning and foresight the most modest home may present an artistically arranged table with little ex-

Simplicity is the keynote to a well arranged table. Never over-do the thing.

The best linen and silver are always in evidence. First a "silent cloth" is used, then the table cloth. An embroidered center piece can be used also.

Silver must be placed correctly in order to be attractive.

For the ordinary dinner the following des-

cription is sufficient: To the right of the plate is placed the knife, sharp edge towards plate, then as many tea spoons as are needed, coffee spoon next to knife, then salad fork (if to be served after soup) last from plate is placed soup spoon. On the left of the plate is placed fork for pie or cake (if to be served) then fork for the main dinner. The butter knife is laid on butter plate if they are

used: if omitted, knife is also. . All of the plates are placed in front of who ever is to serve; except where service plates are used.

Glasses are placed at the right of the plate

near the point of the knife.

Napkins are placed at the left of the forks, if first course is served before seating the guest. If not served until seated, then napkin is placed between knife and fork or on service plate, if

Dinners today are served with much less formality than formally. There are several reasons for this, namely, because the scarcity of reliable help, and then during and following the war people became less formal in every way.

year gives her such an opportunity to display her talents and radiate good cheer and happiness.

To commence with, each member of the family

must join hands and work together in order to

Most people in Texas are exceptionally fortu-

nate in one respect. As about all they have to do is to go out into the country and they can

gather all the mistletoe needed for decorating. Of course, the "early bird" always gathers the best mistletoe. So lay in your supply early, be-

The keynote of decorations should be found in

With a few cents spent, wisely and a little

the living room, or parlor, which ever is to be

fore-thought, any house can present a glowing

In the living room a center of interest must be

chosen. Perhaps it will be a centrally suspend-

ed chandelier, perhaps an open fire place, or the Christmas tree. Which ever it is, lay the most

emphasis at this spot! Red and green being the

favorite colors for Christmas decorations, many

One artistic room I have in mind was where the chandelier was used as the center of interest.

A large red ball was suspended from it (but a

cause no Christmas is complete without it.

used the most during the day.

beautiful ideas can be worked out.

and hearty welcome.

pretty bunch of mistle-

toe can be used as

well). Cotton was fluf-

fed and sprinkled with

artificial snow. This

was banked on top of the bell (or mistletoe) and little flakes placed

here and there on the

lights and cord. Two

streamers of red and

two of green Christ-mas cords were run

from the top of the

bell to the four corners

of the room, the colors alternating. Tiny bits of cotton were placed on these. In the cor-

ners pretty bunches of

mistletoe were fasten-ed to the wall with

tiny tacks (so as not

to spoil the wall) and these were flecked

with cotton. By the

fireplace a pretty tree

was placed and decorated with the usual

Christmas tinsel There

were pretty candles,

red apples and yellow

oranges suspended on colored twine and all

the other various and

sundry things used. Dried red peppers were placed here and there

among the green to give a colorful effect.
Small limbs with autumn leaves were placed in

the corners and over the pictures and mantle.

Holly can be used at almost any place. Tiny

red bells and minature Santa Claus may be hung

The dining room must present a bower of love-

liness and hospitality. Here holly, mistletoe, pine boughs, cones and any other "natural" decoration can be used in profusion. However, the

table is the center of interest and other decora-

tions must blend with it or the effect will be lost. Less red is used on the walls and in the

windows as it will detract from the table which

Don't forget a bunch of mistletoe above each

door. It will look pretty and afford much merriment for the old as well as the young.

A last word of warning, don't forget to put away carefully after the holidays all decora-

tions that are not perishable. Wrap in colored tissue paper. They are best put in a covered

wooden box that can be fastened securely, so as

to keep away from rats and mice. Camphor or moth balls are good to use. Don't let the

children see them again until next year and they

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT.

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul

May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;

While he who walks in love may wander far, Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.

in the windows or holly wreaths.

should be the most conspicious.

will be as good as new ..

assure success. For there is mistletoe to gather, apples and oranges to prepare, and all the

jolly duties for a "Merry Christmas."

Flowers (never artificial ones on a home table) can be used to good advantage for decoration. If tall flowers are selected only a very few are used. Usually a bud vase or a very small vase for the center piece.

Narrow strips of green and red paper can be fastened to the base of the vase and let them radiate symmetrically to the edge of the table and fall over the edge. Cotton may be "fluffed" and sprinkled with artificial "snow" and placed at the base of the vase. Colored candles in pretty holders may be used with this decoration.

Another novel way of decorating the Christmas table is as follows:

A Santa Claus doll that will stand is placed in the center. Cotton used as snow is put around the feet. Colored ribbons are attached to a present, that is placed at each plate, with a card bearing the name of the guest and other end fastened in the doll's hand.

. Still another is where a minature Christmas tree is made of a single bough and fastened in crossed piece of wood (the same as a large tree) and tiny candles placed here and there. These were lighted just before the guests came into the dining room. Place a paper thick enough to catch the dripping tallow. Cover with a white cloth or cotton.

Another very artistic decoration is accomplished by using a basket of fruit as a center piece. A pretty basket is selected and filled with the best fruit available, the finest red apples, beautiful oranges, bananas, green and Malaga grapes, kumquats, if they are on the market, and often a ripe pineapple is used for the center of the basket and the rest of the fruit placed around it. The basket can be trimmed with rhododendron leaves, or any other fall leaves, or sprays of pine and little cones.

Here is wishing you the most successful Christmas dinner of your life.

CHRISTMAS RECIPES. HOUSE DECORATIONS

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A turkey should be killed two or three days before used if the weather is cool or ice is available for use. Do not truss for twenty-four hours, only remove the craw. Always singe before "drawing" the bird. When ready to cook—after it has been singed and trussed wash thoroughly inside and out; salt inside and out. Fill with dry dressing: Rub flour over turkey, place a piece of salt pork on breast and brown flour slightly. Pour two cups of hot water over turkey. Baste often and turn over in pan. Bake in a moderate oven.

Dry Dressing.

11/2 to 2 loaves of white bread, cut in cubes, add one small onion, chopped fine, season with salt, pepper and sage, add two or three hard boiled eggs (chopped). Over this pour 1/2 pound of melted butter. Toss all together and fill turkey. Sew turkey up. Place balance of dressing around turkey.

SWEET POTATO PIE.

3 or 4 medium size sweet potatoes 1 teaspoon nutmeg

1 cun milk tablespoon flour (sifted)

Gravy

CHRISTMAS MENUS.

"NO. 1."

Celery stalks stuffed with peanut butter

Olives

Thin Meat Broth

Roast Turkey

Brussels sprouts, sauce piquante

Cranberry Sauce

Fruit Cake

Coffee

"NO. 2."

Half Grapefruit with cherry garnish

Olives

Stuffed or Roast Pork

Gravy

Potatoes on the half-shell

Baked squash

Grape jelly

Rolls-Butter balls

Jellied fruit salad with whipped cream

Mince Pie-Cheese

Coffee

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Rolls-Butter balls

Mashed Potatoes

Fruit Cocktail

14 teaspoon allspice

orange (juice) 2 or 3 eggs, yolks (well beaten) 2 tablespoons butter (melted)

Sweeten to taste (usually about 1 cup) Boil potato until thoroughly done, pare and press, through a collander. add the other ingredi-

Pie Crust.

ents in the order nam-

14 cup sifted flour 1/4 cup lard teaspoon salt tablespoons cold

waten teaspoon baking powder Sift dry ingredients,

add the lard and thoroughly mix. To this add water and toss on slightly floured board and roll to desired thickness. Before putting into oven puncture crust several times with fork times so as to release air under crust. Bake in a hot oven until crust begins to brown. Then put in filling. Cook for fifteen or twenty minutes in a moderate oven or until nicely browned.

Beat the whites of the eggs until stiff, add 1 tablespoon sugar for each egg and a

little orange juice. Spread over top of pie and brown in a slow oven.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE

This recipe is one handed down in our family for generations. As my mother gave it to me, I am pasing it on to you. It will not hurt the most delicate stomach. 1 cup bread sponge

1 cup sugar ½ cup butter.
Mix these all thoroughly, then add:

1 cup dates 1 cup raisins and figs

1 cup nuts 2 cups flour 1 teaspoon cinnamon

teaspoon allapice

teaspoon soda dissolved in 3 tablespoonfuls cold water. Stir mixture thoroughly. Do not make too thick as the cake will be too dry. Pour into a

pie pan and let rise one hour. Bake in moderate oven for forty minutes. If pan is lined with greased brown paper the cake will not stick. RAISIN FUDGE.

2 squares of unsweetened chocolates 1 tablespoon butter
14 teaspoon vanilla 2 cups sugar 1/2 teaspoon salt cup milk 1/2 cupful Sun-Maid raisins Melt chocolate, add sugar, salt, milk. Stir un-

til mixture boils and sugar is dissolved



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