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AT THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday will be Christmas. Pastor will preach at 11 a. m. No services at night as we will be in a union service at Methodist church. Let us all come together in worship for last time for year 1921.—J. M. Reynolds, pastor.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Topic for December 25, 1921. Following the Star: What do men find? Matt. 2:1-12. Leader—Vera Oakes. The Star to follow, Rev. 22:16—Ethel Whetstone. The Star of Truth, Ps. 43:1-5—Elizabeth McClellan. A great service, Matt. 4:18-19—Garner Morgan. A perfect rest, Matt. 11:25-30—Lee Land.

Christian Program, First Christian Church, Dec. 24th, 7:30 P. M.

1. Silent Night—Song by Choir.
2. Invocation by Pastor.
3. Acrostic—Song, "On a Christmas Morning" by Primaries and Juniors.
4. Violin Solo.—Loris Faulkner.
5. Vocal Solo.—Bernice Freeman.
6. Recitation.—Juanita Williams.
7. Ring the Merry Bells.—Third Year Juniors.
8. Is there a Santa Claus?—Ed-rine Tyson.

CHRISTMAS TREES

There will be a Christmas tree Saturday night at the tabernacle under the management of the Baptist Sunday school, and the public is cordially invited to take whatever part in it they wish to.

Committees have been appointed to arrange for all the Sunday school children to have a present, and then it is open to the community to place presents for any one you might want to remember.

Surprise your wife, your sweetheart, your son or your daughter with a nice present by putting it on the Christmas tree.

The other churches, we understand, are preparing Christmas trees, and if they bring in their announcements before we go to press, we will be glad to publish them. Our columns belong to the town when the town wants to use them. May you, one and all, have a merry Christmas.

FIRE DESTROYS SANI-TARIUM IN BROWNWOOD

Sunday morning at an early hour, fire from unknown origin broke out in the Dr. Dougherty Sanitarium at Brownwood and completely destroyed the building together with most of its contents.

All the patients were safely removed before the fire gained much headway.

The Sanitarium property was valued at about \$40,000 including the building and furnishings and operating equipment. Insurance totaling a little more than \$21,000 was carried, so that the net loss is in the neighborhood of \$19,000.

LEGION POST

INSTALL OFFICERS

Jack Laughlin Post American legion installed officers last Saturday night as follows: Sam Collier Commander, James J. Williamson and Ernest Overby Vice-Commanders, Clyde Bays Adjutant, Dewey Pieratt Finance officer, Jess Garrett Post Historian and Mike Myers Sgt. at Arms, with the following executive committee, Arch Hunter, Dr. T. R. Sealy and Ed Sewell. The Post voted to hold their regular meetings the first Saturday night in each month, and reaffirmed their policy of helping the disabled. Virgil Kelley retiring Post Commander reviewed the past year's work and found the past has been very successful. The Post is putting on a recruiting campaign, "every member get a member."

CLOSING NOTICE

Whereas, Christmas Dec. 25th, is Sunday we the undersigned agree to close our places of business all day Monday, Dec. 26th and observe the same as a holiday.

R. F. Crum & Son.
E. G. Overby.
Mrs. G. A. Shockley.
W. R. Kelley & Co.
East End Grocery.
Simmons & Greer Co.
Evans & West.
Blue Racket Store.
Frank Edsall.
Texas Merc. Co.
R. Rountree & Son.
J. G. Sims.
Hill & Moreland.
R. B. Renfro.
Parker Bros.
D. R. Hill & Bro.
McFarland & Wilson.
S. A. Gas Co.
Miles Wofford.
Richardson & Bro.
H. Shapiro.
Mrs. Miram Prickett.
S. A. Moter Co.
Sanderson Garage.
S. W. Childers & Co.
Cozy Cafe.
C. K. Hunter.
Hunter Bros.
W. R. Ragsdale Bakery
J. S. Morgan.
Ragsdale Confectionery.
Polk Bros.
Santa Anna Merc. Co.
Baxter's Variety Store.
S. H. Phillips.
Mrs. Comer Blue.
J. H. Lee.
A. C. Hooper.
J. W. Smith.
J. T. Close.
Corner Drug Store.
Burton Lingo Co.
H. R. Layne.
Gus Nabours.
Leeper-Curd Lumber Co.
Marshall & Jones.
Potter Produce Co.
J. W. Ashly.
Carl B. Cheaney.
O. S. Cauthen.
A. C. Garrett.
News Office.
First national Bank.
First State Bank.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS

Christmas is far other than a vision, a poetic rendition of the facts of life; it is an event set deep not only in the history of men but in their faith, their worship, and their way of life. They have never risen to its level they have never, by united effort, given its spirit the tremendous effectiveness of concerted action, but, even in their infirmity of intention and their feebleness of practice, Christmas has given their life on earth a diviner meaning and a kindlier habit. It has enormously increased the value of that life; it is increasing the spiritual content of the thought of life in the minds of men; it is giving it a sweeter savor, a softer grace, a warmer atmosphere as men more and more interpret life in the light which streams from Bethlehem.—Hamilton Wright Mabie.

WE ARE INTERDEPENDENT

More than eighty billion dollars is invested in the farming industry in the United States. This is more than is invested in railroads and manufactures.

William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, told this at a meeting of farmers. He pointed out that all industries, farming included, are interdependent, and that what happens to one happens to all.

Mr. Wood's argument was that all industries should pull together. Individuals are equally interdependent. The man who has a job may not be worrying about unemployment. He should be, for his job would be safer and would pay more if all were working.

Break the mainspring of your watch and the whole works stops. Depression in business affects all, just as quickly.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me a bugle, a pistol, some apples, oranges, nuts and candy.—Tom McClure.

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me a watch, ball, pistol, some candy, apples, oranges and nuts.—Glynn McClure.

Dear Santa Claus:—
I would be pleased to get any or all the following presents this Christmas: A small ship, a tool box, a little garden set, a car to ride on and some candy, nuts and fire works.—James K. Polk.

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me a sleepy doll, a pair of gloves, a little stove, candy, fruits and nuts, and Santa Claus please bring Baby Inez an unbreakable doll, and a pair of booties.—Glena Fae James.

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me a doll, a doll buggy, and I want the doll to have curly hair. Also bring me a trunk, a little sewing machine, a pair of gloves, some nuts and candy. Bring my little brother a tricycle, a little wagon, a ball, chocolate candy, nuts and fruit.—Bernice and Truett Polk.

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me an air gun, a foot ball, lots of fire works, some candy, fruit and nuts.—Moris Polk.

Dear Santa Claus:—
Please bring me a little hammer, hatchet, garden rake and some nails. Also some apples, oranges, candy, nuts and chewing gum.—Virgil Alford.

HOME TALENT PLAY

AT TRICKHAM

The faculty and students of the Trickham school will present "Deacon Dubbs" for the approval of the community Friday night, December 23rd. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

HOME TALENT PLAY

AT PLAINVIEW

A play entitled "The Average Man" will be given at Plainview Friday night, December 23 for the benefit of the school. Admission: 10 cents and 15 cents.

It takes a whole lot more money to make the automobile go than it used to take to make the mare go.

"Booster Club of Blackville" Entertain Large Crowd at High School Auditorium

On last Tuesday evening the Booster Club put on their first program before an exceptionally large and seemingly appreciative audience. The work of Whittie Hamon, Emily Bailey, Shield Brown, Milton Moseley and Garner Morgan in the drawing of posters was a great card in the way of advertising the performance and drawing a crowd.

The boys from the time they were introduced to the audience until the very last part kept something happening and the audience laughing. Any number of the actors might be mentioned as stars, but space does not permit. A certain article called "The President" (a huge razor) caused plenty of movement and it might be called the "driving" star, not the "leading" star.

The members of the club are indebted to the students that drew posters to advertise the entertainment and to the business men of the town for allowing these posters to be put in the show windows. Inez Marshall and Lula Harvey are to be thanked for taking care of the musical part of the program. Mr. Preston Parrish is to be thanked for his services along the same line and for his excellent service in helping the boys with the entertainment. Ivy Simpson is also due honorable mention for services rendered the club in several ways. Too much can not be said in praise to Mr. Runkle who was the director in getting up the entertainment. Let it be said to the public that their presence at the entertainment was greatly appreciated and that the Athletic Association needed the money.

The following are the boys who took part in the play:

Bryan England, Marvin Sheffield, Eugene Polk, Garner Morgan, Aubrey Childers, Theodore McCoughan, Aubrey Davis, Clifford Lowe, Welton McCormick, Robert Hefner, Milton Moseley, W. G. Curry, Preston Parrish, and last, Pete, the Pianist.

The efforts of the "Booster Club" should be appreciated by the public and development of talent along this line should be encouraged among the school boys.—Reporter.

Advertising for any Motor Car—Less expensive than a wife; speedier than a stenographer; more artistically painted and upholstered than a show girl; more tactable than a daughter; more comforting than a widow; more exhilarating than a divorce and about as dependable as any of them.

SANTA ANNA BUSINESS MEN COMPLIMENTED

On Friday and Saturday of last week, Hon. Cam H. Murray, inspector for the western district of Texas, was in Santa Anna, and after making a thorough inspection of all scales and measures in common use, he made the following report to the editor:

"I have made 84 inspections and find not a man in Santa Anna who is not complying with the spirit of the law. There are 7 filling stations in Santa Anna and 6 of them were found to be correct and the other one varied less than 2 per cent.

There were 21 pair of scales found to be correct, and 11 pair showed light variations and were very agreeably corrected or disposed of.

Counter measurements for piece goods (designated by tacks, 39 inspected and all found correct.

There were found 6 tapes in use and all condemned, as tapes are susceptible to vary."

The weights and measures department are now under the supervision of Hon. Chas. E. Boughman, whose home is in Brownwood, but living in Austin since his appointment as Commissioner of the Warehouse and Marketing department under Governor Neff. This department heretofore, it seems has been neglected in the western district, but now is receiving attention and is giving more direct service to the people of this part of the country than any part of the state's service. Mr. Boughman has secured the services of the very best men available and put them in the field, and they are being welcomed by all fair minded business men throughout the state.

Mr. Murray's home is in this county, and most every business man in the county know him personally and are glad to welcome him to their place of business. In speaking of Santa Anna Mr. Murray said: "I have never met a nicer set of business men than I find in Santa Anna, and in the three hundred or more towns I have visited this year, I have not found a more business town than is Santa Anna. I have been in a number of towns several times the size of Santa Anna that did not have the business in them that I find in Santa Anna. There is more good stores in Santa Anna than any place I have been in for a town of her size and the citizens have received me in the right spirit."

We thank you Mr. Murray for your compliments, and assure you that you will always find the good citizens of this town doing the right thing, and if the letter of the law is not complied with the spirit of the law will be complied with, for there are none in business here who want anything except a fair deal.

A saloon keeper and one of his helpers were murdered in Chicago a few days ago for no greater reason that a chair had been removed from one table to another. The murderer was drunk on moonshine that had been flowing freely in the saloon. In the room at the time, or within a few minutes of the shooting, were two judges, an assistant states attorney, and big politicians and labor leaders galore. The saloon is in a few feet of the city hall. The murder was an incident. They occur every day. Selling moonshine in open violation of the prohibition law was also but an incident. It is being done every hour of the day and night. The presence of judges and other officials in a den where liquor is openly sold may also be only an incident. Possibly, also, when they swore to uphold and enforce the laws of this country they considered their solemn oaths merely in the light of incidents. If we may be allowed to coin a Latin phrase of our own, it would seem that this country is suffering from an epidemic of paralyticus incidentia.

As it appears now, the rail labor board has assumed a fatherly attitude toward the brotherhoods.

Our Greetings In The Meaning of Christmas

In the true spirit of the occasion and with due appreciation of all it implies, we extend Christmas greetings to the readers of this publication. Christmas has a meaning possessed by no other holiday throughout the world. America has its national and special days, other countries have theirs; Christmas is the only one alike in spirit and celebrated in all Christian lands. So pure is its principle that it commands respect and admiration among people who worship their Creator in different ways from ours.

Christmas typifies all that is best in mankind. It is the culmination of the human mind throughout the ages dwelling upon the wonders and mysteries of existence, turning to a reverence for God and His representative on earth. It expresses the ascendancy of spirit, the realization of men of their interdependency and their duty to one another; and so it is marked by the bestowal of gifts and other sentiments of benevolence and well wishing.

The makers of newspapers, concerned as they are with the doings, manifestations and thoughts of their respective communities and the world at large, and recording them in their more important aspects for the information, mayhaps the education of readers, are brought into an intimate sense of the spirit and meaning of Christmas. Would that we could express to you all the good that we see in the hearts of men and the increased brilliancy behind a few shadows of the light which has upheld the world for so many centuries. In the happy auguries we see for the future, there is every reason to be merry.

Our Yuletide thoughts go out to the people of this community and our thanks are due the patrons and kind friends who have given us practical support or extended encouragement during the year. May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent, is our wish to all.

THE PUBLISHERS

STATE NEWS

In an election held last week to determine whether the city of Waco could buy Park Lawn Cemetery, 193 votes were cast for the purchase, 892 against.

A contract is to be let shortly for the erection of a new high school building at Annona, Red River County, at a cost of about \$30,000. The bonds for the building were voted some time ago.

The engineer in charge of construction of Lake Mineral Wells has announced the completion of the work. This finishes one of the largest artificial lakes in West Texas. It covers over 1,000 acres and averages 30 feet in depth.

The San Leon Hotel, a landmark of Galveston County, located on the beach at San Leon, which was built about twenty-five years ago, was destroyed by fire last week. The hotel had seventy-five rooms, was a three-story frame structure.

The town of Troy on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, seven miles north of Temple, was visited by fire last week, for the first time in seven years, during which time the volunteer fire department had disbanded, owing to having no calls for its services.

Frank McDearman, a local grocer, of Gainesville lost a wallet containing \$268, recently while driving some twelve miles northeast of Gainesville. The money was returned to him last week by a young farmer named J. W. Barksdale, who found it in the road.

Judge James N. Browning, 71 years old, for forty years a resident of the Panhandle, was found dead in bed at Amarillo last Wednesday morning. His death was due to heart failure. He was Lieutenant Governor of Texas from 1898 to 1902. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon.

Nearly 5,000 teachers are expected to attend the convention of the Texas State Teachers' Association in Dallas Nov. 24 and 25, according to Miss Leis Lee Williams, president. The convention will surpass in size and importance any other that has been held in the South, Miss Williams says.

A thorough investigation of sewerage from the city of Fort Worth and from the packing plants will be made by Major John B. Hawley, consulting engineer for the sewage disposal plant, with a view of reaching an equitable apportionment of the cost of construction, Major Hawley announces.

Advices were received last week by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce from Crowell that the work of driving the piling for the Quanah-Crowell bridge across Peace River had been started. The bridge is expected to be completed by Dec. 1. A big barbecue is being planned to celebrate the opening.

Many ranchers are driving their herds of cattle from one ranch to another instead of shipping them. Jim Oden, cattleman of Canyon, said he saved a large sum of money by driving 600 cattle from Randall County to a ranch near Glen Rio, N. M. Other cattlemen are taking this way of saving on freight rates.

The water in Red River is said to be at almost as low a stage as was ever known on account of the continued dry weather.

The Farmers' gin plant at Jarrell was destroyed by fire last week with an estimated loss of \$15,000. The property was insured for \$8,000.

County Judge C. F. Gibson obtained last week the approval by the Attorney General's Department to an issue of road bonds for \$450,000 of Jacksonville road district No. 1.

Fire at Kereas, which originated in the warehouse of Coleman & Baylow Hardware Company last week rapidly spread to other buildings in the block, did an estimated damage of \$10,000.

A permit to operate in Texas as a fraternal beneficiary association has been issued to the order of Perfecteds Woodcraft of Sedalia, Mo., with former Sheriff Sterling P. Clark of Fort Worth as State manager.

J. B. Helms of Dallas was elected president of the Southwestern Cleaners and Dyers Association at the convention of the organization last week in Fort Worth. The association includes Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

After a year of strife and confusion the world is about to declare an armistice for the observance of Christmas. It is curious how the essence of Christianity gets itself recognized and practiced in spite of the world, the flesh and the devil.

In this time of good will everybody becomes Christian, for Christmas is simply the substitution of the spirit of giving for the spirit of getting.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem there came to the world a new conception of God and of His relations with man. The child lying in the Bethlehem manger will forever symbolize and express the world-moving truth that God is love and, therefore, He gives Himself to and for men made in His image.

Tradition records that when the Wise Men from the East journeyed to Bethlehem to worship the new-born Child, they brought gifts.

The gift of God is life eternal, here and hereafter. When this divine spark animates the bosoms of men, they, too, begin to give.

Giving is the chief business of life for God and men alike. What a man gives he has. He loses all else. Earthly immortality lies in whatever one gives to one's fellows in service and friendship and healing.

I wonder if we shall ever be able to practice the Christmas spirit the year round!

If that time ever comes we shall find that most of our personal and social problems, perplexities, animosities and failures are unnecessary. If we want spring and summer and golden harvest, we must have the sun.—Dr. Charles Aubrey Eaton in Leslie's.

THE RAILROADS

The transportation business as has been pointed out repeatedly, is the only one in the world whose scale of expense is fixed by one body of men and whose charges for meeting this expense is fixed by another.

The railroad labor board tells the roads how much wages they must pay and what expenses they must incur in numberless ways.

An entire different body, the interstate commerce commission, tells the roads how much they may charge to meet their expenses.

The latter is necessary, for the roads are virtually monopolies in transportation and hence rates cannot be fixed by competition. But they are not monopolies in the employment of labor.

A man in Texas who wants a ton of coal from West Virginia cannot get it at all except by rail, but no man is obliged to accept the railroad's terms of employment or go without work.

Everybody is willing that railroad men should receive more liberal wages than the average worker, for they are above the average worker both in the necessary personal qualities and the responsibilities of their duties.

But when they are given abnormally high pay, the result is hardship to the vastly greater number of laborers in other lines whose costs of living are increased by the amount by which a special class of workers is overpaid.

The Southern Christian Advocate, in discussing this matter not long ago, aptly said that "the sooner both capitalists and laborers recognize that the object of human exertion is the production of wealth rather than the acquisition of money, the sooner will many points of conflict be eliminated."

TOO MANY COOKS

The national house of representatives, by a narrow margin, has recommended to the census committee the Siegel bill, which would increase the house from 435 to 460 members.

The country would be better off if congress reduced the number of its members instead of increasing them.

Too many cooks spoil the broth. Thomas Jefferson wrote the opinion that a legislative body gets further and further away from the people, whom it represents, as the number of legislators increase.

Jefferson was right. Debate and torrents of words—the things that have made congress notorious for its slowness of action—would only be increased by providing for a larger army of legislators.

A city paper the other day quoted live chickens at 14 cents a pound wholesale. In the meat markets the same chickens, minus the feathers, were retailing for 40 cents a pound. Thus a six pound fowl retailing for \$2.40 would yield the farmer who raised it and hauled it to market only 84 cents. Who gets the \$1.56?

THE TYLER COMMERCIAL COLLEGE CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, enjoyed the biggest enrollment of their history in 1920. All previous records were broken by the total enrollment of any American business college. By the end of this year, they intend to beat that record. Last month, the total enrollment was ahead of the same period the previous year. The wide awake, progressive young people of the Southwest have been coming to this great institution by the hundreds all thru the year.

There is a reason for the big business enjoyed by this school—the fact that since the beginning of the school, they have always been ready to extend a helping hand to their students or graduates. This policy has won the friendship and goodwill of their former students and caused them to send relatives and friends to Tyler, knowing that they will receive the most thorough business training to be had, in the shortest time and at the least cost.

An example of their policy of helpfulness is the maintenance of the Students Loan Fund. Any ambitious young person who wants a business training but hasn't sufficient funds can secure financial assistance with which to get a business course through this Students Loan Fund, paying it back after he has finished his course and has taken a position, which the College will secure for him. This makes it possible for every young man or woman who is really sincerely anxious to get an education and make a start in the world to do so.

The College also maintains a Service Department, which is absolutely free to all graduates. Any graduate of the school may, at any time, call on the Service Department for information on any question or problem of a business character and the desired information will be gladly given. The interest of the College in its graduates never ceases. They are always ready to assist a former student in any way possible.

For complete information and large free catalogue, fill in and mail coupon.

Name.....
Address.....
Interested in Students Loan Fund?.....

Another cause of hard times is that so many people are hunting soft jobs.

You can send a boy to college, but you can't always make him profit by it.

We Greet You With Thanks

Every business day in the year we are thanking our customers for their patronage, no matter how small the purchase.

At this season of the year it is again our privilege and pleasure to extend to you our grateful thanks for the many favors you have extended to us.

We offer you the compliments of the Yuletide season, with the earnest wish that success may attend you in all of your laudable undertakings.

Baxter's Variety Store

"Same Goods for Less Money"

BROWNWOOD PEOPLE HEAR DR. TRUETT AT DALLAS BY MEANS OF WIRELESS

Several Brownwood people Sunday night were treated to hearing a splendid sermon delivered by Dr. George Truett in the First Baptist church at Dallas. While they were in Brownwood, the sermon being heard by means of the wireless telephone station operated by E. I. McKinney of the Brownwood Electrical Company. The sermon preached by Dr. Truett, like all his sermons was eloquent and very fine, at the conclusion of which the magnificent choir of apparently one hundred voices broke into song, even the name of the song being audible. Sunday night many conversations were picked up from New Orleans, Denver and the Catalina Islands, in the Pacific ocean near Los Angeles.—Brownwood Bulletin.

If you have been around much you have found that the most important looking chap is not always boss of the work?

A CHRISTMAS SERMON

To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little and spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has no ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should look on such an enterprise to be successful. There is, indeed, one element in human destiny that not blindness itself can controvert; whatever else we are intended to do, we are not intended to succeed; failure is the allotted. It is so in every art and study, it is so above all the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the year's end or for the end of life. Only self-deception will be satisfied, and there need be no despair for the despairer.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

MERRY XMAS

CHRISTMAS—a happy milestone along the road where friends stop a moment before pressing on into the New Year—a season of rejoicing and hope, of laughter and handclaps and warmth of greeting—a time when we may say to old friends and the new things that lie closest to the heart—when we may speak our appreciation of the happy relationship the years have woven between this Bank and its many friends—when we may join in the glad chorus of a Merry Christmas and A New Year Brimming Over with Happiness and Prosperity to every friend the community over.

The First State Bank

Santa Anna, Texas

The Evening News of Port Arthur has moved into its new building. The structure is of brick especially designed for this publishing house and is in the center of the business district.

An oil tank attached to the locomotive of a local freight train exploded in the railroad yards at Franklin last week, causing painful injuries to Burrel Whitehead, a negro attendant.

Each of the new regiments of the Texas National Guard will have their own colors and coats of arms, according to an order that has just been issued by headquarters of the Thirty-Sixth Division.

Orville Davis, of Breckenridge, while out hunting last week, received the full effects of his own shotgun in his side that resulted in his death while being hurried to a hospital in a private ambulance.

Brady made a record in the shipment of turkeys for the Thanksgiving market, there being more than seven cars shipped out. In previous years not more than two cars have been moved from the Brady territory.

The date for the election on \$225,000 in additional bonds for completing the original reclamation plans in the Dallas County Bois D'Arc Island levee improvement district has been set by the County Commissioners' Court for Dec. 14.

Brownwood is to have a pecan exhibition some time during the month of December, the exact date for which will be announced soon. The object of the exhibition is to encourage the expansion and development of the pecan industry in Brown County.

As a counter proposal to the proposed wage reduction by the Texas & Pacific Railroad, as announced in a bulletin issued from the receiver's office and posted Nov. 29, Texas & Pacific clerks and shopmen have filed requests for pay increases to the scale in effect July 1.

The quail season opened Thursday, Dec. 1, and lasts until January 31. The bag limit is fifteen birds, and pheasant can be included in the lot. Quail are said to be plentiful, particularly in East Texas, where the second cut pine and underbrush, with adequate watering places, make ideal shelter for them.

After overpowering Sheriff Flynt of Rannels County, Robert Murtore, a 15-year-old negro boy, was taken from the officer by a mob and tied to a tree about three miles from Ballinger and his body riddled with bullets. Murtore had been placed in the county jail following his arrest after he had attacked and mutilated the body of a 9-year-old white girl.

Since the installation in Waxahatchie early in the present school term of the week-day religious instruction in the various churches of the city, inquiries have come from teachers and church workers over the State for information concerning the manner in which the system is operated.

The Grayson County Commissioners' Court has accepted the bid of a Dallas firm for construction of almost \$500,000 worth of additional gravel roads in Grayson County. The roads are to be built in three districts in the county which have voted bonds for the purpose in the following amounts: Guenter, \$190,000; Howe, \$150,000; and Southmayd, \$99,000.

Alleging failure to pay for gas delivered under contract, the Lone Star Gas Company entered suit Monday in the Forty-Fourth District Court against the North Texas Gas Company for \$101,114.91.

Drafting of the architect's plans for the West Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium to be constructed in Abilene will be completed within five weeks, it is announced by George S. Anderson, chairman of the building committee.

Miss Pearl Drummond, seed analyst, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, has arrived at the A. & M. College of Texas to carry on the work of the Texas branch.

By a count of 564 to 313 property owners of San Angelo last week voted for the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds to pave five miles of streets, principally in connecting important highways now under construction.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coleman County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Buenita Alderata, Bennetta Alderetta, Thomas Timmins, Francis E. Timmons, Barbra C. Timmons, Wm. Elliott, E. P. Black, Wm. Britton, Wm. Long, James Anderson, James F. Timmons, Barbra C. Timmons, L. H. Dillard, Mary J. Timmons, Angerona Timmons, F. E. Timmins, F. B. Timmins, B. Aldaretta, Minerva Anderson, Marthy Humphreys, Augyrony Turner, Mary J. Calhoun, Martha Humphreys, Buneta Aldretta, Bruneta Alderata, A. E. Turner, Manerva Anderson, Berneta Aldretta, Minervia Anderson, Berneta Aldretta, O. Hendricks, E. Shaw, D. McKay, M. L. McKay, Dashiell & Waters, W. B. Dashiell, F. A. Waters, Augyrony Turner, Euphemia I. Halloquist, John Webb, Hanson Turner, Lydia Calcoat, Jas. R. Barrett, A. R. Johnson, D. M. McKay, Gilchrist McKay, Mrs. Eliza M. Timmins, Alma Timmins, Dicie Timmins, Mollie K. Timmins, O. H. Timmins, Bessie Lee Timmins, Inez Timmins, Dushee McKay, Dushee Shaw, Maria L. McKay, J. G. Hendricks, W. H. Woodley, W. T. Scott, Sarah E. Barker, J. W. Barker, H. P. Hunt, J. J. Brown, W. P. Brown, F. A. Waters, Hanson Turner, E. M. Calcoat, S. H. Turner, N. T. Turner, N. T. Turney, Sarah Hanson Turney, Charles Turney, Emly Turney, Lissy Turney, Ella Spence, Charles Spence, Ella Turney, C. B. Griggs, A. B. C. Griggs, C. F. Harris, Mary Colcote Harris, Henry Evans, Frank B. Timmins, Jr., Andrew A. Jordan, Star & Crescent Coal Co., Joseph Burt, Producers Oil Company, Empire Gas & Fuel Co., and the heirs of the following named deceased persons, to-wit: Buenita Alderata, Bennetta Alderetta, Thomas Timmins, Francis E. Timmons, Barbra C. Timmons, Wm. Elliott, E. P. Black, Wm. Britton, Wm. Long, James Anderson, James F. Timmons, Barbra C. Timmons, L. H. Dillard, Mary J. Timmons, Angerona Timmons, F. E. Timmins, F. B. Timmins, B. Aldaretta, Minerva Anderson, Marthy Humphreys, Augyrony Turner, Mary J. Calhoun, Martha Humphreys, Buneta Aldretta, Bruneta Alderata, A. E. Turner, Manerva Anderson, Berneta Aldretta, Minervia Anderson, Berneta Aldretta, O. Hendricks, E. Shaw, D. McKay, M. L. McKay, Dashiell & Waters, W. B. Dashiell, F. A. Waters, Augyrony Turner, Euphemia I. Halloquist, John Webb, Hanson Turner, Lydia Calcoat, Jas. R. Barrett, A. R. Johnson, D. M. McKay, Gilchrist McKay, Mrs. Eliza M. Timmins, Alma Timmins, Dicie Timmins, Mollie K. Timmins, O. H. Timmins, Bessie Lee Timmins, Inez Timmins, Dushee McKay, Dushee Shaw, Maria L. McKay, J. G. Hendricks, W. H. Woodley, W. T. Scott, Sarah E. Barker, J. W. Barker, H. P. Hunt, J. J. Brown, W. P. Brown, F. A. Waters, Hanson Turner, E. M. Calcoat, S. H. Turner, N. T. Turner, N. T. Turney, Sarah Hanson Turney, Charles Turney, Emly Turney, Lissy Turney, Ella Spence, Charles Spence, Ella Turney, C. B. Griggs, A. B. C. Griggs, C. F. Harris, Mary Colcote Harris, Henry Evans, Frank B. Timmins, Jr., Andrew A. Jordan, Star & Crescent Coal Co., Joseph Burt, Producers Oil Company and Empire Gas & Fuel Co., Defendants, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Coleman County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Coleman, Texas, on the 23rd day of January A. D. 1922, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of December A. D. 1921 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2613, wherein J. T. McIlvain, Fox Johnson and A. W. Box, are Plaintiffs, and the above mentioned Defendants are all and the only Defendants in said suit; said petition alleging that heretofore, to-wit: On the 5th day of December, 1921, Plaintiffs were the owners of and in possession of the following described land and premises, owning, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT:
Being a part of the B. Alderata Survey No. 273, Abstract No. 1, in Coleman County, Texas, described as follows:
Beginning at the S. W. corner of a 91.7 acre tract conveyed by said J. T. McIlvain and wife to Fox Johnson by deed dated November 29, 1921, of record in the Deed Records of Coleman County, Texas, in Volume 126, page 125, which beginning point is 2975 vrs. east and 934.8 vrs. north from the S. W. corner of said Alderata survey. Thence W. 1220.8 vrs. for corner. Thence North 881 vrs. to the N. W. corner of the J. T. McIlvain homestead tract. Thence E. 1220.8 vrs. to the N. W. corner of said 91.7 acre tract above referred to. Thence S. along the East line of said 91.7 acres tract 881 vrs. to the place of beginning and containing 190.5 acres of land.

SECOND TRACT:
Being a part of the B. Alderata survey No. 273, Abstract No. 1, in Coleman County, Texas, described as follows:
Beginning 2975 vrs. East and 934.8 vrs. N. from the S. W. corner of Bunetta Alderata Survey No. 275 a stake for a corner, which is the S. E. corner of J. T. McIlvain homestead tract and the S. W. corner of this tract. Thence East 587.5 vrs. to corner in West side of a public road Thence North 881 vrs. with West side of said road to post for N. E. corner of this tract. Thence West with the S. side of a public road 587.5 vrs. to a stake for corner. Thence South 881 vrs. with the East side of J. T. McIlvain homestead tract to the place of beginning and containing 91.7 acres of land.

THIRD TRACT:
Being a part of the B. Alderata survey No. 273, Abstract No. 1, in Coleman County, Texas, described as follows:
Beginning at a stake in W. line of said survey 1106 3-4 vrs. S. of N. W. corner of same, the S. W. corner of a grant of land heretofore deeded by O. Hendricks to John J. Brown. Thence East with the South line of same 1148 vrs. to stake in S. E. corner of same and in W. line of Wm. P. Brown tract. Thence S. 1186 vrs. with said W. line to stake and S. W. corner of same and in N. line of Dashiell and Waters tract. Thence W. 1148 vrs. with said line to stake in N. W. corner of same and W. line of said survey. Thence N. 1186 vrs. to place of beginning and containing 241 acres of land.

That afterwards on said 5th day of December, 1921, Defendants unlawfully entered in and upon said premises above described and dispossessed Plaintiffs of said premises and unlawfully withheld from Plaintiffs the possession thereto.

That in addition to their title aforesaid in fee simple Plaintiffs are the owners of said land under the Five Years Statute of Limitation in this: That Plaintiffs and those under whom they claim, have had peaceable and adverse possession of said land and premises, cultivating using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes thereon, claiming under deeds duly registered for more than five years next preceding the 5th day of December, 1921, and Plaintiffs here plead said five years statute of Limitation as further ground of their title to said land.

Wherefore premises considered Plaintiffs pray the Court that the Defendants be cited to appear and answer this petition and that on hearing hereof Plaintiffs have judgement for the title and possession of said land and premises and that the same be divested out of the Defendants and vested in Plaintiffs and that Plaintiffs have their writ of possession and restitution for the same.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Coleman, Texas, on this 7th day of December, A. D. 1921.—W. E. Gideon, Clerk, District Court, Coleman County, Texas.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

"The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to a mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."—F. M. Balfour.

Everything will come out all right at the disarmament conference, the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot thinks, if the yellow races act white and the white races don't act yellow.

Listen Good People

I am going to Bake Cakes every day this week. Will have all kinds, so if you want a good cake for Xmas, let me bake it for you, for I can sell them to you cheaper than you can bake them yourself.

I still have some fruit cake left, will not bake any more.

And I also have a nice lot of Chocolate Candy. All the candy I have just arrived this week and it sure is fresh. I have a few nice Boxes of Candy. And another thing I have is

BREAD

which is the staff of life. Bread is your best friend, eat more of it.

If you want something extra in the cake line come and let me know so I will have time to bake it.

Ragsdale's Bakery

W. H. RAGSDALE, Prop. and Baker

Christmas Greetings

GIFTS are plentiful in our store yet, Useful, Practical gifts that are appreciated the year round. Read partial list below:

EASTMAN KODAKS and VICTROLAS, for all the family.

FOR MEN

We have Silk Ties, Knit Ties, Dress Gloves, Wool Gloves, Silk Sox, Lisle Sox, Cuff Links, Collar Buttons, Garters, Suspenders, Pocket Knives in Boxes, Scarf Pins, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, and other useful gifts, all in Holiday boxes.

FOR LADIES

We have Kid Gloves, Warm Knit Gloves, Silk Hose, Wool Hose, Jersey Silk Petticoats, Pettibockers, Bloomers, Vest, Silk Camisoles, Teds, Georgette Blouses Beauty pins, Lingerie Clasps, Lavallieres, Watches, Bracelets, Neck Chains, and other useful gifts put up in Holiday boxes.

We also have a long list of suitable gifts for the Boys, Girls and little Tots, and wish to state that you will be very agreeably surprised at the prices we are offering all these goods at. We invite you to call.

POLK BROTHERS CO.

SANTA ANNA NEWS

One copy per year.....\$1.50
One copy six months......50
One copy three months......50
Single copy......05
Outside of County, per year... 2.00
(Payable in advance.)

No subscription taken outside of the county for less than six months.

Advertising rates 25c and 30c per inch.

Local notices ten cents per line for each insertion.

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

J. J. GREGG, Editor and Publisher

Friday, December 23, 1921.

Entered at the post office of Santa Anna as second class mail.

In our advertising columns you will find several advertisements this week, and we trust you will find it profitable to look the advertisers up when in town and trade with them.

We are going to press a day early this week in order to give our advertising customers the advantage of as much of the week as we can to get their advertising before our readers, and for the further reason one of our chief operators wishes to get off after Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her home folks at Rising Star.

The editor of this paper has lived more than two full score years, and if we ever received a Christmas present besides the one Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Buchanan of Pecos, Texas presented to us on December 26th, 1910, in the person of a companion who is still doing our cooking and mending our sox, we have lost trace of it, but this year we feel kinder lucky, and would not be one bit surprised if we get a present. Understand now that we are not begging for anything, for our last winter suit is the same one that we wore the winter before, and if we can manage to keep the buttons on it, it will give fair service this winter, and maybe, by next winter it will rain and we can buy us a new one.

Remember that there is only a few more days left in which you can either renew or subscribe for the News for another year at the special rate we are offering for this month: \$1.00 for the remainder of this year gets the paper for a full year, either new or renewal subscribers, after the first of the year we will take up the regular rate of \$1.50 in the county and \$2.00 for all foreign orders. Send us your money before January 1st, 1922, and we will give you 50 cents by subscription of \$1.00.

Pleas Williams, Populian Justice of the Peace and Santa Anna County Judge was in from the Whom community Monday and incidentally remarked to one of the force that he had been reading the "Articles of the News, and come to town to purchase a suit of clothes and some other items. Well that is just what we want you to do. Read the ads and then come to town and buy the goods.

In our rush this week it will be impossible for us to get the names of all the in and out of town visitors, and we will consider it a great favor if our readers will favor us with the names of your visitors or report to us if your neighbors have made visits out of town.

CHRISTMAS IN SANTA ANNA

To take a walk about town and view the displays in the stores, creates within us a different feeling. One might think there is no Christmas this year, but when he sees with his own eyes the many things displayed by the good merchants of this town for our pleasure it brings us back to the days we used to look forward to in much hope and anticipation.

Several of the stores have been arranged in a manner that would do credit to stores in cities several times the size of Santa Anna. Toy land, toy doom and toy world. Bring the kiddies in and let them have a peep at the real things and buy such things as you think you can afford. There is no use to go elsewhere, for you can find it in Santa Anna. Show your appreciation of your home town by buying the things that have been put in stock for you.

If it is something more staple than toys, you will find that the merchants of Santa Anna have practically lost sight of the cost of many articles of value. Staple and valuable merchan-

dise can be bought in Santa Anna now at a great saving to the customers. Many of the merchants took warning and prepared for a "Hard Winter" that was predicted and can save you considerable money on your purchases in staple merchandise.

Come to Santa Anna to do your shopping and we feel like you will have cause to rejoice. You will find from time to time whether they are all represented in this issue of the paper or not, advertisements from the merchants who want your business and want you to know it sufficiently well to extend you a public and cordial invitation to visit their store and investigate their goods. Take advantage of their invitation and profit by so doing.

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season is upon us. The world is about to again celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Him who died that mankind might live. It is the most important anniversary in the calendar year. We reckon our time itself from that mighty event.

It is a solemn but sweet occasion, and could be forever observed in that manner. At the Christmas season our thoughts should turn, for a while at least, upon the life and character of Him whose birth we celebrate.

And if we do this our celebration of Christmas will be the right kind.

We will forego undue feasting and ostentatious display. We will share our stores with those less fortunate than ourselves.

It is a beautiful old custom to give presents at Christmas, but judgement should be used in the giving. There is nothing in the Christ spirit in buying things we cannot afford to give to people who do not want them.

Our gifts should be to the poor, to children, to the aged, to those very near and dear to us, and every gift should be in the Christmas spirit.

And this Christmas season, of all times of the year, is a season for sobriety and the most sober thoughts. It is but a few days, until the close of the year, and we should strive to make these closing days the best of all.

The whole world, and our own country in particular is passing through a time of stress and uncertainty. We have not fully recovered from the shock of the world war. There is a general let-down, a deadening of the moral sense.

During this Christmas season let us each one examine our own selves, and study our individual relation to others around us. Maybe, by thinking for a while on the life of the Master, we may get the inspiration which all of us need for our daily life, and conduct in the year just ahead.

This is a time for solemn thought, we repeat, but not a time for despondency. Far from our solemn thoughts we should get comfort, and cheer, and cause for happiness.

Christ was born 1921 years ago, and He still lives. What is there to make us afraid?

Christmas is a good time, a glad time. Let us make it so for others. And with Tiny Tim, let us pray, "God bless us all, every one."

LIBERTY NEWS

On last Tuesday evening a crowd assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodward to celebrate his fifty-sixth birthday. It was a surprise to him as the family had made the plans and invited the guests secretly. The guests arrived early and spent several pleasant hours playing progressive forty-two and finch. Delicious refreshments were served. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. Woodward many more happy birthdays and expressing their enjoyment of the evening.

Friday afternoon the Liberty Basket ball teams, both the boys and girls, played the Plainview ball teams on their grounds. The boys' game was very close all the way through, the final score being 14 to 16 in Liberty's favor. This gave the boys the game with Plainview as this made the two victories out of three games. The girls played last but interest never wavered. Liberty girls were in the lead from the very beginning. The score was 23 to 12 in Liberty's favor.

I might add that the girls' team has not lost a game this year.

Saturday night and Sunday were regular preaching days and circumstances were such that we also had services again Monday night. On Sunday morning Mrs. A. L. Polk made a report of her trip to the Baptist convention, which met in Dallas some time ago. Her report was most interesting; after she finished Rev. Fetchner added a few remarks making a splendid short talk we were dismissed having voted for him to preach the delayed sermon on Monday night. The collection for the Orphans home was something like \$20. Besides this there were some articles of clothing contributed by different individuals and a quilt by the Ladies Aid.

Monday night after church the most of the congregation, including the preacher, old and young, with tin cans, buckets, bells and anything that would make a noise, went as quietly as possible to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leigh. At the spoken word a musical serenade was performed, to the delight of a number a large zinc cistern in their yard furnished the means of more music. The bride and groom finally came to the door where the groom fired a shot into the air and then laughingly invited us in. They passed cake and candy which was enjoyed by all.

One night during the past week a crowd gathered at the home of Mr.

Henry Williams. From there they went on a 'possum hunt and besides catching an opossum and some rabbits the crowd had a fine time. The mock wedding was especially comical. Miss Lyda Woodward was the bride and Jim Williams was the groom. Jess Williams very efficiently performed the ceremony. Ruby Russell acted as brides maid and Curtis Woodward as best man. Jack Loftin played the wedding march on his French harp.

Saturday night, December 24, we will have a community Christmas tree. Everyone is invited.—Reporter.

Coleman National Bank

Takes-Over Rockwood

State Bank Thursday

Effective Thursday, December 8, the Coleman National Bank takes over the Rockwood State Bank which has been operated at Rockwood, 25 miles southeast of Coleman, for the last several years.

The Coleman bank will pay off all depositors of the Rockwood bank and any balance that may be outstanding will be funded to the stockholders of the State bank. Overhead expense and limited business made it unprofitable to continue operation of the Rockwood bank, it was stated.—Democrat-Voice.

Why not let us save daylight? We can't save anything else.

There would not be so much unrest if so many people were not resting.

No. 854 Citation on Application for Administration THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Coleman County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for ten days, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in Coleman County, Texas, the following notice: THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the estate of Eva C. Burroughs, deceased, Eugene Burroughs, has filed in the County Court of Coleman County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of the said Eva C. Burroughs, filed with said application and for letters of Administration upon the estate of said Eva C. Burroughs, with the will annexed, which application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1922, the same being the 2nd day of January, 1922, 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, 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 seal of said Court, at office in Coleman, Texas, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1921.—L. Emet Walker, Clerk-Court of Coleman County, Texas.
By V. Rawlins Gillan, Deputy.

CHEERFUL GREETINGS

FROM

Texas Mercantile Co.

We wish to extend a word of cheer and best wishes to our customers. We realize that your patronage has placed our store in its present rank and it affords us great pleasure to extend greetings to you this lovely Christmas.

We are here to serve our customers and we hope to be able to serve you better than you can get elsewhere. We guard your interest at all times, appreciate your trade and in return it is our pleasure to serve you with the best in the Mercantile line.

Our Customers are always welcome to our store, and their presence is appreciated. In your purchasing this Christmas make it something useful. You will find many articles of quality here, suitable for gifts for any member of the family.

Texas Mercantile Co.

Home From School



How they romp and slide across the floor. They've wished for the chance all day long. And now it's their time to enjoy themselves. You've felt the thrill.

Let them go it. It'll do them good. But prepare for it by using Campbell Quality Finest Floor Varnish. It's made to stand "after school" treatment.

Their little heels won't mar Finest Floor. And it won't turn white under boiling hot nor freezing cold water.

Drop in. Let us tell you more about it.

F. M. JAYNES

EAGLE "MIKADO" Pencil No. 174



For Sale at your Dealer

Made in five grades

ASK FOR THE YELLOW PENCIL WITH THE RED BAND

EAGLE MIKADO

EAGLE PENCIL COMPANY, NEW YORK

Unloading Grocery SPECIALS

We are determined to reduce our Stock of Groceries before the end of this month. The Quality of these groceries is of the best.

Note the following prices; many other bargains:

10 cans corn for \$1.00

10 cans Salmon \$1.00

10 cans Tomatoes \$1.00

Evaporated Apples 20c per pound

Peaches 16c per pound

All Cane syrup 80c per gal.

Cake Flour \$1.85 per sack

Albatross flour \$2.15 per sack

Best corn meal 55c per sk.

18 pounds Sugar for \$1.00

Give us a trial and be convinced.

These prices good until Jan. 1st. These goods Cash and Carry.

R. J. Marshall & Sons

THE JOY OF THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts; hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give life; to close your book of complaints against the universe, and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking whether your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to try to understand what those who live in the same house with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you; to trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you; to make a grave for your ugly thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world—stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death—and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the eternal love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

UNIVERSITY NEWS SERVICE

Austin, Texas.—For the benefit of high school students participating in the University of Texas Interscholastic League debates for 1921-22 a bulletin has just been published by Dr. E. D. Shurter, state chairman of the league. Information is contained in the bulletin to be used on both sides of the question for debate, which is "Resolved, that Congress should prohibit immigration into the United States for two years." In addition to the general discussion of the question and summary of points to be advanced by each side in the argument, the bul-

letin contains a list of sources from which more information may be obtained. There is also a list of books and references from which general facts about the subject, as well as definite illustrations of both the affirmative and negative arguments may be found. Two copies of the bulletin will be sent free to any school belonging to the League on request, and additional copies will be furnished for 15 cents.

Another bulletin published by Dr. Shurter contains selections which may be used by the students who take part in the Interscholastic League declamation contests. "Selections on American Citizenship" is the title of this publication, which contains about seventy selections from outstanding American speakers. Speeches are quoted from Elihu Root, Thomas Jefferson, President Harding, Woodrow Wilson, Chas. E. Hughes, Henry Van Dyke and others. Prominent Texas men whose speeches have been reproduced are Governor Neff, President R. E. Vinson of the University of Texas, President S. P. Brooks of Baylor University, Dr. Stockton Axton of Rice Institution, Alvin M. Ousley, head of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, and others. It is intended to carry on by means of the declamation contests a program in citizenship training similar to the purpose of the literary contests last year.

PAYMENT OF POLL

TAX IS EXPLAINED

Can be Paid Separately and Without Ad Valorem Tax, Says Opinion

Austin, Texas, Dec. 10.—Following the ruling given in an opinion by the Attorney General's Department on the subject of payment of poll taxes of the husband and wife, the Comptroller's Department today sent letters to County Tax Collectors, explaining the law in detail.

Either poll tax can be paid without the payment of the other, and one or both poll taxes may be paid without the payment of the ad valorem tax, but the ad valorem tax can not be paid unless both poll taxes assessed therewith are also paid.

The husband may pay the poll tax of his wife and receive a receipt therefor; in like manner, the wife may pay the poll tax of her husband and receive a receipt therefor. No order is required on the part of the husband or wife for the payment of the poll tax of the other, irrespective of whether or not they reside in a city of 10,000 inhabitants.

If residing in a city of 10,000 inhabitants or more, either the husband or wife must appear in person for the payment of poll taxes. If not residing in a city of 10,000 inhabitants or more, either the husband or the wife may, by written order, authorize

some other person to pay one or both poll taxes, but in each instance the receipt or receipts must be sent to the husband or wife.

Tax Against Women.

The laws of this State now levy a poll tax against a woman the same as against a man, and the payment of the woman's poll tax is just as obligatory as that of the man, and their community property can be held for the payment of both poll taxes. The State's lien against the community property can not be avoided by making a separate assessment of the poll taxes.

Article 7630, revised statutes 1911, reads as follows:

"All real and personal property held or owned by any person in this state shall be liable for all state and county taxes due by the owner thereof, including taxes on real estate, personal property and poll tax, and the collector of taxes shall levy on any personal or real property to be found in his county to satisfy all delinquent taxes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

WIFE MUST PAY POLL

TAX IS RULING

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—Where the poll tax of the husband and wife is assessed against them along with community property, the husband has not the right to pay the property tax assessed such community property and leave unpaid the poll tax assessed against the wife, if the wife is in fact subject to the payment of such poll tax, held the attorney general's department in an opinion written by Assistant Attorney General W. W. Caves to A. J. Lewis, county attorney of Milam County, recently.

"Where the husband applies to the tax collector to pay the property tax against community property," continues the opinion, "and the tax collector finds that no poll tax has been assessed against the wife, and the wife is subject to the payment of a poll tax for the year for which such property assessment is made, it thereupon becomes the duty of the tax collector to assess such wife with a poll tax and to refuse to permit the payment of such property tax without the payment of such poll tax as assessed against the wife."

"Neither the husband nor the wife has the right to pay the poll tax of the other without a written order authorizing him or her to do so."

Do you suppose Germany is getting even with her late enemies by depreciating the value of her currency until it isn't worth anything?

A Baltimore man claims to have discovered a weed that will cure the tobacco habit. But the weed habit may be worse than the tobacco habit.

Timely Gift Suggestions

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Nut Sets,
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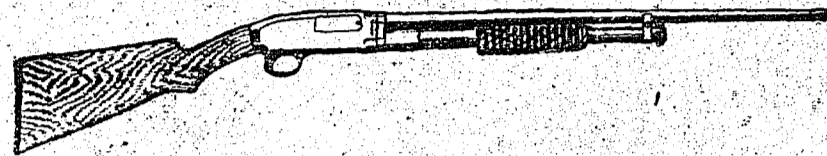


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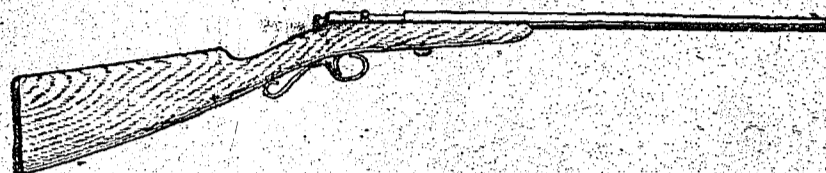
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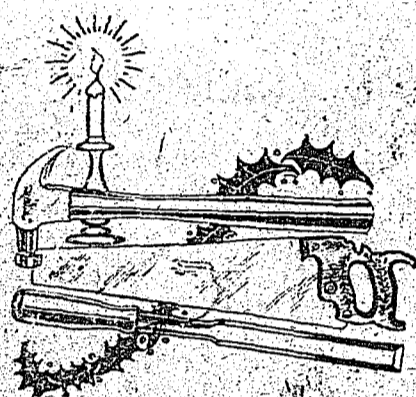


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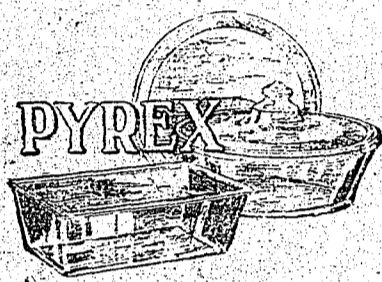
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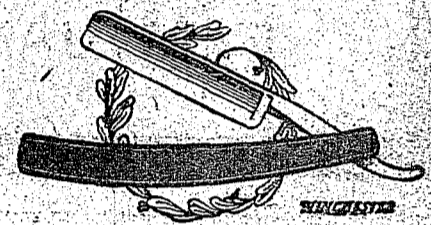


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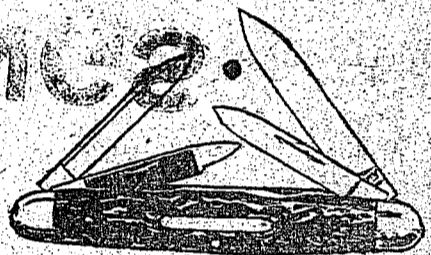
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CAUGHT IN THE
ROUND-UP

C. A. Crump took a vacation last week and spent the time in Dallas and Fort Worth.

S. H. Blanton left last week for Sahole, New Mexico, and arranged for the News to follow him for several months.

Mrs. L. C. Shaw of Caldwell came in Monday night to visit a few days with relatives in this community.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hatcher, son Tuesday morning a fine boy. The mother and babe are both reported to be doing nicely.

Rev. Fred Ross and family of Coleman visited Miss Jossie Baxter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. McFarland of Trickham were visitors at this office Monday.

Misses Virda and Bessie Alford of Plainview were visitors at this office Tuesday.

W. J. Coppin from out on route 2 was a business caller at this office Monday. Mr. Coppin recently renewed his subscription to the News and also subscribed for the Farm & Ranch.

J. A. Bozeman from out on route 3 received the sad message Monday stating that his brother Sam Bozeman was run over by a freight train last Saturday night near Troupe, Texas, and killed. The details were not further stated.

Rev. A. W. Fechner of Brownwood, pastor of the Liberty church, and also the Fisk church, was in the city Monday. Young Rev. Mr. Fechner is a very promising young minister-student of Howard Payne College.

J. W. Riley of Doole, just over the line in McCulloch county called at this office Tuesday to get two auto casings that he lost two weeks back. Mr. Riley advertised for them in another paper, but the finder brought them to Santa Anna. Miss Bessie Riley, daughter of J. W., who is going to school in Phoenix, Ariz., saw the ad in the News, mailed it to her father and caused him to find his tires. You may come in now Mr. Sheffield and get your reward.

Now that they ride in automobiles, why do army officers wear spurs?

D. R. Hill visited in Comanche first of the week.

The News starts with this issue to E. W. Gohar on route 2 for one year. Lee Woodward made a business trip to Brownwood Monday.

W. E. Baxter and family visited in Brownwood Sunday.

L. T. Bell on route 2 will read the News for another year, beginning with this issue.

Mrs. Jas. L. White of Brownwood is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Verner this week.

J. A. Smith from out on route 3 was among those to call Monday and renew his subscription to the News.

J. E. Wheat of Coleman was among those to call and renew his subscription to the News.

Prof. G. W. Bobo of Trickham was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday.

D. R. Kelley and L. E. Abernathy returned last week from South Texas, where they spent several days on a hunting and outing trip. They brought back a fine buck as evidence of their success.

T. J. Mills was among our early callers Monday morning, and while here renewed his subscription to the News and also the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News.

R. D. Burson of McGregor, Texas, passed through the city last Friday enroute to Rockwood to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burson. Mr. Burson is a farmer and also a director of the McGregor Chamber of Commerce, and spoke several words of praise for his local chamber and what it is doing for their town and community.

J. B. Joiner, Miss Vera Oakes and Sam Russell were among those to call at this office Tuesday and renew their subscriptions to the News for another year. Mr. Russell informed us that he had lived in these parts for thirty years and this extended warm and dry weather was not new to him. Some fifteen years back, according to Mr. Russell, cotton was growing and blooming in the fields Christmas day. This should relieve the minds of those who seem to want to think that this season breaks all precedence for a warm winter.

The rent house on the Brown farm near Liberty, which was occupied by L. E. Wells and family, was destroyed by fire, together with the household effects, Sunday night. A committee was in town Tuesday, soliciting aid for the unfortunates.

W. L. Alford from out on route one was among our business callers at this office last Friday. He renewed his subscription to the News, also has it sent to his son, Gordon W. Alford, at Stanton, New Mexico, for 6 months, and paid for the Youth's Companion

for a year to his son, Lovell, on route one.

Rev. J. M. Reynolds was among those to remember his brother Rev. J. W. Reynolds at Tennille, Ala., with a year's subscription to the News for a Christmas present.

GREETINGS

From the

First National Bank

We wish You a MERRY

CHRISTMAS

And extend to you a Cordial Invitation to do your Banking Business with us in 1922.

THE
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C. W. WOODRUFF, Cashier

You can't make a mistake if you give "Gifts that Last" from Mrs. Comer Blue's Jewelry Store.

Special prices on syrup. 1 gallon White Star Syrup 40c.—McFarland & Wilson.

FOUND—A purse between Santa Anna and Coleman. Owner may have same by calling at this office, giving satisfactory description and paying for this ad.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A dandy good horse for driving, riding or work, gentle. Also one second hand buggy and harness. Apply to Mrs. D. F. Rackley.

Bring your Christmas list to us and save money on every gift.—Mrs. Comer Blue's Jewelry Store.

NOTICE

I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs Dec. 29th, will be an open meeting and all members of both lodges are requested to meet with us. We will have visitors from other lodges.—Committee.

Our Christmas stock is complete and can save you money. Come and see.—McFarland & Wilson.

FOR SALE—1 Wagon, team and Harness, 1 P. & O. 4-plow Cultivator, and 1 Case planter to sell at a bargain.—W. P. Nuckolls. 51-tf.

Our entire stock of groceries until Jan. 1st at prices that can not be duplicated.—McFarland & Wilson.

EDISON PHONOGRAPH

I have a New Edison Phonograph for sale, cash or terms, or will trade for feed. See it at Polk Bros. Store.—J. E. Alfred. 51-tf.

GIN NOTICE—The Farmers Gin will run Friday, December 23rd. Bring in your cotton.

Give a nice Watch to your son or daughter for 'tis the "Gift that lasts".—Mrs. Comer Blue, Jewelry Store.

6 pounds Peaberry coffee \$1.00. This is a good buy as coffee is advancing every day.—McFarland & Wilson.

Notice to Stockholders

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting will be held at the offices of the bank at 2 p. m. on the Second Tuesday in January, being January 10, 1922, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before it.—Burgess Weaver, vice-pres. 50-tf.

NOTICE

There is an Ordinance in effect in the city of Santa Anna prohibiting the shooting of Fire Crackers inside the city limits. All violators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—J. O. Martin, Mayor. 51-2tc.

FOR SALE—Oak Cordwood, \$2.25 per cord.—E. W. Polk. 49-3tp.

We have one brand new Oakland Sensible Six Roadster, model 34c, to sell at a great bargain, \$1,000 cash.—Raney, May & Garrett. 51-tf.

For Sale—Several close-in residence and business lots in Santa Anna, priced worth the money. See Ben Vinson. 6-3-tf.

We have one brand new Oakland Sensible Six Roadster, model 34c, to sell at a great bargain, \$1,000 cash.—Raney, May & Garrett. 51-tf.

Buy your planting seed now, I am taking orders for the famous Kasch, Improved, Pedigreed Cotton Seed, of San Marcos, Texas, see or phone W. L. Alford. 51-tf.

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Fire and Tornado Insurance
W. E. BAXTER
Santa Anna, Texas.

FOR SALE—Post Oak and Live oak wood at \$2.50 per cord at my ranch.—T. Ray Garrett. 51-tf.

Christmas oranges, apples, candies and nuts at prices that will save you money.—McFarland & Wilson.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Under the spell of the Yuletide we find ourselves as little children, thrilled at the nearness of Santa Claus.

Who can deny the Spirit of Christmas, or the great human need for touching hands with childhood?

Yes, there's really a Santa Claus and he plays the same old tune on human heartstrings as he has done for ages past and will do as long as the world stands, and hearts have love and faith. For the Yule Spirit is the Spirit of Love—a great sweeping tide of good will and brotherly love that will not be denied.

Steadfast in our faith in Coleman county, and our wish for your good will and happiness, and believing that service is the greatest gift of all, we pledge ourselves during the year that is to come to serve a little better, to make friendship a little stronger, and to strive in any way to make our institution for service and the up-building of this community.

May your Christmas be a Very Merry one, and may all your cherished dreams of the Old Year come true in the early morning of the Glad New Day of 1922.—Parker Bros. Tailors, Gents' Furnishings.

Notice to Stockholders

The stockholders of the First State Bank of Santa Anna, Texas, are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting will be held at the offices of the bank at 10:30 a. m. on the Second Tuesday in January, being January 10, 1922, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before it.—P. P. Bond, cashier. 51-2tc.

Arrange to have a Chaxtonola in your home Christmas morning. Will sell what machines we have in stock at a bargain. No better machines made than the "Golden Throated Chaxtonola."—Mrs. Comer Blue Jewelry Store. "Gifts that Last."

SONG BOOKS

The 1922 song book by J.D. Vaughan are now ready and I can supply you with any number. Single copy 35 cents, 12 for \$3.60 or 100 for \$25. Send your orders to me or leave at Santa Anna News office.—G. W. Bobo, Santa Anna, Texas.

TRESSPASSERS NOTICE

No hunting or trespassing of any kind will be allowed on any land owned or controlled by the undersigned.—H. W. Kingsbery, Curtis Collins, S.D. Harper, Will Ferguson, A. U. Weaver, Kelley & Grady, J. T. Newman, Pfluger Ranch, Tom Todd, Mrs. M. E. Chambers, L. D. Boyd, Garrett Ranch. 47-tf.

Don't wear clothes with that "Smelly" Gasoline odor. My New De-odorizer takes it out.—E.G. Overby, Tailor and Dry Cleaner 50-tf.

There is money in the installment business—but not if you have been buying things that way.

A dispatch says Lenin fears that soviet rule will fail. And the rest of the world hopes it will.

And you can't keep a good price down, either.

WHAT WE THINK

OF THE KU KLUX

The Enterprise editor is often asked what we think of the Ku Klux and the activities of the Klan in various parts of the country. Answering these inquiries once and for all, let us say that we heartily endorse the purposes and most activities now carried on in the ranks of the Klan. Fact is we would count it a strong factor for the moral good of Winters if we had an organized Klan right here in our midst.

There are a few worthless characters holding out here that would hardly let the light of another day find them here after they had learned that we had a local organization in Winters.

There are a number of smaller offenses being committed almost daily in Winters that are not within the province of the regular officers of the law to punish. There are others that, while being direct violations of the law, are hard to convince in the courts, and it remains for some means outside the law to correct them.

Hence we would like to see a strong Klan organization in Winters where the offenders could be intimidated or punished on general principles.—Winters Enterprise.

Xmas Specials

Here you will find useful gifts for every member of the family, and at very low prices—remember your Friends and Loved ones with gifts that are useful and will be appreciated.

Men's Suits

For before Xmas selling we offer in addition to our already low price on Men's Suits, and including the World's Best Hart, Schffner & Marx, an additional discount on every Suit of \$5.00.

Ladies' Coats

About thirty high grade Coats for Ladies' in, good assortment of sizes and colors, including Seal Plush, in the lot you will find coats valued up to \$45.00 for before Xmas selling we offer choice the lot for \$15.00.

BLANKETS

Here is the best buy of the year, a plaid blanket, 64x-80 that sold last year for \$5.00. We offer this blanket for before Xmas selling at a price cheaper than sheets Just \$2.00 per Pair

You will find plenty of little Gifts, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Gloves, Hosiery and many little Novelties suitable for Gifts, and will find our salespeople always ready and willing to assist you in making selections.

Santa Anna Merc. Co.

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REPAIR WORK—Have your shoes repaired in the same old way. 19 years in Santa Anna and still mending shoes. Bring your work to McFarland & Wilson's Grocery Store.—W. P. Burris. 49-tf.

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Men's and Boys' Clothing AT THE LOWEST LEVEL

One lot of Suits for small boys, ages up to 8, Specially Priced

\$2.98

One lot of Suits for the Little Fellow, ages up to 8, Material all Wool Cassimers, Serges and Corduroys, values upto \$10.00, Special

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Odds and ends, brought down from prices up to \$13.50, most all sizes.

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Boys' Suits with pair of extra Pants, an excellent garment, Special

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Suits For Men and Young Men

All this season's goods, coat full lined, a garment for style and service, values up to \$20.00, Special

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For warmth and service, full length, full lined, worth more money, specially priced

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Highly tailored, choice materials, complete range of sizes and extra sizes, waists up to 48, also the High School sizes, Waist from 28 inches up.

MEN'S FINE HATS

See the great reduction in hats, new goods, correct models, values up to \$5.00, Specially priced

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Sunday School 'Lesson'

(By REV. P. E. FITZWATER, D. D.,
Teacher of English Bible in the Moody
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS LESSON—THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 2:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—And when they had
opened their treasures they presented
unto him gifts; gold and frankincense
and myrrh—Matt. 2:11.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Wise Men Visit the
Baby Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Wise Men and
the Star.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC
—The First Christmas.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC
—The Most Joyous Day in the Year.

1. The King Earnestly Sought (vv.
1, 2).

These Wise Men who sought Jesus were either Arabian or Persian astrologers—students of the stars. The appearance of an unusual star attracted their attention. Perhaps they were acquainted with the famous prophecy of Balaam (Num. 24:17): Doubtless through the influence of the Jews who remained in Chaldea, or the direct influence of Daniel extending to this time; they had become acquainted with the hope of a Messiah. The light they had was dim, but they lived up to the best they had. To those who act upon the best light they have, God always gives more. To those who refuse to act upon the knowledge given, God not only refuses to give more, but brings into confusion that which they already possess (Matt. 25:28). These men were really wise. Let us learn from them:

1. That all true wisdom leads to the Savior, for He is the Logos—the fullness of wisdom.

2. That God's Word shall not return unto him void (Isa. 55:11). The seeds cast upon the waters of the East brought forth fruit after many days. No work done for the Lord eventually fails.

3. The grace of God calls men from unexpected quarters. Some who have the least opportunities give the greatest honors to Christ; while others, blessed with the richest opportunities, shut Him out.

II. Herod Seeking to Kill the King (vv. 3-8).

The news brought by the Wise Men struck terror to Herod's heart. He was not alone in this, for all Jerusalem was troubled with him. The news ought to have brought joy. A glimpse at the social customs in and about Jerusalem at that day will enable us to understand why this news brought uneasiness to the people. They were living in the greatest luxury. Fine dresses, sumptuous feasts, fine houses, etc., led to gross immoralities. They did not want a Savior who would save them from their sins—they wanted to continue in them. Herod demanded of the priests and scribes information as to where Christ should be born. They soon were able to tell him. These people had a technical knowledge of the Scriptures, but had no heart for the Savior set forth therein. They had no disposition to seek Him. This all occurred in Jerusalem, the city of the King—the place of all places where He should have been welcomed. It seems where the greatest privileges are, there is the greatest indifference shown as to spiritual matters.

III. The King Found (vv. 9-12).

The Wise Men having obtained the desired information, started immediately to find the King. As soon as they left the city, the star which had guided them from the East appeared again to lead them on. Not that it had disappeared from the sky, but the dwellings of the city, no doubt, shut out the sight of it. Oftentimes our spiritual vision is obscured or hidden by the things of this world. The star guided them to the place where the Christ was. Those who earnestly seek Jesus shall find Him, though all hell oppose. When they found Him they worshiped Him. In this they displayed true faith. They did not see any miracles, only a babe, yet they worshiped Him as King. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29). Note God's overruling providence in all this. Many hundred years before, the prophet said that Christ should come from Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). God so ordered affairs that Mary should be brought to that city to give birth to Christ. God so ordered that these men should depart another way, thereby defeating Herod's wicked purpose. The Lord put gifts into the hands of Joseph and Mary before going to Egypt. Doubtless this served a good purpose in meeting their expenses during their stay there. Truly "All things work together for good to them that love God." (Rom. 8:28).

Dedicating the Wall of Jerusalem. And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.—Nehemiah 12:27.

They Rebel Against the Lord. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain in his season; he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.—Jeremiah 5:24.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Whether we shout it or sing it, we must be sure to mean it; for if we really mean it we really mean it when we say, "Merry Christmas, everybody," we will do all in our power to make Christmas a day of unsullied joy for all those within reach of our influence.

Christ came into the world to bring light which brings joy. He came to bring deliverance to men; to solve their difficult problems; to inspire a higher hope in the spirit of men. That is the cause of the deepest joy to mankind. Yes, Christmas is a joyful day as well as a sacred day.

It is a day for doing good deeds, as well as thinking good thoughts. It is not a day for receiving gifts only. There are so many opportunities for doing good, that we may receive joy a hundredfold, with the expenditure of just a little time and thought. There are many who have little; many who do not know the meaning of this day as you know it; many whose spirits are crushed by disaster. Remember them!—Boy's World.

Dollar wheat sounds like normacle, doesn't it?

It is all right to have a grouch, provided you keep it to yourself.

Santa Anna Chosen as Central Meeting Point of All Rural Parent-Teachers' Associations of Coleman County

This atmosphere of Brotherly Love and Harmony was shown last Friday night at the Santa Anna Parent-Teachers' Association when it was voted to invite all trustees, teachers, officers and members of the different P. T. A. in Coleman county to hold a quarterly meetings in our town. The object is to bring about a closer relationship between the rural districts and towns, and to assist each other in any way possible.

Thru our schools alone we can make 100 per cent American citizens and thru our parents and teachers we can start this spirit in every home. A most cordial invitation is extended all Coleman County by the Santa Anna P. T. A. to attend these meetings, notice of which County Chairman of School Extension, Mrs. Mike Meyer, will mail to the different schools of the county.

GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

COLLECTIONS \$4,847,793
Austin, Texas, Dec. 10.—The report of the State Comptroller for the year ending Aug. 31, 1921, will show the collection of gross receipts to the amount of \$4,847,793, according to Comptroller Lon A. Smith. In 1919 there was paid into the Treasury from gross receipts \$1,868,280 and in 1920 \$3,877,965. The collection this year will be nearly \$1,000,000 more than last year.

Senator Watson and Congressman Blanton have been furnishing some interesting reading matter to the Congressional Record even if they have been doing nothing else.

The woman ought to be regarded as the head of the house if she foots the bills, don't you think?

PROGRAM AT

Best Theatre

FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

MONDAY ONLY

Irene Castle in
"THE AMATEUR WIFE"

TUESDAY ONLY

Ethel Clayton in
"YOUNG MRS. WINTHROP"

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Bert Lytell in
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SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT

Hoot Gibson in his latest release
"RED COURAGE"
With Roman Romeos, a two reel Universal Comedy

PRICE OF ADMISSION 17 cents AND 28 cents

To Our Many Customers

May others be as good to you in the years to come as you have been to us in those that have passed.

We thank you, and extend to you the compliments of the season and best wishes for all of your future years

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