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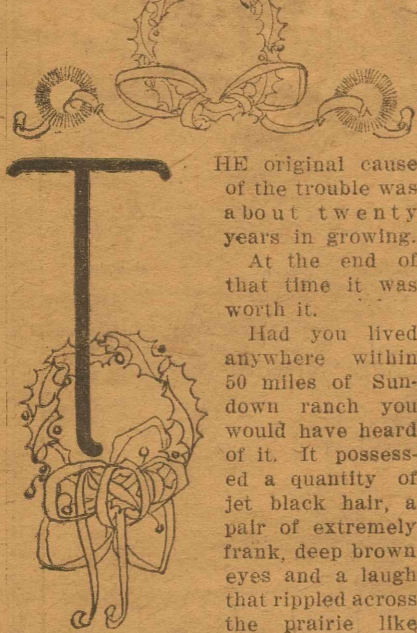
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A Chaparral Christmas Gift By O. Henry



THE original cause of the trouble was about twenty years in growing.

At the end of that time it was worth it. Had you lived anywhere within 50 miles of Sundown ranch you would have heard of it. It possessed a quantity of jet black hair, a pair of extremely frank, deep brown eyes and a laugh that rippled across the prairie like

the sound of a hidden brook. The name of it was Rosita McMullen; and she was the daughter of old man McMullen of the Sundown sheep ranch.

There came riding on red roan steeds—or, to be more explicit, on a paint and a flea-bitten sorrel—two wooders. One was Madison Lane and the other was the Frio Kid. But at that time they did not call him the Frio Kid, for he had not earned the honors of special nomenclature. His name was simply Johnny McRoy.

It must not be supposed that these two were the sum of the agreeable Rosita's admirers. The bronchos of a dozen others champed their bits at the long hitching rack of the Sundown ranch. Many were the sheep's eyes that were cast in those savannas that did not belong to the flocks of Dan McMullen. But of all the cavaliers Madison Lane and Johnny McRoy galloped far ahead, wherefore they are to be chronicled.

Madison Lane, a young cattleman from the Nueces country, won the race. He and Rosita were married one Christmas day. Armed, hilarious, vociferous, magnanimous, the cowmen and the sheepmen, laying aside their hereditary hatred, joined forces to celebrate the occasion.

But while the wedding feast was at its liveliest there descended upon it Johnny McRoy, bitten by jealousy, like one possessed. "I'll give you a Christmas present," he yelled, shrilly, at the door, with his .45 in his hand. Even then he had some reputation as an offhand shot.

His first bullet cut a neat underbit in Madison Lane's right ear. The barrel of his gun moved an inch. The next shot would have been the bride's, had not Carson, a sheepman, possessed a mind with triggers somewhat well oiled and in repair. The guns of the wedding party had been hung, in their belts, upon nails in the wall when they sat at table, as a concession to good taste. But Carson, with great promptness, hurled his plate of roast venison and frijoles at McRoy, spoiling his aim. The second bullet, then, only shattered the white petals of a Spanish dagger flower suspended two feet above Rosita's head.

The guests spurned their chairs and jumped for their weapons. It was considered an improper act to shoot the bride and groom at a wedding. In about six seconds there were twenty or so bullets due to be whizzing in the direction of Mr. McRoy. "I'll shoot better next time," yelled Johnny; "and there'll be a next time." He backed rapidly out the door. The cattlemen swept out upon him, calling for vengeance.

But the sortie failed in its vengeance. McRoy was on his horse and away, shouting back curses and threats as he galloped into the concealing chaparral.

That night was the birthright of the Frio Kid. He became the "bad man" of that portion of the state. The rejection of his suit by Miss McMullen turned him to a dangerous man. When officers went after him for the shooting of Carson, he killed two of them, and entered upon the life of an

outlaw. When he was, at last shot and killed by a little one-armed Mexican who was nearly dead himself from fright, the Frio Kid had the deaths of 18 men on his head.

Many tales are told along the border of his impudent courage and daring. But he was not one of the breed of desperadoes who have seasons of generosity and even of softness. They say he never had mercy on the object of his anger. Yet at this and every Christmastide it is well to give each one credit, if it can be done, for whatever speck of good he may have possessed. If the Frio Kid ever did a kindly act or felt a throb of generosity in his heart it was once at such a time and season, and this is the way it happened:

One December in the Frio country rode the Frio Kid and his Satellite and co-murderer, Mexican Frank. The Kid reined in his mustang, and sat in his saddle, thoughtful and grim, with dangerously narrowing eyes.

"I don't know what I been thinking about, Mex," he remarked in his usual mild drawl, "to have forgot all about a don't want to begin it wrong, yet I don't know the right."

"I don't believe much in saying things," the young farmer remarked; "my policy is to do them. And now, are you going to stay here in this lonely place much longer? It is snowing and it is late."

"I suppose I ought to go," she said doubtfully, "but it is so lovely here in the silence."

"Look here," he said suddenly, "don't you keep your tea things in that little cupboard? I have got to go to town, and when I come back I'll bring something for a little supper, and we can watch the old year out. Then I'll take you home in the sleigh."

"How good of you." She held out her hand to him. "You haven't bothered me with advice, and you are doing something to make me comfortable. That is just like you, Jack Norton."

He blushed a little, this big kindly man, who looked upon the little woman from the city as a being from another sphere; she was so dainty, so different from the girls in his own village.

Nell knew what she was doing when she told him not to ask her to stay; she had known for a long time of the question that trembled on his lips. She knew he wanted to marry her, as a woman knows who is wise in the ways of men.

She thought of the life she might lead if she married him, a life in the big farmhouse, sunshiny in summer and secure in winter. Then she thought of her life with her uncle in a dark apartment in the streets of the city. She knew that, in a way, it was a false idea of duty that would take her back. Yet she had to go, some force that was in her seemed impelling her.

The wind blew in great blasts against the little house, the snow had drifted up to the window sills, and white lines of it pointed across the window pane like ghostly fingers. Dragging footsteps came up the path. Nell listened. It was not Jack Norton; these were the steps of an old man. From the door a voice quavered:

"Are you there, Nell?"

"Uncle," she said, fearfully, "how did you come here?"

"I met a young man down the road," he said, "I wanted him to guide me to the McGregors. He told me you were here."

"You didn't answer my letter," the old man went on, when she had made him sit down.

"Are you going back with me?"

Now that she was face to face with his meanness, it seemed to Nell that she could never go with him.

"I don't know," she faltered.

"Here's a grateful girl," the old man stormed, and just then the sleighbells jingled and, in another moment Jack Norton was in the room, his arms full of bundles, his eyes beaming.

"So this is your uncle," he said. "I thought so when I directed him here. You'll stay and have supper with us, won't you, sir? We are going to see the old year out and the new year in."

"I?" Jack's eyes flashed from Nell's covering figure to the grimness of the uncle. Then suddenly he took things in his own hands.

"I'm the man your niece is going to marry," he said.

"What!" the old man shouted.

"I'm the man your niece is going to marry," he said securely. He had seen the joy in Nell's face.

"But she is going home with me." Jack shook his head. "No, she is going home with me. You can come whenever you wish, sir. The old house is big enough for twenty uncles, or if you like it better, there is a cottage at the edge of the farm where you could stay if you wished."

The old man flashed a crafty glance at him. "Would it cost me anything?" he asked.

"Nothing," said Jack.

"Then marry her," said the old uncle, "and I'll come and live in the cottage alone."

Nell's face was in her hands, and, as Jack bent over her, she whispered, "Oh, I can't let you do it!"

"It is the only way that you can make my New Year happy," he told her, and as she looked up into his face she knew that what he said was true. (Copyright.)

The Chinese New Year.

"Gar-ne-fo-Toy"—Happy good luck to you, may you be prosperous, may your honorable family be prosperous and may the spirits of your ancestors rest content—is the gist of the Chinese New Year's greeting. The New Year festival begins the last of January and continues two weeks.

Reminiscences.

"There are no pirates now to make you walk the plank."

"No. But a few got me last summer on the board walk at a seaside resort."

Unreliable Assertions.

"What makes you think your publisher is unscrupulous?"

"The things he says about me and my books in his advertisements," replied the author.

Nell's New Year's Eve By Temple Bailey

Was there any place where she could be really quiet?

Nell went to the door and looked out. As far as her eyes could see there was wintry whiteness and through the purple shadows of the coming night she saw a few lights, like stars.

Each light represented a farmhouse, and each house, like the one in which Nell was staying, was full of happy, noisy people.

And Nell was not happy, she wanted quiet. Like a hunted animal she looked this way and that for some place

where she might be alone. On the crest of a hill, far up the road, stood the schoolhouse where she taught. It was closed now and dark.

"I will go there," Nell said to herself, and just then a voice behind her called: "Supper is ready."

"I don't want any," Nell said wearily. "I'm going out for a little while, Mrs. McGregor. I'll be back by ten."

The snow began to fall softly as she left the house, and by the time she reached the school it was beginning to drift against the fences. There was no fire within, but Nell lit one, and when the warmth began to steal into the room, she drew the one big chair close to the hearth and in the peaceful loneliness gave herself up to her thoughts.

But she was not to remain in peace long. There was a sound of sleighbells without, heavy steps on the threshold, and she looked up to see the burly form of a young farmer in the doorway.

"Well, well," he said, "I saw the light and came in. Who would have dreamed that you would be here alone?"

Nell smiled wearily. "I came to be quiet."

"Then you don't want me." "Oh, sit down," she said, somewhat ungraciously.

But he stood by the fireplace and looked down at her.

"What's the matter?" he asked abruptly.

"Nothing," faintly.

"Don't tell me that, I know better."

"If I tell you," she asked, "you mustn't give me any advice. I have had so much advice I hate it."

He sat down beside her. "Tell ahead," he said, "and I'll promise to listen like the Sphinx."

"You see, it is this way," she said; "my uncle in town is rich. He is a miserly old man, and he made me miserable when I lived with him. I'm not going to tell you about my childhood, how little love there was in it, and how I was starved spiritually and mentally, as well as physically. When I grew old enough to understand that he could give me things, and had not because he wanted to save and save, I left him and came here to teach; and now he has written to me to come back, and I don't want to go, yet he is sick and old and alone. I told Mrs. McGregor and she tells me to stay here. Then all the family talked about it and everybody advised. They meant well—but I couldn't stand it, I—I don't want to go, but I must."

He started to say something, then checked himself.

"I'd like to break that promise," he said.

"No, you mustn't," she said firmly. "You've all been so good to me here, and if you," she caught her breath, "join the others in asking me to stay, it will make it so hard for me to go."

"He doesn't deserve much at your hands," the man stated.

"I know," she said wearily, "but to-morrow I begin a new year, and I Christmas present I got to give. I'm going to ride over tomorrow night and shoot Madison Lane in his own house. He got my girl—Rosita would have had me if he hadn't cut into the game. I wonder why I happened to overlook it up to now?"

"Ah, shucks, Kid," said Mexican, "don't talk foolishness. You know you can't get within a mile of Mad Lane's house tomorrow night. I see old man Allen day before yesterday, and he says Mad is going to have Christmas doings at his house. You remember how you shot up the festivities when Mad was married, and about the threats you made? Don't you suppose Mad Lane'll kind of keep his eye open for a certain Mr. Kid? You plumb make me tired, Kid, with such remarks."

"I'm going," repeated the Frio Kid, without heat, "to go to Madison Lane's Christmas doings, and kill him. I ought to have done it a long time ago."

"There's other ways of committing suicide," advised Mexican. "Why don't you go and surrender to the sheriff?"



"I'm the Man She Is Going to Marry."



"What's the Matter?" He Asked.

"I'll get him," said the Kid. Christmas eve fell as balmy as April. Perhaps there was a hint of far-away frostiness in the air, but it tingled like seltzer, perfumed faintly with late prairie blossoms and the mesquite grass.

When night came the five or six rooms of the ranch house were brightly lit. In one room was a Christmas tree, for the Lanes had a boy of three, and a dozen or more guests were expected from the nearer ranches.

The guests had arrived in buckboards and on horseback, and were making themselves comfortable inside.

The evening went along pleasantly. The guests enjoyed and praised Rosita's excellent supper, and afterward the men scattered in groups about the rooms or on the broad "gallery," smoking and chatting.

The Christmas tree, of course, delighted the youngsters, and above all were they pleased when Santa Claus himself in magnificent white beard and furs appeared and began to distribute the toys.

"It's my papa," announced Billy Sampson, aged six.

Berkly, a sheepman, an old friend of Lane, stopped Rosita as she was passing by him on the gallery.

"Well, Mrs. Lane," said he, "I suppose by this Christmas you've gotten over being afraid of that fellow Mc-



"Oh, Thank You!"

Roy, haven't you? Madison and I have talked about it, you know."

"Very nearly," said Rosita, smiling, "but I am still nervous sometimes. I shall never forget that awful time when he came so near killing us."

"He's the most cold-hearted villain in the world," said Berkly. "The citizens all along the border ought to turn out and hunt him down like a wolf."

"He has committed awful crimes," said Rosita, "but—I don't—know. I think there is a spot of good somewhere in everybody. He was not always bad—that I know."

Rosita turned into the hallway between the rooms. Santa Claus, in muffling whiskers and furs, was just coming through.

"I heard what you said through the window, Mrs. Lane," he said. "I was just going down in my pocket for a Christmas present for your husband. But I've left one for you, instead. It's in the room to your right."

"Oh, thank you, kind Santa Claus," said Rosita, brightly.

Rosita went into the room, while Santa Claus stepped into the cooler air of the yard.

She found no one in the room but Madison.

"Where is my present that Santa said he left for me in here?" she asked.

"Haven't seen anything in the way of a present," said her husband, laughing, "unless he could have meant me."

The next day Gabriel Radd, the foreman of the X O ranch, dropped into the post office at Loma Alta.

"Well, the Frio Kid's got his dose of lead at last," he remarked to the postmaster.

"That so? How'd it happen?"

"One of old Sanchez's Mexican sheep herders did it—think of it! The Frio Kid killed by a sheep herder! The Greaser saw him riding along past his camp about twelve o'clock last night, and was so skeered that he up with a Winchester and let him have it. Funniest part of it was that the Kid was dressed all up with white Angora-skin whiskers and a regular Santy Claus rig-out from head to foot. Think of the Frio Kid playing Santy!"

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COUNTY COURT

LIST OF PETIT JURORS

J. T. Parker, E. D. Chambers, J. T. Whitaker, L. W. Starks, J. R. Arthur, L. B. Barrett, J. A. Neighbors, W. E. Kellar, Jacob Scott, J. A. Murchison, H. F. Clay, E. Austin, W. M. Stovall.

State vs. Milton Harmon, violating local option laws, continued.

State vs. Geo. Richardson, No. 335, violating local option laws, plea of guilty and punished by a fine of \$25 and 20 days in jail.

State vs. Geo. Richardson, No. 336, violating local option laws, dismissed.

State vs. R. S. Mobley, aggravated assault, plea of guilty and fined \$25.

State vs. B. D. Glasgow, unlawfully carrying arms, continued.

State vs. C. I. Cannon, aggravated assault, verdict of simple assault and fined \$5 and cost.

State vs. C. I. Cannon, killing cow with intent to injure owner and abusing domestic animals, continued.

State vs. J. C. Hinson, aggravated assault, continued.

vated assault, continued.

J. R. Baker vs. Will Stephens, suit for possession of one horse, verdict for plaintiff.

Spur Hardware Co. vs. Will Peters, suit on note and open account. An agreed judgement for plaintiff.—Item.

NOTICE

The Trustees of the Spur Independent School District will on the 10th day of January, 1912 select a depository for said School District, and will on that date receive bids for the same; and the person, firm or corporation offering the highest rate of interest on daily balances will be awarded the contract as depository of said School District. Said party so awarded the contract must furnish said School Board with good bond for his performance of said contract.—J. V. McCormick Secretary, J. E. Standifer President Board.

L. W. Davis returned from Fort Worth Monday where he has been on business several days.

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Your
Fall
Supplies

**We Are Going to Unload Merchandise
For Cash Regardless of Cost or Former Selling Prices**

Trade With Morrison and Save Money

We must unload a big stock of Mens Clothing, Ladies Ready-to-Wear, Hats, Shoes, Groceries, Etc. We are going to divide profits with you. Do your trading now while you can save money. We are the price-makers of Spur, our method of a big business at a small profit has saved the people of Spur and the surrounding country thousands of dollars. But from now until Dec. 30th we propose to eclipse all former efforts. We must turn a large part of our stock into cash by Dec. 30th. Jobbers and manufacturers must be satisfied whether Morrison makes money or not. Our loss is your gain. Come expecting to save money. You won't be disappointed. If you buy from us you get a premium on money saved. Don't hesitate! Come before the stock is broken.

WE NEVER ADVERTISE A BARGAIN CARNIVAL WITHOUT PRODUCING THE BARGAINS.

GROCERIES

Remember we buy groceries in car lots, when the price is right and sell them for about what they cost smaller concerns.

100 lbs. Granulated sugar	\$6.50
25 lbs. Granulated Sugar	\$1.65
100 lbs. Baker Boy Flour	\$2.90
<small>(Remember this flour is guaranteed as good as any flour sold in Spur at any price.)</small>	
10 lb. Bucket Cotelene	\$1.25
10 lb. " Swift's Compound	90c
10 lb. " Armours	90c
Large Bucket Coffee	\$1.00
5 Gallon Best Bulk Oil	50c
5 Gallon Keg Krout	\$1.35
10 lb bucket Cotelene	1.25
14 lb. Navy Beans	\$1.00
14 lbs. Red Beans	\$1.00
Potatoes per sack per lb.	2 1-2c
Smoked Bacon	12 1-2c
Dry Salt Bacon	11 1-2c

Staple Cotton Goods

At the Lowest Prices in Years
Lay in all your Needs.

All standard calicos go at	4c
15c Dress gingham	11c
Good outing for quilt lining	5c
10c Outings	7 1-2c
12 1-2c Amoskeag 1748 out	10c
25c Table Oil cloth per yd.	10c
35c 10-4 Bleached sheeting	23c
50c Bleached table linen	29c
75c Bleached table linen	48c

Ladies Suits, Coats & Skirts.

A large and up-to-date showing of ladies ready-to-wear at prices that are competition proof

\$25 Ladies Suits	\$18.98
20.00 " "	14.97
15.00 " "	10.98
3.50 Panama Skirts	1.89
4.00 " "	2.98
5.00 " "	3.85
6.50 " "	4.75
8.50 " "	5.98
10.00 " "	7.98

All Ladies, Misses and Childrens
Coats at proportionate cuts

Dress Goods and Silks

At Astonishingly Low Prices
Now is the Time to Buy

25c Cotton serge all colors	12c
20c Suitings	12c
25c Poplins, all colors	18c
35c " " "	25c
40c Waist silks	25c
75c " " "	45c

75c Crepe de Cheine	48c
50c All wool serge go at	39c
50c All wool panamas go at	39c
75c Wool dress goods go at	48c
All dress goods proportionately.	

Shoes, Shoes

Shoes from the best manufacturers at great reduction.

Ladies \$2.00 dress shoes	1.48
Ladies 2.50 " "	1.89
Ladies 3.00 " "	2.39
Ladies 3.50 " "	2.89
Mens 4.00 " "	3.39
" 3.50 " "	2.89
" 3.00 " "	1.98
" 2.50 " "	1.79

Children and boys Shoes at similar reductions.

Mens Clothing

800 Suits just received from the best factories that will be sold at a price that anyone can afford.

100 Suits \$10 values all col.	\$5.98
12.50 New grays & browns	7.48
15.00 values in new shades	10.98
17.50 " " " "	12.48
20.00 " " " "	14.98
2.00 grade boys suits	1.48
2.50 " " "	1.98
3.50 " " "	2.89
4.50 " " "	3.48
1.00 Overalls and Jumpers	89c
1.25 Carhart overalls	98c
1000 pair odd pants at big reductions	

Mens Hats

\$3.00 Buckskin felt hats, all styles, colors and shapes	\$2.85
2.50 hats all styles	1.89
2.00 " " "	1.48
1.50 boys hats	1.19
1.25 " " "	98c
75c " " "	48c

Big line of winter caps at similar reductions.

Mens Furnishings

Buy Furnishing Goods while you can save money.

50c Work shirts	45c
75c Dress shirts	48c
1.25 Dress shirts	98c
Mens heavy underwear	45c
1.00 sweaters	75c
2.00 sweaters	1.48
50c 4-in-hand ties	29c
Boston garters	19c
10c heavy gray hose	5c
15c black and tan hose	8c
25c fancy hose	8c

Household Goods

15c Turkish bath towels	10c
10c Scrim. per yard	7c
25c Stenciled Scrim.	12c
25c " " "	17c
35c Misses & Boys union suits	25c
65c Ladies vests	45c
75c Ladies union suits	48c
15c Misses ribbed hose	8c
20c Misses ribbed hose	11c
15c Ladies Black Hose	8c
25c " " "	18c
45c " " "	25c

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R. R. Morrison, Spur, Texas

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Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

\$12 to \$25.00
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

The settlement of the Spur Farm Lands has in some portions taken practically all the land we have been offering under the plan of reservation of each alternate section. We are, therefore, ready to price and offer for sale such sections in these localities as has heretofore been reserved.

We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases—they will have the first opportunity to do so.

Definite prices on these or any other lands will be made upon application.

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable price. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

LOST—A diamond stick pin between the Lyric Theatre and the home of Mrs. T. M. Verneer. Finder return to T. M. Verneer.

WANTED
A horse for his feed or will buy good gentle delivery horse. Spur Grain & Coal Co.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Please be advised that we are continuing the work of poisoning prairie dogs in the Spur Farm Lands, and should any settler in Spur Farm Lands desire that we do the work of poisoning on his land when same is reached, as the work progresses, arrangements can be made to this end either at our office or with Mr. James Foster, in charge of the dog poisoning, who can be found at the camps as established.—S. M. Swenson & Sons.
C. A. Jones, Manager.

STOCK NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to who ever it may concern that the practice of turning horses and cattle loose in the Spur Pastures must cease as we will gather all such stock and hold for pasture at the Public Wagon Yard at owners expense.
W. J. Lewis, Mgr.

FOR SALE
About 200 bushels of Missouri ear corn to arrive in car this week. Any parties wanting this corn leave name and amount wanted at Spur National Bank. M. A. Jordan.

NOTICE
The Annual Share-holders meeting of The Spur National Bank, will be held in its Directors room on Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transacting of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
Signed, G. W. Sherrod, Cashier.

Groceries

AT

Karnival Prices

Everything in our complete and large stock of Groceries will be sold until Saturday, December 30 at Attractive Carnival Prices

A nice selection of Cakes, Apples, Oranges, Nuts and Other Nic-Nacs for Christmas

Come to the place where you get the best service, the best goods and the best prices

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We have a fine assortment of watches, clocks, fobs, chains, bracelets and jewelry of all kinds.

Cut-Glass and China

We have a big line of Cut-Glass and Hand-Painted China which will be sold at actual cost from now until Dec. 30th.

Call for tickets for the \$230 to be given away at 2 o'clock Saturday, December 30. You may Get one or more of the 22 handsome premiums.

W. C. Gruben, The Jeweler
At Spur Drug Company

Horse Dentistry!

W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

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..I DON'T THINK YOU EVER DID..

We commence on Saturday, December 23, to close out our entire stock of Hardware at actual cost. Everything from a needle to Buggies, Wagons, Plows and all Shelf Hardware goes at cost. We guarantee to save you from 20 to 40 cents on each dollar purchase.

We offer \$40.00 Stoves for \$27.50
 \$30.00 stoves for \$22.50
 \$15.00 stoves for \$11.00
 \$125.00 buggies for \$100.00
 \$100.00 buggies at \$80.00
 We can give you buggies as low as \$65
 \$45.00 sulky plows 35.00
 40.00 cultivator at 32.50
 Rod plows at 10.00. 12 or 14 inch
 Nails \$2.75 per 100 lb.
 All shelf hardware at 30 cents off on each dollar purchase.

Don't fail to visit our store during this closing out sale, as you may never again have the opportunity of buying Hardware at actual cost. This is the opportunity for the carpenters to fill their tool boxes with O.V. B. tools at a very low price. Furnish your kitchen with this low price table ware, cutlery, etc.

We offer a few silver mounted Carving Sets at 2.50 to 4.00

Barber & Hancock.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

For the young and middle aged men and women of Spur. Draughon's Practical Business College wants to give you a commercial training right at home that is excelled by none.

Through the activity of the Commercial Club of Spur, Mr. V. C. Batson, Field Representative of Draughon's College Co. is in the city with a view to locating a branch school here, and in an interview said, "We will establish the school in Spur just as soon as 25 students are secured." A special discount will be given charter members in order to establish this school at once. This is a great school corporation, capitalized at \$300,000.00 and we think no wide-awake man or woman of Spur school should miss the opportunity of a commercial training in this great school. There is a greater demand for the graduates of Draughon's colleges than of any other college or college company in the world.

This company places annually more than ten thousand graduates in good paying positions. You can scarcely go into a town in the United States without finding from one to five hundred positions filled by Draughon's students. Will the citizens of this city and surrounding country let this opportunity pass, and send our boys and girls away to school, pay from two to five hundred dollars for what is offered by the largest and most reputable school in the world for \$44.00, thus keeping our boys and girls and money at home? What shall it be?

Do not regard this as too good an opportunity for our ambitious men and women to miss, and we think that every business man should co-operate in the establishment of this school. Let's get busy and make this new school a success.

gladly give you what you may wish. V. C. Batson.

One black mare W. Walker.

At the Dinner.

Last Christmas a certain minister was invited to a big dinner at the house of one of the leading men in the town. At the dinner table he was placed opposite a goose.

The lady of the house was placed on the minister's left. Seeing the goose he remarked:

"Shall I sit so close to the goose?" Finding his words a bit equivocal, he turned round to the lady, and said, in a most inoffensive tone:

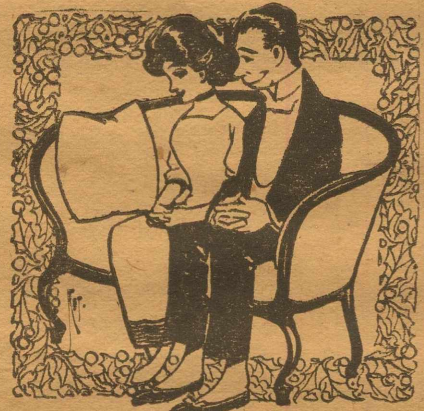
"Excuse me, my lady; I meant the nearest one."

A Convenient Myth.

"Why do you still keep up that absurd Santa Claus myth?" asked the cynic. "I should have thought you would have laughed at it."

"Because," answered the man with a large family, "it is convenient to have some one to blame for presents that fall to please."

OPPORTUNE.



George—Ah, Lily, dear, this will be the jolliest Christmas I've ever spent. Now that we're engaged I think only of the future.

Lily—Do you? Well, at this time of the year I think only of the present.

Christmas Thanks.

When turkey's on the table laid, And good things I may scan, I'm thankful that I wasn't made A vegetarian.

Cackling.

Mrs. Gramercy—She must have been surprised when her husband gave her such an expensive present for Christmas.

Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

Poor Man.

Mrs. Caller—You surely don't give your husband a necktie every Christmas?

Mrs. Athome—Oh, yes, I do! And the poor dear never seems to know that it is the same one!

Telephone us your needs for cake ingredients, Xmas fruits and nuts.—Sol Davis.

Henson & Poole Staple and Fancy groceries. Both phones 28

New Year's Prayer for Women

By TEMPLE BAILEY

Grant that we may look forward and not back. Give to us memories only good of the past year and let the evil die.

In days of darkness and despair may we not cry out, but face the world bravely.

Link to our ideals of womanly sweetness and truth the strength which shall make them real.

Show us how we may be kind to other women; to those who have failed and fallen grant us the special grace of sympathy.

May we judge men not by trivial standards, but by the broader vision which shall give just due to their untiring efforts, their courage, their silent acceptance of the hard facts of life.

Help us to mother all little, lonely children.

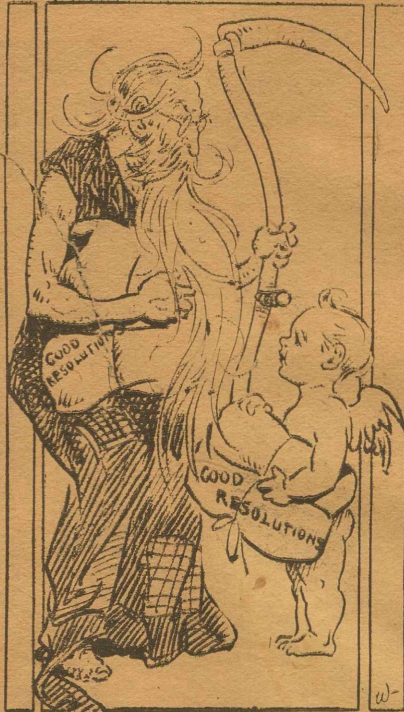
If any we love have hurt us, let us love them still.

Give to us some work to which we may go gladly in the morning, and from which we may rest when the shadows of the evening fall.

And then, O Lord of All the World, and of All New Years, when Thou hast given to us these things which shall put us right with ourselves and with our fellowmen, grant to each of us, we beseech Thee, our moment of vivid ecstasy, our little share of human happiness, and, in the end, a quiet heart. Amen.

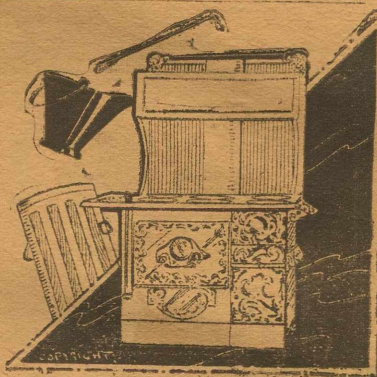


AS GOOD AS NEW



Old Year—Hello. What is that package you are carrying?
 New Year—It contains the good resolutions that signalize my coming.
 Old Year (exhibiting a similar package)—Hub! If you'd let me know I'd have lent you these. They're the ones I brought with me when I came, and nobody would keep them.

When in doubt I will believe the best of the other person. This is more easily corrected than the irreparable injury of misapplied censure and suspicion.



THE WANTS OF WINTER

are now asserting themselves, and among them are stoves, ranges and the scores of little things incidental to their proper fixing and running. We are prepared to show you a large new stock of

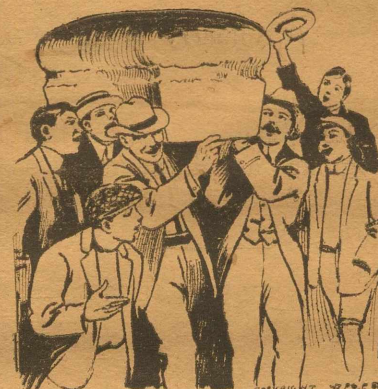
HIGH-CLASS STOVES AND RANGES

in all the best and most popular makes and styles and with the very latest improvements. Also separate grates, bars, lifters, lids, coal hods, poker, etc., etc.

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You don't have to be a Beaver to wear "Beaver Hat." If you are "real good Indian" the price is \$3.00 to you.—Sol Davis.

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COURSES OF STUDY

BUSINESS COURSE—Embracing Book-keeping, Banking, Commercial Arithmetic, Rapid Calculation, Commercial Law, Business Letter Writing, Commercial Papers, Spelling and Penmanship.

SHORTHAND COURSE—Embracing Shorthand, Typewriting, Penmanship, Spelling, Business Letter Writing, Court Reporting, English Grammar and Punctuation.

COMBINED COURSE—Embracing all studies in both the Business and Shorthand Course.

RATES OF TUITION

BUSINESS or SHORTHAND COURSE—Regular price in any DRAUGHON'S established Colleges, Life Scholarship \$50.00. Special prices to the first twenty-five students enrolled, \$44.00.

COMBINED COURSE—Regular price in any DRAUGHON'S established Colleges Life Scholarship, \$85.00. Special price to the first twenty-five students enrolled \$65.00

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

In regard to special rates, courses of study, guarantee of position, diplomas, etc., see our Field Representative, Mr. V. C. Batson, temporary headquarters at the Commercial Club Rooms, over Spur National Bank or address

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See L. W. Davis for Cotton Insurance.

L. C. Love spent Christmas in Stamford.

Miss Mary Jane Smith is spending this week in Stamford with relatives and friends.

Don't overlook our ladies shoes. Take a peep at our window. Sol Davis.

Hermon Morrison was up from Rotan Monday and Tuesday on business.

There were Christmas trees at the Christian, Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches Saturday night. Every child present received a present.

Geo. T. Barnes and wife visited P. H. Miller and wife Monday.

Mr. Albert Campbell, of Bryan, is in the city spending the holidays with his brother.

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Gentlemen.
Mr. Mel King, Jasper L. Kerr, Don Marimon, Charlie Spears, J. L. Stewart, L. W. Young.

Ladies
Mrs. Lizzie Bryant, Mrs. W. E. Ramey.

When calling for above letters please say "advertised." Norton A. Baker Postmaster.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Old Santa Claus has come and gone, but he left behind him memories dear. For twelve long months he'll stay at home, for Xmas only comes but once a year. But the love and cheer that he left behind will linger long in the childrens' mind.

The Xmas tree and concert at Girard Saturday night was a "howling success" in every particular. The Duck Creek school children assisted in the program which was rendered beautifully. The Xmas tree was well filled with presents, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mr. Hugh Swearengen and sister, Ida, of Dickens, are spending Xmas with kinsfolks and friends.

The Xmas dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Hagins was a feast good enough for a king. A monstrous turkey was the chief attraction of the table, which was loaded down with every kind of a goody imaginable.

The fruit supper at J. A. Swearengens Xmas night was well attended and all reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hagens from Kent county, visited in Gilpin Friday.

Mr. J. C. Morris has had a long face all through Xmas.

Misses Ruth Hawkins and Mamie Billberry is all smiles, while their girl friends are green with envy.

Rev. Mike Young filled his regular appointment at Duck Creek Sunday. Johnny Jumpup.

TAP TELLINGS

Christmas is past and we are all still on tereferma.

The young folks were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge McClain. All report a most delightful time.

We had a regular Xmas service at the Baptist church Sunday, an able sermon delivered by Rev. T. F. Medlin followed by a prayer and praise meeting. A large crowd attended these services.

Plenty fruit trees is the order of the day. Most every land owner is planting more fruit trees this winter.

C. M. Overman shipped his household goods and took passage on a Prairie Schooner for Rannels county Friday.

Chas. Smith, of Redland New Mexico, is here spending the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. Holden and family has located with us and will occupy the Manning farm another year.

E. E. Turner is visiting in the extreme eastern part of Texas.

J. C. Hinson and wife, of Soldier Mound, spent Xmas with Mrs. Henson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greer.

S. S. Allcorn left a few days ago with his family and household effects for their new home near Floydada.

W. L. Wright is moving this week to the Afton country where he will reside in the future.

The weather has been very unsettled for the past few days and the people are more so. About this time of year is moving time for the renters. We never did make but one real move and still feel the effects of it. This move taken place one Sunday night about 11:30 when the old man came up the rear, and you know the rest. Gadabout.

Sol Davis and family, spent Christmas with R. C. Forbis and family north of Dickens.

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First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

DINED HER CLASS

On Sunday 24th, Mrs. P. H. Miller, the teacher of the Baraca class of the Baptist Sunday School had them over for dinner. They were there sixteen strong, a class of fine young men. The writer among many others had the honor to be present and partake of one of the nicest and most sumptuous dinners in many a day. The tables were set and it was announced that each would find his place at the table by a card describing him. Some of us tried to get around ours, taking one more pleasing, but we were put back to our proper places. But all differences were moved when the eating come for all eat alike and as much as was his capacity of oyster soup, turkey, pork, cran berries, sauces, and cake. Dinner being ended a very nice and appropriate toast was given to the teacher booster Mrs. Miller, by Mr. Y. L. Jones. It was an enjoyable occasion. The more timid the young man the faster and more he eat. But there was plenty and to spare.

There were about 30 in all and each left wishing success to the class of 1912 and many happy returns of the day. An Eater.

NOTICE

I have bought the transfer and baggage formerly run by Mr. Pullen, and will appreciate your trade, large or small. Office at Pooles Restaurant. Phone 87. S. Power. tf

Doek Edwards was in Tuesday from Croton and said there was Christmas trees at Wichita, Novview, Dickens, Afton and all of the school-houses in that part of Dickens county. And they all had a good time and a merry Christmas.

A girl baby come to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Tigie in the north part of the city Christmas Eve day.

Mr. Will Thanish and son, of the northeast part of the county was in town the latter part of last week doing their holiday trading.

Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

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We have a complete stock and would appreciate your business.

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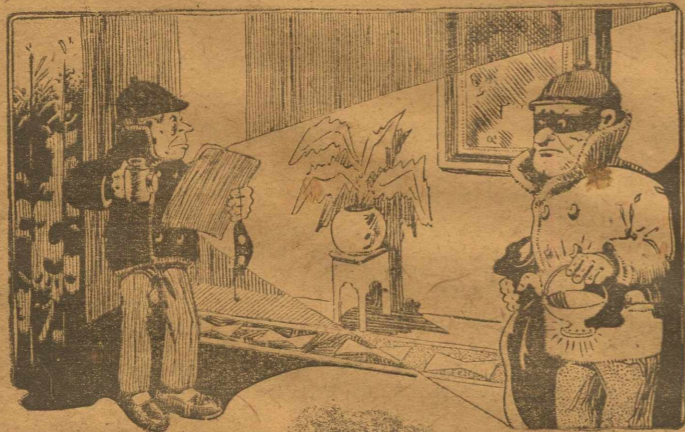
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Why are these burglars like our lumber?
Because they always go into the best of homes

Not only do we sell the majority of lumber for the best homes all around here, but we get most of the bills for barns, granaries and for all buildings where good, sound, dry material is required.

People have learned that there is a lot of difference in the quality of lumber, and as we make quality our "long suit", particular buyers take no chances, but buy what they need from us.

Our stock is complete, and our prices as low as you can get.

Estimates cheerfully figured.

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