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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WORKS FAITHFUL

### State Supt. Wagner Getting in Touch With All Eighth Grade Graduates and is Putting Forth Every to Finish Their Education.

#### 1200 Graduates in the State and Nearly Everyone Has Expressed a Desire to Go On With Their Education--Some Few are Not in Reach of School and The Department Will Help Them

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 19. As a part of the general campaign to make the school system of New Mexico more efficient during the war, the State Department of Education has made a special effort this year to keep in touch with the 1200 boys and girls who graduated from the eighth grade of the rural schools last May and to encourage and aid as many as possible to go on into high school work. When the Department of Education issued the eighth grade diploma last June, State Superintendent J. H. Wagner sent a letter to each of the graduates urging them to go into high school, and at the same time county school superintendents and teachers cooperated actively in encouraging high school attendance. On Oct. 5, when the year's school work was well started Mr. Wagner sent to each of the 1200 a post card questionnaire in which he said:

"About 1200 of you graduated from the common school of New Mexico last spring and I am interested to know what you are doing now. I hope that you have planned to go on with your education and to make the best preparation possible for your future career. It will please me to know that you have already entered some high school or that you are planning to do so soon. To obtain this information there is attached hereto a mailing card which I wish you would fill out and return to me."

Each student was asked to state if attending school and where; and if not, to say what plans had been made for the winter. Each was asked also for a statement of preference as to life occupation. A large majority of the cards were returned, showing a highly gratifying increase in the percentage of eighth grade graduates who are proceeding with high school work. Of the cards returned more than four-fifths showed the writers in school, while the remainder, almost without exception expressed a desire to go on, were high school facilities available within their reach. There was pathos and here and there a hint of tragedy in the replies of the unfortunate one-fifth. With the majority it was lack of local high school facilities, coupled with lack of financial ability of parents to send them away from home. Those who consider New Mexico extravagant in educational expenditures and who oppose further extension of the county high school system might read with profit the replies of these boys and girls whose education has been cut off at the eighth grade because no further educational work is available within reach of their homes. The replies have given the Department of Education many opportunities to aid boys and girls to continue their high school work. It has put the

department into closer touch than ever before with the eighth grade graduates and has resulted directly in keeping in school an innumerable number of boys and girls who but for the combined efforts of the state and local school authorities, would have stopped with completion of the eighth grade.

Reply to the question as to whether local post offices are of much interest. About twenty-five per cent, mostly girls, expressed interest in the post office. Next in order was commercial and reading. Then came the interest in the state and local school play and the school play. About twenty per cent of the graduates expressed interest in the school play. Personal letters to the graduates were sent, and the school play was well started Mr. Wagner sent to each of the 1200 a post card questionnaire in which he said:

Superintendent Wagner announced that the department will continue to keep in touch with those not in high school, in an effort to induce them to enter this year or next.

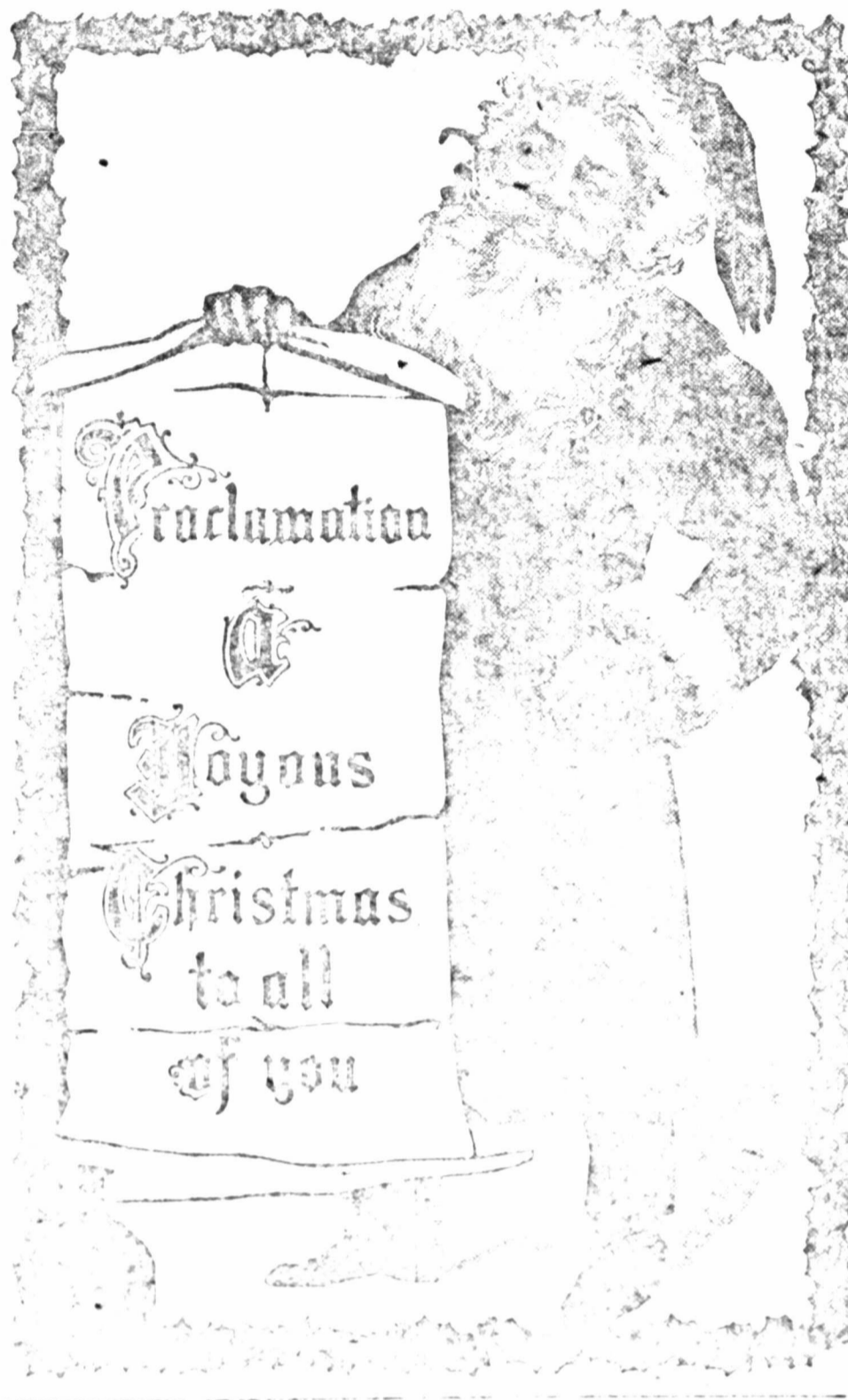
"Once the eighth grade graduate gets into high school," said Mr. Wagner today, "we may safely leave the student to the influence of work in the school. The few who drop out after making a start in high school are too few to count. Our chief work must be with and for the unfortunates who through personal circumstance or lack of local facilities have been forced to drop out. It is these latter who must be helped if the educational system of this state is to reach its broadest usefulness. I wish it were possible to print just a few of the personal letters I have received from boys and girls in connection with this inquiry into what becomes of our eighth grade graduates. Not a few of them have told of efforts to go on with their education held at obstacles which utterly discourage mature men and women. The result of the inquiry as a whole has been an inspiration to those working for that further development of our educational equipment which will give equal opportunities to all."

Rev. D. Z. Little of the Causey community was in town Wednesday, on business.

#### Roberts-Uxer Wedding.

Mr. W. E. Roberts, the brother of Emily, and Miss Neenie Uxer, manager of the Emory Telephone office, was quietly married at Roswell Nov. 10th.

Andrew Miller returned Thursday from Magdalena, to spend Christmas with home folks.



## Letters To Santa Claus

Portales, N. M., Dec. 18.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a Fozzie doll and a big doll too and a doll buggy, and a pair of shoes and Santa don't forget the little orphans all over the world.

A good little girl,  
Mildred Bramlett.

To the North Pole,

Dear Santa Claus,

I want some apples and candy and nuts and bananas and a doll and a doll buggy.

With love,  
Andy Ratoff.

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a rocker, a baby buggy and a picture book and a doll and bring me some candy, nuts, apples, oranges and bananas.

Pauline Kramer.

Dear Santa,

I want a great big doll dressed like an Eskimo. I want some funny games, and this is about all. Goodbye.

Polon Compton,  
P. S. Don't forget the orphans all over the world.

To the North Pole,

Dear Santa,

I want a doll buggy, some shoes and a cup of hot chocolate.

Lucy Williams.

To the North Pole,

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a doll and a doll bed and a doll buggy.

Janita Knapp.

Dear Santa at the North Pole:

I want a doll and an inline skater and a pair of shoes and doll clothes.

Well goodbye Santa,  
Janita Hancock.

### JOIN THE Red Cross NOW

#### 1200

Is the allotment for Roosevelt County.

#### ...HELP NOW...

Mrs. T. N. Harris is visiting relatives in Marietta and Ardmore, Okla.

Mrs. Miller has returned from a visit with her sons at Magdalena, N. M.

Mrs. W. T. Covington, of Plainview, Texas, was a pleasant visitor at the News office this week.

Robert F. Keller, postmaster at Erzy was in the County seat on business Thursday.

## FUEL ADMINISTRATOR GIVES NEW ORDERS

### Hotel Signs and Advertising Signs are Ordered Discontinued Completely on Thursday and Sunday Nights of Each Week.

#### Urges all Householders to Save as Much Lighting as Possible--Everyone Who can Help in the Conservation of Oil and Gasoline Should Do His Part--People Must Adhere to McDonald

Received at 11 MO 212 Govt. Albuquerque, N. M., 1212 P. M. 12-15-17.

W. O. Oldham, Portales, N. M. Order of fuel administrator taking effect Dec. 15, cancels present order regulating time advertising signs shall be lighted. In its place all signs of every kind including merchants signs, theater signs also display lighting on buildings and elsewhere. Hotel signs and advertising signs are ordered DISCONTINUED completely on THURSDAY and SUNDAY nights of each week. On these same nights stores not open for business must not show inside lights more than are necessary for safety, and municipalities with clusters lights or extra bright lighting for white way effect must reduce on Thursday

and Sunday nights to so much lighting as is necessary for safety. These nights will be called lightless nights and we wish your local papers to urge householders to observe these nights with as few lights in homes as possible. Please understand spirit of order is that on Thursday and Sunday nights there shall BE NO MORE OUTDOOR lighting than is absolutely necessary for safety of street passages and dangerous spots and that you are charged by the United States fuel administration with giving full effect to this order using the full authority granted you by the fuel administrator to enforce same if there are individual violators. Detailed order will be sent you by mail.

MCDONALD.

#### Glover Held as 'Slacker.'

Charles Glover, who was wounded in a fight with Sheriff A. L. Gregg of Roosevelt county and a deputy sheriff, Mr. Kornegg, at Elida on November 20, was held by a United States commission at Portales to await action of the federal grand jury on charges of failing to register for the draft and resisting officers. Pearce C. Rodney special agent of the department of justice, who represented the prosecution at Portales, returned to Albuquerque last week.

Glover, who was wounded three times, had not fully recovered and the hearing was held in the jail at Portales. Glover lay on his cot at the hearing. The hearing was deferred until a physician declared him to be out of danger. Glover was unable to furnish the \$20,000 bail required by the commissioner and he was taken to the Chaves county jail at Roswell. He was transferred on a cot in an express car.

Glover said, according to Special Agent Rodey, that he was older than 31 years the maximum age limit for men subject to draft. He pleaded not guilty to the charges.

J. N. Price, who runs the new store at Causey, was in town Wednesday for a load of goods for his store. Mr. Price says they expect to have a post office established at Causey at an early date.

#### Telegram From A. A. Jones.

Washington, D. C., 12-17-'17. Portales Valley News.

Supplementing my recent notice of examinations for West Point and Annapolis please announce that they will be held December 22, at the following places: Carlsbad, Roswell, Clovis, Fort Sumner, Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Raton, Tucuman, Alamogordo, Silver City, Gallup, Chama, Farmington, Taos, Deming, Socorro, Aztec, Clayton, Lovington, Las Vegas.

A. A. JONES.

Legal blanks--News office

#### Highway Association to Meet at Roswell January 10, 1918.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 15, 1917. To Chamber of Commerce, Portales, New Mexico.

You are advised that there will be a meeting of the Amarillo-Roswell-El Paso Short Line Highway Association held in Roswell, New Mexico, at nine o'clock, on the 10th day of Jan. 1918, in the district court room at the court house for the purpose of considering plans for the completion of an interstate highway running from Amarillo to El Paso, via Roswell, and for the further purpose of bringing about the establishment of this road as a postal and military highway, and for the further purpose of considering all matters connected with the general business of this association.

Your organization is invited to be present and is urged to send a strong delegation to this meeting in Roswell, January 10, 1918. Please do not overlook the date, the occasion and the purpose. It is important to you and to the whole southwest. Bring others with you.

Roswell Commercial Club,  
By C. C. Croke,  
President.  
Attest: J. E. Clayton, Jr.,  
Secretary.

R. L. Finley was in town this week from his ranch south of Redland. Mr. Finley says his cattle are in fine shape and that he will not have to feed a great deal this winter.

#### Married.

Mr. E. V. Talley and Miss Annie Hitt, of Garrison, were happily married Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. F. G. Calloway performing the ceremonies. The wedding took place in County Supt. Sam J. Stinnett's office in the Court House. The News wishes for them a long and happy life.

Arthur Bird, of Elida, was a caller at the News office this week and extended his subscription for another year. Call again Arthur.

# PRUDENCE SAYS SO

By Ethel Hueston  
AUTHOR OF PRUDENCE OF THE PARSONAGE



## SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—The story opens in the parsonage of the Rev. Mr. Starr, where Prudence, his oldest daughter, and feminine head of the house, consisting of her father, herself, her sister Fairy, the twins—Carol and Lark—and small Connie, are awaiting the arrival of their Aunt Grace. Liveliness of the smaller members of the family results disastrously to their appearance.

CHAPTER II—Carol and Lark secure a copy of "Science and Health," and the peace of the quiet Methodist household is upset for a time.

CHAPTER III—Carol's attack of measles disrupts plans for the wedding of Prudence to Jerry Harmer, but her recovery allows the ceremony to proceed, and Prudence leaves the homestead.

CHAPTER IV—Carol's "uplifting" work among the erring has an amusing ending. A bishop and a minister make strange acquaintances.

CHAPTER V—Where Carol comes to the assistance of Lark when dire tribulation was threatened, and an incident that threatened to be painful to many was turned into a comedy.

CHAPTER VI—Circumstances induce Fairy to reveal her romance. The twins for a short period enjoy themselves immensely, but the tables are neatly turned on them.

CHAPTER VII—Lark for a time takes up a "literary career," the dream of her life. Tragic circumstances convince her that she is not adapted for the arduous duties of the newspaper profession and she abandons it.

CHAPTER VIII—Carol develops into a "young lady." Prof. Arnold Duke becomes interested, not to say devoted. The course of true love, in this case, seems destined to run smooth. Prudence leaves high scientific position to become a Presbyterian minister.

CHAPTER IX—Introducing "Jerry Junior" who by the caprice of fate is destined to go through life bearing the name of "Fairy Harmer." Her arrival creates a stir in the former home of her mother, Prudence.

CHAPTER X—Fairy's quiet good-by to the parsonage and her entry into married life. Carol comes to the conclusion that the family is going to pieces, sure enough. The decision of Fairy that she would quietly marry at once, by her father, gives her a shock. The marriage takes place.

CHAPTER XI—

### Sowing Seeds.

"Have you seen Mrs. Harbert lately, Carol?"

"Yes, she's better, father. I was there a few minutes yesterday."

"Yesterday? You were there Tuesday, weren't you?"

Carol looked uncomfortable. "Well, yes, I was, just for a second."

"She tells me you've been running in nearly every day since she took sick."

Carol bent sharply inquiring eyes upon her father. "What else did she tell you?"

"She said you were an angel."

"Yes—she seems somehow to think I do it for kindness."

"And don't you?"

"Why, no, father, of course I don't. It's only two blocks out of my way and it's such fun to pop in on sick folks and show them how disgustingly strong and well I am."

"Where did you get the money for that basket of fruit?"

"I borrowed it from Aunt Grace." Carol's face was crimson with mortification. "But it'll be a sweet time before Mrs. Harbert gets anything else from me. She promised she wouldn't tell."

"Did any of the others know about the fruit?"

"Why—not exactly."

"But she thinks it was from the whole family. She thanked me for it."

"I—I made her think that," Carol explained. "I want her to think we're the nicest parsonage bunch they've ever had in Mount Mark. Besides, it really was from the family. Aunt Grace loaned me the money and I'll have to borrow it from you to pay her. And Lark did my dusting so I could go on the errand, though she did not know what it was. And I—er—accidentally took one of Connie's ribbons to tie it with. Isn't that a family gift?"

"Mr. Scott tells me you are the prime-mover in the Junior League now," he continued.

"Well, goodness knows our Junior League needs a mover of some sort."

"And Mrs. Davies says you are a whole mercy and help department all by yourself."

"What I can't understand," said Carol mournfully, "is why folks don't keep their mouths shut. I know that sounds very inelegant, but it expresses my idea perfectly. Can't I have a good time in my own way without the whole church peddling me from door to door?"

The twinkle in her father's eyes deepened. "What do you call it, Carol 'sowing seeds of kindness'?"

"I should say not," came the emphatic retort. "I call it sowing seeds of fun. It's a circus to go around and gloat over folks when they are sick or sorry, or—"

"But they tell me you don't gloat. Mrs. Marling says you cried with Jeanie half a day when her dog died."

"Oh, that's my way of gloating," said Carol, nothing daunted, but plainly to get away without further interrogation.

It was a strange thing that of all the parsonage girls, Carol, light-hearted, whimsical, mischievous Carol, was the one most dear to the hearts of her father's people. Not the gentle Prudence, nor charming Fairy, not even

Lark nor conscientious Connie, could rival the "naughty twin" in Mount Mark's affections. And in spite of her odd curt speeches, and her openly vaunted vanity, Mount Mark insisted she was "good." Certainly she was willing! "Get Carol Starr—she'll do it," was the commonest phrase in Mount Mark's vocabulary. Whatever was wanted, whatever the sacrifice involved, Carol stood ready to fill the bill. Not for kindness—oh, dear no—Carol stanchly disclaimed any such niceness as that. She did it for fun pure and simple. She said she liked to show off. She insisted that she liked to feel that she was the pivot on which little old Mount Mark turned. But this was only when she was found out as far as she could she kept her little "seeds of fun" carefully up her sleeve and it was only when the indiscreet adoration of her friends brought the budding plants to light, that she laughingly declared "It was a circus to go and gloat over folks."

Once in the early dusk of a summer evening, she discovered old Ben Peters, half intoxicated, slumbering noisily on a pile of sacks in a corner of the parsonage barn. Carol was sorry, but not at all frightened. The poor, kindly, weak, old man was as familiar to her as any figure in Mount Mark. He was always in a more or less helpless state of intoxication, but also he was always harmless, kind hearted and generous. She prodded him vigorously with the handle of the pitchfork until he was aroused to consciousness, and then guided him into the woodshed with the buggy whip. When he was seated on a chunk of wood she faced him sternly.

"Well, you are a dandy," she said "Going into a parsonage barn, of all places in the world, to sleep off an odor like yours! Why didn't you go down to Fred Greer's harness shop, that's where you got it. We're such an awful temperance town, you know! But the parsonage! Why, if the trustees had happened into the barn and caught a whiff of that smell, father'd have lost his job. Now you just take warning from me, and keep away from this parsonage until you can develop a good Methodist odor. Oh, don't cry about it! Your very tears smell rummy just you hang on to that chunk of wood, and I'll bring you some coffee."

Like a thief in the night she sneaked into the house, and presently returned with a huge tin of coffee, steaming hot. He drank it eagerly, but kept a wary eye on him with the whip in her hand.

"That's better. Now, sit down and listen to me. If you would come to the parsonage, you have to take your medicine. Silver and gold have no value, but such as we have we give to you. And religion's all we've got. You're here, and I'm here. We haven't any choir or any Bible, but parsonage folks have to be adaptable. Now then, Ben Peters, you've got to get converted."

The poor doddering old fellow, sobered by this awful announcement, looked helplessly at the window. It was too small. And slender active Carol, with the buggy whip, stood between him and the door.

"No, you can't escape. You're done for this time—it's the straight and narrow from this on. Now listen—it's really very simple. And you need it pretty badly. Ben. Of course you don't realize it when you're drunk, you can't see how terribly disgusting you are, but honestly, Ben, a pig is a ray of sunshine compared to a drunk man. You're a blot on the landscape. You're a—your a—" She fished vainly for words, longing for Lark's literary flow of language.

"I'm not drunk," he stammered.

"No, you're not, thanks to the buggy whip and that strong coffee, but you're no beauty even yet. Well now, to come down to religion again. You can't stop drinking—"

"I could," he blustered feebly. "I could if I wanted to."

"Oh, no, you couldn't. You haven't backbone enough. You couldn't stop to save your life. But," Carol's voice lowered a little, and she grew shy, but very earnest. "but God can stop you, because he has enough backbone for a hundred thousand—or, jellyfishes. And—you see, it's like this. God made the world, and put the people in it. Now listen carefully, Ben, and I'll make it just as simple as possible so it can sink through the smelly and get at you God made the world, and put the people in it. And the people sinned, worshiped idols and went back on God and did a lot of other mean things. So God was in honor bound to punish them, for that's the law, and God's the Judge that can't be bought. He had to inflict punishment. But God and Jesus talked it over, and they felt awful bad about it, for they kind of liked the people anyhow." She stared at the disreputable figure slouching on the chunk of wood. "It's very hard to understand, very. I should think they would despise us—some of us," she added significantly. "I'm sure I should. But anyhow they didn't. Are you getting me?"

The bleary eyes were really fastened intently on the girl's bright face, and

he hung upon her words.

"Well, they decided that Jesus should come down here and live, and be perfectly good, so he would not deserve any punishment, and then God would allow him to receive the punishment anyhow, and the rest of us could go free. That would cover the law. See? Punishing him when he deserved no punishment. Then they could give us heathens that didn't deserve it. Do you get that?" She looked at him anxiously. "It all hinges on that, you know. I'm not a preacher myself, but that's the idea. So Jesus was crucified and then God said, 'There he is! Look on him, believe in him, worship him and in his name you stand O. K.' See? That means, if we give him the chance God'll let Jesus take our share of the punishment. So we've just got to let go, and say, 'All right, here I am. I believe it, I give up. I know I don't amount to a hill of beans—and you can say it very honestly—but if you want me, and will call it square, God knows I'm willing.' And there you are."

"Won't I drink any more?"

"No, not if you let go hard enough I mean," she caught herself up quickly. "I mean if you let clear go and turn the job over to God. But you're not to think you can keep decent by your self, for you can't—it's not born in you, and something else—just let go, and stay let go. After that it's God's job and unless you stick in and try to manage yourself, he'll see you through."

"All right, I'll do it."

Carol gasped. She opened her lips a few times, and swallowed hard. She didn't know what to do next. Wildly she racked her brain for the next step, in this vital performance.

"I—think we ought to pray," she said feebly.

"All right, we'll pray." He rolled curiously off the stick of wood, and fell, as if by instinct, into the attitude of prayer.

Carol gazed about her helplessly. But true to her training, she knelt beside him. Then came silence.

"I—well, I'll pray," she said with grim determination. "Dear Father in Heaven," she began weakly, and then she forgot her timidity and her fear, and realized only that this was a crisis in the life of the drunken man.

"Oh, God, he'll do it. He'll let go, and turn it over to you. He isn't worth anything, God, none of us are, but you can handle him, for you've had worse jobs than this, though it doesn't seem possible. You'll help him, God, and love him, and show him how, for he hasn't the faintest idea what to do next, and neither have I. But you brought him into our barn tonight, and you'll see him through. Oh, God, for Jesus' sake, help Ben Peters. Amen."

"Now, what shall I do?" she wondered.

"What's your father for?" She looked quickly at Ben Peters. He had not spoken, but something certainly had asked, "What's your father for?"

"You stay here, Ben, and pray for yourself, and I'll send father out. I'm not just sure what to say next, and father'll finish you up. You pray for all you're worth."

She was gone in a flash through the kitchen, through the hall, up the stairs two at a time, and her arm thrown closely about her father's shoulder.

"Oh, father, I got stuck," she wailed. "I'm so ashamed of myself. But you can finish him off, can't you? I honestly believe he's started."

He took her firmly by the arms and squared her around on his lap. "One, two, three, ready, go. Now, what?"

"Ben Peters. He was drunk in the barn and I took him into the woodshed and gave him some hot coffee—and some religion, but not enough to hurt him. I told him he had to get converted, and he said he would. So I told him about it, but you'd better tell him again, for I'm afraid I made quite a mess of it. And then we prayed, and I was stuck for fair, father, for I couldn't think what to do next. But I do believe it was God who said, 'What's your father for?' And so I left him praying for himself, and—you'd better hurry, or he may get cold feet and run away. Be easy with him, father, but don't let him off. This is the first chance we've ever had at Ben Peters and God'll never forgive us if we let him slip through our fingers."

Carol was dumped off onto the floor and her father was half-way down the stairs before she caught her breath. Then she smiled. Then she blushed.

"That was one bad job," she said to herself sadly. "I'm a disgrace to the Methodist church. Thank goodness the trustees'll never hear of it. I'll bribe Ben Peters to eternal silence if I have to do it with kisses." Then her face grew very soft. "Poor old man. Oh, the poor old man! A quick rush of tears blinded her eyes, and her throat throbbled. "Oh, why do they—what makes men like that? Can't they see, can't they know, how awful they are, how—" She shuddered. "I can't see for the life of me what makes God treat us decently at all." Her face brightened again. "It was a bad job all right, but I feel kind of pleased about it. I hope father won't mention it to the girls."

And Ben Peters truly had a start, in credible as it seemed. Yes, as Carol had warned him, he forgot sometimes and tried to steer for himself, and always crashed into the rocks. Then Carol, with angry eyes and scornful voice, berated him for trying to get hold of God's job, and cautioned him anew about "sticking in when it was not his affair any more." It took time a long time, and hard work, and many prayers went up from Carol's bedside, and from the library at the head of the stairs, but there came a time when Ben Peters let go for good and all, and turned to Carol, standing beside the bed with sorry frightened eyes, and said quietly:

"It's all right, Carol. I've let on



"I—Think We Ought to Pray," She Said Feebly.

You're a mighty nice little girl. I've let go for good this time. I'm just slipping along where he sends me—it's all right," he finished drowsily. And fell asleep.

## CHAPTER XII.

### The Connie Problem.

Mr. Starr was getting ready to go to conference, and the girls hovered about him with anxious eyes. This was their fifth conference since coming to Mount Mark—the time limit for Methodist ministers was five years. The Starrs, therefore, would be transferred, and where? Small wonder that the girls followed him around the house and spoke in soft voices and looked with tender eyes at the old parsonage and the wide lawn. They would be leaving next week. Already the curtains were down, and laundered, and packed. The trunks were filled, the books were boxed. Yes, they were leaving, but whither were they bound?

"Get your ecclesiastical dander up, father," Carol urged, "don't let them give us a church fight, or a twenty-thousand-dollar debt on a thousand-dollar congregation."

"We don't care for a big salary or a stylish congregation," Lark added, "but we don't want to go back to washpans and kerosene lamps again."

The conference was held in Fairfield, and he informed the girls casually that he would be home on the first train after the assignments were made. He said it casually, for he did not wish them to know how perturbed he was over the coming change. During the conference he tried in many and devious ways to learn the will of the authorities regarding his future, but he found no clue. And at home the girls were discussing the matter very little, but thinking of nothing else. They were determined to be pleased about it.

Just the same, on Wednesday evening, the girls sat silent, with intense, flushed faces and painfully shining eyes, watching the clock, listening for the footstep. They had deliberately remained away from the station. They thought they could face it better with in the friendly walls of the parsonage. It was all settled now, father knew where they were going. Oh, why hadn't he wired? It must be terribly bad



He Finished Drowsily, and Fell Asleep

then, he evidently wanted to break it to them gently.

Maybe it was a circuit! There was the whistle now! Only a few minutes now. Suppose his salary were cut down—good-by to silk stockings and kid gloves—cheap, but kid, just the same! Suppose the parsonage would be old-fashioned? Suppose there wasn't any parsonage at all, and they would have to pay rent! Sup— Then the door slammed.

Carol and Lark picked up their darning, and Connie bent earnestly over her magazine. Aunt Grace covered a yawn with her slender fingers and looked out of the window.

"Hello"

"Why, hello, papa! Back already?"

"They dropped darning and magazine and flew to welcome him home."

"Come and sit down!" "My, it seemed a long time!" "We had lots of fun, father." "Was it a nice conference?" "Mr. James sent us two bushels of potatoes!" "We're going to have chicken tomorrow—the Ladies' Aiders

sent it with their farewell love." "Wasn't it a dandy day?" "Well, it's all settled."

"Yes, we supposed it would be. Was the conference good? We read accounts of it every day, and acted stuck-up when it said nice things about you."

"We are to—"

"Ju-just a minute, father," interrupted Connie anxiously. "We don't care a snap where it is, honestly we don't. We're just crazy about it wherever it is. We've got it all settled. You needn't be afraid to tell us."

"Afraid to tell us!" mocked the twins indignantly. "What kind of slave drivers do you think we are?"

"Father knows we're all right. Go on, daddy, who's to be our next flock?"

"We haven't any, we—"

The girls' faces paled. "Haven't any! You mean—"

"I mean we're to stay in Mount Mark."

"Stay in— What?"

"Mount Mark. They—"

"They extended the limit," cried Connie, springing up.

"No," he denied, laughing. "They made me a presiding elder, and we're—"

"A presiding elder! Father! Honest!?"

"They ought to have made you a bishop," cried Carol loyally. "I've been expecting it all my life. That's where the next jump'll land you."

"I pity the next parsonage bunch," said Connie sympathetically.

"Why? There's nothing the matter with our church?"

"Oh, no, that isn't what I mean. But the next minister's family can't possibly come up to us, and so—"

The others broke her sentence with their laughter.

"Talk about me and my complexion!" gasped Carol, wiping her eyes. "I'm nothing to Connie and her family pride. Where will we live now, father?"

"Well, rent a house—any house we like."

"Rent! Mercy, father, doesn't the conference furnish the elders with houses? We can never afford to pay rent! Never!"

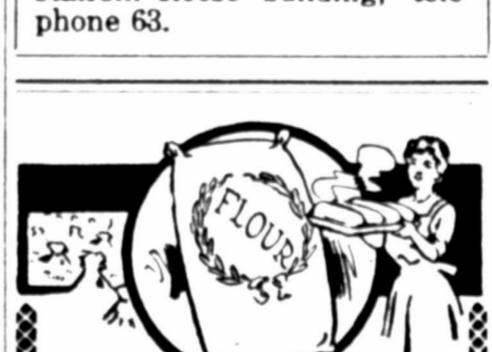
"Oh, we have a salary of twenty-five hundred a year now," he said, with apparent complacency, but careful to watch closely for the effect of this statement. It gratified him, too much as he had expected. The girls stood stock-still and gazed at him, and then

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**Notice for Publication**  
non-coal 09434  
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, Nov. 7, 1917.  
Notice is hereby given that John Boag, of Redland, New Mexico, who on March 11, 1911, made homestead entry No. 09434, for west half section 15, township 5 south, range 37 east, N. M. P. M. has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before James A. Hall, U. S. Commissioner at Fortales, N. M., on the 21st day of December, 1917.  
Claimant names as witnesses: Carl Turner, of Fortales, N. M.; Earl Johnson, of Fortales, N. M.; Pete Craft, of Redland, N. M.; Will Craft, of Redland, N. M.  
A. J. Evans, Register.

**Notice for Publication**  
non-coal 09168  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., November 15, 1917.  
Notice is hereby given that John Grant, of Inez, N. M., who on December 29, 1910, made homestead entry No. 09168, for northeast quarter section 17, township 4 south, range 37 east, New Mexico principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five Year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. C. Compton, Probate Judge Roosevelt county, N. M., at Fortales, N. M., on the 27th day of December, 1917.  
Claimant names as witnesses: Albert J. McGraw, of Arch, N. M.; J. Roy Carder, of Arch, N. M.; George F. Alberta, of Inez, N. M.; Grover C. Grant, of Inez, N. M.  
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## Community Co-Operation

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The five Southwestern states—Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico—had, according to 1910 Federal Census figures, a combined population of 9,111,835.

Over 8,000,000 Southwesterners (approximately 90 per cent) lived in towns of less than 15,000 inhabitants, and in the rural districts.

Nearly 54 per cent of the people in the United States live in towns of less than 2,500 population and in the country.

From these figures it is easy to see that unless our small towns and villages are prosperous the country as a whole cannot possibly be in a healthy commercial condition.

In fact, conditions in our small towns and villages usually constitute a reliable barometer for registering business conditions at large.

Agriculture and livestock furnish the bulk of the Southwest's wealth, there being but comparatively little manufacturing in this section. About 90 per cent of the producers of this wealth live in and around our towns and villages, consequently they are, or should be, deeply interested in the growth of their "home towns" and communities.

As practically all Southwestern towns and villages are dependent on retail business, the citizenship of these towns and villages should endeavor at all times to keep as much locally produced wealth at home as possible.

Your home merchants can serve you to as good advantage as those at a distance if you will specify "trade-marked-advertised" goods when making your purchases.

Investigation and comparison will convince you that this class of merchandise invariably affords better values for prices asked than the non-standard variety.

## CARE OF PERISHABLES

Proper Methods of Handling, Shipping and Storing.

United States Department of Agriculture Making Effort to Decrease Great Waste of Fruits and Vegetables.

In an effort to decrease the great waste of perishable fruits and vegetables due to careless and improper handling, which subtracts hundreds of thousands of pounds of food from the country's supply each year, the bureau of markets and the bureau of plant industry of the United States department of agriculture will, as rapidly as practicable, extend the present demonstration and investigational work with producers, shippers, carriers and warehousemen regarding proper methods of handling perishables. This work will be taken up with funds just made available in the food production bill recently enacted by congress.

Specialists declare that the successful transportation or storage of perishables is primarily dependent upon careful and proper handling methods when being prepared for shipment. If carelessly or improperly handled when harvested and packed, all care exercised thereafter to insure sound condition may be largely ineffective and result in serious loss to the producer as well as loss of foodstuffs to the consumer. Specialists in the harvesting and handling of fruits and vegetables, through demonstration work and other practicable means in the important producing sections, will reach as many producers and shippers as possible.

These and other specialists also will advise producers in the construction and alteration of storage houses for products that can be successfully stored, especially without artificial refrigeration, and in regard to the most efficient use and management of such storage houses. Specialists declare that losses of fruits and vegetables are high in many well-constructed storage houses merely because the equipment is improperly used.

The department will seek to reduce losses of perishables still further by demonstrating to carriers and urging upon them the use of improved refrigerator cars which give uniformly greater refrigeration efficiency with marked economies as regards ice consumption and in heavier loading. Several thousand refrigerator cars have been built or rebuilt in practical conformity with the results of recent investigations and are in use on many railways. It is the hope of the department specialists that the use of uniformly better equipment may become much more general during the years when war needs make the conservation of food especially important.

## ON THE FUNNYSIDE



**Nearly Done.**  
Jimmie was going out with his mother one afternoon and had been sent upstairs to get ready. After a long wait the mother called up the stairs: "Hurry down, Jimmie, we're late now. Have you got your shoes on yet?"  
"Yes," replied the boy; "all but two."

**Scientifically Considered.**  
"I think a man derives his mentality and character from his mother," remarked the student of heredity.  
"Then," commented Miss Cayenne, "the mother of a slacker must have been one of those girls who manure their nails and eat chocolates while mother does the housework."

**Seems Fair Enough.**  
"Would you die for your country?"  
"Yes, I would," answered the patriotic citizen, "and if I'm ever called on to make such a sacrifice I hope the fact that I don't know a single stanza of the national anthem will not be held against me."

**Excusable.**  
"Remember," said the floor walker, sternly, "The customer is always right."  
"But, sir," expostulated the clerk, "in this case I was exercising a privilege to which I am entitled."  
"What do you mean?"  
"The lady I was arguing with is my wife."

### ONE MAN'S CONCLUSION.



"Watches and political candidates are much alike."  
"What's the matter now?"  
"That is, unless they run well they are no good!"

**In a Dry Goods Store.**  
"These, you see, are socks that you can't wear out."  
"I believe you. I'd scarcely dare wear them at home."

**What's in a Name?**  
"Why do they call this Riddle cottage?"  
"Because the tenants give it up every year."

# Gifts For All!



Santa Claus has made a wonderful selection for Mother, Daddy, Daddy's Boy, and all members of the family. Cut Glass, Hand Painted China, Manicure, Tourist and Dresser Sets, King's Kandy in in Ketchy Krismas Boxes. Everything the Newest and Niftiest in the market.



ASK FOR YOUR KEYS.

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR To All**

Thanks for Past Patronage

**PORTALES DRUG STORE**

"STORE OF SERVICE"

P. S.--Remember the RED CROSS needs YOU.

If you need Deeds, Mortgages, Notes or other Legal Blanks - Portales Valley News

## BUICK

EVERY Buick owner has the satisfaction of knowing that his car represents the highest type of present day road travel.

W. B. OLDHAM :: MONROE HONEA

**A Merry Christmas AND A Happy and Prosperous New Year**

To each of our friends and patrons. We thank you for your liberal patronage during 1917 and hope to be able to serve you during the New Year.

**The Leach Coal Co.**

Dealers in Coal, Grain and Hay

### COMMON ENEMIES.



First Bystander (watching two men fighting)—Can't somebody part them?  
Second Bystander—Keep back! Don't interfere! One is an iceman and the other is in the coal combine. Maybe they'll both get hurt.

### DEVICE HOLDS GRAIN SACKS

Three-Braced Legs Have Holes in Top Into Which Fit Prongs From an Iron Hoop.

Any farmer will understand the accompanying cut without much explanation. The three-braced legs have holes in the top into which fit prongs running out from an iron hoop. The top of the

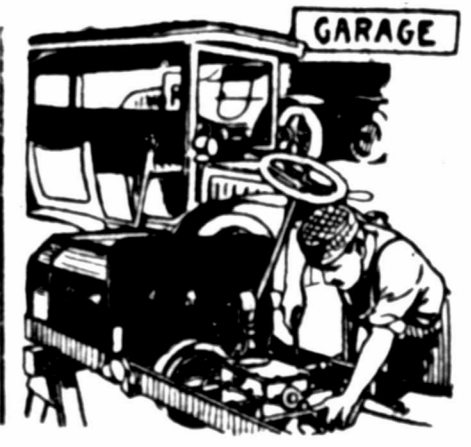


Holder for Sacks.

bag is placed over this hoop, and the outside hoop is placed over it, writes C. J. Lynde in Farmers Mail and Breeze. By screwing up the nut on the bolt of the outside band the bag is held firmly in place.

## THE MECHANISM OF YOUR AUTO...

is perfectly familiar to you. We have studied all makes of machines and are thoroughly competent to repair any of them. If you entrust your auto to us you can feel confident the repairing will be skillfully and thoroughly done. Ask any of those for whom we have done work. They are the best evidence of our ability to do yours.



**Kohl's Garage**

TELEPHONE NO. 45

Your Troubles Will Be Less

When you have your plumbing done by a practical plumber. I carry bath tubs, sinks and full line plumbing fixtures.

S. HOWELL, The Plumber.

..This is Windmill Weather..

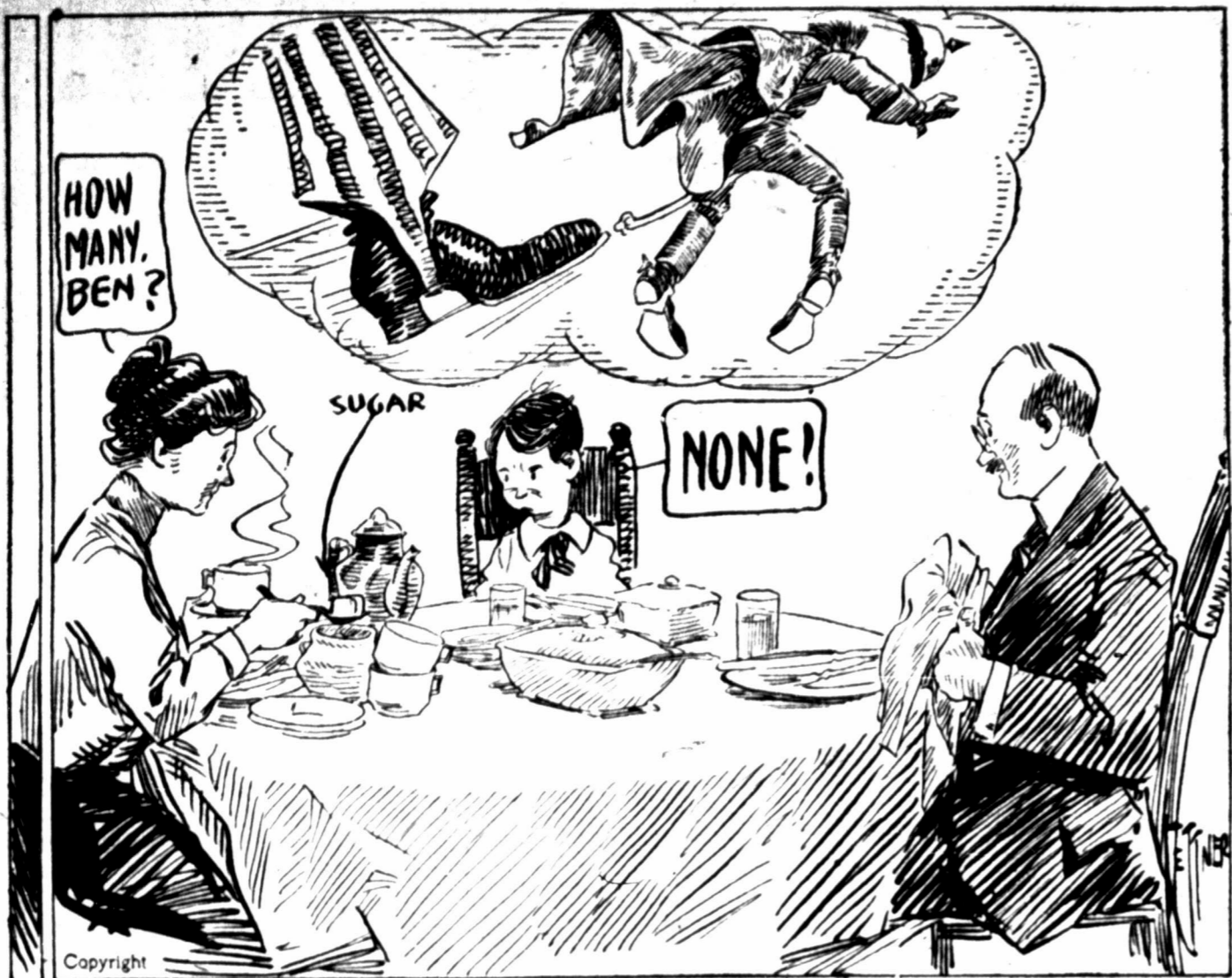
We handle Leader, Star and Challenge Windmills and a general line of piping, casing and sucker rod. Also repairs for all kinds of mills.

..J. B. Sledge Hardware Co..

BABBIT METAL 10c per lb. at NEWS OFFICE

WHEN in need of Printing see what we can do before you go elsewhere.

**The Enemy Gets Another Jolt**



**ABOUT THOSE CHILDREN OF YOURS**

One word to the women of America who live peaceful lives in happy homes.

Let us draw a picture for you of a scene at Evian, in France. Six hundred and eighty Belgian children are leaving a train—thin, sickly, from four to twelve years of age—children of men who refused to work for the Germans and of mothers who let their children go rather than to let them starve. They are pouring off the train, little ones clinging to the older ones. They have come all the long way alone. On the platform are the Red Cross workers to meet them. Those children who can walk at all march along crying, "Meat, meat, we are going to have meat." Their little claw-like hands are significant.

Two such trains pull into Evian every day.

Another picture—it appeared in the illustrated papers recently. It showed an English widow with her eight children and the wording underneath ran as follows: "If the mother recovers from her injuries she will have six less mouths to feed—a bomb smashed their poor little home to pieces."

Do you care to see a picture of Italian life where women and children are marched in front of the German army in order that the Italian soldiers may kill them if they free?

Would you care to think of such scenes as are described in these words:—"All along the Piave River (in Italy) last night we could hear the screams of women in the hands of the Germans?"

Women of America, it is to save your children from such a fate that you are asked to economize and save, and loan to the government all the money you can.

We hope our brave boys and our allies will prevent the Germans from ever reaching our shores, but even so, don't you want to help fight for the poor children of Belgium, France and Italy. Does not your mother's heart cry out to you to do your share.

Start saving now, and tell your husband to start saving now for the next Liberty Loan.

**Just Two Kinds of Men in the World**

By J. R. HAMILTON

Financially, there are just two kinds of men in the world; those who constantly figure upon the principal of their money and those who deal with the interest on the principal.

The one kind of man throws away ten dollars carelessly and says, "What's the difference. It is only a ten dollar bill."

The other holds on to that ten and says, "Ten dollars is the interest at 5 per cent on a capital of two hundred dollars."

One man figures on how much ten dollars will buy. The other man figures on how much it would cost him to buy ten dollars.

A difference of principal and interest—that is all.

Yet the principal-figure is not the principle figurer in life. Indeed, he counts for very little except when he is spending that ten. No one comes to him with opportunities. No one considers him as a possible investor in anything good. Money always passes him quietly by.

And yet this is all a simple habit of mind. The difference between financial success and financial failure is only a little trick of the brain.

And the habit of figuring interest—the habit of figuring every dollar you spend as the interest on twenty times that amount at five per cent, is very easily learned.

Try it now in the personal things you are going out to buy. If you need a suit of clothes, look through the advertising in this paper. See where you can save five dollars, and then say to yourself, "I am not merely saving five dollars by buying a suit of clothes from this advertisement; I am saving the amount which one hundred dollars would earn if it worked at five per cent interest for a whole year."

That's the thing that brings you to your muttons. That's the thing that makes you stop and think.

Now these good sales are going on all through this paper. You can save money on anything you buy. Your clothes, your shoes, your shirts, your household goods—all offer money-saving opportunities in these sales.

Why, you can save the interest on at least five hundred dollars if you will only go at it right. And show me the man to whom five hundred dollars is not a capital worth considering?

Interest—that is the thing to figure on always. And the way to save the interest on a lot of money is to watch the advertising in this paper day by day and do your buying from these sales.

**Happy Recollections**



**CONSCIENCE SATISFIED.**

"Lizzie, will you be mine?"  
 "Not on your life."  
 "Don't you love me?"  
 "No, I don't and never did."  
 "Are you sure?"  
 "Absolutely sure! I would rather be shot than to marry you!"  
 "Thank you for them kind words, Lizzie. I had to ask somebody to marry me in order to do my duty, but now that I have been refused I will never have to ask anybody else. Now my conscience will allow me to be a merry bachelor and save money for my old age."

**Wanted His Money's Worth.**  
 "Are these pugs supposed to be fighting?" asked the low-browed spectator, who occupied a ringside seat.  
 "Oh, yes."  
 "But dey ain't hittin' each other?"  
 "No. They are giving a pretty exhibition of foot work."  
 "Umph! I came here to see some gore spilled. That cabaret stuff don't make no hit with me."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Greetings of the Season**



**Grocery Department**

"Where Quality is Paramount and Service is a Goal"

Because we deal in food stuffs in the confusion and uncertainty of war conditions we desire to assure you that in the approaching year, because of our organization and connection we shall be able and shall spare no effort to serve your interests.

With every good wish

**Joyce-Pruit Comp'ny**  
 Wholesale and Retail

**Dry Goods Department**

As never before, in this war-time Christmas, mindful of our mutual interests and the necessity of our cooperation with each other and with our government to keep "Business as Usual," we heartily wish for every patron of our Dry Goods Department a pleasant Holiday Season. We take this opportunity of thanking you for your part in the phenomenal growth of this department and of assuring you that in the midst of unsettled conditions and an ever increasing scarcity of merchandise, for the coming season **WE WILL HAVE THE GOODS.**

We value the good-will of every patron as our most guarded asset. May you have a prosperous New Year. : : : :

**JOYCE-PRUIT COMPANY**  
 "WE HAVE COME TO STAY"

To every resident of Roosevelt county we the

**..HARDWARE..**  
 DEPARTMENT

wish you a Joyous Xmas and Health and Prosperity for the New Year.

We desire that the pleasant business relations of the year shall continue and we pledge our best efforts for the prosperity of Portales and Roosevelt county in 1918.

**Joyce-Pruit Co.**  
 "The Keen Kutter Store"

### Revenue Tax Collector Gives Advice

Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 14, 1917.—You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the returns, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue Lewis T. Carpenter said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the court house at the county seat town. In cities where there

are collector's branch offices he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expense from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax.

"The law makes it the duty of the tax payer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The tax payer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

Want to buy or trade for ten or more acres improved or unimproved land near Portales. See L. J. Whiteman, at the Portales Valley News Office.

Your sale bills will be printed right if done by The Portales Valley News.

Land Loans—See W. O. Oldham or W. B. Oldham. 49-49

### The Kaiser's Dream.

There's a story I'm told, tho strange it may seem,  
How the Great Kaiser Bill had a wonderful dream.

He was dreaming of Allies as he lay in his bed,  
When his dream switched about and he dreamed he was dead.

In a very fine coffin he was lying in state,

And thousands were there tho none mourned his fate.

His soul buzzed about and found to his cost,

That he and his soldiers were doomed to be lost;

He wouldn't believe it, so to Heaven went straight,

And, arrived at the portals, knocked loud at the gate:

"Hey, Peter, get busy, quick open the door.

See who's here. It's the Kaiser. Make everything roar.

Beat the drums, blow the horns, have a swell banquet made,

Tell Gott I have come and we'll have a parade."

Saint Peter looked out. Then, in voice loud and clear,

Said, "Try down below, Bill, you can't get in here."

"Tut, tut," said the Kaiser, "you're very uncivil,

Don't probably know I'm a friend of the Devil,

And I'm going with pleasure." So he started to go,

A-whistling like blazes, to make a big show.

When he came to Hell's door he was filled with dismay,

For while waiting outside he overheard Satan say:

"Look here, boys, take notice, I give you all warning,

I'm expecting the Kaiser down here in the morning;

But don't let him in, he'll start musing about,

So give him the ha! ha! and kick him right out."

"Oh, Satan, dear friend," the Kaiser then cried,

"Excuse me for listening while waiting outside,

But please let me in, for where else can I go?"

"Indeed," said the Devil, "I'm d-d if I know,"

"Ach, please let me in, for I'm feeling quite cold;

And if you want money I've plenty of gold;

Let me sit in a corner, no matter how hot."

"Nix, nein," said the Devil, "most certainly not,

You can't gain admittance by your offer of pelf.

Here are sulphur and matches, make a Hell for yourself.

Don't skimp, use them freely, for by donner and blitz!

I have plenty more left for the Sultan and Fritz."

From his troublous sleep Bill awoke in a sweat,

And said, "That's a dream I shall never forget.

That I won't get to heaven I know very well,

But I never believed I'd be kicked out of Hell!"

—Anonymous.

## Notice To Taxpayers!

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, that the tax assessor or a deputy will visit the precincts of the county at the time and place designated below, for the purpose of making the assessments of all taxable property for the year 1918.

### ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

"The laws of the State of New Mexico require that every inhabitant of the State, of full age and sound mind, shall, in each year, make a list of all property subject to taxation of which he is the owner or has the control or management. Such list must be on the form prescribed by law by the State Tax Commission and must be made and filed in the office of the County Assessor on or after the first day of January and not later than the last business day of February of each year."

In compliance with law and for the convenience of taxpayers I will be at the various places in Roosevelt County on the respective dates as follows, for the purpose of taking lists of property:

Precinct No.	Name and Location	Date	Precinct No.	Name and Location	Date
1	Portales, Assessor's Office, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28		24	New Hope Postoffice	Jan. 30
13	Midway, Tom Davidson's Res.	Jan. 14	25	Delphos Postoffice	Feb. 1
7	Arch, Postoffice	Jan. 15	29	Kenna, Kenna Bank	Feb. 4
16	Inez, Postoffice	Jan. 16	10	Valley View Postoffice	Feb. 5
15	Cox's Store, 7 A. M. to 12 M.	Jan. 17	9	Eagle Hill Postoffice	Feb. 6
28	Emz's Postoffice, 12:30 P.M. to 5 P.M.	Jan. 17	9	Milnesand Postoffice	Feb. 7
15	Garrison Postoffice	Jan. 18	28	Bluit Postoffice	Feb. 8
11	Rogers Postoffice	Jan. 21	3	Derenon Postoffice	Feb. 11
6	Longs Postoffice	Jan. 22	21	Benson Postoffice	Feb. 12
30	Richland Postoffice	Jan. 23	20	Claudell Postoffice	Feb. 13
8	Cromer Postoffice	Jan. 24	18	Upton Postoffice	Feb. 14
14	Frank Parker Res. (Old Newcomb Place)	Jan. 25	5	Tolar Postoffice	Feb. 25-26
17	Redlake Postoffice	Jan. 28	22	Perry School House	Feb. 27
12	Dora Store	Jan. 29	2	Elida, 1st door south Postoffice	Feb. 18 to 23

Any person failing to meet me at these appointments may make return to my office in Portales at any time within the limits fixed by law as given above, or blank for making rendition will be sent upon application, by mail or in person, to my office.

"A penalty of twenty-five per cent in addition to the regular valuation, must be added to the value of all property not listed for assessment within the time and in the form prescribed by law. No exceptions can be made to this law."

Respectfully yours,

**BURL JOHNSON, Assessor**

Roosevelt County, New Mexico

## Always Have PERUNA

Mrs. L. A. Patterson, 1399 Kentucky St., Memphis, Tennessee, writes:

"I have been a friend of Peruna for many years. I have used it off and on for catarrhal complaints and found it a very excellent remedy. I have a small family of children. Times are hard with us, but I can scarcely afford to do without Peruna, especially during the season of the year when coughs and colds are prevalent. We always recommend Peruna to our neighbors, for the benefit it has been to us."

**For Coughs and Colds in the Home. Recommend It to Our Neighbors.**

Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.

But please let me in, for where else can I go?"

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### "The Kaiser's Last Prayer."

Mine Gott in Himmel! Will you be Mine partner.  
You don't know who I am? I am dey German Kaiser, Emp. Vilyum.  
You know dot licked dem Belgiums and filled Russians full,  
And viped up France and Italy and blowed up Johnny Bull.  
But for all dose nations I don't give a damn!  
If you just be mine partner, and help me vip Uncle Sam.  
You know I have dose submarines all Europe knows so well,  
But Edison has got a machine vot blows 'em all to h—l.  
Ach, Gott, if you will do dis, den I will always luv,  
And I will be Emperor on Earth and You can be Above.  
Ach Gott! if you refuse me dis, tomorrow night at 'leven,  
I call out my Zeppe lins and declare war on he aven.  
Ach Gott! I would not do dis, but it is so plainly seen,  
Ven Edison push the button, I got no submarines!

### Free Irrigation.

District meeting at Court room 2: p. m., Dec. 29, to owners and prospective buyers etc., south sand hills and west of Arch and east of Portales. Money in 60 days for 11 years at 5 per cent, and no taxes if majority organize and found feasible and you have brains and energy to come in, sign up and vote.

HERDLAW JONES.

### Notice for Publication

Non coal 011943  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., Dec. 4, 1917.  
Notice is hereby given that Manly G. Frazer, of Portales, N. M., who on Oct. 1, 1912, made homestead entry, No. 011943, for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Sec. 22, and S. W. 1/4, S. E. 1/4, Sec. 15, Township 2 South, Range 36 East, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, Roosevelt Co., N. M., at Portales, N. M., on the 15th day of January, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Benjamin F. Townsend, of Arch, N. M.  
Walter W. Ridgway, of Arch, N. M.  
Henry P. Townsend, of Arch, N. M.  
Clyde E. Moon, of Portales, N. M.

6-10 A. J. EVANS, Register.

## NOTICE!

### To Automobile Owners:

The undersigned garages will open and close their places of business on Sundays, beginning December 9th, as follows:

Open 7 O'clock, Close 10 O'clock A. M.  
Open 3 O'clock, Close 7 O'clock P. M.

**The Universal Garage.  
Kohl's Garage.  
The Portales Garage.**

### Notice for Publication

Non coal 011949  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., Dec. 7, 1917.  
Notice is hereby given that Fred Duke, of Rogers, N. M., who on Aug. 6, 1914, made homestead entry, No. 011949, for Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, Sec. 14, Section 8, Township 4 S., Range 36 east N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, Roosevelt Co., N. M., at Portales, N. M., on the 15th day of January, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
Albertus Rogers, of Inez, N. M.  
James W. Marsh, of Rogers, N. M.  
John W. Clem, of Rogers, N. M.  
William W. Duke, of Rogers, N. M.

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### Notice for Publication

Non coal 011946  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., Dec. 7, 1917.  
Notice is hereby given that Fred Duke, of Rogers, N. M., who on Aug. 6, 1914, made homestead entry, No. 011946, for S. E. 1/4, Sec. 4, and N. E. 1/4, Section 8, Township 4 S., Range 36 east N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, Roosevelt Co., N. M., at Portales, N. M., on the 15th day of January, 1918.

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### BARGAINS IN TIRES

We have on hand an assortment of rebuilt tires ranging in size from 3x30 to 4x34, both straight side and clincher. These tires are good for 50 per cent of original mileage or more for less than half price.

**VULCANIZING DEPT.  
Portales Garage**

## ...The Roosevelt County Mutual Benefit Association...

F. G. CALLAWAY, President and General Manager

This is your opportunity to furnish your family with life insurance where you get back all you pay for protection and get it at once. Your wife won't have to wait, she will be paid in cash the next day after your funeral.

This is a great time of co-operation. The government is co-operating with the people and the people are co-operating with the government. Why not a little co-operation by and between the people of this county? This association has paid three claims lately within 48 hours after death. The cost is within reach of the poorest man and the protection is as good as the richest can buy. See or write at once for particulars. One of us will be at the store all the time to accept new applications or receive payments.

**The Roosevelt County Mutual Benefit Association, Portales, N. M.**

F. G. CALLAWAY, President and General Manager

MISS ZEROMA CALLAWAY, Secretary

# THE PORTALES VALLEY NEWS

Portales Herald consolidated with Portales Times March 27, 1918.  
Portales Valley News purchased Portales Herald-Times Sept. 12, 1916.

W. H. BRALEY, PUBLISHER AND PROPRIETOR

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Published weekly at Portales, New Mexico, and devoted to the interests of the greatest country on earth, the Portales Valley and Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

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## The Guillotine.

Are we approaching the time when that ancient and barbarous method of punishment, shall be applied the LIE MONGERS?

It has been suggested in some quarters that War Ananias clubs be organized for the identification and segregation of circulators of malicious rumors, and false reports, tending to create distrust upon our Government and disloyalty among our people and thus hamper the prosecution of the war, and by so doing are giving aid to the enemy. First we wish to refer you to a part of Trotsky's speech the other day before the Russian Peasant's Congress at Petrograd, in addressing his opponents, who represent the element in Russia, that are striving and fighting for the same thing we are, a true democracy and a free people, Trotsky said to them: "You are perturbed by the mild terror we are applying to our enemies, but you know that within a month this terror will take the terrible form of the French Revolutionary terror—not the fortress but the Guillotine." Who in all history ever heard of any nation of people who would allow themselves to commit such atrocities as was committed in Belgium, and are being committed by the Germans every day, the cruel barbarism and unspeakable brutalities carried on by the Germans, not only upon captured soldiers but upon innocent women and children. No time in history has it been that any of the allies would allow prisoners to be ill-treated.

It was the British that made war for twenty years on Napoleon, and when finally they took Napoleon captive, and a British ship that bore him to St. Helena, and a British jailer that kept him, and administered unto him but not by cruel barbarous methods.

So we suggest that Trotsky was trying to make his people believe a thing that is not true.

Then again we have in our own country by far to many people who through sheer stupidity or mistaken amiability help spread PREPOSTEROUS LIES, deliberately concocted to create demoralization among the people, such poison can only be the product of "the actual agents of Wilhelmstrasse," it is deplorable but nevertheless a fact we have them among us, and then we have

THE GERMAN AGENT pervading the land. In every community where he stops overnight a full-blown rumor pervades the town next day. It came from somebody on the "INSIDE" somebody who "got it straight" and it is whispered from one to another until the whole community is uneasy and agitated. Sometimes the rumor is that a transport has been sunk with an American regiment on board. It is usually given with the utmost particularity, including the name of the regiment, the names of the survivors, and all details. This bars all possibility that the rumor is mere accidental rumor of the usual WAR-TIME KIND, for the particularity of detail argues an author. Sometimes the story whispered by the GERMAN AGENT, is that there has been mutiny; in such cases the camp and the regiments engaged in the outbreak are named. Sometimes he poses as an Englishman or a Canadian with a friend or relative in the Army or in a Foreign office, and in this case his story is that the British are holding their army at home and making the French and colonials do the fighting for them, (which is another lie) in such cases he particularizes in figures and dates. Sometimes he masquerades as a newspaper man or a Government official, and whispers the "inside" information that Japan is getting ready to declare war on the United States. Once started, this sort of thing "is assiduously circulated and multiplied by the ready tongue of gossip."

"The foolish give ear to the gossip and repeat it, while the wiser ones listen incredulously and forget it."

But the proper course is to demand precise proof of the allegations, and if the proof be not forthcoming silence the circulator. This is the class of criminals that should be exterminated.

### DO YOUR PART.

1. Demand facts and sources of information when you hear a story you do not know to be true.
2. Trace the story back to the person who told it in your community.
3. Report the name of the person circulating the story and the nature of the statement.

Here are some of the "ENEMY LIES," that have already been circulated, "American battleships have been sunk by German navy and news suppressed—that thousands of Germans are drilling in this country for a revolt—that Secretary Tumuly is in prison charged with treason, that our troops in France are suffering for food—that our troops in France have quarreled with the British, and such other lies as the following:

"That Herbert Hoover, Federal Food Administrator, gets a salary of \$18,000 and lives in luxury. It's a lie. He gives his services to the people and lives very simply.

"That at camp Dix or camp Meade quarters of beef are thrown away or burned. It is a lie.

"That tons of vegetables, such as potatoes, are rotting through carelessness of soldiers. It's a lie.

"That the Government intends to seize all of the

canned goods that the patriotic women put up during the summer. That's another lie.

"That French Army Officers have been shot for selling American wheat to Germany. It's a lie.

"That Canada is holding its wheat, so that it can demand a high price when the American crop is exhausted. It's a lie.

"Fake letters that find their way into print should be scrutinized, from a soldier, in some prison or wounded, written to a sister or mother, for no other reason than to frighten mothers and fathers of our soldiers."

Secretary of War Baker has announced that whenever disaster occurs to our forces and our ships, the people will be told, so far to date this has been carried out, as to the few disasters that have happened, either General Pershing or Admiral Sims has furnished the proper department with the full name and address of his relative or friend at home giving cause and character of "Causality" of whatsoever the nature.

Time may come when many thousands of our soldiers as well as allied army men may be killed or taken prisoners, but the actual figures for the casualties in the entire French Army for the twelve months of 1916 was 2.75 per cent, this includes prisoners, who of course are not all killed.

So if people will refrain from circulating the false rumors, there will be no need for the Guillotine.

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. BELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)  
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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 23

#### THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

**LESSON TEXT—Matthew 2:1-12.**  
**GOLDEN TEXT—**There is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

The story of the birth of Jesus is recorded in three of the four Gospels, Matthew, Luke and John, each of which contributes some feature essential to complete the picture. No one should teach this lesson who does not have a good "harmony of the Gospels." Every year for the 45 years of the International Sunday School Lessons, we have had the Christmas lesson taken from these three Gospels one at a time. This year in closing the present series, we unite all three Gospels in one complete story, "The Story of the First Christmas."

The order of events should clearly be kept in mind as follows: "The angelic announcement to Zacharias, the priest, while in the exercise of his ministerial office. The angelic announcement to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and to Joseph, her espoused husband. Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, and the birth of John the Baptist. The birth of Jesus and his circumcision on the eighth day (Luke 2:21). His redemption some 31 days later, introducing Simon the priest (Luke 2:22), and the purification of the mother.

The coming of Jesus was at the most opportune time in all the history of the world, for Palestine was the central region of the Roman empire. The whole civilized world was subject to Roman domination. He was born while the entire world was at peace, for once in its history. Travel was at its best, for the Roman military roads all centered in Rome and extended throughout the empire. The Greek language was spoken everywhere, along with native languages, so that the Gospel could readily be heard in all parts of the empire. The Old Testament was translated into Greek. The Jews were scattered throughout all lands, carrying this Old Testament with them, and had established their synagogues in nearly every city and town. There was also a wide-spread intellectual and moral awakening, and there was wide-spread religious unrest and a hungering for something better.

1. The Search. Notice that he who was born on this first Christmas, was the "only begotten of God." This divine being became flesh, a strange and seemingly impossible union, but only such a union of the human and divine could draw man to God. If Jesus had not been identified with the divine nature of God, all the love, honor and devotion which we give to him, would lead us into idolatry. (1) Wisdom seeking (vv. 1, 2). See also Acts 13:6. Who these men were, we do not know. They were evidently students of the stars, and perhaps came from Persia, whither Balaam went. (Numbers 23:7; Numbers 24:17-19.) They may have known of Daniel's prophecy. They came because they had seen a star. A little light, only a small star, and we may have the sun. (John 8:12.) The highest wisdom is to know God. (Prov. 9:10.) We do not have to seek far to find him. The highest wisdom is also teachable: "Where is he that is born?" These wise men were not the first ones to seek him, for the humble shepherds who had heard the angelic host (Luke 2:15, 16), immediately went to Jerusalem to make sure that the good news was true. Tradition only gives us the names of these men. They typify the

world, the first Gentiles who came to seek Jesus. (2) Wickedness Seeking (v. 3-8). It is interesting to note the alarm of Herod, his suspicion and jealousy. Why? Note the carefulness of Herod's search. First the chief priests, who were theologists; then the scribes and lawyers, who were the historians; then the common people who were familiar with the traditions; and, finally, the wise men (v. 7).

11. Wisdom Rewarded (vv. 9-11). Persistent obedient searching after God always brings wisdom. Notice the steps of the wise men. They sought, they found, they rejoiced, they worshiped and they gave gifts. The stable of Christ's birth is evidently an exchange for a house (v. 11 and Luke 2:7). The gifts they presented have a threefold significance: Gold, for royalty, indicating divine glory; Frankincense for deity, the aroma of his life; Myrrh, signifying death, his death and its value to mankind. Notice that they did not worship Mary.

111. Wickedness Foiled (vv. 12-16). God intervened (v. 12). Notice the impotent rage of the enemy (v. 16). Christ was delivered, Herod was dismayed, and the people were desolate. **Suggestions:** The cry "where" of the human heart is here answered. God answers all honest searching. God himself gave his best gift (John 3:16). God also desires our best gift. We must worship Jesus as king. Religion is not for the Magi alone, nor for the common people; it is for all. We have not far to go to seek the Christ. He is even more than near. "For behold, I stand at the door and knock."

## WANTS

For Sale—Northwest quarter sec. 11, township 2 south, range 35 east, adjoining Mrs. Lizzie Burrows' place, in proven water belt. Reasonable price and terms on part. Address E. S. Anderson, 212 Main St., Denison, Texas. 40-ft

LAND LOANS—See W. O. Oldham or W. B. Oldham. 48-ft

SIXTEEN acres shallow water land near town, for sale or trade, a bargain. Apply at this office. 1 ft

FOR SALE—Twenty-two head good grade White-Face calves. Call or write W. B. Smiley on Bob Hicks place 5 miles west of Portales.

WANTED—To buy all the junk iron etc. you have. Bring it to me at the Creamery. Walter Crow. 4-ft

For Sale or Trade—Good Dodge Car, See S. N. Hancock, Portales, New Mexico. 2ft

For Sale or Trade—Good 4 room house, 4 lots, good windmill and barn, at a bargain. See A. S. Bramlett. 2ft

WILL BUY—Good Mules from 3 to 7 years old. 12 hands up. Robertson & Hancock, Portales, N. M.

WANTED—Woman or girl for light house-work, good wages. Mrs. S. D. Beaver.

Will exchange \$1000.00 equity in rooming house in El Paso, for land in New Mexico. Address J. W. Donney, 1215 Stevens Ave., El Paso, Texas. 6-51pd

NOTICE—Strayed or stolen: One dark red cow from Crumley's pasture at Delphos, between August 17 and October 17, 1917. Hair brand on left side (rafter TML, letters connected), right ear split; perhaps fresh new. Five dollars reward for her. W. A. Marrs, Longs, N. M. 6-7-8

I will pay you the cash for all kinds of junk. Bring it to me at the Creamery. Walter Crow.

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## The Portales Garage

WAT STEWART, Proprietor

Having bought The Portales Garage from Messrs Bracken & Sims, we desire to announce to the public that it will be our constant aim to render a service to the many patrons in keeping with the best mechanical skill and in maintaining the highest standard of efficiency, trying at all times to carry in stock every accessory used on an automobile.

Our business, so far, has been beyond our expectations and we invite you to come and see us and give us an opportunity to show you that we appreciate your patronage.

## The Portales Garage

Portales, New Mexico



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Would-Be Movie Stars Induced to Part With Money on All Kinds of Promises.

Young girls come to New York by the scores of hundreds, determined to win fame and much money in motion pictures, says Film Fun. They believe they can do this.

In most cases they have only a little money and very few friends wiser than themselves. Sooner or later each receives a card of invitation, signed with an unfamiliar name, but bearing every evidence of good taste and sincerity.

It informs the ambitious one that the writer has learned she is open for an engagement in the pictures, and if this is so will she please call. She does call and is met with a cordiality that might arouse suspicion in a star, but which pleases the innocent one.

Very adroitly she is put in possession of the information that she is needed in the work, but three or four weeks' training is absolutely necessary to prepare her, even though she may have acted for years on the stage. And the charge will be \$50.

Usually, if she seems reluctant, an assistant is called into conference, and presently a special price of \$25 is agreed to.

If it may be surmised from the conversation that a larger sum can be obtained, the aspirant for stellar roles is told that stock may be purchased in the corporation in amounts anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000, and an investor will receive enormous dividends, and the necessary preparation for screen success without tuition. A contract

is guaranteed to each investor.

Everybody in filmdom knows of the existence of the concerns, of which there are several that vary but little in their plan of operation. They all carry regular ads in the daily papers. It is from responses to these advertisements that addresses are obtained.

One concern charges an enrollment fee of \$5, a dollar each for a course of 20 lessons, and confers a diploma when these have been completed. Then the new actress is advised to have a strip of film made, just to show how well she screens.

The charge for this is only \$25. She is assured this is essential to success. The near-riot that often ensues when a young woman shows up with her strip of film and demands the star part which has been guaranteed her, and which she believes she has earned and paid for, would be very funny if it were not in many cases so tragic.

This very thing would happen oftener than it does but for the fact that studios and managers are safeguarded against all visitors.

**Odd Gifts to Red Cross.**  
Bullion—heavily twisted fringes made of gold wire—discarded from the epaulettes worn by Rear Admiral David G. Farragut, are a notable addition to the strange articles contributed to the Red Cross melting pot, says the Washington Star.

"They were found in a scrapbag once kept by Mrs. Farragut," says a memorandum accompanying the donation, "which with many other relics of the Farragut household, were sent by the trustees of the estate to J. B. Millner of this city. Mr. Millner was one of the Hartford's crew, and for

many years has been interested in getting together a museum collection of Farragut relics."

A Chinese kimono, valued at at least \$40, is another contribution. The donor expects that the Red Cross melting pot will get more than that out of this splendid example of Oriental workmanship.

A most ornately enameled pair of opera glasses, apparently of the period of Louis Quinze, is one of the decorative features of the melting pot overflow. "The widow's mite" was inscribed on a piece of paper accompanying one of the contributions. The offering consisted of two silver spoons of ancient date and long service.

**The Crow Must Be Suppressed.**

Now that the world is faced with a serious shortage of food, and that the price of seed corn is soaring beyond bounds, it behooves us all to discriminate sharply between those birds that are insectivorous and therefore the friends of man and his crops, and those that are grainivorous and hence peculiarly inimical to human interests.

Among the latter family of corvidae, the crow and his cousin—ravens, rooks, magpies, jackdaws, etc.—are adjudged to stand, despite the fact that their diet is more or less omnivorous. Their depredations in grain fields at the time of sowing are, in fact, so serious that in France the secretary of agriculture has issued bulletins to the various prefects, recommending the destruction of these birds, and offering information to this end.—Scientific American Supplement.

Somebody has started a movement to tax writers. Editors do that daily.

By the way, what became of that movement to popularize jack rabbit steak?

"Hatch early for size," recommends the department of agriculture. Chicks or plois?

A scientist says that fish have a sense of smell. How they must hate their neighbors.

Leatherless shoes may constitute the emancipation proclamation to the great American toe.

No man who shortweights a customer has any right to believe he is better than a horse thief.

Nothing in this world is more pathetic than a swelled head on the shoulders of a young man.

The chief objection to using potatoes for money is that they are apt to spoil on a thrifty person's hands.

Nowadays it is almost impossible to tell whether a riot is a real riot or merely a scene in a new photoplay.

**Prices of Soft Coal Raised.**

Raton.—Prices for bituminous coal at the mines in New Mexico have been raised by the fuel administration at Washington. The new classification separates the New Mexico fields into three groups and sets a different price for each. The former prices of all New Mexico were: Run of mine, \$2.75; prepared sizes, \$3.25; slack or screenings, \$2. The new prices are: Sougarte field, \$3.45, \$4.45 and \$2.45; Monroe and Gallup fields, \$3.50, \$4.95 and \$2.45; Carthage and Cerrillos fields, \$4.50, \$3.50 and \$4.

**Majority Given One Amendment.**

Santa Fe.—Final results of the election held Nov. 6 were completed, following the receipts by the State Canvassing Board of the last official county returns. The prohibition amendment carried by a majority of 16,585, the tax amendment was defeated by a majority of 10,971 and the judicial district amendment lost by a majority of 5,558.

**State Secretary Fees Grow.**

Santa Fe.—The total gross increase in the receipts of the office of Secretary of State Antonio Lucero the past fiscal year over last year, is \$34,180.47. The notarial commission fees were \$1,518 this year as against \$1,207 last year.

**Food Rules to Be Debated.**

Santa Fe.—A meeting here of all wholesale and retail merchants and dealers in foodstuffs of the state was called by the state food administrator Dec. 6 to discuss rules and regulations regarding food distribution.

**Say Middleton Shot in Self-Defense.**

East Las Vegas.—John Middleton, who is in the San Miguel county jail here awaiting preliminary examination on a charge of murder growing out of the death of Moises Barela and Juan Aragon at Alamo in Guadalupe county, probably will plead self-defense. Middleton and Lon Seymour, who is being held for the killing of Andres Indurain, sixteen miles east of Vaughn, were brought to Las Vegas to avoid a possible attempt at lynching.

**Large Number of Automobiles.**

Santa Fe.—During the past fiscal year, the state secretary collected \$80,740.50 in automobile licenses, an increase of \$32,840.12 over last year. A total of 14,056 licenses was issued showing something of the prosperity and abundance of money in New Mexico for those 14,000 automobiles represent an initial expenditure of at least \$14,000,000 and the spending of \$3,000,000 and more a year for upkeep and gasoline. This is more than all the taxes collected by the state.

SHEEP VALUES RAISED

INCREASED 33 PER CENT BY TAX COMMISSION.

Cattle Values Also Raised \$4,000,000—Assessed Valuation of Railroads Increased \$9,000,000

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Santa Fe.—The State Tax Commission has ordered an increase of more than thirty-three per cent in the valuation of sheep. As there are only 1,500,000 sheep on the tax rolls and there are fully twice that number in the state, steps were taken for a complete sheep census. The increase totals \$3,000,000 over the \$9,000,000 figure at which sheep are assessed now. The valuation per head has been increased from \$5 to \$7 common, and from \$6 to \$8 for the better grades. A ten per cent increase in cattle values was ordered, which means a total increase of \$4,000,000 over the \$40,000,000 valuation now on the rolls. Railroads were increased \$9,000,000 in their assessments or \$2,000,000 more than cattle and sheep taken together. Their total will reach \$106,000,000 or thirty per cent of the total assessed valuation of the state. As they generally pay their taxes fully and

promptly, they will contribute more than one-third of the entire tax income of the commonwealth, its counties, municipalities and school districts.

**Murderers Given Conditional Pardons.**

Santa Fe.—G. W. Seela, former E. P. & S. W. watchman at Vaughn, who shot and killed a young man from Nebraska in the railroad yards there last year, and who was sentenced to serve from six to ten years in the penitentiary, was given a conditional pardon by Governor Lindsey. Conditional pardons also were granted to Cecilio Dorame, sentenced from Bernalillo county in 1908 to serve sixty years for murder, and Aurelio Martinez, sentenced from Grant county in 1903 to serve ninety-nine years for murder.

**Bigger Crops in Dona Ana County.**

Las Cruces.—Dona Ana county is setting the pace in the campaign for an increased production of food in New Mexico in 1918. The crop season is already under way, there being around 8,000 acres already in winter wheat and sowing is still in progress. This is a remarkable start for the 1918 crop season, as winter wheat has not been a standard crop in this section. Usually the wheat grown here has been of the spring variety, the acreage in 1917 being over 9,000 acres.

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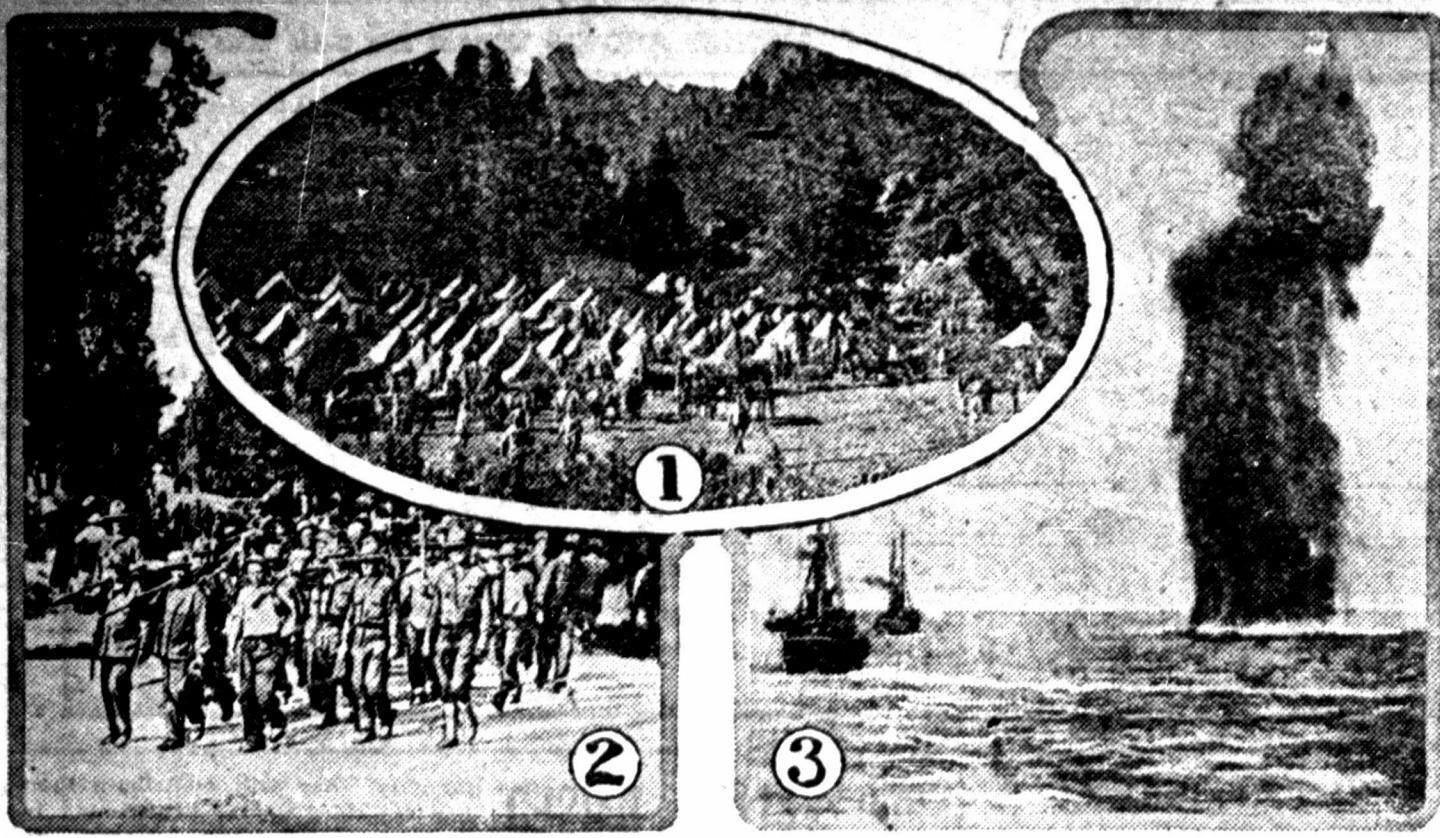
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well will be finished in just a few days. Contract is let for two more wells at Humble, Texas, our Goose Creek acreage. We will build a 2500 barrel refinery early in 1918 at Waurika, Oklahoma. The refining feature alone makes you safe in buying BIG DIAMOND OIL STOCK, as refining stock always pays big dividends. We invite you to come in now and get in on the ground floor, while the stock is yet sixty cents per share. January 1st stock goes to \$1.00 per share, which is par value. Fortunes in oil are made by those who get in on the ground floor---while the stock is cheap. Those who struggle along and get in later only help to enrich the first ones. I will be in Elida, New Mexico, Friday till Monday, Portales Tuesday till Thursday.

See me while I am here and make the investment that promises to be the one to make you rich for the balance of your life.

J. J. HUNTER, Agent



1—Camp of the Italian Alpini in the Carnic Alps where the Austro-Germans were held in check for a day. 2—American army engineers, some of whom have been taking part in the battle of Cambrai, leaving their camp for building operations. 3—British trawlers exploding a German sea mine.

## NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

**President's Message Declaring America in War to Finish, Hailed With Joy.**

**ADDS AUSTRIA TO OUR FOES**

**Progress of Russia's Efforts for Armistice—Germans Sacrifice Men Recklessly in Furious Attacks in France and Italy—American Troops to Be Rushed Across.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.  
The United States is in the war to the finish—and that finish must be the overthrow of the Prussian military despotism, the liberation and restoration of the peoples it has enslaved and reparation for the material damage its armies have done. When this is assured, the United States will insist on a peace that is based on generosity and justice to all alike, excluding all selfish claims to advantage even on the part of the victors. Meanwhile Austria-Hungary must be formally declared our foe in the war, and

"our present and immediate task" is to win that war.

Such in a few words is the message of President Wilson to congress, to America, and especially to the world. He leaves no doubt of the government's and the nation's humanitarian aims, and he makes equally plain the determination never to make peace with the present rulers of Germany who have done such "deep and abominable wrong." The president expressly disavows any intention to impair or rearrange the Austro-Hungarian empire, but says that to the Austro-Hungarians should be restored independent control of their own affairs, and avers that the Balkan states and Turkey should be secured against foreign oppression or injustice. Mr. Wilson's polished diction does not conceal his contempt for the pacifists, the traitors and others who seek to hamper the nation in the prosecution of the war. When everyone else within sound of his voice arose and cheered the president's impassioned statements, Senator La Follette, Representative Mason and one or two more sulked silent in their seats. They are easily classified.

**Message Warmly Approved.**  
Instant approval of the message was general throughout the United States, and it received the hearty endorsement of the British and South American press, though some of the London papers, notably the Times, are skeptical about the distinction the president still makes between the German rulers and the German people. It must be confessed a great many Americans

also feel the German people are not so guiltless as Mr. Wilson represents them.

Congress lost little time in starting proceedings for formal declaration of war against Austro-Hungary, and government agents throughout the country at once began preparing to handle the million and a half enemy aliens which it adds to the list. As tens of thousands of Austro-Hungarians have been employed in the mines of America, there is danger of a serious shortage of mine labor. It is likely a good deal of discrimination will be used in dealing with such subjects of the dual monarchy, as the Bohemians and various Slav races, who have no sympathy with the autocracy of their rulers.

**Bolshevik Peace Efforts.**  
The efforts of the Russian bolshevik to bring about a general cessation of fighting was not markedly successful last week. Large numbers of Russian troops were withdrawn from the front lines, and Austro-Hungary formally approved of the armistice plan; but when the representatives of the Russians began discussion of details with the Germans they met with a quick check. Their first two stipulations were that the enemy should not undertake to send forces from the Russian front to the front of Russia's allies, and that the German detachments should be withdrawn from the islands of Moon sound. To this the German delegates replied evasively, merely promising to consult their government.

On Thursday Berlin announced that

a suspension of hostilities along the entire Russian front for ten days beginning Friday noon had been arranged. The same day Trotsky declared the Russian government did not want a separate peace.

There were reports, which, however, were emphatically denied, that Roumania desired to open negotiations for an armistice. If their flank on the north were left unprotected by the quitting of the Russians, the Roumanian forces between the Dniester and the Black sea would be in extreme peril. Members of the Red Cross mission of Roumania have just brought to President Wilson a message from King Ferdinand declaring his country would never make a separate peace.

Ensign Krylenko is now in control of much of the Russian army, his men having captured the headquarters at Mahilev and murdered General Dukhonin, former commander in chief. At last reports General Kaledines' Cossacks were marching on Vitebsk and a battle with Krylenko's forces was impending. Most of the Russian diplomatic representatives in allied countries and the Russian troops in France have disowned the doings of the bolshevik leaders and refuse to recognize their authority.

**Germans Try Hard for Big Victory.**

It is evident that the German high command is trying desperately to obtain a decisive military victory in France or Italy, or both, before the American army gets across in sufficient force to be effective. So far the result achieved by the enemy has been the gain of a few rods of ground at an appalling cost in loss of life. The fighting in the Cambrai sector developed into the bloodiest and fiercest battle of the war, and despite the bringing up of great numbers of Germany's best troops, the British in the main repulsed the repeated mass attacks and held most of the ground gained the previous week. If Byng can continue to hang on to his positions, the battle will prove the best thing the British could ask, for it has brought the Germans "out of their holes" and not only shown them up as inferior in open fighting, but cost them an enormous number of their most valuable men. The reckless sacrifices made by Crown Prince Rupprecht contrast strangely with the information that Germany is training boys of fifteen and sixteen to take their places soon in the fighting lines.

America has cause for pride and satisfaction in the reports that come of the part in the Cambrai fighting taken by American engineers. Caught by a sudden advance of the Germans, these men took shelter until the British came up to them, and then borrowing guns, went into the fray with a gallantry and coolness that won high praise from the commanding officers of the British. A few of them were killed and wounded, but the others went right on with their fighting, patrolling and railroad building.

**Fierce Fighting in Italy.**

Along the Italian front the fighting has been little less fierce than at Cambrai, and as the week closed the Austro-Germans were making their second great offensive there. In the initial attack by largely increased forces the enemy compelled the Italians to withdraw from some advanced positions between Monte Tondoccar and Monte Barenecche, but elsewhere the violent assaults were repulsed. If the invaders succeed in that sector in flanking the Piave and Brenta lines, they might force General Diaz back as far as the Adige. However, the Italian commander seemed quite confident he could prevent this, and his forces were gallantly guarding the entire line while increasing numbers of British and French re-enforcements continued to arrive. Among the allies in action on this front are a number of American aviators, and the declaration of war against Austria-Hungary seems to make sure the speedy dispatching of a considerable force of American soldiers to re-enforce the Italians. At any rate that is what Italy expects, and the entire country celebrated joyously the news that its chief foe was to be included in the enemies of the United States.

**U. S. Troops to Be Hurried Over.**  
One of the main subjects discussed in the interallied conference in Paris was the best means of getting American troops to France as rapidly as possible and supplying them with munitions and food. To release as much tonnage as may be for the purpose of carrying the American soldiers an international organization was created that will co-ordinate the utilization of transport facilities, somewhat restricting the imports of the various nations. It may be that a considerable part of the supplies for the American army will be obtained from England and France in order to save time.

The allies intend to bring out their full man power, and the troops of the United States are to be taken to the front as quickly as it can be done. There is no doubt that this is the plan of the government, despite the opinion of Von Hindenburg and Von Ludendorff that America was raising a great army only to protect itself against Japan and would not be so "foolish" as to send it to Europe. If those gentlemen read the president's message some glimmer of truth as to the real determination of the United States may penetrate their skulls.

**China May Send an Army.**

Before very long yet another national army may be fighting beside the allies in France against Germany. It is reported that a large force from China is to be brought to the western front, probably under the command of General Yeng-Chang, chief general adjutant to the Chinese president. For a long time many thousands of Chinese have been working behind the lines in France, and doubtless the well-trained and equipped

armed forces of the Oriental republic also will be welcome there.

From Palestine General Allenby sent word that he was in a position to enter Jerusalem at any time he saw fit, but was continuing an enveloping movement to the north of the Holy City.

Equally satisfactory is the news from East Africa, the British commander there reporting that the last Germans had been cleared from that vast region. All who were not killed or captured had fled to Portuguese territory, where they would soon be attended to, he said. Thus Germany has been stripped of the last of her colonies.

**Interallied Naval Council.**

An important decision of the council in Paris was to create an interallied naval council in order to close contact and complete co-operation between the navies of the allies. The council will be composed of the ministers of marine and admiralty chiefs of the nations represented. The warfare on the submarines is proceeding satisfactorily, but the last British admiralty report shows the toll of the U-Boats is still high, 16 British vessels of more than 1,000 tons and five others having been sunk in the week. Among the boats torpedoed was the steamer Apapa, 80 passengers and the crew perishing. The submarine shelled the vessel's open boats that were filled with women and children.

Early Thursday morning a fleet of big German airplanes made a raid on England and several of them succeeded in reaching London. Their bombs killed seven persons. At least two of the raiding machines were brought down by gun fire and their crews captured.

**War Stamps on Sale.**

The sale of war savings stamps and certificates, America's newest plan for raising war funds and encouraging thrift, began on Monday, and was taken up by the entire country with an enthusiasm that presages its complete success. The campaign will continue for one year, and it is believed the maximum sum authorized—\$2,000,000,000—will be obtained without trouble.

The interstate commerce commission having recommended the nationalization of the railroads during the continuation of the war, the president and his aids took up the matter last week, and Mr. Wilson was expected soon to send to congress a special message on the subject. The administration conceded that the roads must be given liberal financial aid and a plan may be evolved for their operation under a government director of transportation.

The most terrible of the many disasters incident to the war befell Halifax, N. S., on Thursday, when the French munition ship Mont Blanc exploded in the harbor after being rammed by a Belgian relief vessel. Some 5,000 persons were killed, many thousands injured and a considerable part of the city and its suburbs wrecked by the awful blast.

**Dr. Swearingin's Dates**

Drs. Swearingin and Presley, the specialists of Roswell, will be in Portales, at Neer's drug store, on the 20th day of each month, to treat diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and to fit glasses.

**Private Money**  
—FOR—  
**Farm Loans**

I have located at Portales and am able to offer you some home money on your farm securities. Will be glad for you to call, get acquainted and favor me with your wants in this line.

**W. C. HOOVER**  
Office in the Molinari Building

# Public Auction SALE

As I have sold my farm and am leaving the country, will sell at public auction, at my place one-half mile south of Dora, 17 miles east and one-half mile south of Elida and 171-2 miles south and 1 mile west of Portales, N. M., on

## FRIDAY, December 28, 1917

The following described livestock and other property:

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| 2 three-year-old Jersey cows, one with heifer calf by side. | 1 set buggy harness. 1 saddle.  |
| 1 cow, 6 years old, with calf by side.                      | 1 pr. chain harness. 1 shovel.  |
| 1 Jersey cow 4 years old.                                   | 1 grubbing hoe. 1 pick.         |
| 2 Jersey cows 6 years old.                                  | 1 bear grass cutter.            |
| 1 mule, 4 years old, 15 1-2 hands high.                     | 1 set of over-jets.             |
| 1 mule, 5 years old, 15 1-2 hands high.                     | 1 good Garland stove.           |
| 1 bay mare, coming 7 years old fifteen hands high.          | 3 iron bed stands.              |
| 1 bay colt, one year old.                                   | 5 chairs, 4 straight, 1 rocker. |
| 1 nice hog.   | 1 bacheler heater and drum.     |
| 1 new Mitchell wagon.                                       | 1 extension dining table.       |
| 1 single buggy. 1 hack.                                     | 2 cook tables. 2 churns.        |
| 1 turning plow. 4 bridles.                                  | 1 wash pot. 1 water barrel.     |
|   | 1 milk pan. 1 hand saw.         |
|   | 1 brace and bits. 3 tubs.       |
|   | 1 No. 1 chuck box.              |
|   | 1 cream freezer.                |

There will be other cattle, not listed, sold at this sale.

**Free Lunch at 11:30; Sale Starts at 12:30**

...TERMS—CASH...

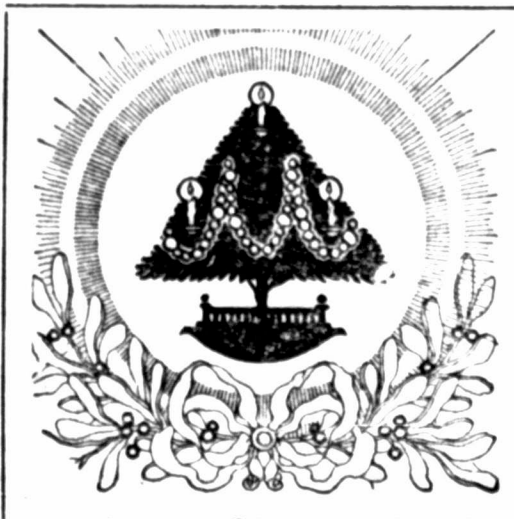
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V. J. CAMPBELL, Auctioneer A. J. BURKETT, Clerk

# SERVICE

Is the Ideal In Christmas Gifts This Year

Remembrances of practical worth that will render actual service and use to the one who receives them. We are offering strictly high grade, new merchandise at prices that mean genuine savings. We hope the public will realize this fact.

**Gifts for Women**  
Coats  
Dresses  
Skirts  
Silk Hose  
Handkerchiefs  
Shoes or a Bath Robe.  
We have TOYS for the children.  
Complete line of STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES



**Men Will Appreciate**  
Shirts  
Neckwear  
Handkerchiefs  
Hosiery or a Bath Robe  
**Blankets for Gifts**  
Wool and Cotton at \$2.50 to \$8.50 per pair  
Full line Staple Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes and Furnishings.

Our prices are less than the wholesale price on many articles. When you come to town to do your Christmas shopping, make our house headquarters. Wishing you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS, we are

Yours to Please,

# C. V. HARRIS



# Conservation



is the order of the day--why waste money on nick-nacks, trifles, useless articles? Our Beloved Government tells us to buy nothing useless---only buy things necessary to our daily activities. You can do more than both---you can CONSERVE. You can help Our Government, and you can make the best investment you have ever made for wool, materials and skilled labor are advancing daily and it will be a long time before you will have such another chance. So come early---come while the picking is good.

CHRISTMAS and the HOLIDAY SEASON require "Dressing Up," also gifts to provide and we are making a special effort to help you with gifts of value---gifts of use and necessity---gifts that will enhance in value.

All at Moderate Prices that fit everyone's purse---no matter how small or how meagre.

## Other Gift Suggestions

**LADIES SILK WAISTS.** A dandy Xmas present, at \$1.50 to \$8.50.

**SHIRTS.** Silk shirts at \$3.00 to \$5.00. Fine Negligee shirts at 75c to \$1.50.

**NECKWEAR.** In Xmas boxes at 75c. A new line to select from.

**HOUSE SHOES.** For men and women. Price \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.

**HOSIERY.** For men, ladies and children, in cotton, lisle and silk. Price 15c to \$1.50.

## Our \$20.00 Xmas Specials

Regular \$22 and \$25 values specially selected for this occasion. Two and three button. Extreme and conservative single-breasted models in the latest patterns. Also a large line of the newest Overcoats in single and double-breasted styles. All worth more money. **Now \$20.00**



There is no better gift than a fine **SCHLOSS SUIT OR OVERCOAT.** It is something that the recipient won't forget so soon—a remembrance that will give him lots of pleasure and satisfaction. We carry all sizes for men, young men and boys in various models and all prices. Also bear in mind that anything you purchase will be cheerfully exchanged or money refunded after the Holidays, if not entirely satisfied.

**COME AND LOOK AT THEM---COME EARLY**

## Other Gift Suggestions

**LADIES' SKIRTS.** To close they go at about Half Price. See them.

**GLOVES.** For men and ladies. Kid, fabric and knit—25c to \$2.50.

**HANDKERCHIEFS.** In linen, cotton and silk. Price 5c to \$1.50.

**SWEATERS.** For ladies and children in large assortment. Price \$1.50 to \$5.00.

**LADIES COAT SUITS.** At a greatly reduced price. This is your chance. Price \$15.00 to \$30.00.

## Our \$10.00 Boy's Specials

Chosen from our stock of Suits and Overcoats are the very best values you can find anywhere. Clothes that any boy will like for their comfort, manliness and good looks and that will satisfy for their long wear and good fit. Positive \$10.00 and \$12.00 values. **Now \$8.50**

...A Merry Christmas...

**Warren-Fooshee & Co.**  
PORTALES  
THE HOME OF GOOD GOODS

...A Happy New Year...

## GOOD WORK OF INOCULATION

That Legumes Are Benefited Is Shown by Several Experiment Stations—Increases Growth.

Farmers sometimes question the advisability of inoculating legumes. That legumes are benefited by inoculation has been shown by several experiment stations. The Wisconsin, Illinois and other stations have shown that inoculation gives decidedly beneficial results.

In the first place, inoculation increases the total growth of the plant, giving greater yields of hay. In most test cases the hay crop has been increased about 20 per cent and in some instances it has been doubled. Not only is more hay produced, but the hay is richer in protein and consequently of higher feeding value, according to W. A. Albrecht of the University of Missouri college of agriculture. Cowpea hay from plants, inoculated at the Illinois station, contained 26 per cent protein while plants not treated carried but 15 1/2 per cent of this valuable food constituent. Inoculation enables the plant to get nitrogen from the air in addition to that from the soil. This not only conserves the supply, but when the crop is turned under it increases the nitrogen content of the soil.

Inoculation, then, is beneficial because it increases the yield and improves the quality of hay and enriches the soil through the nitrogen of the air. These benefits justify the expense and trouble of inoculation.

## RYE SEED AS COVER CROP

Planted in Cornfields It Frequently Can Be Utilized as Late Fall or Spring Pasture.

Rye seeded as a cover crop in cornfields can frequently be utilized for late fall and early spring pasture, or can be allowed to mature and be hogged down with satisfactory results. At the last cultivation of corn, rye can be seeded at the rate of six to eight pecks per acre. It will furnish nutritious pasturage by fall in favorable seasons. In the spring the crop may be used for pasture or plowing under, or hogs may be turned into the field after the grain is ripe.

Six pigs averaging 44 pounds in weight were fed on a quarter of an acre of rye for 40 days at the Ohio experiment station. During this time they made an average daily gain of half a pound. While hogging down the rye the pigs were fed a fifth of a pound of tankage apiece daily. Rye as a general rule cannot compete with corn for hogging down, according to specialists at the experiment station. It may be substituted economically for corn when it is difficult to harvest and thresh and when its price per pound is about the same as that of corn.

## MAKE WAR ON INSECTS

Campaign to Teach Every Farmer and Keeper of Foods.

Reduction of Only 5 Per Cent of Present Losses Would Result in Saving Millions of Bushels of Important Crops.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In an effort to reduce the enormous annual loss of food caused by attacks of insects on growing crops, stored food supplies, and live stock the bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture, in co-operation with the extension services of the states, is to begin a vigorous campaign to teach insect fighting. Covering the country as effectively as possible with emergency funds made available in the food production bill just enacted by congress the entomologists will deal with every pest of important crops. Should the campaign planned result in a reduction of only 5 per cent of present losses from insects an amount aggregating millions of bushels it is estimated would be saved. It is expected that an effective campaign would result in even a larger saving.

Specialists will give demonstrations to small groups of farmers, fruit growers and others in regions where their services are most needed. Wherever it can be done persons in the community where the demonstration is being conducted will be asked to assist in preparing spray mixtures, emulsions, poisoned baits, dips, washes and the like. These persons, so far as practicable, then will be requested to assist in the application of these and other measures in order that each community in which demonstrations are given will have one or more persons acquainted with methods of assembling and applying insecticides and in the use of other remedial measures.

Specialists in rice insects will visit rice fields. Men familiar with the insect pests of the orchard and vineyard will be sent to those states where fruit growing is an important industry. In the large trucking areas of the country and elsewhere specialists familiar with the insects of truck crops will be detailed. Men familiar with the insect pests of cereal and forage crops will work in states where these crops are of most importance, and will give special attention to such important pests as the Hessian fly, chinch bug and joint worms.

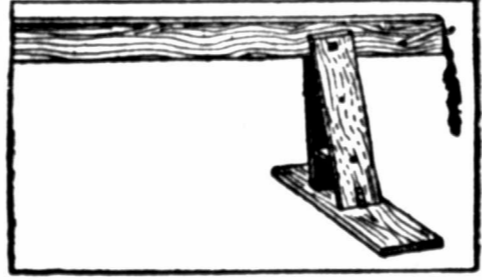
In case of serious insect outbreaks men will be available to concentrate effort in the infested territory, to prevent, if possible, further spread of the pest. It is planned to give attention

also to demonstrating and disseminating information about methods for the prevention of insect losses to stored grains, flour and other products, in mills, warehouses and granaries, and for the reduction of losses to other stored food products.

## POST-PULLING MADE EASIER

Most Convenient Implement Shown in Illustration Given Herewith—How It Is Operated.

The most convenient post-puller I ever used is this one, writes Lester Mayfield in Farmers Mail and Breeze. On a base 2 feet long, two 2 by 6 uprights, 28 inches long, are bolted. The lever is a 2 by 6, about 6 1/2 feet long. Eighteen inches from one end, a hole



Handy Post Puller.

is bored, and a bolt is passed through uprights and lever. Two strap irons are bolted to the outer end of the lever, as shown, with a hook on one side and a piece of chain on the other. Raise the lever, put the chain around the post and hook it, then bear down, and up comes your post.

## SYMPTOM.



"Gwace's father thought you were the candy kid, didn't he, me boy?"  
"Yaw. He borrowed \$10 the first night I met him."

**Why the Lamp Went Out.**  
In the parlor there were three. She, the parlor lamp, and he; Two is company, no doubt. So the little lamp went out!  
—Yale Record.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching.

The Kaiser's right there at the door,

If we had a submarine We'd biff him on the bean And there wouldn't be a Kaiser any more.

—As the boys on the front now sing it.

## MAKING NO BONES ABOUT IT.

The town's champion liar had just fallen on the pavement, and they had carried him to the corner drug store and called the doctor. A few minutes' examination revealed the fact that his leg had been broken. Regaining consciousness, he asked the doctor, "How is it, doc? Am I hurt pretty bad?" "Well," returned the medical man, "it might be worse, but I think that you have broken your fibula."

## On Safe Ground.

They inquired about his trip abroad. He began enthusiastically, but stopped short.

"Has everyone here been to Europe?"

"No."

"Well, then I can speak freely," Christian Register.

## A Sad Distrust.

"A dog is man's faithful friend."

"Perhaps," commented Miss Cayenne; "and it may be, after all, that the doggie doesn't talk about you behind your back merely for the reason that he lacks the power of articulation."

## A DIFFERENCE.



The Cigar Dealer—I can recommend these cigars.  
The Customer—Give me some of the kind you smoke.

## A Good Friend Heard From.

Newhope, New Mexico, December 17, 1917.

Portales Valley News, Portales, New Mexico.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find my check for one dollar, for which you will please allow the News to follow my meanderings for the coming year—I intend that it shall go where I go and lodge where I lodge.

Last Monday morning I found on my desk a number of copies of your well-gotten-out county paper, which Brother Calloway had left there for distribution; and as we are now a full fledged portion of Roosevelt County, which we should have been all the while, I took real pleasure in passing the paper to the pupils, and through them, encouraging the patrons to subscribe for their county paper.

This is a time when every one should do all in his power and province to inculcate and cultivate good citizenship; and I lay down this proposition: That every good citizen owes it to himself, his community, his State, and to his Nation to take and READ his county paper, at least one good state paper and a paper of national circulation. Ignorance is the pregenitor of narrowness, prejudice, suspicion and disloyalty. Therefore the press, teachers and parents should teach citizenship in its entirety.

Let every one begin the new year right. Forward march! "Send the light."

A merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1918 to you and your readers.

Yours for a brighter and better citizenship,

J. W. TAYLOR.

**Hard to Do.**  
"Speaking of remarkable memories, there goes a man who has one."  
"What can he do that is so extraordinary?"  
"He can name all the statesmen who were members of the principal European cabinets six months ago."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## Congressman Walton Lands Chairmanship.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—At the caucus held by the Democrats of the national house of representatives, following the convening of the regular session of the 65th congress, several changes in committee chairmanships was made.

Congressman W. B. Walton, of New Mexico, one of the newest members of the house, was unanimously chosen as chairman of the Committee on Expenditures of the Department of Justice, succeeding Congressman John E. Raker, of California, who was elected chairman of the Committee on Suffrage.

In selecting Mr. Walton for chairman of the expenditures committee, unusual recognition of his ability was given, since it is almost an ironclad rule that chairmanships of the various committees only shall go to those members who have served in congress for many years.

Because of the war the committee on expenditures of the department of justice will have a great deal of work to do, the department of justice having extended its scope of work materially.

Mrs. R. Rahhal, of Sherman, Texas, is visiting in the home of D. Wehba and family for a few days.

The Red Cross needs you. Help the boys at the front by keeping the Red Cross.

W. H. Ball returned to-day from Santa Fe where he had been on business.

The Kansas Club will meet Xmas at H. B. Ryther's. All Kansas people are invited to be there. A collection for the Red Cross will be taken.

H. V. Thompson, Sec.

**Make the Investment of Your Life**  
Buy Big Diamond oil stock.

# ..HOGWALLOW NEWS..

DINK BOTTS, Regular Correspondent

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By George Bingham

A large crowd gathered at the Rye Straw store Monday morning to be present at the opening of a drummer's trunk.

In these times it is remarkable how few married men have any other watch.

Slim Pickens took a good look at the wooden Indian in front of the Stag cigar stand in Tickville Tuesday and decided that it was all a fake.

Isaac Hellwanger was seen at church last Sunday with his hair combed. He should be encouraged in this, as it saves the people behind him the trouble of having to stand up to see the preacher.

A strange man was in our midst yesterday. He was as deaf as a post, but the postmaster did not find it out until he had talked with him for an hour, as he did not have on his specs.

While Clab Hancock was digging a cistern the other morning Washington Hocks dropped in to see him. Both were slightly injured.

The Excelsior Fiddling Band sprung from ambush at the Dog Hill church Sunday and serenaded the congregation while it slept.

It is believed that a robbery was committed at the postoffice night before last, but as nothing is missing and the doors and windows were not bothered and no tracks of any kind were seen around the building, it can be possible that nothing of the kind occurred.

Slim Pickens is engaged this week in practicing on the part he takes in the play at the Wild Onion school house next Friday evening. He is to play the fat man and is having some right fat clothes made and will have to get seven or eight pillows and learn to laugh right big.

The Dog Hill preacher declares that there would not be near so much poverty in the country if barbed wire entanglements were placed in the bottoms of all chairs that set around in shady places during the summer.

Dock Hocks is now sporting a new shaving mug. It is adjustable, and when company comes can be used to drink coffee or buttermilk out of.

Yam Sims was a Bounding Billows visitor Friday and attended and took part in a big mass meeting held around a fish wagon.

All days are very much alike, but the Sundays seem more like each other than any of the other days, maybe because the churches feel so much alike inside.

The mail carrier has put a large cow bell on the mule he drives, and now the inquisitive public can not hear his buggy squeak.

Ammunition is getting so high Raz Barlow has announced that he will not shoot anybody unless he is absolutely compelled to.

In the course of rapidly transpiring human events we must hear of a few of our ships being sunk, but that should cause no one to have the navy blues.

Frisby Hancock is back home from a sojourn at Thunderation. He says he had a pleasant time considering the fact that he visited his wife's kinfolks.

If Paul Revere had used a Ford he could have put up the side curtains and there never would have been all that publicity.

The Wild Onion school teacher will deliver a very learned lecture at the school building some Friday night as soon as he can find something his audience does not know anything about.

## ...BASCOM HOWARD... "SELLS EARTH"

Bascom Howard this week closed a deal with Jett Bros., of Boaz, New Mexico, for the Bob Ackers ranch west of Portales, near old Claudell, consisting of 2400 acres and a few quarters of leased land. This ranch brought a good price, \$25,000.00, but was well equipped for ranching purposes. He also sold S. Snell another quarter in his pasture southwest of town. Looks like the home people are doing most of the buying and that Bascom is getting his part of the sales. He is always on the job and knows the country and if there are any bargains he knows where they are. We like to see the home people buy as it shows confidence in our country.

### \$200.00 REWARD.

Stolen from my pasture this week three head of cattle, branded as follows, part are branded L on right side and thigh, and part branded L on right side and shoulder. Will pay \$150.00 reward for the thief, and \$50.00 for the hides, or \$150.00 for the cattle. Sheriff A. L. Gregg also offers \$50.00 additional reward.

R. L. WOOD,  
Portales, N. M.

## YOU MUST DO SOMETHING

If you are an American Citizen you must do something to help win this war. You cannot stand idly and selfishly looking on while your neighbors are giving their lives.

You realize all this, but perhaps you are not clear as to exactly what you can do to help.

If you own farm-land, see that it is used for the purpose God intended it—for the raising of crops. You will be providing food for our armies, and making profits for yourself.

If you manufacture goods, economize in time, labor, and material, in your factory or shop. Work harder and more efficiently. Above all, stop waste. Again, see that you secure the business of your home town in your line of goods. This leaves the Eastern Manufacturer free to make goods for the army, and for our allies, and cuts out needless transportation expenses. Incidentally, all these things will bring you greater profit.

If you are a clerk in an office or a store, work harder—it will bring you more pay. Cut out some foolish extravagance, and so save money.

If you are a house-wife, follow out Mr. Hoover's advice. Again, teach your children thrift, and the value of money. The task will repay you many times over in satisfaction and actual wealth.

What shall you do with the money you save by this means? Why, loan it to the United States Government at 4% interest. Buy a Liberty Bond. The banks have some Bonds on hand right now, and there will be another Liberty Loan Issue early next year.

Imagine, if you will, that you are sitting at a table with our great President, talking this matter over, and he is asking, "What are you prepared to do to help me, to help our Country? Surely you will do something; what shall it be?"

The Officials of this bank, as Agents for the United States Government, ask you this question on behalf of our revered leader.

Answer the question in your own heart and mind, and start to act upon your decision TOMORROW.

As you are an American, you will

Happy the baseball player who can retire to a farm when his playing days are over! That beats driving a truck in his old age.

Of course, we all know that a fool and his money soon part, but the world now wants to see the fool and his automobile part.

No matter how great his hurry, the average man will take time to watch the antics of that unsolvable problem; a balky horse.

Pennsylvania reports that our convicts are living at a daily cost of 33 cents per man, but who wants to be a Pennsylvania convict?

To induce 100,000,000 inhabitants of a free country to think alike on any given subject is, when one comes to consider it, a bit of a task.

There is a counterfeit \$10 bill in circulation. But so many \$10 bills are in circulation just now that probably few people will bother about it.

Big turkey dinner at Portales Hotel 'Xmas.

# 1918

To One and All, Especially Our Friends and Customers:

With the dawn of the New Year, we desire to wish to you and yours Success and Happiness, and to thank you for your continued support during this prosperous Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred Seventeen.

And, while you are making your New Year Resolutions, why not resolve to be living in YOUR OWN HOME before another year rolls by? We confidently believe you will agree with us that the HOME is the nation's great bulwark, and an investment from which you get continued dividends.

And may Peace, Happiness and Prosperity be yours in abundant measure during Nineteen Hundred Eighteen.

## ...Kemp Lumber Company...

### PROCURE BEST MILK SUPPLY

Bacteria Which Enter With Dirt From Cow and Unclean Pails Are Cause of Most Trouble.

Milk sours and spoils because of the bacteria which enter it with dirt from the cow and from pails not thoroughly washed. Keeping these bacteria out of the milk and preventing their growth by keeping the milk cool, are easy and efficient means of producing the best of milk from the family cow provided she is free from disease.

Big turkey dinner at Portales Hotel 'Xmas.

### GOOD ATTENTION TO HORSES

Animal Readily Responds to Real Horsemanship—Supply Cool, Fresh Air and Sunlight.

The necessity for efficiency in horse power calls for the proper care of the farm work horse, especially during the summer months.

The horse readily responds to real horsemanship. The right kind of horsemanship includes a comfortable stable, good grooming, kindness, attention to the teeth and feet and proper feed.

Some of the best cared-for horses are found in an inconspicuous stable. The horse appreciates a comfortable stall. A desirable horse stable has plenty of windows to admit cool, fresh air and sunlight.

### Notice for Publication

Non coal 011490  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Ft. Sumner, N. M., Nov. 30, 1917.  
Notice is hereby given that John A. Correll, of Arch, N. M. who, on Aug. 6, 1914, made homestead entry, No. 011490, for Lots 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8, 1-2 N. W. 1-4 Section 3, Township 2 S., Range 27 E. N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before James A. Hall, U. S. Commissioner, at Portales, N. M., on the 12th day of January, 1918.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
Henry T. Ward, Joe Graham, C. M. Horton, Artice C. Correll, all of Arch, N. M.  
6-10 A. J. EVANS, Register.

Try the new coal and grain yard adjoining Gurley Broom Corn warehouse.

# RABBITS!

We Are Buying and Paying

## ..CASH..

We Will Pay \$1.00 Per Dozen for Rabbits  
Rabbits not to drawn; no defects. Do not shoot them with shotgun. Deliver at least three times per week.

# THE ROOSEVELT COUNTY CREAMERY

### Big Diamond Oil Stock

Is the stock to buy.

### Roebuck Items.

The Roebuck school is progressing nicely under the leadership of Miss Bush. The school will close Friday for the holidays and the children will have one week to play and enjoy 'Xmas. Miss Bush has arranged a little program for Friday afternoon and will have a Christmas tree for the children also.

Our Sunday School is a drawing card for Roebuck, with good attendance most every Sunday.

Rev. D. Z. Little filled his regular appointment here Sunday and announced that he would hold Christmas services at this place Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Williams and Mrs. Fannie Robinson of Inez attended church at Roebuck Sunday.

J. H. Johnson and grandson, Henry Price, made a flying trip to the county capital Wednesday.

Mr. Spurlock, who is suffering with cancer, is reported as being in a very critical condition. He has been confined to his bed for some time.

Quite a few of the Roebuck people will attend the basket supper at Inez Saturday night.

Andy Waters and family attended church here Sunday. Several other people from Causey were in attendance also.

### Air ships for 'Xmas at Neer's.

Call at C. M. Dobbs confectionery and see the Brunswick Phonograph and hear it play. The best and most reasonable phonograph on the market today. Also handle a complete line of Pathe records.

### Backache is Discouraging.

But Not So Bad If You Know How to Reach The Cause.

Nothing more discouraging than a constant backache. Lame when you awaken, pains pierce you when you bend or lift. It's hard to work or to rest. Backache often indicates bad kidneys. Portales people recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this case:

Mrs. J. D. McRae, Portales, says: "When a person has kidney trouble they don't forget it in a hurry. About fifteen years ago I suffered with my kidneys. My back was weak and ached so badly, I could hardly go. Every time I tried to bend over, sharp pains caught me in my back and I had awful, dizzy spells when I tried to straighten. Doan's Kidney Pills were always highly recommended to me, so I tried them. One box of this medicine cured me of the complaint."

Price 50 cents, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy get Doan's Kidney Pills the same that Mrs. McRae had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

A Texas geologist reports that the oil supply will be exhausted in 50 years. But why boost the prices now?

Reports from all sources concerning the freight tieups make it clear that in all cases it is the other fellow's fault.

Onions are in the lead in the percentage of price advance, but some other things are following the scent closely.

The least the Russians can do for Minister Protopopoff would seem to be to name a soft drink or something after him.

Try the new coal and grain yard adjoining Gurley Broom Corn warehouse.

# Prudence Says So

By  
**Ethel Hueston**

Author of "Prudence of the Parsonage"

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with a violent struggle for self-composure Carol asked:

"Did you get any of it in advance? I need some new slippers."

So the packing was finished, a suitable house was found—modern, with reasonable rent—on Maple avenue where the oaks were most magnificent and the parsonage family became just ordinary "folks," a parsonage house hold no longer.

Mr. Starr's new position necessitated long and frequent absences from home and that was a drawback to the family comradeship. But the girls' pride in his advancement was so colossal, and their determination to live up to the dignity of the eldership was so deep-seated, that affairs ran on quite serenely in the new home.

One day this beautiful serenity was broken in upon in a most unpleasant way. Carol looked up from "De Senecute" and flung out her arms in an all-relieving yawn. Then she looked at her aunt, asleep on the couch. She looked at Lark, who was aimlessly drawing feathers on the skeletons of birds in her biology text. She looked at Connie, sitting upright in her chair, a small book close to her face, alert, absorbed, oblivious to the world. Connie was wide awake, and Carol resented it.

"What are you reading, Con?" She asked reproachfully.

Connie looked up, startled, and colored a little. "Oh—poetry," she stammered.

Carol was surprised. "Poetry?" she echoed. "Poetry? What kind of poetry?"

Connie answered evasively. "It is by an old Oriental writer. I don't suppose you've ever read it. Khayyam is his name."

"Some name," said Carol suspiciously. "What's the poem?" Her eyes had narrowed and darkened. By this time Carol had firmly convinced herself that she was bringing Connie up—a belief which afforded lively amusement to self-conducting Connie.

"Why, it's 'The Rubaiyat.' It's—"

"The Rubaiyat?" Carol frowned. Lark looked up from the skeletons with sudden interest. "The Rubaiyat? By Khayyam? Isn't that the old fellow who didn't believe in God, and heaven, and such things—you know what I mean—the man who didn't believe anything, and wrote about it? Let me see it. I've never read it myself, but I've heard about it." Carol turned the pages with critical disapproving eyes.

"I don't believe it, you know," Connie said coolly. "I'm only reading it. How can I know whether it's trash or not, unless I read it? I—"

"Ministers' daughters are supposed to keep their fingers clear of the burning ends of matches," said Carol neatly. "We can't handle them without getting scorched, or blackened, at least Prudence says so."

"Prudence," said Connie gravely, "is a dear sweet thing, but she's awfully old-fashioned. Carol; you know that."

Carol and Lark were speechless. They would as soon have dreamed of questioning the catechism as Prudence's perfection.

"She's narrow. She's a darling, of course, but she isn't up-to-date. I want to know what folks are talking about. I don't believe this poem. I'm a Christian. But I want to know what other folks think about me and what I believe. That's all. Prudence is fine but I know a good deal more about some things than Prudence will know when she's a thousand years old."

The twins still sat silent.

"Of course, some folks wouldn't approve of parsonage girls reading things like this. But I approve of it. I want to know why I disagree with this poetry, and I can't until I know where we disagree. It's beautiful, Carol, really. It's kind of sad. It makes me want to cry. It's—"

"I've a big notion to tell papa on you," said Carol soberly and sadly.

Connie rose at once.

"I'm going to tell papa myself."

Carol moved uneasily in her chair.

"Oh, let it go this time. I—I just mentioned it to relieve my feelings. I won't tell yet. I'll talk it over with you again. I'll have to think it over first."

"I think I'd rather tell him," insisted Connie.

Carol looked worried, but she knew Connie would do as she said. So she got up nervously and went with her. She would have to see it through now, of course. Connie walked silently up the stairs, with Carol following meekly behind, and rapped at her father's door. Then she entered, and Carol, in a hushed sort of way, closed the door behind them.

"I'm reading this, father. Any objections?" Connie faced him calmly, and handed him the little book.

He examined it gravely, his brows

contracting, a sudden wrinkling at the corners of his lips that might have meant laughter, or disapproval, or anything.

"I thought a parsonage girl should not read it," Carol said bravely. "I've never read it myself, but I've heard about it, and parsonage girls ought to read parsonage things. Prudence says so. But—"

"But I want to know what other folks think about what I believe," said Connie. "So I'm reading it."

"What do you think of it?" he asked quietly, and he looked very strangely at his baby daughter. It was a crisis, and he must be very careful.

"I think it is beautiful," Connie said softly, and her lips drooped a little, and a wistful pathos crept into her voice. "It seems so sad. I keep wishing I could cry about it. Part of it I don't understand very well."

He held out a hand to Connie, and she put her own in it confidently. Carol, too, came and stood close behind him.

"Yes," he said, "it is beautiful, Connie, and it is very terrible. We can't understand it fully because we can't feel what he felt. He looked thoughtfully at the girls. "He was a marvelous man, that Khayyam—years ahead of his people, and his time. He was big enough to see the idiosyncrasy of the heathen ideas of God, he was beyond them, he spurned them. But he was not quite big enough to reach out, alone, and get hold of our kind of a God. It is a wonderful poem. It shows the weakness, the helplessness of a gifted man who has nothing to cling to. I think it will do you good to read it, Connie. Read it again and again, and thank God, my child, that though you are only a girl, you have the very thing this man, this genius, was craving. We admire his talent, but we pity his weakness. You will feel sorry for him. You read it, too, Carol. You'll like it. We can't understand it, as I say, because we are so sure of our God, that we can't feel what he felt, having nothing. Of course it makes you want to cry, Connie. It is the saddest poem in the world."

Connie's eyes were very bright. She winked hard a few times, choking back the rush of tears. Then with an impulsiveness she did not often show, she lifted her father's hand and kissed it passionately.

"Oh, father," she whispered, "I was so afraid—you wouldn't quite see." She kissed his hand again.

Carol looked at her sister respectfully. "Connie," she said, "I certainly beg your pardon. I just wanted to be clever, and didn't know what I was talking about. When you have finished it, give it to me, will you? I want to read it, too; I think it must be wonderful."

She held out a slender shapely hand and Connie took it quickly, clumsily, and the two girls turned toward the door.

"The danger in reading things," said Mr. Starr, and they paused to listen. "the danger is that we may find arguments we cannot answer; we may feel that we have been in the wrong, that what we read is right. There's the danger. Whenever you find anything like that, Connie, will you bring it to me? I think I can find the answer for you. If I don't know it, I will look until I come upon it. For we have been given an answer to every argument. You'll come to me, won't you?"

"Yes, father, I will—I know you'll find the answers."

After the door had closed behind them, Mr. Starr sat for a long time staring straight before him into space. "The Connie problem," he said at last. And then, "I'll have to be better

Toys, toys, toys, at Neer's.

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Mr. Starr Sat for a Long Time Staring Straight Before Him into Space.

pals with her. Connie's going to be pretty fine, I believe."

(Continued next week)

Cake! Cake!! Cake!!! Not Christmas cake but cotton seed cake, and meal.—C. V. Harris.

## Job Printing

We are equipped to handle any kind of Job Printing, and when it comes to Service, we can only refer you to our customers or ask that you give us a trial.



Christmas and New Year  
Holiday Rates

For above occasion tickets will be on sale to points on A. T. & S. F. in New Mexico, and to El Paso, Texas, December 21st, 24th, 25th and 31st, final limit January 2nd, except tickets sold December 21 will bear final limit January 7th, at one and one-third fare for the round trip.

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**Col. Bill Gore**  
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# Security State Bank

Portales, New Mexico

We desire to extend to all the people of Roosevelt County our Best Wishes for the Holidays and to assure them that it will be our purpose during the New Year to increase our usefulness in this county. Come tell us your wants.

# Security State Bank

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## At Goodloe's Paint & Wallpaper Store

A full clean stock of Wallpaper, Paints, Oils and Glass. Plate or any other glass cut to any size. Mirrors to order, any shape or kind. I employ two good mechanics and can do your work on short order. Give me a trial.

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## LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak..."

I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught." Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. G.

## Callaway's Cash Grocery

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Frying chickens and eggs wanted. Bring them in.



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If it results you want you should use this paper. It circulates in the majority of homes in the community and has always been considered

## The Family Newspaper

The grown-ups quarrel about it, the children cry for it, and the whole family reads it from cover to cover. They will read your ad if you place it before them in the proper medium.

# GREETINGS!

A Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year

Quality Photo Plays  
**Cosy Theatre**  
Quality Photo Plays

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:** FANNIE WARD in the  
"WINNING OF SALLY TEMPLE." Coming New Year's  
night, Marguerite Clark in "THE VALENTINE GIRL."

## ..FRED C. BROADHEAD..

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Buy and sell live stock of all kinds. Will  
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### Walker Caswell Dead.

Dr. D. B. Williams was in receipt of a letter Monday stating that Walker Caswell died last Saturday, the 15th, at El Paso, and his body was shipped to Ft. Worth, Texas, where it was laid to rest Monday.

Try the new coal and grain yard adjoining Gurley Broom Corn warehouse.

County Commissioner, J. S. Pearce, and County Assessor Burl Johnson, returned Thursday from Santa Fe, where they had been attending a meeting of the State Tax Commission and County Assessors. They report an interesting meeting and it is believed that their presence at this meeting will prove a good investment for the tax payers of Roosevelt County, for their time and expenses while away.

Big turkey dinner at Portales Hotel 'Xmas.

### Cutler Pleased With Sale.

This is a statement of appreciation which I consider due, V. J. Campbell as auctioneer, for his faithful and efficient work, as my sale was far beyond my expectations and I wish to say to those who are expecting or contemplating having a sale, should be sure and see him because he is a Roosevelt County man and his success as an auctioneer cannot be denied, and I think that the people cannot do better than to employ him as auctioneer in any sale, big or little.

J. J. CUTLER.

O'Byrne Danaway is in Portales this week.

### Harris-Moore Nuptial.

Married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Ollie Harris and Mrs. Neddie Leah Moore, about five miles south west of Portales, Rev. T. B. Bristow officiating.

### Causes Items.

(Dolly Dimples)

Although it being too dry to work on the farm doesn't hinder the farmers for not being busy as most every one knows the roads are being worked, which we all think a great benefit to the country.

Jim Price is going to town this week after another load of goods for his store. We wish Mr. Price great success.

Rev. D. Z. Little and family, A. J. Waters and family visited at Ben Hill's Sunday.

There were quite a large attendance at prayer meeting Sunday night. Come again.

Most all of the Causey young folks are planning on going to the Christmas tree at Garrison next Monday night.

Mrs. J. B. Judah spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Taylor.

Uncle Daniel Little will leave this week for Missouri. We all expect to see Grandpa leave.

Every one be patriotic and go to Inez Dec. 22, to the basket supper.

Misses Volna and Hazel Riley visited Mrs. Ida Jones Sunday. Peet Croft has bought him a car.

Bro. Little will preach at Rock Creek this evening.

Wednesday evening while Mrs. Inez Jones was away from her home was caught in the fire that she had left in the stove. She wishes to thank her many friends and relatives for their kindness. They came for many to help, but we wish to say that we weren't very much scared. We all expect the accident of Mrs. Jones and her family was to help her in relieving her loss.

Lewis Little was in from his ranch near Causey Wednesday attending to business matters.

### School Notes.

The Domestic Science department has added a new Singer Sewing Machine to its equipment. The department will pay for the machine without expense to the school fund. Our domestic science department is gradually adding new equipment and our school should by next year be able to get some help from the State and Government funds provided for in the Smith-Hughes Bill.

Our physics laboratory has just added another little bunch of equipment. Most of this was donated by the instructor in physics, Mr. Robbins. The rest purchased with funds secured at the Darkey Wedding last summer. Some little equipment has also been added to the manual training department. A part of the funds secured at the Darkey Wedding has been used to purchase this.

The school board has just recently purchased some history charts for the high school history classes. These have been badly needed and are duly appreciated by this department. They cost \$30.00.

While it may seem that we have added some little equipment to our high school this year, there is still a good deal more needed, in order that our school may be able to offer its students the advantages other schools offer. This equipment will be added, however, from time to time, as rapidly as our funds will permit.

The school children have prepared about eight large red crosses for the various rooms, at this writing, at two dollars each. The funds go to the local red cross chapter. Other rooms will have had out funds to purchase more of these before the close of the week.

The Art Exhibit proved a great success, considering the fact that it opened at the same time the cold weather got here. The amount of about \$12.00 was

# Holiday Greetings!

We take this method of extending our Holiday Greetings to all our friends and customers and wish to thank you for your liberal patronage during the past year and ask for a continuance of same during the New Year. A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year is the wish of

## ..The Model Store..

D. WEHBA, Proprietor

realized. This money will be used for purchasing pictures for the school. Miss Greathouse's room sold the greatest number of pictures to the exhibit and won the prize offered by the Elson people.

The school closes Friday for the Christmas holidays. There will be just one week of vacation.

### More Truth Than Fun.

My Tuesday care no more  
My Wednesday care no more  
I don't care no more each day,  
My Thursday care no more  
My Friday care no more  
They are out of the Y. M. C. A.  
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My Saturday care no more  
My Sunday care no more  
My God, but I like the Kaiser.  
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My Wednesday care no more  
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My Sunday care no more  
The people are out of the Y. M. C. A.  
My God, but I like the Kaiser.  
My Monday care no more

E. P. (Uncle Polk) Williams, merchant and postmaster of Inez, was a business visitor in Portales this week. Uncle Polk informs the News that the ladies of his community are preparing to have a big basket supper at Inez Saturday night and that all who buy baskets will be given Government coupons to amount of purchase. The coupons are redeemable by the Government and all above the amount of \$4 will draw 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. So every one that buys a basket will be helping to feed our boys at the front.

Buy the children a skip at Neer's.

Mrs. Francis J. Nixon, U. S. Commissioner at Ft. Sumner, was in Portales Thursday on business.

The Red Cross is the priciest humanitarian organization in the world today. Are you a member? If not join now and keep the good work.

Lets join the Red Cross by families, Lodges, Churches and business concerns.

That You and Yours May Have a  
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