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## Bandera Local Notes.

From Regular Correspondent.  
Contractor Johnston had his force at work on the new school building Thursday for the first time in several weeks, cessation of work being caused by rain.

The rainfall for Bandera since Jan. 1, 1913 exceeds 50 inches.

School adjourned Friday for the holidays. Miss Rodgers, principal, and Miss Priestley, 1st assistant, left Saturday for their respective homes in San Antonio, and Mrs. Mauring for a visit to relatives in Alice, Texas.

At the last regular meeting of the Bandera camp W. O. W. the following officers were elected: C. C. W. R. Fletcher; A. L. M. B. Epperson; Banker, Jos. E. Chism; Clerk, J. A. Eames; Escort, W. E. Mansfield; Physician, J. O. Butler; Watchman, Geo. Tait; Sentry, S. H. Pate; Managers, J. W. Short, Hy. Stevens, T. E. Noonan. Hy. White, P. C. C., was elected Capt. Degree Team.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Joiner Dec. 20, a baby girl.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Evans was buried in the Bandera cemetery Wednesday.

J. B. O'Bryant of Rio Frio is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Fletcher.

Interdenominational services will be held at the court house every evening for a week beginning Dec. 25th.

Ed. Ross has sold his place on Williams creek to Mr. Cade of Taylor County and will accompany his father W. S. Ross to Prescott, Ark., where they expect to locate.

Pure Home Made Candy for sale at Pearson's.

## Baptist Christmas Tree Program

The Baptist Sunday School will have their annual Christmas tree at the Court House in Kerrville on the night of Dec. 26. A program will be rendered as follows:

Song, "The Message of Christmas"—School.

Prayer—Superintendent.

Talk, "Christmas"—Rev. Robb.

Recitation—Mary Orr.

Recitation—Egletton Robb.

Recitation—Bertie Burnett.

Song—Pauline Kirkland and Vera Robb.

Recitation—Effie Jonas.

Recitation—Agnes Wilson.

Recitation—Robt. Russell.

Recitation—Hattie Williams.

Recitation—Elizabeth Holland.

Song—Thomas Roebuck.

Recitation—Alice Moore.

Recitation—Abner Pearson.

Recitation—Celia Foster.

Recitation—Conway Word.

Song—Emma Ruth and Selma Buckner.

Recitation—Nora Baker.

Trio—Lucile Ford, Eva May Staudt, and Mary Bruton.

Recitation—Luther Ferris.

Recitation—Inez McClean.

Recitation—Frank Moore.

Recitation—Vivian Pearson.

Recitation—Mary Bruton.

Recitation—Kelley Ferris.

Song—Cora Kirkland and Ruby Hicks.

Recitation—Claude Foster.

Recitation—David Pearson.

Recitation—Jessie Evans.

Duet—Truett Airhart and Gordon Robb.

Recitation—Chas. Wesch.

Recitation—Lewie Wilson.

Recitation—Sidney Deering.

Duet—Mattie Kirkland and Marie Worden.

Song, "I'm so Glad."—School.

Santa Claus and Tree.

## OUR RIVERS AND HARBORS

### The Brazos River One of the Most Important Commercial Streams in Texas.

THE opening of the Panama Canal has given a tremendous impetus to gulf port commerce and greatly stimulated interest in water navigation and waterway improvements in Texas. The interoceanic canal now in course of construction connects the Texas rivers forming one of the most gigantic systems of commercial waterways in the world as well as drains a vast area of the most fertile land on the American continent.

Texas has eight large rivers on which steamboats have plied on regular schedules, many of them going as far as two or three hundred miles inland and the restoration and extension of navigable conditions can be secured at a minimum cost. We have ten harbors which have received government recognition and five ports that are regularly made by ocean-going vessels.

The Brazos river is 950 miles in length and waters a valley unexcelled in fertility and in agricultural possibilities and as a commercial stream can be easily improved and cheaply maintained. The government engineers have designated Waco, which is approximately 300 miles from its source, as the head of navigation on the Brazos and the work of improving the river for light draft boats is now under way.

At the mouth of the river is Freeport with a harbor unexcelled in natural advantages by any port on the Atlantic coast and a port where no wharfage or dock charges exist. The sulphur deposits now being actively mined afford an enormous local tonnage. The deposits contain seventeen millions tons of sulphur and machinery is now being installed to develop the field to an output of 300,000 tons per annum.

The vast tonnage of the Brazos valley will empty into this port and the Interoceanic Canal will be a splendid feeder, giving the port an immense outgoing water tonnage. Three of the leading system railroads enter the port and large and extensive terminals are being built where the commerce of the Trans-Mississippi valley can be handled without congestion.

When the Brazos river is made navigable to Waco it will afford a saving of millions of dollars in freight per annum on inbound shipments as well as on originating tonnage and its advantages will be extended far into the interior, benefiting at least a million people.

## The First Christmas Tree

By H. B. CLAPP

How long ago has it been? Well, you do not like to recall. The years have come and gone, but the impressions of that scene stand out in memory's picture gallery above everything else. How beautiful that tree did look! How your young heart did beat with expectation and your eyes took in every object! There were the presents—toys and dolls and horns and bundles piled at the foot of the tree! Wonder how many of them are yours? Yes, there were two shining watches. That bundle! Whose was it? And what if one of those watches should come to you? But alas! the bundle went to another, and you learned afterwards that you could have had a bundle too, if you had folded up your coat and had written your own name on it. You, too, could have had a watch if you had been like some young men who, fearing they would not be remembered, put their own watches on the tree. And you were somewhat pacified when you learned that these watches hadn't turned a wheel in two years. Yes, you got something. Here comes the distributor. What is it? A little bag of candy and a tin horse and you are satisfied. You were not forgotten and that helped some. But next day! "After the Ball is over, after the break of morn." You view the scene. Low different in the light of the next day! There it is—broken cedar boughs, bits of candy, peanut hulls and alas! tobacco juice. The glitter and glare are over and you see them no more. You say, "Was it worth while?"

How like all this is life! Under the glow of youth in the morning of life how everything glows and

shines! What great things it promises! But the colors change, and that all too soon, and you view things as they are. Is it worth while? No, if what you see is all of it. But it isn't all. Beyond is a land where glories never fade and joys last forever, made possible through Him whose birthday we profess to celebrate.

It may be helpful to reflect a little on the day. Why do we celebrate Christmas?—It is Christ's birthday, you say. Who said so? How do you know? No fact of history is more uncertain. Indeed, nothing is scarcely more probable than that Dec. 25 of our calendar is not the day. The Bible, our highest authority is silent as to the date. It only tells us that he was born in the night. Even circumstances seem to be against the date we observe because it requires a conjecture that there was at this time an open spell of weather in Palestine to permit the shepherds to be out on the hills "keeping watch over their flocks by night."

Suppose this is the day. Do we ever think how inconsistent we are? How utterly out of keeping with His spirit it is to make it a time of noise and revelry and drunkenness. One cannot speak in mild terms when thinking of such conduct. In the name of all reason, if we are going to observe the day, make it one of honor and not of dishonor to our Lord. So utterly out of keeping is the celebration of those who observe it most with what it should be, that we need not be surprised to find many who believe that, for this reason if for no other, its celebration should be discarded.

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## Drank, Gambled and Suicided

Guthrie, Okla. Dec. 17.—Following losses at gambling and a period of heavy drinking, W. L. Hall, local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. committed suicide Monday afternoon by shooting himself through the head. He leaves a wife and two children. The act was explained in the following letter to his wife:

"To My Wife: I gambled and lost the money. I am not fit to help raise our children. I cannot control my appetite for whiskey. Tell Mr. Wey to settle my shortage and you pay him out of my insurance policy. That is all you will have. There is no money in the bank. I lost that, too. Try to be a Christian woman and raise my darling children up to dread the sight of a card, a gambling game or whiskey. Goodbye, dear; I have never been true to you. Lee."

## Women Vote a Suburb Dry

St. Louis, Mo.,—Following a spectacular campaign on the part of women residents, Webster Groves, St. Louis' largest suburb, went dry by a vote of 999 to 227. Last night the women congregated in the churches to offer up prayers for the success of their campaign. They also invaded the public schools and pinned tags on the children, which read "Vote for me," implying that a vote for prohibition was a vote for the child.

Miss Lee Owens teacher of the Reservation school was in Kerrville Saturday on her way home to Cooper Point to spend the holidays.

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# WHEN SANTA CLAUS BOARDS MAN-O-WAR

**A**BSURD as it may sound to every one, the bluejackets still believe in Santa Claus. That rotund, rosy-cheeked little old man pays as much attention to the thousands of boys on board the warships as he does to the thousands of, perhaps younger in years, boys and girls ashore. Instead of coming in a sleigh with reindeer and merry bells, he comes in a precarious-looking boat, fully armed and convoyed, with the boom of musketry and the loud blowing of horns. The blowing of horns is a universal custom with the boys of all countries and colors and with the bluejackets too.

On Christmas day Santy is the highest ranking officer of the fleet, and all flags are junior to his fur tree hoisted to the masthead. With his flag lieutenant, his aide and the rest of the staff, he cruises about among the ships distributing the gifts with which his argosy is laden. His method of doing this is fraught with as much red tape as was ever the greetings of the old admiral of the Dutch fleet in the time of Queen Bess. All the paraphernalia symbolical of austere rank and bounty that can be gotten together are used as adornments to the rig of the boat. The uspd, which is sometimes the wherry and sometimes the punt.

In order to hold to the traditional custom used in the time of Paul Jones and down through the years, the boat is rigged like a brig, that is, with two masts and yard arms crossing, with jib and staysail and spanker out astern. On the fore and after quarters they arrange large wooden tubes, in which are inserted small guns. These "spigotty guns" com-



PLAY TIME ON BOARD

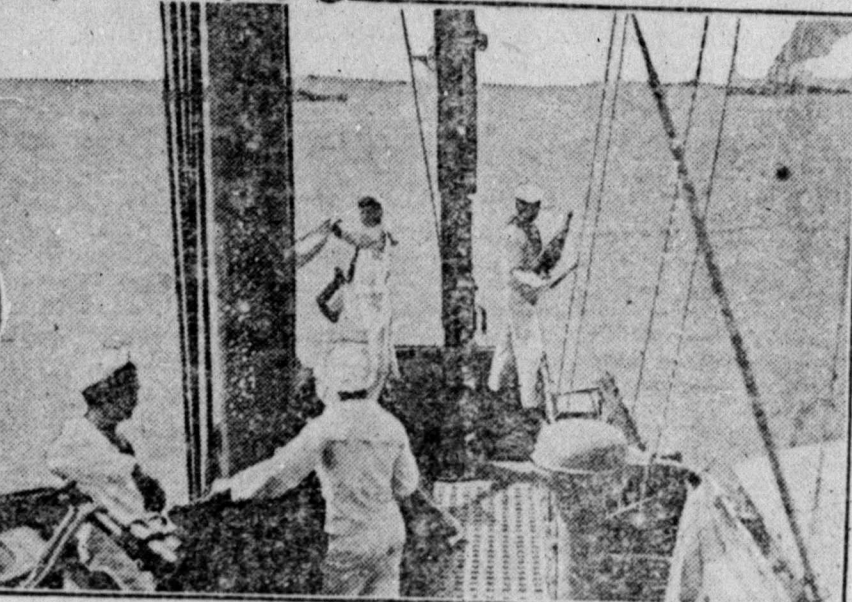
pose the saluting battery and heavy main battery also, and are manned and fired by the boatswain of "Der Prosit," who is a ponderous man in his official garb and daring in the way he approaches the ships, whose crews through the sides and answer the salute with a revolver shot from the poop.

The saluting takes place before "Der Prosit" is within hailing distance, and all hands have a laugh at the tiny sounds, strongly contrasted in their minds with the salute of the big guns which they are accustomed to hear. Next the boatswain gets up in the bows and resting one hand almost on top of the foremast and lifting a megaphone as long as himself to his lips, calls out at the top of his voice, "Ship, ahoy!" The quartermaster answers from the bridge, "Hello, hello! Der Prosit!" "Aye, aye," the boatswain returns. "Come alongside," calls the quartermaster. Then the admiral of "Der Prosit" rises in the stern, some ten feet aft of the boatswain in the bow, his head on a level with the topmast, and hails out through his megaphone, "All hands fur-ri-sail!" With that the crew, consisting of one man, who also acts in the capacity of foghorn, gets amidships and climbs the mainmast, which sways to and fro as if about to capsize the entire craft, and pulls down all the sails. "The vessel is standing to," he then calls out to the boatswain, who reports to the admiral over the crew's head, who in turn reports to Santa Claus, sitting in the stern sheets at the tiller. All these orders are given and carried out in the most solemn manner, to the merriment of the ship's crew looking on from the rail above.

The crew of "Der Prosit" then gets out oars and pulls alongside while on deck the real boatswain's mate pipes eight side boys to stand at the head of the gangway and salute the admiral and Santa Claus when they come aboard. The president of the United States only rates six side boys when he comes aboard, while Santy has his eight, besides his only good-looking apprentice boys. As the argosy draws alongside the boatswain pipes the long, low tune and three short blasts characteristic of the coming aboard of great men.

No less a person than the captain of the ship meets the admiral of "Der Prosit," his wife, Santy, laden with a huge basket full of presents, the boatswain and the crew, while the bugler sounds three portentous ruffles and the ship's company, assembled aft, stands at attention. Indeed the officers are all present, for they believe in Santy as well as do the crew. When the admiral's wife, some fair faced sailor with Manila rope hair and a tawdry skirt, swings aboard holding her train high and exposing a generous view of red stocking to the eyes of the sailors, a great laugh is evoked and a shout goes up, "higher, higher," or "Oh, you Kiddo!"

The boatswain in command of the crew shouts to his one man for, "Attention!" then puts him through a series of gymnastics of a peculiar and intensely funny character. The admiral, as if not thoroughly taking in the landscape, lifts a huge



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CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE U.S. NAVY



BLUE JACKETS WAITING CHRISTMAS LETTERS

pair of binoculars in the form of two quart wine bottles lashed together, to his eyes and makes a pretense of getting his bearings by scrutinizing the sailors about him. Presently he reports to Santy, who has deposited his basket of presents on the quarter deck, "Sir, I see we are now in the Cannibal Isles."

Santy begins then to pick up presents and read the names aloud, giving them to the crew of "Der Prosit" and the admiral's wife, and even to the admiral himself, who distributes them accordingly, cutting many ridiculous capers.

The presents are of a type that bring laughter. They are gotten up and made by the friends of those to whom they are sent, with an idea towards characterizing the amedian, the whim or the standing jokes that mark the receiver. If the captain is a fair striper he will probably get an admiral's star, unless he has some other whim by which he is more properly known. When he is presented with this he can only blush in the presence of everybody, and take his dose, as Santy is supreme on Christmas day.

But the greatest gift that Santy can bestow falls to the lot of those who, through some misfortune or slip, have come in line for punishment. It is customary for Santy to walk boldly up to the captain and ask him to "whitewash" the books. In the face of everybody and on Christmas day the captain can not very well refuse this request, although some captains have been seen to wince and cough before granting the immeasurable favor. The report book, in which all punishable acts are entered, is swept clean and the culprits are reinstated to first-class standing and enjoy all the privileges held by their more fortunate shipmates who have not fallen before the multiplicity of temptations that daily assail the man-o-war'sman.

The event which forms a background for all this merriment is the regular "big feed," as the sailors call it. For the last week this has crept into their conversation. Pie, turkey and plum duff are the three great delicacies to the sailors, and they have more respect for them than for the three graces.

"What kind of a feed is the commissary gonna hand us?" one sailor asks of another. During this time of anticipation excitement runs high and the commissary is a very much respected person. In fact, he is never a retired person, for his billet is a hard one to fill to the satisfaction of every one who eats at the general mess. There is always some old tar or other who imagines himself to be slighted by the quality of his food, and the apprentice boys take from him the habit of complaining with very little reason on their side. Quarrels often result and have to be referred to the "mast," where the first lieutenant (first luff) settles the matter in favor of the commissary, so that the sailor arranges a private settlement with the commissary later on where the first luff has nothing to say about it.

The burden of the repast falls naturally upon the cooks and mess attendants. It is far from an enjoyable affair with them, although they are an

affable lot. The preparation of the potatoes is the work of a dozen men, since they must be extraordinarily nice. The "skinners" arrange themselves astride a bench in range of a tub where one man sits and tosses potatoes continually. The tub is kept full by another man who dumps in from a sack carried down from the upper deck. So a cycle is made: the clean peeled potatoes going constantly into another tub, which is dragged into the galley and dumped into a great urn through which water is percolating. These are rinsed around by another mess attendant and dumped into other urns, where steam is turned on, while another tub of peeled ones are being brought from the skinners.

When they are done the ship's cook himself, who paces to and fro in the galley all the while, mounts upon the nearest urn with his, and taking a great six-foot masher proceeds to pound them into a white flakey mass fit for a king.

But this is not all he has to do, either. The turkeys are browned in the long ovens and he and his three assistants have continually to open the doors, probe with long forks into the swelling breasts and ascertain when to take them out.

The mess tables are all numbered so that each sailor knows just where to go when he gets down through the hatchway, and he doesn't waste any time getting there on this occasion. It is indeed a singular and lively scene on the gundeck at this period. Every man's plate is heaped to the brim before him and all apply themselves with a daring and disregard for mere stomachs that would make a dyspeptic wince and turn his head. Dozens of tables dangle from hooks between parallel columns of sailors, who seem only restrained from eating each other alive by the flimsy, vacillating boards which support the food.

When these ravenous appetites have been slaked and even those who have the dilating powers of an anacardina are put at rest, or in pain, as the case may be, some of the "old shellbacks" will begin to grow reminiscent and tell of the Christmases they have spent in lands where there were no turkeys nor anything else fit for the "big feed."

Says old Pete, the saltmaker's mate: "I mind the time down in Durien, when the steward had nothin' in the storeroom but a ton of crusty hard biscuits full of bugs, so when y' busted 'em with the handle 'ver yer knife they went whimpy nifty in every direction—under yer plate, behind yer cup, up yer sleeve—and around the mess pans. But, mates, that was a Christmas for yer life! We couldn't eat the buffalo meat, it was that much like bolt rope, so we drunk or coffee and engaged ourselves in bug races down the table. By tryin' all the bugs out we got some speedy ones. And that was speedy. I had one that could trot down that table—trot, mind y'—like it was Maude S herself. The devil of it was the bloody bug wouldn't keep in the course between the plates. She'd break for a hole near the finish. I bet big money on 'er, though, and after losin' 20 bones by her dackin' out of it when she was two whole plate lengths ahead, mind y'. I figured I could head her off the next time and win anyhow, so I put up 50 bones—50 good cold plunkers on that skinny little runt of a bug, and strike me blind! You ought a seen that race! Go! That cussed little bug slid down that mess table like it was on ball bearings. I headed 'er off at the hole with a piece of tack and she run clean again the bottom board of the table an' butted 'er brains out, kicked over on 'er back stone dead. But that race! Whew! I raked in the coin from the captain of the hold Christmas! Well, strike me, fellers! That was some Christmas even if we didn't have any cats."

## SOLVE BIG PROBLEM

### Home for Convicts' Children Found Very Efficacious.

**While Offender Against Society Is Sent to Prison His Family Suffers —Mrs. Booth Meets the Situation Effectively.**

New York—What becomes of the children of convicts? Every day of the year some man is sentenced to prison, leaving behind him boys and girls or both who are at the mercy of the people of the community for clothing and food, shelter and education. The judge who pronounces sentence on the erring father and husband cannot concern himself about the mother and children who are thus left behind to shift for themselves. Justice must grind out her grist, and the father must take his medicine for his sinful ways. It is the business and common duty of the judge to see to it that the offender is sent to prison for the crime committed. It is, in fact, no one's business in particular what becomes of the wife and children of the convict, what they do for a living while the father is in jail. This condition of affairs, so very common everywhere in America, as well as in other lands, puzzled that great prison worker, Mrs. Maude Hallington Booth, who has made it a life work to see to it that the convicts were given their share of justice, after having been sentenced. She is known the country over as "Little Mother," and there are countless thousands of hard, harsh men, who will prove themselves wife-beaters when at home, who, in jail, deem it the happiest hour of their sentence when they are interviewed by the little lady.

Thousands of convicts with whom Mrs. Booth has talked in the hundreds of jails have begged for their children, to keep them if possible out of the sordid ways of the street and city, to take them away somewhere where they will be brought up among wholesome surroundings and a healthy environment. Many pitiful cases of destitution among the families of the convicts could be cited, which have come under the direct observation of Mrs. Booth in the course of her evangelistic work in the prisons. She planned to establish a home for these innocent victims of another's wrong-



Home for Convicts' Children.

doing, and recently the opportunity came to her. In a beautiful place at Gwynedd valley, near Philadelphia, the work has been established on a practical and successful basis. The buildings were originally designed as a home for convalescent children. The main structure is equipped for the reception of as many as 75 boys and girls, and in addition 50 mothers may be accommodated when the arrangements are completed. The buildings and grounds, with furniture, beds, bedding and crockery, were the gift of a wealthy, well-meaning person, to Mrs. Booth for her use as long as she will make use of them in the work she has in view.

Ten acres of ground surround the buildings adjoining the home, and are equipped with many swings and seesaws for the amusement and pastime of the children and their mothers. The smaller of the two buildings is set apart for the use of the women. The intention is to convert this smaller building into a clubhouse for the mothers, where they can gather in the afternoon and sew and converse and forget their troubles for the time being at least. This plan for relieving the suffering and want of the innocent is rapidly gaining ground.

## WILLS HIS BODY TO SCIENCE

### Metchnikoff, the Famous Bacteriologist, Wants It to Benefit Even After His Death.

Paris.—Prof. Eli Metchnikoff, the world's leading bacteriologist, director of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, has willed his body, when he dies, to scientists, whom he gives permission to do what they like with it. This was admitted by Metchnikoff.

"I insist, however," he added, "that my remains must be interred in the cemetery nearest to the Pasteur Institute. I expressly stipulate in my will that my body must not be carried any farther from my home than the Montparnasse cemetery, which is a short distance from here."

Metchnikoff said he was continually receiving offers of important appointments in the United States, England and Germany, but that he was determined the only change he would ever make would be from the institute to the grave.

## One of the Guggenheims.

"There's nothing like putting the best foot foremost—putting the best face on the matter," said Oswald Garrison Villard in a recent Baltimore address.

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**Prof.**  
"It is wrong for an old man to marry a young fool."  
"But how is he to know that she is a fool?"  
"When she says yes to his proposal, he ought to know it."

**ARRESTED.**  
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**Unanimous.**  
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**No Paper Next Week.**

According to an adopted rule the working force of the Advance will take Christmas week for a vacation and no paper will be issued until the first week in January, 1914.

**A Hard Life**

A saloon keeper of Kansas City in an article in the Kansas City Star says that sociability and companionship are the life of the booze trade and he condemns the business in these words: "I've never been proud of being a saloon keeper, and I don't believe any other self-respecting man can be. We jolly ourselves along with the argument that it is legitimate, recognized by the national, state, county, and city governments, but we know in our hearts that it is a rotten business." This is rather tough, for there are some citizens of good standing in the business, but all will admit that the business itself represents demoralization and waste.

On Heber Stone's plantation on the Brazos in Washington county a large and well furnished home floated down the river. It was carried Mr. Stone's house nearly a mile from the river channel where he staked it down awaiting the owner. There was an organ in the house, rugs and pictures on the walls.

Kerrville needs more dwellings. There are now several good people here looking around for homes. Our capitalists could do a splendid work for the city by building substantial residences. There is some talk of a building and loan company.

January 16th the saloons will quit business at Lockhart. Already the eight homes occupied by saloons are being rented for other business.

A fellow that drinks can never get a job as saloon keeper or in any other business.

John Barleycorn is a poor friend. He will throw you down every time.

**Domestic Coal for Sale**

Have just received a car of washed Egg Coal, for domestic use, and can save you money on your fuel. T. HOLDSWORTH, At Electric Light Plant.

**Community Co-Operation**

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Few communities in the South-west are not beyond the pioneer stage. In most of them—even in the country communities—the progress made in community betterment is already remarkable. It is no uncommon thing for a town of 3,000 to 4,000 population to have water works, sewer system or even paved streets, and country communities with good roads, efficient, graded schools and strong churches are not at all uncommon. But whatever advance has been made there is always something else that can be done to make the community a better place to live in, something that can be accomplished, as was that already done, only through the hearty cooperation of all concerned.

If the roads still are inadequate the people that use them must work together to make them better. If the school is not meeting the requirements of the community its standard can be raised only through the thoughtful cooperation of its patrons with its management. If roads, school, water supply, sidewalks and such are adequate and efficient, there still are advantages. Less material, but none the less valuable, such as a public library and a lyceum course of lectures and entertainments, that can be had in nearly any reasonably prosperous, populous community if the people only cooperate to secure and maintain them.

Cooperation enriches a community materially, and it broadens and deepens the social and moral life of the community. Cooperation of its people in every laudable undertaking for betterment alone can give them a satisfying environment in which to live. The greatest work in community life is cooperation.



**POWER OF COMPETITION**

Free Port and Independent Steamship Line Among Important Achievements of the Year.

ED. S. HUGHES.

COMPETITION is the most powerful factor in commerce and the most successful agency in empire building. Whenever it is stimulated prosperity abounds and when it is stifled progress is blighted. It is the only sovereign that sits upon a world throne and rules on land and sea. Proud vessels that majestically sail the deep and hurl deltas at governmental rate-makers will dip their flags at the appearance of this invisible monarch of the world's traffic.

The greatest event in the commercial life of the State during the past year was the establishment of an independent steamship line, managed by Texas merchants, plying between New York and Freeport, and the establishment of a free port where the commerce of nations can pass to and from this country without paying toll to private enterprise. Its effect upon commerce will be international and the lowering of rates has extended the trade territory of Texas jobbers hundreds of miles into the interior.

The Texas jobbers purchase from the Atlantic seaboard markets approximately \$250,000,000 of merchandise per annum and the larger volume moves via the steamship lines. An increase in freight rates not only serves to reduce the profits of the jobbers but contracts the trade territory of the Texas dealers. There is no event quite so certain—not excluding death and taxes—as an increase in freight rates when no independent steamship line is in the field and the new steamship company is rendering all the people of Texas an inestimable service by holding down the rates.

A free port injects into the marine affairs of Texas an element of competition much needed in water traffic. It is more than a business device to fight competitive ports—it is progress. The improvement of the harbor and port facilities at Freeport which can be completed to accommodate twenty-five-foot vessels at an estimated expenditure on the part of the Federal Government of \$300,000 will perpetuate competition in ports and competition in ocean traffic. No more profitable investment can be made and no greater aid rendered the public.

**For Sale**

Two large, gentle German Coach horses. For particulars inquire or address, A. W. MCKILLIP, Kerrville, Texas.

**ORDER OF SALE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Kerr. In the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, Kerr County, Texas. T. F. W. Diert & Bro. vs. P. Graham. No. 331.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, Kerr County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 22nd day of June, A.D. 1908, in favor of the said T. F. W. Diert & Brother and against the said P. Graham, No. 331 on the docket of said court I did on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1913 at one o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tract of land situate in the County of Kerr, State of Texas, belonging to the said P. Graham, to-wit: Known as Section No. 1330, Certificate No. 560, H. E. & W. T. Ry. Co., containing 320 acres and on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1914, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale all the right, title and interest of the said P. Graham in said property.

Dated at Kerrville, Texas, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1913. HENRY STAUDT, Constable of Kerr County, Texas.

**Center Point Letter.**

(Regular Correspondence) Center Point, Tex., Dec. 22.—The few days of sunshine have put a different face on people. Farmers from different points are taking advantage of the nice weather to come to town. Quite a crowd of Medina people are in town today. They all came the lower road which is from six to eighteen inches under the old top road.

A. W. Mayfield has been unable to accommodate the passengers to Medina on account of the heavy mails and the still heavier roads. Messrs. Mabery, Rude and W. S. Mayfield have been carrying quite a number of passengers back and forth.

The following young people who have been away attending school have returned for the holidays: Miss Abigail Rees, Belton; Miss Carrie Etta Barfield, San Antonio; Hurley Fuller and Joel Burney, Austin; Edwil Burk, Georgetown; Bonner Coffey, San Marcos.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brandon and claimed their son, Claud. They came here from Oklahoma about two months ago for his health, hoping that this country might help him, but that dread disease tuberculosis had taken too strong a hold on him. He leaves a father, a mother, and two brothers here and two brothers and one sister in Oklahoma, besides many friends to mourn his loss.

Rev. Bell of San Antonio preached two interesting sermons at the Baptist Church here Sunday.

**ORDER OF SALE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Kerr. In the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, Kerr County, Texas. Spaulding Manufacturing Co. vs. P. Graham, No. 496.

Whereas, by virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 1, Kerr County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1913 in favor of the said Spaulding Manufacturing Co. and against the said P. Graham, No. 496 on the docket of said court I did on the 7th day of November, 1913 at 4 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tract of land situate in the County of Kerr, State of Texas, belonging to the said P. Graham, to-wit: Known as J. S. Hope Survey 1843, Patent No. 518, Vol. 18, on waters of Guadalupe river about 15 miles N. 85 west of Kerrville, Kerr County, Texas, containing 160 acres of land, and on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1914, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale all the right, title and interest of the said P. Graham in said property.

Dated at Kerrville, Texas, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1913. HENRY STAUDT, Constable of Kerr County, Texas.

**Advertise**

IF YOU Want a Cook Want a Clerk Want a Partner Want a Situation Want a Servant Girl Want to Sell a Piano Want to Sell a Carriage Want to Sell Town Property Want to Sell Your Groceries Want to Sell Your Hardware Want Customers for Anything Advertise Weekly in This Paper. Advertise is the Way to Success Advertise Brings Customers Advertise Keeps Customers Advertise Insures Success Advertise Shows Energy Advertise Shows Pluck Advertise is "Bix" Advertise or Bust Advertise Long Advertise Well ADVERTISE At Once

**In This Paper**

**Big Land Deal**

August F. Karger has sold his farm and ranch, 2,000 acres, near Kerrville on the Fredericksburg road to Robt. M. Insall of Weimer. Mr. Insall is now in Kerrville and will occupy their new home next month. Mr. Karger and family will move on the Hopping or Wehmeyer ranch recently bought by Mr. Karger. This ranch adjoins Capt. McKillip's on the Harper road.

**Baptist Ladies Aid**

The Baptist Ladies Aid and Missionary Society held their regular missionary meeting at the hospitable home of Mrs. A. A. Roberts Tuesday, Dec. 16. Despite the inclement weather there was quite a large attendance and a good meeting was held. After the regular business was disposed of an interesting program was rendered. This was followed by a delicious luncheon served by the hostess whom the Aid has long known for her excellent ability as a hostess and faithful membership.

The freewill offering amounted to \$5.15. The regular meeting was held this week at Mrs. Guinn.

**KERRVILLE**

Is the county seat of Kerr County, has a population of about 2900, is situated 70 miles northwesterly from San Antonio, and is the terminus of the Kerrville branch of the S. A. & A. P. railroad. It has two daily trains to and from San Antonio, and daily mail routes, carrying passengers in hacks, to Ingram, Junction, Rock Springs Harper and other places north and west of Kerrville, and also a daily line to Fredericksburg. From Kerrville to Fredericksburg is 25 miles; to Banderita and Medina City, 25 miles; to Junction 60 miles; Rock Springs 80 miles, Harper 21 miles.

Kerrville has electric lights and a splendid system of water works. The sum of \$20,000 is being spent on the streets and \$10,000 has been voted for road improvements in this precinct.

The elevation at Kerrville is 1750 feet. The Guadalupe river, which heads 30 miles north of Kerrville, runs through the city. On the east side where the city is located, there are high bluffs on the river, and on the west side is a fertile and beautiful valley, and mountains surround the city on the east and west. The Guadalupe valley is occupied by thrifty farmers and ranchmen and the mountain regions, among which there is considerable valley, creek and arable land, there are large ranches of cattle, horses, sheep and goats, all of which do well in the Kerrville country. The land generally is well wooded, principally with live oak, Spanish oak and cedar, and the range is good, and water excellent.

Our farmers grow wheat, oats and all other small grain, cane and alfalfa, cotton and corn, and fruit and vegetables do well. Kerrville is one of the largest wool markets in the state and large quantities of wool, mohair, cotton, oats, cattle, etc., are shipped from this point.

The climate of the Kerrville country is unsurpassed. The winters are short and generally mild and invigorating owing to the dryness of the climate and the prevalence of sunshine. The summers are cool and delightful, and the mountain air is pure and bracing. Game abounds in the Kerrville country, and fishing in the Guadalupe, especially north of Kerrville, is good. Kerrville and the adjoining towns are popular resorts for health and recreation.

The Kerrville Commercial Club, any of the different Realty Companies or any of our citizens, will be pleased to give prospective residents or visitors further information.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**Methodist Church**  
S. J. DRAKE, Pastor  
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock.  
Sunday School 9:45 a. m. J. J. Starkey, Superintendent.  
Epworth League 7 p. m. Mark Mosty, President.

**First Baptist Church**  
D. P. AIRHART, Pastor  
J. T. S. GAMMON, Treasurer  
Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.  
Sunday School 10 a. m. A. B. Williamson, Superintendent; Lula Mae Parker, Secretary.  
Prayer Services every Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock.  
Church choir practice every Friday night.  
The Ladies Aid meets every Tuesday at 3 p. m. Mrs. R. S. Newman, President; Mrs. A. A. Roberts, Secretary and Treasurer. Missionary Program 1st Tuesday in each month.

**Presbyterian Church**  
W. P. Dickey, Pastor  
Preaching every Sunday, 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8:00 p. m.  
Services will begin and close promptly on time.  
A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit these services.

**Episcopal Church**  
Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every Sunday.  
Liturgy and sermon Friday nights at 8 o'clock.  
Sunday School at 7:45 a. m.

**Lutheran Church**  
Regular services will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month at the Union Church. Sunday School at 9:50 and preaching at 10:50 a. m. B. Schleifer, Prator.

**THE LODGES**

**W. O. W.**  
Meets at Fawcett's Hall on First and Third Wednesday nights in each month.  
S. A. Rees, C. C.  
A. F. Thigpen, Clerk.

**WOODMEN CIRCLE**  
Meets on the Second and Fourth Mondays in each month at Fawcett's Hall.  
Mrs. Lillah Moore, Guardian  
Mrs. Elizabeth Mosty, Clerk

**O. E. S.**  
Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday nights of each month at Masonic Hall.  
Mrs. Ettie Townes, Worthy Matron.  
Dr. E. Galbraith, Worthy Patron.  
Mrs. Eron Williamson, Secretary.

**K. of P.**  
Lodge No. 166 meets on 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month at Fawcett's Hall.  
Silas F. Howard, C. C.  
J. D. Motley, K. of R.

**M. W. A.**  
Meets at Fawcett's Hall, 2nd and 4th Thursday nights in each month.  
L. A. Mosty, Consul.  
W. W. Noll, Clerk.

**A. F. & A. M.**  
Lodge No. 697 meets at Masonic Hall on Saturday night on or before full moon each month.  
A. W. Henke, W. M.  
E. Gold, Secretary

**PYTHIAN SISTERS**  
Meets 1st and 3rd Friday evenings of each month at Fawcett's Hall.  
Mrs. J. E. Grinstead, M. E. C.  
Miss Mabel Davie, M. of R. & C.

**COMMUNITY DIRECTORY**

**THE COURTS**  
DISTRICT COURT  
R. H. Burney, District Judge; L. J. Brucks, District Attorney.  
Court meets First Monday in January and Fourth Monday in June.

**COUNTY COURT**  
Meets for Probate business on First Monday's in February, April, June, August, October and December.  
Lee Wallace, Judge.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT**  
Meets Second Monday's in February, May, August and November.

**COUNTY OFFICERS**  
Lee Wallace, Judge  
W. G. Garrett, County Attorney  
John E. Leavelle, Clerk  
J. T. Moore, Sheriff  
A. B. Williamson, Treasurer  
W. G. Peterson, Assessor  
A. S. Starkey, Surveyor

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
Arthur Real Pre. No. 1  
John Rees, Pre. No. 2  
Hugo Wiedenfeld, Pre. No. 3  
J. M. Webb, Pre. No. 4  
E. H. Turner, Justice P. Pre. No. 1  
Jas. Croft, Justice P. Pre. No. 2  
Ed Smith, Justice P. Pre. No. 3

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To every purchaser of Starck Pianos, we give free music lessons, in one of the best known schools in Chicago. These lessons you can take in your own home, by mail. This represents one year's free instruction.

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We have constantly on hand a large number of slightly used and second-hand pianos of all standard makes taken in exchange for new Starck Pianos and Player-Pianos. The following are a few sample bargains:  
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# A Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year

To all our friends and customers.

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CASH GROCERY

## Local Notes

Harry Shawcross is spending the holidays with his mother at Montel.

All kinds of goodies direct from Santa Claus at C. C. Butt Cash Grocery.

Miss Sarah Scofield and little niece, Florence, are spending this week in San Antonio with relatives.

W. H. Burrell, wife and two children, arrived last week from north Wyoming to make their home here.

The WALKOVER SHOE is sure a hit for this mountain climbing country. At West Texas Supply Co.

Miss Nellie Sloan, one of the Harper teachers, was in Kerrville Saturday on her way to San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mansfield and two little sons, Charles Rhea and Robert, from their farm near Bandera, were in Kerrville Tuesday.

Buy HER a box of the fine Texas Girl Chocolates. We have them. PEARSON'S.

We are requested to announce that there will be the regular conference of the Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reinartz, Dec. 15, a fine boy.

John Reinhard and Will Hubble from near Comfort were in Kerrville last Saturday.

Otto Klein and Preston McFarland were in town from Camp Verde last Friday.

For school Rain Coats and Motor Hoods, go to West Texas Supply Co.

D. M. Painter and wife of Center Point were in Kerrville shopping yesterday.

Miss Mabel Deering is at home from her school at Mountain Home to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Remschel and children of Poth arrived Tuesday night to spend the holidays with relatives in Kerrville.

Fresh hams, breakfast bacon, salt bacon and all kinds of fresh groceries at Mosel, Sanger & Co.

Miss Sadie Lockett, a native of Kerrville, and Dr. Frank Hadden were married at Ft. Stockton on Dec. 19. They are now in San Antonio, but after the holidays will make their home at Brownsville.

C. L. Lowry was appointed on Dec. 19 trustee for J. Q. Wheeler & Son in the bankruptcy court of San Antonio. The stock of wagons, buggies and harness will be sold at public auction on January 8th next.

We have that box of Apples you want for Christmas. C. C. Butt Cash Grocery.

The condition of Rev. D. P. Airhart is somewhat improved today. His family hope to be able to take him to the Baptist Sanitarium at Houston this week.

Miss Edna Milwee teacher of the Pebble school was in Kerrville last Friday on her return to Center Point to spend the holidays.

Allie Adams of Harper was a caller at the Advance office Saturday.

J. W. Adams was here from Harper Sunday to meet his two daughters who were returning home from college to spend the holidays.

W. S. Mayfield of Center Point was a visitor to Kerrville Saturday.

Mrs. B. M. Mayfield of Medina is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Buckner.

W. T. Baldwin was in town Saturday from his upper Guadalupe farm.

Ed. Corkill came up from his ranch at Benavitas to spend Christmas with his family.

Miss Mary Russell is at home to spend the holidays from her school at Big Foot.

Merchants, S. J. Scott asks a part of your Fire Insurance renewals.

Mrs. Beatrice Mallory arrived Sunday night from Uvalde to spend the holiday vacation with her mother, Mrs. B. Weir.

Our Sweater line is complete in Style and price from 50c up, at West Texas Supply Co.

Miss Lela Douglas one of the high school pupils left Saturday for her home at Tarpley to spend Christmas.

We want Cedar and will pay highest market price. Mosel, Saenger & Co.

Mrs. S. Eckstein left Saturday for a short visit to her mother in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. W. G. Wharton was in Kerrville last Saturday en route to her home on the Divide from a visit to relatives in San Antonio.

We are the local agents for the well known Texas Girl Chocolates. Come in and buy your best girl a nice box. PEARSON'S.

Mrs. Winnie Hall of Center Point is spending the week here having her eyes treated by Dr. Secor.

Mrs. L. E. Duck and little son, Howard, who spent the summer here, have returned to their home in Greenville.

Miss Amy and Winifred Thalmann, who are students at the Tivy High School, left Saturday to spend the holidays at their home near Bandera.

We will have everything for that Christmas dinner. C. C. Butt Cash Grocery.

J. E. Palmer of Center Point was in Kerrville Monday prospecting with a view to locating here.

You know that we always keep well stocked in up-to-date Shoes for the whole family. West Texas Supply Co.

Rev. J. H. Jackson came down from Ingram Monday to meet Rev. Geo. W. Baines of the San Marcos Baptist Academy who has come to spend a few days with Bro. Jackson and take a little hunt.

Special--Our chocolate Candies at 25 cents per pound are unsurpassable. C. C. Butt Cash Grocery.

Dr. J. L. Fowler was down from Ingram Sunday to meet his daughter, Miss Eddie, who was coming home for the holidays from Sabinal where she is attending the Christian College.

We have a ten dollar box of Texas Girl Chocolates to be given away for 5 cents to the one who gets the lucky number. Come in and take a chance. PEARSON'S.

Mrs. H. C. Barfield and daughter, Miss Carrie Etta, and son Elvip, of Center Point, were visiting and shopping in Kerrville Monday.

Ladies Evening Slippers in pink, white, red and light blue satin. Come and see them. Mosel, Saenger & Co.

## Christmas and New Year's Greetings

We heartily thank our good friends and customers for the generous patronage bestowed upon us during the past year.

We value highly the confidence and good will of these friends and customers who are the very bulwark of our business. We attribute our success in business to our friends and customers who continually year after year come back again and induce their kinfolks and friends to make our store their business home.

We thank you one and all, kind friends. May Santa bring you a joyous and glad Xmas tide. May the day be overflowing with happiness and bring you many glad tidings of joy, and may the new year 1914 be one that will long be remembered by you one and all as a year of great prosperity and happiness. May your fondest wishes be fulfilled in the wish of your friends, H. Noll Stock Co. The big glass front store.

Mrs. Chas. Leinweber and children left Saturday for their ranch on the Divide to spend the holidays. Mr. Leinweber came in for them.

Cigars in boxes for X-mas presents, from \$1.00 to \$4.00. PEARSON'S.

Miss Annie Mae Morriss, who is attending school in Kerrville left Saturday for her father's ranch near Lula, where she will spend the holidays.

James Patterson and daughter, Miss Meta, who had been visiting in San Antonio, stopped at the St. Charles Hotel last Thursday on their return home to Junction.

Candies, of all kinds at C. C. Butt Cash Grocery.

The four Deering brothers came in Saturday from their schools to spend the holidays with the old folks at home--Charlie from Raymondville, Wilbur from Laredo, Harvey from Encinal, and Elmer from Harwood.

Mrs. Docia Johnson, principal of the Tivy High School, and her brother and sister, Clifton and Marie Barfield, left Saturday morning for Cheapside, Gonzales County, where they will spend the holidays.

Cedar wanted and highest market price paid Mosel Saenger & Co.

L. R. Landrum and Joe McCurdy two prominent farmers from near Medina spent Sunday night and Monday in Kerrville visiting Mr. R. J. McCurdy and family and attending to business.

Cedar Wanted and highest market price paid Mosel Saenger & Co.

Among the college students who are at home to spend the holidays, we note the following: Miss Olga Strackbein, Ivy Burney and Walter Buckner, from the State University; Ervin Mittanek, from A. & M. College.

Nothing pleases a girl more than a pretty box of GOOD candy. Come to Pearson's and buy your girl a box.

Rev. A. A. Scruggs of Brownwood, District Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, spent Sunday in Kerrville. At the 11 o'clock hour he preached to the Baptist people and at night gave his lecture at the Methodist church.

When in need of a nice suit or overcoat for men or boys, see us before you buy. It will pay you. West Texas Supply Co.

Carl, the little son of County Assessor Walter Peterson, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Kerrville Sanitarium-Hospital Saturday and is recovering nicely, we are glad to say.

Miss Lucy McMillan of Waelder arrived Monday night on a visit to her cousin, Mrs. A. Emms.

Jesse Padgett of Tarpley was a visitor to Kerrville Tuesday.

Ed. Miller of Lima was trading in Kerrville Tuesday.

Thos. H. Phillips was over from Lima trading Saturday.

Jack Phillips and sister Miss Jessie who are attending Tivy High School left Saturday for their home at Lima to spend the holidays.

Trunks, Suit Cases, hand bags, at West Texas Supply Co.

## How About Santa Claus this Year

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year but by handing only \$1.75 to the publisher of The Kerrville Advance you will get 156 papers a year, or three a week. That's some reading ain't it? Good, instructive, wholesome reading, too. Try the combination. You'll like it. It is this: The Semi-Weekly Farm News \$1 a year. The Kerrville Advance \$1 a year; the two well worth \$2.00 a year. You get them both for \$1.75 a year. Do It Now.

## Japonica Jottings.

Mrs. M. C. Alexander and son, Lee Davis, have gone to El Paso where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons of Victoria are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Williams at Hunttown.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McDonas and son have returned to this place after spending most of the year in traveling.

Mrs. Will Schumaker of the Divide is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. Beal Taylor, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, we are glad to say is improving slowly.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Tedford of Aransas Pass came up to see their brother, Mr. R. Taylor, who has been sick.

Mrs. Fred Wedking of Harper is visiting relatives and friends at Japonica. Etc.

For Sale--6-room house in Tivy addition, Kerrville. Place contains one and one-half acres, well, windmill and tank and irrigated garden. Will sell for \$1200. Apply at the Advance office.

Ladies visiting cards neatly printed in latest style, at Advance office.

## Christmas Greetings

We wish to thank our friends and customers for the generous patronage extended us during the past year. Wishing all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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# DEBATE ON FLOODS

## RANDELL AND NEWLANDS IN RADICAL DISAGREEMENT AS TO CONTROL METHODS.

### CONGRESS IS ASKED TO ACT

#### Louisiana Man Favors Levees and Is Supported by Head of Mississippi River Commission—Nevada Senator Urges Reservoirs.

By GEORGE CLINTON.

Washington.—United States Senators Joseph E. Randell of Louisiana and Francis G. Newlands of Nevada, both Democrats, disagree radically as to the governmental methods to be employed to control the floods and to regulate and control the flow of navigable streams in the aid of interstate commerce. There were sharp discussions of the question involved at the tenth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, which has just met in Washington.

The whole subject of Mississippi river improvement and the prevention of the floods which have devastated the Mississippi valley in recent years is involved in this matter of difference between two senators of the United States, both of whom apparently are trying to reach the same end by entirely different means. Congress has been asked to act and the debate on the subject, especially as it affects the Mississippi valley, will perhaps be sharper in the senate than it was at the meeting of the delegates of the waterways congress.

Col. C. McD. Townsend of the United States engineer corps is the chairman of the Mississippi river commission. Apparently he is opposed utterly to Mr. Newlands' plan, which would provide for flood prevention and protection by means of huge reservoirs for water storage purposes and the protection of water sheds from denudation and erosion. Colonel Townsend seemingly, therefore, is opposed to plans which have received the endorsement of the conservationists who would have reforestation and forest fire protection go hand in hand with the work of flood prevention.

Colonel Townsend's Views. In writing on the subject, particularly as it relates to the Mississippi river, Colonel Townsend says: "While of the opinion that levees afford the only practicable method of controlling the floods of the Mississippi river, I desire to state that I am strongly in favor of both reforestation and reservoir construction, but limited to the purposes for which they are adapted. Just as I am in favor of re-enforced concrete for small bridges, though not considering it applicable to one spanning the lower Mississippi river."

In the opinion of this engineer officer, the control of the lower Mississippi by reservoirs is impracticable, if not impossible, although he says there are numerous smaller streams where reservoirs can be used with excellent results. He adds: "The systematic conservation and regulation by the Federal government of the river from its source to its mouth sounds most attractive, suggesting the scientific solution of every problem of river hydraulics, but instead I greatly fear that it is the voice of the siren luring the people to an open pork barrel for every stream in the United States."

Randell is for Levees. It is probable that Senator Randell represents the view of the people of the lower Mississippi section and in part the views of people of other sections. His belief is that the matter must be kept in the main stream during the flood times and that it can be kept there if the proper levees are built.

The Newlands scheme is set forth in a bill in congress upon which the voluminous report has been prepared and published. The Newlands measure is called a bill "To create a board of river regulation and to provide a fund for the regulation and control of the flow of navigable river in the aid of interstate commerce, and as a means to that end to provide for flood prevention and protection and for the beneficial use of flood waters and for water storage and for the protection of water sheds from denudation and erosion and from forest fires and for the co-operation of government services and bureaus with each other and with states, municipalities and other local agencies."

This is a broad bill. Its opponents think that the plan involved would require too much time and "too many hands at work," and that results can be reached more quickly and more cheaply by what they call more direct methods. The Newlands bill provides for a government appropriation of \$50,000 each year for ten years, making a total of \$500,000,000.

It is said that the printed price lists of what holiday dinners were to cost this dinner were responsible directly for the proposal to have another government inquiry into the high cost of living. The attorney general already is looking into the high cost matters along various lines of supposed least resistance, and before the winter is ended it is probable that a committee of congress or an authorized commission will attempt to find out why prices are flying so high. A legislative attempt probably will be made to bring the prices down tumbling.

It was Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, who first took hold of the holiday chance to take a rap at the claim

of the Democrats that the tariff and some other things would help out the purse of the purchaser.

The Utah man probably thinks as the Democrats do, that the tariff law has not yet had a chance to prove anything in a price way, because it has been in operation such a comparatively short time, but a political opportunity ought not be lost even if it comes in connection with a holiday supposed to be devoted to prayer and praise. At any rate, the Republicans of course, do not think that there is much occasion for thanksgiving in days of Democratic supremacy.

Blame Cold Storage.

Representative McKellar of Tennessee, who is a Democrat, is one of the leading proponents of the cause of the investigation into the high price matters generally. The Tennesseean apparently thinks that the cold storage houses are responsible in large part for the advanced cost of many food products. Mr. McKellar's thought is in no wise new. The cold storage question has been discussed in congress and out of it time after time. It is believed, apparently, by all of those who suspect the cold storage plants of boosting the price of things, that the ultimate cost is an almost forbiddingly high one because so much money has been put out in intermediate transactions. This question will be gone into specifically by the Democratic board of inquiry, if it gets authorization to go to work.

Congressmen, and others, too, for that matter, have been told that men go through the country districts in the spring buying up eggs for say 14 cents a dozen; that these eggs are then turned over to a dealer for say 16 cents, who turns them over to another dealer, a storage man, on a small scale, for an advanced price, and he finally turns them over to the big concerns which can afford to hold them for seven or eight months, and sell them for three or four times their original cost.

Of course the Democratic inquiry will concern itself with other things than eggs. Butter, beef, vegetables and fruit are higher today than ever they have been and the housewife does not find it necessary to read such a government report as that published recently to prove that providing breakfast, luncheon and dinner for the family is a costly operation. Today they are selling three fairly good apples in Washington for 25 cents. This was the price of a peck of apples not many years ago. "Other things in proportion," as the man said who was sitting down to breakfast alone, ordered a two pound steak.

The desire to rest is just as strong with the president as it is with any member of congress. Mr. Wilson wants to get away from Washington, and so does every man on the big hill, from the speaker down to the smallest page boy in either house. Vice-President Marshall has had a vacation and a good many of the representatives have taken theirs "without leave." The president, however, has had to curb his longings, for he learned through many years as a pupil and as a teacher how to stay in after hours.

New Year's Reception Cancelled. The New Year's reception, the only great wholly public reception of the year at the White House, has been done away with by executive order, or what is equivalent to such an order. The President is tired out and he is going south to spend a part of the holiday season if congress takes a recess. The cancelling of this White House reception led to a good deal of comment, but there is nothing definite to prove that a reception may not be held next year. Many presidents wanted to do away with these receptions, but none of them has felt that he was justified in cutting out the function on the one day of the year when all people without special invitations could come in to shake the hand of the chief executive and to catch a glimpse of the glories of the interior of the great house.

At one time the president thought of going to Panama during the Christmas holidays, but this plan has been given over because the Panama trip, if he wanted to see the canal in all its parts, would probably consume three weeks and to take so much time would keep him away from Washington during at least a week of the deliberations of the lawmakers.

Some of the Democrats in congress are rancorous enough to say that if Mr. Wilson had not been at the outset in such a schoolmaster mood about getting the currency bill passed the measure would have gone through long ago. The "mean-minded ones" meant that their colleagues were resentful of the president's methods and that the delay in currency was the natural result of the resentment. In other words, dragging out the hearings and putting drags on the wheels were due not so much to a disinclination on the part of the senate to pass the bill as to a desire to get even.

There is probably no soundness in what the critics of the administration methods have said, but it is certain for one only had to look to learn, that members of congress were irritable and snappy under the enforced grind of the currency. The currency is a tough enough subject in itself, for men have disagreed concerning it ever since and probably before sea shells were a medium of exchange. An irritating subject, irritating weather and irritating members, together conspired, perhaps unintentionally, to make laggard the progress of legislation of high national moment, and conspired also to prevent cool and proper consideration.

A Real Friend. "It is our real friends that tell us our faults." "That's why I call my better half 'friend wife.'"

# DIVERSIFICATION ON SOUTHERN FARMS

## Crops Must Be Diversified to Keep Our Money at Home.

### BREEDING HORSES AND MULES

#### Big Key to Agricultural Reform in the South Is More Labor-Saving Machinery on the Farm—Chief Cause of Poverty.

(By G. H. ALFORD.)

We must diversify our crops and keep our money at home to build magnificent homes, churches, school houses, and good roads, and to educate our children and fill our banks to overflowing; keep out of debt and insist on getting all that we buy at the lowest price for cash; increase the fertility of our soils by reducing washing to the minimum; by deep plowing and turning under vegetable matter, a rotation of crops, including leguminous crops, and the addition of barnyard manure and ground phosphate rock; plant the most prolific seed instead of seed that have run out; use economic plants, such as legumes, and small grains and sorghum for feed instead of so much expensive corn; use commercial fertilizers judiciously; drain our lands better; give our soil better preparation and frequent and shallow cultivation, but the use of more horse power is probably the most effective remedy for poverty in the south.

The big key to agricultural reform in the south is more horse power and labor-saving implements on the farm. The average farm worker toils with a small mule or horse, and his total annual income is only about \$148. In Iowa, the average farm worker uses nearly four large horses and produces \$611.11 annually, exclusive of stock. An analysis of the different states show a much smaller use of power on the southern farms than in any other section of the country, and consequently less use of labor-saving farm implements and correspondingly lower capacity of the farmers.

Probably the chief cause of poverty in the south is the one-horse breaking

spare. It is perfectly clear that when work done on a farm by two geldings or mules is equally as well done by three mares at a very slight expense in feed cost, and when such extra feed cost is offset with a balance of \$100 to \$150 to spare, that it is an economic waste not to use mares. The man who uses mares and produces colts adds to his own wealth and to that of the community where he resides.

We must get pure bred draft sires if we are to build up our present underdeserted stock of mares into good sized, well-built draft mares for farm work and colt production. Of course, there is a splendid opportunity at the present time for many southern farm



Two-Horse Cultivator.

ers to purchase such draft mares as are suited to southern conditions, but we cannot go north and west and buy such grade draft mares as cheaply as we can grow them. Furthermore, we cannot purchase a sufficient number of draft mares to make much progress within two or three generations.

The colt from a first-class draft sire and one of our small mares will usually weigh from 1,100 to 1,400 pounds. Two or three successive crosses with pure bred draft sires will build this undersized stock up into a

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REMEDY: BREED SOUND HORSES.

plow. The small mule and a small turning plow is a guarantee of shallow soil devoid of vegetable matter or humus. A shallow soil devoid of vegetable matter means small crops and poor farmers. The soil should be deep and full of humus in order to increase the storage capacity for water and thereby enable it to hold enough water to carry the crop through the longest drought in the summer though heavily fertilized. We cannot plow deep or turn under the corn and cotton stalks, oat and pea stubble, grass and weeds with a one-horse plow.

Cultivating crops with one-horse plows and one-horse cultivators is a slow process and should not be practiced unless the land is full of roots and stumps. This is an age of labor-saving farm implements, and no farmer can afford to walk down each middle three or four times at each cultivation. The one-horse cultivator should be used by every farmer.

The farmers of the south should raise the necessary horse power. Millions of dollars are leaving the south each year for the purchase of mules and horses. Few small farmers can afford to keep mules and geldings. At least half the work stock on southern farms should be draft mares, actively engaged in heavy work and mule production. It is a great economic waste not to use one or more draft mares on every farm.

The man who employs mules or geldings in farm operations receives in return only their labor. Mares employed for farm work, if intelligently handled, can do all the work that is required and will produce in addition a considerable number of colts, which rapidly develop into marketable animals, thereby adding to the farm income.

It is generally considered that three brood mares must be kept to do the same work that can be done by a pair of mules or geldings of equal strength, but the difference in feed cost is slight, and the value of the colts produced offsets such difference in feed costs, with a considerable balance to

# GOOD JOKES



### PASSED THE PLATE.

It was a street car conductor's duties in the church of which he was a member to take up the collections one day; and, as it happened, his first experience of such duties. He was a little nervous as he started down the center aisle, but that soon wore off, and he began to feel almost at home. There were several children in the first pew. Each put in a penny. The people in the next pew also contributed something each.

A big, glum fellow sat alone in the third pew. The new collector passed him the plate, but the man shook his head and stuck his hands deep into his pockets.

Thereupon our friend the conductor stopped, put up his hand as if to jerk the bell cord, and said: "Well, you'll have to get off."—National Monthly.

### A NON-EXPERT OPINION.



Peter—I say, Jimmy, what do they mean by 'fearsome' in this here game of golf?

Jimmy—Don't know, Peter, unless it's the way some folks play.

### A Lost Heirloom.

"There is no gout in Sir Percy's family, is there?"

"Not now; there was formerly. It was introduced into the family by Sir Roland Highliver, but they have been so miserably poor for the last 200 years that they couldn't keep it up."—Puck.

### Not Like His Grandfather.

"Doctor, I'm getting tired of this everlasting darning. You ought to have more respect for me than that. My grandfather was one of the earliest settlers."

"Well, I wish you had inherited that quality, and would settle early."

### Too Ostentatious.

The Tall Blonde—Absence makes the heart grow fonder. The Short Brunette—But the Lima, Ohio, man who shot off fireworks when his wife went away on a vacation made a vulgar display of his affection.—Judge.

### His Reproof.

Mrs. Voteleigh (coming home at 11)—Are the dear children all right? I haven't set eyes on them since morning.

Her Husband—Hub! You go about airing your views; better you'd stay at home and view your hair.

### Where He Obtained Knowledge.

"I don't see any sense in referring to the wisdom of Solomon," said the man smartly. "He had a thousand wives."

"Yes," answered the woman tartly, "he learned his wisdom from them."

### BAD SEASON.



The Critic—Sorry I missed seeing that knob scene in your last production.

The Actor—To which knob scene do you allude? The one in the play, the one in the audience, or the one on salary day?

### On Leap Year.

Weary William—I wouldn't have many national holidays if I had my way—only 365, that's all.

Frayed Philip—So yer'd make us pore fellers work one day every four years, would yer, yer slave driver!

### Technical Enough.

Bonign Old Gentleman—Poor little chap! Where did that cruel boy hit you?

Tommy—Hoo-oo-oo! We were 'avin' a naval battle, an' 'e torpedoed me in the engine-room!—Tit-Bits.

### In Public Eye.

"Somehow," said the genial station official as he seated himself beside the traveler, "there are some things which lead people to appreciate our wonderful improvements for their convenience and comfort."

"Oh, don't worry," laughed the jolly traveler. "There are some things about your line that are always in the public eye."

"I'm glad to hear that, sir. And would you mind naming them?" "Cinders, sir—cinders!"

### Perplexing Prescription.

Mrs. McGuire—Is you could man any better since he went to th' doctor's, Mrs. Finnegan?

Mrs. Finnegan—Not wan bit, Mrs. McGuire. Sure, it's worse th' poor man is wid his head whirlin' aroun' tryin' to discover how to follow th' doctor's directions.

Mrs. McGuire—An' what are th' directions, Mrs. Finnegan?

Mrs. Finnegan—Sure, they do be to take wan powder six toims a day, Mrs. McGuire.

Any Old Grounds, Nowadays. "If you can show sufficient cause, madam, I am sure you will be able to obtain the divorce you seek. Upon what grounds will you sue?" asked the lawyer.

"Incompatibility."

"Ah, very good. What appears to be the trouble?"

"No matter what I do or say, my husband never fails to reproach me with 'tut, tut.'"

### Eliminative Processes.

"If you'll notice this year you will see that there doesn't seem to be as many canoe-drowning jokes as there were last season and the season before. How do you account for it?"

"I dunno; maybe once in awhile a humorist tips over and isn't heard from any more, same as anybody's else."

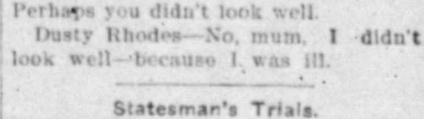
### No Control.

Baseball Fitcher (twalking the floor with his youngsters)—If the manager could see me now, I bet I'd get soaked with a fine.

Wife—Why so, dear?

Pitcher—I don't seem to have any control of the ball at all.

### TOO ILL TO LOOK WELL.



Mrs. Goodhart—Couldn't find work. Perhaps you didn't look well.

Dusty Rhodes—No, mum. I didn't look well—because I was ill.

### Statesman's Trials.

"You must remember not to forget the folks back home," advised the veteran statesman.

"There is small chance of my having a chance to forget them so long as there are jobs to fill," replied the new representative.

### A House That Suits.

"Has your wife found a house that suits her?"

"Well, yes, it suits her. All but the kitchen range, the closets, the cellar, the front parlor, the vestibule, the lighting arrangements and the dining-room wall paper."

### Puffed Proverb.

Though thruout by gentle suction sped, He may the reserve approximate. You cannot force the equine quadruped. The aqua pura to incrustate.

### His Fortune.

"I should think it was a pity Noah and his sons didn't know anything about poker. It would have been such a diversion in the ark."

"They couldn't have played it with any success, because they never had more than two of a kind."

### Unanswerable.

"My father kin 'lleg, your father," said little Tommy Snagg to little Bobby Bluster.

"Mebby he kin," said little Bobby Bluster, "but he ain't agoin' to do it, 'cause my father is your father's boss."

### The Hobo as a Teacher.

The Lady—Look here, you said that if I'd give you your dinner you'd mow the lawn for me.

The Hobo—I'd like to, ma'am, but I gotta teach you a lesson. Never trust th' word of a total stranger.

### Had a Poor Time.

She—I suppose you are familiar with Longfellow's poem: "To Stay at Home Is Best."

He—Yes, and I think he must have written it just after returning from a summer outing.







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