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Camp Verde Letter.

(Regular Correspondence)
W. B. Chaney passed through on his way to San Antonio to meet his mother who will spend the winter with them. He reports his wife who has been confined to her bed most of the summer much improved in health. She is in Sabal visiting her daughter.

We are sorry to report Joe Chaney's foot not doing well. Small pieces of bones are still working out through the flesh.

John Mansfield was a Verde visitor Friday.

Jim Lackey and Z. H. Burleson were Kerrville visitors Saturday.

Mrs. T. H. Davis visited Mrs. J. T. Hill of Center Point Saturday night and Sunday.

Nat Fine and family visited Will Hubble and family at Center Point Saturday and Sunday.

J. T. Hill and wife have returned from a visit of a few days at Utopia.

Oscar Nowlin and wife were shopping in Center Point Saturday.

Episcopal Church Notes

Friday the 25th being the day commonly agreed on among Christian peoples of the world as the day upon which to commemorate the nativity of Jesus, the Christ, as son of God and son of man, there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, (i. e. feast of Thanksgiving) in St. Peter's (Episcopal) church at 10 o'clock a. m. There will be a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Suitable music has been prepared.

There will be the usual service on Sunday the 27th, with sermon. On Monday evening, at 7:30, it being Holy Innocents' day, there will be a children's festival in the Parish Building. J. S. JOHNSTON, Bishop, in charge.

Center Point Letter.

G. F. Scallorn was in town from Medina Monday en route to Jourdanton.

Jesse Coleman and family of Oregon are the guests of W. D. Burney. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Coleman is in very bad health.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Layton of Medina were in Center Point Monday to see Mrs. Layton's brother, Jesse Coleman. Mr. Layton returned home Tuesday.

Miss Annie and Master L. B. Cleveland of Stockdale are visiting their sister, Mrs. Will Jetton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coleman of Kerrville were in town Monday and Tuesday.

The revival meeting at the Baptist church closed Sunday night.

Rev. J. M. Witt and J. R. Hernon visited in San Antonio last week.

Ed. Storms and family of Nordheim are visiting Mr. Storms brother, J. D. Storms.

Coy Pressley of San Antonio was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Pressley and Elvin and Miss Carrie, Etta Barfield went to San Antonio last Friday to attend the funeral of Rev. J. D. Overton.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who came to stand by us in our time of great sorrow, the death of our beloved Ernest, and rendered us so generously their sympathy and assistance. May the Good Lord reward you.

Mary Brambella,
Mrs. W. C. Anderson
and family.

OFF FOR THE HOMES OF THE LITTLE FOLKS



NO MORE RUM-FOR THIS DRY TOWN

BY E. K. WOOLEY.

A while ago I stopped a couple of days in a small town not far from Cleveland. It's one of those comfortable little towns where great shade trees form arches over the residence streets and prosperous little shops line one side of Main Street facing the public square. It has about 1,400 inhabitants, two newspapers and two banks, several churches and a woman's club that's a power in the community.

There seemed nothing wanting, and yet I missed something. Finally it dawned upon me. There was no "poor district" and there was no corner saloon.

I commented upon this to the hotel proprietor. "There hasn't been a saloon here for twenty-nine years," he informed me. "There's not a young man in the town that drinks—I mean men under 40—and the town's proud of it. We have some older ones who still have their spirits, but even most of these are beginning to feel that they aren't looked up to the way they should be and some of them are quitting, or taking their drinks on the quiet. I think it's safe to say we haven't seen a drunken man in this town in the last ten years."

"When we put the saloons out of business here there were those who argued that it would ruin the town. They said people wouldn't come here to trade; business would fall away and people would move out. Well, it's turned out just the other way."

"Some people moved out, but we were glad to have them go. They weren't exactly the sort of people that make a good town. We

haven't had to keep much of a police force since they left, and the ladies aid in the churches haven't been kept so busy supplying pauper families.

"We've been getting our streets paved with money that used to go to saloonkeepers. We've developed a fire department that's on the job every minute. We've been putting up new homes and improving old grounds until, I guess, you won't find a prettier or more modern town of its size in the country."

"Oh, yes—we kept our 'trade with the farmers. What's more, they bring their wives and children into town now for a good time—take them to the picture shows and town-hall dances and over here to the hotel for a meal. Before that they used to drive in, hitch their horses in Main Street and make a bee line for the saloon. That's all the good their money did to the town."

"And say—I notice the farmers' women are better dressed than they used to be, and most of 'em are coming to town in automobiles nowadays. They come oftener, too. I guess it doesn't hurt the farmer's family any when he can't come to town and take a jug of whiskey back with him under the wagon seat after he's drunk all his carcass can hold at the saloon."

"Some folks say it's taking away a man's liberty to shut up the saloons. Lord! What do they say to taking away the liberty of a wife and children by sending a man home roaring drunk, with all his money spent that ought to have gone for things the family needs. Hey! I guess there's two sides to this liberty business."

Methodist Church Notes

Our Sunday School was not a failure last Sunday, though the weather was indeed very unfavorable. Attendance and collection were good considering the day. Only two teachers were absent, by reason of the cold. We were also delighted with the attendance at church services, both morning and evening.

We are preparing to have a Christmas tree and hope to entertain the little folk on that occasion in an unusual way.

The Woman's Missionary Society have elected their officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Pres., Mrs. S. C. Dunn; 1st. Vice Pres., Mrs. J. M. Fverheart; 2nd. Vice Pres.,

Miss Alice Starkey; Cor. Sec. Mrs. A. Seoble; Recording Secretary, Miss Bettie King; Supt. Social Service, Mrs. T. B. Hamlyn; Treas., Mrs. L. A. Mosty; assistant Treasurer, Mrs. D. H. Comparette; Supt. of Study and Publicity, Mrs. W. C. Provine; Supt. of Supplies, Miss Mary Gowan. We hope to see the Society make progress, this year and do great work for the Master's cause.
S. C. DUNN.

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Special From Rock Springs

Rock Springs, Texas, Dec. 14.—The December Term of the Edwards County District Court convened here to-day with the following official members present, Judge R. H. Burney of Kerrville; District Attorney, L. J. Brucks of Hondo; Official Stenographer, Rollin Taylor of San Antonio; Sheriff L. A. Clark and District Clerk, Sam Hough of this place.

The civil docket of the court is quite large, but owing to the sickness of some of the counsel employed most of the docket will be continued to the next term.

There are several cases on the criminal docket which will likely be tried and several which have been continued because of counsel's absence.

The grand jury was convened and is now investigating some ten or twelve cases of theft of goats and sheep as well as other purported crimes supposed to have been committed in the past six months.

Witnesses and parties to the different suits are in attendance from Junction, Kerrville, Bracket, Leaky, Sonora, Del Rio, Carrizo Springs, Uvalde, Barksdale and other neighboring towns.

The following visiting attorneys were present answering for their clients at the bar of Justice this morning: W. D. Love and J. W. Hill, Uvalde; J. H. Fulton, Mason; John R. Storms, San Antonio; Bughouse & Smith, El Paso, and W. G. Garrett and Gilbert C. Storms of Kerrville.

The thermometer registered 18 at day break this morning and the weather continues cold. A slight spray of snow fell at intervals during the day, and prospects are very good for more rain.

The town is building rapidly and the country in general evidences the prosperity existing in ranch life.

Laundry De Luxe agency at Adkins barber shop. Best service guaranteed. Hats cleaned and blocked. Basket goes every Tuesday.
C. L. Word, agent.

Ernest Brambella.

It becomes our sad duty to chronicle the death of one of Kerrville's most highly respected and promising young men—Ernest Brambella, who passed away Sunday morning, Dec. 13, after a serious illness of about twenty days. Ernest was not strong of body, having only a few weeks ago recovered from an illness of several months, and this last relapse was more than his weak constitution could withstand. His last illness was a serious spinal trouble.

Ernest Brambella was born in Kerr County nineteen years ago and was raised in Edwards County, near Rock Springs, where his father owned a ranch. His parents both died when he was but a child leaving him and his only sister, Mary, as orphans, but they have had the constant care of a faithful and loving grandmother, Mrs. W. C. Anderson, with whom they have made their home since the death of their father and mother.

The funeral was conducted from the Anderson home Monday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Riddle, pastor of the Baptist church, and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, after which the body was interred at Glen Rest cemetery. The family can rest assured that they have the profound sympathy of the entire community.

Henry Burney Appointed as Bar Examiner.

Henry P. Burney has been appointed a member of the board of legal examiners for this district to conduct examinations of students desiring to practice law. Mr. Burney succeeds Marcus Davis, who has resigned because of the trouble with his eyes. Much work is required in passing the various examination papers, which for the most part consist of reading.—S. A. Express.

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MORE APPOINTMENTS TO STATE OFFICES

GOVERNOR-ELECT FERGUSON HAS NEARLY COMPLETED LIST OF STATE APPOINTMENTS.

NEARLY ALL NEW FACES

Several Holdovers Under Present Administration Were Remembered, But List Generally Represents a Clean Sweep.

Temple, Tex.—With the making public Saturday of a long list of appointments to state offices, most of which were of a minor character, Governor-elect Ferguson has practically cleared the decks so far as this feature of his administration is concerned.

C. W. Woodman of Fort Worth was appointed commissioner of labor statistics. There remains to be appointed members of boards of several eleemosynary institutions, regents of the State University, managers of the State A. and M. College and several other institutions of learning, all of which will be decided at an early date.

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Commissioner of labor statistics, C. W. Woodman, Fort Worth; quarantine officer at Sabine, Dr. A. S. Pollock; quarantine officer at Eagle Pass, Dr. Van E. McFarland; quarantine officer at Port O'Connor, J. L. Skinner; state veterinarian, Dr. William T. Chrisman, Dallas; state board of pharmacy, John H. Weeks of Balinger, H. B. Schumann of New Braunfels, W. H. Cousins of Wichita Falls, Earnest Caskey of Quanah and Henry Carlton of Taylor.

S. W. English, present member of the fire rating board, and A. R. Andrews, the newly appointed member, have made the following appointments for their departments:

A. H. Hayes, chief clerk; B. F. Carruth, chief rate clerk; M. K. Collier, W. L. Carruth, Ben W. Smith, H. J. Hughes, F. S. Bonham, Gus Wortham and J. B. Riley, rate clerks; R. B. Godley, Jr., chief engineer; L. A. Stevenson and T. G. Barrow, assistant engineers; Fred Wilson, special inspector, located at Houston; S. M. Meeks, special inspector, located at San Antonio; T. T. Moore, bookkeeper; John Mathis, Hamilton Armstrong, J. J. Timmons, Lexie Jarrell, F. A. Clark, Auer Morris, Max Wymore and P. E. Tucker, clerks; stenographers, Enrique Smith, Miss Sue St. John, R. E. Rustin and Miss Sallie K. Logan; special inspectors, A. W. Peninger, Ben Smith and E. R. Miller.

Captain J. O. Owens, the newly appointed superintendent of buildings and grounds, makes the following appointments:

W. A. Powell, chief engineer and electrician; Frank Eckles, Jr., assistant; C. N. Workman; R. A. Kendall, J. H. Burditt, John Faulk, Al Musgrove, J. H. Bowman and J. H. Carl, watchmen; Marvin G. Newton, carpenter; M. C. Leonard, painter; E. P. Doyle, keeper San Jacinto park.

Captain Owens will appoint his chief clerk within the next few days. All minor positions about the capitol in his department have been filled.

Bob Hoffman, dairy and pure food commissioner, announces the appointment of J. K. Brim of Sulphur Springs as special inspector. This completes the list of inspectors for his department.

Mr. Ferguson has also appointed John J. Sanders of Caldwell county, Monroe Fox of Travis county and E. H. Smith of McLennan county as ranger captains.

Selling Hogs; Holding Cotton. Pearsall, Tex.—Farmers are holding to cotton as much as they can, and a result very little has been sold during the last six weeks. Instead of selling cotton they are disposing surplus corn, hay, maize and many have been shipping fat hogs to the ket.

No Grands Truck Shipments. Benito, Tex.—Head lettuce has added to the variety of vegetable going out from the valley, it shipped in small quantities by express. Cart shipment of this valley product will hardly be a week or more.

School Building Is Burned. Bay, Tex.—Lockney public building was destroyed by fire. The building was a new erected two years ago at a cost of \$16,000, including equipment.

Bridge Bonds Sold. Tex.—The \$50,000 issue of bonds of road district No. 2, were sold Saturday. Work going on for some time on it and it will be pushed to now.

Conditions Are Promising. Tex.—Prominent oil men Panuco, Trinidad, Honza and Humble agree that the oil field is the next oil developed.

CHRISTMAS MILESTONES IN AMERICA

EVEN the poor child of today has more in his Christmas stocking than the prosperous child dreamed of in the first century of white occupation of this country. Blase boys and girls who can hardly think of anything new for which to ask the generous saint can hardly conceive of the bareness of those early Christmas holidays.

In Massachusetts it was the worst of all, for keeping Christmas was denounced as a pernicious custom, and any child daring to think of as much as a plum pudding on that day would make himself liable to reproof by the authorities. All along the stern and rockbound coast the only Christmas trees in the days of the Puritan domination were those that nature had planted there and had adorned in December with fleecy snow. The fires burned brightly on the open hearths, but there was no invitation to the good saint to descend the chimney when the embers had burned low. As far as the children knew, Christmas was just like any other day in the calendar. Even after the Puritan reaction against the forms and customs of the old church had spent itself to some extent the children of the seventeenth century still expected no gifts in honor of the birthday of Christ.

In New Amsterdam the outlook was a little better for the children. The Hollanders had brought with them their St. Nicholas, and his birthday was celebrated joyously by young and old just before Christmas, but this day was kept, too, by the Protestant Dutch as heartily as by any Catholics. Of course, they had not many real toys as we know them today, but in the shoes that the little Hollanders set by the fireplace in the shining kitchen, which was also the living room, were home-made sweets and cakes and home-made gifts. Many of these were of a useful character, such as hand-knit caps and mittens, but now and then a skillful Hollander would carve a model of a boat such as that which had brought them to New Amsterdam or a miniature chest of drawers, and one can fancy the recipients showing these with pride to the wondering little Indian boys and girls when they came to be on terms of su-

cient amity with them for such conferences.

In Virginia, where the Church of England was strong and its adherents steadfastly observed the holidays as in the home country, there was always more of the Christmas spirit and abundant cheer and merrymaking than elsewhere at this season. Here the Yule log held its place and here were the games and the feasting that made it indeed the merry season of the year. Later when New Amsterdam became New York and the English came into power the character of the Christmas holiday was changed again somewhat, although the Dutch influence continued dominant for many years.

Owing to the large number of Germans in Pennsylvania Christmas there partook largely of the nature of the festival in the fatherland. It was largely a family affair. The children for months before the day of the Nativity saved their pennies and bought material from which they fashioned their gifts for their parents and for one another. These were presented on Christmas eve, and the next day the parents in turn spread out their presents for the children on a large table in the best room. Stockings were hung, too, and the good children had them filled with sweetmeats, pepper cakes and other goodies, but those who had been bad sometimes found a birch rod as a Christmas gift. There was one custom that was fraught with great terror to children. One Knecht Rupert went from house to house inquiring about the children on Christmas eve and recommending rewards or punishments according to the reports that he received of their conduct during the year. The Pennsylvania Santa Claus was popularly known as Kris Kringle, a corruption of Christ-Kindel, the little Christ.

Throughout the colonies in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries toys were an almost unknown factor, but wherever Christmas observances were not frowned upon by religion feasting and good cheer were abundant, and bond and free, rich and poor, old and young shared in the games, abundant food and genial atmosphere. Not only did the munificence of those who were well supplied with worldly goods extend to their dependents and to all within reach of their charity, but in some places even the animals had an extra allowance of food to let them know that Christmas had come again.

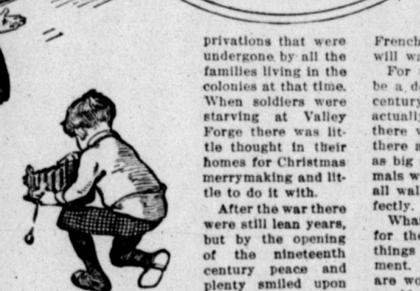
In the eighteenth century toys began to make their appearance in the colonies. Some of them were brought from overseas and had the enchanting quality of novelty. Little girls who had helped to mother their younger brothers and sisters were delighted with dolls that were all their own to dress and undress, to fondle and coddle, punish and reward. Simple and quaint were these early dolls, like the children they belonged to. One can fancy the surprise and terror of the timid when they first beheld a Jack jump into the air when an innocent looking box was opened. A toy was a thing to be cherished in those days. It was indeed a wondrous saint who could bring such things in his pack. Some of the gifts were of real intrinsic value, for the shipping and trading were growing to be important factors in the colonies, and men brought treasures of all kinds from the Far East to the seaports, whence they were distributed to other parts of the colonies. The war for independence interrupted this and the children shared in the self-sacrifices and de-



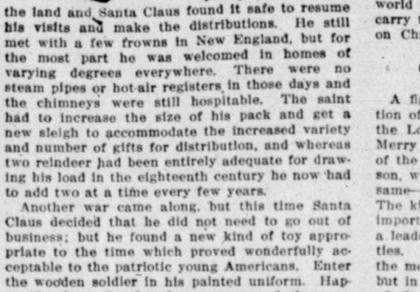
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privations that were undergone by all the families living in the colonies at that time. When soldiers were starving at Valley Forge there was little thought in their homes for Christmas merrymaking and little to do it with.

After the war there were still lean years, but by the opening of the nineteenth century peace and plenty smiled upon the land and Santa Claus found it safe to resume his visits and make the distributions. He still met with a few frowns in New England, but for the most part he was welcomed in homes of varying degrees everywhere. There were no steam pipes or hot-air registers in those days and the chimneys were still hospitable. The saint had to increase the size of his pack and get a new sleigh to accommodate the increased variety and number of gifts for distribution, and whereas two reindeer had been entirely adequate for drawing his load in the eighteenth century he now had to add two at a time every few years.

Another war came along, but this time Santa Claus decided that he did not need to go out of business; but he found a new kind of toy appropriate to the time which proved wonderfully acceptable to the patriotic young Americans. Enter the wooden soldier in his painted uniform. Happy the boy who found a company of these on Christmas morning. Sometimes he might even get a toy cannon or a warship something like those that were used in the stirring engagements of the war. The little girls of the period were so expert with the needle that they could make flags and even little uniforms for the toy soldiers.

In the hundred years since that time there has been a mighty development in the toy armaments, and all sorts of figures and implements have been evolved until at the present time a fortunate boy of the twentieth century may have a sufficient military and naval equipment to carry on a real war with another boy whose fighting force is equally impressive. The warships and torpedo boats are exact models of real ones, and some of them can float upon the water in all the majesty of fighting vessels. Their equipment is perfect, too, even to the wireless apparatus and devices for saving as well as for destroying life. Ashore there are forts of the latest construction and fighting men of all nationalities.

One of the latest achievements in the Christmas toys is in the aerial apparatus. From box kites to real aeroplanes that will whiz through the air there is everything that the boy who has watched real airships and longed to fly one himself can desire to possess. Some of them are almost large enough to accommodate St. Nicholas himself. Even the railways accommodate themselves to the exigencies of warfare. The railways and their equipment are the last word in the up-to-date toys for fortunate children. With the training they furnish there should be developed a race of engineers, managers and presidents of railroads in the future. The most complete sets that Santa Claus brings in 1914 have tracks that can be laid straight away and in curves, going through tunnels, having improved signals and up-to-date stations. There are electric and steam trains, coaches for several classes, baggage and freight cars—indeed everything required for the demands of travel and traffic.

an automobile until the aeroplane, which he expects to have ready soon, is perfected. In any case, he carries automobiles of varying sizes for boys who long to run their own cars. How he ever gets them into the house is a mystery, for some of the delivery wagons and other machines are large enough to accommodate a good-sized boy.

There are so many things for girls nowadays that dolls do not occupy quite as important a place in the Christmas stockings as at one time, yet there is nothing that quite takes their place in the affections of a real girl. And what stunning dolls they are today!

Dolls that represent every phase of life, from baby dolls with their complete layettes to perfectly grown-up dolls with elaborate wardrobes and trunks to pack them away in. The handsomest and newest dolls come from a German studio. No two are alike, and they are real portrait dolls of North of Europe children in quaint costume. These lovely dolls cost \$14, but Santa Claus never counts the cost when he is going some place. An alluring French doll says, "Take me by the hand and I will walk with you," and she does.

For the little children a woolly sheep used to be a delightful toy in the latter part of the last century, and when dogs and bears that would actually walk were found on Christmas morning there was a howl of delighted admiration. Now there are lambs and dogs of life size and ponies as big as the real ones, and all sorts of large animals with the coats like the natural animal. They all walk and move about and act their parts perfectly.

Whatever father and mother have is duplicated for the children besides the thousand and one things that are devised especially for their amusement. All through the year the ingenious folk are working overtime in all the toy shops of the world to turn out the load for Santa Claus to carry to the fortunate children who look for him on Christmas eve, 1914.

CHRISTMAS REVELRY

A figure everywhere dominant in the celebration of Christmas in the middle ages was that of the Lord of Misrule, also called the Master of Merry Disports. In Scotland this same master of the revels was known as the Abbot of Unreason, while in France his title was very much the same—"Abbas Stultorum"—or Abbot of Fools. The king, the great lords of his realm and other important personages must needs appoint such a leader and organizer of their Christmas festivities. In Scotland, previous to the Reformation, the monasteries used to elect such a functionary, but in 1555 a law was passed for the suppression of the Abbot of Unreason, along with all the other burlesque and fantastic features of the Christmas celebration.

The barons and knights kept open house at Christmas time for a fortnight. Revelry reigned throughout this period, and on Christmas day the grand feast, given by the feudal chieftain to his friends and retainers, took place with great pomp and magnificence. The boar's head was first and foremost on the board, and its entrance to the banqueting room was heralded by a great blare of joyful trumpets. Borne on a gold or silver platter by the server at the head of a procession of nobles, knights and ladies, the foremost dish of the feast made the round of the hall to merry minstrelsy. When it was finally given its place was placed on its tusk and a mammoth pot of mustard close at hand.

The boar's head was put down by act of parliament in the time of the commonwealth, and after that, although it was officially freed of the ban, it never quite recovered its former place as a part of the Christmas feast.

The peacock dish was next in importance to the boar's head. This bird sometimes appeared at the board with all its feathers on and its beak gilded, its skin having been removed before cooking and carefully readjusted after it was ready for the table.

A FAMILY JAR.

"Providence intended me for a leader of fashion."
"Providence intended you for a fool."
"Well, whether Providence did or not you got me."

ONE.

"There never was a woman who didn't gab about her neighbors," growled Mr. Gabb.
"Oh, yes there was," replied Mrs. Gabb.
"That's right," commented Mr. Gabb, "I forgot about Eve."

LINGUISTIC DIFFICULTY.

Frenchman—This impertinent Yankee slapped my face.
Wife—Well, why don't you do something?
Frenchman—How can I? I don't know how to talk English.—J. E. Rife.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of Sunday School Course.)

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 20.

THE ASCENSION.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11.
GOLDEN TEXT—He was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.—Acts 1:9.

We have now reached the final lesson of the present course in the life of Christ, next Sunday being devoted to the review. The lesson committee have selected the continuous account of this final earthly act of our Lord as given us by St. Luke, for the Book of Acts is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke (Acts 1:1). Inasmuch as this is really but one account we will consider only that found in the Acts.

I. The Proof of the Resurrection. vv. 1-3. This book of "The Acts" is a continuation of what Jesus "began to do" and gives us the record of how he continued this work by means of those "whom he had chosen" (v. 2). Following his resurrection he gave them commandments "through the Holy Spirit," viz. in the power of the Holy Spirit. A like honor rests upon every believer to hear and to obey the commands of Jesus given in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. The all-sufficient proof (see also I Cor. 15:4-8) was that Jesus had been seen for a period of 40 days. This is the "many infallible proofs" during that time they not alone saw the risen Lord, but conversed with him, ate with him, and had communion with him. During these days of communion he gave them his commands as to the "things concerning the kingdom of God." This was called a burden that these commands be proclaimed in ever widening circles to the utmost bounds of the earth.

Additional Experience.

II. The Promise of the Father. vv. 4-8. The disciples were not to begin the proclamation of their message until they were fully equipped, until they had received that all essential preparation, the endowment of the Holy Spirit. Here, again, the Scriptures are to be fulfilled (Isa. 44:3; Joel 2:28, also Luke 24:49). That ten days' delay was not time lost, for time spent in preparation is never time lost. We must not suppose these men as not regenerate (John 13:10; 15:3), but as lacking an equipment necessary for the successful execution of their important task. We as believers cannot call him Lord except by the power of the Spirit (I Cor. 12:3), but we do not all have that in-filling of the Spirit which alone will enable us to render effective service. This is an additional experience. It is one open to all who will honestly and intelligently seek it (see Acts 8:12, and other references). This experience is (a) commanded, "charged not to depart till, etc." (b) to be preceded by "repentance," and (c) to carry with it authority, v. 7, R. V. It does not mean, either, temporal power nor is the prerogative of a visible church, and confined to an elect few. The kingdom is a spiritual one. The program of Jesus is Spirit-filled men to be his witnesses, and to begin "at Jerusalem." A true reception of the Holy Spirit means world-wide missionary endeavor.

Presumptive Ignorance.

III. The Present Place of Jesus. vv. 9-11. Even yet the disciples failed to grasp the idea of a spiritual kingdom as evidenced by verse six. In a most emphatic way he tells them that it is not for them to know the "times and seasons which the Father hath set within his own power" (authority, v. 7, R. V.). Their power is not to be earthly, but spiritual (v. 8). It is the height of presumptive ignorance for any one to set the date of our Lord's return (Deut. 29:29). Jesus has given us explicit information on this question (Matt. 24:36), and his parables all warn us "to watch." While Jesus talked with his disciples concerning the reception of this new power and the place where they were to begin to exercise it, his feet were parted from the earth and a cloud received him from their sight as he ascended "into heaven" (Luke 24:51; I Pet. 3:22; see also Gen. 5:24 and Heb. 9:28 R. V.). His parting benediction was an adjuration to a life of service not in their weakness, but in the blessed endowment of power. Yonder into heaven he had gone to prepare a place for us (John 14:2, Heb. 9:24). There he ever liveth to intercede for us (Heb. 7:25). His presence there makes us eternally secure (Rom. 8:34, Heb. 7:25). His presence in the heavenlies is the guarantee that we, too, shall one day be "with him" (John 12:26, Rev. 2:21). This hope inspires the church to evangelism, to holy living and to faithful service. It was necessary that our Lord's work be transferred from his invisible person.

Lifted up he was on Calvary, lifted up he was into glory, that "if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Mysterious birth, wondrous life, glorious, marvelous ascension! As this is written Europe is bathed in blood, and America is engaged in a set season of prayer for peace. The only abiding peace we can hope for will be when the Prince of Peace shall return to rule and to reign.

PLAN OF HANDLING THE COTTON FUND

METHOD FOR OPERATION OF THE \$135,000,000 LOAN FUND IS DECIDED UPON.

FARMERS ARE NOT SATISFIED

President H. S. Mobley of the Arkansas Farmers' Union Says Scheme Will Not Help Small Farmer.

Washington.—Plans have been completed for the operation of the \$135,000,000 cotton loan fund, and a meeting of state chairmen is being held in Washington. The plan was approved on November 20, 1914, by the Central Committee, composed of all the members of the Federal Reserve Board. The Cotton Loan Committee, which worked out the plan and which will be in charge of the administration, is composed of two members of the Federal Reserve Board of Washington, D. C., W. P. G. Harding, chairman, and Paul M. Warburg, and five representative bankers, Albert H. Wiggin and James S. Alexander of New York, James B. Forgan of Chicago, Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, Levi L. Rouse of Philadelphia and William A. Gaston of Boston.

The forms of contracts, notes, certificates, assignments, etc., are now being prepared by attorneys, and it is expected that money will be available for loans within 15 days, probably immediately following a meeting of the chairmen of the state committees.

The state committees will appoint local committees in sufficient number to facilitate and safeguard the practical workings of the plan. The plan itself is simple.

The fund is distinguished by its operation as a pool of many lending and borrowing interests, and by the length of time that the contracts will run. Loans are made for one year, though they may be paid sooner. On the other hand, the Central Committee has the right to hold the contributors to the fund an additional six months after the first year, if conditions, in their opinion, justify.

It has been generally considered that the cotton fund will not all be applied for. The amount to be used, however, must be determined by the first day of next February, because the subscribers to the fund will be released on that date for the balance not applied for.

It is understood that red tape and undue formality will be eliminated as much as possible in the handling of the fund.

Explanation of the Plan. The following is a brief explanation of the way in which the benefit of cotton owners and bankers:

Loans will not be made on lots of less than 100 bales, except in particular instances.

The farmer, the merchant and other cotton owners in any state may apply to his bank for a loan on cotton to be paid within one year after February 1, 1915, with interest payable quarterly at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

The loan may be paid and the security released at any time during the year, after the borrower gives 30 days' written notice, and upon payment of interest to the end of the quarter.

As security for the loan, the borrower will offer cotton valued at six cents per pound for "middle" grade. Adjustment to be made for all grades above "low middling."

The margin of security will be 20 per cent, so that for a loan of \$2,000 the security would be 120 bales of middle cotton, with a little less security for the higher grades, and a little more security for the grade or two lower.

From the proceeds of the loan, three per cent will be turned into the Cotton Loan Committee in New York as a guarantee against loss from any cause. Expenses of administration, which will not exceed 1 1/2 per cent, will be paid from this fund.

It should be remembered that the security is not connected with the loan except in the event of default. There is no lien on the pool is administered without charge, as expected, the guarantee on will be returned pro rata to the borrower.

For example, loan of \$1,000 would be deducted for the guarantee and \$90, or 90c a bale on 100 bales of cotton. The net proceeds of balance to the borrower would be \$2,000 less the 90c a bale or other fees. The charge of course must be stored in a secure place in the custody of a bank or other than the borrower's warehouse. The grade must be lower than the satisfaction of the bank.

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the committee. It must be from their lien and protected by insurance against damage.

Instructions to Bankers.

The banker must be prepared to contribute to the loan fund one-fourth of the amount that his customers borrow. He makes his subscriptions as the loans are made, sending forward New York drafts for 25 per cent of each loan; in return, the banker receives a certificate of participation of the denomination issued to the cotton states' subscribers, designated as "Class B." The \$100,000,000 subscribed by the city banks, being three-fourths of the entire fund, is designated in "Class A" certificates in proportion to the subscriptions of the city banks. When the loans are paid, the Class A banks receive two per cent in dividends to each one per cent paid Class B banks until the balance due Class A and Class B banks is equal, then the dividends are equally divided. For instance, if a bank was only interested in one loan of \$2,000 its interest in the pool would be a \$750 certificate. Class B; the Class A proportion would be \$2,250. When Class A had received 50 per cent of its subscriptions in dividends, and Class B one-half, or 40 per cent of its subscription, the division between the "A" and "B" class in that loan would be \$450 each; future dividends would retire this equally.

The Class A certificates are preferred only to the extent that any losses to the cotton fund in the end would be payable out of the guarantee fund—first to Class A and second to Class B. As the losses should be slight under the careful administration that is being perfected, this preference should be of little moment if a fair amount of the fund is used.

The bank is not required to endorse the loans of its customers, but must guarantee the prompt and punctual payment by the borrower of interest on loans, and all warehouse charges and insurance premiums. As the forms to be furnished will be complete, the transaction should be short and simpler.

The Farmers' Object. President H. S. Mobley of the Arkansas Farmers' Union said the farmers were very much disappointed in the details of the cotton loan plan. He said:

"The farmers asked Congress to have the treasury deposit United States treasury funds in the banks to be loaned to the producers of cotton at 50 per bale, at 6 per cent interest. We made a strong fight for this, but the Wade plan was introduced into the fight, proposing that the bankers would subscribe \$135,000,000 to a pool to be loaned on cotton on the terms we had asked government loans. This defeated our efforts. Since Congress adjourned we have waited patiently for the bankers' plan to be put in operation. It is now announced that the governing committee is ready for business. They propose to lend on not less than one hundred bales lots.

"We had expected to be able to borrow on single bales or more, when properly insured and stored. But their proposal to lend on not less than one hundred bale lots disappoints us in this regard. As the matter stands, the average producer is prohibited from borrowing, and will receive no benefit whatever. The cotton buyer and large grower can be taken care of, but the multitude of small growers are entirely eliminated. Can anyone wonder at the discontent and prejudice of the small farmer when matters which are proposed as being for his benefit turn out as this does, to be actually for the benefit of others?"

It is such proceedings as this that cultivate and keeps alive the laboring man's antipathy to business men, especially bankers."

Admits His Double Identity.

Chicago.—Carleton Hudson, a wealthy lawyer, for years a respected churchman and citizen here, and C. H. Betts, who fled from New York in 1894 when he was freed on bond charged with forgery, are one and the same. Hudson, who was arrested Friday at the instance of the heirs of his former bondsmen, admitted his identity in a statement issued by his attorney, Clarence Darrow.

Judge Lindsey Exonerated.

Denver, Colo.—Branded by Judge Don B. Lindsey, as another attempt of "the beast" to "get him," charges preferred by the Ministerial Alliance of Denver that the judge was guilty of liberating men accused by young girls, were dismissed by the Fire and Police Board.

Was Former Dean of Radcliffe.

Philadelphia.—Miss Arnes Irwin, 73, former dean of Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Mass., died at her home here Sunday. Miss Irwin was a great-granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin.

Venice.—The Austrian government has confiscated the entire output of oil in Austria-Hungary.

To Investigate Preparedness.

Washington.—Preparedness of the United States for war probably will be investigated by Congress. Several bills and resolutions were introduced and an inquiry by congressional committees is regarded as certain, although President Wilson told Representative Gardner that he opposes the investigation by a commission. The president said he believes this would be an unwise way of handling "a question which might create very unfavorable international impressions."

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A Misanthropic Reader.
"I don't believe more than half of what I see in print," said the incredulous man.
"Trying to be on the safe side."
"Yes. And even at that, I generally pick the wrong half."

"Watchful Waiting."
"What are we to do for fashions, if the war in France continues?"
"Wear as little as we can, and wait."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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THE FOLLY OF DISCONTENT

Vain Longing and Aspirations, as This Little Fable Shows, Are Things of Moment.

A fashionable woman, coming from the opera, in the rosy nest of a limousine, passed a group of laborers at midnight. Machines, like terrible animals, were burrowing into the earth. Steam was hissing, as if from the mouths of a million serpents. Rocks flew in every direction. Torchlights danced. There was the thunder of labor. The night shift was in full swing.

And the woman, glancing from the window, at a certain workman, for an instant thought:

"How I wish I had that brawny laborer's strength and joy of life! How I envy him his power, his physical perfection, the wonder of his manhood, his freedom from the shackles that bind me. He is his own master, while I am a slave—the slave of a man I despise!"

At that moment the laborer paused long enough by the deep channel where his engine roared, to glance into the motor as it sped by him. And he thought:

"Oh, to be like her! To know leisure and wealth and rest! To be free from drudgery and toil, to come and go as I pleased! To throw off the chains of debt and worry, and have the days and nights stretch ahead of me like a field of flowers!"

But in another instant the motor was gone. The torchlights flared brighter than ever. And each had forgotten the other.—Judge.

Told at the Card Club.

"A little girl sitting next to me in church was coughing," said Mrs. Jones at the card club. "So I whispered to her mother for permission to slip her a cough drop. The child held it in her mouth a moment and then swallowed it."

"Would you kindly give her another?" the mother whispered.

"I'm sorry, but I had only one," I answered.

"Coming out of church I felt in my pocket and was horrified to fish out the cough drop. You see, I had had a cough drop and a button in my pocket."

"And what did you do?" chorused the women at the table. "Did you tell her mother?"

"No, I didn't. I was mad. It was a very unusual button from my new suit."

Mexico's Salt Producing Lake.

Though Mexico offers many wonders for the inspection of the traveler none is more interesting or peculiar than the salt-producing lakes near Salinas station, on the Tampico division of the Mexican Central railway, 72 miles west of San Luis Potosi. It may well be termed a two-story lake, for at times there is a lake of fresh water overlying the salt lake. A watertight roof of green mud separates the fresh from the salt water. For a large part of the year there is no fresh water lake there. The sun licks it up, water after the rainy season is over. The salt secured from this lake goes all over Mexico. The lake has been worked about sixty-five years. The whole town of 5,000 people makes its living from the salt. The property is owned by a family or estate, but it is said that not one of the owners has lived there for years.

Geometrical Staircase.

What is believed to be the first geometrical staircase ever built of concrete forms a part of the "Carnegie" tower in a museum building that has just been completed in Los Angeles. The building with its tower is in the quaint ancient Spanish style of architecture and is constructed entirely of poured concrete. The tower is 125 feet high. In the center is the geometrical staircase, consisting of 160 steps, circling around an open space only 24 inches in diameter and mounting to a height of 120 feet. Unlike most geometrical staircases, including the one in St. Paul's cathedral in London, this staircase occupies only a small part of the tower, space being left for rooms of fairly large size on each of the seven floors.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

No News.

"Did you ask little Jimmy Wombat about the fight over at his house the other night?"
"Yes."
"And what did you get out of him?"
"Not very much. His mother is evidently an exceedingly strict censor."—Judge.

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Coinage. In the fifteenth century a skilled coiner, of whom there were but few, might be able to turn out by hand fifty or sixty coins a day, a result totally inadequate to cope with the vast quantity of treasure, chiefly silver, that shortly began to arrive from America. To multiply coins was to multiply forgers, and thus the coining machine became a necessity of state. A laminating mill and screw coining press was invented in Italy, 1547; Spain, 1548; France, 1553; England, 1561, reign of Elizabeth. After several trials and abandonments the mill and press were established permanently under Charles II, whose golden guineas, struck in 1662, were the first regular issues of machine coins made north of the channel.

Biggest Talker in the British House.

Mr. Lloyd-George, the chancellor of the exchequer, is the greatest talker in the British parliament.

The chancellor spoke 170 columns of "Hansard," while the prime minister comes sixth down the list with 108 columns. The member who asked the most questions was Mr. Fred Hall of Dulwich, who put 359.

In one sort of contest Mr. Will Hall is easily beaten by Mr. Will Thorne, the socialist. The ordinary rate of speaking is 100 to 150 words a minute.

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A Pleasant Way to Help.

"Mamma," hissed the cherub, while a smile of seraphic sweetness illuminated his baby face, "do you know that sometimes I help Catherine's mamma?"

"That's nice," prompted the proud parent. "And what do you do to help her, dear?"

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Christmas Thoughts

Only eight days till Christmas, the day celebrated as the birth of Christ who brought light and consolation to the world and who taught peace on earth and good will to all. It is beautiful to give Christmas and Christmas tide to thoughts of the character and teaching of Him who is the founder of the noblest faith and the dearest hope that ever ennobled mankind. Let us also make it a season for good will, good cheer and generous deeds; to forget all enmities and rivalries; to make home happy and the fire-side joyous; to bring sunshine and joy to the little ones, the sweet buds of humanity, and to set aside all the cares of life and to feel the ties of brotherhood, as all are children of a common Father.

The ADVANCE wishes for all its patrons and friends a happy and joyous Christmas, and one that will ever abide as a happy memory.

Service to Society

It is of paramount importance to the young men of today that we as guardians of good government leave as our heritage a citizenship worthy of emulation. The responsibility, while it rests upon us, should be cheerfully accepted and the loftiest motives used in performing our obligations to the State and society.

There are many temptations before public men today. Corporations and individuals are seeking special favors. Never has there been a time when men of incorruptible morals and clean lives were in greater demand. Our social system is honeycombed with "big business" and the struggle for supremacy between corporations is intense. Society will be best served if we adjust our economic and social system with the least possible disturbance. Only the corrupt and dangerous need be removed; all useful and beneficial agents should be adjusted and related for the good of society.

Our greatest desire and fondest hope should be to promote home building, peace and happiness; to give every honorable man a fair chance to earn a living and rear his family under favorable circumstances and show the nations of the earth the true meaning of Christian civilization.—Farm & Ranch.

Is it not disgusting to see young men and boys standing around saloons, especially on Saturdays, smoking cigarettes, which doctors call "coffin nails"? And probably it is even worse to see fathers and sometimes grandfathers standing by saloon counters and drinking what doctors call poison?

Mr. Bryan on Prohibition

More than ordinary interest in the utterance of Mr. Bryan has been aroused by the publication in last week's Commoner of the following declaration against the liquor traffic.

The Democrats of the nation have an issue to face and they may as well prepare for it. The liquor interests are at bay; they are on the defensive. They realize that

they have but a few more years in which to fatten upon the woes of their victims, but they are fighting desperately and are willing to hold any party between them and the fire. The Democratic party can not afford to shield the brewery, the distillery and the saloon from the rising wrath of a determined people. Democracy is the nation's hope on political and economic questions—let it not by taking sides with the liquor inter-

ests, repel those who put moral issues first. The young men of the country are Democratic by nature, but they will not submit their claims to political preferment to those who conspire against the home and everything good, neither will they find pot house politicians congenial party associates. The president has set a high standard in intelligence and morals, and the party can not afford to lower the colors to gain a temporary advan-

Radford and Lewis Again

The country papers all over the State are being flooded again with weekly free shipments of plate matter shipped without order or previous arrangement through the Western Newspaper Union containing articles signed by Wm. D. Lewis and Peter Radford as officers of the Farmers Union. These articles have the off hand appearance of being in the interest of the farmers, but which are carefully and cunningly designed to make sentiment in favor of the breweries and liquor traffic in general. Lewis and Radford, using their positions in the Farmer's Union as a cloak, pulled the wool over the farmer's eyes last year and defeated Tom Ball and Submission by the same deceitful game they are attempting to play now. This free plate service is costing somebody not less than a thousand dollars a week and no one believes the Farmer's Union is paying the bill, especially after the disclosures that have come out of the Attorney General's prosecution of the Texas Business Mens Association. In fact no one believes that either Radford or Lewis are writing, or ever did write, these articles sent out to the press in plate form over their signatures, for they bear too plainly the ear-marks of another writer in Ft. Worth who sends out a batch of ready-made editorials each week "free as the air" to the country papers.

For itself the ADVANCE doesn't intend to be a party to any such fraudulent imposition as this, and all plate matter coming via Peter and Lewis or the Texas Business Mens Ass'n will be consigned direct to the "hell box" without breaking the wrapper.

Good for the K. P's. N. B. Hart, editor of the Knights of Pythias Insurance Journal, says that, "no man representing this great order should have the smell of intoxicants on his breath while so representing the order." And he might well have added that no K. P. or other person should have this smell at any time.

What a mockery is the war in Europe. Over 200,000 members of the Y. M. C. A. are in the different armies of Europe, fighting one another. At Geneva the three sectaries are fighting under different flags. After the war is ended it is hoped that the result of the terrible conflict will be the moral and spiritual transformation of the whole continent.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young has been re-elected superintendent of the public schools of Chicago. This is a great tribute to the character and capacity of women as educators. It is said the schools in Chicago under Mrs. Young's superintendency have no superior in any State or country.

Our advertisers and correspondents are requested to get their copy and contributions in this office by next Tuesday noon as next week's paper will go to press Wednesday instead of Thursday on account of giving our advertisers greater benefits from their Christmas ads. This also applies to all free notices.

A PRE-INVENTORY SALE

In order to reduce my stock before invoicing, I am going to put on a Reduction Sale

Beginning Dec. 11th and Ending Dec. 24th

Here are some of the prices but everything goes:

\$1.25 Concord Hames	\$1.00	16.00	15.00
1.25 Feed Bags	1.00	11.00 Team Harness	10.00
1.50 Buggy Whip	1.25	20.00	18.50
1.25 " "	1.00	12.50 Leggings	10.00
1.00 " "	.85	1.50 Saddle Pads	1.25
75c " "	.65	1.25 " "	1.00
50c " "	.40	5.00 Indian Blankets	4.50
2.00 Gloves	1.50	8.00 Navajo blankets	7.00
1.50 Gloves	75c	1.50 leather covered Stirrup	1.00
20c Cow Bells	15c	J. I. C. Bits	.20
17.00 Buggy Harness	16.00		

These prices are strictly cash. I will save you money. Come in and inspect my stock and see for yourself. Sale only lasts till December 24th. Buy now.

J. E. PALMER

LOWRY BUILDING KERRVILLE, TEXAS

Our Free Camp Yard

Is the county seat of Kerr County, has a population of about 2500, is situated 10 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 Bandera and Medina City, 25 miles; to Junction, 60 miles; Rocksprings 80 miles, Harper 21 miles.

MOSEL, SAENGER & CO.

NOTICE.

We have in the vicinity of Kerrville, a very fine Factory Sample Piano with stool and scarf to match. Rather than ship back will sell at a sacrifice. Easy terms. Address South Texas Music Co., 225 E. Houston St., San Antonio, Texas.

3 pairs of \$7.00 trousers (your choice) for \$15.00, "made to your measure," at Kerrville Tailoring Co., Jetton, Proprietor.



Anything in Lumber That you want quick

Can be found in our large and well assorted stock—all thoroughly seasoned and in prime condition for immediate use.

Joist, Dimension, Sills, Siding Gasing, Base, Ceiling, Moulding, Flooring, Shingles, Sash and Blinds.

We have everything essential to all sorts of building work and can save you time and annoyance and guarantee you entire satisfaction.

Hillyer-Deutsch Lumber Co.
KERRVILLE CENTER POINT

Some Local Adlets

Feed, Feed, Feed!

For all kinds of feed, such as oats, corn, corn chops, wheat bran, cotton seed, cotton seed meal, and all kinds of hay call on us. MOSEL, SAENGER & CO.

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at the following named places on the given dates to collect State and County taxes for the year 1914:

Center Point, December 22.
Comfort, December 23.
Kerrville, December 24.

All State and County taxes are now due. After January 31, 1915, 10 per cent. additional will be added. J. T. MOORE, Tax Collector, Kerr Co.

Baled corn tops, baled sorghum, baled oats, baled Johnson grass. Phone 186 Y. L. A. Mosty.

Two rooms for light house-keeping for rent Mrs. J. B. McLean.

WANTED—Farm and Ranch Land for Colonization purposes. No tract too large or too small. If you want to sell your property at your own price, on your own terms, without payment of commission, write European Mutual Colonization Co., Ltd., 633 Kress Bldg., Houston, Texas, for listing blanks and full information.

Christmas Gifts

Come to Our Store for Your CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Hoosier Cabinets, Globe Wernicke Bookcases, Dressers, Chiffonobes, Chiffoniers, China Closets Cedar Chests, Extension Tables, Library and Center Tables, Leather Davenport, Rockers and many other nice Gifts for every member of the family, too numerous to mention here.

Come and look over our stock before you buy. No trouble to show goods. We are overstocked on nice ART SQUARES and RUGS of all sizes and styles, and we are making exceptional low prices on the Floor Covering Line. Many nice Christmas Gifts in these.

W. A. Fawcett & Co.

Christmas Gifts

FOR HER		FOR HIM:	
Bracelets	\$1.25 to \$20.00	Watches	\$3.50 to \$50.00
Neck Chains	1.50 to 17.50	Fobs	1.00 to 6.00
La Vallieres	3.50 to 32.50	Rings	2.00 to 7.50
Locketts	1.00 to 12.50	Scarf Pins	1.00 to 10.00
Bead Necks	2.50 to 5.00	Watch Chains	2.00 to 14.00
Set Rings	1.25 to 35.00	Watch Charms	1.00 to 12.50
Brooches	1.00 to 15.00	Emblem Pins	1.00 to 4.00
Thimbles	.25 to 6.00	Tie Clasps	.50 to 4.75
Manicure Sets	2.00 to 10.00	Cuff Links	.50 to 8.00
Toilet Sets to	17.50	Collar Buttons	.25 to 2.25
Watches	10.00 to 40.00	Military Brushes to	6.00
Kodaks	1.25 to 20.00	Hat Brushes	1.25 to 2.00
Box Paper	.45 to 2.00		
Vases	1.25 to 10.00		
Bar Pins			
Hat Pins			
Jewelry Boxes			

Of all Gifts, Nothing Else is So Much Appreciated as is Jewelry

A SQUARE DEAL **SELF** SECOND DOOR ONE PRICE TO ALL SOUTH OF P. O.

Local Notes

Ed Garvin was in town Monday from his ranch on the Divide.

Just received a big fresh stock of groceries at E. A. Wied's.

Judge J. R. Burnett and Henry Weige attended to business in the Alamo City Tuesday.

Christmas Jewelry for everybody Mosel, Saenger & Co.

Big Bargains-- 7 1-2c a yard

Fresh Pig's Feet. C. C. BUTT GROCERY

R. E. Buckner of Utopia came in yesterday to visit his mother, Mrs. M. Pog...

Ben Davis' apples... H. Noll Stock Co.

Osborne and Mr. Alf... H. Noll Stock Co.

at La Tr... E. A. Wied's.

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Some Christmas Presents Worth While

Have you seen our Beautiful PARISIAN IVORY Toilet and Manicure Sets? Just the thing for Christmas presents and nice enough for anybody. Other nice gifts we have are, a beautiful line of Christmas Stationery, Fine Perfumes, Fountain Pens, Hand Bags, etc. See us before you buy.

ROCK DRUG STORE
"Always at Your Service."

Shelled pecans at the Sugar Bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stevens from near Harper were in town Saturday doing Christmas shopping.

Oranges, apples bananas all fresh and at living prices at H. Noll Stock Co.

A. G. Morriss was in from the ranch and spent Sunday with his family.

You may need a new hat for Christmas. Get one while they are cheap Paris Millinery Parlors.

Mrs. S. F. Ragland from near Ingram was visiting and shopping in Kerrville Tuesday.

BUY A BOX of our apples or oranges or both. Get your fruits and nuts from PAMPELL'S.

J. G. Cannon came by and let the editor look at another fine buck he killed Monday.

X-mas Dinner

The Celery, Cranberries, vegetables, and other necessities for a successful dinner. C. C. BUTT GROCERY

T. M. Aaron from his farm near Bandera Pass was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McVicker of Johnson Creek were in this city Tuesday.

Come and see our Christmas presents at bargain prices. H. Noll Stock Co.

If you think the Advance is a good local newspaper help us to extend its circulation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roebuck visited in San Antonio last week.

The Sugar Bowl for Hot and Cold Drinks.

Dr. J. W. Merritt of Center Point was a visitor to this city.

All millinery at one-third less than former price. Some nice hats still in stock Paris Millinery Parlors.

Candies

Bon Bons that usually sell for 25c at 15c. C. C. BUTT GROCERY

F. L. Fordtran has returned from an extended visit to her sister at Denton.

Have you bought any Red Cross Christmas seals? Everyone you buy is a bullet in the fight against tuberculosis. One cent each.

Don't fail to attend our Big Discount sale now going on. Closes Dec. 24th at H. Noll Stock Co.

The sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals in Kerrville has amounted to \$35. Won't you help it grow this last week?

Miss Helen Carr has returned from Orange to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Groceries for the Christmas cooking, all fresh and the best quality at E. A. Wied's.

Mrs. F. B. Beckman of Fredericksburg arrived Saturday to spend a few days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. F. W. Dietert.

Beautiful line new ginghams just received—prices right. Mosel, Saenger & Co.

King's candy for American queens at the Sugar Bowl.

We are requested to announce that the Philathea Class of the Methodist Sunday School have postponed their social entertainment till an indefinite date.

Messrs. Z. Leonard and M. T. Davis returned Monday from a visit of several days at Cottula where they took a big hunt.

Ring Strohman's Sugar Bowl for fruits, nuts, candies, etc. Quick delivery.

Let us send your friends a box of our Mexican Pecan Candy for Christmas. Just leave the address with us and we will mail same with your card so as to reach your friends "just in time". PAMPELL'S.

Rev. J. B. Riddle left Monday for Dallas to attend the meeting of the State Executive Board of the Baptist Church. He will return this week in time for the regular services next Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Hodge and two children of Fredericksburg arrived in Kerrville Tuesday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Ed. Corkill.

Miss Minnie Lowrance returned the first of the week from a visit at San Antonio and D'Hanis.

Miss Eugie Meyer spent several days the past week visiting Miss Eunice Coldwell at Center Point.

Rev. S. C. Dunn drove his new Ford to Pleasanton last Thursday and returned Friday "in time to milk the cow by six o'clock," going the round trip of 210 miles without the least trouble or mishap. J. R. Saucier accompanied him as far as San Antonio.

Miss Lydia DeWoody left this morning for Dilley to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Miss Annie Mae Morriss has returned from a month's visit in San Antonio.

Henry D. Thomas and bride arrived last night from Rosenberg where they were married Wednesday. Mr. Thomas is the electrician at the Kerrville light and ice plant.

Mrs. N. A. Davis and three children arrived from San Antonio the latter part of last week and will remain until after Christmas visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Benton.

Remember our special discount on hats still holds good. Come to see us Paris Millinery Parlors.

Nuts

of all kinds. Fresh this year's nuts. C. C. BUTT GROCERY

L. R. Landrum of Medina marketed corn here last Thursday and kindly gave the Advance a lift.

Don't miss the bargains at our big Discount Sale which runs till Dec. 24th at H. Noll Stock Co.

John Reinhard, from his splendid farm near Comfort, was shaking hands with friends in Kerrville Saturday and kindly remembered the Advance.

English Walker Shoes for men and boys—latest thing out. Also fine line of ladies, misses and childrens shoes—Brown's 5-Star brand, none better. Mosel, Saenger & Co.

Apples

You want the best. We have the best. So call for yours. C. C. BUTT GROCERY

Mrs. G. D. Cox of Bandera, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Robt. Rees, of Center Point, were in this city Friday and made the Advance a pleasant call.

T. H. Phillips of Lima brought a fine load of year-old pigs to this market last week weighing 300 lbs. and bringing him \$20 a head. Tom says this beats raising cotton.

Our Big Discount Sale closes Dec. 24th. Don't miss this opportunity to buy at a very low price at H. Noll Stock Co.

A. F. Hatch was down from near Ingram last week and gave the Advance the required advertisement for his application to take out water from the Guadalupe to irrigate his farm.

Hugh Edens from his farm down the river called on the Advance last week and placed his ad. for water right to irrigate 60 acres.

Give us your Christmas orders to send your friends. We are specially prepared to take care of them and have them mailed just at the right time and in just the right way and the present will be just the right one, if you buy it at PAMPELL'S

G. L. Richardson of Russellville, Ark., who was here several months ago with his sick wife, returned to Kerrville last week and has his old job at the C. C. Butt Grocery. His wife died soon after he took her back home. His brother-in-law, J. E. Hamilton, is here with him.

Sugar Bowl and Cream Pitcher Absolutely Free

Given with every 50c purchase of Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Coffee, Tea, Extract or Baking Powder.

This Sale begins Saturday Dec. 19th and lasts until December 24th.

Remember the day. The premium itself is worth 50 cents.

C. C. Butt Grocery

Notice of Hearing to Appropriate Public Waters

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that H. G. Edens, whose postoffice address is Center Point, Texas, did on the 24th day of Nov., A. D., 1914, file an application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate one cubic foot of water per second of time, for the purpose of irrigating certain lands hereinafter described, from the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, to be diverted from the Guadalupe river by means of a pumping plant located on the south bank of the Guadalupe river in Kerr County, Texas near the northeast corner of the W. T. Crook Survey No. 60.

You are hereby further notified that the lands proposed to be irrigated are described as follows:

Situated on the east side of a concrete tank, the dimensions of which are 40 by 50 feet and 4 feet high located 900 feet southwest from the pumping plant, said lands embracing part of Surveys No. 60 and 61 in the name of W. T. Crook, and 109 in the name of S. A. Sawyer, containing 60 acres and situated in Kerr County, Texas.

A hearing on the said application of the said H. G. Edens will be held by the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of the Board, in the city of Austin, County of Travis, said State, on Saturday, the 9th day of January, A. D., 1915, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under, and by virtue of, an order of the Board of Water Engineers of the State of Texas, at the office of said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 28th day of November, A. D., 1914. J. C. NAGLE, JOHN WILSON, Board.

Attest: W. T. POTTER, Secretary.

Only 15 days till Christmas.

A. F. Hatch was down from near Ingram last week and gave the Advance the required advertisement for his application to take out water from the Guadalupe to irrigate his farm.

10 Per Cent Saved

We are offering a discount of ten per cent. on our HOLIDAY stock. This discount with the low price we already had on each article makes our store a BARGAIN counter.

Select your presents now at a 10 per cent discount and we will store for you until Christmas.

Rawson's Drug Store
"It's Right, or we Make it Right."

THE LAST SHOT

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By FREDERICK PALMER

SYNOPSIS.

At their home on the frontier between the Browns and Grays, Marta Galloway and her mother, entertaining Colonel Westering, staff intelligence officer of the Browns, are surprised by a fall in his aeroplane. Ten years later, Westering, nominal vice but real chief of staff, reinforces South La Tir, meditates on war.

CHAPTER II—Continued.

Rather idly, now, he drew a pad toward him and, taking up a pencil, made the figures seventeen and twenty-seven. Then he made the figures thirty-two and forty-two. He blackened them with repeated tracings as he mused. This done, he put seventeen under twenty-seven and thirty-two under forty-two. He made a subtraction and studied the two V's. A soft door opened softly, and his executive clerk reappeared with a soft tread.

"Some papers for your signature, sir," he said as he slipped them on the blotter in front of Westering. "And the '22—no order about that, sir?" he asked.

"It remains!" Westering replied. "Jerk went out impressed. His thinking to sums of subtraction was preoccupied. The 1322 to 1320, he too, had a question-mark in his cresting mind."

Westering proceeded with his mathematical. Having heavily shaded the tens, he essayed a sum in division. He found that ten went into seventy just seven times.

"One-seventh the allotted span of life!" he mused. "Take off fifteen years for youth and fifteen after fifty—nobody counts after that, though I mean to—and you have ten into forty, which is one-fourth. That is a good deal. But it's more to a woman than to a man—yes, a lot more to a woman than to a man!"

The clerk was right in thinking Westering preoccupied; but it was not with the international crisis. Over his coffee the name of Miss Marta Galloway, in the list of arrivals at a hotel, had caught his eye in the morning paper. A note to her had brought an answer, saying that her time was limited, but she would be glad to have him call at five that afternoon.

Westering realized that the question of marriage as a social requirement might arise when he should be officially chief of staff with the consent of his Excellency the field marshal. For Westering who enjoyed the military life, the army too much to think of marriage.

They did not understand, when they should obey the orders of their superiors. Of late, their clatter had been about the extra taxes for the recent increase of the standing forces by another corps. The public was bovine with a parrot's head. Yet it did not admire the tolling ox, but the eagle and the lion.

As his car came to the park his eyes lighted at sight of one of the dividends—one feature of urban life that ever gave him a thrill. A battalion of the 128th, which he had ordered that afternoon to the very garrison at South La Tir that he had once commanded, was marching through the main avenue. Youths all, of twenty-one or two, they were in a muddy-gray uniform which was the color of the plain as seen from the veranda of the Galloway house. Where these came from were other boys growing up to take their places. The mothers of the nation were doing their duty. All the land was a breeding-ground for the dividends of Hedworth Westering.

At the far side of the park he saw another kind of dividend—another group of marching men. These were not in uniform. They were the unemployed. Many were middle-aged, with worn, tired faces. Beside the flag of the country at the head of the procession was that of universal radicalism. And his car had to stop to let them pass. For an instant the indignation of military autocracy rose strong within him at sight of the national colors in such company. But he noted how naturally the men kept step; the solidarity of their movement. The stamp of their army service in youth could not be easily removed. He realized the advantage of heading an army in which defense was not dependent on a mixture of regulars and volunteers, but on universal conscription that brought every able-bodied man under discipline.

These reservists, in the event of war, would hear the call of race and they would fight for the one flag that they had.

He was studying her with the polite, well-bred scrutiny of a man of the world. A materialist, he would look a woman over as he would a soldier when he had been a major-general making an inspection. She was slim, supple; he liked slim, supple women. Yes, she was twenty-seven, with the vivacity of seventeen retained, though she was on the edge of being an old maid according to the conventional notions. Necks and shoulders that happened to be at his side at dinner, he had found, when they were really beautiful, were not averse to his glance of appreciative and discriminating admiration of physical charm. But he saw her shrug slightly and caught a spark from her eyes that made him vaguely conscious of an offense to her sensibilities, and he was wholly conscious that the suggestion, bringing his faculties up sharply, had the pleasure of a novel sensation.

"How fast you have gone ahead!" she said. "That little prophecy of mine did come true. You are chief of staff!"

After a smile of satisfaction he corrected her. "Not quite; vice-chief—the right-hand man of His Excellency. I am a buffer between him and the heads of divisions. This has led to the erroneous assumption which I cannot too forcibly deny—"

He was proceeding with the phraseology habitual whenever men or women, to flatter him, had intimated that he realized that he was the actual head of the army. His Excellency, with the prestige of a career, must be kept superficially enjoying the forms of authority. To arouse his jealousy might curtail Westering's actual power.

"Yes, yes!" breathed Marta softly, arching her eyebrows a trifle as she would when looking all around and through a thing or when she found any one beating about the bush. The little frown disappeared and she smiled, understandingly. "You know I'm not a perfect goose!" she added.

"Had you been made chief of staff in name, too, all the old generals would have been in the sulks and the young generals jealous," she continued. "The one way that you might have the power to exercise was by proxy."

This downright frankness was another reflection of the old days before he was at the apex of the pyramid. Now it was so unusual in his experience as to be almost a shock. On the point of arguing, he caught a mischievous, delightful "isn't that so?" in her eyes, and replied:

"Yes, I shouldn't wonder if it were!" Why shouldn't he admit the truth to the one who had rung the bell of his secret ambition long ago by recognizing in him the ability to reach his goal? He marvelled at her grasp of the situation.

"It wasn't so very hard to say, was it?" she asked happily, in response to his smile. Then, her gift of putting herself in another's place, while she strove to look at things with his purpose and vision, in full play, she went on in a different tone, as much to herself as to him: "You have labored to make yourself master of a mighty organization. You did not care for the non-essentials. You wanted the reality of shaping results."

"Yes, the results, the power!" he exclaimed. "Fifteen hundred regiments!" she continued thoughtfully, looking at a given point rather than at him. "Every regiment a blade which you would bring to an even sharpness! Every regiment a unit of a harmonious whole, knowing how to screen itself from fire and give fire as long as bidden, in answer to your will if war comes! That is what you live and plan for, isn't it?"

"Yes, exactly! Yes, you have it!" he said. His shoulders stiffened as he thrilled at seeing a picture of himself, as he wanted to see himself, done in bold strokes. It assured him that not only had his own mind grown beyond what were to him the narrow associations of his old La Tir days, but that hers had grown, too. "And you—what have you been doing all these years?" he asked.

"Living the life of a woman on a country estate," she replied. "Since you made a rule that no Gray officers should cross the frontier we have been a little lonelier, having only the Brown officers to tea. Did you really find it so bad for discipline in your own case?" she concluded with playful solemnity.

"One cannot consider individual cases in a general order," he explained. "And, remember, the Browns made the ruling first. You see, every year means a tightening—yes, a tightening, as arms and armies grow more complicated and the maintaining of staff secrets more important. And you have been all the time at La Tir, truly?" he asked, changing the subject. He was convinced that she had acquired something that could not be gained on the outskirts of a provincial town.

"No. I have traveled. I have been quite around the world." "You have!" This explained much. "How I envy you! That is a privilege I shall not know until I am superannuated." While he should remain chief of staff he must be literally a prisoner in his own country.

"Yes, I should say it was splendid! Splendid—yes, indeed!" Snappy little nods of the head being unequal to expressing the joy of the memories that her exclamation evoked, she clasped her hands over her knees and swung back and forth in the ecstasy of seventeen. "Splendid! I should say so!" She nestled the curling tip of her tongue against her teeth, as if the recollection must also be tasted. "Splendid, enchanting, enlightening, stupendous and wickedly expensive! Another girl and I did it all on our own."

"Oh, oh!" he exclaimed. "Oh, oh, oh!" she repeated after him. "Oh, what, please?" "Oh, nothing!" he said. It was quite comprehensible to him how well equipped she was to take care of herself on such an adventure.

"Precisely, when you come to think it over!" she concluded. "What interested you most? What was the big lesson of all your journeying?" he asked, ready to play the listener.

"Being born and bred on a frontier, of an ancestry that was born and bred on a frontier, why, frontiers interested me most," she said. "I collected impressions of frontiers as some people collect pictures. I found them all alike—stupid, just stupid! Oh, so stupid!" Her frown grew with the repetition of the word; her fingers closed in on her palm in vexation. He recollected that he had seen her like this two or three times at La Tir, when he had found the outbursts most entertaining. He imagined that the small fist pressed against the table edge could deliver a stinging blow. "As stupid as it is for neighbors to quarrel! It put me at war with all frontiers."

"Apparently," he said. She withdrew her fist from the table, dropped the opened hand over the other on her knee, her body relaxing, her wrath passing into a kind of shamed acquiescence and then into a soft, prolonged laugh. "I laugh at myself, at my own inconsistency," she said. "I was warlike against war. At all events, if there is anything to make a teacher of peace lose her temper it is the folly of frontiers."

"Yes?" he exclaimed. "Yes? Go on!" And he thought: "I'm really having a very good time."

"You see, I came home from my tour with an idea—an idea for a life occupation just as engrossing as yours," she went on, "and opposed to yours. I saw there was no use of working with the grown-up folks. They must be left to The Hague conferences and the peace societies. But children are quite alike the world over. You can plant thoughts in the young that will take root and grow as they grow."

"Patriotism, for instance," he observed narrowly. "No, the follies of martial patriotism! The wickedness of war, which is the product of martial patriotism! This was the red flag of anarchy to him. He started to speak, flushing angrily, but held his tongue and only emitted a "hew!" in good-humored wonder.

"I see you are not very frightened by my opposition," she rejoined in a flash of amusement not wholly untempered by exasperation. "We got the appropriation for an additional army corps this year," he explained contentedly, his repose completely regained.

"Thus increasing the odds against us. But perhaps not; for we are dealing with the children not with recruits, as I said. We call ourselves the teachers of peace. I organized the first class in La Tir. I have the children come together every Sunday morning and I tell them about the children that live in other countries. I tell them that a child a thousand miles away is just as much a neighbor as the one across the street. At first I feared that they would find it uninteresting. But if you know how to talk to them they don't."

"Naturally they don't, when you talk to them," he interrupted. She was so intent that she passed over the compliment with a gesture like that of brushing away a cobweb. Her eyes were like deep, clear wells of faith and purpose.

"I try to make the children of other countries so interesting that our children will like them too well ever to want to kill them when they grow up. We have a little peace prayer—they have even come to like to recite it—a prayer and an oath. But I'll not bother you with it. Other women have taken up the idea. I have found a girl who is going to start a class on your side in South La Tir, and I came here to meet some women who want to inaugurate the movement in your capital."

"I'll have to see about that!" he rejoined, half-banteringly, half-threateningly. "There is something else to come, even more irritating," she said, less intently and smiling. "So please be prepared to hold your temper." "I shall not beat my fist on the table defending war as you did defending peace!" he retorted with significant enjoyment. "But she used his retort for an opening."

"Oh, I'd rather you would do that than just let it human. It's going to war because one is angry. You would go to war as a matter of cold reason." "If otherwise, I should lose," he replied. "Exactly. You make it easy for me to approach my point. I want to prevent you from losing!" she announced cheerfully yet very seriously. "Yes! Proceed. I brace myself against an explosion of indignation!" "It is the duty of a teacher of peace

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Leases on over 2000 acres of land for oil and gas were filed at Denton last week.

Fire in the cotton yard at Chilli-coche last week destroyed 34 bales which were partially insured.

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

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.

The secretary of state has granted a charter to the Alfalfa cattle company, capitalized for \$50,000, with headquarters at Plainview.

Fire in the Kirby Lumber Company's dry kiln at Bronson, partially destroyed 40,000 feet of lumber. The estimated loss is \$5,000, amount of insurance unknown.

The Fort Worth postal fund receipts for November were \$32,914.89, a gain of about 8 per cent over November 1913, when the receipts were \$30,350.62.

The Texas Power and Light company has been given until Jan. 1, 1915, by the city commission of Waco to have their big new power plant erected and equipped in East Waco at a cost of over \$800,000, in operation.

The commissioners' court on petition of citizens of Brazos county has ordered a good roads bond election for the sum of \$600,000. Dec. 30 was set as the date for holding the election.

The General association of the Baptist churches of America, better known as Landmark Baptists, met in annual session in the West Side city hall at Texarkana, Tuesday, Dec. 8, and continued three days.

According to Ike N. Heartzell, II, quartermaster in the comptroller's department at Austin, 3,100 permits have been issued. Under the scholastic census recently taken, Texas is entitled to 3,350 saloons.

Permits granted at Galveston during November show the value of new buildings to be \$70,800, of about \$25,000 more than the valuation of buildings erected the previous month. The total value of buildings erected in the first 11 months of 1914 is more than \$1,600,000.

The big new power-house at the Texas Tuberculosis sanitarium at Carlsbad, has been completed and is now being used. The plant will furnish electricity to the entire institution as well as doing the washing for the inmates and heat all the buildings.

The good roads commissioners of Bonham district have advertised for bids for the construction of a part of the good roads to be built from the \$250,000 bond issue voted several months ago. About 30 miles will be constructed in this contract, the bids for which will be opened Dec. 28.

Plans for the construction of an addition to cost \$50,000 to the Santa Fe railway employes' general hospital at Temple have been approved by the board of directors, and bids for construction will be advertised for at an early date. The construction of a hospital car to be a veritable surgery on wheels has also been authorized at a cost of \$15,000 to the patient, where the reverse is impracticable for any reason.

Work on the new plant at Paris of the Texas Power and Light company, which was suspended shortly after the outbreak of the war in Europe, will be resumed right away.

The directors of the Tyler commercial club have undertaken the matter of the establishment of a syrup refinery there. Ribbon cane is grown extensively in the county and yields from 450 to 500 gallons of syrup per acre, which finds a ready market at from 80c to 75c per gallon.

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 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 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.



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