

The Miami Chief.

MIAMI, Roberts County, TEXAS, Thursday, DECEMBER 25, 1913.

No. 22

The Empty stocking

The empty stocking is the saddest tragedy of all motherhood. There is no picture more appealing, no emotion that carries a deeper pang and no sensation as sorrowful in human life as Christmas stocking lamp and neglected. Explaining an empty Christmas stocking is the most difficult task that Christianity ever assigned a mother, and to be forgotten by Santa Claus is the most dreadful day in the life of a child.

Christmas is built around the love of a mother for her babe and where want and hunger huddle and skulk in the shadow of a home and the children lie in cold dream Christmas dreams that never come true, it is there that the betrayal of the Christmas tradition becomes the greatest disaster in child-life.

The gift of the Bethlehem stable sent a thrill of delight through the veins of mankind and taught us new lessons of unselfish love. We feel this Christmas sensation warming our hearts when we touch a drum, a sled or trumpet and hear the gleeful shouts of happy children as they explore the well filled Christmas stocking.

Mortuary

Stella Reynolds was born in Mississippi in 1849 and was raised there to womanhood, her people then moved to Texas and in 1890 she was married to G. W. Selman who died eight years ago. Mrs. Selman has made her home in Miami for eight years, but has been in very poor health for the past eight months and confined to her bed since July 7th. The silver cord was broken and her step to the far beyond was made Monday morning. She has been a member and ardent worker of the baptist church for many years and was a very kind and loving woman. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning by Rev. Rees and she was buried immediately following in the Miami cemetery.

This again reminds us that today or tomorrow you or I may be called to our last resting place and a suggestive question is, are we ready to go? If we are prepared to meet our Savior then we can say yes, if not then there is a great and unknown darkness for us to penetrate.

4 inches of snow

A nice quiet 4 inch snow made its appearance in the Panhandle Sunday evening and night. Not the least partical of wind was stirring and everything was covered evenly putting a pretty white blanket over all. Wheat has been snugly blanketed to keep it from freezing and reports are that this weather is fine on wheat as it is taking root. Just let the good work go on, even if it has knocked business to thunder, it will come back with ten fold next Summer.

The seige of the mud hole

The war against the mud hole is being waged in earnest in Texas and the ballot has proved a mighty weapon in combating this destructive evil. The issuance of a million and a quarter dollars in road and bridge bonds last month was a decided victory for the cause of better highways and one which will be recorded in the archives of great achievements.

Jupiter Pluvius has sent a multitude of volunteers to the

Parcel Post Changes

Weight Limit to 50lbs.

Order No. 7706.

On and after January 1, 1914, the limit of weight of parcels of fourth-class mail for delivery within the first and second zones shall be increased from 20 to 50 pounds and in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth zones from 11 to 20 pounds.

The rate of postage on parcels exceeding 4 ounces in weight in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth zones shall be as follows:

THIRD ZONE.—Six cents for the first pound and two cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

FOURTH ZONE.—Seven cents for the first pound and four cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

FIFTH ZONE.—Eight cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

SIXTH ZONE.—Nine cents for the first pound and eight cents for each additional pound or fraction thereof.

On and after March 16, 1914, the classification of articles mailable under Section 8 of the Act of August 24, 1912, authorizing the establishment of the parcel post service shall be extended so as to include books. The rate of postage on books weighing 8 ounces or less shall be one cent for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof and on those weighing in excess of 8 ounces the regular zone rate shall apply.

All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

rank of the road builders during the past thirty days and some of the bond issue's most bitter enemies are now clamoring for better roads at any cost. Thirty more battles of the ballot will be waged in this State at an early date, when issues to the amount of \$3,500,000 will be decided.

A big "42" Party

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ewing entertained a large number of their friends with "42". The biggest "42" party of the season. There were 17 tables of players and the games were entered into with much zest and merriment. The spacious rooms were a most festive air with their red and green Christmas decorations. Dainty Oyster Salad on lettuce with coffee and cake were served the guests at the close of the games. The party was a great success and the 68 guests never enjoyed a more pleasant evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ewing have an elegant home in which to entertain and are on the top rounds as entertainers.

The Misses Eileen Wren, Bessie McLaren, Rhoda Rees, Lucile Ewing, Modena Burks and Aurelia Robertson did splendid service in helping entertain the visitors and assisting the hostess in serving refreshments. Mrs. Cora Davis won high score.

No Chief Next Week

There will be no issue of the Chief next week. We trust that you will gladly give us a weeks vacation and we will then promise to be good and work hard for some time to come. The next regular issue of the Chief will open Jan. 8th. Most of the Panhandle papers are taking their vacations this week but we want ours next.

A LAST OPPORTUNITY CLOSING SALE

Not just at Cost, But far below Cost on 90 per cent Of my Dry Goods. Prices Tell.

Beginning Friday Dec. 19 and continuing to Dec. 31st, I am going to close out everything in my store in the Dry Goods Line. Really at lower prices than the big Wholesale houses will sell at. Am for the present quitting the dry goods line and it will mean dollars to you if you take the advantages offered. Never before have such prices been made. I give you a big discount on the wholesale, not the retail price. Note the Prices.

Mens Pants below cost

A dandy lot of mens pants, about 87 pair in all sizes and kinds. You will note that I will give you the wholesale cost, then cut the price far below that. Will close out every pair at less than you can buy them in bulk from the manufacturer.

15 pair men pants that cost 1.75 only	1.10
25 pair mens pants that cost 2.50 at only	1.60
12 pair mens pants that cost 3.00 at only	2.10
8 pair mens pants that cost 3.25 at only	2.60
4 pair mens pants that cost 1.00 at only	.70

Work clothes for men

1 lot mens jumpers value 90c go at	65c
1 lot mens jumpers value 1.00 go at	75c
Mens duck pants value 1.00 go at	65c
Mens duck pants value 1.00 go at	.75c

Miscellaneous for Men, Women and Children. Prices Lowest.

Best quality mens hose, while they last during this sale at sold out
 Mens wool hose go at just 20c per pair
 Good grade of toweling at .5c sold out
 Mistletoe Aviation Caps for ladies and children go below cost, .25c each
 Ladies sweaters that cost \$1.90 you can have for \$1.50
 1 bunch ladies scarfs 75c value for only 35c
 Boys 25c hose all go at 15c pr.

Mens and Boys shirts and underwear

150 Mens dress shirts fine quality all \$1 to \$1.50 value yours for	35c to 85c
150 mens work shirts good heavy stuff at only	40c
Mens fleece lined and plain ribbed underwear regular 50c value at	35c
Boys fleece lined shirts and drawers per suit	35c
value for	75c
Boys Silver suits good value at	20c
Boys dress shirts, without collar, good 50c value for	35c

Boys Pants and Clothes

13 pair boys long pants that cost at wholesale from \$1 to \$2.50 per pair, all go at only	70c
1 lot boys short pants good value at	35c
1 lot boys short pants extra value at	75c



There is a book that as long as it opens its pages never lose interest, and each entry provides and proves its growing interest. The book is small but mighty, for it is a bank book.

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 ROBERTS COUNTY DEPOSITORY



WHERE THERE'S A WILL BY MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

AUTHOR OF THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE, THE MAN IN LOWER TEN, WHEN A MAN MARRIES ILLUSTRATED BY EDGAR BERT SMITH



SYNOPSIS

Minnie, spring-house girl at Hope sanatorium, tells the story. It opens with the arrival of Miss Patty Jennings, who is reported to be engaged to marry a prince...

CHAPTER XIII—Continued.

I did my best to leave them alone on the way back, but Miss Patty stuck close to my heels. It was snowing, and the going was slow. For the first five minutes she only spoke once...

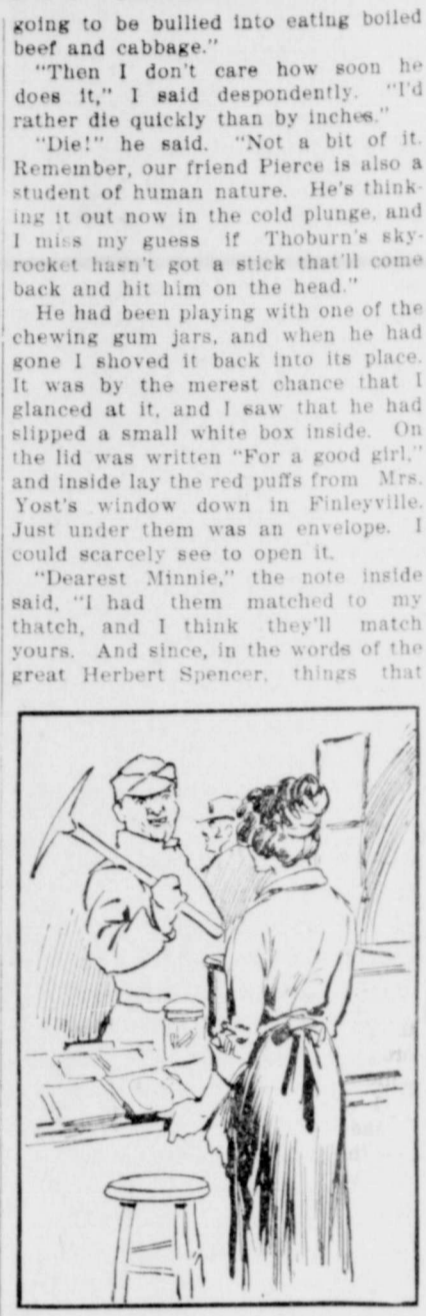


They Had Stopped in the Shelter of the Fence Corner.

the blamed stuff here, and then get up at dawn for a cold bath and a twenty-mile walk and an apple for breakfast. Ugh, my shoulder is dislocated.

with my knife. Why don't you wear overshoes? "I never have a cold!" she retorted. "Why, Minnie, is that you?" "Quick," I panted. "Thoburn and Mr. von Inwald coming—basket—lantern—warn the shelter-house!"

ette on the back of my celluloid mirror, and then suddenly she threw back her head and laughed. "Minnie!" she said, between fits. "Minnie! As long as I live I'll never forget that wretched boy's face! And the sand boxes! And the blankets over the windows! And the tarpaulin over the rafters! And Mr. Van Alstyne sitting on the lawn mower! I'd rather have had my minute in that doorway than fifty thousand dollars!"



"Last Call to the Dining Car, Minnie."

match the same thing match each other! "What do you say?—Barnes." "P. S.—I love you. I feel like a damn fool saying it, but heaven knows it's true."

put a small package on the counter, and stared at me over it. "There's treachery here, black treachery." She pointed one long thin forefinger at the bundle. "What is it? A bomb?" I asked, stepping back. More than once it had occurred to me that having royalty around sometimes meant dynamite.

"I was looking for you," he said to her. "The bishop has just told me. There are no obstacles now." "None," she said, looking up at him with wretchedness in her eyes, if he had only seen. "I am very happy."

NOT HA Many Will Seem... A P. M. loving little best... To the s... representa... ant and... him hom... old each... express a... "What... Catholic... The an... "You sh... and turn... do you w... "Money... "You sh... "And yo... "I do n... "Give me... Fall Mall... ERUPTIO Lock Bo... epring of... five years... lip and p... took for... large ring... that it w... was that... I made w... Let the b... and then... was very c... had it an... night. Wh... worst the... her home... attend unt... face was g... "I wrote... Cuticura... we used... they gav... some mor... We kept... Ointment... the child... (Signed) M... 312 Cuticura... throughout... free with 32... card "Cuticu... All i... "Catch a... away on y... "Sure, I... "I'm h... "Nuh... weighs 130... of a street... the lighting... "Here is... "I suppo... cutic... Some... Golf Play... experience... god caddie... Caddy (m... BE This is... good c... ness, bu... hard it... when Y... veloped... To over... just try... Hos... Stom... It will pr... for sea, In... tion, Bill... WESTER... The opport... homes read... the low pri... Saskatchewan... soon have pa... Canada off... to the Sett... family look... farmer's son... wants to live... Canada's g... the talk of... Grasses give... birds' cost... for market is... The sum re... Mik and Ch... ceat on the... Write for lit... ulars as to... rates to Super... of Immigration... Canada, or to... G. A. Co... 125 W. 9th S... Kansas City... Canada; Govern... PISO... FOR CO... FOR CO...

NOT HARD TO SATISFY HIM

Many Will See a Peculiar Reason for Seemingly Modest Request Made by the Jew.

A P. M. G. reader sends us the following little story—certainly one of the best of its kind:

To the great god Buddha came the representatives of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religions, to pay him homage. Buddha, very flattered, told each of them that if they would express a wish, it would be fulfilled.

"What do you wish?" he asked the Catholic.

The answer was "Glory."

"You shall have it," said Buddha, and turning to the Protestant, "What do you wish?"

"Money."

"You shall have it."

"And you?" This to the Jew.

"I do not want much," quoth he; "give me the Protestant's address!"

Pull Mall Gazette.

ERUPTION DISFIGURED FACE

Lock Box 35, Maurice, Ia.—"In the spring of 1911 our little daughter, age five years, had a breaking out on her lip and part of her cheek that we took for ringworm. It resembled a large ringworm, only it differed in that it was covered with watery blisters that itched and burned terribly, made worse by her scratching it. Then the blisters would break through and let out a watery substance. She and I were very cross and fretful while she had it and had very little rest at all. When the eruption was at its worst the teacher of the school sent her home and would not allow her to attend until the disfigurement of her face was gone.

I wrote and received a sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment, which we used according to directions, and they gave instant relief, so we bought some more. It gradually grew better. We kept on using Cuticura Soap and Ointment and in three or four months the child was entirely cured."

(Signed) Mr. Henry Prins, Oct. 22, 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston."—Adv.

All Is Fish in the Net.

"Catch anything while you were away on your vacation?"

"Sure, I did. It weighed 28 pounds. You catch anything?"

"N-huh. I told you I would. She weighs 130 and her dad's worth half of a street railway company, an electric lighting plant and two brewers."

Its Kind.

"Here is a brilliant essay on appendicitis."

"I suppose it is illustrated with cuts."

Some of Them, Maybe.

Golf Player (exasperated at caddie's experience)—I wonder where all the good caddies go to?

Caddie (meekly)—To heaven, sir.

BE MERRY

This is the season for good cheer and happiness, but you know how hard it is to "be merry" when your liver has developed a "lazy spell." To overcome this trouble just try a short course of

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The sum realized for Beef, Butter, Milk and Cheese will pay fifty per cent on the investment.

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Canadian Government Agt.

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Best Cough Syrup, Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by Druggists.
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KEEP SHEEP ON DRY FARMS

Almost Entire Product of Small Flock May Be Looked Upon as Profit on Semi-Arid Lands.

(By E. A. BURNETT, University of Nebraska.)

Over much of the dry-farming area a few sheep can be kept at a profit, and where a small flock of sheep is kept on a half section of land almost the entire product of the flock may be looked upon as profit, since it is possible with a small flock of sheep to sell practically the same amount of grain products as could be sold if they were not kept upon the farm.

Farming in the great plains area should be adjusted to the conditions which obtain in years of average or sub-normal rainfall. In these years live stock will always be more profitable than exclusive grain farming. In years where rainfall is largely in excess of the normal, grain farming is likely to be more profitable, but since the investment in labor is necessarily from \$4.00 to \$8.00 per acre upon each acre of the land under grain farming, a failure of grain causes a serious loss from which the farmer cannot easily recover. Live stock farming, while producing somewhat less revenue than grain in the most favorable years, will produce more net profit than grain farming over any fifteen-year period with which the writer has had experience.

Even in eastern Nebraska, where the corn crop is looked upon as safe in at least eight years out of ten, live stock should be kept upon farms to consume the residue products and convert them into merchantable form. The freight upon coarse products is so high that they cannot be shipped long distances to market. Upon live stock and upon other concentrated products, freight is relatively cheap, so that they may be shipped farther to market with profit. In this country hay can hardly be shipped more than two or three hundred miles at a profit, while butter may easily be produced in Nebraska and shipped with profit to Atlantic coast cities. The time must come throughout all the great plains area and the corn belt lying to the east of it when live stock will be considered a necessity in good farm management.

The business of growing our beef on great open ranges and fattening it in the corn belt is rapidly passing, and the time when we must grow beef on the farming lands of the corn belt is already here. To do this we must maintain breeding herds on the farm and keep them under the best methods practicable.

Under dry-farm conditions a diversity of crops should be used, striving to grow those which will mature under normal conditions and furnish some grain to supplement the forage raised. In addition to that needed for live stock, some grain may be raised as a money crop.

LOSSES IN SOIL FERTILITY

Land That Has Been Manured Will Produce Considerable More Than That Not So Treated.

(By W. C. PALMER, North Dakota Agricultural College.)

The plant food removed from the soil by farm products is represented in the following table:

Value of Product.	Crop.	Plant Food Removed.
\$100	Hay	85.00
\$100	Wheat	30.00
\$100	Corn	30.00
\$100	Beef	5.00
\$100	Cream	1.00
\$100	Butter	.10

In other words, in selling \$100 worth of wheat \$30 worth of plant food are sold, so the net return is \$70, while selling \$100 worth of cream the net return is \$99. In selling grain and hay the fertility that makes the farm productive is sold, too. In selling dairy products the fertility is returned to the land in the manure. Land that has been manured will produce considerably more than unmanured land. Growing crops, such as corn, grass, or alfalfa to feed the dairy cow, reduce weeds and in other ways prepare the land for producing a good crop of grain.

Dairying or stock of some kind are an important part in profitable farming.

Caponizing Fowls.

The large breeds are best for caponizing. A few months old capon is no better than a cockerel. A capon will more readily put on fat and get large and prime after maturity. The large and prime are to be secured, the object in caponizing is to secure quality and size, but quality is the most important. Age does not impair a capon as it does a cockerel, provided the bird is not kept longer than a year and a half.

Capons will have to mature before they can get much flesh, and for that reason they cannot be sold while young. No poultry meat excels, if any equals, a half-grown guinea, split around the back, broiled and buttered. It is meaty, tender and of splendid flavor.

Plow Garden Deep.

Deep fall plowing will do more toward giving the garden a start for next season than anything except a good coat of well-rotted manure. The two go well together.

Clean Up Rubbish.

Clear up the rubbish around the garden and truck patches. Weeds and debris of any kind harbor insects which should not have protection during the winter season.

"WHY I EMIGRATED"

THE NOTES OF A PROMINENT JOURNALIST WHO MADE A TRIP THROUGH WESTERN CANADA.

A prominent journalist from Chicago, some time ago, made a journey through Canada obtaining a thorough knowledge of the land and people and of the "boundless possibilities" that Canada, the virgin land, affords. In an American Sunday newspaper he published after his return the interesting account which we print as follows. He writes:

Why did you emigrate from the United States? I asked a farmer in Western Canada.

"I believe that for a poor man Western Canada is the most favorable land," was the reply, "and I have now found that it is the Paradise of the Poor."

The farmer, a pioneer of the west, had five years earlier left Iowa for Canada to secure a new home there. After traversing the country for some time, he started his home on the open prairie and with steady industry devoted himself to the working of the virgin soil. Now he is the well-to-do owner of that endless sea of waving wheat ears that goes on for miles before my eyes. His strong, sunburned figure finds the best background in his farm itself, which is the outcome of his ceaseless activity—a pretty two-story dwelling house, a large clean stable, in the midst of a hamlet of barns, sheds and outbuildings, a useful garden overflowing with products; horses, cattle, sheep and swine on the rich pastures, and around to the horizon wheat, golden wheat.

"In Iowa?" the farmer continued, "I farmed on rented land, for at the price of \$100 per acre I did not possess money enough to buy. I might farm, I might farm as I could, more than the living for myself and family, I could not attain. Sometimes the harvest turned out good, sometimes bad, but the grand total was a bitter combat to keep want from the door. It was impossible to lay by for bad times and in spite of all trouble and work an old age free of care was not to be thought of. My death would have brought bitter poverty to my wife and children.

"I decided to break-up and go to Canada, where at least I could fight out the struggle for existence on my own land. I started out with a mule team, all my earthly possessions were in the prairie-schooner with my wife and children. Then I took up a homestead of 160 acres to which I added by purchase gradually; now as a whole I count about 3,000 acres as my own. The whole property is free of debt. I do not owe a cent to anyone. I bought my land for \$2-10 per acre, now I would not give it up for \$50."

"Do you mean to say that you paid for the whole land in the five years?" I interrupted.

"In a much shorter time," replied the farmer. "The land paid for itself, some already by the first harvest, and at longest in 3 years each field had brought in its purchase price. If you doubt that land in Western Canada pays for itself within 3 years you can easily convince yourself of the truth of my assertion. Let us assume that a farmer buys a farm of 160 A. at \$15 per A. for \$2,400. Farm machinery, seed, ploughs, mowing and threshing might bring up the outlay to about \$10 per acre. If the farmer sows the 160 A. for 3 years in succession with wheat and harvests 20 bus. per acre, then the product of an A. at the average price of 75c per bu. is exactly \$15 per acre. If you deduct the \$10 outlay, you will retain a clear return of \$5.00. For 160 A. the annual excess amounts to \$800, consequently the farm has after the third harvest brought in the purchase price of \$2,400.

"Sometimes—and not rarely—the land pays for itself by the first harvest of 35 bus. of wheat bring in more than the purchase price of \$13 per acre. As in some years I harvested more than 35 bus. you can reckon for yourself how quickly I paid for my farm."

"Would you not prefer your own farm in Iowa?" I asked.

"No," replied the farmer, "never will I go back, in general very few American settlers return to the old home. In Iowa a 160 A. farm costs \$100 per A., \$16,000; in Western Canada \$15, only \$2,400. For the same money that you require to buy a 160 A. farm in Iowa, you can buy here in Western Canada a farm of 1,000 acres. I have money enough to buy a farm in Iowa, if I wished. But there my yearly income would be a small one, whereas here I work for a great gain. There I would only be a small farmer, here I am a large landed proprietor."

In a corner of the farmyard I had during our conversation noticed a mound of earth overgrown with grasses and wild flowers. To my inquiry as to what it was, I received the reply: "That is the ruin of the wooden shack covered with sods, which I called my home when I settled here five years ago."

I gathered a wild aster from the ruin and flung it into the air. In a purplish-glinting line the wind drove the flower towards the fine, modern-equipped farmhouse. What a contrast between the lowly earthy hut of yesterday and charming palace of today! This contrast says enough of the un-

bounded possibilities, which this new land offers to the willing worker. How the poor emigrant on the open prairie, through energy and activity, within 5 years worked his way up to being a well-to-do farmer and esteemed citizen! More, the farmer did not require to say. Why did he emigrate? WHY? Why I saw the answer with my own eyes.—Advertisement.

BUMPED HIS SELF-CONCEIT

Young Lady's Reason for Choosing Escort Not Exactly What He Had Imagined It to Be.

Mr. Blank (we've got to call him that because he's really a very decent fellow, and he'd kill us if we told his real name) is first tenor in a glee club. He sings in a choir, too. Everybody likes him.

The other night a bunch of young people met for a social session at a certain house in the suburbs. They ate and danced and they sang. And when it was all over the prettiest young woman there—she hadn't been escorted thither by any chosen cavalier—said:

"I walk home, but it's a lonesome walk and I'm afraid. There have been holdups in this part of town. So I choose Mr. Blank to see me safe home." On the way home Mr. Blank was considerably swelled up. The prettiest girl had chosen him from a crowd of personable bachelors, and his feelings of self-satisfaction were excusable. He couldn't resist saying: "Why did you think I was the strongest and bravest man there to-night?"

"I didn't," answered the girl. "I picked you because I knew you could holler the loudest!"—Cleveland Plaindealer.

A simple remedy against coughs and all throat irritations are Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops—5c at all good Druggists.

Something Lacking.

Mrs. Murphy labored in the hot sun over her washtubs while Mr. Murphy sat on the woodpile and gazed into space. His inactivity finally became more than Mrs. Murphy could bear—at least, in silence.

"Why don't you climb down off'n that woodpile and help me with these clothes?" she inquired in no gentle tone.

Mr. Murphy slowly shifted his gaze and directed it upon his laboring spouse. "Why, Mary Ann, can't you see I'm busy?" he drawled.

"Busy?" snapped Mrs. Murphy. "What doin'?"

"Why, I'm thinkin', Mary Ann."

"Thinkin'?" she repeated. "With what?"

The Reason.

"Mabel is always in a pet."

"That's why she isn't one."—Baltimore American.

Every effort is being made to make army life as attractive as possible in order to get the most desirable class of recruits.

Tea From Coffee Leaves.

"Tea, as everybody knows, is made from leaves, while coffee is derived from berries or beans. Just here is where something has been overlooked, in the opinion of a scientific investigator. The leaves of the coffee plant are not only available for making a beverage, but they possess properties which make them more valuable than the coffee beans.

In appearance and fragrance the dried coffee leaves very much resemble those of the tea plant. An infusion of them being made, just as in the case of ordinary tea, an aromatic beverage is produced that is bitter to the taste, but not disagreeably so, and which contains almost as much theine as real tea, while there is a much smaller proportion of tannin.

It may yet be possible to grow tea and coffee on the same plant."

Medical Advice.

Miggs—So the doctor told you to go to a warmer climate. What is the nature of the trouble you consulted him on?

Miggs—I went there to collect a bill

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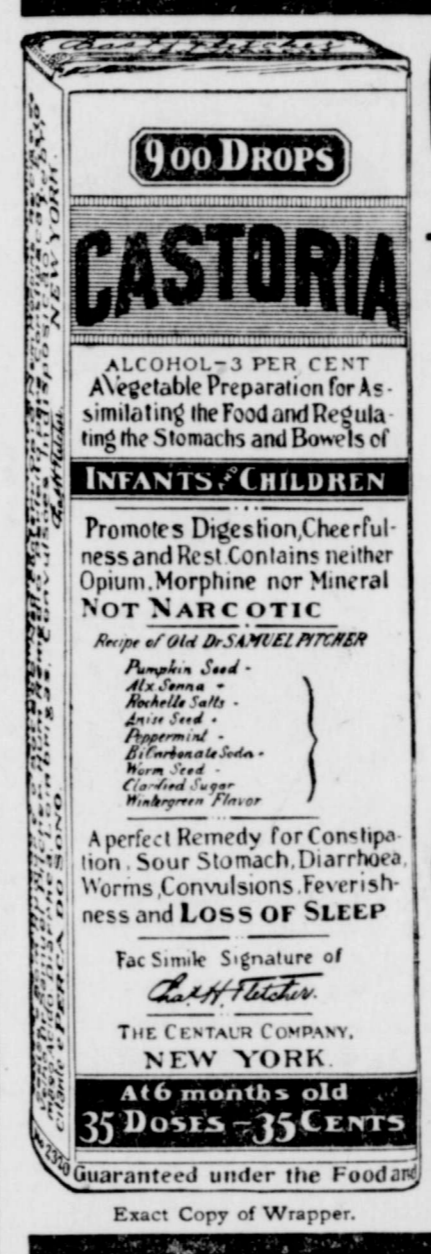
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Contrary Effect. "Hasn't this been raw weather?" "Yes, and it is odd, considering how well it has been roasted."

Some men are almost as much afraid of microbes as some women are of mice.

Many a man works overtime because his wife needs the money.

The custom of displaying colored globes in the chemist's window originated among the Moors of Arabia and Spain.

A conceited man is never so happy as when he is given an opportunity to place his conceit on exhibition.

You Look Prematurely Old

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Announcements

FOR TAX ASSessor

L. A. C. 9812e
L. G. Christopher
S. E. Fitzgerald

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY
Troy Smith

A lounge never entered the hall of fame.

Better boost today, you may die tomorrow.

Let ancient errors be forgot—live and boost today.

The attitude of one booster will flavor the spirit of a score of sluggards.

Our people seem to all be happy today and we are glad of peace, harmony and plenty prevailing.

Sunday was the longest day in the year. Old King Sol will now begin to shutoff the gas and get a little slower each day for six months.

The Express companies will on Feb. 1st be forced to lower their rates, and since the parcel post limit has been raised to 50 lbs and the rate is still a great deal lower than express rates. It looks like the express companies will soon have the gentle Geraniums waving over them.

Did you ever have a secret that absolutely no one on earth knows but your self. Its pretty hard to keep a secret like that. You know it is like money, it begins burn.

Our wheat prospect could not be brighter. Wheat promises a yield of 40 to 50 bushels per acre. Pasturing of the wheat fields will pay for the seed. May we get a dollar a bushel for it next year.

When you get up early and no dry kindling can be found, just locate a rag of some kind, put it in the stove and use the same quantity of coal oil that you would on kindling and you will soon have a good fire.

As long as a majority of the people take no action against the rich growing richer and the poor growing poorer no change will come. When a majority of the people are interested in the upbuild and general welfare of all, then they will look toward a change and not before.

What is it that should give you the greatest joy? Not what you get out of life selfishly. No, its what you put into life for others, that is what brings real and lasting joy. As Christmas time is here, see how much joy you can put into lives of others. See how happy you can make others. That will bring you lasting joys.

The man who amasses millions amasses much of that others produced and much of that others need and he does not need for the reason he cannot use it. It is bad to take it from the ones who produced it and worse still to deprive them of it because they actually need it



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But the whole people, who can prohibit this, are most to blame for allowing such a state of affairs to exist.

We wish all the Chief readers a happy Christmas and a prosperous Newyear. In the year 1914 lets let all our actions tend to make men social and humane. If we would be happy we must make other people happy. No one can be happy alone. It is our pleasure to see other people happy. Make your resolutions for 1914 "I will make as many as happy as I can as often as I can in 1914".

We are now wondering how long the newspapers are going to last and what the government will do for publicity when they are forced out of business. The government is the biggest advertisers we have and always want publicity to the limit but "without expense to the department." Now when the government gets ownership of Telegraph, telephone railroads, express, etc. where is the editors cash coming from. We see our finish and here is where we conceal our future politice and make application for the honored position of office devil in the Government printing office of the Miami Chief.

An exchange says: "The best season for seven years is in the ground, and farmers are practically assured that they will have good crops next year." The latter half of which is a great mistake. A farmer has no right to be assured that he will have good crops without constant and intelligent labor, regardless of seasons, any more than a carpenter has to expect to draw his \$5 a day, work or no work. There are thousands of farmer



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failures in this country today who owe their condition to the fact they expected the "seasons" to do it all. Of course, there are no more farmers in this condition than there are men of other professions; not so many; but the statement quoted above is made so often that we feel like we want to correct it. Whenever you see a farmer who has made a success of his business, don't make the mistake of thinking he struck it lucky; don't attribute it to the seasons, either; just rest assured that he is a man who knows his business, and puts in nearly all of his time attending to it.—Clarendon News.

CHRISTMAS is the festivity of Christ observed by the Christian Church yearly on the 25th day of December. Augustine considered the festivals, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Ascension day, and Whitsuntide, as the only festivals which had Apolostic origin and the sanction of a general council. Christmas he deemed to be of later origin and lesser authority. When the first efforts were made to fix the period of the year when the advent took place, there were, as we learn from Clement of Alexandria, advocates for the 20th of May and for the 20th or 21st of April. The Oriental Christians were of the opinion that both the birth and baptism of Jesus took place the 6th of January. Julian I, Bishop of Rome, from A. D. 337-352, contended for the 25th day of December, a view to which the eastern church finally come round, while the church of the West adopted from their brethren in the east the view that baptism was on the 6th of January. When the festival was at length placed in December, it afforded a substitute to the various nations who had observed a festival of rejoicing that the shortest day in the year had passed, besides spanning over the great interval between Whitsontide of one year and Good Friday of the next. Coming to the Roman Christian converts, in lieu of the saturnalia, to which they had been accustomed while yet they were heathens, its purity became sullied almost at the first by revelry which had crept into it from this source. Similarly the Yule log, the mistletoe, etc., among English speaking people, are relics of Druidism.—University Encyclopeda.

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Commencing with this issue of the Miami Chief. (Oct. 23, 1913) I will offer my FARM 8 miles southeast of Miami, now being farmed by Mr. Carruth and subject to his lease.
Price \$35 per acre \$5600
NOTICE This price will be reduced \$150 per week until sold. As I have no agents I reserve the right to suspend reduction one week at a time, while investigating conditional offers.
Write for particulars and easy terms while waiting for price to suit you. I advise you to wire acceptance, this is a case of "first Comes, first served."
My price this week is \$4400.

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Local News

Milas Gunn left Monday for Alva Okla.
Blanch Matthews came in this week for Xmas.
Judge Greever is spending Xmas at Sivel's Bend.
J. A. Holmes left Monday for Bonham.
Miss Valeria Davis returned this week from Canadian.
Miss Agnes Thompson returned from her visit in Pampa.
Home Tolbert was a business visitor to Miami Monday.
Geo. Forbes left Tuesday to visit his wife in New Mexico.
Mrs. Grant and children left this week for Canadian to live.
Mrs. Ray Morrison has a sister from Kansas visiting her.
Clifford Baruhardt is spending Christmas in Amarillo.
Miss Laura Wallace went to Mineral Wells for Xmas.
Miss Cook is taking her Xmas at Canyon.
Miss Daughbrey is visiting at Pampa.
Prof. Henderson is spending Xmas out of the city.
Rev. Lowry preached at Pampa Sunday.
Miss Lucie Hawkins of Canadian spent Saturday with Miss Rosa Humphries.

Lots of Xmas snow fell Sunday. A. J. Rodgers and wife was trad- ing in the city Saturday.
Don't forget those Fish and Oys- ters at McCracken & Seibers.
Miss Jones is spending Xmas with homefolks.
Doc Pursley moved to town last week.
Atty. N. P. Willis of Canadian spent Saturday in the Metropolis.
M. R. House of Mobeetie was in town Sunday and Monday.
Clud Fox returned Sunday from an extended trip home.
C. M. Fly was in town Sunday and Monday. O U Xmas.

Mansel Coffee of Mobeetie spent Saturday in Miami with relatives.
Miss Carrie Bell is spending the Holidays in Kansas.
Mrs. Claud Lock of Pampa came in Sunday to visit relatives.
Mrs. T. A. Peck from Oklahoma City is here this week on business.
Dr. Gunn reports the arrival of a girl at M. McCauley's Tuesday.
Roy Sewell is spending the Holi- days with homefolks.
Miss Julia McBee of Pampa spent Saturday night in the city.
We understand that Miss Annie Ramsey has the mumps this week.
J. W. Williams is spending Christmas with his family at Floy- data.
Court Stenographer E. J. Pickens is spending the Holidays in Syracuse N. Y.
Misses Rosa and Hazel Humph- ries left Wednesday for Fargo Okla. to spend Xmas.
F. S. Oulter and Jno. C. Rebholz representing the Underwood Type- writer were in the city Monday.
Misses Pauline Baird and Florie Jackson came in Saturday from Den- ton for Xmas.

G. B. Morrison of Shreveport, La., father of J. A. and R. L. Mor- rison is here for the Holidays.
H. N. Davis and E. C. Isham of Mobeetie country have moved their families to Miami.
Mr. Jones of Cantonment passed through Miami Sunday enroute to his home 18 miles south of town.
Geo. Forbes and Fred Lee came in from Hammonds ranch Monday to go home and spend Xmas.
T. J. Bell and family of Collins- worth county are here visiting I. H. Whittle.
Robt. Elkins is enjoying a case of the mumps as a Christmas pre- sent.
Jessie and Samuel Coble of Am- arillo are visiting at the W. H. Cob- le home.
All section hands on this division of the Santa Fe have been laid off indefinitely.
Judge B. M. Baker of Canadian was in the city Monday on legal business.
Dr. Kelley reports the arrival of a new girl at the Wio Minor home Saturday.
N. L. Williams and wife of the Denton High School are here visit- ing Mr. Williams sister, Mrs. B. F. Jackson.
Messers Ewing and Dial went out seeking wild game Friday even- ing and returned Saturday morning still seeking.
Edd Calhoun came in Saturday from the Hammond ranch and will go to Woodward to spend Xmas at home.
Crasie Christopher sold the lower half of his south plains section to Mr. Scroggins of Okla. this week. Consideration \$5,500.
Ben Talley and family spent Sat- urday night in Pampa with Geau Shackleton. They returned Sunday evening in their car through the snow.
Judge Cunningham and wife, N. Darr and wife, Dan Kivlehen and Jimmie Kivlehen went to the river Sunday morning for a Christmas hunt.
Joe Cunningham, a resident of Roberts County for a quarter of a century is very optimistic over our crop prospects and says they are the best we ever had.

Miss Julia McBee of Pampa pass- ed thru Miami Saturday enroute to Mobeetie.
Clyde Lawson and Barn Hay were in from the plains country Fri- day with a load of feed.
D. W. Turner left Saturday for Cook County to spend the Xmas. with home folks.
Mrs. Aubry Jeffus of Whitedeer visited in Miami Sunday enroute to Mobeetie.
Last Friday morning Henry And- erson succeeded in capturing an eagle which measures something like 8ft. from tip to tip. He shot the bird thru the wing and then took him into captivity.

Mrs. R. H. Spencer of McLean spent Saturday in Miami visiting relatives.
Grover Durham of Ft. Worth passed through town Saturday g- ing to Mobeetie for Christmas.
Dr. Shelton reports the arrival of a new boy at the Chas. Mathews home on the 20th.
Miss Grace Lard left last Monday for Hedley Texas to work in a de- partment store for Mr. Earl.
Harry A. Nelson slipped the Edi- tor a dollar and says "the Chief is worth reading now". Mr Nelson is spending the Hollowdays in St. Joseph Mo, and has the Chief follow him.

THANKS

I want to thank the people of Miami and surrounding country for their most liberal patronage during 1913. I have tried to show my appreciation by giving the best values and keeping the cleanest and most sanitary store in Miami. I find some things in stock that are going slow. My idea of business is that a nimble nickle is better than a slow dime and if you need any of the following, get them while they last. If I can't get my price, will take yours.

- 7 bars yellow soap for 25c
- 4 pkgs. Alton Soda for 25c
- Bang Up Pork and beans, 10c value for 05c
- Buggy whips, 10c value for 8c, or two for 15c
- " " 25c value for 15c
- " " 35c " " 25c
- " " 50c " " 35c
- " " \$1 " " 75c
- 1 box white Sunday Monday soap for \$3.95
- Easy flow oil cans, no pump, \$1.50 value for 1.10
- 10 gallon oil cans, easy flow for 1.75
- When your pans and sinks grow dim,
- Try Polly Prim, 10c value for 07c
- Gold dust, 25c size for 20c
- Planto Lard Compound, 10lb pail for \$1.35
- " " " 5lb " " 50c

Remember that we are not down on Wallstreet among the Bulls and Bears and we don't get as muah for our goods so it will you to walk to

McLARENS

Mrs. G. M. Moon left Tuesday for Claude to spend Christmas.
Otis Grimes came in for the Holi- days at the Burum home.
John Henry of Pampa was here Tuesday on business.
Miss Lucile Ewing spent Sat- urday and Sunday visiting Miss Grace Heare of the north plains.
Mrs. David Mallory came in Sun- day from Ames Okla., to spend the Holidays with her daughter Mrs. E. M. McCracken.

Emsey Dickey who has been a guest at the W. F. Patton home, returned to his home in Vernon Sunday.
Clarence Locke, Ed Lard and Misses Lettie Rees and Lella Mc- Donald faced the snow Sunday even- ing a short time for an auto ride.
H. L. Gunter made our office a short call Thursday evening and orders his Chief sent to Mobeetie instead of Miami.
The Bride and Groom, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wilks came in Tuesday evening from Ky. then left the train under a heavy volly of snowfalls.
R. V. West, Flake George and Herman Finch says that Christmas comes but once a year, now we are wondering where they got their in- formation.

Chas. and Clayton Heare came in Sunday from Waxabachie where they are attending the University and will spend two weeks at home.

Fred Lee, J. F. Haning, J. R. Webster, Frank Holland, Harry A. Nelson and E. M. McCracken made the Editor a Christmas present each in the form of U. S. money on sub- scription. Thanks gentlemen, we are happy for Xmas and trust that someone will make us happy for New Years.

They are Happy Now

Tuesday evening at 5:30 Miss Kitty Graham and Mr. Enel War- ren were married by Bro. J. W. Whatley. They took the evening train for a honeymoon trip. The two contracting parties are of nice families and well known here and the Chief wishes the young couple a long life of hap- piness, peace and prosperity.

W. F. Holland, generally known throughout these parts as "Windy Holland," but better known in Cook County as "The Country Ruben" made us a very pleasant call Monday. Mr. Hol- land is very optimistic over the future of the Miami Country and says that he has been all over Cook and Vauzandt Counties but found nothing near the equal of Roberts Coun- ty. And too he can go all over any other Texas counties that he may chance to enter and he will be of the same opinion still. Windy is a "SPUG," i.e. believing in giving something useful as presents and two people he wanted to give pre- sents too were, H. Moody, Era, Tex- as, and Miss Vera Purser, Cockron, G. I. After consulting Sears, Roe- buck & Co., J. Lynn & Co., all the Miami business houses, and the Justice of the Peace, he was advised at each place and finally made a firm and avowed decision that the "CHIEF" was the best and mos appropriate gift of all that had been submitted, and so they will each re- ceive the Chief six months. "The Country Ruben" knew all the "im that the Chief would make the best present but he just wanted to make us buy him a cigar, now did'nt you Frank.

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Miami Lodge No. 316
K of P. meet the night of the 1st and 3rd Thurs- days of each month.
J. L. Seiber, C. C.
N. S. Locke, K. of R. & S.

Miami Lodge No. 48, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, meet in their own Hall each Tuesday night.
J. C. Dial N. G.
Roy Trowbridge, Secy.

Miami Council No. 1783
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NEW AND USED SACKS

You may note in McLarens big ad on the front page that several articles have been sold since last week and are removed from the ad. They are going like hot cakes. Prices surely do count when they are advertised.

Last Thursday evening a great number of friends gathered at the home of Miss Beauford Black to en- joy a few hours of profound plea- sure. The gathering was a surprise to Miss Black but the entertainment was grand, to be gotten up on such short notice. "42" was played while music was being carried on.

Mrs. Mary Kittel left Monday for Capron, Okla., after a months visit at the W. H. Elliott home.

Miss Alice Stump is spending Christmas at J. R. Websters.

The Cunningham hunting party, mentioned in another place, came in Wednesday noon, bringing a big deer.

Miami Lodge No 805, A F & A M, meets night of First Fri- day of each month
H. E. Baird W. M.
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DEATH CLAIMS FOUR VICTIMS IN ACCIDENT

SAD HAVOC IS WROUGHT WHEN INTERURBAN CAR STRIKES AUTOMOBILE

TINY BABY ALONE UNHURT

Classed in Unconscious Mother's Arms When Tragic Fate Meets Christmas Shoppers.

Dallas, Texas.—With a babe in arms the only survivor, death wrought tragic havoc of the plans of Santa Claus Friday afternoon when a Dallas-bound limited interurban car from Fort Worth crashed with fatal force into an automobile containing a Cedar Hill family, returning home after a Christmas shopping trip to Dallas.

The automobile, which was literally demolished, attempted to cross the interurban tracks on Jefferson at Edgefield, in Oak Cliff, at about 4:25 p. m. The interurban car dragged the twisted remnant of the automobile just a block before it came to a stop. Distorted forms were thrown along that distance; one young lady fell upon the tracks and the heavy trolley car severed limbs and almost crushed her body apart as it passed over her. Two were instantly killed, and two others died at the hospital. But a baby boy—Christmas treasures for whose tiny stockings were found amid the sickening wreckage, strewn in blood-stained packages about the broken bodies—the baby boy, shielded by the loving protection of a mother's arms, pressed to a heart that a few hours later had ceased its beating, passed almost unscathed through the experience which cost the mother's life and the lives of three others.

The dead: Miss Willie Stewart, 19, and Miss Jettie Wilson, 18, instantly killed; Olin Wilson, about 30 years old, farmer near Cedar Hill, died at 10:45 o'clock at night; Mrs. Olin Wilson, several years younger than her husband, died at 11:35 o'clock at night.

Eighteen-months-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Wilson, slight bruises; will recover.

It is claimed that the automobile went dead on the track and the car was going at such rapid rate that it could not be stopped in time to prevent the accident.

Huerta's Unusual Power to Continue

City of Mexico.—From now until April 2 President Huerta will be obliged to conduct the government with out a congress, as that specially created organization was formally adjourned Monday. It most important acts during the session were the ratification of the president's assumption of power over the various departments of government after dissolving the preceding congress, and granting again to the president this same power, which gives Gen. Huerta until congress convenes again practically the authority of a dictator.

Will Investigate Carabao Banquet

Washington.—President Wilson has formally withdrawn his recent acceptance of honorary membership in the military order of the Carabao, composed of regular and volunteer officers of the army and navy who served in the Philippine Islands during the four years succeeding the Spanish-American war. Earlier in the day the president had ordered an investigation of various satires and travesties on the administration's policy toward the Philippines as portrayed at a recent banquet of the Carabao in Washington.

Aerial Mail Service Opposed

Washington.—The house voted down a bill approved by Postmaster General Burleson authorizing the postmaster general to enter into contract for transporting the mails by aeroplane or by any other similar device when deemed to be of public interest. Service by aeroplane has been suggested for remote parts of the United States, particularly in arid section and in Alaska.

Two Killed by Live Wire

Bryan, Texas.—Two people were instantly killed and two others seriously injured when they ran into a live wire at the A. & M. college. The dead: C. D. Suber, night watchman; George Easter, negro janitor. Guy Boyett, aged 18 years, son of a prominent plantation owner, is unconscious. Rose Easter, wife of the negro janitor, was severely burned. The two negroes were the first victims. They were on their way home when George Easter ran into a telephone wire, which was crossed with an electric wire.

Earthquake Shakes Part of Japan

Tokio.—The strongest earthquake in several years occurred here Monday and was felt over an extensive area. Houses in Tokio and Yokohama were violently rocked and the people were greatly alarmed. So far as can be learned there were no casualties and the damage was confined to windows and bric-a-brac. The yearly average earthquake record for Tokio is 96, according to the result of observations extending over 26 years.

FLOOD DEATHS TOTAL 180

Nearly 1,000 Refugees Have Found Shelter in Rosenberg Neighborhood.

Galveston, Texas.—Deaths which have occurred in the Rosenberg district make the toll of floods in Texas in the last few days approximate 180 as known, though rumors would make it appear that this total is too conservative. Property damage is still incalculable, but it is known that it will exceed \$6,000,000. The flood in the Brazos river was at its worst southeast of Richmond Wednesday night.

At Rosenberg and in that neighborhood nearly 1,000 refugees have found shelter and care, but many hundreds of others are in the bottoms, as evidenced by frequent pistol shots heard by helpless citizens.

Cold and rain have added mightily to the hardships of the sufferers and have made it doubly hard for the relief parties to accomplish their task.

In the vicinity of Wharton on the Colorado river there is much suffering among the marooned owing to the cold and rain.

Bailey Sells Kentucky Farm

Lexington, Ky.—Former United States Senator Joseph Bailey of Gainesville, Texas, has sold the Fairland stock farm near here. Mr. Bailey for years has been breeding harness horses at the Fairland farm. The price is said to have been \$80,000.

Will Vote on Eight-Hour Day

Sacramento, Cal.—California will vote at the next general election on the question of establishing a universal eight-hour work day in the state. Sufficient signatures have been procured on an initiative petition to insure a place for the proposal on the 1914 ballots.

Salvation Army Hotel Fire Fatal

Cincinnati, Ohio.—Six people are known to be dead and one fatally injured in a fire that swept the Salvation Army home for men here Tuesday morning. One woman and two children were missing and believed dead. Scores were overcome by smoke, but it is believed only eight of these are serious. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire was in a thickly populated tenement district, and many exciting rescues were made by firemen and volunteers. Owing to the thick smoke the firemen were unable to make a thorough search of the building and other bodies may yet be found.

Will Be Betrothed to Girl Aged 11

Shanghai, China.—It was announced here that President Yuan Shi Kai's youngest son is to be betrothed to the 11-year-old daughter of the vice president, Gen. Li Yuen Heng, who arrived recently in Peking.

Grand Jury Indicts Rev. Norris

Fort Worth, Tex.—The grand jury of the Seventeenth district court returned two indictments against Rev. J. Frank Norris, pastor of the First Baptist church, charging him with arson in connection with the burning of the First Baptist church and parsonage last year.

62 Dead in Burleson County

Caldwell, Texas.—E. G. and J. W. Jenkins left Sunday for points near the Brazos bottom with two wagon loads of provisions for the flood sufferers. In all there are about 1,500 negroes who have received aid, but the situation is now well in hand; most of them are getting jobs and in a few days they will all be able to take care of themselves. Total known dead in this county is 62, but the list is being added to every day, and when it is completed will likely not be far from 100.

Discovers New Sun Spot

San Jose, Cal.—Father Jerome Ricard of Santa Clara university discovered a sun spot, the largest seen in two years. The new sun spot has an area of 409,936,169 square miles. It is 32,013.15 miles long and 12,805.26 miles wide.

Express Co.'s Must Cut Expenses

Chicago.—In order to meet sweeping reductions in rates, express companies will be compelled to make drastic reductions in expenses, according to T. B. Harrison, attorney for the American Express Company, who addressed railroad commissioners representing 24 states. The commissioners are members of the committee of express rates and service of the National Association of Railway Commissioners and a meeting is being held to discuss the advisability of adopting a uniform method of stating intrastate express rates.

Fifteen Baseball Fatalities in 1913

Chicago.—Fifteen deaths was the total in baseball games during the 1913 season, according to figures published here. The report shows the greatest toll in Chicago, where three players were killed by pitched balls. Twelve victims were killed by being hit on the head by the ball direct from the pitcher's hand. Foul balls were responsible of the other deaths. The report points out that all the players killed were unskilled in the game and that no major league player received fatal injuries.

TEXAS BREVITIES

In the prohibition election held at Richards the vote was: For prohibition 62, against 25. Four other boxes in the district have not been heard from.

The Fort Worth club is to erect a new ten-story office building, costing \$200,000, at Sixth and Main streets. Architects have been instructed by the board of directors to submit plans.

The commissioners' court of Reeves county granted a petition that was presented to it and ordered an election for Jan. 24, 1914, to vote on the issuance of \$100,000 of road bonds for the east half of Reeves county.

In a hotly contested local option election at Cotulla the town remains wet by a vote of 125 to 87. Two years ago the vote was 103 against to 91 for prohibition.

Jan. 10 is the date set by the city council for the holding of an election in Hillsboro to decide whether or not to issue city bonds of \$25,000 of bonds, the proceeds of which are to be taken to compete the graded school building.

Following an appeal made the secretary of the Denison chamber of commerce, for more modern rent houses that new-comers to Denison might secure desirable homes, C. C. McCarthy, announces that immediately after Jan. 1 he will begin the construction of 40 dwellings. The cottages will vary in size from four to seven rooms and will be constructed in different parts of the city.

When this year closes the records will show that approximately \$1,000,000 was expended during 1913 in the erection of new Fort Worth homes. The number of building permits by Dec. 31 will be 625, according to estimates, and the total valuation will be \$2,154,423.60. Up to Dec. 1 permits for 576 buildings, valued at \$2,004,432.60 were issued.

On account of the serious illness of Col. Henry Exall, president of the Texas Industrial congress, the annual convention of the congress which was to have been held in Dallas Saturday, Dec. 13, has been postponed until February, when it will be held at Dallas in connection with the sixth annual exhibit of the National Corn exposition.

The Yuletide trade jubilee held at Temple last week was a huge success and several thousand people thronged the streets during the two days entertainment. This unique affair was inaugurated by the local merchants and was conducted by them to emphasize the benefits of shopping early.

W. C. Southerland of Petrolia, shallow-well contractor, has closed a deal with the Riverside Oil Company for 40 wells. The work will begin immediately on what is known as the Developers' lease, about one mile west of town. It is also rumored that the Petrolia Land Company of Fort Worth will develop its property north of town.

Recently a number of Keller and Roanoke citizens visited Fort Worth to confer with the powers that will control the Fort Worth-Denton interurban. The Roanoke and Keller people are desirous of the interurban coming through their towns and voiced themselves as willing workers for the project.

A \$160,000 bond issue recently held Kleburg carried by a good majority. Of this amount, \$125,000 will be used in constructing a courthouse and jail, and the remaining \$35,000 for the erection of a county hospital.

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The census bureau's sixth ginning report shows that 3,571,331 bales have been ginned in Texas up to Dec. 1, compared with 4,314,821 for the same period in 1912. On Dec. 1 last year the Texas crop was 93 per cent ginned. On this basis of calculation the total production will be around 3,750,000 bales. The number of bales ginned in all the cotton states, including Texas, to Dec. 1 was 12,081,193, compared with 11,854,441 in 1912. The Texas staple brought around 13 cents during November.

The federal building at Bonham is almost ready for occupancy. The building, when completed, will cost \$50,000.

A million dollar Presbyterian sanitarium is proposed for Houston, the movement being launched by prominent Houston Presbyterians. Over 50 local physicians have volunteered to serve on the staff of the institution, and it is understood a large part of the money necessary has been raised.

Home Town Helps

MIGHT LEARN FROM ENGLAND

In that Country the Movement for Proper Housing Conditions Has Made Much Headway.

Under the guidance of Co-partnership Tenants, Ltd., the co-partnership in housing movement continues to make steady progress in various parts of England. It is exciting the interest of the many deputations from the continent that have lately visited that country, and the extension of the methods both in the colonies and on the continent is assured.

Although the Liverpool Garden Suburb will, when completed, be the largest of the estates federated with Co-partnership Tenants, Ltd., that at Hampstead has up to the present attracted most attention. The whole suburb will consist of 665 acres, about 100 of which will be given up to open spaces, including woods that have been reserved in the general layout, as designed by Mr. Raymond Unwin, and various playing fields that may be regarded as an essential feature of such a model estate. This was visited recently by the American Civic Association and Mr. R. B. Watrous, the secretary, thought the Hampstead Garden suburb a "vast and really wonderfully organized system." The preservation of these woods is regarded by all who are fond of natural beauty as a great tribute to the co-partnership movement, says the Town Planning Review.

At Liverpool, 25 out of the 180 acres of which the suburb will ultimately consist have been developed by the erection of 250 houses, this being the limit established by the central body. There is the nucleus of a community that will have a well-organized social life and the local education authorities, who will shortly have to consider the question of school accommodation, have just furnished the institute as a temporary elementary school to suffice for the time being. The provision of gardens was regarded by a deputation of German town planners who recently visited the suburb as one of the best features of the housing work they had seen in Liverpool.

CITY AND SUBURBS ARE ONE

Philadelphia Has Recognized Truth of This and Is Making Its Plans Accordingly.

Governor Tener of Pennsylvania has selected a very strong commission to carry out the idea of the law passed by the last legislature to plan the development of the Philadelphia suburbs. In the course of time the incorporation of these suburbs with the city is inevitable. Even as it is they are part of the metropolitan district, their interests and associations are with the city and it is only sensible that the city plan and suburban plans should match and supplement each other. An attractive city invites residents and keeps them. The planned city is not a fad. It is a science that has taken firm root in America and good results have been manifested from it in older countries. England is building many model villages. In Germany cities which a few years ago were dump heaps of grimy industrialism have been transformed without the least interference with business activity and to the benefit of the public at large. Boston, Chicago and New York have caught the artistic spirit as is seen in the magnificent approaches and terminals recently constructed. Philadelphia is behind none of these in its civic vigilance, and the opportunity to make the greater metropolis second to none in its green and spacious aspect is before us.

Beauty of Cities Has Cash Value.

A decision which should be of special interest to San Franciscans, perplexed as to the billboard problem, has just been handed down by the appellate court division of the New York courts, says the San Francisco Chronicle. A construction company has unnecessarily destroyed several shade trees on a city street, and the lower court had mulcted it in damages to the extent of \$500 for each tree destroyed, and \$1,000 in addition for willful destruction of aids to civic beauty. The bearing of this decision on the billboard problem is seen in the new conception of beauty as a civic asset, a view of the local difficulty so often lost sight of. In upholding the award, the appellate court stated that it looked not so much at the commercial worth of the trees as at their aesthetic value, which, it considered, was the more important of the two. The decision is without precedent, but it is a striking illustration of the new idea as to the importance of civic beauty, not only for aesthetic but for commercial reasons.

Mental Cloud Lasted Long.

A modern Rip Van Winkle, awaking from nine years of oblivion, finds his old friends dead and his children grown to manhood. He resides in that same Sleepy Hollow country where was laid the scene of the magic story. His name is Hyman Levy, and for many years he has been a leading merchant in Tarrytown, N. Y., before the "sleep" of years began. It was a mental cloud that shrouded him and made him almost as one dead to his friends.

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USE A "BLUFF" TO IMPRESS

Some Cases of Deception That Have Come Under the Observation of Group of Bankers.

A group of bankers met for their daily lunch at a club restaurant where it was their habit to discuss various problems. This time the conversation drifted toward the various modes of deception practiced by people. One member related how, among his acquaintances there were five who owned pianos but not one could play. These friends, he stated, were in but fair circumstances, and to his thinking it was folly to invest merely for the sake of appearances. Another member of the party stated that he knew a family where they had five shelves for the fake books to enlarge the library so that it would have an impressive appearance. Glass doors covered the shelves, and whenever a visitor expressed a desire to consult any particular book the key to the doors could not be found. Each banker seemed to have some story to tell; even "Silent Clarke," as one of the members was known, because of the few stories he told startled them all by reciting the methods employed by a man he knew whose desire was to impress everyone that he was rich. "Why!" he said, "that man was so crazy to show off that he blacked himself each morning and washed the windows to make people think he could afford a negro servant."—National Weekly.

Clean Fake.

"It's almost impossible to believe some of the things you read in the newspapers nowadays."
"What have you run across now?"
"This half-column article about a city-bred girl yanking off her petticoat and stopping a cannon ball express from dashing into an open switch."

Favorite Fiction.

"The Science of Palmistry."
"It Will Be the Least Bit Out of My Way, I Assure You."
"The Bed Was Very Comfortable, Mrs. Irons, I Slept Like a Top."
"Reformed Spelling."
"Your Esteemed Favor of Yesterday."
"I Never Felt Better in My Life."
"Why, Father, I Don't Know One Card from Another."
"If I Thought It Was Doing Me the Least Harm I'd Quit It in a Minute."

His Solution.

Mrs. Vansook (at the children's party)—I declare, little girls and boys of twelve stay up half the night, nowadays!

A Princely Gift.

"There are not many great philanthropists."
"I heard of one the other day."
"What did he do?"
"He gave away a pass to the world's series."

Matchless.

"And what became of that girl who was such a matchless beauty in our set when I went away?"
"She still is."
"What, after all these years?"
"Not so much of a beauty, but still matchless. She's an old maid."

Usual Distinction.

Young Wife—That pudding I have just made for you is a poem.
Hubby—And I suppose I'm to be the waste-basket. — Pennsylvania Punch Bowl

Lawyer Scored on Judge.

Lord Mansfield received a hard setting down from Thomas Erskine. The latter was arguing a case before the house of lords—a Scottish appeal relating to a trust estate. In the course of his argument he had frequent occasion to use the word "curator," always pronouncing it in the manner approved in the Scottish courts; that is, with the accent on the first syllable.

This grated upon the ears of Lord Mansfield, who, though a Scotsman by birth, had taken pains to become Anglicized. At last he broke out:

"Mr. Erskine, we are in the habit in this country of saying curator, following the analogy of the Latin, in which, as you are doubtless aware, the penultimate syllable is long."

"I thank your lordship very much," returned Erskine. "We are weak enough in Scotland to think that in pronouncing the word curator we are following the analogy of the English language; but I need scarcely say that I bow with pleasure to the opinion of so learned a senator and so great an orator as your lordship."—William S. Walsh, in the Sunday Magazine of the Chicago Record-Herald.

Go Ahead, Jimmy.

"And remember, Johnny Binks," said the teacher, who was endeavoring to drive a moral precept into Johnny's head, "there is always plenty of room at the top."
"I guess you got that a little wrong, teacher," said Johnny, whose father is a street-car conductor. "Plenty of room up front," is the way my pa says it."

Got Mixed.

"What sort of a proposal do you suppose that business admirer of hers made Gladys?"

"Suppose he was negotiating for some real estate at the same time, for he asked her to give him the refusal of her hand."

He Was Having It.

Stubb—That's a witty Britisher. While he was sitting on the park bench some mischievous boys filled it with wax and his coat tails adhered as if they had been cemented.

Penn—Great joke! What did he say when he arose?

Stubb—Why, that well-known British expression: "I'm having a ripping time."

She Didn't Understand.

"See here," said his wife; "I hear you acted scandalous on that trip with those Knights of Sparta."

"Me? How's that?"
"Mr. Wombat says you posed as the Isak Walton of the party. What do you mean by going around under an assumed name?"

No.

"It seems strange to think that one little word from you will make me happy for life!"

"Yes. But there's another little word the saying of which will keep me from being miserable for life. I am just selfish enough to say that one."

A Gentle Knock.

"That girl has pretty hair," remarked the young man.

"Yes," said the damsel he was with, "and she has some at home that is even prettier."—Louisville Courier Journal.

A Bigger Contract.

"So you think you can support my daughter?"

"I think so."
"And can you support her French maid, her two poodles and her pet monkey?"

AT THE PARTING OF THE WAYS



WHAT DOES FATHER TIME HOLD IN THE OTHER HAND?

and the question comes up with spontaneity, "What of all this to me?"

In a country so new as ours, where one's great grandfather was about the earliest on record, time does not impress us. It seems as if everything began yesterday. In old lands whose history goes back centuries upon centuries the progress of time seems very impressive.

But say what we will, it is our own life that is the most impressive, and as the years stretch out behind us the memory of our own youth makes a deeper impression on us this New Year's day than all the written history of the world, than all the traditions of all the races, than all the records of the rocks. The individual souls on days like this naturally divide into two classes. On New Year's day youth looks to the future and age to the past. To the young all the paths before the feet look rose-strewn and smooth. So be it. Let the eye brighten as it feasts in anticipation on the good things that must lie everywhere to the end. Youth! Youth! The time when there can be "no doubt of any mystery save that life's longings and its hopes could die." Let youth dream on of roses without thorns, of bright days without a cloud, of hopes that always find fulfillment, of ambitions always fully satisfied. All we need do for youth is leave it alone with its dreams, its hopes, its ambitions. With these it will take care of itself. And let not age, whatever the years may have brought, say a word, shake a head or give a dubious look to dispel the glory of the dream, the brightness of the hope, the vaulting nature of the ambition. Time will do enough of this. So let youth have its undimmed joy today.

But age looks back. The fires of ambition are dimmed. They are all burnt-out ashes now. The hopes that buoyed us up so safely in youth have found what there is of fulfillment all too little, of disappointment all too much. We dream no longer of joys to come, but of grief that has so strewed the path along which we have come. The smell of the woods in early spring when the first violets bloom, or in the heat of summer when all is like the spice islands, or in fall when decay is in the fallen leaves, or in winter when death absorbs all, no matter to the aged, all call back to days far gone. We walk alone now, and all along the far road lie mounds where we stood and confided in the breast of Mother Earth so many that walked with us in the heyday of our life. The mother whose soft touch banished pain, the father whose ripe experience taught us where to walk, the brothers and sisters who were our playmates in those days when the world was all sunshine. Then when the wing of love ceased to brood over us in the paternal nest and we went forth to create a new family under the banner of love, how a day like this calls up all the joy and tenderness of these days of early manhood and womanhood! So we dream of the long-lost clasp of the hand of lover or friend, so we dwell in tender memory on all those days of hope, of joy, of expectancy and fruition. We feel that all will soon be over. This may be our last New Year's day on this earth where we have passed so many eventful years. When those who are left again "ring out the old, ring in the new," we may not be here to ring either chime of bells. So we sit and dream and call up from the treasure-house of memory the faces, words and deeds of those who walked with us in the days of our youth and of our prime. But we would not be gone yet. He is less than a man who thus can sit and dream, think of his departure, and not "cast one longing, lingering look behind." We must go to the poets to interpret this life to us. Not to the great ones of the world, but to those whose verse deals with the common things of life: to Burns and his "banks and braes o' bonnie Doon," to his "Highland Mary," to the man who wrote "Home, Sweet Home," to the poet of the poor slave in the south and his "Suzanne River." We can go far back in the ages, and all the time the common heart of a common humanity was the same as now. King David would take the aged Barzillai to the capital, to the court. But the plain man of the people would be left alone to dream the last dreams of life in peace. "Let me go back that I may die in mine own city." And after death "be buried by the side of my father and of my mother." Oh! the tenderness of old age! There are no fierce passions left. Ambition builds no more castles in the air. Just to be let dream of the days that are gone, of the early home and all it contained, and then lie down with the companions of youth and for centuries and centuries, throughout the great eternity, let our ashes mingle with those we loved so well.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

While New Year is only an imaginary line drawn through time to mark its divisions, it possesses a sentiment which moves us all. It marks a definite starting point in our lives every year and we take a fresh hold upon our prospects and renew our faith in ourselves and look out upon the coming year as upon a new, fair field, with promise of better things. I do not much believe in formal resolutions proclaimed loudly from the eminence of our vanity. The man who, on New Year's, "swears off" his bad habits for a definite period and notifies his friends and neighbors, is, from my observation, only hypnotizing himself. He may honestly intend to stick to his good resolutions, and perhaps makes his announcement as a sort of mental and moral prop. But if he is in deadly earnest he only needs to promise allegiance to God and himself. If he does the things he means to do his friends and neighbors will give him credit, and if he fails they will not know of his broken vows. Reforms come from within and deeds, not words, prove a man's sincerity.

The old year has been kindly a one to the farmers of America. They have prospered, and they have made national advancement in social and moral life, better methods of farming, and a broader view of the field of endeavor have been among the achievements of the old year. From the year to come we hope that every one of us may have greater prosperity, larger blessings, and better lives.

AN ABANDONED PROJECT.

"Two hearts that beat as one." The Museum manager mused. "Oh, well," he went on, continuing his soliloquy, "I suppose we could get up a freak like that, but she wouldn't be in it with the two-headed girl, anyhow."—Pink.

NEW YEAR'S is the oldest and the most widely observed of all the world's festal days. In every country this day has been celebrated from the beginning of civilization. The day does not come simultaneously all over the globe, for some countries have a different calendar from that of America and Europe. All countries, however, aim to have their civil year coincide, in duration, and as far as practicable, with the natural year.

The nations which hold their festival in accordance with the Gregorian calendar, comprising the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and most of the other white countries are those which are leaders in civilization, and give the law to the world. In its universality this day differs from all the others which have written their names on the world's calendar. Thanksgiving is a strictly American holiday, which did not extend beyond the boundaries of New England until about a generation ago. Nowhere outside the United States does the Fourth of July make any especial demand for observance. It had neither a local habitation nor a name until we furnished them. Not until after Yorktown and the adoption of the constitution was this aspiration of 1776 transmitted into fact. By the Puritans Christmas was placed under the ban, and not until a time within the easy recollection of living men was it permitted to cross the boundaries of New England. Moreover, primarily Christmas is dedicated to the children, and in its observance the older members of the family are merely subsidiary. In celebrating it the children hold the center of the stage, with the adults as the properties and accessories which give the spectacle its scenic effects. But New Year's dedicates itself to the grown-ups, especially to those who have the capacity and inclination for physical and social activity. Particularly does it send out its appeal to everybody who has the freshness of spirits and the enthusiasm which give zest to enjoyment of all sorts, who are capable, when occasion demands, of turning back the hands on time's clock and thus who can, through a child's eyes, look out upon life.

Although this is the oldest of the world's gala days, its especial function is to tell us to look forward and not backward. For the moment the sponge has drawn itself across the desires and the deeds of the year which, a few hours ago, was thrust back into the shadow. A blank tablet rises before us, on which the coming days will write their story. On the world's calendar this looming cycle figures as 1914, but for the present hour this arbitrary division may be disregarded. And while the hour remains with us we are all privileged to set up our own calendar. While the transition casts its spell upon us everything is new. We are at the beginning of an era. This is day 1 of year 1 in the new dispensation. The uncertainties and the adversities of the dead cycle can no longer molest us or make us afraid. Even where fortune has been kind to us in the recent past, the days which are before us stand ready to hand us choicer prizes. Keeping sunshine in the heart, we can laugh at any tales which the thermometer or the barometer may tell us. While this days lasts hope is the only deity which claims any allegiance from any of us. All are invited to

A NEW YEAR'S THOUGHT.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind—thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

What then will be the reward of faithful love and service? Or are we working without the hope of a reward? To be pure and true, love must be disinterested. Granted. Yet, is there not an exquisite joy, a keen incentive to further service, in the encouragement which God in his infinite goodness grants to use from time to time, and that in spite of all the imperfections of our love and service? Why, then, should we not look forward to our great reward—God's approval? If we truly love him, should we not strive with all our might for his final "Well done?" Surely it is not wrong to look forward to the joy of that assurance, even while we are fully aware of our coming short of it, yet, in our best work; for thus we learn to know more, and to think more, of the love which, seeing the intention, gives us credit for the effort, though the result may not be, is not, what we had hoped to offer him.

With such thoughts the New Year begins. As a child tries to please the father he loves so dearly, as a friend who seeks every opportunity to prove his friendship, so may we loving, thankful children of our God, rejoicing in the knowledge of his love, go on our way, full of trust for the future, neglecting no opportunity, however small it may be, to prove our thankful love, and asking him, to kindle in us an intense desire to please him, an ardent longing for his blessed words of commendation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

HER MISTAKE.

"What is a young man's maiden speech, pa?" "His first one, my dear." "Dear me! I thought it was a proposal."

THE AMERICAN HOME



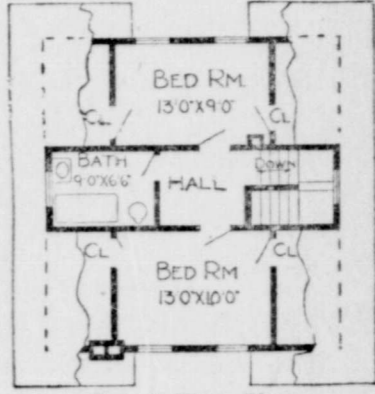
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Real estate dealers and speculative builders in the larger cities and suburban towns have long realized that every dollar spent in making more attractive the interior of the houses that they offer will come back ten-fold in the increased selling price that can be obtained or the larger rental that can be asked.

One may say that he is building a house for himself, that he has no intention of selling, but expects to live in the house for the rest of his life, and do without the profits if only the house is big enough to accommodate the actual needs. What, therefore, is the necessity of considering selling or rental value?

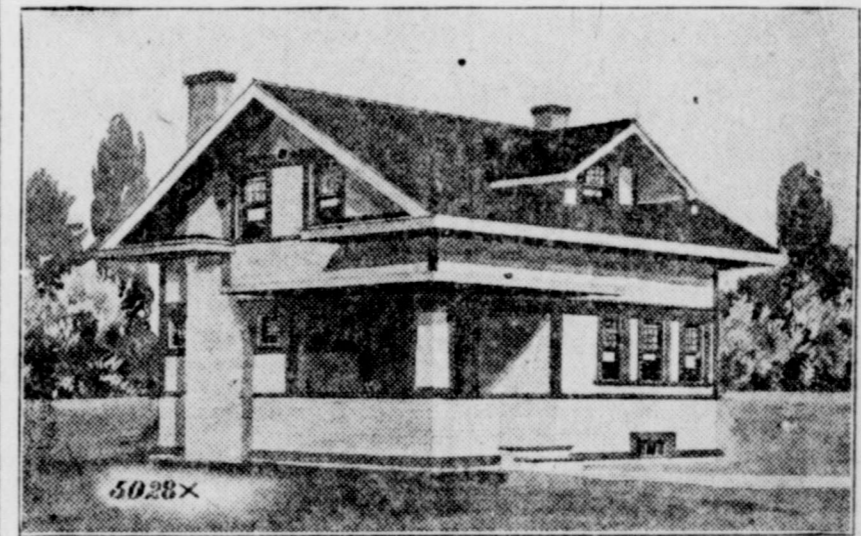
There is an old and very true proverb, that "Man proposes, but God disposes;" and though a man may be building a home, circumstances may in time arise that make the sale or renting of the house imperative, and every feature that adds to its selling or rental value will be doubly appreciated. Death may make it necessary to sell the house in order to settle the estate. Business reasons that cannot be foreseen often compel a man, much against his inclinations, to move to some distant part of the country; and I have found out by personal experience that there is nothing more unsatisfactory as an investment than real estate which is so far away that the owner cannot see for himself whether repairs asked for by the tenant are really needed or not, but must be compelled to depend upon the word of the real estate agent, whose interests seem often to be rather with the ten-



Second Floor Plan

for the future than any other item which the home builder needs to consider. Wall paper must be renewed every few years at least, and the paperhangers are no more objectionable to have about the house than the scrub women who seem to be an inevitable part of the spring and fall house cleaning.

Gas or electric fixtures are another item that can, if necessary, be postponed till some time in the future, provided the house is piped or wired for them, because there is then no need for expensive or disturbing mechanical work in placing them in posi-



tion; but it is the poorest kind of economy to omit the necessary piping or wiring—according to the custom in the locality—or both in those towns where both gas and electricity are installed.

But those features which are built into the house and which form an essential part of the construction or the finish should never be put off until a more convenient season, because the mechanical difficulty and the expense of adding them later will prevent them from ever being put in. The seat at the bottom of the stairs, which forms a part of the paneling, should be built at the same time the stairs are, and made an essential feature of the design; and the same thing is true of the built-in china closet in the dining room.

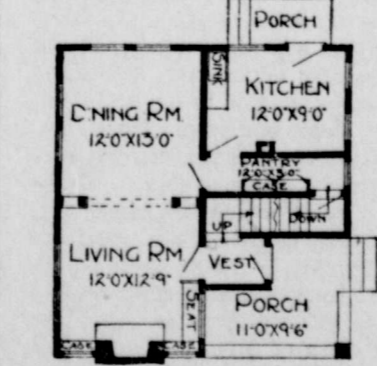
The design illustrated herewith is an excellent example of the small house equipped with all the attractive little features which are so much appreciated by the housewife and in such demand by those who are looking to purchase a home, but which, at the same time, do not cost very much when provided for in the original plans and put in at the same time the rest of the work is done. Notice, for instance, the finely located fireplace with built-in book cases on each side and built-in seat. The columns opening between living room and dining room are also an attractive feature, adding greatly to the charm of the place. A suitable space is reserved in the dining room along the inside wall for a built-in sideboard, if desired.

A desirable feature of this design is the arrangement of the stair hall separated from the rooms of the first floor. This is the way it should be, in case it is ever desired to rent a room, since the rooms on the second floor are directly accessible from the front entrance without disturbing anyone on the first floor.

The economy of this design may be seen from the fact that the house has been built as illustrated, using all first-class materials, for \$2,500. The width of the house is 28 feet, the length 25 feet 6 inches. There are three rooms on the first floor, and two rooms on the second floor, besides bathroom, large clothes closets, etc. The exterior appearance of this house is attractive and up-to-date.

mortgage has been paid off he will find these features that he has omitted; but he forgets that it will cost very much more to add them later than to put them in at the time of building; to say nothing of the fact that those things which we put off until another time are very apt to be left undone.

It would be far wiser to cut down in some of the hidden features that he may regard as essential, than to omit those which show upon the surface and which make the difference between a box-like barracks and a home. When you stop to figure the matter out, the two or three hundred dollars



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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 combinations 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 unnecessary.

"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

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 quietly 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 chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unsullied from the alien 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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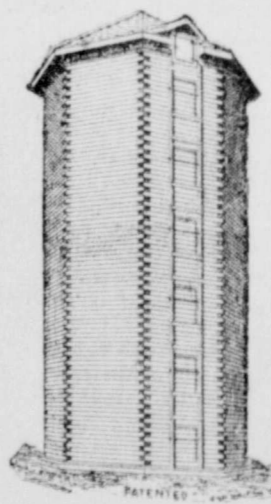
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