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### EARLY CONSTRUCTION OF FORT WORTH-DENTON INTERURBAN

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 13.— Responding promptly to the call made by the board of directors of the Fort Worth-Denton interurban project for the payment of ten per cent of the amount subscribed for the building of this road between these two points, the stockholders have paid in more than \$30,000 of the necessary \$50,000 which is required before the charter is applied for. At the present rate of remittance it is expected that the officials will be able to apply for the charter in a few days.

Fort Worth and Denton citizens have subscribed jointly about \$400,000 for the construction of the line. Just as soon as the charter is granted the promoters will begin the construction of the road and not let up until it is completed and cars are running between these two cities.

Nice oak wood, sizes and length to suit. Arctic Ice and Fuel Co. Phone 312

### RUNNELS DOCTORS HOLD MEETING

The Runnels County Medical association at a recent meeting in the office of Drs. Halley, Love & Mangum, elected officers for the ensuing year and decided to wage a campaign along educational lines for the next twelve months.

The following officers were elected: W. B. Halley, re-elected president; N. W. Mitchell, first vice president; J. G. Douglass, second vice president; Dr. Middleton secretary and treasurer; J. W. Blasdell, delegate state medical association; E. R. Walker, censor. President Dr. Halley announced at the meeting the line of work to be conducted during the coming year. It was decided to be along educational lines. To this end, the National Educational Commission of the National Medical Association will be asked to send some of their lecturers here at some time during the year.

The association decided at the meeting to hold their next gathering at Winters some time in January. The association meets once a month and goes over the work of the physicians in this locality, papers being read and interesting subjects being discussed by members of the organization.

President Dr. Halley announced today that it had been decided to have open meetings when representatives of the National Medical Association of America address the physicians of this county.

### FARMERS AND BUSINESS MEN WANT GOOD WILL OF RAILROADS

Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 13.— At a recent meeting of the business men and farmers of this county, a movement was inaugurated which has for its object the bringing about of better relations between the people and the railroads with the ultimate end of teaching the people to be more fair towards the transportation companies. The meeting was composed of the representative citizenship of this county and was well represented. The feature of the assembly was a talk by Mr. Brooke Smith, one of the most prominent Texas bankers, and a leading thinker of Brownwood. Mr. Smith predicted that the day was not far distant when the people of the entire country would feel more kindly toward the railroads and called attention to the fact that Brownwood by meeting out fair and just treatment to the Santa Fe system and treating the corporation as if it were a citizen, that a good feeling had grown up between the management of the railroad and the people of that section, and that it has worked for the mutual profit and pleasure for all concerned.

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### REPORT ON RED GROSS SEAL SALE

From all indications the Ballinger Red Cross Seal campaign is being waged with remarkable success. Owing to the fact that practically all of the stores of the city have the stickers for sale, and committees from each Sunday school of the city are making efforts to sell them, the exact number sold to date cannot be learned.

Each of the persons selling reports a fairly good sale and it is believed that the entire lot of 7500 will be sold by Christmas time.

Mrs. W. S. Fleming, chairman of the local committee, stated this afternoon that a meeting will be called at her home Monday morning, for the purpose of reporting on the number sold. There will be present at the meeting each of the chairmen of the Sunday school sub-committees, and a representative from each of the business houses now selling the seals.

Children are among the most eager buyers of Red Cross Seals, and man ya little boy and girl set a real example of generous giving to the "grown-ups." For illustration a teacher of a Massachusetts school tells of one small, shabby girl who brought in a penny for a seal, and the next day purchased another. She then looked into the teacher's face, and asked, navily, "There! How many people do you think that will cure?"

An urchin in another school after hearing the teacher explain about the seals, and how all the money raised from the sale of them will go toward fighting the White Plague, came to the teacher's desk the next morning and bought a stamp. Then he lingered, and the teacher inquired what he wanted to ask her.

"Will that really go to help give medicine to sick people and cure 'em?" he inquired.

"It will help," was the answer.

"Gee, but isn't that nice!" he exclaimed, his face shining.

### RETIRES FROM POULTRY BUSINESS.

C. J. Doerr, manager of the Texas Poultry Supply Co., at Ballinger, has retired from the business, and will be succeeded by C. L. Hurley. Mr. Doerr has accepted a position with Chas. H. Stanley, the irrigation man, and will move to Miles, where he will have charge of the office at that place. Mr. Stanley expects to open an office in Miles about the first of the year.

See those new Japanese baskets at Perce's Drug Store. 8-6td

### ESCAPES FROM JAIL; CAUGHT AT MILES

Taking an iron rail from the bed upon which he had been sleeping and prying the bars of one of the windows apart to such a degree that would allow his body to pass, W. J. Nutt, a prisoner in the county jail, escaped last Friday night. He was captured Saturday morning by City Marshal Perry of Miles at that place at the home of his wife's uncle.

Nutt while talking to the officers this morning stated that he escaped from the jail about ten o'clock Friday night and walked to Miles and arrived at that place about three Saturday morning. He immediately went to the home of his wife's uncle, with whom Mrs. Nutt is living, and there remained with his wife until caught by Marshal Perry.

Mrs. Nutt's uncle, Mr. Young, was awakened upon the arrival of Nutt and as soon as he learned who he was he telephoned the officers at Miles about the prisoner's visit.

Nutt was in the county jail on the charge of wife desertion, he having eloped with another man's wife about a month ago. He was apprehended by officers near a small town near Cleburne, after he had forsaken the married woman with whom he eloped. He was brought back to Ballinger where he was lodged in jail, awaiting the coming of the officers to be returned to the penitentiary. Nutt had served a part of his term in the penitentiary and was released last July on parole. The desertion of his wife had annulled his parole and Governor Colquitt had instructed the return of Nutt to the prison.

City Marshal Perry immediately after the message went to Mr. Young's home and found Nutt under his wife's bed. He was taken out and lodged in the caboose until the first train arrived coming towards Ballinger.

Nutt stated after his capture that he walked the entire distance to Miles from Ballinger and that he arrived in that city about 3:00 o'clock. He had been with his wife only two hours when caught. He told officers that he was making his escape and it is believed that he thought that his wife's relations would shield him while in the city of Miles.

Jailer Sheffy knew nothing of the escape of the prisoner until he was telephoned at 5:00 o'clock by Sheriff Flynt that Nutt had been caught at Miles. Upon investigation of the neighborhood where the prisoner had been staying, it was found that one of the three prisoners who had been living in that section of the jail had made his escape effectively by

### SIXTY FOUR DOGS IN ONE SHIPMENT

As a rule prairie dogs are of no earthly use except to torment the farmers and to cause profane words to flow from the mouths of hunters who might be mistaken in killing the creatures for rabbits or ground squirrels. But lately doctors, zoologists and other learned men working on the problem have discovered that they can be used in the zoology departments of the leading universities. Accordingly a Ballinger doctor recently advertised for prairie dogs to be shipped to the zoology department of the State University.

The following letter has been received by the Ballinger physician in regard to the want ad which appeared in the columns of this paper:

"I thought you didn't have any prairie dogs out your way! One man sent \$34 worth in one shipment. We are surely glad to know we can get them, but the zoology department will soon be broke at that rate, so if by chance, that advertisement is still running will you please phone the editor to discontinue it?"

"We are having an interesting time providing for them; the plan is to keep quite a large number for some length of time if we can get the conditions right for them, hoping thus to have material for all the phases of the embryology." The letter was from Mrs. S. G. Ramsdell of the zoology department of the State University, and was addressed to Dr. W. B. Halley of this city.

The shipment of \$34 worth or sixty-eight prairie dogs at 50 cents apiece by one man evidences the fact that want ads pay.

### VOTES OUT POOL HALLS

Bronte, Texas, Dec. 13.— In an election here to determine whether or not pool halls shall be permitted to run in this precinct in which Bronte is located, the anti-pool hall people won by a handsome majority. The vote was 76 for the prohibition of pool halls and 50 against.



**"Just the gift for John!"**  
Handsome, practical—he can use it in his work every day.  
**Gonklin's**  
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It Fills Itself in 4 seconds by one simple thumb pressure Like This

In handsome Christmas boxes. Exchangeable after Christmas if point doesn't suit.  
**Walker Drug Co.**

### MANY ARE HEEDING WARNING.

Farmers were in the city today from every portion of Runnels county, trading with the merchants. Residents of the rural districts state that the roads are rapidly drying up and are passable now in many places out of town. The warning that has been sent broadcast to the people to do their shopping early has had its effect. Farmers flocked to town all during the day and made their purchases. The stores handling toys were crowded to their capacity from the noon hour until late in the afternoon. Next Saturday is the last Saturday to do Christmas shopping. There will be people here from all over the county on that day. The stores will be crowded and services from the clerks will be poorer because of the jam.

Town people should do their purchasing immediately if they have not already done so. It will be better for all concerned.



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"The Traffic" was suppressed in Houston a few nights ago. That is something. New York and other large cities have been trying to suppress the traffic for several years and have not been successful yet.

The Santa Claus letters run in this issue are full of interest. They are the appeals of the children for presents. Every father should see that Santa Claus brings a few of the things the children want. It helps to continue the faith in the veteran.

If you have not purchased your share of Red Cross Christmas Seals you should do so immediately. Those suffering with tuberculosis could not receive a better Christmas than the help of every citizen in this country in relieving their condition.

Merchants in all cities are reporting that the shoppers are trading earlier this year than ever before. The slogan of the business houses and the newspapers seem to be having an effect on every individual and a very good effect it is.

One paper starts an article off this way: "Not serious at Wharton." We have always believed the citizens of South Texas were a jolly good set and gave little attention to matters that concern only State Press and Claude Calan.

Many more farmers would do their Christmas shopping now if they had the good roads on which to travel to town. The recent rains have put many highways in such condition that travel is absolutely impossible. There are many farmers in the county who are unable to work their fields at present and if they had a means of coming to town, they would certainly do so. The one topic of the day is the road question and that should be thrashed out immediately.

"Trusts in Russia" reads a headline. We don't believe it. There is no one who trusts in that country, we believe. We are positive that we do not. Every since our last visit to that country—the time we proposed to a little chicken Russia—we have lost all faith in the empire. Girls as a rule do not tell everything they know, but the one we have in mind went directly to her father, and told him we were beating little Peintensky's time. Every since then, the Jews and ourself wouldn't trust Russia to run a nickledom.

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Sunday school at 9:45.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.  
You are cordially invited.  
W. H. DOSS.

**The First Baptist Church.**  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
Every member urged to be present on time. Visitors cordially invited.  
R. T. WILLIAMS, Supt.

**8th Street Presbyterian Church**  
We can have a better Sunday school if you are on time. Sunday school opens at 9:45 promptly. Be present and bring some one with you.  
SUPERINTENDENT

**First Presbyterian Church**  
The usual services will be held at this church Sunday morning and evening. Everybody cordially invited.  
Rev. R. M. Hammock, Pastor.

**Ninth Street Baptist Church.**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. Morning theme: "What is Religion?"  
Evening theme: "The Medicine of the Merry Heart."  
Bible Class meets at 10 a. m. at parsonage. All are cordially invited to attend.  
W. BION ADKINS, Pastor.

**Class Report.**  
Our Philathia class of the Methodist church met with our teacher, Mrs. Rasbury Friday afternoon and held our last private meeting until after the Christmas holidays.

The chairmen of the different committees reported fourteen visits made to the sick and in the interest of the Sunday school. Also nineteen dollars and ten cents given to charity.

Our business being transacted Miss Ruby Campbell honored us with selection of music. Miss Sadie Moore gave us a splendid paper on the life of Moses and Mrs. Will Stuart recital was followed by another selection of music by Ruby Campbell. Then, after refreshments were served, we returned to our respective homes.

**Nazarine Church.**  
Services as follows:  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching at 11 a. m.  
Young People's meeting at 3 p. m.  
Preaching at 7:30 p. m.  
E. W. WELLS, Pastor.

**Christain Church.**  
Bible school at 10 a. m.  
Communion and sermon at 11  
Subject of sermon: "Longing for the Flesh-pots of Egypt."  
7:15 evening sermon, Subject "Conversion."  
FRED CARTER, Minister

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Move acids, gases and clogged-up waste from Stomach, Liver, Bowels—Cure Indigestion.

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Try Cascarets: they immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and foul gases; take the excess bile from the liver and carry off the constipated waste matter and poison from the bowels. Then your stomach trouble is ended. A Cascareset tonight will straighten you out by morning—a 10-cent box from any drug store will keep your stomach sweet; liver and bowels regular for months. Don't forget the children, gentle, cleansing, too.

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RADFORD'S PLATFORM

Ex-President of the Farmer's Union Outlines Legislative Needs of Farmers.

MARKETING AND HELPING THE TENANT FARMER THE PARAMOUNT ISSUES.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Replying to many requests to run for Governor, Peter Radford gave out the following statement:

"My duties with the National and State Farmers' Union, I consider, present a wider field for rendering public service than that afforded by the Governorship of Texas. Many things are possible through mutual co-operation that can not be accomplished through legislation and I consider it my duty to work in this broader field.

"Our government has been run by city men and agriculturists whose knowledge of farming has been acquired by looking through the windows of Pullman cars and while the farmer bears the brunt of taxation, owns the larger per cent of property and seventy-six per cent of our population lives in rural territory, he has little voice and receives comparatively small benefits from government. The farmer asks no favors, but he is entitled to the same consideration from government that is accorded other lines of business.

"I follow the plow for a living and my views are gathered from actual contact with the soil and are acquired from association with the great body of organized farmers of this State, and I think fairly represent the consensus of opinion of the farmers of Texas as a whole and embody the elements of constructive legislation needed in Texas today.

Agricultural Legislation Needed.

"The laws of Texas relating to business are wholly unsuited to the transactions of the farmer. While primarily based and admirably adapted to the needs of commerce and industry, they work a hardship upon agriculture. We must give the same care and consideration to a system of co-operative laws extending to the farmer the facilities adapted to his business that is now afforded corporations. We need to enter vigorously this unoccupied and fruitful field of legislative activity and install the legal machinery adapted to permitting and encouraging co-operative business concerns and facilitating co-operation between different lines of industry.

"In glancing over our statutes I find that most of our laws are aimed at the punishment of individual and corporate criminals and while approving the wisdom and applauding the efficiency of these laws, I do not believe government can hope to fully perform its duty toward all the people by addressing itself to the suppression of crime alone. I want to plead for the able and law-abiding citizen that consideration from government that is now accorded the incompetent and criminal classes. We must not relax for a moment our efforts to restrain the avaricious and protect the weak, but let us extend the functions of government into developing new regions of agricultural, industrial and commercial activities for the honest, energetic and law-abiding citizens. There should be breathed into our statutes the spirit of the builder and hope and encouragement for the conscientious and ambitious should abound in our laws. New areas of opportunity should be opened up for the home-owner, the laborer and the investor. Legislation should be based upon the needs of that large body of intelligent and progressive farmers that constitute the great bulk of agricultural population as well as assisting the incompetent.

Co-operation the Remedy.

"To meet the expectations and necessities of the farmers we must develop a co-operative system of rural credits that will make money, at reasonable rates of interest, constantly and easily available to maintain and expand their business. Farm tenancy is the greatest menace now confronting the State and can only be checked by affording the tenant and the laborer facilities for acquiring property and by reducing the high rates of interest which are now sapping the vitality of agriculture.

"The curse of farm peasantry now confronts us and our farmers are fast becoming agricultural gypsies, wandering from farm to farm. We now have 219,575 farms in this State operated by tenants which is fifty-three per cent of the total and the tenant farmers have made a net gain over the farm owners of thirty per cent during the past decade. At the present rate of gain in tenant farming, the home owner will entirely disappear in thirty-four years. Our homes are the cornerstone of government and legislation that con-

tains building material should be provided for the tenant farmer. This should be the paramount issue during the present campaign as the safety of the nation lies in the preservation of its homes.

"Our methods of preparing cotton for the market are wasteful and our holding plans inadequate to meet the imperative needs of the farmer. Legislative facilities should be provided for co-operative ownership and operation of cotton gins; the establishment of a warehouse system and securing funds on storage cotton. Every movement and transaction from the field to the spinner should be carefully studied and methods of co-operation and assistance extended.

"The marketing of farm products should receive the diligent attention of the legislature. A marketing bureau should be established under the department of agriculture and marketing given equal attention to that of production. The bureau should be properly equipped for providing information and studying and assisting in the solution of the many intricate problems connected with the business of farming.

Anti-Trust Law Needs Strengthening.

"The farmers have felt the iron heel of the trusts and illegal combines and the vigilance of our state officials in policing industry is to be commended, but the benefit of these laws has so far been confined principally to lawyers, competitive concerns and politicians with inordinate ambitions. While we should hold all we have I favor extending the benefits of these laws to the producer and consumer and increasing their efficiency to a point where the trusts can not collect their fines from the farmers through increasing the price of their products.

"The combination of capital is universally recognized as necessary to develop the commerce and industry of the country and when properly managed, large business concerns are conducive to efficiency and economy and all conscientious and law-abiding capital should be encouraged to do business in Texas.

"The trust evil can be reduced by legislation, but it must be finally overcome by organization and co-operation of the farmers. These powerful corporate organizations dealing with the individual producer and consumer, place the farmer at their mercy and to satisfactorily cope with present conditions the farmers must acquire power through organization.

Railroads.

"Our railroad facilities should be improved and our mileage increased and I favor such amendments to our laws as in the wisdom of the railroad commission may hasten these results. I believe that all power conveyed to the railroad commission should be exercised exclusively by them and that neither the legislature nor the Attorney General should take the initiative in any matters within the control of the Railroad Commission. I consider dual jurisdictions confusing and unbusiness-like.

"The Railroad Commission, the railroads and the farmers should cooperate in moving farm products and especially waste products. Certainly our mutual interest and combined intelligence can evolve a plan for moving the tons of fruit, vegetables and semi-staple crops that rot on the ground each year. The loss of a crop is, I think, a tragedy of sufficient importance to justify the consideration of State government and the common carrier.

"The service of the common carrier fulfills every need of the merchant and manufacturer and our transportation system is built around them. They are shrewd traders with facilities for locating the best market, controlling its supply and presenting convincing arguments for rates that will move the traffic, but the requirements of the producer are vastly different from those of the trader and the business of farming will never adapt itself satisfactorily to their necessities. The farmer must have a co-operative system of business that extends the usefulness and utilizes latent powers of the carrier in assisting in the marketing of products.

"The problem is a monumental one, but probably no greater than the many difficulties that have been surmounted in handling the business of the merchants and manufacturers and I ask for the producer the same thoughtful consideration to his requirements that has been given other lines of business.

Opposed to Woman's Suffrage.

"It is the hand that shuffles the cards rather than the one that rocks the cradle that wants to cast the ballot. The home is the great contribution of women to the world and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her and social righteousness is in her

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charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. Southern civility should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unsullied from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

No Liquor Legislation Needed.

"I am a state-wide prohibitionist, have always voted against the saloon and do not use liquor in any form and I will always remain a life-long enemy to the liquor business. The home of the farmer is the hearthstone of morality and the fountain-head of all that is pure and noble in life and the farmer should ever stand for civic righteousness and the reduction of all forms of vice to the minimum. Not more than twenty-five per cent of our population ever tastes liquor and less than one per cent drink to excess. The delinquents we will always have with us, but the liquor habit affects so small a per cent of our population that I do not think it should be considered to the exclusion of important problems that affect the welfare of all the people. Where liquor sends one man staggering home to his family, our system of marketing and of rural credits sends thousands of families reeling down the thoroughfares of poverty.

"Each year 2,400 farmers become victims of an inadequate and brutal system of credits, cover their hearthstone with the ashes of failure and as many mothers, drenching the family altar with the tears of despair, cry aloud for help as they close forever the door of the home. Let us turn our attention temporarily from the delinquents and incorrigibles to the worthy and ambitious citizen struggling to feed and clothe his family, educate his children and own his home. Let government assist those who plead for opportunity rather than consume all our energies upon those who scorn the privileges of manhood. Experience has proved that when legislatures become involved in prohibition discussions much important legislation is abandoned and the business affairs of government neglected.

"I favor the rigid enforcement of all liquor laws now on the statute books, but am opposed to any state-

wide legislation of any character on this subject by the next legislature.

Education.

"I favor compulsory education extending over the entire school term. Our rural school system is inadequate to meet the requirements of our children. The difficulty of properly educating the children of tenant farmers who move from farm to farm is readily apparent. No matter which way we turn in dealing with the problems in our rural districts, we are confronted with the condition that one-half the population of the country is a floating one. The home and the school are closely allied and their success interdependent.

"Our system of education from rural school to university should receive the careful consideration of the legislature and efficiency and economy instituted wherever possible.

Labor.

"Labor is honorable whether performed by male or female. Skill and ingenuity should be rewarded, but no class of labor that uses energy, practices economy and lives a moral, upright life, should receive a lesser wage for their services than would enable them to lay up for a rainy day, for old age, to educate their children and place them in society to the best advantage to advance the citizenship and improve the same in the community in which they live. The farmer's family, as a rule, is the poorest paid of any laborer in proportion to the service they render for the general welfare.

"I favor conducting government on a strictly business basis and the proper care for our wards, humane treatment and character building of our convicts, encouraging road-building and the full performance of all the functions of government."

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**Letters to Santa Claus**

**A Puzzle Question.**

What's the matter with these big folks.  
Why my Daddy is not the same since  
Christmas is so near.  
When I used to run to meet him  
Coming home from town,  
He'd just hug me and he'd kiss me,  
Then he'd stoop right down  
And he'd let me search his pockets,  
Turn them wrong side out,  
And then I would find some goodies,  
How I'd laugh and shout.

But my Daddy has changed just awful;  
Now he acts so sly;  
He won't let me touch his pockets,  
Even when I try;  
And he sneaks things in for mamma,  
And won't let me see—  
Why, they both act so peculiar.  
It just worries me,  
Still they look at me so loving.  
When they say, "Good-night,"  
I think maybe after Christmas  
Daddy will be all right.  
—Frances McMinds,  
Cleburne, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a slate that is called a drawing slate, a great big table, a doll, that is dressed in pink, a fairy book, a washing outfit to wash my doll's clothes in. Don't forget to bring Virginia a red ball.  
FRANCES HOLMAN.

Dear Santa Claus: Will write you a little letter. I want you to bring me a doll, a second reader and some pecans. Please, won't you bring me a rubber ball and a knife, and some firecrackers and some caps to go in my toy pistol. We have kept our pistol over from last year. Oh, Santa! I like to forget to ask you to bring us all some apples and some oranges.  
IVA JORDAN,  
JULIUS JORDAN,  
ROYAL JORDAN.

Dear Santa: I want you to bring me a negro climbing a string, a telephone, a covered wagon, a tool box, an animal book. Santa, don't forget little brother, for he likes things that makes noises. Bring us a Christmas tree. I am a good little boy. Dear Santa, you will find us at 208 Tenth street.  
CHESTER UECKERT.

Dear Santa: I will tell you what I want. I want a doll with a kid body like that one at Higdon Melton Jackson's, a solid gold ring, some Roman candles, firecrackers, candy, fruits, nuts and something funny. That is all I want this Christmas. I forgot something, I want some sparklers.  
ZELDA STROBLE.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll and the kind that I want is a girl doll that has yellow hair. It is not dressed and it costs seventy-five cents. I want a locket and a chain and some candy, nuts and fruit, some firecrackers, Roman candles, sparklers, and something funny. That is all unless you want to bring something else.  
LUDRIC STROBLE.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a big doll with light curly hair and a kid body, a ring, some candy, nuts, fruit, firecrackers, sparklers, Roman candles, and something funny, and anything else you want to bring me.  
DOTA STROBLE.

Dear Santa: I want a cowboy suit, a set of marbles, candy and apples.  
SAMMIE HUN

Dear Santa: I want a tool chest, some firecrackers, some Roman candles, some candy, oranges and nuts.  
HERBERT SLEDGE.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl nine years old. I want a bracelet, muff and fur. That's all for me, but my little sister wants a rocking chair and a doll.  
EMMA GERTRUDE CLAYPOOL

Dear Santa Claus: I am seven

years old. I want a baby doll, a kitchen cabinet, sewing machine and some nice books and games some nuts and candy, too. I hope you bring other little girls what they want, too.  
MINNIE JEAN LONG.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a rubber ball, a little auto, a little cook stove, a doll bed, a cap pistol. That's all. Everybody knows me.  
DODGER.

Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is almost here I will write you to thank you in advance for the presents you will bring me and sister. Daddy has told me that you are going to bring me and sister each a little piano, doll buggy and doll beds. And we would like very much to have a little cook stove and dishes and a large doll. My hair is yellow and my sister's is black, so please bring us dolls with hair just like ours. And, Santa, we would certainly like to have dolls with hair just like real folks.  
MILDRED and CYRONE FREEMAN.

P. S.—Santa, please send our presents to Brownwood as we are going to visit our grandmother.

Dear Santa: I have been trying to be good so that you will bring me what I want. Bring me, please, a black bear, a train that runs on a track, sparklers, Roman candles, firecrackers, nuts, oranges and apples.  
FRED ATWELL.

Dear Santa: Please bring me some doll clothes, a little parasol for Hellen, some fireworks, a little candy and some nuts, and anything else that you want to bring. A doll buggy if you have one to spare. With lots of love,  
MARY LOUISE WADE.

Dear Santa Claus: As it has been twelve long months since you last made your rounds, and I am sure you have in store quite a lot of nice things, I'll be so glad if you will bring me a train, ball and bat and some nice fruits and nuts.

With love,  
WADE HEATH.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a moving picture machine. SAM

Dear Santa Claus: I want a little wagon, a horn and lots of good things to eat. I shall be thankful for what you leave. Doyle wants a toy auto, a horn a story book. Oh, Santa, I want a story book, too.  
TRAWICK GASTON

**SICK, SOUR STOMACH  
INDIGESTION OR GAS.**

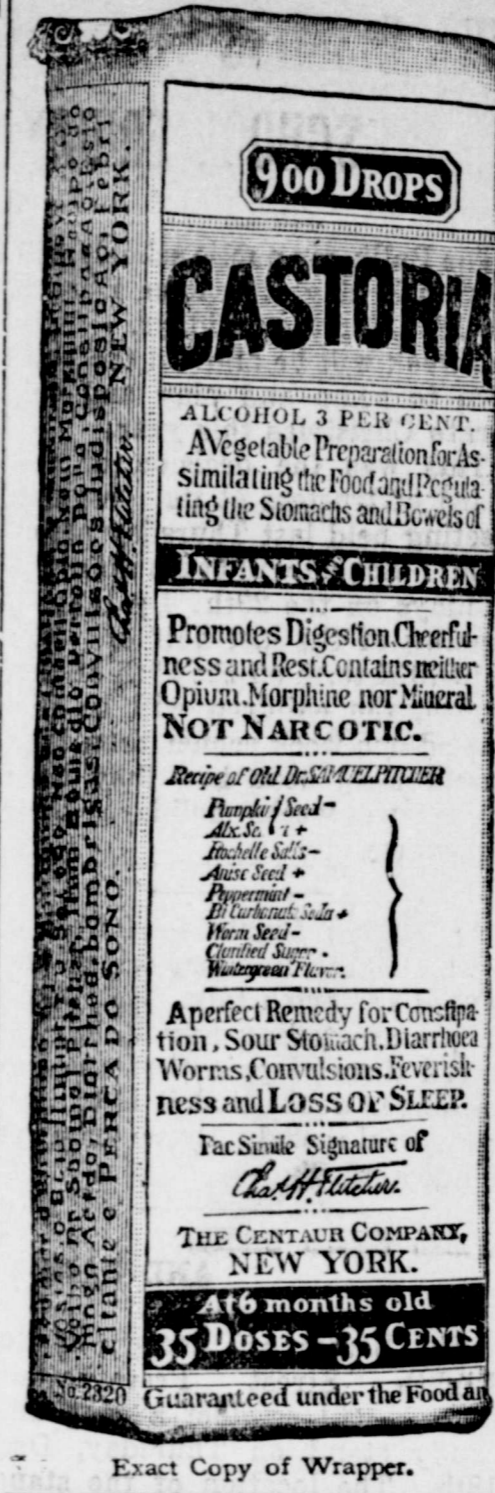
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