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Christmas**

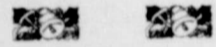
**Rogers-Higdon Co.**

## STORES SELL WHOLE WAR TO YOUNGSTERS

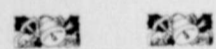
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The war is going to last a long, long time if sales in department store toylands are any indication.

You could buy anything from

**Give Her**



Johnson's  
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Elmer's  
Chocolates.



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## Laredo Near Oasis For Many Thirsty Americans

By RALPH H. TURNER  
United Press Staff Correspondent

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 24.—This town, whose locality on the Rio Grande long since gave it international importance in American relations with Mexico, today finds that its strategic position has afforded it new possibilities—wonderful possibilities. For this is one point where Dry America may hustle across a bridge and be received into the waiting arms of Wet Mexico.

"Stop! First Chance!" is the impelling command posted over the Lepos saloon to greet the eyes of the traveler after he has paid the toll charges on the Mexican side of the international bridge. But it is not the last chance, by any means. Neva Laredo, the Mexican end of this Texas city, aims to provide full accommodation for parched throats from the North.

An unofficial census gives Neva Laredo a population of 14,000. Another census, probably more accurate, credits it with thirty saloons.

The appeal to sentiment is made just as urgent on the return to the American side of the border. Letters just as bold as those seen on the arrival proclaim that it is the "Last Chance," again requesting a cessation of motion. The Mexican eye also is seized. "La Ultima Oportunidad" is the warning which it receives.

The American citizen in Laredo, so far as his own "personal liberty" is concerned, assumes an attitude of indifference toward the situation across the line. He wanders over now and then, he explains, but this nearby wetness has become an old story to him and it doesn't excite him. Besides, Texas has been dry for more than a year.

In the smoking compartments of Pullman cars from the North—that is, where the praises of Laredo, and its Mexican cousin across the river, are sung to the full. Traveling salesmen, old hands in the border territory, hold their less traveled friends enthralled with the unqualified declaration that there's not even a decimal point after you pass the center of the Laredo bridge—that it's straight 5 per cent. And then they pass to the mysteries of tequila, the Mexican national drink. And on, and on. By the time the traveler has reached La-

redo, his interest has been well developed.

At this time the tourist season is just beginning. Men in San Antonio, whose business it is to know, declare that more persons are coming to Southern Texas for the winter, from the East and North, than ever before. It is also expected that a great volume of traffic, bound for California, will stop in San Antonio. The railroad administration has been advertising Spanish missions and a balmy climate. Americans are said to be amply supplied with the money which they wish to spend. And—no one denies it—a night's ride from San Antonio banishes prohibition.

Laredo, as a result, foresees a hotel register black with names. Besides a drink, Neva Laredo offers a pair of gambling houses and a bull fight—a genuine Spanish bull fight with all the trimmings—nearly every Sunday. But of course the ointment contains the inevitable fly. The business of crossing the border is easy; short-time passports are issued with little formality, but the bridge closes at 7 o'clock, the result of a quarantine order. This cramps the style of late parties, for traffic across the bridge after that hour is forbidden and Neva Laredo is shy of hotel accommodations. Saloon proprietors say this is the only point on the border where such a ruling exists.

"Tisn't right" complained one, an American who left New Orleans for Mexico the morning of July first, last. "But I'm doing my best. I'm fixing up furnished rooms on the two floors above my place. Let 'em stay all night, I say."

## CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE CAPITAL CITY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Candy, cigarettes, cigars, nuts and fruits held sway as Christmas celebration materials today as never before.

This was ascribed by government officials and "experts" as due to failure of "wet" forces to revive John Barleycorn, who, it had been fervently hoped, would be able to take his old time part in Yuletide festivities.

Despite the fact that the public is putting all its spare coin to unnecessary luxuries, it has not forgotten the unfortunates. In this city there is more than ever being done for the poor, especially for the children. That this is true in most other cities is upheld by the statement from the dead letter office of the post-office, that fewer letters have been received for Santa Claus this year from the poor children.

With the country's executives, this Christmas will be more of a celebration than for some years, although a number of the cabinet members will stay in Washington to take care of press of duties.

At the White House, a more cheerful Christmas is expected than Thanksgiving was. The president will be more able to eat his turkey it is believed, and South Trimble, clerk of the House of Representatives followed his custom of years and sent a bumper turkey to the president from his Southern farm.

Secretary Daniels will stay in Washington and make a big time of the return of his sons, the first in two years.

Secretary of the Treasury Glass likely will spend the holiday at his home in Lynchburg, Va.

Because of the serious illness of his wife, Secretary of Labor Wilson will spend a quiet day at his home in Washington, instead of returning to visit his people in Pennsylvania.

The postal department has been ready for a long time, with an augmented corps of carriers and clerks to take care of what was the largest Christmas mail rush in years.

Mrs. Alice Green went to Fort Worth Tuesday afternoon, to spend Christmas with her son.

## EMBARGO ON AMS TO MEXICO IS TIGHTENED

### NINE DEAD IN HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 24.—Nine of the fifty-three patients of the Farm College Hospital for insane, are believed to have perished in a fire which destroyed the building last night.

Nine of the inmates are missing and their remains are believed to be in the ruins of the building.

When the alarm was given for the inmates to leave the building several would not go, and it is believed that they perished by suffocation in their beds. All the inmates of the institution were in the second story.

The loss is estimated at thirty thousand dollars.

## ANOTHER PROFESSOR IN THE RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, will be a candidate for the republican nomination for the presidency.

This statement was officially made today by Municipal Justice Davis, who will manage Dr. Butler's campaign for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Stephenson are here for the holidays with Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Snell.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The embargo on shipment of arms and munitions to Mexico has been tightened, according to an order issued by Secretary Lansing today.

All outstanding unused licenses permitting the shipment of arms and munitions to Mexico, and which were issued prior to September 20th have been ordered revoked. No reason is assigned for the tightening up of the embargo.

## MEXICANS RELEASE 2 SAILORS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—The two American sailors who were arrested by the Mexican authorities at Mazatlan and charged with assault, have been released, it was officially reported here today.

The investigation will continue and a full report made to the American government. The sailors were released upon request of the American government.

### ROUGH SLEDDING FOR SANTA CLAUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus will have to take the runners off his sleighs tonight before he can settle down to work. At least he will in the East and South according to the weather bureau officials here today.

The prediction was that there will be snow in the West and Northwest sections of the country, but in the East and South it will be unsettled with chances favoring a fair Christmas.

## A Merry Christmas To One and All

**WE** extend the greetings of the season and all the happiness that goes with it. May the New Year be a happy and prosperous one to you and yours.

**Higginbotham Brothers  
and Company**

Ballinger's Shopping Center

### Nunnally's or Mary Garden

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We have them in fancy Christmas boxes. Girls lead 'em by our show window—Sale. Two souls made happy.



**J. Y. Pearce  
Drug Co.**

### CHRISTMAS FRUIT

The highest grade apples and oranges now ready for the Christmas trade.

**H. & H. MERCANTILE CO.**

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**HOME COMING**

**FOR CHRISTMAS**  
Many homes in Ballinger are being made glad by the arrival of members of the family who have been scattered, some of them away for many years.  
Every train brings Ballinger people who have been away, and relatives are arriving to visit in this city during the holidays. The merry Christmas spirit prevails here in greater force than for many years with nothing to disturb the happiness of most of the people.  
The weather man has handed out a favorable forecast for Christmas day. According to the forecast the weather is to be fair and cool—not cold.

**Should Be Quarantined**  
Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure—the sooner one rids himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you will find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

East Hartford, Conn.—Higher prices prevailed on the opening of the tobacco market here.

W. T. Caudle left for Lott, Tuesday afternoon, and he will spend several months with relatives at that place. He has been with his son, D. E. Caudle, here for some time.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

Miss Rosa Cananath, who has been teaching at Olin, went to Austin, Tuesday afternoon to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carlton left for Austin Tuesday, where they will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Doose will spend the holidays with relatives at Caldwell. They left for that place Tuesday afternoon.

**Bread and Rolls**

We make the kind that makes eating a pleasure. They have the home flavor, and their use avoids the drudgery of home baking. They always bring our customers back for more. Stop at our bakery on Eighth St. and carry some home.

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**A CHRISTMAS for SANTA**

By DeLysle Ferree Cass



**D**AN MORRIS had run away from his home on the farm and none of the family had heard a word concerning him in the three years that followed. Dan was the youngest of three children — "the baby," as old Mrs. Morris all ways said—and hated farm work. "If brother Jim likes it, let him do it," he had told the family defiantly. "I'm going to some big city where a fellow has some chance to see life and make his fortune. I'm through with haying all day long in the scorching sun, milking cows and feeding hogs, and then having to sit in the dark on the porch listening to nothing but frogs and katydids until you have to go to bed if you want to get up in time to do it all over again next day. I'm through, I tell you!"

The family had tried to reason with Dan, but it was of no use. One morning they found him gone, leaving only the briefest note of good-by to his mother. And now the third Christmas since his going had come and the family itself was going in to the big city to spend holidays with Julia, who had married and lived there.



Ordinarily Julia and her husband, with little Bobbie, came out to the farm visiting the old folks and brother Jim at Christmas, but this year Julia had a new baby, scarce four months old, and hadn't felt equal to the trip. So father and sweet-faced mother Morris—their hair already white and with the years' anxiety for their missing Dan reflected in wrinkled faces—packed up all sorts of home-made eatables in baskets and had sea-burned brother Jim take them for the first time to the big city. It was a bewildering adventure to those simple souls; each incident of the journey and novel sight after arrival was a new and forgotten experience. Fred, Julia's brisk and hearty husband, welcomed them at the station and thrilled them with a ride out to their daughter's apartment on the elevated railway. It was a joyous reunion, but—as mother said, with a sudden break in her voice—"It can't be as if my baby, our Dan, were here with us too."

"There, there, mother," said father Morris, patting her quivering shoulder consolingly. "You mustn't think about Dan just now. He'll return to us some day when he's become rich and famous. Just look here, Julia—and you too. Fred—all the mouth-watering stuff that Ma's brought you from the farm. Home-churned, uncolored butter rolls those are! And here's three stuffed six-pound turkeys that were gobble-gobbling around the barns not many days ago. Hey, little bob! D'you see those pots of jam, and spiced watermelon pickles? And here are the Christmas presents all wrapped and tied ready for the tree, but not to be opened by anybody until Christmas morning. Here's—why, mother! You've got one parcel here marked wrong! It has Dan's name on it!"

mother, but none of them even let her see them smile at it.  
The afternoon before Christmas Julia persuaded her husband to take little Bobbie downtown so that he could not surprise her trimming the tree. Brother Jim and the old folks went along.

Little Bobbie naturally was most of all interested in the toy departments and hardly could be made leave hold some of the playthings he most fancied.  
"Oh see, daddy! A horse that rocks, with a mane and bridle and everything!... And oh, grandma! look! look! There's a real live Santa Claus talking to those other little boys and girls!"

It was indeed. The big store had hired a rather shabby-looking young man that week, who for \$15 was supposed to sit at the door of an imitation snow house and solemnly encourage visiting youngsters to tell him their fondest wants in the line of presents. Little Bobbie was impatiently waiting in line, holding fast with one chubby fist to his father's hand, in no time. Mother and father Morris, and big brother Jim watched and waited smilingly for them on the edge of the crowd.

"Well, my little man, what is your name?" asked the scarlet-coated and long white-whiskered Santa Claus in a tired, husky voice when Bobbie's turn finally came.  
"I'm Bobbie Wallace, dear Mr. Santa Claus, and I live at 5601 Byrne street," the boy chirruped at him, round-eyed and devoutly believing in the identity of Santa. "My mamma's name is Julia Wallace and I've got a little baby sister now, too."

The long-whiskered Santa patted his head in perfunctory weariness.  
"And what do you most want me to put in your stocking this Christmas Eve, Bobbie?" he asked with a side-long glance at the tolerantly smiling father.  
"We—ell," drawled Bobbie uncertainly, "there are lots and lots of things I want awful, awful much. Mister Santa Claus, but I heard my mamma say this morning that it's ever so much nicer to wish for things for those that love you than for yourself. So I... I guess, I ought to ask you

to keep my poor old grandma Morris, who's got white hair now, from worrying and crying any more over her boy Dan. You see, Mister Santa, my uncle ran away from home a long, long time ago, before I was born, and my grandma keeps saying she can't rest until she sees him again. She's visiting my papa and mamma at home now, and I saw a present she has all wrapped up and labeled for uncle Dan if you'll be good enough to find him and bring him out to our house tonight. Won't you do that, please, mister Santa?"

With a choking cry the white-whiskered one stumbled to his feet, nearly upsetting his little snow house and searching Bobbie's wonder-round eyes in hungry disbelief.  
"You are Julia Morris' little boy?" he muttered dazedly. "And you say that... that your grandmother really wants her worthless runaway Dan to come back to her?... is waiting here in the city for him now? Oh, my God!"

Fred, Bobbie's father, caught at the Santa's arm as he reeled unsteadily sidewise as if about to faint, and in so doing knocked off the bushy white whiskers.  
"Aw!" wailed Bobbie, facing his first childish disillusionment, "he isn't a real Santa after all!"

Back through the amazed and rather indignant crowd of shoppers old mother Morris was coming as fast as her trembling legs would permit, and above the noise and calls of clerk at the counters, could be heard her thrilling, quavering outcry:  
"Danny! Oh, Danny! Danny! I've found my lost boy at last!"

Sickly children need White's Cream Vermifuge. It not only destroys worms, if there be any, but it acts as a strengthening tonic in the stomach and bowels. Sold by John A. Weeks.



**BAND WILL GIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The first open air concert since the band was reorganized and placed under the direction of Chas. T. Grant, will be given at three o'clock Sunday afternoon.  
The concert will be given in the court house park, the weather permitting. In case of bad weather the concert will be given in the Queen Theatre.  
The program for the concert is a good one, and the public is cordially invited to be present and enjoy the music. Following is the program:  
March—"Boston Commandery"—Carter.  
Overture—"Superba"—Dalby.  
"Lassus Trombone"—Fillmore.  
Oriental—"Rosemary"—Jewel.  
Waltz—"Daughter of Love"—Bennett.  
Popular—"I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles"—Kelleter.  
March—"The Iron Division"—Anders.  
Overture—"Arcadia"—Laurens.  
March—"Tenth Regiment"—Hall.  
"Till We Meet Again"—White.

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Jack—We've put the chest of drawers in front of the fireplace.  
Harold—Yes.  
Jack—You tied the string to the handle of the door?  
Harold—Yes; and I tied the other end of the string to the water-tap.  
Jack—Then we ought to find out the real facts about Santa Claus.

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**American Beauty Flour**  
American Beauty Cream Meal

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Imitation "Ford" parts are being sold by many mail-order houses and garages to unsuspecting Ford owners as "Ford" parts. But they are not Genuine Ford parts, made by the Ford Motor Company. They are made by concerns who have no connection whatsoever with the Ford Motor Company. These imitation parts are not even made from the same grade of steel, or under the same formulas used by the Ford Company. They are counterfeit parts. Tests have shown them to break when the genuine Ford parts didn't even bend and they generally are from thirty-five to one hundred per cent lower in quality.

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**POST OFFICE HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS**

The post office will be open from ten a. m. until 12 m. tomorrow, and closed for the remainder of the day. City carriers will make one trip in the morning. Rural carriers will not go out.

Heartburn is a symptom of indigestion. Take a dose of Herbine in such cases. The pain disappears instantly. The bowels operate speedily and you feel fine, vigorous and cheerful. Sold by John A. Weeks.

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Upstairs in old Fidelity Credit Co.'s Office. Phone 275. See Me.

**The Biggest Stock of Candy in West Texas**  
**N. PASSUR**  
Watch Me Grow

**WILL GIVE FUEL TO POOR.**

Father Goldbach states that he will furnish fuel free to those who are not able to buy it. He says he has a quantity of wood at the priest's home near the Catholic church, and those who are not able to buy are welcome to come and help themselves.

**CATHOLICS TO OBSERVE MASS.**

Father Goldbach announces a midnight mass for tonight with a sermon at twelve o'clock. There will also be low mass at nine o'clock Christmas morning and high mass at ten o'clock with sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Aterburn are here from Eastland to spend the holidays with Mrs. Aterburn's mother, Mrs. H. A. Massey.

Judge M. C. Smith, wife and son Clarence, left Tuesday afternoon for Gainesville to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. F. H. Turberville.

W. E. Blair went to San Antonio Tuesday afternoon, where he will spend Christmas with relatives.

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Bought and Sold  
Guns Cleaned, Oiled and Repaired.  
Bicycle Repairing a Specialty.

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**Our Wish**

'Tis Christmastide and nearing a new year. So we wish you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Prosperous New Year, and may you gather Force and your Light east its beams further along your chosen pathway before another year shall have come to pass.

Yours for Better Eyesight,

**DR. MCGUIRE**

Optometrist  
F. & M. Bank Building. Ballinger, Texas.

**CHRISTMAS BELLS**

Hark! Hark! I hear a distant bell,  
And now a chime—they softly ring;  
What joyful tidings do they tell  
As back and forth they swing.

'Tis mid of night—who rings those bells?  
Perhaps some doves there nestling,  
And while each little bosom swells,  
And warm, they touch with gentle wing  
The tuneful metal, and it feels  
So incubated it would swing  
To life, and wake the world with peals  
Of gladness as for new-crowned King.

Those midnight bells, how sweet they chime,  
The weikin vibrates with their sound;  
To hearts attune they are sublime,  
Nor spread they dread alarm around.

Lo! now I see, from East afar  
A light shines through the steeple's  
frame.

'Tis brighter than the brightest star,  
It glids the bells with golden flame;  
There, too, I see some cherubs cling  
Fast hold the ropes. How fair they be!  
They swing the bells and sweetly sing  
"This is the Christ's nativity."

Wake every heart, join in their song  
Of praise to Christ, our new-born King;  
To him our sweetest strains belong,  
And his, our richest offering.

When wakes the god of day, and shines  
Aloft the heavens, what of give  
Will wake as well? With box and pine  
And flowers gay, yon house will be  
Adorned, and while the anthem swells  
With organ's voice, all Christendom  
Will vibrate as are those bells  
That Christ's nativity has come.  
—J. William Pope.



**ANCIENT CHRISTMAS TOYS**

Dolls That Delighted Children of Rome and Greece in Early Days Recently Excavated.

Rag dolls are as old as the hills and so are dolls with movable arms and legs, toy dogs, rocking horses and a host of other things that bring delight to the children on Christmas morning.

Recent excavations in the ruins of ancient Rome, Greece and Egypt have placed the British museum in possession of an interesting assortment of these relics of early Christian days, some of which may possibly have been given to the children of the followers of Christ at a time when the observation of Christmas day was an innovation.

In the nursery of a newly excavated house at Behnesa, Egypt, a fairly well preserved rag doll was found with arms and legs still intact and painted face. The doll is by no means a beauty and does not compare with the Christmas dolls of today, but nevertheless it must have brought joy to a little girl's heart nearly 2000 years ago.

The jointed dolls of long ago were made to sit down, stand up and move their arms, but they didn't close their eyes or squeak "mamma." Among the toy dogs, horses and donkeys are some made of stone and baked clay and others carved out of wood.

**A CONVENIENCE.**



"So you think the Santa Claus myth is a good thing?"

"Yes, it's a great convenience to have some imaginary person to take the responsibility when the children are disappointed Christmas morning."

**A Christmas "Suppose."**

We would not change the children's Christmas. But suppose all the grown-up people were to say to one another: "This year, instead of my giving you a present and your giving me a present, let us club together and give our present to some poor child who will not have any Christmas. There are hundreds of them somewhere. Or, if we do not know of such a child, let us give our present to a hospital for children, a home for crippled children, for incurables, for the aged, the blind, the feeble-minded." This to be, of course, in addition to what we usually give to charities at this season. Why could we not try this as an experiment, and see what the result would be?—Christian Register.

**Touched His Heart, Not Purse.**

A very ragged individual invaded the office of a millionaire one Christmas eve and started describing his woes and sorrows in so graphic a manner that the millionaire was more affected than he had ever been before in his life.

At last, with tears in his eyes, he rang the bell for his servant, and when the latter arrived, said to him in a broken voice: "John, put this poor fellow out at once. He's breaking my heart."

**Their Annual Resolve.**

Probably the girls are saying the same thing this year that they have said every year in the past: "Well, I'm going to start making presents right away for next Christmas."



**The Whole Secret of A Better Tire**

**Simply a Matter of the Maker's Policies**

This you will realize—once you try a Brunswick—that a super-tire is possible only when the name certifies that the maker is following the highest standards.

For tire making is chiefly a matter of standards and policies—cost plus care. Any maker can build a good tire if he cares to pay perfection's price.

All men know Brunswick standards, for Brunswick products have been famous for 74 years.

Formulas, fabrics and standards vary vastly in cost. Reinforcements, plies and thickness are a matter of expense. And these variations affect endurance. It rests with the maker how far he wishes to go—how much he can afford to give.

For there are no secrets nor patents to hold one back.

To ascertain what each maker offers one must analyze and test some 200 tires—as our laboratories have done.

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**PICKING COTTON AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

Christmas day will find many cotton pickers in the cotton fields throughout West Texas. The weather is favorable for gathering the fleecy staple and no time will be lost and farmers in many sections of the country will not stop long enough to eat Christmas turkey or receive Santa Claus.

It is estimated that there are eight or ten thousand bales of cotton in the field in Rannels county, and what is true of Rannels is true of all the Central West Texas counties.

Gins are running on full time, and some of the gins will operate on Christmas day. In some sections of the prosperous country gins are far behind with ginning and farmers are piling cotton in the fields. In reporting the progress of cotton picking in West Texas, the Abilene Reporter says:

One needs only to take a trip to the north and west of Abilene for a distance of fifty or one hundred miles to learn that the cotton crop is not near all out of West Texas. A reporter for this

paper who covered the territory from here to Stamford, thence to Rotan, Trent, and back to Abilene during the past week could easily see that there are many bales of cotton still in the fields of the golden west. One field, which seemed to be at least a hundred acres between Stamford and Hamlin, was snow white, appearing as though it had been picked over only once and that very lightly. Scores and scores of other fields in the mentioned territory have never been picked in at all, and looked as though they would make from one to two bales to the acre.

At Rotan there were at least between two hundred and fifty and three hundred wagons loaded with cotton waiting their turn at the gins. In many other towns, scores of wagons were standing at the gins and some of the wagons had been waiting for three days. Of course much delay at some of the gins was caused by the shortage of fuel—it being necessary for the gins to close down and await fuel in some towns.

In some fields there were seen as many as five bales of cotton picked out and piled on the ground in various parts of the field, it being useless to carry the staple to town when the gins were not running. The fact that the gins had to close down did not

deter the farmer, in the least. They continued to pick their cotton and pile it in the field during the dry days. In many localities pickers are very scarce, the cold weather having driven the pickers from East Texas back to the "sticks," as one fellow put it.

In some communities where the negroes and whites as well have returned to the eastern part of the State, the farmers have gone East again in an attempt to secure more pickers. From all indications cotton picking will continue in the West for the next two months. The cold weather is forcing many farmers to pull their cotton (boll and all) rather than pick it clean. Pulling the cotton is much faster work and not so hard on the fingers as picking it. If any one is looking for cotton picking there is plenty of it yet to be done in various parts of the country.

Wheezing in the lungs indicates that pleurisy is obstructing the air passages. Ballard's Horehound Syrup loosens the phlegm so that it can be coughed up and ejected. Sold by John A. Weeks.

R. W. Batts and wife, who have been living in San Antonio, spent several days here this week while en route to Arizona, where they go to make their home.



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We can't compete for battery business on price. Willard service does cost more, so does a Willard Battery. But isn't it true that if you hire a real engineer, or architect, or contractor, or carpenter, or mechanic, or doctor, or lawyer, that it saves in the long run?

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### DEVOTE HALF HOUR TO CAROL SINGING.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—An old tradition was given a new setting today when more than 200 factories in this city and vicinity devoted the last half hour of the day to the singing of Christmas carols.

The appeal for such a festival was made by the War Camp Community Service that the occasion might be one of general justification for all employees to imbue them with the true Christmas spirit.

The plan was originated by James Cornel, community song leader, and the camp community service has sent song books containing the more popular carols to hundreds of firms who welcomed the idea.

Deep seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment. If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is a Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by John A. Weeks.

Jas. E. Howze, county judge of Concho county, had business in Ballinger Christmas Eve.

**Do You Enjoy Your Meals?**  
If you do not enjoy your meals your digestion is faulty. Eat moderately, especially of meats, masticate your food thoroughly. Let five hours elapse between meals and take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper and you will soon find your meals to be a real pleasure.

R. L. Nunn of Keat, Hal Nunn of Carlsbad, N. M., and John Nunn of Reagan county, are at home for a holiday visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Nunn at Old Runnels. Austin A. Charley Nunn are expected home for the holidays and there will be a family reunion at the Nunn home with all the boys present for the first time in several years.

**Chamberlain's Tablets.**  
These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated, give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with their effect.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Oxshier, of Bisbee, Arizona, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bridwell.

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use, cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Jno. A. Weeks, special agent.

Ed Schawe is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe.

Ledger classifieds bring results.

## EXTRAVAGANCE IN YULETIDE SPIRIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—And now comes the reconstruction Christmas.

There's little old-fashioned, about this after-the-war Yuletide, unless it's the date and gift-giving observance.

Because of the war, the high cost of living, prohibition, or just natural shortage, these are things many Americans are doing without this Christmas:

- Toms and Jerry's Egg-noggs
- Plum-pudding with brandy sauce
- Real mince meat with a "kick"
- Fifty-cents a pound turkey meat
- The old fashioned Christmas tree
- Sugar.

But what's lacking will be made up in presents. Dealers have reported the heaviest buying season on record. Extravagance predominates, they said. People are buying more presents or of greater value this season. Sales today surpassed those of last year by thousands of dollars. Many dealers have been sold out in their toy departments for a week. Jewelers reported three weeks before the holiday season it was necessary for them to lay in a new stock.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions, and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. John A. Weeks, special agent.

### PROGRAM OF 8TH STREET PRESBYTERIAN S. S.

Christmas Entertainment at 7:30 Tonight.

Song by congregation, "Joy to the World."

Scripture Reading, Superintendent.

Prayer by Pastor.

Piano Solo by Mr. Hampton.

Greeting by Lucy Bell Taylor.

Song, "Bright Beautiful Story"

Recitation by Walter Carl Guin.

Recitation by Eloise Slaten.

Exercise by Kathleen Holloway, Nettie Ruth Sledge and Winnie Taylor.

Song, "Holy Night."

Exercise by members of Primary Department followed by entrance of Santa Claus and distribution of gifts.

All who are without a Sunday school home will be given a cordial welcome.

### Splendid Cough Medicine

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lung, a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

Maurice Crews is here from San Antonio to spend Christmas with his father, C. R. Crews, and family.

Miss Sammie Padgett is at home from Lubbock, where she is teaching, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

J. H. Huffstetler and family left for San Saba Tuesday afternoon, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

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**Card of Thanks**  
We, the undersigned, wish to express our best and kindest thanks to all who showed their last respect and love to our beloved daughter and sister, Mary. Especially to Dr. Alvin Swindell, pastor of the Baptist church for the kind words he spoke in our house and at the grave. Also to all those that covered dear Mary's grave with beautiful flowers. Henry Vorbeck and family. 24-1d.\*

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Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Tom Truly, who accidentally shot himself while out hunting Tuesday, is getting along nicely. The bullet was removed from the limb, and unless blood poison sets in he will soon be himself again.

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Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold wrapper. Taste no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS. For 25 years a woman's friend. Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE.

D. C. McCaleb of Wichita Falls, who formerly was engaged in the newspaper business in San Angelo, and elsewhere over the state, was a visitor in the city a few days ago. Mr. McCaleb is now in the oil business.—San Angelo Standard.

**A TEXAS WONDER**  
The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irritabilities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

## Daily Ledger Want Ads

LOST—Auto casing, inner tube and rim to Hudson car, on the Johnson lane. A. H. Van Pelt. 24-2td

FOR SALE—Brand new Ford. See A. O. Bartlett, Santa Fe station. 24-1d

FOR SALE—Bundle cane and maize and fetterita. Close to Ballinger, see or telephone me at 4012 Rural, J. P. Clifton. 23-5td-1ts.\*

325 acres 6 miles North of Winter for sale at \$20 per acre if sold now. 90 acres in cultivation. All mineral rights go with land. See Chas. S. Miller. 23-7td

JUST RECEIVED—Stock of electric irons. Don't fail to see me for all kinds of electrical work. G. P. TEAGUE, Phone No 7. Ballinger Electrical Co.

WANTED—Cash register—must be a bargain. Phone Ledger. 19-5td.

FOR SALE—Sewing machine in good condition at a bargain. Phone 27. 18-d-1f.\*\*

FOR SALE—Wire screen for heating stove and wire screen for fire place. Protects children from danger of burns. Phone 161. 18-d-1f.\*\*

WANTED—Baby or young girl to do general house work in small family. No children. Good salary. Phone 142. 18-1fd

WANTED—Man to cut and haul wood. Work close to town and good pay. Apply at Ledger office. 11-1fd

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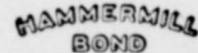
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