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Will Meet in January

E. P. Kuhl has an answer from the El Paso Short Line association notifying him that, upon his request, he has called a meeting of the association to be held in Roswell on January 10th, at 9 o'clock, a. m. He is also notified that the state highway commission will be invited to be present. Mr. Kuhl will request that Mr. Harvey be invited to hold his meeting, scheduled for February, at one and the same time, thus avoiding the necessity of two meetings at different times. One piece of business to be transacted will be the election of officers, but the one and important thing to be attended to is the proposed line from Amarillo to El Paso. There is but a few miles of this road to be built and that little should be hurried as fast as possible.

Should Order Now

Parties who contemplate the installation of pumping plants would do well to get their orders in this month. All manufacturers and jobbers are sending out warnings to the trade that shipments cannot be guaranteed as to time, on account of war necessities. By getting your orders in early you will stand a much better chance of getting your installation in time for spring work. A first-class outfit will pay for itself in one year. Ask the man who irrigated this year.

Odd Fellows at Elida

There was a goodly bunch of Odd Fellows went to Elida the latter part of last week to assist the lodge at that place in putting on the first and second degrees. After the work was finished a sumptuous banquet was served. Those attending were; John W. Ballow, J. N. McCall, F. E. Calloway, W. F. English, Burl Johnson, C. M. Dobbs, Lee Carter, Walter Crow, Carl Sullins, S. E. Moore, J. C. Compton, C. L. Perryman, J. H. Short, Preston Williams, Bob Adams, and R. M. Sanders.

Local Fuel Board

W. O. Oldham has been notified by William C. McDonald, United States fuel administrator for New Mexico that he has been appointed president of the local board at Portales and instructed him to appoint two others to act with him. This he has done, appointing J. S. Long and E. E. Hoagland. The duties of this board are to ascertain the amount of fuel on hand and the amount that will be needed in the communities; the prices being charged, the gross rate of profit and such other information as is required by the national administration. W. O. says that Mc wrote him that there was no salary attachment to this job but that he would find plenty of work connected with it.

Notice Automobile Owners

Beginning Sunday December, 9th 1917, the undersigned garages and shops will open and close their places of business, on Sundays as follows: Open 7 o'clock, close 10 o'clock a. m. Open 3 o'clock, close 7 o'clock p. m. The Highway Garage Portales Garage Kohl's Garage

Chance to Enlist

Number twenty A. Between now and December fifteenth it is desired to afford registrants as wide an opportunity as possible to enlist in both army and navy. Therefore any registrant, even though he has been called by his local board to report for physical examination may enlist upon presentation to the recruiting officer of a certificate from his local board, that he will not be needed to fill any deferred percentage of the quota of the board. Regardless of re-examination of registrants under new regulations each board should keep available and should refuse permission to enlist to a sufficient number of selected men to complete deferred percentage of their quotas. See last paragraph Section two Selective Service Regulations. As to enlistments in navy after December fifteenth see section one fifty-one.

Crowder

Teachers Return

Prof. J. S. Long, Mrs. Long, County Superintendent Sam J. Stinnett, Misses Genevieve Campbell and Esther Robinson from Portales returned from the state teachers association held at Santa Fe last week.

Professor Long was vice president of the association and Superintendent Stinnett had a place on the program. They all report a great meeting. Two thousand teachers were in attendance. Several of the ablest educators of the nations addressed the convention at different times. Besides this the teachers were carried in autos to visit the ancient buildings and the state institutions.

Other teachers who attended from the county were as follows: I. L. Steel, Melrose; Myrtle Maner, Mamie McCullough, Portales; John W. Russell, Mrs. Josie Gibson, Upton; Mrs. I. M. Elliott, Benson; Hugo C. Schwartz, Mrs. Frank Greer, Emzy; Judd Miller, Bernard Evans, Tolar.

Tucumcari and Albuquerque were close contestants for the next meeting place, Albuquerque won by a few votes.

Miss Isabelle Eckles, county superintendent of Grant county was unanimously elected president, J. T. Conway of Colfax county, vice president, and John Milne, of Albuquerque, secretary.

Six O'clock Dinner

The Misses Crinstead entertained the following guests at a six o'clock dinner, Sunday evening November 2nd. Misses Love Owens, Eddy Lee Hall, Hattie Maxwell, Grace White, and Messers McNabb, Hubert Yates, Uriel Yates, Hubert Carlisle and also Mr. and Mrs. Yates.

Dinner Party

Mrs. Maude Smith entertained Wednesday night with a dinner at the Travelers Inn, in honor of Mrs. T. J. Molinari. After the delicious repast the guests repaired to the theatre, and thus proceeded to further enjoy themselves.

Farewell Party

Mrs' James Monroe was the hostess of a farewell party given in honor of Mrs. T. J. Molinari, Tuesday evening December, 4th. The guests report a splendid time.



What the Red Cross is Doing

The following cablegram, received from the Paris headquarters of the American Red Cross, to-day, makes plain why, through one of its many activities, Americans are gaining the gratitude of the French people.

"Every day French mutes, wounded soldiers who have either lost arms or legs, gather at American Red Cross Headquarters seeking assistance in securing either artificial arms or artificial legs. The ones given by the Red Cross are the best and most practical that can be obtained.

"Those crippled men typify the true spirit of France sacrifice. They never complain about their misfortune, but are profuse in their thanks for assistance.

A French soldier who hobbled in on two wooden legs the other day received artificial legs which enabled him to stand upright without the aid of a cane. After he had arrived home his mother wrote the Red Cross.

"Thank you with all my heart for what you have done for my poor mutilated soldier. Your generous and charitable help has brought back to active life an unfortunate who, without your help, would have remained in the darkest of misery. From my soul of a mother and a French woman I beg you to tell the American mothers whose sons will soon be fighting along side of our sons, that if it is their fate to be sent some day to our hospitals, we shall receive them with devoted and tender care.

Card of Thanks

The undersigned desires to thank those who so kindly assisted him during his recent misfortune, and to especially thank the good people of Elida for the invaluable services rendered. One always learns his friends and neighbors better in times of misfortune, and especially is this true of the big hearted people of the southwest. If constant and careful attention to the duties of the office which I hold will in any way compensate for the many kindnesses shown, then I will in some measure show my appreciation. Please remember that my office and my home are always open to my friends and neighbors. Arch L. Gregg.

Dance

A dance was given Thursday evening by R. H. Adams, at the skating rink. A large crowd was in attendance, and a Wurleitzer concert piano proved just the idea for music. The dance was probably the seasons best, and every one agreed that Mr. Adams had the idea of a good one "down pat."

Visitors from Littlefield

Last Saturday Portales was visited by representatives from the Littlefield chamber of commerce. The delegation was composed of Neal A. Douglas, newspaper man, H. L. Smith, C. D. Hensley, A. P. Duggan, A. B. Nickel, A. H. McFarlin, D. S. Boese, W. C. Street, L. E. Bowman and W. F. Ernest. These gentlemen came with a mission. They are boosting the branch of the Ozark Trails from Plainview via Littlefield direct to Portales, here to connect with the El Paso Short Line. They are boosting a logical route and had a good line of talk to support it. Ed J. Neer took the committee in charge and arranged a meeting at the court house for them. They gave a brief outline of what their city could do and pointed out in what way Portales could be of benefit to them as well as itself. They threw no bricks at any other proposed route but contented themselves with urging the advantage of the Littlefield branch. At the conclusion of their talks, Portales people gave them to understand that we were in the road game for the sole purpose of getting as many good roads to Portales as was possible, and was without prejudice as to whether or not those roads were branches of the Ozark Trails or not, and that any way in which we might be of assistance in promoting this route would be given serious consideration. This road could be promoted without in the least, interfering with the main route of the El Paso Short Line, in fact, it would be a feeder that would be of more than nominal importance. We know that we are going to build a highway from Amarillo, via Farwell, Clovis and Portales to El Paso. We know that this road is going to connect with the main line of the Ozark Trails. We know that when this highway is completed we are going to get the traffic whether "Coin" Harvey puts the O. T. on that highway or not. All this being true it looks like good business to go after this Littlefield proposition.

Off to Camp

Bailey Stewart, George Ball and Frank Warnica left Monday morning to join the service at the aviation camps, Bailey Stewart at San Antonio, Texas, and George and Frank to California. These young men have many friends in Portales who will always be glad to hear that they are on the top side up, and that they have landed something better in the way of position in the army than a private. In their particular department of the service there is much chance for advancement and there is but little doubt but what they are heard from before the war is over.

Public Auction

Will McDaniel is giving a public sale at his place near, Floyd, on December 12th, and is offering some very choice cattle, that will, without doubt, be bought worth the money. There is in this bunch some fancy dairy stuff that should find a ready and good market. Earle E. Forbes is auctioneer and Ben Smith clerk.

Notice to Registrants

Governor Lindsey is in receipt of the following message from General Crowder, dated November, 29, 1917, Washington, D. C. "Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant general, local and district boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and postoffice address to communicate immediately with their local boards where they are registered and furnish their present addresses so that questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December fifteenth, will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect to them and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge. Please request newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing questionnaires has been accomplished."

Crowder.

Council Proceedings

The town board men Tuesday night in regular session and there were many vexing problems to be solved. First there was the matter of the regulation of pool halls and whether or not it would be for the best interest of the town to permit another to be opened. It appeared to be the general opinion of the board that one such place in town was sufficient. After some argument, the city attorney was instructed to draw an amended pool hall ordinance providing that the license to be paid should be two hundred dollars per year on the first table and twenty-five dollars per year on each additional table.

The next matter of importance was the consideration of the hog problem. A petition, signed by a large majority of the citizens of the town was presented, asking the board not to put the hog out of town. Considerable discussion followed on this matter. However, in view of the fact that there is already an ordinance prohibiting the keeping of hogs within the limits of the original townsite, it was decided to let the matter rest for the present, or until spring. It was pointed out however, that it would be unwise for those now keeping hogs on their premises to increase their holdings, expecting to be able to continue after the commencement of warm weather.

Enoch Boucher was appointed marshal.

Woman's Club

December 12, 1917

Roll call. Quotations from Bible Christmas Story. Mrs. Garmany Music in North. Mrs. Wilcox Music. Selected Christmas in South. Mrs. Jones Christmas in Foreign Lands Mrs. Campbell Music. Selected Christmas in our home in time of war. All Leader. Mrs. C. V. Harris Hostess. Mrs. Mitchiner

HORSE AND CATTLE BARN ON NEW PLAN

Well-Designed, Handsome and Practical Farm Building, Good Investment.

IS CONVENIENT AND SANITARY

Beware Useless Wall Area and Floor Space—Don't Skimp Material—Plan to Save Labor—Be Sure There's Sunlight Aplenty.

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 187 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only inclose two-cent stamp for reply.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

The farmer who is in the habit of getting his money's worth in an investment, considers five things before he accepts the design of a barn. These things are appearance, economy, practicability, convenience and sanitation.

A well-lighted, handsome appearing, practical building on the farm is a good investment because it gives added value to the property in the eyes of a prospective buyer. Correct design is of utmost importance in obtaining the desired quality of good appearance, although the exterior finish and relation of the building to other buildings of the group must be given consideration in this connection. The roof of the building is largely re-

to consider each building for the particular conditions under which it is to be used. The buildings should be large enough to accommodate a bumper crop and as much stock as the farm will profitably maintain. Remember that it is far more expensive to add to a building than it is to make it large enough in the first place.

There is a great difference in the convenience of barns. Such things as the arrangement for feeding, layout of feed and litter passages, facing of animals, location of feed rooms, silo, doors, and hay chutes, all mean ease or extra work as the case may be.

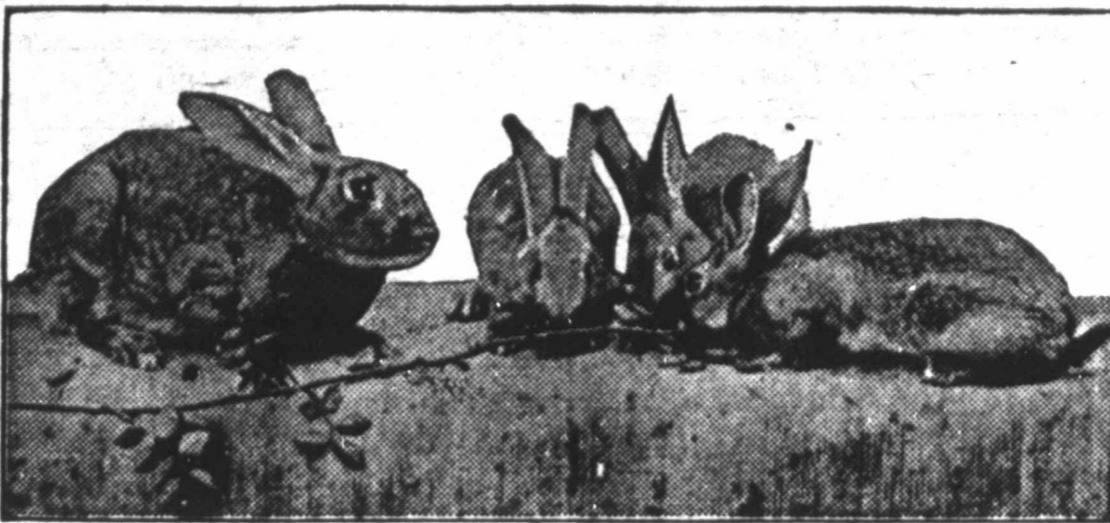
By sanitation is meant the effect obtained by location of windows for distribution of light, doing away with obstruction to light, providing proper height of windows from floor, giving proper slope to stalls, passages and gutters for good drainage, arrangement for a constant circulation of fresh, pure air, making the stable floor impervious to moisture and easily flushed out and finishing off ceilings and side walls to be dust free. Too much sunlight cannot be given to the stock. If a healthy herd is desired, sunlight must get into every nook and corner of the building at least once a day. Sun is nature's disinfectant and cleans a stable of disease germs.

A farm barn for the stabling of dairy cows, horses and beef cattle, is shown in the accompanying illustrations. It is 60 feet by 74 feet in size, and is of the monitor roof type of barn so often seen in Indiana and Illinois. The dairy stable end of the barn is partitioned across opposite the silo. The steel cow stalls are set in the concrete floor in the usual way, and there is an alley behind the cows wide enough for a good passage through.

The horses are in one wing and the loose stock runs in a covered barnyard or partially enclosed shed in the other wing.

Hay storage reaches from the ground to the peak in the center of the barn. The wings also are floored over the stables and the cattle shed, so

RAISE RABBITS TO INCREASE MEAT SUPPLY



GROUP OF DOMESTIC RABBITS WHILE AT LUNCH

At four months the young Belgian hare should be ready for the table, and if it has been properly fed should weigh about six pounds or even more. This weight is about the best for market rabbits, and immediate sale is more profitable than keeping to maturity. Some breeders sell at 10 to 12 weeks and aim to have their stock weigh about 5½ pounds at that age. To do this requires that the animals be kept in small hutches where they can have but little exercise and that they be fed heavily from the time they are weaned. Under this treatment they grow very rapidly and are really superior for the table.

Market Returns.

It is not easy to state what a breeder should realize for market rabbits. Much depends on local conditions and especially upon the familiarity of the public with the excellence of hutch rabbits for the table. If the animals are new to a market, a demand for them will have to be built up, but as a rule they soon will become popular. Better prices usually can be had by selling directly to the consumer, thus saving the middleman's profit. One may make arrangements to deliver regularly or periodically to hotels and restaurants, but often a poultry dealer will agree to take a certain quantity at regular intervals. If members of the family look after the rabbits, so that there is no outlay for labor, and if the hutches are built at home, the cost of rearing may be greatly reduced and much of the income will be net gain. Although it must be admitted that rabbits require more care than usually is given to poultry on our farms, their management has the advantage that it is more interesting, especially to the younger members of the family.

Disposing of Surplus.

After selecting the best stock for breeding purposes it is well to dispose of the remainder as rapidly as conditions warrant. If those to be sold are to be marketed alive, all that is needed is to crate them properly and forward them to their destination. This is the better plan in hot weather, as the carcasses do not keep well. If carcasses are to be delivered the methods of killing and packing are important considerations.

Killing.

There are two excellent ways of killing the animals. The easier and probably the more humane is to dislocate the neck. Almost all gamekeepers know this method and can show the novice quickly how it is done, but probably a description will be understood. Take the two hind legs of the rabbit firmly in the left hand, place the thumb of the right hand just behind the ears where the neck joins the skull, the palm resting on the left side of the face and the fingers holding firmly under the jaws. Then stretch out the animal quickly and with force, pressing in the right thumb and bending the head backward. The dislocation will be felt distinctly. This method requires considerable strength, but when the knack of it is learned it entails less suffering than any other. Another excellent way of killing is to hold the rabbit up in the left hand, as in the first

method, and then to strike a sharp blow on the back of the head with a round stick, stunning the animal. As soon as the neck is dislocated or the rabbit stunned the jugular vein should be cut with a sharp knife and the animal hung head downward to bleed.

Dressing.

The next step in preparing a carcass for market is to remove the paunch and entrails, as their presence would soon taint the meat. With a sharp-pointed knife make a longitudinal cut down the middle of the belly, dividing the skin and the thin abdominal walls, but being careful not to cut the intestines. Turn out the paunch and the intestines, but leave the lungs, liver, heart, and kidneys in place. Next make a slit between the large tendon and the bone of one hind leg and slip the other leg through the cut, so that the carcass may be readily hung up. It should hang long enough to stiffen before being packed.

Packing.

For packing the rabbits for market a basket or hamper of the ordinary shape and having movable flat slatted trays to enable one to pack the carcasses in separate layers is recommended. Such a hamper permits free circulation of the air not only on the edge but also throughout the package, and the carcasses packed in this way reach their destination in an attractive state, instead of in the messy condition so often seen in the wild rabbits marketed in America.

Cooking and Serving.

The cooking of domestic rabbits does not differ greatly from that required for domestic fowls, and an experienced housewife can prepare them in a variety of savory ways. As the meat is naturally somewhat dry, as much as possible of the juices should be retained in cooking it.

SKIMMED MILK FOR CALVES

Undoubtedly Good Feed, But Unless Fed With Care It Will Probably Be Injurious.

There is no doubt that skimmed milk is a good feed for calves but unless it is fed with care it will probably be injurious. Taken alone it is not a balanced ration. However, it is usually fed this way and the result is that the calf is liable to get indigestion, as shown by a bloated condition, capricious appetite and diarrhea. Most of this trouble can be avoided by adding a handful of oil meal, cornmeal or cottonseed meal, to supply, in a way, the fat that has been removed in the skimming. The milk should be given to them warm and never when it is frothy. Never allow a calf to drink all of the milk that it wants at one meal. It is bad practice to allow several calves to drink out of one trough, some of them will get too much. Care in feeding calves is of vastly more importance than "cures" for calf scours.

Feeding Also a Factor.

It is not breeding alone that is going to determine the future usefulness of the cow, but it must be supported by liberal feeding, daily care and careful observation.

PUT MACHINES UNDER COVER

Prices Have Advanced Greatly and Proper Care of Farm Implementments Will Pay Well.

Word is being sent out to farmers over the country to take special pains this fall and winter to protect their machines. Prices have advanced greatly, and care of farm machinery will pay doubly well this year. So the word is going out:

To put machines under cover as soon as the season's work with them is over.

To go over every machine carefully as soon as opportunity will permit, tightening bolts, replacing broken parts, and oiling carefully to prevent rusting.

To paint machines, as painting lengthens the life of a machine. Bridge paint is suggested as the best for iron parts.

Sugar Beets for Feed.

Sugar-beets make a very good feed for the cattle, but grain, clover and alfalfa should go along with them.

SCALES AND ACCOUNT BOOK

Demonstrate That Dairy Cows Are Very Responsive to Neglect or Shortage of Feed.

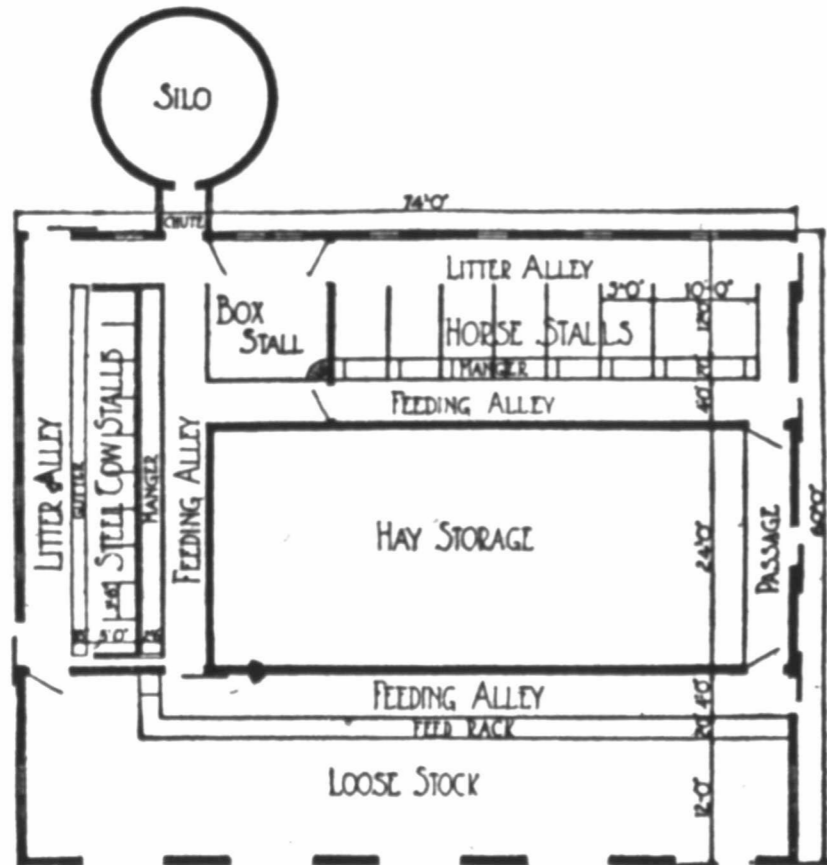
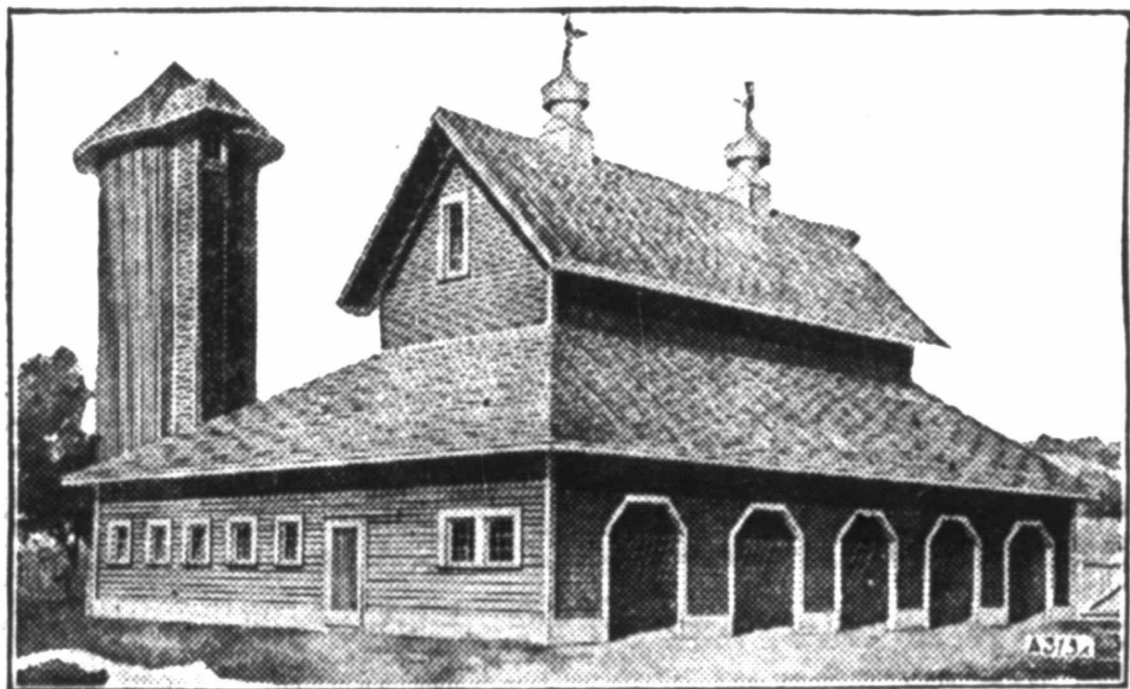
The scales and the account book show that dairy cows are very responsive to neglect or a shortage of feed during the changeable fall weather; and that it is far more difficult to return them to a gaining basis than it is during other seasons of the year. Cows are naturally declining in milk yields during the fall months, so it is important that they have good care and liberal feeding to counteract the natural tendencies.

Healthy Sow and Litter.

Pasturing the brood sow and her litter keeps them all in good health. The pigs will make satisfactory gains, and there will be a decided saving of grain.

Separate Male Fowls.

It is better to separate the male birds from the hens during the molting-season.



sponsible for the appearance and it should be proportioned with this idea in mind, but the storage capacity is very often of greater importance than the appearance. Properly designed dormers can often be used to obtain a pleasing appearance, where the roof surface is large. One of the easiest ways to obtain attractive appearance is to mount a good type of modern ventilator on the roof, at as many points as there is need for them; and in addition to the appearance, this equipment is considered absolutely necessary from the standpoint of healthy stock, among the farmers "who know."

Economy consists in using the least wall area, a minimum of non-useful floor space, saving of building materials wherever possible, reduction of heat loss through the walls, all resulting in a saving of money both in construction of the building and in its subsequent use. Sometimes there is too little money invested in farm buildings, in which case the labor cost of maintaining the stock is excessive. There should be a balance struck between the labor cost of doing the farm work and the interest on the money invested in buildings constructed for the purpose of reducing this labor cost.

Practicability consists in proper dimensions of stalls, passages, doors, gutters, hay-racks, posts, beams, bracing and other parts. This consideration is that which makes it advisable

the whole size of the barn is made into storage from this floor up. Usually straw is blown into the wings at threshing time and the center of the barn is filled with hay.

There are feed racks running the whole length of the stock shed. Over these feed racks are chutes to let the hay or other roughage down from the big mow so that the racks are easily filled at feeding time. At the same time hay is let down in the feeding alley on the side of the barn for the dairy cows. It is better not to have any direct connection between the cow stable and the overhead storage. Hay for the horses and straw for horse bedding is put down another chute in the horse wing.

Placing the silo at one corner of the barn makes it easy to feed silage to all of the live stock, because of the manner in which the different alleys branch off and extend in different directions to reach the mangers.

Considering the size of the barn, 60 by 74 feet, it is a cheap barn to build. The construction is very simple. The center part is built with uprights which reach to the plate and the wings are added like sheds, with the exception that a solid concrete foundation reaches all the way around, which makes the barn permanent. Such a foundation adds a great deal to the value of the building, both in service and looks.

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Blotter—What's the matter?
Calendar—Oh, alas, I fear my days are numbered.

ALL RUN-DOWN AND NERVOUS

Says This Lady Who Had to Support Family of Four. Read Below Her Statement About Cardui.

Tallapoosa, Ga.—Mrs. Sallie Eldson, of this place, writes: "I was in very poor health, all run-down, nervous, had fainting spells, dizziness and heart fluttering. I had these symptoms usually at my . . . times. I had a very hard time, working for seven years in a hotel after my father died. I had to support our family of four. I read the Birthday Almanac and thought I would begin taking Cardui. I received good benefit from it. I am sure it will do all that it claims to do. I took three or four bottles before it began to show effects. After that I improved rapidly and gained in health and strength. I took nine bottles in all. This is the only time I have taken it. I was down to 108 pounds and I gained to 122. I felt like a new woman. I couldn't sleep before and had to be rubbed, I would get so nervous and numb. And all this was stopped by Cardui."

The true value of a medicine can be determined only by the results obtained from its actual use. The thousands of letters we have received every year for many years from grateful users of Cardui, are powerful tributes to its worth and effectiveness. If you suffer from womanly ailments, try Cardui, the woman's tonic. —Adv.

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"Oh, yes; I raised a smile."

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Start treatment at once. Sold at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.

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"My policy is never say die."
"Wait until your hair begins to turn gray."

Satisfactory.
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June—Very—for her enemies.

DON'T SNIFFLE.
You can rid yourself of that cold in the head by taking Laxative Quinine Tablets. Price 25c. Also used in cases of La Grippe and for severe headaches. Remember that.—Adv.

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When Your Eyes Need Care
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HEART OF THE SUNSET

By Rex Beach

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ALAIRE AUSTIN AROUSES THE BRUTAL COVETOUSNESS IN GENERAL LONGORIO'S NATURE AND HE BEGINS TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY

Mrs. Alaire Austin, a handsome young matron, mistress of Las Palmas ranch, gets lost in the Texas desert and after an all-day struggle wanders into the little camp of David Law, a ranger, hunting a Mexican murderer. Circumstances force her to stay 24 hours in the camp. Law catches his man, kills another and escorts her home. "Young Ed" Austin, drunken wastrel, berates his wife and makes insinuations about the ranger. Austin is secretly in league with Mexican rebels. Alaire starts for her ranch La Feria, in federal Mexican territory, to secure damages for cattle confiscated by soldiery.

CHAPTER V—Continued.

"I was coming to that. Your husband, senora, is an active Candeirista."

For a moment Alaire was at a loss; then she replied with some spirit: "We are two people, he and I. La Feria belongs to me."

"Nevertheless his conduct is regrettable," Longorio went on. "Probably evil men have lied to him."

For the first time Dolores stirred. She had watched her countryman with a peculiar fascination. Now she said, as if freed from a spell:

"Pah! Nobody pays heed to Senor Ed. We do not consider him."

Alaire turned upon her with a sharp exclamation, conscious meanwhile that the woman's tone, even more than her words, had enlightened Longorio to some extent. His lifted brows were eloquent of surprise and curiosity, but he held his tongue.

"Am I to understand, then, that you rob me because of my husband's action?" Alaire asked.

"No. I shall help," Longorio beamed enthusiastically. "It shall be the object of my life to serve you, and you and I shall arrange this matter satisfactorily. I have influence, believe me. Duty calls me to Nuevo Pueblo, and you shall return with me as the guest of my government." He rose to his feet, but his eagerness soon gave place to disappointment.

"Thank you," said Alaire, "but I must first go to La Feria and get all the facts."

"Senora! It is a wretched journey. See!" He waved a contemptuous gesture at the car, crowded to congestion. "There is no food; you have no one to wait upon you. In my company you will be safe. Upon my honor, you will enjoy the highest courtesy—"

"Of course. But I must go on. I have Dolores and Jose to look after me," Alaire indicated Sanchez, who had edged his way very close and now stood with admiring eyes fixed upon his hero.

"Yes, my general," Jose exclaimed, eagerly. "I am here."

Longorio scrutinized the horse-breaker critically. "Your name is—?"

"Jose Sanchez."

"You look like a brave fellow."

Jose swelled at this praise, and no doubt would have made suitable answer, but his employer held out her hand, and General Longorio bent over it, raising it to his lips. He called one of his subordinates closer and ordered that a lieutenant and six soldiers be detached to act as an escort to Mrs. Austin's party. "Senora, the hours will drag until I may see you again and be of further service. Meanwhile I shall be tortured with radiant dreams. Go with God!" For a second time he bowed and kissed the hand he held, then, taking Jose Sanchez intimately by the arm, he turned to the door.

Dolores collapsed into her seat with an exclamation. "Caramba! The man is a demon! And such eyes. Uf!"

Dolores was interrupted by Longorio's voice beneath the open window. The general stood, cap in hand, holding up to Alaire a solitary wildflower which he had plucked beside the track.

"See!" he cried. "It is the color of your adorable eyes—blue like the sapphire gem." He placed the delicate bloom in Alaire's fingers and was gone.

"Culdado!" breathed Dolores. "There is blood on it; the blood of innocents. He will burn for a million years in hell, that man."

Jose Sanchez came plowing into Alaire's car, tremendously excited. "Look, senora!" he cried. "Look what the general gave me," and he proudly displayed Longorio's service revolver. Around Jose's waist was the cartridge belt and holster that went with the weapon. "With his own hands he buckled it about me, and he said,

"Jose, something tells me you are a devil for bravery. Guard your mistress with your life, for if any mishap befalls her I shall cut out your heart with my own hands." Those were his very words, senora. Caramba! There is a man to die for."

Nor was this the last of Longorio's dramatic surprises. Shortly after the train had got under way the lieutenant in command of Alaire's guard brought her a small package, saying:

"The general commanded me to hand you this, with his deepest regard."

Alaire accepted the object curiously. It was small and heavy and wrapped in several leaves torn from a notebook, and it proved to be nothing less than the splendid diamond-and-ruby ring she had admired.

"God protect us, now!" murmured Dolores, crossing herself devoutly.

CHAPTER VI.

Blaze Jones and His Neighbors.

Blaze Jones rode up to his front gate and dismounted in the shade of the big ebony tree. He stepped back and ran an approving eye over another animal tethered there. Of course the youths of this day were nothing like the youths of his own, and yet—Blaze let his gaze linger fondly on the highbred mare and her equipment—here at least was a person who knew a good horse, a good saddle and a good gun.

As he came up the walk he heard Paloma laugh, and his own face lightened, for his daughter's merriment was contagious. Then as he mounted the steps and turned the corner of the "gallery" he uttered a hearty greeting. "Dave Law! Where in the world did you drop from?"

Law uncoiled himself and took the ranchman's hand. "Hello, Blaze! I been ordered down here to keep you straight."

"Fshaw! Now who's been giving you orders, Dave?"

"Why, I'm with the Rangers." "Never knew a word of it. Last I heard you was filibustering around with the Maderistas."

Blaze seated himself with a grateful sigh where the breeze played over him. He was a big, bearlike, swarthy man with the square-jawed, deep-lined face of a tragedian, and a head of long, curly hair, which he wore parted in a line over his left ear. Jones was a character, a local landmark. This part of Texas had grown up with Blaze, and he possessed a splendid indifference to the artificial fads of dress and manners. He was plainly an outdoor man.

"So you're a Ranger, and got notches on your gun," Blaze rolled and lit a tiny cigarette, scarcely larger than a wheat straw. "Well, you'd ought to make a right able thief-catcher, Dave, only for your size—you're too long for a man and you ain't long enough for a snake. Still, I reckon a thief would have trouble getting out of your reach, and once you got close to him—How many men have you killed?"

"Counting Mexicans?" Law inquired with a smile.

"Nobody counts them."

"Not many."

"That's good," Blaze nodded and relit his cigarette, which he had permitted promptly to smolder out. "The force ain't what it was. Most of the boys nowadays join so they can ride a horse cross-lots, pack a pair of guns, and give rein to the predilections of a vicious ancestry. They're bad rams, most of 'em."

"There aren't many," said Paloma. "Dave tells me the whole force has been cut down to sixteen."

"That's plenty," her father averred. "It's like when Cap'n Bill McDonald was sent to stop a riot in Dallas. He came to town alone, and when the citizens asked him where his men was, he said 'Ain't I enough? There's only one riot.' Are you workin' up a case, Dave?"

"Um—yes! People are missing a lot of stock hereabouts."

"It's these blamed refugees from the war! A Mexican has to steal something or he gets run down and pore. If it ain't stock, it's something else."

Dave Law's duties as a Ranger rested lightly upon him; his instructions were vague, and he had a leisurely method of "working up" his evidence. Since he knew that Blaze possessed a thorough knowledge of this section and its people, it was partly business which had brought him to the Jones home this afternoon.

Strictly speaking, Blaze was not a rancher. He had speculated heavily in raw lands, and for several years past he had devoted his energies to a gigantic colonization scheme. It was by no means a small operation in which he was engaged. The venture had taken foresight, courage, infinite hard work; Blaze was burdened with responsibilities that would have broken down a man of weaker fiber.

But his pet relaxation was reminiscence. His own experience had been wide, he knew everybody in his part of the state, and although events in his telling were sometimes colored by his rich imagination, the information he could give was often of the greatest value—as Dave Law knew.

After a time the latter said, casually, "Tell me something about Tad Lewis."

Blaze looked up quickly. "What do you want to know?"

"Anything. Everything."

"Tad owns a right nice ranch between here and Las Palmas," Blaze said cautiously.

Paloma broke out impatiently. "Why don't you say what you think?" Then to Dave: "Tad Lewis is a bad neighbor, and always has been. There's a ford on his place, and we think he knows more about 'wet' cattle than he cares to tell."

"It's a good place to cross stock at low water," her father agreed, "and Lewis' land runs back from the Rio Grande in its old Spanish form. It's a natural outlet for those brush-country ranches. But I haven't anything against Tad except a natural dislike. He stands well with some of our best people, so I'm probably wrong. I usually am."

"You can't call Ed Austin one of our best people," sharply objected Paloma. "They claim that arms are being smuggled across to the rebels, Dave, and, if it's true, Ed Austin—"

"Now, Paloma," her father remonstrated mildly. "The regulars and the river guards watched Lewis' ranch till the embargo was lifted, and they never saw anything."

"I believe Austin is a strong rebel sympathizer," Law ventured.

"Sure! And him and the Lewis outfit are amigos. If you go pirooting around Tad's place you're more'n apt to make yourself unpopular, Dave. I'd give some to see you in a wooden kimono. Tad's too well fixed to steal cattle, and if he runs arms it's because he's a 'galvanized Gringo' himself—married a Mexican, you know."

When mealtime drew near, both Jones and his daughter urged their guest to stay and dine with them, and Dave was glad to accept.

"After supper I'm going to show you our town," Blaze declared. "It's the finest city in south Texas, and growing like a weed. All we need is good farmers. Those we've got are mostly back-to-nature students who leaped a drug counter expecting to 'light in the lap of luxury.' In the last outfit we sold there wasn't three men that knew which end of a mule to put the collar on. But they'll learn. Nature's with 'em, and so am I. God supplies 'em with all the fresh air and sunshine they need, and when they want anything else they come to Old Blaze. Ain't that right, Paloma?"

"Yes, father."

Paloma Jones had developed wonderfully since Dave Law had last seen her. She had grown into a most wholesome and attractive young woman, with an honest, humorous pair of brown eyes. During dinner she did her part with a grace that made watching her a pleasure, and the Ranger found it a great treat to sit at her table after his strenuous scouting days in the mesquite.

"I'm glad to hear Jonesville is prosperous," he told his host. "And they say you're in everything."

"That's right; and prosperity's no name for it. Everybody wants Blaze to have a finger in the pie. I'm interested in the bank, the sugar mill, the hardware store, the ice plant— Say, the ice plant's a luxury for a town this size. D'you know what I made out of it last year?"

"I've no idea."

"Twenty-seven thousand dollars!" The father of Jonesville spoke proudly, impressively, and then through habit called upon his daughter for verification. "Didn't I, Paloma?"

Miss Paloma's answer was unexpected, and came with equal emphasis: "No, you didn't, father. The miserable thing lost money."

Blaze was only momentarily dismayed. Then he joined his visitor's laughter. "How can a man get along without the co-operation of his own household?" he inquired naively. "Maybe it was next year I was thinking about." Thereafter he confined himself to statements which required no corroboration.

Dave had long since learned that to hold Blaze Jones to a strict accountability with fact was to rob his society of its greatest charm. A slavish accuracy in figures, an arid lack of imagination, reduces conversation to the insipidness of flat wine, and Blaze's talk was never dull. He was a keen, shrewd, practical man, but somewhere in his being there was concealed a tremendous, topsided sense of humor which took the form of a bewildering imagery. An attentive audience was enough for him, and, once his fancy was in full swing, there was no limit to his outrageous exaggerations. A light of credulity in a hearer's eye filled him with prodigious mirth, and it is doubtful if his listeners ever derived a fraction of the amusement from his fabrications that he himself enjoyed. Paloma's spirit of contradiction was the only fly in his ointment; now that his daughter was old enough to "keep books" on him, much of the story-teller's joy was denied him.

Of course his proclivities occasionally led to misapprehensions; chance acquaintances who recognized him as an artful romancer were liable to consider him generally untruthful. But even in this misconception Blaze took a quiet delight, secure in the knowledge that all who knew him well regarded him as a rock of integrity. As a matter of fact, his genuine exploits were quite as sensational as those of his manufacture.

When, after supper, Blaze had hitched a pair of driving mules to his buckboard, preparatory to showing his guest the glories of Jonesville, Dave said:

"Paloma's getting mighty pretty."

"She's as pretty as a blue-bonnet flower," he father agreed. "And she runs me around something scandalous. I ain't got the freedom of a peon." Blaze sighed and shook his shaggy head. "You know me, Dave; I never used to be scared of nobody. Well, it's different now. She rides me with a Spanish bit, and my soul ain't my own." With a sudden lightning of his gloom, he added: "Say, you're going to stay right here with us as long as you're in town; I want you to see how I cringe."

In spite of Blaze's plaintive tone it was patent that he was inordinately proud of Paloma and well content with his serfdom.

Jonesville proved to be a typical Texas town of the modern variety, and altogether different to the pictured frontier village. All in all, the effect was much like that of a prosperous, orderly northern farming town. To its happy founder it seemed well-nigh perfect, and its destiny roused his maddest enthusiasm. He pointed out the Odd Fellows hall, the Palace Picture theater, with its glaring orange lights and discordant electric piano; he conducted Law to the First National bank, of which Blaze was a proud but somewhat ornamental director; then to the sugar mill, the ice plant and other points of equally novel interest.

Everywhere he went Jones was hailed by friends, for everybody seemed to know him and to want to shake his hand.

"Some town and some body of men, eh?" he inquired, finally, and Dave agreed:

"Yes. She's got a grand framework. Blaze. She'll be most as big as Fort Worth when you fatten her up."

Jones waved his buggy whip in a wide circle that took in the miles of level prairie on all sides. "We've got the whole blamed state to grow in. And, Dave, I haven't got an enemy in the place! It wasn't many years ago that certain people allowed I'd never live to raise this town. Why, it used to be that nobody dared ride with me—except Paloma, and she used to sleep with a shotgun at her bedside." "You sure have been a responsibility to her."

"But I'm as safe now as if I was in church."

Dave Law turns up some surprising evidence against certain Texans and he makes important plans. It's all in the next installment.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

His Excellent Memory.

"When were you married?" "Well," replied Mr. Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, "I disrecollect persizely what year it was, but I know it happened on the Fourth of July or Christmas, or some such day."—Kansas City Star.



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FATE PURSUED THIS TOMMY

Nearly Spent Bullet Goes Through Hole Made in His Helmet by German Sniper.

James Dickinson, a convalescent Canadian soldier, in a letter to a friend, tells this story of the great war:

During a lull in the battle of the Marne one of the Canadian troopers took off his steel helmet, and, placing it on the end of his rifle, held it so that about half of it protruded above the top of the trench. A German sniper, observing it, at once shot at it, and the ball, striking it squarely, pierced the steel, going out the other side. The "Tommy" laughingly showed it to his comrades and placed it back on his head.

Fifteen minutes later the order came to "go over the top," and this same "Tom" was among the first. He was also among the first to fall, mortally wounded.

It was discovered at the dressing station that he had been struck by a nearly spent bullet that had gone through one of the holes that he had so recently shown his fellow soldiers in laughter.

Wealth of Australia.

The recently completed "census of wealth in Australia shows that the country's net assets are equal to \$1,675 per head of the population. The migration returns show a loss of 279,000 males since the war began and white women now outnumber the men by 85,000.

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UNIQUE DECORATIONS

A Pretty Pagan Custom Revived to Vary Holly.

For table decoration a doll dressed as Santa Claus or as an angel could be put in the middle of the table, and tied around its waist may be a lot of narrow ribbons, one for every guest. Each one of these should run from the doll to a plate, where should be tied to it a tiny parcel with some trifling gift or mock present. If definite places are assigned to each guest some little things which "knock" at some of their foibles would make lots of laughter around the table as the parcels are opened, care being taken, however, not to touch upon some sensitive point, for that would most effectively spoil any further attempt at fun. For this arrangement the table could be decorated in almost any desired way. The doll might be perched upon a tall vase, the



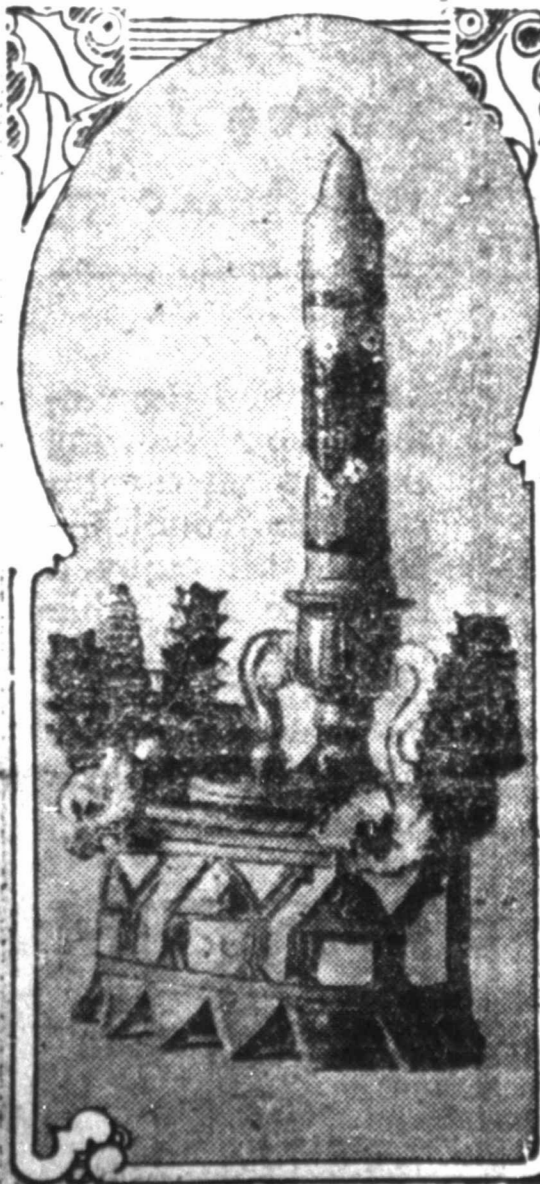
base of which might be banked with greens, with either fruits or flowers interspersed. A sprig of holly or mistletoe might be put into each parcel or knotted along the length of the ribbons.

And the rest of the room ought really to be decorated, too, with holly or greens draped over the pictures and at the doorway, for the custom of bringing green things into the home at Yuletide dates back to a very beautiful custom of the old Druid worshippers, who, at a festival which to them was much like our Christmas, brought into their house branches of trees and mistletoe, which was the sacred flower, and they believed that the spirits of Druids driven away from their tree homes by the cold would come and take up their habitation in these branches and that as long as this spirit remained good luck would be with all the members of the household. So from this pretty pagan custom has come ours of decorating our homes at Yuletide.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Homemade Sweets for the Children This Year.

Barley Sugar Drops.—Ingredients: Half a pound of loaf sugar, a large teaspoonful of white of egg, half a teaspoonful of lemon juice, half a gill of water. Boil the sugar, water and egg until it thickens, then add the lemon juice. Bring to the boil again and cook quickly until the mixture begins to candy, then pour into a shallow buttered tin, and when cool cut into strips.



Twist each of these strips slightly and leave as stick candy, or, should you prefer it, cut the mixture into small squares when cool and pack in that shape like taffy drops.

Golden Sirup Taffy.—Ingredients: A pound of granulated sugar, a dessert-spoonful of golden sirup, one-half pint of water, two ounces of butter, vanilla. Melt the sugar and water slowly and then add the sirup, stirring carefully all the time. When the whole has melted and is well blended add the butter, putting it in in small pieces, and bring to a boil. Boil until a little dropped into ice water becomes brittle, pour into a buttered tin, mark into squares when cool and leave to harden. This is particularly delicious taffy.

Christmas Presents That Please Men

LAST Christmas many a man decided his feminine friends were not worthy of the vote simply because they sent him such foolish, inappropriate gifts. On the other hand, a successful present makes an impression that never wears off. It is a little monument to the taste, intelligence and affection of the giver.

Among the following suggestions is almost certain to be something which will please any man:

If he shaves himself, one of the light, magnifying shaving mirrors which can be quickly and easily attached to a window or wherever the light is good.

A trousers rack will please him greatly, especially if he is a bachelor and his closet room is limited.

The furniture and department stores carry flat, wide, shallow cedar chests on wooden wheels which roll easily out from under the bed. This is particularly adapted to the college boy in his little dormitory room. For him also a sweater is a joy.

A small kit of tools is a good present for almost any man unless he is a carpenter or a paralytic. One to half a dozen pairs of shoe trees are an inexpensive but grateful present.

In case he has electricity in his house there is no end of good things for him—coffee percolators, bread toasters, cigar lighters, etc.

If he has a car you may charm him with one of the new-fangled pneumatic or other cushions which are now sold to re-enforce the upholstery of the car. A lap robe or a vulcanizer or vacuum bottle or even a new horn may be just the thing for him.

Very likely he has a telephone. If so get a little mahogany card index file and have some one (preferably you) look up the telephone numbers of the people in his address book and write them on the cards.

A fountain pen for his desk would prove a convenience and a delight.

Should you care to pay \$10 you can surprise and please a man who has a little bit of accounting to do at home by giving him a pocket adding machine. For about the same price you can buy him a real, fool proof, portable shower bath.

Metal wastebaskets are appreciated by men because a lighted cigar or cigarette dropped into them is not likely to bring the fire department.

A frame for a cabinet-sized photograph will not be amiss if you are sure he wants your picture in it.

But don't send him a necktie, nor a scarfpin, nor a matchbox or he'll never forgive you; also restrain yourself from inflicting a pearl-handled pen-knife, a pocketbook (unless you are old and richer and can put something into it) or a box of cigars just as good as the kind he smokes.—New York American.

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—Baltimore Sun.

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—Springfield Union.

Or else you'll cry:
"Alas, alack!
I wish I had
My money back!"
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Christmas the Same as Ever.

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused—in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened—by the recurrence of Christmas. There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be. . . . Never heed such dismal reminiscences. . . . Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. . . . Our life on it, but your Christmas shall be merry and your new year a happy one.—Charles Dickens.

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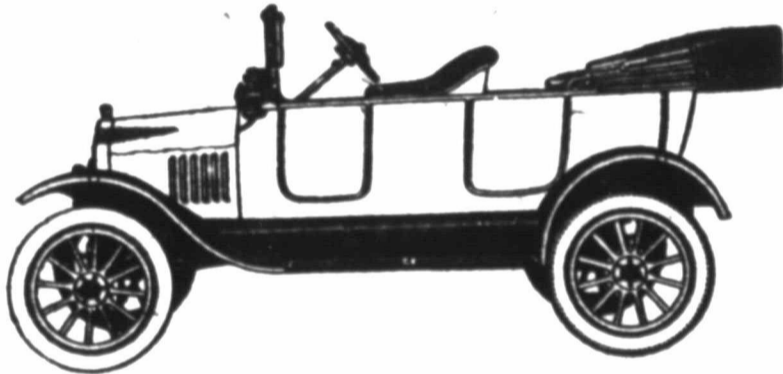
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Notice of Pendency of Suit

State of New Mexico to Ernest C. Wright and Jennie C. Wright, A. A. Rogers, O. J. Taylor, Jr., T. J. Lee, S. A. Arlingstall, Jr., A. L. Burrows, and the Portales Utilities Company, defendants, vs. Ernest C. Wright, A. A. Rogers, O. J. Taylor, Jr., T. J. Lee, S. A. Arlingstall, Jr., A. L. Burrows, and the Portales Utilities Company, plaintiffs, said cause being numbered No. 1319 upon the civil docket of said court. The general objects of such action are as follows: The plaintiff seeks judgment against Ernest C. Wright and Jennie C. Wright upon a promissory note executed and delivered by them to the Portales Utilities Company on the 15th day of June, 1915, and a mortgage securing same, which said note and mortgage were assigned and transferred to the plaintiff in the sum of \$2500.00, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 15th day of June, 1916, until paid, and a reasonable attorney's fee in the sum of \$250.00 for foreclosing said mortgage and collecting said note taxes in the sum of \$17.10 and all costs of said suit, and the plaintiff prays a decree against all of said defendants foreclosing said mortgage deed given them for the security of said sums upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The southwest quarter of section eleven, in township one south of range thirty-three east of the New Mexico meridian, New Mexico, that the plaintiff's said mortgage be declared a first and prior lien in favor of the plaintiff against all of said defendants, and superior to any right, claim or demand of said defendants, and each and all of them, to have said property sold and the proceeds of such sale applied in the first place to the satisfaction of the plaintiff's said judgment and demands and all costs of suit. You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the twenty-first day of December, 1917, judgment by default will be taken against you, and each and all of you, for said sums, and the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You are further notified that G. L. Reese is attorney for the plaintiff and his post office address is Portales, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court on this the 29th day of October, 1917.

(Seal) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk.

Public Notice

No. 119.
In the Probate Court of Roosevelt County, State of New Mexico.
In the matter of the estate of Elmer Louis Kohl, deceased.
Notice is hereby given, as directed by the Probate Court, that Bessie Kohl was on the 5th day of November, 1917, appointed Administratrix over the estate of Elmer Louis Kohl, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate will file them within the time prescribed by law, else same will be barred.
Dated this November 8th, 1917.
BESSIE KOHL,
Administratrix,
Portales, New Mexico.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

The State of New Mexico to Lillian P. Valliant and P. A. Valliant, defendants, greeting:
You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the district court of the Fifth judicial district of the state of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt county, wherein Pleasant S. Snell is plaintiff and you, Lillian P. Valliant and P. A. Valliant, are defendants, said cause being numbered 1323 upon the civil docket of said court. The general objects of said action are as follows: The plaintiff sues the said defendants to compel them to execute a deed of conveyance to him to the following described real estate: The northwest quarter of section nine, in township two south of range thirty-three east of the New Mexico meridian, pursuant to an agreement between the plaintiff and defendants, as alleged in the complaint, and to quiet his title to said described tract of land, for his costs of suit and for general relief. You are further notified that if you enter your appearance on or before the 1st day of January, 1918, judgment by default will be rendered against you in said cause and the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You are further notified that George L. Reese is attorney for plaintiff and that his post office address is Portales, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court on this the 9th day of November, 1917.

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Longs Items

Willard Long, who has been suffering with a broken collar bone is rapidly improving, and was able to be in school again Monday.

The singing at Mr. Campbell's Sunday night was quite well attended there being visitors from both Rogers and Inez present.

The Sunday school class held its first meeting last Sunday. The following were elected as instructors: Mrs. Oscar Long, card class, Mr. Marrs, adult bible class and Miss Lucy Johnson, will have charge of the young folks class.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Haislip were visitors in the Roebuck community Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The literary society will hold its first meeting Monday December 3rd at the school building.



IN a place built, like Bethlehem, in many cases against the soft limestone rock it often happens that the existence of a cave where the house was to be was a great attraction since it offered a ready made, dry, above ground cellar as well as a specially suitable spot for the household animals and for a storeroom. It would seem that Joseph was at last able to get room in some such back portion of a house, and there, we are told, Mary bore her divine Son.

A cave below the high altar of the Church of the Nativity is now shown as the very place where this august event transpired; a little recess, shaped like a clam shell, its floor of marble wrought into a star in the center, bearing in Latin the words, "Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary." A row of lamps hangs round the outer edge, the right to attend to them being a jealously watched matter, each of the ancient churches, the Greek, the Latin, the Armenian and the Coptic, having one or more of these under its care.

The evidence for this site is so strong that most persons accept it as sufficient, reaching up, as it does, to within living memory of the days of the apostles. But even if this be an illusion the fact remains that in this petty village the Saviour of the world was made man for our redemption. No wonder that we read of the anthem of the angels, for surely nothing could draw forth the interest of the heavenly population like the exceeding grace God was showing to sinful man.

The scene of the visit of the shepherds is pointed out as on a rough slope, facing the village, at some distance to the east, Bethlehem lying far above on its mountain seat. One can follow the shepherds in their journey to see the unspeakable wonder. They would go along the rich valley of Boaz and then up the terraced hill by a path still in use, nor is it uninteresting to reflect that, while simple shepherds were led by angels to the manger, the high priest and the great of Jerusalem, so near, slept through that most illustrious night of all history, quite unconscious of what had happened. But we know of it, and may God grant that if we cannot go with the shepherds to Bethlehem we may one day go to the right hand of God and worship him there, who that night lay a little child in Mary's arms.—Dr. Cunningham Geikie.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE
County Treasurer
of Roosevelt County, New Mexico
For Year Ending Nov. 30, 1917

| FUND OR ACCOUNT | Bal. Nov. 30 1916 | Receipts during Year | Transfer to funds | Transfer from funds | Payments during Year | Balances Nov. 30 1917 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| General County | 270.78 | 14996.72 | 1500.00 | | 12340.58 | 4426.92 |
| Court | 2149.68 | 1798.16 | 1500.00 | 292.50 | 3967.33 | 1198.01 |
| Interest and Spiking | 4145.76 | 1882.48 | | | 1063.77 | 4964.47 |
| General School | 271.36 | 12352.94 | | 9981.24 | 2574.33 | 68.73 |
| General Road | 232.50 | 8722.58 | | | 8650.69 | 295.39 |
| Special Bridge | | | | | | |
| Court House & Jail Rep'r's | 277.09 | 111.17 | | | 93.56 | 294.70 |
| Wild Animal Bounty | 816.27 | 1520.63 | | | 869.47 | 1467.43 |
| Boarding Prisoners | | | | | | |
| State Treasurer | 553.43 | 31802.84 | | | 31988.52 | 367.75 |
| Institute | 58.50 | 200.00 | 362.64 | | 613.14 | 8.00 |
| Dist. Atty. Salary | 40.00 | | 585.00 | | 625.00 | |
| Assessor, Morrison | 5.40 | 144.81 | | | 141.15 | 9.06 |
| County Salary | 3490.94 | 18048.05 | 3292.50 | | 11879.72 | 6367.67 |
| School District No. 1 | 113.11 | 3089.45 | 8604.59 | | 11632.41 | 174.74 |
| School District No. 2 | 21.69 | 751.94 | 5632.03 | | 6391.06 | 14.60 |
| School District No. 3 | 56.52 | 260.88 | 846.15 | | 993.06 | 170.49 |
| School District No. 4 | 54.36 | 46.42 | 463.71 | | 564.28 | .21 |
| School District No. 5 | 9.47 | 257.00 | 386.32 | | 790.42 | 12.37 |
| School District No. 6 | 72.93 | 27.26 | 427.42 | | 527.61 | |
| School District No. 7 | | | 47.20 | | 29.40 | 17.80 |
| School District No. 8 | 24.22 | 46.52 | 407.12 | | 477.37 | .49 |
| School District No. 9 | 159.03 | 84.31 | 2129.85 | | 2372.54 | .65 |
| School District No. 10 | 5.47 | 69.93 | 916.47 | | 991.84 | .03 |
| School District No. 11 | 247.63 | 32.12 | 582.22 | | 861.43 | .54 |
| School District No. 12 | 20.00 | 22.08 | 496.40 | | 528.47 | .91 |
| School District No. 13 | 10.12 | 30.03 | 494.94 | | 534.26 | .83 |
| School District No. 14 | 40.84 | 51.03 | 355.84 | | 446.68 | 1.03 |
| School District No. 15 | 79.89 | 30.06 | 381.71 | | 488.05 | 3.61 |
| School District No. 16 | 41.66 | 18.54 | 503.07 | | 563.27 | |
| School District No. 17 | 22.83 | 49.31 | 390.12 | | 462.10 | .16 |
| School District No. 18 | 37.45 | 318.53 | 920.57 | | 1272.96 | 3.59 |
| School District No. 19 | 35.65 | 401.48 | 369.76 | | 703.09 | 103.80 |
| School District No. 20 | | | 35.20 | | 35.20 | |
| School District No. 21 | | | 9.60 | | 9.60 | |
| School District No. 22 | | | 61.60 | | 61.60 | |
| School District No. 23 | | | 18.40 | | 18.40 | 1.90 |
| School District No. 24 | | | 41.60 | | 41.60 | |
| School District No. 25 | | | 55.20 | | 4.80 | 50.40 |
| School District No. 26 | 35.76 | 19.03 | 537.16 | | 585.75 | 6.20 |
| School District No. 27 | | | 21.60 | | 21.60 | |
| (Negro Hill) No. 28 | | | 40.80 | | 40.80 | |
| (La Lande) No. 28 | 74.81 | 292.25 | 3235.99 | | 3601.09 | 1.96 |
| School District No. 30 | .95 | 204.09 | 3135.79 | | 3332.92 | 7.91 |
| (Union Valley) No. 31 | | | 60.00 | | 54.15 | 5.85 |
| (Canton) No. 31 | 418.71 | 66.24 | 929.49 | | 1414.44 | |
| School District No. 33 | 1.42 | 33.79 | 1002.27 | | 1037.44 | .04 |
| School District No. 34 | 4.26 | 23.96 | 550.33 | | 577.73 | .82 |
| School District No. 35 | 4.75 | 64.69 | 588.80 | | 652.39 | 5.85 |
| School District No. 36 | 203.42 | 137.60 | 179.36 | | 499.13 | 21.25 |
| School District No. 37 | 4.28 | 42.00 | 445.67 | | 489.88 | 2.16 |
| School District No. 39 | 31.85 | 33.01 | 459.04 | | 523.90 | |
| School District No. 40 | 370.02 | 37.46 | 961.37 | | 1368.85 | |
| School District No. 41 | | | 26.40 | | 14.00 | 12.40 |
| School District No. 44 | 27.61 | 126.15 | 768.56 | | 899.36 | 22.96 |
| School District No. 45 | 14.45 | 24.99 | 406.76 | | 506.20 | |
| School District No. 46 | 41.68 | 90.39 | 556.08 | | 687.84 | .31 |
| School District No. 47 | 33.50 | 60.82 | 559.11 | | 653.43 | |
| School District No. 48 | 36.86 | 131.16 | 526.68 | | 686.72 | 7.98 |
| School District No. 49 | 22.24 | 36.56 | 573.03 | | 628.84 | 3.59 |
| School District No. 50 | 9.95 | 26.95 | 585.70 | | 622.60 | |
| School District No. 53 | 34.38 | 36.60 | 500.97 | | 571.73 | .22 |
| School District No. 54 | 11.72 | 111.62 | 610.48 | | 721.55 | 12.27 |
| School District No. 56 | 37.63 | 64.94 | 440.46 | | 542.86 | .17 |
| School District No. 57 | 15.24 | 57.16 | 420.66 | | 489.41 | 3.65 |
| School District No. 59 | .46 | | | | | |
| School District No. 58 | | | 62.40 | | 62.40 | |
| School District No. 59 | | | 36.00 | | 6.80 | 29.20 |
| School District No. 60 | | | 21.60 | | 21.60 | |
| School District No. 62 | | | 31.20 | | 31.20 | |
| School District No. 63 | | | 36.00 | | 36.00 | |
| School District No. 65 | 262.54 | 39.50 | 194.84 | | 4.90.90 | 5.98 |
| School District No. 66 | 6.53 | 32.14 | 474.37 | | 513.04 | |
| School District No. 73 | 25.81 | 46.24 | 473.56 | | 545.61 | |
| School District No. 74 | 52.99 | 61.02 | 479.77 | | 593.78 | |
| School District No. 76 | 22.47 | 16.92 | 353.41 | | 392.65 | .15 |
| School District No. 81 | 42.37 | 72.35 | 318.02 | | 429.70 | 3.04 |
| School District No. 88 | 22.64 | 22.92 | 434.85 | | 479.35 | 1.06 |
| School District No. 89 | 23.60 | 15.38 | 453.80 | | 492.78 | |
| School District No. 90 | 3.09 | | | | | |
| School District No. 91 | 45.81 | 44.27 | 635.75 | 3.09 | 743.83 | |
| School District No. 92 | 5.92 | | | 5.92 | | |
| School District No. 95 | 1.52 | 54.75 | 424.20 | | 480.47 | |
| School District No. 97 | 15.58 | 34.52 | 366.64 | | 413.86 | 2.88 |
| School District No. 99 | 18.56 | 49.13 | 614.44 | | 681.55 | .58 |
| School District No. 100 | 55.45 | 23.28 | 428.86 | | 507.50 | .09 |
| School District No. 101 | 84.10 | 19.20 | 409.87 | | 513.17 | |
| School District No. 103 | 37.10 | 32.69 | 612.76 | | 682.54 | .21 |
| School District No. 105 | 26.86 | 23.04 | 388.31 | | 408.95 | 31.20 |
| School District No. 107 | 55.46 | 14.29 | 449.45 | | 519.20 | |
| School District No. 110 | 32.38 | 23.94 | 565.74 | | 622.06 | |
| School District No. 111 | 25.72 | 110.08 | 475.41 | | 611.19 | .02 |
| School District No. 112 | 162.45 | 20.27 | 438.37 | | 486.85 | 134.24 |
| School District No. 113 | 19.75 | 48.62 | 476.09 | | 542.55 | 1.91 |
| School District No. 115 | 13.72 | 18.22 | 490.51 | | 522.45 | |
| School District No. 116 | 13.42 | 23.90 | 563.60 | | 600.92 | |
| Road No. 1 | 211.51 | 562.80 | | | 682.55 | 91.76 |
| Road No. 2 | 1.62 | 30.00 | | | 10.00 | 21.62 |
| Road No. 3 | 22.05 | | | | | 22.05 |
| Portales | 242.52 | 5341.03 | | | 5496.67 | 152.88 |
| Bond Redemption | 3920.00 | | | | | 3920.00 |
| Elida | 4.16 | 205.78 | | | 208.84 | 1.10 |
| Indigent | 204.20 | 7.78 | | | 97.38 | 114.00 |
| Sewer | 12.88 | 765.04 | | | 748.94 | 28.98 |
| Int. S. D. | 1 | 23.37 | 842.44 | | 851.26 | 14.55 |
| Int. S. D. | 2 | 3.70 | 343.25 | | 346.35 | .60 |
| Int. S. D. | 3 | | 107.78 | | | 107.78 |
| Int. S. D. | 30 | 5.00 | 299.15 | | 304.13 | .02 |
| Int. S. D. | 47 | 10.00 | 105.33 | 20.00 | 120.00 | 15.33 |
| Int. S. D. | 49 | 8.75 | 54.11 | | 17.90 | 45.36 |
| Sale of Bonds | 39 | 3412.50 | 1040.91 | | 4453.35 | .06 |
| Sale of Bonds | 47 | 878.93 | 121.00 | 20.00 | 972.71 | 7.22 |
| Unit School | 757.30 | 43935.46 | 44000.00 | | 35.55 | 657.21 |
| DeBaca County | | 98.62 | | | 98.62 | |
| Total | 25594.86 | 153596.87 | 57595.71 | 57595.71 | 153586.22 | 25905.51 |

SOURCE OF RECEIPTS

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Taxes 1910 and Prior | 2701.81 |
| Taxes 1911 | 914.99 |
| Taxes 1912 | 14 16.79 |
| Taxes 1913 | 1402.93 |
| Taxes 1914 | 2557.25 |
| Taxes 1915 | 5368.03 |
| Taxes 1916 | 113569.05 |
| Liquor Licenses | 96.00 |
| Merchandise Licenses | 201.00 |
| Poll Tax | 1515.00 |
| Fines from J. P. Courts | 614.50 |
| Common School | 11508.30 |
| Institute | 200.00 |
| Interest on Deposits | 992.57 |
| Road Tax | 592.80 |
| County Clerk Fees | 6326.40 |
| Probate Clerk Fees | 114.75 |

District Court Clerk Fees and Fines, 804.10
Sheriff Fees, 766.62
Assessor Fees, 25.00
Miscellaneous, 558.01
Auto Licenses, 1177.60
Constable Fees, 18.75
DeBaca County, 98.62
Total 153,596.87

Balance first of Dec. 1, 1916, CASH \$ 25,594.86
Receipts during year, 153,596.87
To be accounted for, 179,191.73
Disbursements during year, 153,586.22
Balance Nov. 30, 1917, 25,905.51

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS
Bank Book Balances of:
First National Bank, Portales, 4,993.83
First National Bank, Elida, 7,088.53
Security State Bank, Portales, 7,058.06
Kenna Bank & T. Co., 7,000.00
Total Bank Balances, 25,840.42
Security State Bank, Cr. not on our books, 17.60
Total Bank Balances, 25,822.82
Less Outstanding Checks, 253.74
Bank Balances as shown by Treas. Books, 25,569.08
Cash on hand, 19.33
Cash Items, (Expense), 17.10
Total, 25,905.51

CHECKS OUTSTANDING

| Bank | No. of Check | Amount |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|
| First National Bank | 726 | .50 |
| First National Bank | 1296 | 8.21 |
| First National Bank | 1303 | 3.65 |
| First National Bank | 1586 | 12.75 |
| First National Bank | 1648 | 6.80 |
| First National Bank | 1767 | .95 |
| First National Bank | 1814 | 11.47 |
| First National Bank | 16 | 16.42 |
| First National Bank | 50 | 7.00 |
| First National Bank | 51 | 11.35 |
| First National Bank | 56 | 16.28 |
| First National Bank | 60 | 6.40 |
| First National Bank | 69 | 5.00 |
| First National Bank | 70 | 123.00 |
| First National Bank | 71 | 20.36 |
| Total | | 253.74 |

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Land Loans—See W. O. or W. B. Oldham.

Saturday 15th, is the date of the girl's bazaar.

Christmas packages of flower bulbs at Neer's.

Charley Taylor, the Jitney man, has a new Ford.

J. P. Deen returned Friday morning from a business trip to Amarillo.

Jack Sullens returned Friday morning from a short visit to Fort Bliss.

Don't forget to attend the bazaar, at the Nixon building, Saturday 15.

The key, the wonderful key, the lost key. Ask at the Portales Drug Store.

Mrs. M. A. Knight returned the first of the week from a visit in Haskell Texas.

Dr. L. R. Hough, left Sunday morning for Mineral Wells, Texas, to attend to business matters.

Levi Whiteman returned this week from Littlefield, Texas, where he has been attending to business.

WILL BUY—Good mules from 3 to 7 years old, from 12 hands up. Robertson and Hancock, Portales.

Judge G. L. Reese returned Thursday from Santa Rosa, where he had been to attend to legal proceedings.

M. L. Sawyer, of Melrose, was in Portales Wednesday of this week looking for a location for a butcher shop.

E. B. Hawkins returned Monday from Denton, Texas, where he had been called by the fatal sickness of his sister.

Dr. J. M. Manes, arrived from Roswell Wednesday morning of this week to look after some business matters.

Land Loans—See W. O. or W. B. Oldham.

There will be a bazaar given by the I. T. Sunday school class, on Saturday, December 15th, at the Nixon building. There will be on sale all kinds of fancy work as well as Christmas candies. You are invited to call and select what you want.

Skips are the latest Christmas toys, at Neer's.

Roy Smith left Monday morning for El Paso to enlist in the aviation corps of the United States army. It is understood that he has passed the examination and has been assigned to the instruction camp.

An Eastman Kodak makes a nice Christmas gift. Get them at Neer's.

John Stinnett, cousin of County Superintendent Sam J. Stinnett, arrived from Antelope, Texas, and will visit friends and relatives here for the next few weeks.

All kinds of toys at Neer's.

Mrs. Bessie Kohl and children made an auto trip to Friona, Texas, Saturday, returned home Sunday. Mrs. Joe Kohl accompanied her home and will visit here a few days.

Ed McDonald left Tuesday morning for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to take his position as foreman in one of the large oil refineries in that place.

Prof. Lee Langston, principal of the schools of Lovington, New Mexico, was in Portales for Thanksgiving dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Langston.

Mrs. Bertaam R. Anderson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hawkins, returned to her home at Roswell Saturday.

Seth Tidwell, this week bought a new Buick six from Oldham & Honea.

Mrs. Maude Smith returned this week from a business trip to Roswell.

A new and elegant line of art square have just been received at Neer's furniture store.

Fred C. Hack, left Monday for Fort Sumner, to attend to business matters at that place.

The Misses Lorena Odom, Fannie Singer and Stevens were Portales visitors Sunday.

Judge J. P. Henderson has one eye dressed in mourning the effects of cranking a recalcitrant Ford on a cold and frosty morning.

Mrs. T. J. Molinari left Friday morning for Santa Fe to visit her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Thompson.

Marshal Chesher, an old time Portales boy, was in Portales the first of the week looking after business matters.

Miss Mabel Stone, a formerly of Portales young lady, who has been visiting Mrs. A. A. Williams and Miss Maude Amy Reese, returned the first of the week to her home in Roswell.

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"Here, drop that one!" cried his host and employer. "Never thinking of yourself, are you? I'll do the picking," and in his rough, but well-meaning way the farmer brushed Tracy Drake away from the smallest turkey in the group he had selected, and took up the plumpest of the lot.

"Here, Hannah," he ordered the hired girl, "pack that in a bag for Drake."

"I declare! my little wife will not soon forget you," said Tracy. "There must be a bushel of nuts, pears and apples in the bag you have already fixed up for me."

"Well, didn't you tell me day after tomorrow is her birthday, and isn't it a holiday? Good luck to you, Drake, and when spring opens, if you want to tie up with me for the season, I'm your man."

"And a mighty good man, too!" declared Tracy sincerely. "I'm glad I came to you, Mr. Brooks, and I'll come again next year, if I don't strike something in the city."

Tracy returned the hearty, friendly hand clasp of the farmer with interest. Brooks' Farm had been a pleasant haven for him for nearly two months. September had found him unable to get work in the city, and a hint from a friend had sent him forty miles in the country to round up the farming season. Mr. Brooks had paid him two dollars a day and keep for his services, and thus Tracy was enabled to

past he had known many friends who might continue an interest in him, and rich enough to possess such a luxurious blue limousine as Bud described. That was before he had married poor, but pretty and loving Verda Wayne, thereby being told by his father that their roads parted, and, as he had taken up with a poor, humble wife, he could live out his own life.

It was a cold, slow ride in the electric car, and Tracy was glad to leave it at the city limits station and stir up his chilled blood with a brisk walk. Homeward bound, crossing lots, he heard the sound of someone chopping wood and whistling cheerily in the back yard of Gideon Blake, a distant relative of his wife. Tracy reached the fence and hailed Blake across it.

"I say, you seem immensely happy, neighbor!" he called out.

"Hello! Hurrah! Glad to see you back, and Verda will be gladder. Happy? I should say I was. I suppose Verda didn't want to worry you about it, but the three children have all been down with scarlet fever. My wife was sick in bed and Verda gave up everything and was with us until a week ago. She saved two of the little ones the doctor had given up. Happy! I could cry for joy to think that dear, sweet little woman has pulled us through. You know I couldn't afford a nurse—not a stroke of work for six weeks—but if it was only bread and water, none of us would complain, all well again and all together."

Tracy Drake's eyes brightened—a soul-warming impulse stirred him. He lifted the turkey over the fence. "Verda will be glad, too," he whispered to himself.

"Blake," he said, in quite a casual tone, "I've brought you a turkey from the country to celebrate your fortunate convalescence."

"But—" remonstrated Blake, and Tracy airily waved the other bag, with the words: "Oh! we've got our full portion. Good-bye, and good luck," and Tracy pursued his way.

"Oh, Drake!" suddenly called Blake after him. "A man in a blue auto was at the corner grocery yesterday, the storekeeper told me, making all sorts of inquiries about you and Verda. Thought I'd tell you."

"Why, this is getting positively mysterious, this inquisitive stranger with the blue auto," ruminated Tracy, and then he hastened his pace as home came in sight. He momentarily thought only of Verda, but the mystic, the eerie, pursued. In front of the house was a blue auto!

Tracy ran up the steps. He heard a vast bustle and shuffling beyond the door. It opened and Verda was in his arms. She drew him into the room.

"And you didn't forget to bring me the real apples from a real tree that you promised me!" she cried, discovering the bag, the first obstacles of welcome over, and clapping her hands, pleased as a little child.

"And nuts, and pears, and oh, Verda! there was a big, beautiful turkey, too, but I met poor Blake and I thought he needed it most."

"You blessed man!" cried Verda, throwing her arms around his neck.

"We can afford a chicken, though—" began Tracy.

"No need," declared Verda. "See there."

She threw open the kitchen door. Tracy Drake stared. It was loaded with a pumpkin, a jar of mince meat, fruits, a plum pudding, full complement for a royal holiday feast.

"Why, Verda! where did you get all that—" began Tracy.

"I brought it," spoke a speedy voice from the pantry, and there appeared the owner of the blue auto.

"Father!" exclaimed Tracy, hopefully, but in doubt.

"I've been investigating both of you," proceeded John Drake, grasping his son's hand warmly. "I got lonesome, and I'm going to stay here for a day or two, and tomorrow, boy, we'll readjust ourselves and see you started in life as you deserve. You're a better man than I am, son, and I am ashamed of my narrowness. And as for this jewel of a wife of yours—" and the old man completed his exordium by gathering Verda in his arms and kissing her on both cheeks.

Their First Thought. They say that a man's first thought on entering a room is, "Where is there a place to sit down?" but a woman's first thought is, "Where is there a mirror?" Whether that has always been man's first thought is difficult to state, but it doubtless has been woman's from time immemorial for from time immemorial there have been mirrors. It is only since the beginning of the sixteenth century that mirrors have been used as articles of household furniture and decoration, and there are few women of the present day who do not realize and make use of their artistic value in adorning their homes.

Mexican Coinage in Bulk. The soaring price of silver has brought about the curious result that Mexican dollars are worth more as bullion than as currency. Recently a New York dealer bought 50,000 of them and consigned them to the melting pot.—Youth's Companion.

Where Did You Get That? keep lonely, but patient and contented Verda at home in comfort. Now the last task was done, and with his last week's wages in his pocket, and weighed down with two bags filled with practical gifts, Tracy went out to the farm wagon, where his employer's son was waiting for him. The electric line station was a mile away and Bud Brooks was to drive him there.

"Oh, I say, Mr. Drake!" suddenly burst forth Bud, half the trip accomplished, "queer thing happened yesterday, and I forgot to tell you."

"What was that, Bud?" inquired Tracy.

"You were in the field, when a man in a blue auto drove up. He inquired all about you. I thought maybe it was some city fellow, thinking of hiring you, and you bet I gave you a good sendoff! Told him how you saved little Lettie from drowning and old Mrs. Woods from her burning house. Said, too, that if Dad hadn't three big lazy bumpkin boys, he'd adopt you, just because you was more help to him than any four men he ever hired."

"Thank you, Bud," said Tracy. He looked thoughtful. Then he laughed vaguely. "I owe some unpaid bills back home," added Tracy, "but I'm able to pay them now with what I've earned."

"Oh! this fellow didn't act or talk as if he was a creditor. He tried to pump me on every little thing about you. Was sort of mysterious, too. When he saw you coming towards the house, he wheeled around and speeded out of sight in a jiffy."

Tracy was a trifle curious. In the

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HAPPENINGS in the CITIES

Helpmeet Complains of Hammock-Hugging Husband

DETROIT.—Albert Hodges' hobby was a hammock. He loved to swing to and fro for hours at a time, and loudly protested if anything occurred to interrupt his pleasure, according to his wife, Mary. She says he would climb into a hammock at any time or place providing the hammock was strong enough to hold him—he weighed "something" over 200!



In the early days of the married life of Albert and Mary Hodges the former swung in his hammock as long and as often as he desired. There was little said about the matter, for Mrs. Hodges was working for her husband. Besides the housework, she says she did a great many things for him. Albert was told that man must expect life on earth to be one round of pleasure. Mrs. Hodges was offered a position as manager of a West Side hotel. She accepted the position and the first person she engaged was her husband, making him janitor of the institution.

About the first thing that he did after taking over the duties of his new job was to sling up his hammock on one of the front porches of the hotel and climb into it. Mrs. Hodges found him and the hammock, and immediately ordered the husband to the rear.

Mrs. Hodges testified that her husband never contributed anything to her personal support.

"Didn't he give you any money for clothes at all?" asked the court. "No, how could he when he was in the hammock all the time?" she asked.

Jealous Rage Responsible for Double Murder

LOS ANGELES.—Jealousy, whipped to white heat by an overheard telephone conversation, led to the killing of Mrs. J. D. Dole by her husband, an insurance official, who, after slaying his wife, cut his own throat and died clasping her body to his breast. Nothing is known of the tragedy itself, except the mute proof that was left to show that Dole had attacked his wife, that she had defended herself unsuccessfully, and that after he had accomplished her death he slew himself.



No person was present. Charles Dole, a son, seventeen, and Gladys, a daughter, fourteen, were at Sunday school. Neighbors heard no sounds of struggle. Canary birds, caged outside the window, sang cheerily throughout the morning. Yet the fight must have been terrific. Dole's skull was fractured from the blow of a small brass mallet and he was gashed about the head by a kitchen knife with which Mrs. Dole defended herself. The woman was also cut in several places on her arms where she tried to ward off blows Dole aimed at her with a razor.

As he was dying, Dole wrote a note in blood. It consists of only a few words, but explains, the police say, the motive which led to the murder and suicide. Dole gave the name of a man, who relatives say, had aroused his jealousy. The note reads:

"M— is the man."
There is also an address given in the note as that of the alleged home-wrecker. Charles Dole, the son, said that this man had been attentive to Mrs. Dole for a considerable period and that on one occasion he (the boy) thought of slaying the accused man with a hatchet because of his advances to his mother.

Offer Fine Estates for Convalescent Hospitals

NEW YORK.—Rich Americans are following the example of wealthy men of England and France by offering their estates to the government as convalescent hospitals for wounded soldiers. The army medical department has already approved Ferncliffe, at Rhinecliff, N. Y., home of Vincent Astor, and has under consideration offers of other estates near this city.



When fully equipped for their new purposes the country estates will receive wounded American soldiers from a great receiving hospital which the government is to build somewhere on Staten Island. At the convalescent hospitals the wounded men will have the entire use of the vast estates. Stables, gymnasiums and other outbuildings, it is understood, are included in the offers which the owners of palatial homes have made to the government. It is expected that the government, in a short time, will announce the acceptance of the Vincent Astor estate at Rhinecliff. Another home which has received the favorable attention of the medical department of the army is Drumthwacket, the M. Taylor Payne home near Princeton, N. J. It is also known that James Speyer is considering turning over Waldheim, his estate at Scarborough, N. Y., to the government for the period of the war.

Ferncliffe, the Vincent Astor home, is one of the most desirable sites in the country. The estate overlooks the Hudson and is valued at \$8,000,000. Vincent Astor, who is now in foreign service as an ensign in the Naval Reserve, inherited the estate from his father, Col. John Jacob Astor.

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Determined to "Do His Bit" in Liberty's Cause

SAN FRANCISCO.—John Stranix, longshoreman, residing with his wife and baby here at 1124 Gough street, was made jubilant by notification that his persistent endeavor to become a soldier had been successful. When Stranix applied for enlistment at the British recruiting headquarters a physician subjected him to physical examination and said he was visually defective and unfit to serve in the army. Disappointed, but not discouraged, he haunted the headquarters until at last another doctor "looked him over" and opined he might be eligible for some branch of the service in which perfection of vision is not an absolute necessity.



This difference of scientific opinion interested Capt. F. L. Goord, who sent a report of it to Maj. G. B. Hall chief of the Canadian army medical corps at Victoria, B. C., and the major responded that he would not object to Stranix being enlisted in the forestry branch of the service. Hence the jubilation of Stranix.

He is a native of Lurgan, Ireland, served seven years in the British navy, had one of his eyes permanently injured while at work in the famous shipyard of Harland & Wolff, at Belfast, and came to California five years ago. Since then he has been employed along shore.

"My wife and I talked over the idea of my enlistment," he told Captain Goord, "and she agreed with me that it is every white man's duty to do his bit in this war."

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- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder

NO EGGS
Soak corn meal in bowl with boiling water; add milk, melted shortening and molasses; add flour, salt and baking powder which have been sifted together; mix well. Bake on hot greased griddle until brown.
(The Old Method called for 2 eggs)

Eggless, Milkless, Butterless Cake

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup seeded raisins
- 3 ounces citron, cut fine
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup rye flour
- 5 teaspoons Dr. Price's Baking Powder

Boil sugar, water, fruit, shortening, salt and spices together in saucepan 8 minutes. When cool, add flour and baking powder which have been sifted together. Mix well; bake in loaf pan in moderate oven about 45 minutes.
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Christmas and New Year's come so close together. It's too bad they could not be separated a little. Two holidays coming right on top of each other that way make it so hard, but then the children enjoy it.

I never know what to give father. It's so hard to think of anything for a man. And my rich friends—they have everything already.—Puck.

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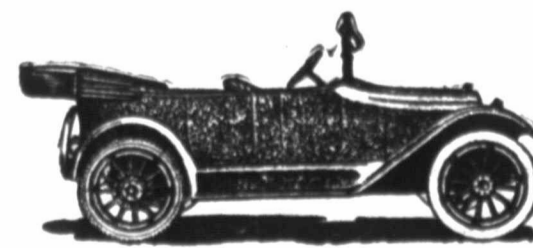
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