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Tyler, Texas.—Hampson Gary of this city has been tendered, and accepted, the position of special assistant solicitor for the department of state at Washington, and will leave soon for the national capital. On account of press of work growing out of the European war, it became necessary to have a special assistant to help in the legal work of the state department, and on the recommendations of the solicitor, Cone Johnson, this appointment was tendered Mr. Gary by Secretary Bryan.

Consider Use of Force Unfriendly

Vera Cruz.—If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international line at Naco it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives clanking the act. In this manner Carranza made answer in a statement to the Associated Press on the formal notice served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased force would be employed to protect American territory.

Arizona Will Be Dry After Jan. 1, '15

Phoenix, Ariz.—Gov. Hunt has issued his proclamation making effective Jan. 1, 1915, the new prohibition law, the 50 per cent measure, and other measures carried at the November election. Attacks on the "dry" law will be made immediately by the four lines of organized business. Similar action is said to be contemplated against the 80 per cent measure, which provides that 80 per cent of the employees in all business where five or more persons are employed shall be American citizens.

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Approximately \$300,000 is planned to be spent on paving the streets of Temple in the next few months.

Active preparations are being made at Mexia for beginning construction on the two gas pipe lines out of that city to Waco and Corsicana.

Harry Lee Marriner, staff poet of the Galveston-Dallas News, died last week. The end was peaceful and without suffering. He was born in Kentucky in 1872.

Land Commissioner Robins has published a new list of school lands coming on the market during the first six months of 1915. The acreage to be sold is not near so large as usual.

A company with \$20,000 capital stock was recently organized at Minnola for the purpose of prospecting for oil on 500 acres of land under their lease in Wood county.

The state board of education after wiping out a balance of \$20,100 due on bonds previously purchased, bought new bonds to the amount of \$110,000, going in debt in the sum of \$80,000 as a result.

One of the largest shipments of cotton from Taylor in many months was made last week when a local cotton buyer shipped a solid train load of cotton over the I. & G. N. railroad consigned to Japan.

Postal receipts for Waco for November totaled \$12,670.46, as compared with \$13,593.10 in the same month last year, a decrease of \$922.64. The falling off was due to the fact that two large mail order houses closed their doors some time ago.

Announcement is made that the Denison Bank & Trust company, a local banking institution, would purchase \$55,000 worth of Denison improvement bonds. These bonds were voted more than a year ago for the construction of a filtration plant and for street and other improvements.

A strong note of optimism on Texas business conditions came from Commissioner of Insurance and Banking Collier, who is well qualified to speak thereon, because of his intimate knowledge of business conditions in Texas, reflected through the 800 and odd state banks under his immediate supervision.

As a result of the large peanut crop in Denton county this year the Denton oil mill is getting estimates on the cost of installing special machinery for the handling of peanuts, presses, hullers and the like before this time, and that it would be better to allow the stock and bond legislation to go over until next session.

Representative Sereno E. Payne of New York died suddenly of heart disease at his apartment in Washington Thursday night. Mr. Payne was 71 years old and had been a representative from New York in every congress since 1883, except one. Mr. Payne was chairman of the ways and means committee and republican floor leader in 1909-10 and directed the drafting of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill.

Among the students in the long list of scholarship awards announced at Harvard university recently are the following: Roy W. Chestnut, Waynoka, Okla., cutting scholarship; Chauncey C. Loomis, 15, of Breckenridge, Texas, Harvard college scholarship; William E. Nash, 16, El Campo, Texas, Bassett scholarship; Curtis T. Vaughan, 15, San Antonio, Texas, Harvard scholarship.

Texas is one of the largest onion producing states, according to information compiled by the department of agriculture. Reports from 16 onion growing states show that the 1913 crop will be larger than that of 1912, a total of 18,334 cars of onions were shipped from 16 states in 1913, while this year it is estimated there will be nearly 22,000 car loads.

A statement of deposits in the Dallas Postal Savings bank on Dec. 1, issued by Postmaster Burgher, showed deposits on that date aggregated \$183,151, a gain of \$3,686 since Nov. 1. The total number of depositors now is 1,739.

Estimates of appropriations for the Southwestern Insane asylum at San Antonio for the first year and for \$304,840 for the second year.

Stock sales handled through two Carlsbad, N. M. banks since the first of the year total \$1,050,000. This includes cattle, sheep and horses; the greater part from the range. During November about 10,000 head of cattle were shipped from Carlsbad and Artesia.

Last week Moran precinct went dry. There were 212 votes cast giving prohibition 11 majority. This places Shamrock county entirely in the dry column.

Nov. 28 there was an election held at Shamrock for the purpose of voting for an additional public school tax of 50c per \$100, also for \$3,000 additional bonds to finish the basement and install a heating and sewerage system for the new \$20,000 public school building.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space Is Here Found.

It is stated that Greece is negotiating with Chicago parties for 1,665,000 bushels of wheat per month. The buyers propose to pay cash in advance.

Two men were killed and a third was fatally injured when the saw mill of William G. Lester, near Waldron, Ark., was destroyed by the explosion of a boiler.

The carload of provisions gathered by San Antonio people for needy in Mexico will be distributed by Consul General Hanna, of Monterey.

The proposal of Pope Benedict for a trace among the warring nations during the Christmas holidays is said by the official press bureau to have been declined by Russia.

More than 1,000 churches in New York City, it was announced, have combined forces to help meet the problems of the unemployed in that city during the winter.

Three Americans were waylaid and killed in a defile of the Ajo mountains of Sonora, within sight of the border, Thursday by a band of Yaqui Indians belonging to Villa's Sonora command.

With approximately 43,000 barrels daily production, the McMan Oil company of Tulsa, is now the largest independent producer of crude oil in the world. Fifteen wells now on the top of the sand and all showing oil will, according to estimate, when drilled in, swell this enormous production at least 25,000 barrels.

So much evidence of interest in the \$135,000,000 cotton fund has reached W. P. G. Hardig, chairman of the cotton loan committee, that he declared applications for loans probably would be far more than any one estimated after the fund was subscribed.

The Rayburn stock and bond bill has not been abandoned by the administration. A statement by Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee on interstate commerce, President Wilson is of the opinion that the commission is overworked at this time, and that it would be better to allow the stock and bond legislation to go over until next session.

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Although the Pacific coast is not adequately protected, the Atlantic fleet could be rushed through the Panama canal while any hostile fleet would be delayed by the necessity of reducing Manila and Honolulu, in the opinion of Secretary Daniels, who gave testimony before the house naval affairs committee.

"Graduate in public health" will be the degree awarded by the university of California at the end of a six-year course in a new profession—that of keeping everybody well. The aim of the new course in preventive medicine is to train experts whose whole purpose shall be to prevent anyone from ever being sick enough to need a doctor.

The directors of Ward county irrigation district No. 1 have sold to the contractors bonds of the district to the amount of \$350,000, and have closed a contract for the construction of the Sand lake reservoir, the intake, dams and laterals, needed for the operation of the reservoir. This reservoir, when completed, will furnish an abundant water supply for an additional 30,000 acres of land.

Andrew Carnegie, a White House caller Friday, expressed opposition to a trace in the European war, during the Christmas holidays. He declared it would be unchristian like to stop fighting and then begin again. The president was out playing golf and Mr. Carnegie said he probably would return to pay his respects. He praised Mr. Wilson's efforts in behalf of peace.

Startling successes of submarines in the European war have not swayed United States navy officials from their belief that all-big-gun battleships of the dreadnaught type form the main dependence of any sea power. The construction of two such ships next year was recommended by Secretary Daniels in his annual report submitted to President Wilson. The navy general board urged the building of four.

The ledger of the national debt, containing the names of the holders of bonds which are inscribed as distinguished from those payable to bearer, was brought to Paris again from Bordeaux. It required ten cars to transport the ledger. A cabinet council was held at the palace of the Elysee on last Thursday, the first to meet since Sept. 3, on which date the government left for Bordeaux when the invaders were within 20 miles of the capital.

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DOROTHY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

by A-E-ZUCKER

AY, believe, me, the fellows were glad to see me back again," said George Porter to the family at the dinner table. "Professor Parr said I looked like a college man, and all the fellows said I had changed a great deal since September."

George had just arrived a few hours before for his first vacation break from college. He had, indeed, been very anxious to get home again. George took it all with the staid dignity of the captain of the freshman football team. As a matter of fact, he had sunk considerably in his son's estimation.

After dinner George's older sister Mary asked him whether he was going to call up Dorothy for the Christmas dance at the Hadley's.

"Aw, pshaw, here a fellow works his head off at school," said George in his best bluff. "He comes home for a little rest and then you expect him to dance. And half the girls at school have it on Dorothy anyhow."

"What are you going to give her for Christmas?" said Mary, hiding a smile, for she knew just how George felt about Dorothy.

"Gee, I never thought about that; and I've got ten cents to my name." This last statement showed just how good a time he had with his fraternity brother the last days before vacation.

"Make it C. O. D., Georgie. Call on dad; he'll give all you'll need." "Not on your life," came back George, "a college man must be able to shift for himself. Why, half the fellows work their way. I'll go out to earn the money myself tomorrow. Besides, I've been roasted enough."

True to his word George Porter was out early the next morning looking for remunerative toil. A window-card in a large cafeteria, "Help Wanted," arrested his attention. He strolled up to the fat proprietor, seated behind the cash register, and honored him by offering him a college man's services.

"Any experience in the kitchen?" he was asked.

In spite of the fact that the total of George's kitchen experience consisted of a few evening's fudge-making at Dorothy's, he said boldly, "I sure have."

"Where?"

"This confused him a little. "Aw—er—at a friend's last winter." "So you've been at friend's cafe? Well, I'll take you. A dollar and a half a day and meals. Just go to the kitchen and get a white coat."

George had bluffed and he was going to make good the bluff. He rushed around at a great speed sending the soiled dishes to the kitchen. Accidentally he picked up half a piece of lemon pie the owner of which had just gone to the ice water faucet to replenish her glass. "Wait a minute with my pie, if you please," said the old maid victim of George's zeal. "No, I won't take anything back out of the mess on your tray, either. You go and get me another at your expense."

The hero of many a football battle here showed a yellow streak. He bought the pie for the injured guest. Probably due to his anger over the "old hen" he next scattered the silver all over the floor. Without the least thought of sanitation he replaced it on the stand. Suddenly the boss told him to carry all the silver to the kitchen to have it washed. Here the angry Irish cook gave him a hot reception. "Why didn't you just take it to the kitchen and back. The guests would have thought it was clean, but now they kicked to the boss. Take a boy, he has no idea of cleanliness."

Christmas shoppers coming into the cafeteria reminded George of his gift. One dollar-fifty was not much, but he would not ask dad for more under any consideration. Finally he decided on something that has been the last resource of many a young man—a box of candy.

A whole day with soiled dishes, half-consumed food, and scolding was bad enough, but the worst came when two of George's pals came in during the afternoon. Like a maiden surprised at her dip at the spring, George went into hiding. The manager happened to see him ducking behind the counter, and asked him, "What's up?"

"Pat, don't let them see me!" said George.

"Who? Are the police after ye?" said the manager and grabbed him by the collar.

This was too much for George. He bowed over the manager and rushed

into the kitchen. His friends laughed and thought their part.

The manager followed George. "Hm," he sneered. "Some of your friends from the swell side of the fence. Well, Archibald, you can hide your pretty face in the kitchen after this. Just go and work the dishwasher."

George never had been so mad in his life. He would have "busted the fathead's bean," but for Dorothy's sake he stayed. Besides he was no quitter, but worked like a hero at whatever work he had set out to do.

No Satan in the inferno could have felt more anger at the sinners he was immersing in the fiery pools than George did toward the innocent dishes of which he immersed bucket after bucket in the patent dishwasher to the impatient shouts of the girls, "Shoot more dishes, Archibald!"

Finally at six o'clock, tired and sweating, George left the place. He felt just a bit doubtful about his chances; "What would she say?"

When George was about to leave Dorothy at the door of the Smith mansion after the dance on Christmas night, she turned to him to say, "Of all my presents I liked your box of candy best. It was the sweetest thing. And Donald says he saw you working for it. You shouldn't go to so much trouble just for me, George."

"Trouble, Dorothy? Don't mention it." And with somewhat of an effort



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he added, "I had lots of fun; besides, I was working for you." Dorothy's head sank just a little lower.

"Dorothy," said George, softly, "couldn't I work for you all my life?"

George placed his hands on Dorothy's fur cap and pressed back gently. Her head rose slowly and their lips met for one long second.

Then George fastened his fraternity pin on her gown, the emblem which the rules permitted to be given only to "fiances and wives."

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The Spell of Christmas.

Once more, we are under the spell of Christmas. We cannot be sour or irritable or pessimistic, do our utmost. We have been subjected to a shower bath of gladness; kind thoughts are circulating with fullness and vigor through all the avenues of the mind; we are elated, even jubilant, ready for laughter and tears, sympathetic with the children in their glee, tender toward the poor and forlorn, strangely accessible to life's best memories, reverent toward religious faith, and almost willing to go to church. All this may seem to our pagan mind as foolish as a revival of religion, something inconsistent with proper economic austerity, a senseless revel of humanity at the expense of the moods, habits, and rules of solid business. Nevertheless, here we are, pounded into submission and sympathy, overcome for a few hours or days by the ideas of an ideal existence.—George A. Gordon, in Atlantic Monthly.

Would Spoil the Show.

"I is grieved to see disyerer feelin' ob selfishness croppin' out in our preparations for de Christmas celebration," said Parson Snowball. "Brudder Bentleg, who insists on bein' de Santa ob de 'casion, is er good man er true one, but lan' sakes! he oughter know dat whenst he ge prancin' 'bout dat tree wif dem bow legs o' his'n, dey ain't a chile in dis church what gwine b'lieve he etab slid froo any chimby wif sech er handicapp. No, suh. Hit des gwine spite all de romance er de 'fair, an' I grieves ter see Brudder Bentleg's actin' de havg, des 'case he got de on'y Santa Claus sult in de con'gation."

What Interested Him.

Mr. Quiggle—I hear that Professor Wiseman, the prophet, has decided that the world will come to an end next Christmas day.

Tommy Quiggle—Before or after dinner, pa?

Why He Changed.

Madge—I thought you and George were going skating.

Marjorie—So we were, but when he saw I had my hat trimmed with mistletoe he asked me to go for a sleigh ride.

JUSTICE TO LABOR

Workman Should Be Counted Among the Honorable of Mankind.

For these workmen maintain the fabric of the world, and in the handwork of their craft is their prayer.—Ecclesiasticus 38:34.

Here is a very different idea of work from that contained in the opening chapters of Genesis. According to this prophet, labor is not a curse laid upon man for his sin, but a service so holy that the very doing of it constitutes a "prayer." Therefore does he sound the praises of the workman as others have sounded the praises of king and soldier. The plowman, the jewel cutter, the blacksmith, the potter—all these, "although they are not sought for in the council of the people nor exalted in the assembly, though they sit not in the seat of the judges nor understanding the covenant of judgment," are still to be numbered among the great and honorable of mankind!

In order to understand the justice of this tribute, we only have to remind ourselves that it is work which has made the world what it actually is at the present moment. All that we mean by civilization, in the material sense, is the result of toil in the sweat of men's brows. For ages past the men who have labored with their hands—the farmers, the woodmen, the blacksmiths, the spinners, the builders—have been contemptuously regarded as inferior grades of humanity, as little better, indeed, than animals! And yet while kings, have fought and noblemen hunted, while gilded couriers have twirled their scented handkerchiefs and toyed with their jeweled swords, while so-called superior classes of all ages and countries have sported, gambled, and debauched, these same inferior laborers have made the world what we see it today! It is their toil which has cleared away forests, cultivated farm lands, opened mines, constructed railroads, laid out and built cities. It is their work which has created wealth, founded nations, redeemed the waste places of the earth reared the vast monuments of civilization. Not more surely are the pyramids of Egypt, the memorial not of Pharaohs, but of their driven slaves, than are the huge piles of stones and steel in our modern cities, the memorials of the unnamed toilers of this later age.

Maintain Fabrics of the World.

And not only is it work which has made the world what it is today but it is work also which keeps the world going from hour to hour. I have food upon my table, clothing upon my back, a roof over my head, books upon my shelves only because a million hands are toiling in my service. Let this labor be suspended but for a little time and death and destruction would stand towering at my threshold. "Without these," says the author of Ecclesiasticus "shall not a city be inhabited nor shall men sojourn or walk up and down therein; these maintain the fabric of the world."

It is these facts which are slowly teaching the supreme dignity of labor. Carlyle had these in mind when he declared that work and work alone is truly noble; Ruskin, when he revealed the beauty gained through toil; Morris, when he peached and practiced the gospel of skilled craftsmanship; Millet, when he painted the "Sower," the "Reaper," the "Gleaners"; Abbey, when he used the steel worker and coal miner for his symbolic frescoes in the Harrisburg capitol. Idleness is doomed as a badge of distinction. Work must henceforth be the sole title to nobility. Whittman is the true prophet when in his "Song of Occupations" he chants the Homeric catalogue, "housebuilding, blacksmithing, glass-blowing, shipbuilding, pliedriving, fishuring," and declares that there is nothing which leads to greater than these lead to.—John Haynes Holmes.

Sunset.

Nature has something more than an academic value. . . . Its first office is not material, but spiritual. . . . Day is dying in the west. . . . The curtains of night are transfused with the blended shades of amber, crimson, turquoise blue, and all the splendor of tints which defy naming. A strange longing, almost akin to homesickness, rests upon the soul as we admire the sunset, and watch the day being cradled into darkness. Suddenly the optical scientist breaks the muse, saying: "I can explain it all to you. It is nothing but the refraction of light, running at various velocities through particles of moisture, suspended in the air by particles of dust." In his learned, academic fashion he can reduce a sunset to a mathematical problem. Let him speak in the classroom, but here let him hold his peace. Here we wish to hear him, whose fragrance breathed through all his work, whose song is the music of the spheres, and whose dwelling is the light of setting suns.—Cornelius Woolfkin.

The Three Members.

The regenerate soul hath three principal faculties as the natural body hath three principal members, the eye, hand and foot. In the soul the eye is knowledge, the hand is faith, the foot is obedience. The soul without knowledge is like Bartimeus, blind; without faith, like the man with the withered hand; without obedience, like Mephibosheth, lame.—Selected

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Vera Cruz.—If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international line at Naco it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act. In this manner Carranza made answer in a statement to the Associated Press on the formal notice served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased force would be employed to protect American territory.

Arizona Will Be Dry After Jan. 1, '15.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Gov. Hunt has issued his proclamation making effective Jan. 1, 1915, the new prohibition law, the 50 per cent measure, and other measures carried at the November election. Attacks on the "dry" law will be made immediately by the four lines of organized business. Similar action is said to be contemplated against the 50 per cent measure, which provides that 50 per cent of employees in all business where five or more persons are employed shall be American citizens.

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Approximately \$300,000 is planned to be spent on paving the streets of Temple in the next few months.

Active preparations are being made at Mexia for beginning construction on the two gas pipe lines out of that city to Waco and Corsicana.

Harry Lee Marriner, staff poet of the Galveston-Dallas News, died last week. The end was peaceful and without suffering. He was born in Kentucky in 1872.

Land Commissioner Robins has published a new list of school lands coming on the market during the first six months of 1915. The average to be sold is not near so large as usual.

A company with \$20,000 capital stock was recently organized at Minersville for the purpose of prospecting for oil on 500 acres of land under their lease in Wood county.

The state board of education after wiping out a balance of \$20,100 due on bonds previously purchased, bought new bonds to the amount of \$110,000, going in debt in the sum of \$90,000 as a result.

One of the largest shipments of cotton from Taylor in many months was made last week when a local cotton buyer shipped a solid train load of cotton over the I. & G. N. railroad consigned to Japan.

Postal receipts for Waco for November totaled \$12,670.46, as compared with \$13,593.10 in the same month last year, a decrease of \$922.64. The falling off was due to the fact that two large mail order houses closed their doors some time ago.

Announcement is made that the Denison Bank & Trust company, a local banking institution, would purchase \$55,000 worth of Denison improvement bonds. These bonds were voted more than a year ago for the construction of a filtration plant and for street and other improvements.

A strong note of optimism on Texas business conditions came from Commissioner of Insurance and Banking Collier, who is well qualified to speak thereon, because of his intimate knowledge of business conditions in Texas, reflected through the 800 and odd state banks under his immediate supervision.

As a result of the large peanut crop in Denton county this year the Denton oil mill is getting estimates on the cost of installing special machinery for the handling of peanuts, presses, hullers and the like before next year. Local peanut growers say there is available now a supply of 10,000 bushels of nuts.

A farmers organization at Stamford has made application to the municipal free office bureau of Dallas to send 650 cotton pickers to Stamford. It was related that 15,000 bushels of cotton remained to be picked in the section, and also intimated that 1,000 men would be needed to help gather the crop.

The expenditure of \$106,000 by the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad for improvements is authorized in the monthly statement of work determined upon during November. Grade revision in the suburbs of Dallas cost \$17,268. Approximately half the entire appropriation is for construction of telegraph and telephone lines between Beaumont and Longview. More than \$20,000 will be spent for equipment.

The Rev. L. A. Hanson, who has been business manager of North Texas College and Kidd-Key conservatory of music for the last two years, has resigned to take active work in the North Texas conference.

A statement of deposits in the Dallas Postal Savings bank on Dec. 1, issued by Postmaster Burgher, showed deposits on that date aggregated \$183,151, a gain of \$3,636 since Nov. 1. The total number of depositors now is 1,739.

Estimates of appropriations for the Southwestern Insane asylum at San Antonio filed with the comptroller are for \$344,840 for the first year and \$304,840 for the second year.

Stock sales handed through two Carlsbad, N. M. banks since the first of the year total \$1,050,000. This included cattle, sheep and horses; the greater part from the range. During November about 19,000 head of cattle were shipped from Carlsbad and Artesia.

Last week Moran precinct went dry. There were 212 votes cast giving prohibition 11 majority. This places Shackelford county entirely in the dry column.

Nov. 28 there was an election held at Shamrock for the purpose of voting for an additional public school tax of 50c per \$100, also for \$3,000 additional bonds to finish the basement and install a heating and sewerage system for the new \$20,000 public school building.

EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

It is stated that Greece is negotiating with Chicago parties for 1,600,000 bushels of wheat per month. The buyers propose to pay cash in advance.

Two men were killed and a third was fatally injured when the saw mill of William G. Lester, near Waldron, Ark., was destroyed by the explosion of a boiler.

The carload of provisions gathered by San Antonio people for needy in Mexico will be distributed by Consul General Hanna, of Monterey.

The proposal of Pope Benedict for a truce among the warring nations during the Christmas holidays is said by the official press bureau to have been declined by Russia.

More than 1,600 churches in New York City, it was announced, have combined forces to help meet the problems of the unemployed in that city during the winter.

Three Americans were waylaid and killed in a defile of the Ajo mountains of Sonora, within sight of the border, Thursday by a band of Yaqui Indians belonging to Villa's Sonora command.

With approximately 43,000 barrels daily production, the McMan Oil company of Tulsa, is now the largest independent producer of crude oil in the world. Fifteen wells now on the top of the sand and all showing oil will, according to estimate, when drilled in, swell this enormous production at least 25,000 barrels.

So much evidence of interest in the \$135,000,000 cotton fund has reached W. P. G. Harding, chairman of the cotton loan committee, that he declared applications for loans probably would be far more than any one estimated after the fund was subscribed.

The Rayburn stock and bond bill has not been abandoned by the administration, was a statement by Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee on interstate commerce. President Wilson is of the opinion that the commission is overworked at this time, and that it would be better to allow the stock and bond legislation to go over until next session.

Representative Sereno E. Payne of New York died suddenly of heart disease at his apartment in Washington Thursday night. Mr. Payne was 71 years old and had been a representative from New York in every congress since 1883, except one. Mr. Payne was chairman of the ways and means committee and Republican floor leader in 1909-10 and directed the drafting of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill.

Among the students in the long list of scholarship awards announced at Harvard university recently are the following: Roy W. Chestnut, Wayne, Okla., Cutting scholarship; Chauncey C. Loomis, 15, of Texas, Harvard college scholarship; William E. Nash, 16, El Campo, Texas, Bassett scholarship; Curtis T. Vaughan, 15, San Antonio, Texas, Harvard scholarship.

Texas is one of the largest onion producing states, according to information compiled by the department of agriculture. Reports from 16 onion growing states show that the 1914 crop will be larger than that of 1913. A total of 18,324 cars of onions were shipped from 16 states in 1913, while this year it is estimated there will be nearly 22,000 car loads.

Students of the Agricultural and Mechanical college will be released for the holidays Saturday, Dec. 19.

The Austrian government has confiscated the entire output of oil in Austria-Hungary. Refiners have been forbidden to supply oil to the trade.

William Rockhill, former American ambassador to Russia and Turkey, is critically ill, it was reported at the hospital in Honolulu, to which he was taken from the liner Chiyu Maru, en route to China, where he was to become adviser to President Yuan Shi Kai. It was said he was suffering from a severe cold.

David Lamar was found guilty of impersonating A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defrauding J. P. Morgan & company and the United States Steel corporation. He was immediately sentenced to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

The cotton loan committee announces that the conference in Washington with chairman of state committees will be held Dec. 15 instead of Dec. 15 as previously announced.

Although the Pacific coast is not adequately protected for war, the Atlantic fleet could be rushed through the Panama canal while any hostile fleet would be delayed by the necessity of reducing Manila and Honolulu, in the opinion of Secretary Daniels, who gave testimony before the house naval affairs committee.

"Graduate in public health" will be the degree awarded by the university of California at the end of a six-year course in a new profession—that of keeping everybody well. The aim of the new course in preventive medicine is to train experts whose whole purpose shall be to prevent anyone from ever being sick enough to need a doctor.

The directors of Ward county irrigation district No. 1 have sold to the contractors bonds of the district to the amount of \$350,000, and have closed a contract for the construction of the Sand Lake reservoir, the intake, dams and laterals, needed for the operation of the reservoir. This reservoir, when completed, will furnish an abundant water supply for an additional 30,000 acres of land.

Andrew Carnegie, a White House caller Friday, expressed opposition to a truce in the European war during the Christmas holidays. He declared it would be unchristian like to stop fighting and then begin again. The president was out playing golf and Mr. Carnegie said he probably would return to pay his respects. He praised Mr. Wilson's efforts in behalf of peace.

Startling successes of submarines in the European war have not swayed United States navy officials from their belief that all-big-gun battleships of the dreadnaught type form the main dependence of any sea power. The construction of two such ships next year was recommended by Secretary Daniels in his annual report submitted to President Wilson. The navy general board urged the building of four.

The ledger of the national debt, containing the names of 100,000 holders of bonds which are payable to bearer, was brought to Paris again from Bordeaux. It required ten cars to transport the ledger. A cabinet council was held at the palace of the Elysee on last Thursday, the first to meet since Sept. 3 on which date the government left for Bordeaux when the invaders were within 20 miles of the capital.

The first complete compilation of returns under the income tax law showed returns of 357,598 individuals paying taxes aggregating \$28,253,535. Forty persons had incomes of \$1,000,000 and over, 91 had incomes of \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. There were 988 persons with incomes of \$25,000 to \$100,000. The largest number of returns, 114,448, was made in the class \$2,323 to \$5,000. The next largest, 191,718 was in the \$5,000 to \$10,000, while 79,426 persons had an annual income of \$2,500 to \$3,333.

Orders were issued by Secretary Lane opening to homestead entry more than 560,000 acres of western public lands, which have been determined to be nonirrigable. After Jan. 11, 1915, the lands may be taken up in tracts of 320 acres each under the enlarged homestead act. The land is in New Mexico, Oregon and Montana.

The 1914 corn crop of Kansas was worth \$59,320,146, according to the report of the secretary of the Kansas board of agriculture. The same report places the value of this year's oat crop at \$17,780,394. This makes the total value of three Kansas crops \$228,683,471, the value of the wheat crop being estimated at \$151,583,611.

Knocked 15 feet by an interurban baggage car, Miss Ellen Melin, aged 31 years, was killed instantly at Stop 6, Fort Worth-Dallas interurban, Monday. She was crossing the track when the headlight of the car shone in her face and blinded her. Throwing up her hands, she stepped in the middle of the track and screamed.

An election was held at Higgins Nov. 28, on the pool hall election. Pool halls were voted out by a vote of 75 to 50.

Secretary Houston has raised the foot and mouth disease quarantine from a portion of the Chicago Union stock yards, so it may handle cattle shipments from territory outside of the quarantined areas.

A suit to thwart the efforts of the Cuyahoga county tax commission to collect from John D. Rockefeller taxes on \$11,000,000 worth of property, stocks and bonds was filed in the federal court at Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 12.

The St. Louis Stock exchange, which has been closed since July 30, reopened Dec. 7 with a minimum price fixed for all shares traded in on the exchange.

Postmaster General Burleson joined the "shop early" throng when he issued his suggestions to the public, headed with the injunction "mail your parcels early." Official sanction for the use on parcels of the caution "Do not open until Christmas," also was announced.

DOROTHY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

by A. E. ZUCKER

"AY, believe, me, the fellows were glad to see me back again," said George Porter to the family at the dinner table. "Professor Parr said I looked like a college man, and all the fellows said I had changed a great deal since September."

George had just arrived a few hours before for his first vacation back from college. He had, indeed, been very anxious to get home again among his old friends. The weary hours on the train he had whiled away by telling the other boys about all the dances he was going to attend with Dorothy Smyth, "some classy girl from Bryn Mawr."

In the course of the dinner Doctor Porter could not but take down his son a little. The all-important fraternity man was roasted considerably for his overbearing manner. However, George took it all with the stoic dignity of the captain of the freshman football team. As a matter of fact, he had sunk considerably in his son's estimation.

After dinner George's older sister Mary asked him whether he was going to call up Dorothy for the Christmas dance at the Hadley's.

"Aw, pshaw, here a fellow works his head off at school," said George in his best bluff, "he comes home for a little rest, and then you expect him to dance. And half the girls at school have it on Dorothy anyhow."

"What are you going to give her for Christmas?" said Mary, hiding a smile, for she knew just how George felt about Dorothy.

"Ge, I never thought about that; and I've got ten cents to my name."

This last statement showed just how good a time he had with his fraternity brothers the last days before vacation.

"Make it C. O. D., George. Call on dad; he'll give all you'll need."

"Not on your life," came back George, "a college man must be able to shift for himself. Why, half the fellows work their way. I'll go out to earn the money myself tomorrow. Besides, I've been roasted enough."

True to his word George Porter was out early the next morning looking for remunerative toil. A window-card in a large cafeteria, "Help Wanted," arrested his attention. He stropped up to the fat proprietor, seated behind the cash register, and honored him by offering him a college man's services.

"Any experience in the kitchen?" he was asked.

In spite of the fact that the total of George's kitchen experience consisted of a few evening's fudge-making at Dorothy's, he said boldly, "I sure have."

This confused him a little. "Aw—er—at a friend's last winter."

"So you've been at Friend's cafe? Well, I'll take you. A dollar and a half a day and meals. Just go to the kitchen and get a white coat."

George had bluffed and he was going to make good the bluff. He rushed around at a great speed sending the soiled dishes to the kitchen. Accidentally he picked up half a piece of lemon pie the owner of which had just gone to the ice water faucet to replenish her glass. "Wait a minute with my pie, if you please," said the old maid victim of George's zeal. "No, I won't take anything back out of the mess on your tray, either. You go and get me another at your expense."

The hero of many a football battle here showed a yellow streak. He bought the pie for the injured guest. Probably due to his anger over "the old hen" he next scattered the silver all over the floor for more under any consideration. Finally he decided on something that has been the last resource of many a young man—a box of candy.

A whole day with soiled dishes, half-consumed food, and scolding was bad enough, but the worst came when two of George's pals came in during the afternoon. Like a maiden surprised at her dip at the spring, George went into hiding. The manager happened to see him ducking behind the counter, and asked him, what ailed him.

"Pat, don't let them see me!" said George.

"Who? Are the police after ye?" said the manager and grabbed him by the collar.

This was too much for George. He bowed over the manager and rushed

into the kitchen. His friends laughed and thought their part.

The manager followed George. "Hm," he sneered, "Some of your friends from the swell side of the fence. Well, Archibald, you can hide your pretty face in the kitchen after this. Just go and work the dishwasher."

George never had been so mad in his life. He would have "busted the fatted head's bean," but for Dorothy's sake he stayed. Besides he was no quitter, but worked like a hero at whatever work he had set out to do. No Satan in the inferno could have felt more anger at the sinners he was immersing in the fiery pools than George did toward the innocent dishes of which he immersed bucket after bucket in the patent dishwasher to the impatient shouts of the girls, "Shoot more dishes, Archibald!"

Finally at six o'clock, tired and sweating, George left the place. He felt just a bit doubtful about his chances; "What would she say?"

When George was about to leave Dorothy at the door of the Smyth mansion after the dance on Christmas night, she turned to him to say, "Of all my presents I liked your box of candy best. It was the sweetest thing. And Donald says he saw you working for it. You shouldn't go to so much trouble just for me, George."

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Tommy Squigz—Before or after dinner, pa?

Why He Changed.

Madge—I thought you and George were going skating.

Marjorie—So we were, but when he saw I had my hat trimmed with mistletoe he asked me to go for a sleigh ride.

JUSTICE TO LABOR

Workman Should Be Counted Among the Honorable of Mankind.

For these workmen maintain the fabric of the world, and in the handwriting of their craft is their prayer.—Ecclesiasticus 38:34.

Here is a very different idea of work from that contained in the opening chapters of Genesis. According to this prophet, labor is not a curse laid upon man for his sin, but a service so holy that the very doing of it constitutes a "prayer." Therefore does he sound the praises of the workman as others have sounded the praises of king and soldier. The plowman, the Jeweler, the blacksmith, the potter—all these, "although they are not sought for in the council of the people nor exalted in the assembly, though they sit not in the seat of the judges nor understanding the covenant of judgment," are still to be numbered among the great and honorable of mankind.

In order to understand the justice of this tribute, we only have to remind ourselves that it is work which has made the world what it actually is at the present moment. All that we mean by civilization, in the material sense, is the result of toil in the sweat of men's brows. For ages past the men who have labored with their hands—the farmers, the woodmen, the blacksmiths, the spinners, the builders—have been contemptuously regarded as an inferior grade of humanity, as little better, indeed, than animals! And yet while kings have fought and noblemen hunted, while glided couriers have twined their scented handkerchiefs and tored with their jeweled swords, while so-called superior classes of all ages and countries have sported, gambled, and debauched, these same inferior laborers have made the world what we see it today! It is their toil which has cleared away forests, cultivated farm lands, opened mines, constructed railroads, laid out and built cities. It is their work which has created wealth, founded nations, redeemed the waste places of the earth reared the vast monuments of civilization. Not more surely are the pyramids of Egypt the monument of Pharaohs, but of their driven slaves, than are the huge piles of stone and steel in our modern cities, the memorials of the unnamed toilers of this later age.

Maintain Fabric of the World.

And not only is it work which has made the world what it is today but it is work also which keeps the world going from hour to hour. I have found upon my table, clothing upon my back, a roof over my head books upon my shelves only because a million hands are toiling in my service. Let this labor be suspended but for a little time and death and destruction would stand towering at my threshold. "Without these" says the author of Ecclesiasticus "shall not a city be inhabited nor shall men sojourn or walk up and down therein; these maintain the fabric of the world."

It is these facts which are slowly teaching the supreme dignity of labor. Carlyle had these in mind when he declared that work and work alone is truly noble. Ruskin, when he revealed the beauty gained through toil; Morris, when he peached and practiced the gospel of skilled craftsmanship; Millet, when he painted the "Sower," the "Reaper," the "Gleaners," Abbey, when he used the steel worker and coal miner for his symbol; Idleness is doomed as a badge of distinction. Work must henceforth be the sole title to nobility. "Without these" says the author of Ecclesiasticus "shall not a city be inhabited nor shall men sojourn or walk up and down therein; these maintain the fabric of the world."

Sunset.

Nature has something more than an academic value. . . . Its first office is not material, but spiritual. . . . Day is dying in the west. . . . The curtains of night are transfused with the blended shades of amber, crimson, turquoise blue, and all the splendor of tints which defy naming. A strange longing, almost akin to homesickness, rests upon the soul as we admire the sunset, and watch the day being cradled into darkness. Suddenly the optical scientist breaks the muse, saying: "I can explain it all to you. It is nothing but the refraction of light, running at various velocities through particles of moisture, suspended in the air by particles of dust." In his learned, academic fashion he can reduce a sunset to a mathematical problem. Let him speak in the classroom, but here let him hold his peace. Here we wish to hear him whose fragrance breathed through all his work, whose song is the music of the spheres, and whose dwelling is the light of setting suns.—Cornelius Woolfkin.

The Three Members.

The regenerate soul hath three principal faculties as the natural body hath three principal members, the eye, hand and foot. In the soul the eye is knowledge, the hand is faith, the foot is obedience. The soul without knowledge is like Bartimeus, blind; without faith, like the man with the withered hand; without obedience, like Mephibosheth, lame.—Selected



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Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

A visit to the city involves a double risk: if you are "busted" the police will get you; and if you are flush with money, the holdup men will get you.

It has been estimated that it costs \$12 per year for each man, woman and child in the United States to maintain bad roads. Yet, there are some men who had rather lose \$12 than to dig up \$250 to build a good road.

A ranchman, the other day, was complaining of the rats which had become so numerous that they were destroying feed in the shock, when a bystander remarked: "And yet you fellows persist in shooting hoot owls. Hoot owls almost live on rats and mice, yet you kill the owls and expect the rats and mice to commit suicide."

Those who thought Col. Roosevelt should have been President instead of Woodrow Wilson, should be thankful that he was defeated; for, if Roosevelt had been President, we would have had a war with Mexico on our hands, in which the bones of many of our boys would now be bleaching on Mexican soil instead of being alive and at home with their mothers.

Like Shakespeare's man, "who hath no music in himself and is not moved by the concord of sweet sounds," the man who loveth not the flowers, trees, grasses and shrub, and is not moved by the sight of their harmonious tints and soothed by the flowers' delicate perfume, "is fit for spoils and treason." "Let not such a man be trusted." His true ideal and companion is the sow that walloweth in the mire.

Senor Don Carranza, after potting over forty Americans at Naco, Ariz., this week, informed President Wilson that if the U. S. troops fired across the Mexican line in reply to shots fired by the Mexicans into Arizona territory would be considered an "unfriendly act." General Bliss and a body of troops with long range guns are posted at Naco, on the international line, with orders to shoot the gizzard out of the next greaser who sends a bullet across the line. If senor Carranza wishes to avoid being overwhelmed with an "unfriendly act," it might be well that he make targets of his own people instead of Americans.

The anti-pistol-totin' crusade that has been going on over the state for several years is bearing fruit in the shape of wholesale robberies in the big cities. The strict enforcement of the pistol laws has disarmed the honest, law abiding man and left him naked to the doubly armed robber. The gunless man with money, is an easy mark for the holdup, for the holdup man knows there is no risk; but if he suspects that his intended victim has a gun, he will hesitate before he acts. Pistol totin' should be suppressed, by all means; but if the authorities are unable to disarm the thug and thief, they should, at least, wink when the law-abiding citizen seeks to protect himself against their inpotency.

Through the big-hearted generosity of Emette Westbrook, this old scribe has been enjoying the luxury of choice bits of pork. A man may become absorbed in business matters until the world might think he had forgotten his surroundings and early training; but when hog killing time comes around, his heart becomes mellow and he realizes, as did his fathers before him, that fresh hog meat is too good a thing to have without dividing some of it with his neighbors. The old time Texan's idea of human misery was hunger, and he thought his chief mission on earth was to relieve human misery, and he was never so happy as when he carried good old hog meat to his hungry neighbor. Westbrook came from this old stock, bringing with him all those precious ideals. Long live his tribe.

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The Knocker and The Booster

When the Creator had made all the good things, there was still some dirty work to do, so He made the beasts and reptiles and poisonous insects, and when He had finished He had some scraps that were too bad to put into the rattlesnake, the hyena, the scorpion and the skunk, so He put it all together, covered it with suspicion, wrapped it in jealousy, marked it with a yellow streak and called it a KNOCKER.

This product was so fearful to contemplate that He had to make something to counteract it, so He took a sunbeam and put in it the heart of a child, the brain of a man, wrapped these in civic pride, covered it with brotherly love, gave it a mask of velvet and a grasp of steel and called it a BOOSTER; made him a lover of fields and flowers and manly sports, a believer in equality and Justice, and ever since these two were, mortal man has had the privilege of choosing his associates. —Copied.

Edison Disc Graphophone for Sale. Mahogany case—just the thing for Christmas. Phone Mrs. W. E. Allen for demonstration.

A JOURNALISTIC BUZZARD

What do the reputable papers of Texas think of an editor (?) who steals his editorials from his exchanges and runs them in as original, trying to disguise the fact by adding on a few lines which in themselves are a dead "give-away"? We know a fellow who actually stole an obituary notice and just changed the words but not the thought, adding a little here and transposing a little there, and printed it as original. And he was caught once stealing a local item bodily and running it into an article of his own. What do our brethren of the press think of this kind of journalism?—Hamilton Herald.

When an editor finds his productions are being used by some editorless sheet without credit, he feels just like a West Texas cowman does when he finds one of his best calves wearing another man's brand. Like the cowman, he can not help feeling and thinking that a man who will take another's product and palm it off as his own, is an all-round thief and smokehouse pest.

Your true journalist is like the eagle; he disdains to feast upon anything but his own kill. The plagiarist is like the buzzard; he fills himself with that which the eagle kills. But answering the Herald's query we think the fellow of whom it speaks is a journalistic buzzard.

Mrs. Latham's Case Reversed on Rehearing

The Minnie Latham case was reversed and remanded on a motion for rehearing by the Court of Criminal Appeals last Wednesday. Mrs. Latham was convicted at Anson last summer for the killing of John Stewart, and on appeal her case was affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals; but on rehearing the court reversed its former decision and gave her another chance for her freedom.

Allison Law Knocked Out

The Court of Criminal Appeals this week knocked out the Allison law which forbid the shipment of intoxicants into dry territory. It is said that this decision virtually wiped the Allison law off the statute book.

At the residence of Rev. Ira L. Parrack, Friday, Dec. 11, Miss Ludie Gowen to Mr. Chas. Moseley. They will leave Tuesday for the Pecos country to reside. The Observer wishes the happy couple all the joys of a prosperous life.—Christoval Observer.

The bride is a sister of our fellow-townsman, Dr. Chas. R. Gowen, and has many friends here whom we join in wishing her well.

Dr. Hixson, of San Angelo, also has my deep gratitude for his services. Without the hope of reward for their skill and devotion, these two christian gentlemen gave their time and skill to me as loyally as if I had been a millionaire's daughter.

Death of William Paschal

William Paschal, the officer who was murdered on December 5th, was once a resident of Sterling City. He had been on the police force of El Paso for the past six years and was accounted one of the most efficient men in the service. He had been detailed to run down a couple of negro holdup men, and about ten minutes before he met his death he had seen two negroes on the railroad track and was going to question them. In a few minutes a shot was heard and his dead body was found with a bullet hole in the temple.

At the time of his death, his wife was visiting relatives in Louisiana. His mother, Mrs. Joseph Paschal, of Findlay, was visiting him at the time of his death, and was intending to spend the winter with him in El Paso.

Will Paschal was well known by the old timers here. He was a boy of many good traits, and had many friends here who are grieved to learn of his death. While residing here with his father, Joe Paschal, Will was married to Miss Pauline Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bennett. Soon after the marriage they moved away and finally settled in El Paso.

CARD OF THANKS

I take this method to express my deep felt gratitude to the people of Sterling City, and especially to those who, without solicitation, came to my aid during my recent illness.

Imagine a fatherless and motherless girl in a strange land and among strangers, without home or money falling ill and forced to leave lucrative employment through the misfortune of illness while her worldly capital was reduced to a few cents. Then imagine the joy and gratitude of that girl when she finds the people loosening their purse strings and opening their doors to her and providing her with food, raiment and the comforts of life without stint. Words are but poor vehicles to convey my deep and lasting gratitude, my unselfish friends.

Especially do I thank Dr. Gowen for his faithful and unselfish ser-

vice. Dr. Hixson, of San Angelo, also has my deep gratitude for his services. Without the hope of reward for their skill and devotion, these two christian gentlemen gave their time and skill to me as loyally as if I had been a millionaire's daughter.

May God bless and prosper you all.
(Miss) Lorena Williams

A CHANGE IN BUSINESS

Beginning on the 1st of Jan. 1915, there will not be anything charged until past accounts are paid. All accounts must be paid on the 1st of each month or accounts will be stopped—too big a load for one man.

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Fills and dipping dope at Coulson's.
Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.
Xmas is almost here. See Hargrave.
Community silverware at Lowe & Durham's.
Please return my large pipe wrench.—R. B. Cummins.
Thos. Trammell and party, of Sweetwater, were here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Warlick, who had been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Smith, left Monday for their home at Vernon.
A splendid line of ladies' riding and driving gloves at cost until New Year.—R. B. Cummins.

Bargain Days for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dec. 1 to 15. \$3.25 per year.—Christian Aid Society.

When you need a new tire for your automobile, don't forget A. A. Gamble and the Miller Tires.
Cole & Son are agents for the Texas Oil Co.'s products. Try them for gasoline and lubricating oils.

Please return my big pipe wrench.—R. B. Cummins.

Anyone desiring to take a course in a business college that guarantees its graduates a position within fifteen days after graduation, at a salary of not less than \$30 per month, can save \$25 by applying to Rev. J. D. McWhorter.
J. W. Wiggins, the irrigation man, was here Tuesday with a party of prospectors.

Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.

Go in and see the new steam pressing outfit at G. C. Potts' tailoring shop. Bring your suit along.
See reduced prices on guns at Lowe & Durham's.

The Houston Chronicle, the big \$6 daily, to new subscribers only, 100 days for \$1.—Christian Aid Society.

The entire stock of goods, formerly owned by B. F. Roberts, is now being sold out at cost by E. D. Grimmer, Trustee.

Found: A pair of spectacles and case. Owner may have same by calling at Butler Drug Co.'s and paying 25c for this notice.

Don't fail to read the big bargain offers of the big daily papers. Give your subscriptions to the Christian Aid Society.

Miss Pauline Shortt is in the automobile contest at San Angelo, with a good chance to win. The little lady is to all intents and purposes a Sterling girl, and all Sterling must pull for her.

A splendid line of ladies' driving gloves at cost until New Year.—R. B. Cummins.

Don't fail to attend the Trustee's sale of the B. F. Roberts stock of goods. Mr. Grimmer, the Trustee, will sell you anything in the house at cost.

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Ask Cotten & Davis what is a load.

One man's loss is another's gain. The sacrifice of the B. F. Roberts stock of goods which is now being sold at a Trustee's sale, means a gain to the purchaser. Now is the time to make a dollar go a long way.

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The Wimodoughs Club will hold a sale on December 24th for the benefit of the library. Those wanting knit or crocheted caps, jackets, etc., cannot afford to miss this sale.

Aluminum ware makes an appropriate gift. Lowe & Durham have some bargains in guaranteed ware.

Don't send off your subscriptions to papers and magazines yourself, but give them to us, and help to build a church in your own town. Sterling needs her churches.—Christian Aid Society.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION IN TAXIDERMISTRY
Animal rugs, felt lined, and mounted head, with open mouth or half head. Auto or buggy robe of your choice of furs, tanned and lined. Birds mounted in any pose; game heads, horns and antlers nicely mounted on shields, etc.

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W. A. Jones, Taxidermist

W. J. Mann, this week, received 200 calves, which he bought recently from J. E. Hersey, of San Angelo.

Miss Myrtle Smith is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. F. Bennett, at Eldorado.

The rest of my stock is here. Everything from tires down. Will have my air in a few days.—Jackson's Garage.

The Ladies Home Mission Society will give a box supper over the Lowe & Durham building on the night of December 26th.

R. W. and Rufus Foster, Sam Mahaffey and A. A. Rutherford were visitors to San Angelo Tuesday.

Notice—All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me are earnestly requested to settle their accounts by the first day of January, 1915. Wm. Find.

Henry Rogers, who resided on McKinzie Draw when the town of Sterling was laid out, and who helped to locate the county seat, passed through here last Wednesday on his way to his home in Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dennis, of Roton, accompanied by their son, Lewis, were here last Monday. Mr. Dennis says heavy crops were raised in his part of the country this year.

J. T. Davis, who has been at Waco and other points looking after stock interests for several weeks, returned home last Saturday. Mr. Davis says the Sterling people are in much better financial condition than the people of East Texas.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stoneham has been seriously ill, at the Stoneham ranch in Mitchell county, this week, from an attack of diphtheria. Attending physicians report the little one now out of danger. Mrs. Stoneham is suffering from the same malady, but her condition is not thought to be serious.

Floyd Kellis, who has been visiting his brother, Gilbert Kellis, returned home last Friday evening.

Geo. Conger reports that he gathered 200 bushels of corn from five acres of land this fall. He says he raised maize and forage enough to last him two years.

Dr. Gowen, made a trip to Christoval last Saturday. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. D. Gowen, who had been visiting here.

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Congress has levied a war tax of \$105,000,000 to offset a similar amount of loss on import revenue due to the European disturbances and of this amount beer is the heaviest contributor, having been assessed approximately, \$50,000,000; a stamp tax on negotiable instruments, it is estimated, will yield \$31,000,000; a tax on the capital stock of banks of \$4,300,000, and a tax on tobacco, perfumes, theater tickets, etc., makes the remainder.

Congress has decreed that the brewer, the banker and the investor must shoulder the musket and march to the front; that milady who would add to her beauty must first tip Uncle Sam, and a dollar that seeks pleasure must first salute the flag; that Pleasure and Profit—the twin heroes of many wars—shall fight the nation's battles and by an ingeniously arranged schedule of taxation Congress has shifted the war budget from the shoulders of Necessity to those of Choice and Gain, touching in its various ramifications almost every line of business.

All hail the dollar that bleeds for its country; that bares its breast to the fortunes of war and risks its life to preserve the stability and integrity of the nation's credit.

The market place has always been a favorite stand for war revenue collectors. The trader is a great financial patriot. His dollar is the first to rally around the star-spangled banner, and the last to hear the coo of the dove of peace. He is called upon to buy cannon; to feed and clothe the boys in blue and each month cheer their hearts with the coin of the realm. Men can neither be free nor brave without food and ammunition, and money is as important a factor in war as blood.

Many monuments have been erected in honor of heroes slain in battle, poems have been written extolling their noble deeds and the nation honors its soldiers while they live and places a monument upon their graves when they die, but very little has been said of the dollar that bears the burdens of war.

Honor to the Dollar That Bears the Burdens of War.

All honor to the dollar that answers the call to arms and, when the battle is over, bandages the wounds of stricken soldiers, lays a wreath upon the graves of fallen heroes and cares for the widows and orphans.

All honor to the industries that bend their backs under the burdens of war; lift the weight from the shoulders of the poor and build a bulwark around the nation's credit.

All honor to those who contribute to the necessities and administer to the comforts of the boys who are marching; cool the fever of afflicted soldiers and kneel with the cross beside dying heroes.

A dollar may fight its competitor in business, industries may struggle for supremacy in trade and occupations may vie each other with envy or suspicion, but when the bugle calls they bury strife and rally around the flag, companions and friends, mess mates and chums, all fighting for one flag, one cause and one country.

The luxuries in life have always been the great burden-bearers in government. We will mention a few of them giving the annual contributions to the nation's treasury: Liquor, \$250,000,000; tobacco, \$103,000,000; sugar, \$54,000,000; silks, \$15,500,000; diamonds, \$3,837,000; millinery, \$2,470,000; furs, \$2,024,000 and automobiles \$370,000.

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Those wishing to exhibit fancy work, or other suitable Christmas gifts, at the Christmas bazaar, may communicate with Messrs. R. L. Lowe or W. L. Foster. Commission small, so price may be right.

Pay your back subscriptions to the San Angelo Standard, or any other paper, through us. You will get just as many automobile votes, pony votes, premiums, etc., as if sent direct to the companies.—Christian Aid Society.

The ladies' bazaar will be held at Roberts' store on December 17, 18 and 19. A doll wedding will be had, a museum and other entertainment will be provided. The bazaar will be kept open until 9 o'clock each night, and refreshments will served and souvenirs given.

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J. L. Glass, Sterling City

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