

PURE BRED HOGS FOR PORTALES VALLEY

On last Saturday Carl Muller received four pure bred pigs from Cuba City, Wis. They are of the big type Poland Chin and are sired by the famous boar, Limit, which sold for \$40,000, and the Yankee Buster boar.

Mr. Muller made a trip back there last summer for the purpose of securing some of the best stock for the Portales Valley farmers, and these pigs were his selection after much travel over Wisconsin and Illinois.

The male pig goes to John V. Miller and the gilts to J. P. Ford and Mr. Muller.

This is a step in the right direction to put the valley on the map as the home of the best people and the best live stock.

Mr. Muller says that the time for the farmers to go in the hog business is when hogs and feed are cheap, as the conditions will change and good profits will result.

STATE LAND SALE.

State Land Commissioner Fields, of Santa Fe, was in town Tuesday and held a sale of state land as advertised. Parties buying land as follows:

H. Beebe, 240 acres in township 8, south of range 34 east, \$5.00 per acre.

C. C. Tannehill, 593.57 acres in township 6 south of range 33 and 34 east, \$5.00 per acre.

H. L. Dewesse, 160 acres in township 6 south of range 33 east, \$5.00 per acre.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Mary E. Turner to Waldo M. Herbert, S $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 11-58-31E.

Robert E. Turner to Waldo M. Herbert, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11-58-31E.

B. B. McGee to W. A. Williams, E1-2 Sec. 29-48-32E.

Lillian T. Bedinger to D. A. Kidwell, W1-2-NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11-28-34E.

Henrietta A. Richardson to Otis Garrett, NE1-4 Sec. 20 & NW1-4 Sec. 21-1N-32E.

Isaac L. Connor to W. H. & L. G. Etanchfield, SE1-4 24 & 1-4 Sec. 6-28-35E.

A. O. Young to W. R. Uxter, SE1-4 Sec. 27-1N134E.

F. W. Warnica to Sarah A. Hawkins, lots 4-5 & 6 of Blk. 25 East Portales.

Captola Smith and Samuel M. Sain to John M. Sain, SW1-4 Sec. 11-58-32E.

John W. Spear to Edgar F. Foreman, lots 4-5 & 6 of Blk. 10 East Portales.

John Assiter to G. T. Assiter, et al, NE1-4 & SW1-4 Sec. 32, SE1-4 Sec. 29 & SE1-4 Sec. 31-68-333E.

Edgar B. Hawkins to William F. Smith, NW1-4 Sec. 21-18-35E.

John Graham to W. L. Price, SW 1-4 Sec. 17 & NW1-4 Sec. 20-68-33E.

Rosamond Deen to H. H. Buchanan, Blk. 13 Leach Addition.

H. H. Buchanan to Rosamond Deen, NE1-4 NE1-4 Sec. 33 & NW1-4 NW1-4 Sec. 34-18-34E.

H. L. Morrison to P. E. Morrison, S1-2 N1-2 NE1-4 Sec. 27-18-34E.

J. L. Pepper to Walter E. Reynolds, E1-2 NE1-2 Sec. 6-28-35E.

C. W. Austin to D. S. Gregory, W1-2 SE1-44 & E1-2 SW1-4 Sec. 12-48-31E.

J. W. Thompson to C. D. Owens, lot 1, 2, 3, & 4 of Sec. 27-1N137E.

Norman F. McMullen to Grace McMullen, NE1-4 Sec. 4-48-36E.

Carroll I. Barton to Annie Barton Griffin, S1-2 S1-2 Sec. 31-1N-33E.

W. Y. Chitwood to Joyce Y.affer, S1-2 Sec. 9-18-34E.

Otis Garrett to J. J. Mitchell, Jr., NE1-4 Sec. 20 & NW1-4 Sec. 21-1N-32E.

CARROLL JOHNSON.

On December 8th, Mr. J. H. Carroll and Miss Lucy Johnson surprised their friends by slipping off to Clovis and getting married. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of the Valley View community, and the bride is one of the popular teachers of Roosevelt county and resides in Portales. The News-Journal extends congratulations.

To You and Yours OUR CHRISTMAS WISH

IT REQUIRES not the occasion of Christmas with its joys, cheer and prevalent good will, to arouse in us a sense of the appreciation due patrons of this paper.

In our hearts and minds are gratitude and good thoughts for you during every day of the year; but Christmas hallows our sentiments and makes their expression fitting and timely.

Such as we have accomplished and such good as may be traceable to our efforts would not have been possible without your sustaining power and co-operation. If in any sense we have upheld a beacon, you have supplied oil for the lamp. If ours has been a chariot, yours has been the motive element which has kept it on its way.

All characters appealing to or endeavoring to entertain the public, must be given a certain meed of applause or they cannot exist. With those engaged in publishing a newspaper, the applause comes in the interest which readers manifest in its columns and in an occasional word of approval. The practical help of subscribers and advertisers has enabled us to maintain a publication standard; their encouragement has furnished the degree of pleasure necessary as an incentive to our daily tasks.

May the spirit of Christmas work for you the full degree of its bountifulness. May you be enabled to get the same amount of pleasure and benefit from these columns that we have derived from making them.

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FLOYD ITEMS.

The Floyd school is now progressing nicely with an attendance of about one hundred and seventy five pupils.

The school was quarantined for two weeks and after several other difficulties, the school is now getting back to about the usual.

We are making preparations for a short program and a Christmas tree for Christmas Eve night. We extend a cordial invitation to every one to come and will try to make them enjoy themselves.

The Floyd High School has played three games of basketball this fall. The High School boys played the Center boys Dec. 3, the game ending with a score of 6 to 7, in favor of Center.

The boys and girls of Portales played the boys and girls of Floyd Dec. 01 the game ending with a score of 2 to 17 in favor of Portales boys, and a score of 16 to 38 in favor of Portales girls.

The Floyd girls and boys are intending to play the Elida girls and boys next Friday, Dec. 17, and we are also going to play the Center boys and girls Thursday, Dec. 23.

PROGRAM FOR KENTUCKY VALLEY

- Friday Evening, Dec. 24.
1. "Merry Christmas," Charlotte Herbert.
 2. "The Best Claus," recitation Lyle Toler.
 3. "A Christmas Secret," Recitation, Joe Taylor.
 4. Song—"Up On the House Top," school.
 5. "Hanging Up Stockings," recitation, Ethel Manis.
 6. "Charlie Goes Christmas Shopping," Charlie Myers.
 7. "Mrs. Santa Claus," recitation, Lillian Paxton.
 8. Duet—"There's No Room E Enithe Inn," Lora Flemings, Louise Beard.
 9. "A Stupid Book," recitation, Gordon Greaves.
 10. "A Crippled Doll," recitation, Fannie Paxton.
 11. "Grandma," recitation, Glenn Herbert.
 12. Dialogue—"A Crazy Christmas Class," school.
 13. Recitation, Joe Beale Greaves.
 14. Solo—"Jolly Old St. Nicholas," Howard Jasper.
 15. "A Bureau of Christmas Information," recitation, Miss Taylor.
 16. Song—"Holy Night," High School.
- Christmas tree, Santa Clause.

DOSS-SHELEY.

F. W. Stevens and family returned from Stephens county some ten days ago, where they have been since early last summer. They say all it does there is to rain.

L. L. Harris had the misfortune to lose several feed stacks, out buildings, headed grain, etc., also some harness and other stuff by fire last Sunday. It is thought it originated from sparks from a small fire in yard. They fought from eleven a. m. on, but wind was too high. The community extends their sympathy by several going and help rebuild the buildings.

Charles R. Salter, Jr., left Saturday morning for Denver, Colo., to resume his position at the First National Bank as assistant teller.

H. Y. Freeman, Ernest Stewart, Mr. Bates of Portales and others are at Clovis holding a meeting.

Mrs. L. N. Knight sold a dressed hog last week which netted her \$70.70, which was a pretty good investment with very little trouble.

Miss Ethel Stevens spent a few days with Mrs. M. Shumpert of Portales.

THE SWEET POTATO INDUSTRY GREAT

The Portales Valley Sweet Potato Growers Association was organized and incorporated in July 1919, to provide sales and storage facilities for some 28 members, with about 300 acres of sweet potatoes.

The past year was a very successful one for the association, both in the matter of sales and financially. There were twelve charter members, but by storing time there were twenty-eight, and at this time there are sixty-four. Our sales last year were about \$50,000 and association potatoes in storage this year amounts to about 18,000 crates more than last year. The new curing storage house completed and filled this year is evidence of our success and growth.

We now have three houses, frame stucco, two of them 28x60 16 foot walls.

The combined sweet potato storage in the valley amounts to about 75,000 bushels. Besides the handling of sweet potatoes we have handled cooperatively, in the past year and one half, 18 cars crate material, 9 cars fuel oil, several cars coal, and a large amount of field and garden seed.

The association has endeavored to work cooperatively in ascertaining the best methods to keep down the "black rot" disease, and from sweet potatoes new coming from storage, it would indicate that the effort was worth while.

This year in addition to sweet potatoes the association is handling Denia onions and peanuts for its members.

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL AND OOM. MUNITY ITEMS

Uncle Ed Wall and family are still on the puny list.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Deaver is finding that his trip to the Springs is proving so beneficial.

Mr. Lewis Nelson and family have returned from Texas and report financial conditions worse there than here.

Our school boys and girls are still pushing ahead. On only a four days notice, they pulled off a pie supper at the school house last Saturday night for the purpose of raising funds for the Christmas tree, and to buy some playground equipment, and the few friends of the students, who had learned of the supper, showed their interest in the youngsters by making the pies bring nearly twice what the pupils asked. They raised the neat little sum of \$61.28, with only a score of pies. Our basketball teams will be ready for some matel games after the holidays.

In connection with the pie supper, it must be said that the school children owe much of their success and thanks to Mr. W. J. Gower. Can he sell pies? "Oh, Boy!" He can sell pies, and he sold some boys, too. He brought the house down many times with his original and spicy witticisms.

The following is our program for the Christmas tree, December 24th: "Welcome," by Edna Locker; "A young Santa," Charlie Gower; "Christmas Carol," a song by the school; "The Enchanted Boxes," played by six girls and five boys; "An Address to Santa," Kary Wall; "The Christmas star," Pauline Baker; "The Longest Day," Hazel Criswell; "The Strike in Santa Claus Land," a play by six girls and five boys; "Christmas Bells," a song by the school.

Messrs Steve and Henry Beebe visited with their sister, Mrs. R. Harding, from Tuesday till Sunday. The Beebe family were unable to locate Steve at the time of their fathers death, so he never learned the sad tidings until he reached his brothers.

DILBECK-PERRIT

On last Friday Mr. Noah Dillbeck of Oklahoma and Mrs. Alice Perritt were united in marriage. Mr. Dillbeck is a son of Mr. Dillbeck of the Pleasant Valley community and Mrs. Perritt is a daughter of G. J. Rose, formerly of Judson community.

CHRISTMAS ISSUE.

In presenting this, the Christmas issue of The Portales Valley News and The Portales Journal, we endeavor to give a paper which will carry information as to Portales and Roosevelt county, to the people of the less fortunate states. In this issue you will find a history of the orphanage which is not only a Portales, but a state institution. It is something of which Portales is proud and something that we are all interested in.

Then the review of the work of the Sweet Potato Association carries information as to the possibilities of this industry.

We endeavor to give you some information as to the farming and live stock conditions of the county.

We are devoting much space to the little fellows on the Santa Clause page. This is their one time of the year to score, and if this department does not interest you, just remember that you were little once upon a time, and your greatest pleasure on Christmas time was the anticipation of the visit by this jolly old gent.

Now we invite you to cooperate with us and help us make every issue of this paper a credit to the town and county.

All announcements and advertisements for next week's paper should be in early in the week, as we will take a holiday on Christmas day and wish to get the paper in the mail on Thursday evening.

REVIVAL CLOSED.

One of the greatest religious revivals that Portales ever experienced closed Thursday night, when the evangelist gave a sketch of his life before he became a christian.

In his introductory remarks he said it is not an easy matter for one to go back and hash up the past, and I could not afford nor would not do it for the purpose of entertaining you, but I can do it for the glory of God.

Then he told of his early life how it was spent in a christian home, how when leaving that home at 16 he fell into bad environments, and went out into a wicked life. Followed him and at the age of 35 was gloriously saved. The results of the meeting was approximately 75 conversions the converts going into the various churches of the town, and we feel like there has been a great deal of good done that has not as yet become visible. We know that it will be harder for those that have heard Bro. Bryant preach to do wrong, and easier for them to do right, for he is a man speaks plain when it comes to sin, claiming that if he can make folks stop to think, he can get them to live a better life.

Rev. Bryant claims that the reason why men are such easy victims for satan, they don't stop to think. At the close of his testimony they took a collection which was to be a silver offering for Mr. Bryant and after it was taken he asked if it was giving willingly and cheerfully. I can do as I please with it cant I? I can put in my pocket, I can throw it away or I can give it away. And that's what I am going to do. Then he called for some one to come forward that was connected with the Orphan Home of Portales, and then turned the money over to the Orphan Home.

Bro. and Sister Bryant leave for Hope, N. M., where they will begin another meeting Sunday, and may the Lord bless their work.

Christmas Tree at Inez.

Friday night, Dec. 24, preceded by a pie supper to pay for childrens presents. Any extra funds will go toward repainting the church. Some good speakers are expected. Evrybody envited. Come, bring a pie.

Rev. A. C. Searcy, Methodist pastor on Rodgers circuit, will preach at Rodgers Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Rev. Searcy has just arrived on this new work and would like to meet as many of the people on the circuit as possible at Rodgers Sunday. Specially the official members.

NO REDUCTION FOR 1921 INCOME TAX

CONDITION OF U. S. TREASURY FORBIDS TAX DECREASE

BOTH BODIES OPPOSE REVISION

The Decision Virtually Closes Door To Tax Revision When Republican Members Held An Informal Meeting.

Washington.—Secretary Houston's recommendations in his annual report that excess profits taxes be repeated and the high brackets of income taxes be reduced were attacked by Representative Kitchen of North Carolina, ranking democratic member of the house ways and means committee as "the most unwise," unjust, undemocratic and pro-republican that ever emanated from any department of the government since its beginning.

Income tax relief legislation requested by business interests is impracticable at this session of congress, republican members of the senate finance committee, decided at an informal conference.

The decision is in line with a similar one by the republicans of the house ways and means committee and it was said, virtually closes the door to tax revision legislation during the present session.

The treasury's condition as outlined by Secretary Houston, republican senators said, made impossible the tax concessions urged. The finance committee republicans took no action in the hearings on revenue or tax revision matters, nor on the house bill providing compensation to former service men.

FIRE LOSS IS ONE MILLION

Paint Shop Blaze Destroys Southern Pacific Shop Storage Houses.

Houston, Tex.—Fire of unknown origin in the shops of the Southern Pacific railroad company caused a loss estimated by officials of the road at \$1,000,000. The fire was discovered in the paint shop and in a few minutes had spread to the air brake shop and store room No. 2. These three buildings were old shop buildings of frame and corrugated iron construction and were completely destroyed.

About twenty passenger coaches and between thirty and forty freight cars and their contents that were in the building and on adjacent tracks were burned. Frantic efforts of the employees of the company made it possible to rescue the rest of the rolling stock which was in danger.

ASK FOREST PROTECTION

Publisher Would Safeguard the Nation's Wood Pulp Supply.

Washington.—A draft of a bill for the forests was discussed by the Forest Industries committee at a conference which was attended by representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association.

WARSHIPS AID DIPLOMACY

Two Japanese Cruisers Arrive in Uruguayan Waters.

Montevideo, Uruguay.—It was announced that the arrival in Uruguayan waters of the Japanese cruisers Iwate and Asama has a diplomatic object. This is to signalize the negotiations of the treaty of friendship in commerce and navigation between Japan and Uruguay and the establishment of diplomatic and consular relations by the two nations.

WORKERS ARE SUFFERING

Estimate of 200,000 Unemployed Men Is Given Manufacturers.

Jackson, Mich.—Half of the unemployed men in Michigan, estimated to number nearly 200,000 are "in actual need of work to avert suffering," was the conclusion reached at a meeting of managers and secretaries of manufacturers and employers associations of a dozen industrial cities of the state.

Crops Cause Bank Failures.

Bismark, N. D.—Crop shortages are responsible for the recent epidemic of bank closings in North Dakota, according to a statement by F. W. Castro, director-general of the Bank of North Dakota.

Chicago Passes Automobile Ordinances

Chicago.—The city council passed two automobile ordinances, one designed to relieve traffic congestion in the downtown district, and the other to curb automobile thieves, speeders and reckless drivers.

HARDING IS READY FOR TASK TO CONSIDER COUNTRY'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

President-Elect to Confer With Leaders of Both Parties on Pact and Other Important Questions.

Marion, O.—President-elect Harding returned to Marion after a month's vacation trip to Texas and Panama to lay the foundations of his administration and its policies in consultation with many of the nation's leading statesmen.

The "meeting of minds," he promised during the campaign, will begin early after he has put into more concrete form the questions he wants to ask those who come here to confer with him. The league of nations will be foremost, in his discussions, but several other problems will be kept in mind as he gathers advice and prepares himself for executive responsibility.

Mr. Harding has declared many times since he was nominated that there are urgent questions to be decided in the nation's domestic affairs and to these he will give attention in some of his conferences. For one thing he has advocated a reorganization of several government departments to insure greater business efficiency and he is expected before the 4th of March to discuss that subject with some of the country's most successful business men.

The president-elect evidences a keen desire to get vigorously into the swing of the task before him. During his absence in the south he has devoted his time almost without interruption to rest and recreation, putting into the background entirely the trying responsibilities of the presidency. He told his friends that this vacation probably would be his last real respite before he retires from the white house and he tried to make the most of it.

SUNDAY AMUSEMENT BAN

Sunday Theaters and Sunday Baseball Held Illegal in Texas.

Austin, Tex.—Sunday motion picture shows and Sunday baseball where admission fees are charged, are illegal in Texas, the Texas court of criminal appeals held in effect.

This action came when a majority of the court affirmed judgment of the lower court under which J. J. Hogman of Austin was fined \$20 for operating a motion picture show on Sunday. The opinion, written by Judge O. S. Lattimore, held that motion picture shows are included in the definition of amusements forbidden to be exhibited for profit on Sunday.

In a dissenting opinion in which he declared the nature of pictures displayed by Hogman would not permit the "show being classed as "amusements," Presiding Judge W. L. Dayson said:

"As I understand this opinion it overrules all previous cases since and inclusive of the Roquemore case and announces the proposition that any place of public amusement where fees are charged is included in the statutes."

\$213,000,000 IN PENSIONS

28,871 Civil War Veterans Die During the Year.

Washington, D. C.—Pension disbursements for the fiscal year 1920 aggregated \$213,295,314, according to the annual report of Commissioner Saltzgeber of the pension bureau, made public. The figures showed a decrease of about nine million dollars from 1919 totals, and the report recorded the death during the year of 27,871 civil war pensioners, leaving 248,450 soldiers of that war on the pension roll in addition to 290,100 civil war widows.

While no survivors of the war of 1812 were shown, 71 widows of soldiers in that war are receiving government pensions. Only 148 Mexican war survivors were reported and 2,241 Mexican war widows.

Survivors of the world war do not show on the roll. Their dependents alone are carried, such as invalids, widows, minor children and mothers and fathers of regular army soldiers, for the period prior to the application of war risk insurance legislation.

Socialists Name Gustav Miller.

Berne, Switz.—Gustav Miller, a socialist, was elected vice-president of the national council. Never before has a socialist been elected to the position.

Old Railroad To Retire.

Omaha, Neb.—George W. Holdredge of Omaha, pioneer railway man of the middle west announced he would retire December 31, as general manager of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy lines west of the Missouri river, a position which he has held for the last thirty-four years.

1922 EXPENSES ARE ESTIMATED

NAVY ESTIMATE IS TO CONTINUE SHIPBUILDING PLAN

ASK FOR FIVE BILLION DOLLARS

Continuing War Costs Were Reflected through the Estimates Indicating That Country Might Be On Four Million Basis

Washington.—Another peace time estimate of nearly five billions of dollars for the government's expenses during the fiscal year 1922 faced congress when it reassembled. Exact figures as transmitted by Secretary Houston were \$4,653,856,769, an increase of nearly one billion dollars over the appropriations for the current year, but \$211,000,000 less than the estimates submitted a year ago.

Continuing war costs were directly reflected throughout the estimates, indicating that the government might be on a four-billion-dollar basis for a year to come, compared with the one-billion-dollar maximum preceding the war. The single item of interest was the pre-war maximum of all appropriations, this total being \$922,650,000. In addition there was an estimate of \$265,754,864 for the war debt sinking fund.

War Bureau Demand Big.

Of the individual departments, the army and navy, as usual, asked for the greatest amounts, the estimate for the military establishment being \$609,375,502, and for the naval establishment \$658,522,321.

The total estimates as given by Mr. Houston follows:

- Legislative (congress), \$9,324,040. Executive (White House and government departments), \$125,448,379. Judicial (supreme court), \$1,460,215. Foreign intercourse, \$11,983,359. Indian affairs, \$11,989,703. Pensions, \$265,190,000. Panama canal, \$16,897,255. Public works, \$250,928,194. Postal service, \$545,406,902. Miscellaneous, \$675,154,741. Permanent annual appropriations, \$1,300,776,361.

These estimates, prepared by the democratic administration, are for the operation of the government during the coming and first fiscal year of the new republican administration. Republican leaders in the senate and house already have forecast a sharp cut in the total and within the week the house committee will begin the work of shaping the bills which will carry the sums for the various departments.

Postal Revenue Sufficient.

The estimates for the postal service will not actually figure in governmental expenditures since the postal revenues practically cover the cost of operation.

Included in the estimates for the army and navy is a total of \$96,000,000 for the development and maintenance of the air service in the two defensive branches of the government, the navy asks for \$35,000,000 and the army seeks \$60,000,000.

Chief among the estimates for the navy is one of \$184,000,000 to continue the 1916 three-year building program. Pay for the navy personnel exceeds it by \$923,910.

Mileage Costs High.

The army's best single item is \$215,569,880 for the pay and mileage of officers and men. Subsistence of costs for the force is estimated at \$64,490,895. An appropriation of \$74,808,000 is proposed for the national guard.

Included in the miscellaneous items is an estimate of \$147,898,500 for the shipping board, and \$160,000,000 for the bureau of war risk insurance.

In its program to take care of disabled soldiers, sailors and marines under the war risk act, the treasury department seeks appropriations of \$35,000,000 for additional hospital and dispensary facilities, and \$50,000,000 for medical and hospital services. The federal board for vocational education asks \$88,000,000 to carry on its work.

The treasury also requests \$57,038,000 for the internal revenue department, which compares with \$43,038,000 spent in the current fiscal year. For prohibition enforcement \$7,500,000 is asked.

Included in the miscellaneous expenditures are estimates by the various departments for the conduct of strictly departmental affairs, some of which follow:

- Interstate commerce commission, \$5,574,000. Federal trade commission \$1,055,000. United States employes compensation commission and compensation fund \$2,926,840. Railroad labor board \$550,000.

Emerson Company Gets Receiver.

New York.—Receivers in equity were appointed for the Emerson Phonograph company, Inc., of New York, by Judge John C. Knox in the United States district court.

Catholic Prelate Is Released.

Belfast.—The Rev. O. M. Mahan, senior Catholic curate of Castle Bar parish, county Mayo who was arrested October 12 for alleged connection with extensive raids in that district, was released. He will be allowed to go to the United States it was announced.

ALBANIA DIVIDES THE LEAGUE

ADMISSION IS URGED BUT ACTION POSTPONED

Elective Members of the Council To Be Chosen Every Two Years, Subject To Two Terms Only.

Geneva.—Relations between the technical organizations of the league of nations, as well as those between the council and assembly, were considered by delegates to the assembly meeting here.

It was expected the discussion of the scope and powers of the military, naval and aerial commission might develop what connection it may have with the league's international force that is being sent to supervise the plebiscite in Lithuania.

On one occasion, Lord Robert Cecil, delegate from South Africa, referred to this commission as a "staff." This appellation, however, was distasteful to many delegates who do not care to encourage the idea of the militarization of the guard.

Argue Admission of Albania. The possibility of conflict between the league and the various powers has arisen as a result of the decision of the committee on admission of new states respecting Albania, and it is likely to be discussed on the floor of the assembly when that committee's report is considered.

Lord Robert Cecil has insisted stoutly that Albania should be admitted to the league. Rene Viviani of France and Signor Pagliano of Italy have opposed this step on the ground that Albania has not been recognized by any power, and that admission at this time might interfere with national policies of some governments.

The commission considering the manner in which future elective members of the council shall be chosen, has decided they are to be elected for a term of two years. At the expiration of this time, they will be eligible for two years more, but after the second term they will be ineligible until after four years have passed.

When the assembly meets again next September, it will receive a report from a special committee to which Argentina's proposed amendment to the league covenant was referred. All proposed amendments have been sent to this committee.

Plans proposed for the formation of the technical organization of the league of nations dealing with finance, health and transportation, were sharply attacked at a session of the league assembly by Newton Wesley Rowell, former president of the privy council. These plans, the Canadian former minister declared, tended to take such organizations out of the hands of the assembly, which should control them, and throw them under the influence of Europe through the impossibility of the non-European nations sending their best men to three or four conferences annually.

TWO SIGNS PEACE TREATY

Soviet Hand Seen in Terms; Wilson's Task Thought More Complicated.

Constantinople.—A peace treaty between Armenia and the Turkish nationalists is reported to have been signed at Alexandropol during the night of December 2-3. Under the treaty Armenia's territory will be reduced to only the region of Erivan, the capital, and Lake Cochka, excluding Kara and Alexandropol.

The treaty provides that all Armenia's armaments must be delivered to the Turks, with the exception of 1,500 rifles, 26 quick firers and three cannons which the Armenians are permitted to keep.

A soviet administration has been organized at Erivan, according to reports and a complete accord exists between Soviet Russia, Azerbaijan, Armenia and the Turkish nationalists.

REFUSES TO ENTER LEAGUE

President Wilson Declines to Name Peace Commissioners.

Washington.—President Wilson declined the invitation of the league of nations to send delegates to take part in the discussions of the disarmament commission.

The president informed the league of nations council that inasmuch as the United States was not a member of the league, he did not feel justified in appointing a commission to "take even a de facto participation."

The United States, however, the president declared, is in sympathy with any plan for world disarmament.

Illinois Private Bank Closes.

Bloomington, Ill.—The private bank of Colfax of J. L. Barnes & Son, suspended due to excessive loans to farmers and declining prices of grain.

Cheese Drops Five Cents

Plymouth, Wis.—A five cent drop in the price of cheese was recorded here. The decrease resulted from slight demand. Cheese was quoted here on an average of 21 cents this week as compared with 26 cents last week.

Three Shot at Bandon.

Dublin.—Three unidentified dead men, all of whom had been shot, were found at Bandon, County Cork. A corpse was found bound to the gate of a church at Rossbarbery, bearing a placard reading "A traitor."

MARKET CONDITIONS

Fruits and Vegetables. Potatoes declined 50 to 50c further at northern shipping points reaching \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 100 pounds sacked. Chicago carrot market closed 15 to 20c lower at \$1.60 to \$1.75 as compared with the season's high price of \$2.80 to \$3.00 on November 3. Other markets off 15 to 35c most \$1.35 to \$1.40.

Apples. Nearly steady. A 2 1/2 Baldwin \$4 to \$4.25 per barrel f. o. b., slow and dull in eastern jobbing markets; Baldwins, Greenings and Jonathans mostly \$3 to \$3.50. Northwestern extra fancy Winesaps \$2.25 f. o. b. and \$2.50 to \$3.25 per box in consuming markets.

Onions. Dull and unchanged at shipping points at \$1 to \$1.25 per 100 lbs. Slow in city markets at mostly \$1 to \$1.50. This compares with a range of \$4 to \$5 a year ago. Shipments about 50 cars daily and decreasing rapidly. Danish type cabbage slightly lower at \$8 to \$10 per ton bulk.

Letting haulings lighter at shipping points declining 75 to 80c per 100 lbs. bumper f. o. b. reaching \$1.25 to \$1.40. Jobbing markets closed lower mostly \$2 to \$2.50. California iceberg \$2.50 to \$3.00. Sweet potatoes slightly firmer tone at close, ranging \$2 to \$3 per barrel in eastern cities.

Butter. Further weakness developed in the week's butter market. Uncertain supply of fancy butter has caused many buyers to turn to other grades or to Danish, of which there are liberal offerings. This action withdrew main support of market.

No large amount of cheese business was transacted during the week but markets are in fairly good shape and may be termed at least steady. Quality of fresh cheese beginning to show up poorly and as usual accumulates the supply of fancy cheese becomes lighter with result—higher demand. Trading on practically same basis as week ago. Prices at Wisconsin primary markets: twins 25c; dairies 25c; double dairies 24c; young Americas and longhorns 27; square prints 24c.

Prices for spot cotton and future contracts fluctuated within a narrow range during the week. Spots advanced 9 points closing at 15.24c. New York December futures up 50 points at 15.80. New Orleans futures up 100 points at 15.70c.

Hay and Feed. Kansas City reports light trading in nearby hay. No. 1 timothy hay weak and \$1 per ton. New York reports reduced stock. Chicago receipts are considerably less than last week. Heavy receipts in other markets. Because of accumulation of stock in Cincinnati terminals hay embargo has been placed on all western lines connecting with Pennsylvania Railroad.

General is lighter than last week and prices are unchanged to lower. Quoted—No. 1 timothy \$23.50 Kansas City, \$23.50 St. Louis, \$23.50. No. 2 timothy \$22.50 Kansas City, \$22.50 St. Louis, \$22.50. No. 3 timothy \$21.50 Kansas City, \$21.50 St. Louis, \$21.50.

Liberal offerings of wheat feeds due to increased flour production, heavy stocks of high protein feeds which will appear to be unable to move satisfactorily, and an extremely high demand, caused feed prices to seek new low levels during the week. Chicago receipts declined from \$4 to \$5 per ton over night in several markets and other feedstuffs are quoted from \$2 to \$3 lower than last week. Continued favorable weather in many sections of the country and the light export demand are given as the reasons for accumulation of stock. Export figures show decrease of 7000 cars from last year. Wheat bran was offered in northeastern markets at \$35 and 38 per cent cottonseed meal at \$38. Quoted—lensed meal \$41 Buffalo, \$40.50 Minneapolis; 43 per cent cottonseed meal \$40 Chicago; No. 1 alfalfa seed meal \$38.50; No. 2 alfalfa seed meal \$37.50; bran \$24, middlings \$24, rye feed \$23 Minneapolis; gluten feed \$31 Buffalo; beet pulp \$48 New York.

Chicago Livestock: Hogs and sheep at Chicago showed a tendency to advance during the past week, though prices changed but little. Fat hogs were rather light. Fat lambs featured the market by advancing \$1.25 per 100 lbs. Fat sheep gained 50c to 75c but feeding lambs showed little or no advance. Each grade of hogs showed a net advance on hogs averaged about 20c per 100 lbs. The cattle market was weak and prices declined steadily. Medium and good corn fed cattle declined most, today's prices averaging \$1 to \$3 lower than a week ago. Cows and heifers were also generally cheaper. Steers and feeders ranged 25 to 50c lower with western 50c to \$1.50 lower. Veal calves declined \$1 to \$1.50. December top Chicago price for hogs \$22.50, fat lambs \$12.75; good beef steers \$13.25; heifers \$12; cows \$10.25; western \$10.75; feeder calves \$11 to \$12. Light hogs \$11 to \$12; feeding lambs \$11.25; ewes \$5.50.

With the exception of lamb practically all classes of fresh meat showed declines for the week. Pork led, the decline in long ranging \$4 to \$10 per 100 lbs. Veal veal at \$2 to \$3 lower; beef quoted \$1 to \$2 lower. Trade in lamb showed some improvement and prices advanced \$1 to \$2. December 3 prices on good grade meats: Beef \$17 to \$18; veal \$17 to \$20; lamb \$26 to \$27; pork \$11 to \$12; light pork loins \$18 to \$22; heavy loins \$14 to \$18.

Grain. During the first of the week grain prices trended downward but there was a sharp reaction on the first and second. A decline set in on the 3rd due to selling by traders but the market resisted the pressure and advanced as soon as selling stopped. Strength in Winnipeg was reflected in American markets on the 4th and the advance continued down to the close. There have been large exports of wheat throughout the week, averaging about a million bushels daily. Demand for cash wheat continues better than the supply but demand for corn was not good at the close, although premium over December futures were well maintained. No. 2 red winter wheat in Chicago sold at 25c over December; No. 1 hard 10c; No. 2 hard 6 to 8c. New No. 3 yellow corn 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 over December; No. 4 yellow 1 1/2 to 2c. A busy barley market. Campaign was started on the 2nd at the Chicago convention of the Farmers National Grain Dealers association and has been taken up by millers. It is hoped by the association that this will have a stabilizing effect on prices. For the week Chicago March wheat gain 25c closing at \$1.06 1/2; May corn 3 1/2 closing at 76 1/2; Minneapolis and Kansas City March wheat up 18 1/2 each at \$1.02 1/2 and \$1.02 respectively, Winnipeg May up 1 1/2 at \$1.80 1/2.

Clothing Makers in Session

Washington.—Clothing makers from thirty-eight states, Canada and Mexico, assembled for the opening of the 24th semi-annual convention of the Association of Garment Makers.

Montana Copper Mine Closes.

Butte, Mont.—The Leonard Copper Co. mine, which for some time has been operating with reduced forces, has ceased operations entirely. Several hundred men are out of employment.

Terror Squad Members Held.

Bologna, Italy.—Police officials at Potenza have arrested a man who boasts that he is a member of a "terror squad" which is composed of twenty-four men who have plotted the assassination of public authorities.

Southwest News

From All Over New Mexico and Arizona

Western Newspaper Union News Service. A large collection of furniture from the home of C. G. Wilfong of Albuquerque was offered to the public at a constable's sale to satisfy a number of creditors.

At the last meeting of the Auto Trades Association, held in Albuquerque, it was decided to hold the annual auto show during the early part of February.

General Juan Cabral of Tucson, an officer in the constitutional army in Mexico in 1913, has been released from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. General Cabral was convicted of violating the neutrality law during the administration of President Larranzar.

The sugar beet industry in the vicinity of Maxwell is growing by leaps and bounds and the shipping for the season is now at its height. Most of the shipments are going to the Holly Sugar Corporation and the growers are now using all the cars it is possible to obtain.

A man giving his name as Jones was arrested at Lamy and brought to Santa Fé on the charge of a murder assault upon Miss Elizabeth Phelps, sister-in-law of A. B. Rencan, Santa Fé attorney. She was alone in the house and when she answered a ring at the door a man rained blows on her head with the butt of a six-shooter.

Railroads operating in Arizona have petitioned the Interstate Corporation Commission to set aside a recent order by the Arizona Corporation Commission denying application by the carriers for increased intrastate freight rates and passenger fares to conform to rates granted by the Intrastate Commerce Commission on intrastate traffic.

The New Mexico state highway commission is now calling for bids on the new road to be built from this city to Santa Rita and it is expected that actual construction work will be started in the next ninety days. This is known as project No. 29 and covers the entire distance from Silver City to Santa Rita, a distance of nearly fourteen miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Losey, who had been under arrest in Nogales pending investigation of their possible connection with the death of A. J. W. Born in a concrete pit, partly filled with water, near Nogales, on the night of October 14, have been released from custody. County Attorney Leslie C. Hardy said he could find no evidence against them.

The executive committee of the New Mexico Wool Growers' Association, at a meeting in Albuquerque sent a telegram to Senator Smoot of Utah, endorsing his proposed bill for an embargo upon wool imports. The committee suggested further that the bill also contain a provision for an embargo on manufactured woolen products, as it considers an embargo upon wool alone insufficient.

The Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce has wired Charles Garland, who has refused an inheritance of \$1,000,000, suggesting that he accept the million and turn it over to the Chamber of Commerce of Albuquerque for use in establishing tubercular people on ranches in New Mexico. The telegram said: "No one has ever, ever done, or could do a more constructive act for suffering humanity."

The alteration work which has been in progress for the past three months at the Masonic temple has been completed and the building thrown open.

The copper situation, from a statistical standpoint, is better now than it was at the same time last year, according to Walter Douglas, president of the Phelps Dodge corporation of Douglas. With copper selling at 14 cents now, where it sold for 18 cents last year, the speaker admitted that the statement sounds paradoxical, but declared that the basic facts confirm his contention.

The case of Manes Gallagher, which has been under way at Albuquerque in the federal court for several days, resulted in a verdict for the defendant. Gallagher, an engineer for the Santa Fé, asked \$40,000 damages for injuries received when he fell from the running board of his engine at Raton, and alleged that the fall was because part of the hand rail above the step was missing, and as a result he has not been able to use one of his hands since.

The Arizona state highway department has the survey, notes, estimates and everything ready to proceed with the state highway from Fairbank to the Santa Cruz line as soon as the road east of Douglas to Rodeo is completed and the details have been arranged with the new board of supervisors.

Phoenix voters approved only three of seven bond issues totaling \$1,040,000 in a city election that polled less than 1,000 votes. The issues were proposed for vital improvements to municipal facilities.

THE BLUE MOON

A TALE OF THE FLATWOODS

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Parting the bushes with the utmost caution, he crept up to the edge of the pool and peered forth. A woman—a girl—sat on a flat rock jutting out from the opposite bank, her bare feet swinging in the water. With the mass of color close to her face, it was hard to tell the one from the other—the flowers from the face; where the roses left off and the face began. Her hair hung loose, soft and wavy—the kind of hair a roguish shaft of morning sun can change to spun gold; lips like the song a moment ago upon them, eyes like the little patch of sky at the bottom of the pools—eyes that opened wide; that had nothing to conceal.

This is Pearlhunter's first glimpse of the Wild Rose. He calls himself Pearlhunter because he does not know his father. Wild Rose is the daughter of Wild Man, a mysterious recluse. Pearlhunter finds the \$5,000 Blue Moon—a "great pearl that looks like a full moon in a cold sky." And then the most exciting things happen in quick succession.

This is a fascinating story of a queer people in a queer place—the freshwater pearl hunters of the Wabash river flats of Indiana in the late forties. It's good reading.

CHAPTER I.

The Iron-Gray-Woman.

A young man stood on the after deck of a small and very dingy houseboat filling a fish spear. Riding at the end of a storm-blackened rope strung from a cleat at the bow to a tree on shore, the boat rose and fell with the pulse of the river, lazy and languid under the beat of the hot afternoon sun.

He was so tall, with such a spread of shoulder, that he seemed out of place upon so small a deck. Wind-season and weather wear had worked their will upon him. But there are forces that grave deeper than wind and weather. Youth can hold wind and weather at bay. It is powerless against those other forces—those inner forces that grave the soul. Under the chafe of them his face had become the face of a man who had looked upon life and found it not to his liking. His eyes held the keen, quick hardness that comes to eyes that see only life's sterner side.

The Pearlhunter, they called him, the river men, not that he had found his pearl, possibly because he had not found it. Failure names men, as well as success, in the wilderness.

The space between the fore and after decks of the houseboat was occupied by a kind of cabin, with a curtained entrance fore and aft and a single small window on each side. The man suddenly stopped filing the fish spear and glanced with quick anxiety toward this cabin. A woman was coughing. He crossed the narrow deck at a stride, shoved aside the soiled and rumpled curtain and entered. A dark, iron-gray woman sat humped forward in a rickety old rockingchair by the window on the shore side. As if conscious of his inability to help, possibly caloused by long familiarity with similar scenes, he stood looking down upon her, with no expression of sympathy other than a wince of pity in his eyes.

She straightened after a time, and lay back against the bed quilt spread in the chair, spent and quivering, the trembling shell of what had once been a very beautiful woman. The man crossed the cabin, dipped up a tinful of water out of a bucket by the cook stove and offered it to her. She waved it away.

"It's so warm—and flat! It has been long from the spring!"

Without a word he set the cup back on the bench, picked up the bucket, passed out to the front deck, crossed the narrow gangplank, and hurried away up the slope toward the cliffs that rose above the trees a few rods back from the river shore.

The spot was known the length of the Wabash, for who has not heard of Fallen Rock, with the broad, thin waterfall pitching over the sharp-edged shelf between its two breasts and lapping the stone-strewn pool at its base? And the spring breaking out from under the shale ledges of the cliff near the west end of the old cabin and trickling its waters down a little sulphur-stained gutter into the pool—who has not heard of it? Not to have drunk of its waters was considered a misfortune in the Flatwoods, just as in ancient Greece it was considered a calamity to die without having seen the statue of Olympian Zeus.

Fallen Rock is the highest front of naked stone along the Wabash. At the present day seven towns can be seen from its summit; in the late for-

ties, two; Buckeye, a mile up the river, and the City twenty miles farther on.

When the man returned to the houseboat the Iron-Gray-Woman still lay back in the shabby rocking chair. Dipping the battered cup full of fresh water, the man stooped to her side.

"Your cool drink, mother."

The thin lids raised. The eyes she turned toward him must have been wonderfully beautiful in her day—large and deep and lustrous. The cough that wasted her breast seemed powerless to dim their luster.

The man crossed the cabin and laid his hand on the rumpled curtain over the doorway, about to return to his task of sharpening the fish spear.

"It looks cool—and calm—up there." He paused; glanced back over his shoulder at her, and waited for her to go on.

"Is that a log house I see up there under the cliffs?"

The floor of the houseboat creaked under the weight of him as he came to the window. He had stooped low to bring his eyes level with the opening.

"A log house; old and empty."

The Iron-Gray-Woman sat musing a moment, her eyes astray among the trees nodding languidly in the serene June afternoon.

"I wish I might live again upon the shore. The sun beats down so hot upon the houseboat, and I grow weary of the eternal throb of the river. If I could only live a little while up there I should grow strong."

"And why not? It's empty, and nobody would care. In these deep woods there's nobody to care."

A flicker of light crossed her face. "I'd get well up there, under the strong cliffs, with the cool spring so near. And I've lived so long—since you were a child in arms—on the river—the Ohio; the White; the Wabash!"

"Always, mother! Always the houseboat—drifting; drifting—and you so frail, so beautiful!"

The man left the window and knelt by the rocking chair. The Iron-Gray-Woman saw the question in his eyes—a hunger for some word out of the past; a word that had never come. All his life she had kept it from him—whatever it had been that happened back there behind the veil of her silence that left him nameless; a river walf; a nomad in an orderly world; a fisher of pearls; a pearlhunter. Her eyes came back and faltered over him. No longer a child; a boy—the reflection started her. A man knelt at her side—the question written big upon his face. And it was his right to know. Her head dropped back against the quilt that cushioned the chair. It's a solemn thing to be the mother of a man—glorious but solemn.

The lustrous eyes—brighter for the fever wasting them—came back to him after a time. He saw a far-flung thoughtfulness in them; knew they had strayed into that past from which he was barred. The thin lips parted. The man's fingers curled tense upon the chair arm.

"To a city on the Wabash, in early days, came three families of Virginia's purest blood—my family, your father's family, and the family of—of—another man."

The Iron-Gray-Woman shuddered and was silent for a moment. The man picked up a wasted hand; stroked it softly between his own, and she went on, strained and slow, like one desperately perved to a long-dreaded task.

"My parents both died when I was so small that I can barely remember them, leaving me, their only child, to the care of a distant relative, a great-uncle of my father's. This great-uncle—well, as I look back upon my life I cannot remember that he ever gave me a pleasant word."

"My aunt was as different as dawn to dark. She was everything that he was not. A thousand times she loved my hurt away."

"They had a daughter, an only child, almost my age, and of the same name—surname and all. When uncle was away on business trips, as he often was for weeks, it was like sunshine after rain. Such happy times! They are high among the few pleasant memories of my life."

The Iron-Gray-Woman paused, her dark, deep eyes seeming to search back into the dead past, like a traveler straining his gaze across a stretch of desert to where the oasis lies. The man shifted to his other knee and she went on.

"My aunt died when we were in our girlhood. After that—the gray days were ever more than the bright. A petulance settled deep upon my uncle. His best word was a growl. The servants moved about the house like silent shadows."

"In this same city upon the Wabash lived two other families, as I have told you—your father's family and the family of—of—another man. Your father and this other man were both my suitors. But my uncle tried every means in his power to turn your father away from me to my cousin, while he secretly encouraged the attentions of the other man to me."

"Your father's blood was of the best in Virginia. A soldier, as the men of his family had always been, he had already won, by conspicuous gallantry,

the rank of colonel in the Indian wars."

"What was he like?"

The Iron-Gray-Woman turned her eyes and studied him so long, so intently, that he trembled lest his question—a question that came in spite of him—had startled her into silence.

"Like you," she resumed, "and not like you. His eyes were blue, his hair light. Your hair is dark, like mine. Your eyes are like mine. But he had the same height and breadth of shoulder; like you, slow of speech, slow to strike, till the right instant came—then, as the hawk strikes."

"I never liked the—other man; though my uncle made it impossible for me completely to discourage his attentions." Her words dropped back into the memory groove worn deep by the years. "I kept up a show of interest in him, for the sake of my cousin. She really loved him, and it was the only way she could get to see him. He was a very handsome man; though, as it afterward turned out, the black sheep of his family, and deeply involved in debt. It was to repair his wasted fortunes, as I now believe, that he deliberately planned to win my cousin's heart—and hand."

The cough threatened to come back. She held her hands tight upon her breast till she had mastered it, and then hurried on as if afraid her strength might not hold to say all that had to be said.

"The very boldness of him fascinated my cousin. Day by day his power over her grew greater. I never realized how great till one night, without taking even me into her confidence, she utterly astonished us all by eloping with him. I will never forget the day that followed. My uncle disowned her, and sent after her a message that she was never again to set foot inside his door. He raved and swore; drank himself into drunken madness; and finally ended by driving me away also."

"Your father had already declared himself. My uncle's cruelty hastened our marriage. That same day he took

me to his home as his bride—to the beautiful gray mansion overlooking the river. We've sometimes passed it in our wanderings—there came a wistful pause—but I never allowed you to know.

"There followed a year of such happiness as I never knew could come to this world—a year that has left barren all the years that followed; that beggared all that went before! One evening, almost a year to a day afterward, as I sat rocking you, a baby in the cradle, and waiting for your father to come in, thinking, strangely enough, of my cousin, whom I had never seen since the night of the elopement, a slight sound at one of the low windows caused me to turn. I was far steadier nerved than I now am, but I could hardly keep back a scream. There stood my cousin's husband. He was speaking in a half whisper. But for the moment I was too startled to make out what he said. He came out from behind the curtains and drew near. I shrank away. In low whispers, for the maids were just outside the door, he was begging me to leave your father and come to him—that he had never loved my cousin—that I must come—that it was always me. His voice was hot as flame, but I turned me cold. I couldn't move. He came close—stooped over me."

"A step sounded in the hall. Half frantic, I tried to push him back toward the window. At the instant the door opened, and in it—your father; with the maids behind him. I never knew a man's face could look as his looked. I sank into a chair and hid my eyes."

"How long has this been going on?"

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The words seemed to choke her. There came a torrent of coughing; and the man gently eased her back into the chair.

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 19

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Matt. 1 and 2.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Gift of the Baby Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Shepherd and the Angels.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Savior Born.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Significance of the Incarnation.

I. The Birth of the Savior (vv. 1-7).

1. The time of (vv. 1, 2). It was at a time when the Jews were coming under control of the Roman power. In the providence of God, the birth of Christ occurred at a time when all the systems of religion and morality were tottering upon their foundations. It was at a time, indeed, when a new force was needed to be brought into the world. Furthermore, it occurred at a time which was the most suitable for the introduction of the gospel. The whole world being under one rule made it possible for ministers to move from city to city and from country to country without molestation.

2. The place of (vv. 3, 4). It took place at Bethlehem as the prophet had foretold some seven hundred years before (Micah 5:2). A little while previous to this it seemed very unlikely that the words of Micah would come true. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was in Galilee, miles away from Jerusalem. God moved the emperor to enforce the decree of taxation just at the time to cause Mary to be at Bethlehem at the proper time. Little did the emperor realize that he was an instrument in the hands of God to carry this out.

3. The circumstances of His birth (v. 7). The surroundings were the most humble sort. The Almighty Creator condescended to take upon Himself humanity—to be born in a manger, becoming the poorest of the poor, that none might be hindered from coming to Him.

II. The Birth of the Savior Announced (vv. 8-14).

1. To whom (v. 8). His birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The glorious gospel message was first sounded forth to them. This shows that poverty is no barrier to the reception of the blessed gospel. God does not reveal Himself mainly to the princes and great men of the earth, but oftentimes these things are concealed from such, and disclosed to the poor. "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he hath promised to them that love him?" (James 2:5). Their being busy with the duties of this life did not prevent them from being favored with this glorious message from God. Moses, Gideon, Amos and Elisha were called by the Lord from the busy activities of life. The Lord never calls the idle; he has no use for the lazy man.

2. By whom (v. 9). The first gospel sermon was preached by the angel of the Lord. This exalted being has part in the announcement of the plan of salvation. No doubt angels earnestly sympathize with poor, fallen, sin-cursed men.

3. The nature of the message (vv. 10-14). It was good tidings of great joy. Surely this was a gladsome message. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom which had for so long covered the earth was beginning to vanish. The casting out of Satan, the prince of the world, was about to take place. Liberty was now soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was now about to be opened to all. No longer was the knowledge of God to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. So glorious was this good news that a multitude of the heavenly hosts appeared, joining in the song of praise.

III. The Prompt Investigation of the Shepherds (vv. 15, 16).

They did not stop to argue or question, though no doubt these things seemed passing strange to them. But they hastily went to Bethlehem where they found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the Lord of glory. They returned with gratitude in their hearts, praising God for all these wonderful things which He had revealed to them.

IV. The Shepherds Witnessing (vv. 17-20).

They could not remain silent. They were impelled to tell the good news. All who have truly heard the good tidings of salvation through Jesus Christ must tell it to others. These shepherds went back to their work praising God.

Christian Faith.

Christian faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows—standing without you can see no glory, nor can imagine any, but standing within every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors.

Praying.

No one will pray for the perfected heart earnestly, perseveringly, believingly, until he accepts God's Word fully that it is a positive command and an immediate duty to be perfect—

Rev. Andrew Murray.

Wheel's Progression.

The use of the wheel goes back to the dark ages. The first wheels were made of solid blocks of wood cut from the trunks of trees. Many changes were made before the modern wheel was evolved.

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If You Need a Medicine

You Should Have the Best

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as does an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it. A prominent druggist says: "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy has so large a sale."

According to sworn statements and verified testimony of thousands who have used the preparation, the success of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is due to the fact, so many people claim, that it fulfills almost every wish in overcoming kidney, liver and bladder ailments; corrects urinary troubles and neutralizes the uric acid which causes rheumatism. You may receive a sample bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents; also mention this paper. Large and medium size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

Qualified. "One of the girls in the chorus is a scream." "The one who leads the college yell?"

MOTHER!

"California Syrup of Figs" Child's Best Laxative



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its fruity taste. Full directions on each bottle. You must say "California."—Adv.

No one is ever so friendless that he cannot find some one to jolly him along.—Hamilton Herald.

How's This? HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—cure Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. We do not claim to cure any other disease.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is a liquid, taken internally, and acts through the blood upon the mucous surfaces of the system, thus reducing the inflammation and restoring normal conditions. All Druggists. Circulars free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

An optimist doubles his profit in life by anticipation

DEMOCRATIC IN POLITICS

On Saturday of last week a deal was closed whereby J. G. Greaves, owner of the Portales Journal, and his brother, Sam A. Greaves, of Amarillo, Texas, purchased the Portales Valley News plant, business and good will. It has long been the cry of the Portales business men that if the two papers were consolidated that they would give a liberal patronage. With this issue they become one. The title of the Portales Valley News will be retained, and every effort will be given to make it a credit to Portales, Portales Valley and Roosevelt county. It will be published as a clean newspaper for all the people and will give everyone a square deal, regardless of whether they agree with us on issues that may come up now or in the future. The owners of the paper are both practical newspaper men, the editor of the Journal, you have had a chance to judge within the past few weeks. Sam A. will have full charge of the mechanical department, and his experience in the best shops of the country is at your service. In equipment we now have a plant second to none in Eastern New Mexico, and no job in the printing line is too large or too small for us. We invite your business and cooperation.

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

Last Saturday a deal was consummated whereby E. B. McConnell, of Humeston, Iowa, sold the Portales Valley News to J. G. Greaves of the Portales Journal, and Sam A. Greaves, of Amarillo and the two papers have been consolidated with this issue. The Greaves brothers are both practical printers and newspaper men and we believe they will give the people of the county the best paper they have had heretofore, and one that will merit the patronage of everyone in the county. I also wish to thank the patrons of the News for their assistance during the past eighteen months in which I have had charge, and assure you that your help and patronage has been appreciated. I don't know just yet what I will do in the future, but whatever that may be, I will always remember kindly the people of Portales and the Portales Valley. Sincerely, J. E. HENDERSON.

Mr. McNutt of the Upton community was in town Wednesday averaged in weight scourvet marketing some shoats which averaged in weight 250 pounds each and which were only six months old. Mr. Mc says the way for the farmer to get their money out of the present grain crop is to have it threshed and feed it to hogs. He says that the same amount of grain will put on double the amount of flesh if threshed, than if fed in the heads.

UNIQUE INVENTION. W. F. Grisham has invented a unique mechanical device for an irrigation system for use in the shallow water district where the water has to be raised by a pumping system. He has completed drawings and has made application for a patent. The device consists of three water wheels which operate pumps and the waste from which operates a system of hydraulic rams, which raise the water from the well to an elevated tank, from which the power is derived. It looks practical and is perpetual motion without any of the theory. After the tank is filled the first time the plant is self operating and furnishes its own power without cost of fuel or labor. If it is as practical as it looks, it will mean a fortune for the inventor and will also help put Portales on the map.

Notice of Pendency of Suit. The State of New Mexico to H. W. Smith, Greeting: You are hereby notified that a suit has been commenced against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico in and for Roosevelt County, wherein Security State Bank of Portales, New Mexico, a corporation, is plaintiff and the said H. W. Smith and Don Griffith are defendants, said cause being numbered 1624 upon the Civil Docket of said court. The general objects of said suit are as follows: The plaintiff sues the defendant and claims a balance due the plaintiff of seven hundred seventy-four and 90/100 dollars upon a promissory note and chattel mortgage given to secure the same, executed by said defendant, H. W. Smith, on the 11th day of June, 1913; and seeks to foreclose said chattel mortgage upon the following described property, and sell the same and apply the proceeds on said indebtedness to wit: Two horses and three cows and their calves, the same being a part of the cattle and horses conveyed by said mortgage. It is alleged that the defendant, Don Griffith is making some claim to three cows and calves mentioned above, but that his claim is inferior to the claim of said mortgage of the plaintiff. You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead or answer therein on or before the 31st day of December, 1920, judgment by default will be rendered against you and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are further notified that George L. Reese is attorney for the plaintiff and that his post office address is Portales, New Mexico. Witness my hand and seal of said court on this 10th day of November, 1920. (SEAL) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk. By PAUL MORRISON, Deputy, County Clerk.

In the probate Court of Roosevelt County New Mexico. No. 165. In the matter of the last will and testament of Lois Bow, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Laura J. McCormick, executrix of the estate of Lois Bow, deceased, has filed her final report as executrix of said estate, together with her petition praying for her discharge; and the honorable J. C. Compton, probate Judge of said Court, has set the 4th day of January, 1921, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p. m., at the Court house, at the office of said Judge, in the town of Portales, New Mexico, as the day, time and place for hearing objections, if any there be, to said report and petition. Therefore, any person, or persons, wishing to object, are hereby notified to file their objections with the County Clerk of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, on or before the date set for said hearing. Witness my hand and seal of said Court on this, the 3rd day of December, 1920. SETH A. MORRISON, County Clerk. Dec. 10 to 31.

In the district court of Roosevelt county, state of New Mexico. No. 1619. Long-Bell Lumber Company of Texas, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. A. L. Peacock, et al, Defendants. Notice of Pendency of Suit. The State of New Mexico, To A. L. Peacock and Lala Peacock, Defendants, Greeting: You are hereby notified that a suit by attachment has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein Long-Bell Lumber Company of Texas, a corporation, is plaintiff, and you, the said A. L. Peacock and Lala Peacock, are defendants, said cause being numbered 1619 on the Civil Docket of said Court. The nature and amount of plaintiff's demand are as follows: The plaintiff sues the defendants upon a promissory note dated March 4, 1918, for the principal sum of Two Hundred Forty-one Dollars and Thirty cents (\$241.30), which became due and payable March 25, 1918, bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date until paid, and providing for twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and ten per cent additional on the amount unpaid upon said note for attorney's fees, which said amount the plaintiff claims to be due and payable upon said note, said note being executed by A. L. Peacock. The plaintiff alleges that the indebtedness represented by said promissory note is a community indebtedness of said defendants, who were husband and wife at the time same was contracted and said note executed; and that the plaintiff in said cause procured the issuance of a writ of attachment and under said writ the Sheriff of said county attached the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot Four (4) of Section Three (3), Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Section Four (4), and the North Half (1-2) of the Northeast Quarter (1-4) of Section Nine (9), and the Northwest Quarter (1-4) of the Northwest Quarter (1-4) of Section Ten (10), all in Township Six (6) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East of the New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, said property being the community property of said defendants. You are further notified that unless you, the said defendants appear in said cause and plead or answer therein on or before the 22nd day of January, 1921, judgment will be rendered against you and your said attached property sold to satisfy the same. You are further notified that George L. Reese is attorney for the plaintiff, and that his post office address is Portales, New Mexico. Witness My Hand and the Seal of said Court on this, the 27th day of November, 1920. (SEAL) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk.

In the District Court of Roosevelt County New Mexico. No. 1573. Anna L. O'Connell, Admx. vs. J. B. Hext, Amanda Hext, A. B. Meiner, Bertha O. Meiner. Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of sale for foreclosure obtained in the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, on September 18th, 1920, in the above entitled cause wherein Anna L. O'Connell, Admx. of the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree of foreclosure against J. B. Hext, Amanda Hext, A. B. Meiner and Bertha O. Meiner defendants in the sum of \$1914.63 principal and interest, and \$191.46 attorney fees, making a total cost of \$2106.09 and all costs. Which judgment and decree is filed in the office of the clerk of this Court, and which judgment and decree directs the special commissioner herein to sell the real estate and chattels mentioned and described therein; and an order of sale issued out of said Court on the 25th day of November, 1920, directing me to sell the real estate mentioned and described in said judgment and decree, which order of sale is duly authorized under the seal of this Court, which sale is to satisfy the balance of said judgment amounting to \$1908.49, a part of the chattels having been sold under a prior order. By virtue of said order of sale I am commanded to sell the following real property mentioned in said decree as follows: (N1-2-NW1-4-NW1-4) of section 12 in Township 2 South of Range 34 east of New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, contains 20 acres, together with all improvements now on said real estate. Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of Dec. 1920, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on that day, at the east door of the Court House in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, I will, in obedience to said order of sale and decree of foreclosure, sell the above described property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said balance of plaintiff's judgment interest, costs and attorney's fees, and commissioner's fees, to the highest and best bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States or its equivalent, subject however to redemption by the owner, J. B. Hext, as the law directs. This November 25, 1920. JESS McCORMICK, Special Commissioner.

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Foreclosure Sale Under Chattel Mortgage. Whereas, on the 6th day of December, 1920, in a certain cause pending in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein The Star Drilling Machine Company is plaintiff and T. K. Chapman is defendant the plaintiff recovered a judgment against the defendant, T. K. Chapman in the total sum of \$8123.19, upon five promissory notes dated August 22, 1919, said total judgment including principal, interest, and attorney's fees upon said notes, and also obtained a decree at said time foreclosing a chattel mortgage of even date with said notes, executed by the said defendant, T. K. Chapman, and given for the security of said notes and indebtedness upon the following described personal property, to-wit: 1-Certain No. 30 Star Drilling Machine (Serial No. 5147), complete with engine and machine parts, complete belt house; 1-No. 40 H. P. Mounted Oil Company boiler complete, with fittings and attachments; 1-1000 "X 21-8" cable; 1-3000" X 9-16 wire sand line; 1-800" X 7-8 wire casing line; 1-3000" X 7-8" wire drilling line; 1-5-25" stem 1-4x30" stem; 2-15" A. S. Bits; 2-12" A. S. Bits; 2-10" A. S. Bits; 2-10" A. S. Bits; 2-10" A. S. Bits; 2-8-14" A. S. Bits; bit gauges 2-6-14" A. S. Bits; bit gauges 2-12; 10, 8-1-4 and 8-1-4; 1-New Era rope sockets, 2-3-4x3-4 Jts., 3-1-2" neck; 1 pr. 5-1-2" dia. drilling jars 2-3-4 x3-4 7; 1 11x18" bailer; 1-7x21" bailer; 1 5-1-2x9" bailer; 1-2" dia. x5" letout standard pattern temper screw with 2 threads inserted box complete manilla clamps; 1 set Mechling wire line temper screw clamps 7-8 line; 2 common wire line rope sockets 2-3-4 rope 3-3-4 neck; 2-5" sq. tool wrenches 350 lb. each liners 4"; 1 No. 2 Barrett tool jack with tilting rack; 1 275 lb. bumper (or 6-1-4 hoop, round style; 1 12-1-4" Scotts regular; 100" Scotts; 1 12-1-4" Scotts mannington elevator; 1 8-1-4 Scotts mannington elevator; 1 6-5-8 Scotts mannington elevator; 1 derrick crane complete with eye bolts; 1 ton Moore anti-friction hoist; 1 Barrett swivel wrench with 4 and 5" plates; 1 25" triple steel casing black; 1 75 lb. double swivel tubing hook; 2 No. 301 Simplex lever lifting jack; 2 25 lb. sledges with handle straight and cross pin; 1 350 lb. bridge and mill; 1 No. 4 blower with emery complete; 2 18 lb. electric lighting plant cross pin; 2 13-4 x 12" screw screw jacks; 1 No. 8 tool box; 1 center rope spear 2 3/4 x 3/8 4 7; 1 6-1-4 latch jack; 1 wire line rope knife (sinker and jars); 1 Manilla rope knife, 1 8-1-4" slip sock, with bowl for 10"; 2 sets slips to catch 5-1-4 and 4"; 1 10" slip socket and bowl 12-1-4"; 1 No. 30 crown pulley, 1 extra heavy bull reel dividers, 1 extra No. 30 wrist pin, 1 casing ring and wedge, 1 pr. 5-1-4 drilling jars, 36" strokes, 300" of 1" pipe, 1 set Toledo stock and dies, 1 No. 01 combination vice, 150" of 1" sissel rope, 1 No. 30 bull reel cast drum, 1 lat ran 300 lb., 1 stub box 2 3/4 x 3/8 4 7, 1 No. 33 vul. can Chain tong, 200" of 1.2 wire line, 1 National eight foot lubricator, and all small tools, fittings and supplies with and designed for use with the above described drilling machine and outfit. And the court decreed that all of said above described personal property be sold after due advertisement thereof, as required by law, and the proceeds applied to the payment of plaintiff's said judgment and demands, and which said judgment at the date of the sale hereinafter mentioned will amount to the sum of \$8210.07. And whereas, in said decree the court appointed the undersigned, Jess McCormick, Sheriff of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, special master, and directed him to advertise and sell said property as provided by law and to apply the proceeds of said sale to the payment of said judgment, interest, costs, and accruing costs of sale; Therefore, I, the said Jess McCormick, Special Master and Sheriff of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, will on the 10th day of January, 1921, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the northeast front door of Court House, in the Town of Portales, New Mexico, sell said described property to the highest bidder, for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness with costs of suit, and accruing costs. Witness my hand this 8th day of December, 1920. JESS McCORMICK, Sheriff and Special Master.

Notice for Publication. Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., November 13, 1920. Notice is hereby given that Johnnie Terrill, formerly James Fortberry, of Rogers, N. M., who on May 18th, 1914, made homestead entry, No. 93421, for SW 1/4 section 34, SW 1/4 section 35, range 32 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 J. C. Compton, Judge of the probate court of Roosevelt County, N. M., at Portales, N. M., on the 23rd day of December, 1920. Claimant names as witnesses: Arthur M. Carroll, Thomas B. Cooper, Harris E. Cooper, Benjamin R. Terrill, all of Rogers, N. M. EMMETT PATTON, Register. Nov. 19th to Dec. 19th, 1920.

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COUNCIL REPORT.

Portales, N. M., Dec. 7, 1920.
The Town Council met in regular session and upon roll call the following were present: Mayor G. L. Reese, Trustees A. D. Ribble and Wat Stewart.
The following claims were presented and audited:
J. W. Cunningham, agent, freight \$43.22.
Security State Bank, draft for interest, \$2,225.63.
A. D. Ribble, treas., coupons \$30.00.
First National Bank, coupons, \$30.00.
Portales Publishing Co., printing, \$13.85.
T. B. Baker, hauling dogs, \$1.50.
Wallace Grocery Co., supplies, \$1.25.

Capital Auto Service Station, supplies, \$6.40.
Joyce-Fruit Co., supplies, \$25.80.
Western Union, telegrams, \$2.98.
J. B. Sledge, supplies, \$6.40.
J. L. Gilliam, drayage, \$7.50.
Gulf Refining Co., oil, \$48.02.
J. W. Cunningham, agent, express and collection, \$48.76.
S. N. Hancock, salary and services November 1920, \$75.00.
A. D. Ribble, Treas., salary Nov. 1920, \$25.00.
H. M. Livingston, salary Nov. 1920, \$100.00.
Geo. F. Williams, salary Nov. 1920, \$150.00.
Walter Cave, salary Nov. 1920, \$75.00.
Sherman Bracken, salary Nov. 1920, \$75.00.
J. L. Fernandes, blacksmithing, \$4.00.

Burroughs Adding Meh. Co., service, \$6.50.
L. O. Teakell, services, \$107.75.
J. S. Sanders, services, \$70.00.
J. A. Fairly, Agt., insurance and bond, \$132.40.
Southwest General Electric Co. supplies, \$329.48.
S. N. Hancock, supplies, \$3.95.
Wat Stewart, rent on fire apparatus Nov. 1920, \$10.00.
There being no further business the council adjourned.
G. L. REESE, Mayor.
Attest:—
S. N. HANCOCK, Clerk.

CENTER HIGH SCHOOL
Miss Lela Gordon entertained a few young people at her home Sunday afternoon.
Trueman Short has been sick with tonsillitis, but we are hoping he will be able to return to school in a few days.
There was a pie supper at Garrison last Saturday night, Dec. 11, and the pies sold well. Miss Bonnie Props received a cake for being the prettiest girl.
Guy Simmons of Big Springs, Texas is here visiting with relatives and friends.
Miss Dovie Stigall has been ill the past week, but we hope she will be well soon.
Last Friday night there was a dance at Mr. Will Morehead's. Everyone had a good time.
Mr. and Mrs. Cullen Hightower, Burkburnett, Texas, are visiting friends and relatives.
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Partin visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Morehead Sunday.
Mrs. Hedspeth is here from Amarillo, Texas, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wilson.
Jonnie Chancellor of this community left last Saturday on his way to Ranger, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, who have

been visiting relatives in Texas, have returned home.
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis are out visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. DeBoard.
We are very proud of the C. H. S. boys since they won the game of basketball last Friday.
Last Friday evening the Elida boys basketball team came to Center where a hearty game was played. The Elida boys are older and no doubt heavier than the Center boys and thought to be better players, but when the game was over the Elida boys were puffing and wondered why

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the little Center boys defeated them so easily. The score was 24 to 31 in favor of Center.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 6th, 1920.
Notice is hereby given that Leslie H. Houtling, of Portales, N. M., who, on Oct. 10th, 1917, made homestead entry No. 017156, for N $\frac{1}{2}$ section 33, township 1 S., range 36 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 J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, in his office at Portales, N. M., on the 12th day of January, 1921.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Joe Cox, Tom Cox, William F. Daniels, Flea C. Cox, all of Portales, N. M.
D9-J6 W. R. McGILL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., November 10th, 1920.
Notice is hereby given that Levi E. Jones, of Upton, N. M., who, on October 23, 1917, made additional homestead entry No. 017235 for N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ section 26, township 2 S., Range 30 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 J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, in his office at Portales, N. M., on the 22nd day of December, 1920.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Jesse C. Dodgins, of Upton, N. M.; Samuel Gunn, of Upton, N. M.; Levi Richard Jones, of Upton, N. M.; Reuben W. Moore, of Portales, N. M.
W. R. McGILL, Register.
Nov. 18—Dec. 16.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., November 10th, 1920.
Notice is hereby given that Nina E. Cruey, of Elida, N. M., who, on Oct. 23, 1917, made additional homestead entry No. 017410 for N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 25, township 2 S., range 31 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 J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, in his office at Portales, N. M., on the 21st day of December, 1920.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Thomas E. Holder, of Elida, N. M.; Horace R. Cowart, of Elida, N. M.; Edwin Chavers, of Elida, N. M.; Walter Upton, of Upton, N. M.
W. R. McGILL, Register.
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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Nov. 29th, 1920.
Notice is hereby given that Luc Lizar E. Palmer, of Portales, N. M., who on Aug. 14th, 1917, made homestead entry No. 017085, for 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ section 18, township 18, range 35 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 J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, in his office at Portales, N. M., on the 13th day of Jan., 1921.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Earl E. McCollum, George W. Johnson, Sam B. Boone, George B. Johnson, all of Portales, N. M.
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NO REDUCTION FOR 1921 INCOME TAX

CONDITION OF U. S. TREASURY FORBIDS TAX DECREASE

BOTH BODIES OPPOSE REVISION

The Decision Virtually Closes Door To Tax Revision When Republican Members Held An Informal Meeting.

Washington.—Secretary Houston's recommendations in his annual report that excess profits taxes be repeated and the high brackets of income taxes be reduced were attacked by Representative Kitchen of North Carolina, ranking democratic member of the house ways and means committee as "the most unwise," unjust, undemocratic and pro-republican that ever emanated from any department of the government since its beginning.

Income tax relief legislation requested by business interests is impracticable at this session of congress, republican members of the senate finance committee, decided at an informal conference. The decision is in line with a similar one by the republicans of the house ways and means committee and it was said, virtually closes the door to tax revision legislation during the present session. The treasury's condition as outlined by Secretary Houston, republican senators said, made impossible the tax concessions urged.

FIRE LOSS IS ONE MILLION

Paint Shop Blaze Destroys Southern Pacific Shop Storage Houses.

Houston, Tex.—Fire of unknown origin in the shops of the Southern Pacific railroad company caused a loss estimated by officials of the road at \$1,000,000. The fire was discovered in the paint shop and in a few minutes had spread to the air brake shop and store room No. 2. These three buildings were old shop buildings of frame and corrugated iron construction and were completely destroyed.

About twenty passenger coaches and between thirty and forty freight cars and their contents that were in the building and on adjacent tracks were burned. Frantic efforts of the employees of the company made it possible to rescue the rest of the rolling stock which was in danger. Approximately 700 cars were in the yards surrounding the burning buildings and the greater part of these were shunted to places of safety.

ASK FOREST PROTECTION

Publisher Would Safeguard the Nation's Wood Pulp Supply.

Washington.—A draft of a bill for the forests was discussed by the Forest Industries committee at a conference which was attended by representatives of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association.

WARSHIPS AID DIPLOMACY

Two Japanese Cruisers Arrive in Uruguayan Waters.

Montevideo, Uruguay.—It was announced that the arrival in Uruguayan waters of the Japanese cruisers Iwate and Asama has a diplomatic object. This is to signalize the negotiations of the treaty of friendship in commerce and navigation between Japan and Uruguay and the establishment of diplomatic and consular relations by the two nations.

WORKERS ARE SUFFERING

Estimate of 200,000 Unemployed Men Is Given Manufacturers.

Jackson, Mich.—Half of the unemployed men in Michigan, estimated to number nearly 300,000 are "in actual need of work to avert suffering," was the conclusion reached at a meeting of managers and secretaries of manufacturers and employers associations of a dozen industrial cities of the state.

HARDING IS READY FOR TASK TO CONSIDER COUNTRY'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS

President-Elect to Confer With Leaders of Both Parties on Pact and Other Important Questions.

Marion, O.—President-elect Harding returned to Marion after a month's vacation trip to Texas and Panama to lay the foundations of his administration and its policies in consultation with many of the nation's leading statesmen.

The "meeting of minds," he promised during the campaign, will begin early after he has put into more concrete form the questions he wants to ask those who come here to confer with him. The league of nations will be foremost, in his discussions, but several other problems will be kept in mind as he gathers advice and prepares himself for executive responsibility.

Mr. Harding has declared many times since he was nominated that there are urgent questions to be decided in the nation's domestic affairs and to these he will give attention in some of his conferences. For one thing he has advocated a reorganization of several government departments to insure greater business efficiency and he is expected before the 4th of March to discuss that subject with some of the country's most successful business men. Meantime, too, he must choose his cabinet and must frame the taxation program he will recommend to the extra session of congress to be followed soon after his inauguration. Upon most of these subjects he made some progress during his two days visit in Washington.

The president-elect evidences a keen desire to get vigorously into the swing of the task before him. During his absence in the south he has devoted his time almost without interruption to rest and recreation, putting into the background entirely the trying responsibilities of the presidency. He told his friends that this vacation probably would be his last real respite before he retires from the white house and he tried to make the most of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding may move to some southern resort some time during January but they expect to be in Marion continuously until after the holidays. Within this period Mr. Harding hopes to conclude the league of nations conferences and to gather much important data on domestic questions.

SUNDAY AMUSEMENT BAN

Sunday Theaters and Sunday Baseball Held Illegal in Texas.

Austin, Tex.—Sunday motion picture shows and Sunday baseball where admission fees are charged, are illegal in Texas, the Texas court of criminal appeals held in effect.

This action came when a majority of the court affirmed judgment of the lower court under which J. J. Hogman of Austin was fined \$30 for operating a motion picture show on Sunday. The opinion, written by Judge O. S. Lattimore, held that motion picture shows are included in the definition of amusements forbidden to be exhibited for profit on Sunday.

In a dissenting opinion in which he declared the nature of pictures displayed by Hogman would not permit the show being classed as "amusements," Presiding Judge W. L. Davidson said: "As I understand this opinion it overrules all previous cases since and inclusive of the Roquemore case and announces the proposition that any place of public amusement where fees are charged is included in the statutes."

\$213,000,000 IN PENSIONS

28,871 Civil War Veterans Die During the Year.

Washington, D. C.—Pension disbursements for the fiscal year 1920 aggregated \$212,295,314, according to the annual report of Commissioner Saltgaber of the pension bureau, made public. The figures showed a decrease of about nine million dollars from 1919 totals, and the report recorded the death during the year of 28,871 civil war pensioners, leaving 348,450 soldiers of that war on the pension roll in addition to 290,100 civil war widows.

While no survivors of the war of 1812 were shown, 71 widows of soldiers in that war are receiving government pensions. Only 148 Mexican war survivors were reported and 2,341 Mexican war widows. Survivors of the world war do not show on the roll. Their dependents alone are carried, such as invalid widows, minor children and mothers and fathers of regular army soldiers, for the period prior to the application of war risk insurance legislation.

Best Christmas for a Boy

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

ONE boy to another— for I have never gotten over being one, although I am getting as gray as a billy-goat around the ears—I want to give it as my opinion that a Christmas anywhere but in the country is no Christmas at all!

A city Christmas is a make-believe, a hollow mockery, a false alarm, an imitation. I have tried both kinds, and so I know. A city Christmas has all the tin and tinsel, and that is all. By the time you get as old and feel as young as I am, you find most of the plate worn off.

Honestly, boys (and girls), I don't think Santa Claus himself ever feels very much at home except on a rural route! He has a mighty poor job in a big town, with flies instead of chimneys, and everything. And it is hard to see where he gets room to turn a sleigh and eight reindeer around, tiny reindeer though they may be. He'll be pretty certain to bump into a hydrant or tip over on a curb.

And with twenty families all using one flue (and, what is worse, a soft coal flue at that!) how in the world is the most experienced Santa going to find which is Brown's and which is Smith's, and where the Greens live? Even if he dared rap and ask (which no Santa Claus is ever supposed to do) nobody could tell him. For perhaps the Browns and the Smiths have never "met," and the Greens might live across the hall for a month before anybody thought to inquire their name.

For that is one thing you don't get much of in the city—neighbors. Sometimes when the woman across the road keeps running in just when your mother is canning, or baking, or treating a shirt-bosom kindly but firmly with a flat-iron, your mother may almost wish that they weren't quite so plentiful in the country—but she wouldn't. She would miss them, just the same as you would miss having the same boys to play with year after year.

For in the city you are always getting a fresh lot of playmates—and sometimes they are a mighty fresh lot, too. Of course there are some good kids, also; but it always seems that just when you get to liking some fellow up the street or across the alley, the landlord boosts the rent and his folks have to move, and you never see him again. He may move only from one side of the city to the other, but it might as well be to another state. It is five or ten or twenty miles—miles of houses, no, miles of flats, and streetcar tracks, and railroads, and factories—and you never see him again or any of his folks.

The boys you know this Christmas probably won't be around at all next Christmas, if you live in the city. That is a funny thing about city folks: they are always going somewhere and never getting anywhere. Why, even if the landlord didn't raise the rent October 1 or May 1 or whenever the lease expires, they might move anyway! People who live in flats instead of homes are always looking for something better and getting something worse. They have the most wonderful collection of rent receipts, but not a foot of ground, not a roof or rafters, they can call their own.

Now, I don't know what you think, but I think that every family ought to have a house of its own, a house it lives in year after year. That is, of course, unless the father has some sort of job that makes it necessary for

him to move to some other town every other year or so. But it is a great thing to live in a home, not just a house, and that is about the best place, and the only place, to have a Christmas, a real, sure-enough, honest-to-goodness Christmas.

Most of you boys who live on the farm and in the small town have that kind of home, and I wonder if you know how lucky you are? Wouldn't you hate to wake up Christmas morning and look at the ceiling and realize that someone else owned it, and then get up and go out in the front yard and realize that someone else owned that, too—why, you'd get so after awhile that, everything you saw, you would wonder who owned it!

I tell you, boys, it's a great satisfaction to have a back yard and to know it's yours, and that you can invite people into it, or invite people to stay out of it, just as you please. Why, that is what brought the Pilgrim Fathers to America—they wanted a spot they could call their own. I don't say that it was exactly a back yard they wanted, but what they wanted was some place they could play ball and no landlord of a king could come along and tell them to stop because they might break some of the royal windows. You know old King George did come along and try to make them stop—and you know what happened to the royal windows. Zam!

And then there is this matter of snow. You know some people don't think it is much of a Christmas without snow. Now, I know quite a lot about snow because I've been acquainted with a lot of it. I have



Snowballs Through Royal Windows.

tramped through it up in the Hudson Bay country, and I've wallowed around in it in the summertime on top of the Rocky mountains. And I want to tell you that there is a great difference in snow—that is, there is a great difference between country snow and city snow.

We may not have snow this Christmas, but we'll just suppose we do. Isn't a good, old lively snowstorm great? Perhaps it is one of these lazy snowstorms, with the big, white flakes just floating down like feathers and slowly turning the roads and roofs to white, like a coat of good white paint. Maybe there will be enough of it to make good coasting on the hills and good sleighing on the roads.

And, by the way, do you know there are boys in the big cities who have never seen a sleigh? Because a sleigh is getting to be a scarce article in the cities. You see, as soon as a little snow comes the street-cleaning department gets busy and sweeps it up, before it gets a chance to melt into slush.

In the country the winter wheat needs it, and the ground takes care of it. But in the city it just means slop and slush. So they sweep it up and carry it away and uncover the ugly pavement as soon as they can.

But they let you keep your snow in the country. When a warm wind comes along it will pack fine, and you

can have your snow-men, and your snow forts, and your snowball battles. (Only please don't use your artillery on older folks, or girls, or me.)

Or perhaps this snowstorm is one of the blizzard kind, with the wind slipping around the house and piling the snow up in the corners—why that kind of snow doesn't seem to come down at all, but just goes slanting by until it runs up against something it can't pass.

I remember being on a night train one time; and when we woke up in the morning, and the train was running over the smooth prairies, a little girl from a big city in western Pennsylvania (I won't tell you what city it was but maybe you can guess), exclaimed as she looked out of the window: "Look, Mamma! The snow out here is white!"

I don't need to say much about the Christmas dinner. But if you have your Christmas dinner in the country, the turkey perhaps is one your folks raised, or that was raised in the neighborhood—anyhow, it is pretty likely to be a native, and not a resident of a cold storage plant somewhere. Or maybe you'll have a goose or a brace of chickens. Anyway, you'll know their pedigree, and that they're fresh and good.

And it will be the same way all down the line—vegetables, and pies, and everything. And cooked—cooked to a turn—just long enough—just short enough—just right.

And you will more than likely have one thing that they won't have at the Christmas dinner in the city, because you know the cost of living just now 's mighty high, in town especially, for both rich and poor. So you will have one thing that the city boy probably will not have—

Enough! So I could go on and show you a dozen other ways in which a Christmas in the country puts it all over a Christmas in the city, but I am going to mention just one thing more: the Christmas tree.

Of course they have Christmas trees in the city. In New York trainloads of them come down every season from the Adirondacks, and in Chicago boatloads come from Michigan's upper peninsula. You can buy them for fifty cents or a dollar, and they make very good Christmas trees indeed.

I don't know what you think about this either—but I have always thought that things I did myself and for myself were just twice the fun of things I bought myself or hired myself. And I think that especially about a Christmas tree. If you are lucky enough to be able to go out and pick your own tree, and chop it down, and bring it in—well, that's what I call a real Christmas tree!

Because that is really and truly your Christmas tree. You selected it with your own eye and chopped it down with your own axe and brought it home with your own muscle. The Christmas tree—that is your job:

Bringing in the Tree. Father gets the turkey. Mother makes the pie—Each one has a Christmas job To do, and so have I. Sister strings the popcorn To decorate—but, gee! I have got the biggest job—Bringing in the tree!

Turkey is important. Pie and such are great. Popcorn strings you have to have When you decorate. But I guess a Christmas Christmas wouldn't be If you didn't have a boy Bringing in the tree!

DEFINED BY DAD

Bobby—What is meant by the frail fabric of matrimony, dad? Dad—The sort of suspenders your mother gives me for Christmas, my son.—Judge.

TOO MUCH RISK

"Are you going to accept Miss Ugly girl's invitation to call during the Christmas holidays?" "Not it! I heard her pricing mistletoe in the market this morning."

HIS PRESENT

"Hello, Bill, what makes you so happy?" "Got a fine Christmas present." "That so? What is it?" "This peachy diamond ring." "A beaut! Who gave it to you?" "My old girl sent back her engagement ring." "Gee, you always were a lucky guy."

AFFRONTED

"What's Johnson so mad about?" "It seems that somebody gave him a wrist watch for a Christmas present." "Well?" "Johnson rather prides himself on having a high percentage of red corpuscles in his blood."

HOLIDAY FORMALITIES

"Do you accompany your wife when she goes shopping?" "Once before each Christmas. She's too polite to tell me what she'd like, so I have to go around and make notes of her expressions of especial admiration."

TIME FOR GOOD WILL SEASON

Charles Dickens, Although Great and Busy Man, Believed in Christmas Observance.

That great and busy man, Charles Dickens, did not regard his life too full of other things to pay tribute to the Christmas time and to observe the season as it should be observed. Following is what this man had to say about the beautiful Christmas day that we soon will celebrate:

"Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not roused, in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened by the recurrence of Christmas.

"There are people who will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be; that each succeeding Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before dimmed or passed away; that the present only serves to remind them of reduced circumstances and straightened incomes—the feast

they once bestowed on hollow friends and of the cold looks that meet them now in adversity and misfortune.

"Never heed such dismal reminiscences. There are few men who have lived long-enough in the world who cannot call up such thoughts any day in the year. Then do not select the merriest of the 365 for your doleful recollections."

PUBLIC CHRISTMAS CAROLING

It is really too bad, says the National Bureau for the Advancement of Music, that America has not yet adopted the picturesque practice of public Christmas caroling. It would have the crisp December nights ring with melody, and the beautiful story told in public halls, in homes and in churches.

OMENS

"So your husband gave you a pearl necklace for a Christmas gift, did he? But don't you know pearls are the token of tears?" "Yes, and by that same token, I cried till I got 'em."



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"WE GO TO WORSHIP THE KING," THEY SAID.

Baboushka stood in her doorway
When the Three Wise Men passed by,
"We go to worship the King," they said,
"We have seen His Star in the sky.

"Wilt thou come with us, Baboushka,
Or over the Star be set?"
"I will come and seek the new-born King,
But ah, My lords! Not yet!

"I must set my house in order,
And I must spin and sew,"—
The Star had set ere she made an end,
And the winds began to blow.

And evermore Baboushka
Goes seeking through the wild
The Three Wise Men, the shining Star
Her King, the new-born Child.

But on the eve of Christmas,
When there are none to see,
She comes with gifts in either hand,
To deck the Christmas Tree.

She comes where sleeping children
Lie dreaming of the morn,
To see if once again on earth
The Christ-child hath been born.
—Marion L. Adams.

ART AND SCIENCE IN TOYS

Playthings for the Kiddies Necessary to the Proper Conduct of Their Society.

WHILE the making of toys is an art that is probably practically as old as the world itself, it has been only within recent years that science has bothered itself about them. Less than half a century ago they were regarded merely as playthings—amusing diversions for children that were by no means necessary to their well-being. Today, however, science insists

that there is a well-defined philosophy underlying the use of toys; that they are the tools with which the little ones ply their trade; the paraphernalia necessary to the proper conduct of their society; that dolls, for example, are more to them than the associates that help to entertain them in that they aid them in the attainment of their mental growth by stimulating the natural emotions which must be experienced in later life.

Whether this theory of the scientists is correct or not, the fact remains that children have always had the playthings requisite for their imitations of the domestic life and business affairs



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This Sale Started Monday, November 22, and will continue to and including Saturday, January 1, 1921

During this period we will sell you goods at best bargain prices we can afford and, in every possible way, will try to make it to your interest to trade with us, and to come long distances to do so. Come in and get full particulars. We can't tell it all in an advertisement. You'll buy!

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of older people; that they have always required their elders to provide them with such inventions, and that, when they could not obtain these toys by any other means they themselves have sought and found objects that might be made to suit their purposes. Even the somnolent middle Ages did not put an end to their pastimes. The toys in which they found diversion may have been more simple, but, as they met the demands of nature, they played their allotted part in the scheme of human development.—Public Opinion.

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PLAINVIEW NEWS

There will be a Christmas tree at the Plainview school house on December 24, at eight o'clock. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy themselves.

S. H. Harris and family of this community made a business trip to Potales last Saturday.

Miss Thiril Powell entertained a bunch of youngsters last Saturday night. All report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds, S. H. Harris, Miss Virgie Harris, Mrs. Howard Capps, Mrs. Finney Lott, Mrs. George Lackey and Mrs. S. H. Edwards visited the Plainview school Friday afternoon.

Miss Opal Watkins and Master Dolen Watkins went to Portales last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lackey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Capps.

Misses Lucille Lackey and Majorie Capps had dinner in the Fullerton home last Sunday.

Miss Laura Fullerton of Longs was in Plainview community Sunday.

The following are the names of the pupils who were on the honor roll last month: Opal Watkins, ninth grade, Virginia Edwards, Dolen Watkins, Nettie Lott, sixth grade; Orville Harris, fifth grad.

Eva and Manvil Lott of this community, who are attending the Portales High School, visited home folks over Sunday.

CAUSEY ITEMS

The thrasher has been in the east part of this community for the past week.

The box and pie supper at Causey the tenth, netted the neat sum of \$35.34 and a fine time for every one. Much interest was shown in the popular girl contest in which Miss Ruby Wagner won the fine cake which brought \$4.70, and the cake of soap was given to Mr. J. M. Cox, Sr., for the ugliest man.

We thank the people very much for their kindness in helping us like they did. The proceeds are to go for an organ.

Roy Little, Floyd and Clint Judah attended the party at Mr. Neville's last Saturday night.

Misses Jinnie Silverie and Francis Keller, from Lingo, attended the box supper at Causey.

The Causey mail carrier happened to some bad luck last Thursday and didn't get here with the mail until 3:30.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Nichols from Portales spent Saturday night and Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Littles and Bro. Nichols preached at Causey Sunday night.

Mrs. Spurlock, who has purchased a large rooming house at Lubbock, Texas, was down to her farm the latter part of last week.

We are going to have a program and Christmas tree at the Causey school house Christmas Eve night. Everyone is invited to come.

Prayermeeting at Causey every Sunday night.

D. Z. Little will preach at Causey Sunday the 19th.

Several of the Rolbuck folks were present at the box supper at Causey.

Mrs. Sloan and son, Jay, motored to Portales last Saturday.

The Merchant of Causey is putting up a new mill building.

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ATHLETIC RULES FOR SCHOOL CONTESTS

Report of the committee on rules governing school contests in Roosevelt county.

The committee met at the Portales school building December 11, 1920, with the following members present:

W. Krattli, chairman; Eugene Butts, Secy.; R. T. Hodges, W. A. Sturman and W. N. Clyde.

The following rules were adopted:

No one shall be eligible as a contestant who habitually uses tobacco in any form; or who is failing in his studies; or who has not actually been in school

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at least 75 per cent of the present school year up to the time of the contest.

There shall be three declamatory contests viz: One for grammar grades; one for high school girls; and one for high school boys. Each school shall be allowed one representative in each declamatory contest.

Declamation shall be limited to ten minutes, and must be prose of a serious nature.

In the debating contest each high school shall be allowed two representatives, and the speakers shall have ten minutes each with five minutes for closing.

Question: Resolve that the Armament of all nations shall be limited to that acquired for police duty.

The track events shall be as follows:

For High School Boys.

- 100 yard dash
- 220 yard dash
- 880 yard run
- 440 yard relay. (3 contestants.)
- Pole vault.
- Shot punt.
- Tug of war. (Team of six maximum weight 84 pounds.)
- Running broad jump.
- Standing broad jump.
- Running high jump.
- Running hop, step and jump.
- Grammar school girls and boys separately. (Age limit 14 years.)

- 50 yard dash.
- Potato race.
- Tug of war. (Team of six.)
- Sack race for boys.
- Three legged race for boys.
- 220 yard relay race for girls. (four.)
- Contest to be held Saturday, March 19, 1921.

FIRE DESTROYS BARN.

On last Sunday afternoon L. L. Harris, who lives five miles west of Portales, lost his barn and \$750 worth of feed from fire. The fire started from embers from around a pot where they had been rendering lard.

Notice to House Owners

The winter nights are getting long. You will be doing considerable reading, why not get all the enjoyment out of it you can by installing electric lights instead of the old lamp. Give up the old smoothing iron and make your wife a Christmas present of an electric one.

We wire your house or can furnish anything in electric supplies. Of course we are still headquarters for gas, oil, tires and auto supplies.

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On Saturday a deal was closed by J. G. Greaves, of Portales Journal brother, Sam A. Amarillo, Tex., the Portales plant, business will. It has long of the Portales that if the two consolidated they give a libera one. The title of Valley News was ed, and every given to make Portales, Port and Roosevelt be published newspaper for ple and will gi square deal, whether they on issues that now or in the The owners are both practi men, the editor nal, you have to judge within weeks. Sam A. charge of the i partment, and in the best a country is at j In equipment a plant second Eastern New job in the prin large or too sm invite your bu operation.

TO MY FRIENDS

Last Saturday summed whereby of Humeston, Portales Valley News and Sam A. Greaves of the and Sam A. Greaves and the two p consolidated with Greaves brotherly teal, printers men and we belie the people of the paper they have and one that wi fonage of every I also wish to t of the News fo during the past in which I have assure you that patronage has I don't know will do in the f ever that may I remember kindl Portales and the Since J. E.

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The Kitchen Cabinet

We shall be so kind in the afterwhile But what have we been today? We shall give to truth a grander birth, And to steadfast faith a deeper worth; We shall feed the hungry souls of earth, But whom have we fed today?

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.

The foundation candy for all kinds of bon bons, nougat and creams, may be prepared some time before it is needed; in fact, fondant is better if allowed to ripen, closely covered for three or four days before working up into candies. Store in a cool, dry place.

Fondant.—Take two cupfuls of sugar, one-half cupful of boiling water, one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar, or a tablespoonful of glucose or corn syrup to keep the sugar from graining. Boil to a soft ball stage and pour out on a buttered platter using care that no grains of sugar are dropped in, as they will cause the whole to grain. A good method to avoid the forming of grains around the sides of the boiling kettle is to wash down the sides while boiling with a swab dipped in water, or if expert the tips of the fingers may be used. Covering the dish for a few minutes often dissolves the grains.

After-Dinner Mints.—Boil together until brittle in water, three cupfuls of sugar, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of cream of tartar, one-half cupful of boiling water and one-half tablespoonful of vinegar. Pour on a buttered platter and when cool, pull, adding two drops of oil of peppermint. Cut and roll in powdered sugar; place in a tight jar for a few days to soften.

Rice Jack.—Take a cupful of sugar and a cupful of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of water and cook; when nearly brittle, add a tablespoonful of butter and a pinch of soda; stir in three cupfuls of puffed rice. Spread in a buttered pan.

Old-Fashioned Butter Scotch.—Take two cupfuls of brown sugar, one-half cupful of butter, four tablespoonfuls of molasses, two tablespoonfuls of water. Pour into greased pans and stir until dissolved then, boil without stirring until it makes a hard ball in water. Pour into greased pans and mark off in squares.

SEASONABLE GOOD THINGS.

Christmas time would lack a most important part of the enjoyment without some of the good candies, sweetmeats and cakes.

Nut and Date Chocolate Sweetmeat.—Heat one-fourth of a cupful of honey, or maple syrup to the boiling point, add half a pound of sweet coating chocolate and let stand over hot water until the chocolate is soft throughout; add one package of dates, cut in even-sized pieces, half a cupful of blanched almonds cut in shreds and one teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Mix with a wooden spoon to blend well. Have ready a brick ice cream mold or small bread pan, lined with parchment paper. Press the mixture into the mold and press with a weight. Let stand six hours or longer to ripen. Remove from the paper, cut in slices to serve.

Christmas Fruit Cup.—For five glasses, take one orange, three bananas, half a package of dates, one cupful of white grapes, measured after seeding and skinning; 12 pistachio nuts, the juice of half a lemon, fruit sirup, and three-fourths of a cupful of cream. Remove all the peel and white membrane from the orange, separate into sections and cut in halves crosswise. Remove the peel of the banana, scrape the pulp and cut into thin slices. Squeeze over the banana the juice of a lemon. Pour boiling water over the dates, stir and drain, let heat in a hot oven to dry; then cut in sections, mix all the fruit together and dispose in glasses, pouring the fruit sirup over the fruit. Blanch and chop the nuts and sprinkle on top after the whipped cream has been placed—a spoonful on each glass. For the fruit sirup use the liquid from canned fruit, or fruit jelly melted in water. Slices of peaches or apricots may replace the orange and the juice of the orange may then be used.

Baked Potato With Sausage.—Select potatoes of uniform size; with an apple corer make a hole through the center and fill with a sausage. Lay in a pan and place a slice of bacon on each. Bake until tender.

Christmas Animals.
They're red.
They're of rubber.
And they're for baby.
They make good chewing.
They cannot possibly wound.
And they are wonderfully lovable.
One may indulge at from 20 cents upward.
The choice ranges from mice to elephants

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DECEMBER 5, ST. NICK'S DAY

Children of Holland and France Look for Santa Claus' Visit Early in the Month.

IN THE strict order of things children should have hung up their stockings for Santa Claus on Dec. 5, and rejoiced in his gifts. For it was the feast of St. Nicholas, alias Santa Claus. He has nothing whatever to do with Christmas, and his visit then is an Anglo-Saxon anachronism, which came from America fifty years ago. As their patron saint, children were taught to look to Nicholas for care and protection. To show the reality of his love for boys and girls, parents related that on his eve he went up and down the earth rewarding the good with presents, as he had in his life secretly thrown purses of gold into the rooms of poor maidens through the window. Children were taught to hang up their stockings which parents acting as the saint's deputies filled with sweets, apples, nuts and toys. In England the custom was abolished with the worship of saints at the Reformation, and was re-established in the American guise of Father Christmas in the middle of last century.

But in Holland Santa Claus makes his visit on the right day, Dec. 5. Instead of stockings, the Dutch children place their shoes, with straw in them for the donkey on which Nicholas rides, in front of the fireplace. In the morning good children find presents there, but the shoes of the naughty contain only a birch. The custom is the same in France. In southern Austria, a young man, arrayed as St. Nicholas, in episcopal robes, visits each house and examines the children in their catechism. To those who answer well the saint's attendant angels give fruit and sweets, while demons are admitted to terrify the careless. On going to bed the children place baskets or dishes on the window sill for his future gifts. Catholic Germany furnishes the transition between the origin of Nicholas and modern Santa Claus. Arrayed as Father Christmas, he visits each home and questions the children as to their past conduct. For the good there are cakes and fruit, and for all a lecture. He then asks what presents they would like the Christ-child to bring at Christmas.—London Daily Chronicle.

FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Appropriate Decorations Add to the Zest and Gayety of the Yuletide Festivities.

IF SANTA CLAUS is to be present at the Christmas party supper—and of course he should be invited—he may appear in an automobile, but in order to be quite orthodox he should be driving his eight reindeer through the snow; and therefore the hostess should use a strip of snowy cotton wool plentifully sprinkled with frost for the table center. Purchase a somewhat large Santa Claus; he will be most effective dressed in a brown cloak with scarlet hood and cap. A fancy basket in the form of a wheelbarrow or chariot will answer the purpose for his sleigh, and should be loaded with presents of all kinds. The reindeer, which can be filled with sweets, may be harnessed to the sleigh with scarlet ribbons on which have been sewn a number of tiny bells.

At intervals down the table place boxes of bonbons in the form of Yule logs, with garlands of berried holly and mistletoe arranged from log to log, the menus to be in banner form, each one being held by a miniature Father Christmas.

A Cinderella scheme for the supper table is pretty. For the center purchase from your florist the wire frame of a coach. Cover it thinly with moss, binding it on with hemp; then cover it with scarlet geraniums, attaching the blossoms to the coach with fine silver wire; harness two milk-white toy horses to it with ribbons to match the geraniums. A smart little coachman and footman must be placed on their respective places, and a doll to represent Cinderella dressed for the ball should be sitting inside. Appropriate presents to be placed for the children would consist of a slipper filled with sweeties for each little boy, and a doll dressed as a fairy in white gauze spotted with silver stars, holding a tiny wand, would delight the heart of each little girl.

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SLEEVE STYLES ARE VARIED

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Sleeves are not the least important part of the autumn mode. The long sleeve has the most prominent place and is of a variety of types.

Frocks made of soft materials prefer to have their sleeves tight over the arm even though they are kimono cut and loose over the shoulder.

In the heavy materials the sleeves are very often wide as well as long. A great favorite with the mode is the seven-eighths sleeve. This sleeve is frequently bell shaped and embroidered or trimmed with fur at the lower edge.

In many of the smartest evening gowns, sleeves are conspicuous by their absence. In others, there are little fitted caps at the top of the arm.

Evening gowns for restaurant wear choose long, loose, lace sleeves, which are often very elaborately trimmed with metal embroidery.

NOT OLD BOY'S LUCKY DAY

At That, It Must Be Admitted He Got Out of Tight Situation Rather Neatly.

He was the picture of sedate middle age, from the broad-toed shoes to the pincenes suspended by a broad black ribbon.

He gazed long and longingly at the portrait of a maiden in rather skimpy attire which adorned the lobby of a theater.

He entered the lobby. He came out again. He was met by an equally sedate middle-aged woman.

"What are you doing in there?" she demanded.

"Why, my dear, I thought it was the entrance to the bird store, but hurried out as soon as I discovered my mistake," was his rather halting reply.

As they started away, the man drew something from his pocket and dropped it surreptitiously to the sidewalk.

A newsboy quickly picked it up. "Gee," he muttered, "a orchestry seat to the burles." The sedate gentleman and his wife strolled on.

Cash Ran Out.
"How long did your honeymoon last?"
"Why, just like the other moon, it faded away with the last quarter."

GRANDMOTHER NOT SO SLOW

Possibly Less "Flip" Than the Maidens of Today, but She Seemed to Get There.

Grandma disdained the first aids to beauty—powder, rouge, eyebrow pencil and eyelash lotion.

She acknowledged before the world that she had ears. She exposed them to view.

She attended church regularly. She knew nothing of theaters, movies and chewing gum.

She danced the minuet with men she knew. She would have been horrified with the primrose dance, the hula and the shimmy.

She wore high necks and long sleeves, both trimmed with lace. She would have considered the smash and shoulder strap of today indecent.

Her skirt was very long and her toes peeped in and out like tiny mice, we are told. She would have been scandalized by the knee-length skirt, the sheer hose and the low shoes of the present mode.

She gave no thought of career, the vote or the great question of the day. And yet— She knew what to do when grandfather came along.—Judge.

Going Right Through.

Katherine—"Is he making money as a surgeon?" Kidder—"Yes, he's rapidly carving his way to fortune."

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...Letters to Santa Claus...

Written by Our Little Folks

Floyd, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Santa Claus—Will you please bring me a doll and an aluminum set of dishes and a kupid doll? Yours truly,
Leona Jones.

Floyd, N. M., Nov. 30
Dear Santa—Please send me a little Scout single shot rifle with a box of twenty-two short cartridges and a doll for my little sister and a little rocking horse and a saddle with it. I am in the fifth grade and am nine years old. Lovingly yours,
Ezra Russell.

Floyd N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Clau—I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I live three miles from Floyd and I am twelve years old. I want you to bring me a sleeping doll. Your friend,
Ella Mae Whorton.

Floyd, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Clause—I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. Please send me a bugle and some candy and oranges, and a bicycle and a ball. Your friend
Daniel Jay.

Floyd N. M., Dec. 2.
Dear Santa—I will write you a letter and tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. I want a bicycle and candy, nuts and all the other things you want to. Yours truly,
Robert Armetagl

Floyd, N. M., Nov. 30.
Santa Clause— I will write a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. Now I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a doll, a set of dishes, a pair of shoes and nuts and candy. Your friend,
Ulta Upton.

Floyd, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa—I want you to bring me a big doll and a set of dishes

and a lot of toy things. And I want a Keupie and some other things. Well Santa, I live in the Floyd community.
Mary Kathryn Sanders.

Floyd, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Claus— I live six miles from Floyd. I am ten years old. I am going to write you to come to our Christmas tree. We will have a program. I want for Christmas: A box of stationary, Keupie doll, hair ribbon and a fountain pen. Your loving friend,
Dovie Anderson.

Floyd, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 12 years old. I want a big sleepy doll, a little bed, stove and some dishes, and some nuts, oranges and candy for Christmas. Your friend,
Jewel Upton.

Floyd, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Clau—Will you please come to my Christmas, and when you come please bring me a doll and bring my mama a ring with blue and red sets. Bring papa a watch and sister a sleepy doll. My dear Santa, I hope you have a good time Christmas. I am ten years old. Lovingly,
Etta Grace Rea.

Rt. 1, Portales, N. M., Dec. 9.
Dear Sant Claus— Please bring me a target and two boxes of shels. Your friend,
G. A. Chumbley.

Rt. 1, Portales, N. M., Dec 9.
Dear Santa Claus— Please be sure and bring me a box of toy soldiers, a paint book and a little horse and a wagon. Also a toy tractor with plows and some mechanical toys. That is all I want this time. Your little friend,
Coke Chumbley.

Portales, N. M., Dec. 9.
Dear Santa—Please be sure and

bring me an air gun that shoots a stopper, but makes lots of noise, some candy and an apple. This is all I want this time. Your friend,
Henry Taylor.

Portales, N. M., Dec. 9.
Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a bicycle, a Kupy doll and a story book. Some candy and a sleeping doll, nuts oranges and a tea set. Dear Santa, good by, love to thee,
Mary Emma Beatty.
8 years old.

Portales, N. M., Dec 9.
Dear Old Santa—Be sure to bring me a bicycle and an air gun and a box of tools and a foot ball. I want a steam engine. I am ten years old. Your friend,
Caril B. Miller.

Floyd, N. M., Dec. 12.
Dear Santa Claus—It is almost Christmas, but I think my letter will get there before you start on your trip with toys for the little girls and boys. Please bring me a sleeping doll and a little trunk and bring some candy and nuts. You can put them on the Xmas tree at Floyd Christmas night. Your little friend,
Josephine (Totsie) Anderson.

Floy, N. M., Dec. 12.
Dear Santa—I know after so many have asked you, you will come to Floyd Christmas, so I will tell you what to bring for me. I want a doll, little dishes, story book and apples and oranges. Be sure and come. With love to Santa,
Elsie Pearl Anderson.

CLUDELL, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Sant—I want a Wagon and a gun and a house with a cow in it that will squeak and a car. Your friend,
Gordon Greaves.

Claudell, N. M.
Dear Santa—I want air gun,

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Lyle Toler.

Claudell, Nov. 30. 1919.
Dear Santa.—I want gun and a wagon and a horse and a saddle and a pocket knife and a bridle and a car and some nuts and some apples and some candy and some crackers.
Joe Lewis Powell.

Elida, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Santa—Please bring me a sleepy doll with curly hair, a set of dishes and a cradle. I will leave you some pie and cake on the dinning table.
Ruth Miller.

Portales, Dec. 7.
Dear Santa.—Will you please bring me a deck of dominoes and a box of Jack straws. I live five miles east of Floyd, and be sure and get there. From your friend,
Jess Jay.

Claudell, Nov. 30.
Dera Santa.—I want a cork gun.
Glen Herbert.

Upton, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a story book, some nuts, apples and orange. Your friend,
Lois Eoff.

Claudell, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Claus—I want a watch and a chain and a train and a bicycle and a knife and candy and nuts. From,
Jo Taylor.

Elida, N. M., Nov 30.
Dear Santa—I would like you to have a pair of spurs and a wagon. Santa please get them if you can. I wish you to have a good time coming Christmas.
Ensil Herbert.

Claudell, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa—I want a big doll and a buggy and a bed, some candy, some apples, fringes roek pack beads, ribbon for my doll dresses, a rock horse, some dishes for my doll, a track for my doll.
Pauline Manis.

Elida, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Clause—I have gotten your letter asking me what I wanted for Christmas, so I am answering. I want a saddle, a pocket knife, a watch, and lots of candy, nuts, oranges, apples and bananas. From a good boy,
John Armstrong.

Claudell, N. M., Nov 30.
Dear Santa—I want a story book a pocket knife, a base ball, a whistle, a saddle, a pony and apples and oranges. From
Joe Manis.

Claudell, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Old Santa—I want a big doll about 2 feet and a doll buggy and some doll dresses, a doll bed and some candy, a doll 15 inches tall, a rule 12 inches long, cracker pack and some doll dishes. Your friend,
Ethel Manis.

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On Saturday a deal was closed by J. G. Greaves, brother, Sam A. Amarillo, Tex., the Portales plant, business will. It has long of the Portales that if the two consolidated the give a liberal With this issue one. The title of Valley News was ed, and every given to make Portales, Port and Roosevelt be published newspaper for ple and will gi square deal, whether they on issues that now or in the The owners are both practical men, the editorial, you have to judge within weeks. Sam A. charge of the department, and in the best country is at In equipment a plant second Eastern New job in the print large or too small invite your business operation.

TO MY FRIENDS

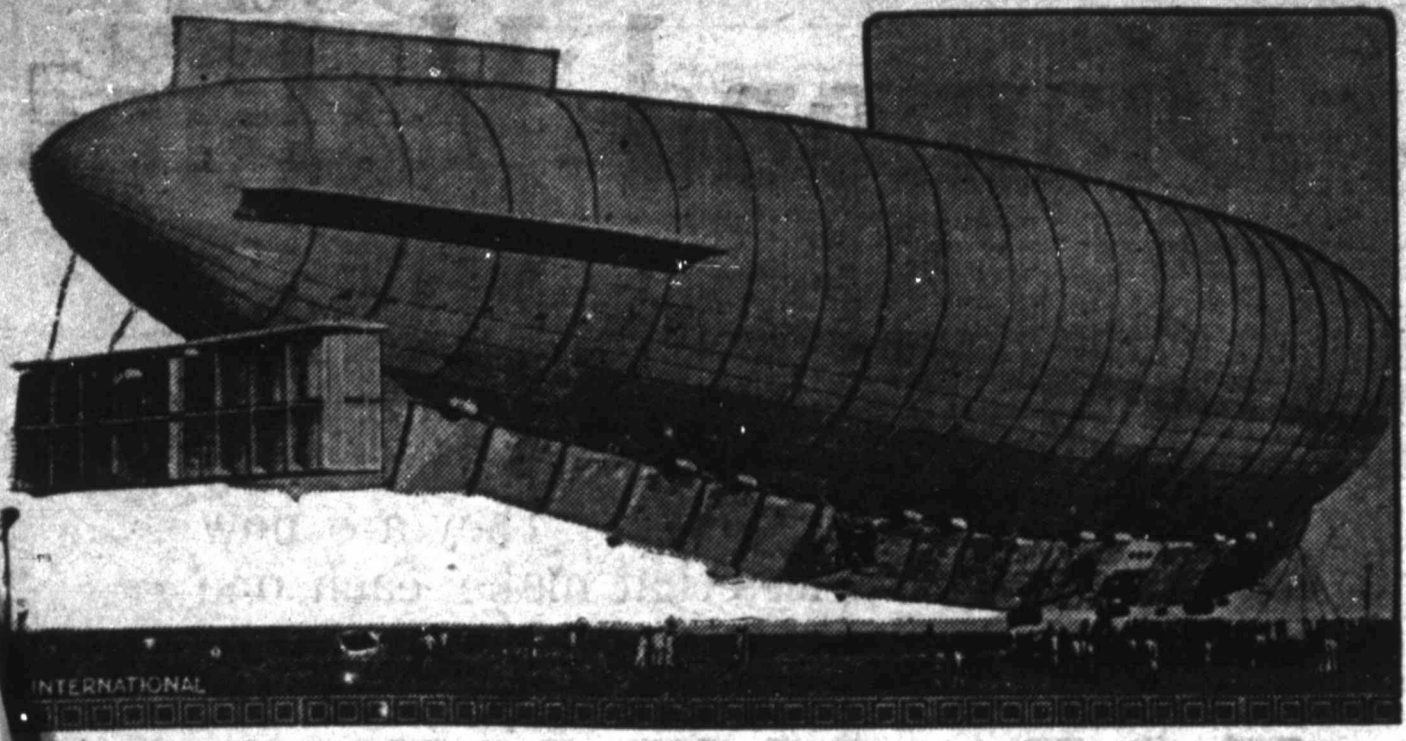
Last Saturday summed whereby of Humeston, Iowa, tales Valley News Greaves of the and Sam A. Greaves and the two consolidated with Greaves brotherly men and we believe the people of the paper they have and one that will ronage of everyone I also wish to of the News for during the past in which I have assure you that patronage has I don't know will do in the ever that may remember kindly Portales and the Since J. E.

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Italian Airship Which America May Get



giant Italian airship Roma, recently completed, which has been sold to the United States government, according to a report from London. The Roma is here shown starting out for a trial flight.

No Lawyers or Crime In Town

For Years There Has Been No Cause to Have the Law on a Soul in Eudora, Kan.

COLONIZED BY CHICAGOANS

Only Once Has Crime Raised Its Hydra Head and That Was When a Bandit Robbed Bank Twice in One Month.

Eudora, Kan.—In the line of model law abiding localities, Sir Thomas More wrote a piece about a place he called Utopia. Although Sir Thomas failed to say so in so many words, he may be quoted as asserting in effect that "Good morning, judge," was a remark one never would hear in Utopia. Utopia, however, exists only in imagination. Eudora, now—it's in Kansas.

For the last two years at least there has been no call to have the law on a soul in Eudora. It was at that time that the last of Eudora's police judges passed out of office and the office passed out with him. Since even longer ago what once was the lockup has been simply the basement of the city hall, no more, no less. And that strong arm of the law, the city marshal, today would be a mere figurehead did he not unite in his person the additional functions of street commissioner and grave digger.

Back in 1857 Eudora was colonized by people from Chicago, the Kansas City Star says. But before long, like the colonies of ancient Greece, she cast off the yoke of the mother city and now they have not even a police court in common. The town took its name from the lithesome daughter of an Indian chieftain of the friendly Shawnee tribe. There may have been some thought that the honor should go to the chief himself, but his name was Paschal Fish, and Eudorans, ever considerate of the future, hesitated to fasten on posterity such a P. O. address as Fish, Kan.

The stormy days of the Civil war inflicted no more on Eudora than an attack of nervous prostration when Quantrell passed within three miles on his way to Lawrence. But true peace did not begin to settle on Eudora until Kansas went "dry."

Discouraging for Lawyers. About twenty years ago there were two lawyers in town, and when they

died they left no successors. It had become evident that Eudora was no field for legal talent. One old inhabitant thus states the present legal situation:

"There be still," he draws, "some lawyers left around these parts, but no lawyers."

In the folklore which already is beginning to surround the regime of the last police judge is this anecdote:

A culprit was haled into court on some trivial offense. "Guilty or not guilty?" asked the judge—then before the prisoner could answer—"You must be guilty. If you were not guilty they wouldn't be bringing you in here."

Only once has crime reared its hydra head and looked really nasty in Eudora. That was when a 19-year-old bandit robbed the Eudora State bank twice in a month, shot a policeman and put a bullet in the jaw of Fred Starr, cashier and present mayor. They still live on that excitement of 1909, back in Eudora, and they declare it'll last 'em.

Since then there hasn't been a thing.

unless you count the time a negro whipped out a knife and slashed a new suit of store clothes which John Paxton had just put on.

Yet it's Lively Withal. Don't believe for a moment that all that rectitude means Eudora isn't modern. It's a thriving little city of 650 inhabitants and they rate a per capita wealth of \$864, according to bank deposits.

Eudora is not a candle light village. There's electric lighting, twenty-four hours of it to the day. And you should see Main street of a Saturday night, when the movies are open. Motor cars (almost every Eudoran has one or two) are lined up several deep along the curb.

But the most recent innovation is the paving just voted in by the council. Three miles of the city's streets are to be treated to an asphalt surface and no more will the dust whirl in over Ed Pilla's dry goods stock or car springs be jeopardized. But most of all, has the paving come as a boon to Herb Landon, street commissioner. Herb, it has been mentioned, also is city marshal and grave digger. Baffled as he was in those two branches of his career Herb has turned the forces of his pent up energy and enthusiasm into the street making job.

Such is the town of Eudora, which long ago passed out of the class which is designated as "one horse."

WILL USE NO MONEY

Big Eastern Concern Plans Innovation in Business.

Will Use Checks and Trade Acceptances to Make Payments of All Kinds.

Rochester, N. Y.—A large business house having headquarters in this city has undertaken to conduct its affairs entirely without the use of money. Instead of currency, it intends to use checks, trade acceptances and travel checks to make payments of every kind, including its pay roll. As the concern deals with more than 800,000 individual customers, the result of the experiment will be watched with interest.

The company's reason for adopting this method is given as an effort to demonstrate a means of ending the epidemic of pay-roll robberies and "to show that modern business may be conducted most efficiently without the use of 'small change,' thus leaving the nation's money where it belongs, in the banks, to serve as the basis of credit." The announcement says even car-

fare, hotel bills and railroad fares for the company's force of several hundred salesmen and other sundries are to be paid by check.

All petty items, even the one-cent postage stamp, will be paid henceforth by check, and "no currency of any amount or denomination is to be carried in any form as company property."

To meet the pay roll of its factory, the company has offered to employees either a regular pay check or the option of receiving on pay day a deposit slip, showing that his earnings for the week have been deposited to his credit in a local bank. This plan is expected by the house to prove popular with the thrifty class of employees and to increase the volume of bank deposits. Executive employees who have no banking account have been advised to start one at once.

Real "Dough" is Baked. Kokomo, Ind.—Mrs. Grant Wrightman knows what it is to bake "real dough." She put a purse containing three "fives" and three "ones" in the oven for safe keeping and when she detected something burning the purse and contents had been destroyed.

WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

Yellow Fever Has Seen Its Best Days



movement to make the world safe from disease.

So great has been the progress of the fight against yellow fever that the disease is now restricted to a few seed beds, Doctor Vincent announces.

He discloses that it is more than likely that a means of identifying yellow fever has been found through the inventions and experiments of Doctor Idyoo Naguchi.

This distinguished bacteriologist, who is connected with the Rockefeller institute, has discovered a vaccine which has proved effective in protecting nonimmunes from infection.

That the 1921 campaign will be necessary is apparent. Yellow fever was prevalent at all the principal ports on the coast of Mexico this fall, and to prevent its possible spread to the United States the public health service placed quarantine restrictions against all travelers from these ports.

The maldy made its appearance in Tampico. Oil companies in the Tampico field were apprehensive of an exodus of the foreign employees that would materially reduce the oil production of the world's greatest field.

WASHINGTON.—Remarkable results attained within the last year in the world war against disease waged by the Rockefeller Foundation give definite assurance that yellow fever will be wiped from the globe and the southern part of the United States freed from malaria and hookworm, reports Dr. George E. Vincent, head of the foundation.

The greatest brains in medical science are being mobilized by the foundation in every section of the globe in preparation for next year's campaign, which, according to plans disclosed by Doctor Vincent, will be the most aggressive yet waged in the

Latest "Solution" of the Cyclops Mystery

AN EXPLANATION of the loss of the naval collier Cyclops appears in the columns of a Washington publication called the Pathfinder. The account purports to come from a reader of the paper who does not reveal the source of his information.

The Cyclops, with 298 men and a cargo of manganese ore on board, steamed out of Bridgetown, British Barbados, on March 4, 1918, bound for New York. The account states that off the Barbados at that time, headed toward the coast of the United States, was the German yacht-cruiser Waiblingen, camouflaged as a merchantman flying the American flag and displaying the name "State of Maine." This vessel was loaded with gas shells and had come from Pola, Austria, to act as mother ship of the Atlantic coast to a fleet of German submarines. The gas shells were to have been distributed to the submarines, and these craft were to have thrown the shells into American coast cities.

At midnight on March 4 the captain of the Waiblingen made out the lights of the Cyclops and managed to learn



her identity. The Waiblingen sank the Cyclops with a mine at daybreak on March 5. The Cyclops, a great, cumbersome vessel, created such disturbance on the surface as she sank that she listed the Waiblingen to her beam ends. An explosion occurred on the Waiblingen and the cargo of gas shells blew up, releasing dense clouds of poison which spread over the Caribbean sea.

The first officer of the German ship, Herbert Wichman, is said to have made his way to the coast of Texas and died in Houston, Tex., on March 20.

Program of Farmers' National Council



rates at which member banks receive money and the rates at which they loan it, to one per cent.

Payment of the war's cost by taxes on estates, incomes, excess profits, the value of land and other natural resources held for speculation and a rapidly progressive tax on all property with an exemption of \$25,000.

Repeal of the Jones shipping law, retention of American ships by the people and their operation directly by lease or charter with government regulation of ocean freights.

Government ownership of natural resources still in public ownership and development thereof for service and not for profit.

Appeal for support of this program was made by George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers' National council to the following:

J. R. Howard, president American Farm Bureau federation; S. J. Lowell, master National Grange; C. S. Barrett, president of National Farmers' union; Milo D. Campbell, president National Milk producers' association; W. L. Drummond, chairman Board International Farm congress, and O. G. Smith, president Farmers National congress.

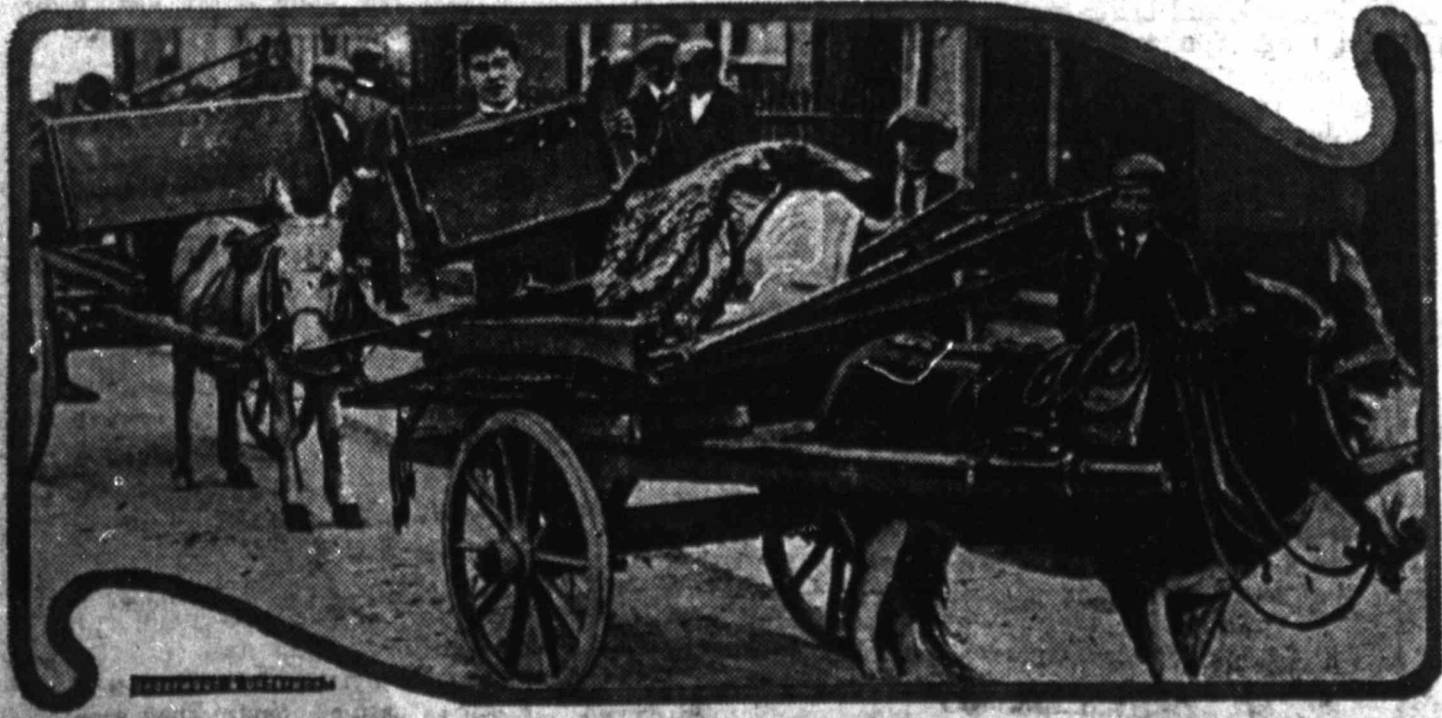
All farm organizations of the country which heretofore have not endorsed legislative plans of the Farmers' National council have been asked by the council to approve the following legislative program:

Packing house control by the government.

Restoration of the railroads to government operation and for government ownership with a majority of the board of directors to be appointed by the government representing the public.

Creation of a short-time credit system for farmers, extending and strengthening the farm land bank system and amending the federal reserve act by limiting the spread between

Irish Families Fleeing From Burning Town.



Residents of Mallow, county Cork, Ireland, fleeing with such furniture as they could save, from their town, which British troops burned and sacked in reprisal for raids by Sinn Fein sympathizers.

Benefactor Halo for King Charles II?

TRAVELERS returned from western Canada bring cheering news to the thirsty souls who have been depressed by the recent press dispatches from that part of the neighboring dominion to the effect that the American drought was in danger of spreading to that area. These press dispatches told of various forms of prohibition measures being voted on in the Northwest.

According to these travelers, western Canada, from Hudson bay to Vancouver, will remain wet for a long time to come, 98 years and 10 months, to be exact.

This situation is due to a charter granted the Hudson's Bay company by Charles II in 1670. This charter not only gave to the gentlemen adventurers securing it the right to barter for furs and skins in the wilderness, but also bestowed on them the power to distill and dispense strong waters on the premises of their trading posts for all the years the charter ran. This charter was recently extended some years by the king of England, and can-



not be canceled, annulled or even curtailed until 1668, the returned travelers declare, while being interviewed.

The question, as a result of the recent prohibition elections in several of the provinces of western Canada, will be decided in the highest courts.

The "returned travelers" have got at least one thing wrong. In 1670, just 200 years after the granting of the charter, Canada took over the vested rights of the "H. B. C." and it became a simple trading company by imperial decree. The company now does a real estate and mail order business.

GRAIN GRADING AND MARKETING

Columbia University Added to Number of Colleges Giving Course of Instruction.

OTHER INSTITUTIONS AIDING

United States Department of Agriculture is Preparing Sets of Trays Illustrating Various Grading Factors.

Columbia university has recently been added to the number of colleges giving instruction in grain grading and marketing. The United States Department of Agriculture, charged with the administration of the grain standards act, is keenly interested in having such instruction made a part of college curricula, particularly of agricultural colleges, and today there are 20 colleges where students study grain handling.

Columbia University Helping. At New York city the local federal grain supervision office is giving active assistance to Columbia university in outlining and presenting the grain grading course to be given, and similar help is being accorded other colleges by federal grain supervision officials located in 33 districts throughout the United States. The department is also preparing sets of eight type trays illustrating the various grading factors of shelled corn, wheat, and oats, to be sent to colleges teaching grain grading under federal standards.

Last fall a conference of teachers of farm crops in a number of agricultural colleges with federal grain supervision officials was held at Chicago, where the entire grain situation was discussed with a view of equipping the instructors with information that would enable them to formulate courses of study in grain grading and marketing. Every phase of the grain trade was covered and a report of the conference prepared for distribution among the various colleges interested.

Grading Demonstrations. Grain grading demonstrations covering a period of from one to twelve days have been given by United States Department of Agriculture experts before students of agricultural colleges in 17 states. The department is prepared to assist colleges in every possible way in furnishing them with authoritative information regarding the objects of the grain standards act and the practical application of its provisions.

ERADICATION OF COCKLEBUR

Plant is Double-Barreled Gun Affair, Carrying Two Seeds—Circular Tells How to Kill It.

In eradicating the cocklebur, remember that it carries a double-barreled gun. Every bur carries two seeds, only one of which sprouts the first year. Even when the product of that seed has been killed the other will be in shape to make trouble the next season. The United States Department of Agriculture has a circular on the cocklebur—how to get rid of it.

MONEY IN MUSKRAT FARMING

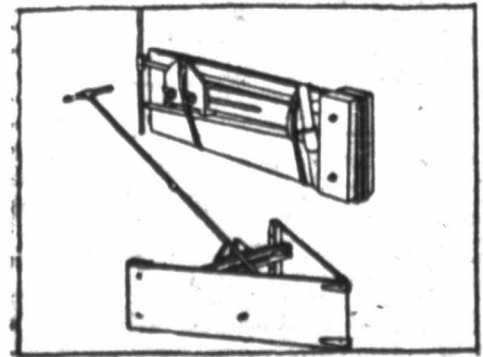
Formerly Worthless Maryland Marshland Increased in Value to \$30 and \$40 an Acre.

Muskrat farming has given formerly worthless Maryland marsh land a value of \$30 to \$40 an acre, the United States Department of Agriculture finds. States Department of Agriculture finds. In addition to the hides the carcasses are sold at 25 to 30 cents a piece for meat. They are considered a delicacy in some hotels.

SNOWPLOW IS COLLAPSIBLE

Simple and Inexpensive Contraption May Be Folded Up and Carried From Place to Place.

The Scientific American, in illustrating and describing a snowplow, the



The Device Folded, and Open for Use. Invention of V. W. Mason of Bridgeport, Conn., says:

The object of the invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive and collapsible plow, which when folded may be easily carried from place to place.

WOOD CUTTING GOOD JOB DURING WINTER

Work Does Not Interfere With Regular Field Crops.

Logs Cut in Cold Weather Season Are Not Subject to Rapid Drying—Farmers May Profitably Turn to Some Sawmilling.

Farmers, as a rule, have too much to do at certain times of the year and not enough at others. Many farms are unprofitable because their owners have little or nothing planned for winter. Wood-cutting can be done at any time, but cool weather favors the rate of production, and in the winter the work does not conflict with that on regular field crops. If cut in winter logs are not subject to rapid drying.



Cutting Wood for Fuel by Use of Gasoline Engine.

nor to checking at the ends of the logs, which often occurs in summer-cut logs and apparently reduces their sale value.

Because of injury resulting from the southern pine bark beetle in the hot season, it is practically necessary to cut pine in the fall and winter months. Damage and loss in summer often come from wood-rotting fungi, including the "bluing" and other staining of wood. For these reasons a good many farmers turn profitably to logging and sawmilling for a few fall or winter months each year. Nearly every kind of wood product can be satisfactorily handled in winter, according to the forest service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

MALE BIRD MARKINGS

1. He should possess the characteristics and markings of the breed and variety of which he is a member.
2. Strong vitality.
3. Active movement.
4. Good health as indicated by ruddy combs and wattles. (It is not advisable to use a bird for breeding which has ever had a disease even if there are no indications of it at present.)
5. No marks of effeminacy. Crow should be strong and clear.
6. Remember the foundation of success in the breeding of poultry is the correct matings of the breeding pens.—B. W. Fairbanks of the Colorado Agricultural College.

Superior Weeders.

If you want a bunch of weeders for next summer, buy a couple of ewes and breed them to a good ram.

Egg-Laying Ability.

Egg-laying ability is a strain rather than a variety characteristic.

WHEN TO SELL HIS POTATO CROP IS FARMER'S GREATEST PROBLEM

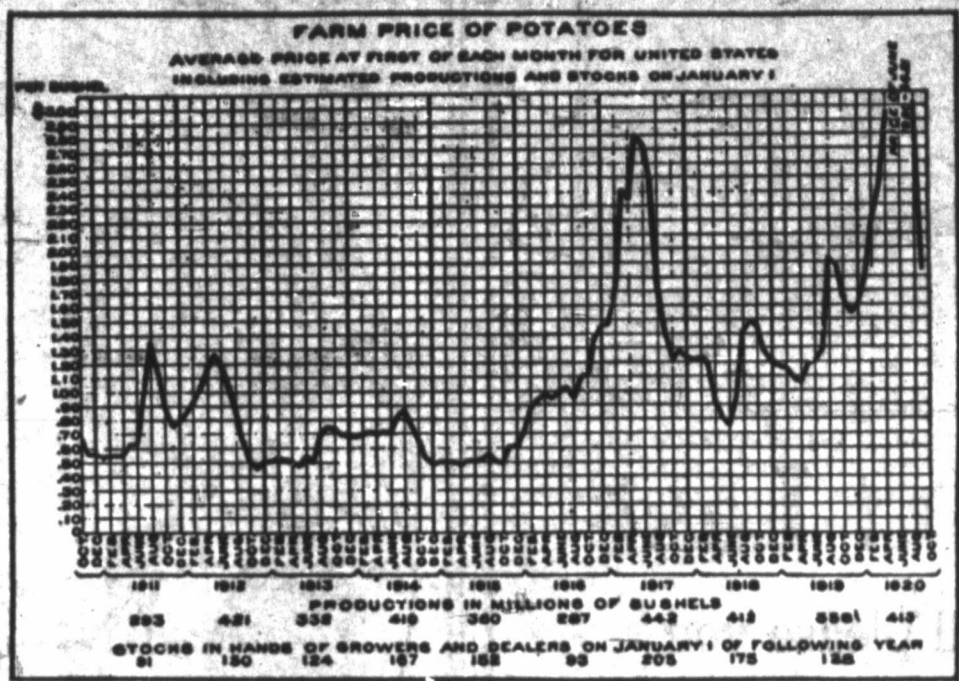


Diagram Showing Range of Farm Prices of Potatoes by Months for Ten Years.

Whether to dispose of his potato crop direct from the fields or to hold it for possible later increase in prices is a problem which confronts the farmer every fall. On the one hand is the buyer offering figures based on the quantity and other conditions of the market, the tightness of money, and a number of related conditions which may depress the price. On the other he is confronted with the expense of storing, the shrinkage in volume, possibility of rot and the uncertainty of the number of bushels of potatoes which will be carried over by farmers throughout the United States to be thrown into the market during the winter.

It is a problem that has to be decided, because the crop is there. It is a problem that the farmer must decide for himself.

Lowest in October.

Prices naturally are lowest in October, when the crop is just out of the ground. A study recently made by the bureau of markets of the United States Department of Agriculture, covering the last ten years, shows that the average price rises very slightly until the 1st of January, and then more rapidly until the 1st of March, another sharp advance taking place between April planting season and June.

These are only averages, however, and may be varied by many conditions which the farmer has to study largely for himself. Reasoning about future prices is unusually difficult at the present time.

A study of the general tendencies of the market, whether up or down, must be based on facts pertaining to the country as a whole. The supply may be less than usual in a certain county, but if the total crop is large the size of this total crop will have a tendency to lower prices even in this country of short production. Prices in that county may be high, but they will not be so high as they would have been if the total production of the country had not been so large. That is, the conclusions drawn from the broad and general information may be modified by local conditions in each section, but it remains true that each of these sections will be influenced by the up and down tendencies which move over the country as a whole. A grower should know the general situation in order to make proper allowances for local conditions, and he should not only study the potato market but should consider the size of the sweet potato and other food crops which may influence the demand and consumption of white potatoes. He must watch, too, the trend of general prices, especially food prices. If general prices should fall decidedly then the price of potatoes might be carried lower than the year's production would warrant.

The accompanying chart shows the farm prices of potatoes, averaged for all sections of the country on the 1st of each month from October, 1910, to September, 1920. In this table a com-

parison of the December and the following March prices show that in 1917 and 1918 the March prices were lower than the December prices, and in 1912 and 1914 they were slightly higher, although, allowing for shrinkage and other losses of storage, they really yielded a smaller return. That is, in all years having a production of more than 400,000,000 bushels, the March price was either lower than the December price, or the increase was negligible. When the production has been less than 375,000,000 bushels, the price has tended to increase as the season advances. The farmer may judge for himself whether the same factors will apply to the present year's crop, which is estimated at 413,000,000 bushels by the bureau of crop estimates, and he may apply his own conclusions in deciding when to sell his potatoes.

In comparing the prices of one year with those of another, allowance must be made for the rapid decrease during the last few years in the purchasing power of the dollar. For instance, \$1.81 per bushel in 1919 and 80 cents per bushel in 1911 does not mean that potatoes were twice as valuable at the later date. The increase in price may have had nothing to do with the potato business. It may have come from the general rise which increased the price of wheat, clothing and machinery as well as potatoes. The effects of the general increase in prices must be eliminated from the calculation.

Potato Exports Small. Before attempting to analyze the relations between the figures of production and stocks on the one hand and prices on the other, it should be mentioned that potatoes are not exported to any great extent, seldom more than 1 per cent of the crop being carried out of the country. Neither are potatoes carried over from one season to another, as is the case with some crops. That is, the potato crop is practically all consumed in this country and each season's crop is a separate problem in itself.

This is one of the large potato crop years, and the way in which the question of time of marketing is settled by the individual farmer means an immense sum of money in the gross returns from one of the nation's leading crops. The wise grower will study every phase of conditions, and will utilize the aids which are furnished by the crop and market reports of the United States Department of Agriculture.

IMPLEMENT SHED IS NEEDED

Depreciation on Machinery Exposed to Weather Would Pay for Shelter in Short Time.

There is enough machinery on every farm to justify a good implement shed. If the depreciation on machinery caused by exposure to weather could be saved it would pay for an implement shed in one or two years.

Avoid Moldy Food.

Sour and moldy food should never be fed to chickens. The health of your poultry is worth more than the saving on the cost of feed.

Let Leaves Lie.

The leaves which fall on the lawn late in the fall will do no harm if left there until spring.

Roughage for Cow.

Feed the cow all the roughage she will eat up clean.

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The purpose of this service is to provide a well-trained and neutral inspector who will certify the quality and condition of various perishables upon their arrival in the market. Such certificates are received in the federal courts as prima facie evidence of qual-

ity and condition at the time of arrival in the market.

The value of the service has been to bring about a settlement of claims against railroads and as a basis of arbitration where dissatisfaction arises between shipper and receiver. It protects the shipper who is trading at long-distance from unscrupulous dealers, and it also furnishes a protection to honest dealers against the possibility of being considered unscrupulous.

These inspections are made on request and there is a nominal charge of \$4 a car for the service.



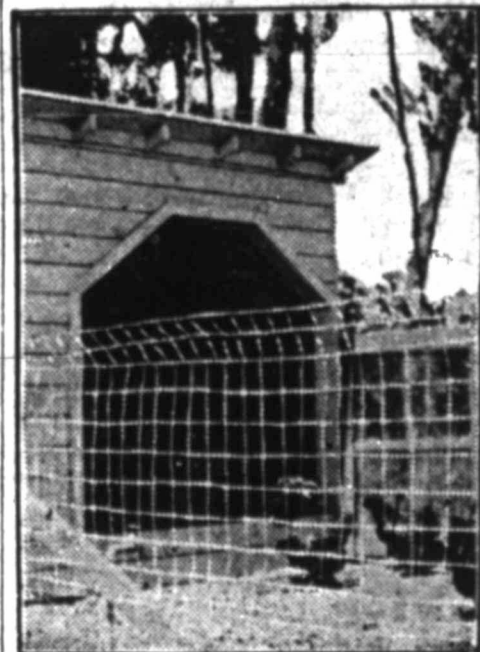
FENCES USED FOR CHICKENS

Cost of Equipment, Labor and Maintenance is Increased Where Yards Are Divided.

Fences dividing the land used for poultry into yards increase the cost of equipment, labor and maintenance. There should be as few fences as possible, as land can be cultivated and kept sweet more easily if not fenced. The value, too, of fresh, sweet land for poultry can hardly be overestimated. A grass sward can be maintained on good soil by allowing 200 to 250 square feet of land per bird (217 or 174 birds to the acre), while more space is necessary on poor or light land. A larger number of fowls are usually kept to the acre where double yards are used, and the land is frequently cultivated.

Plymouth Rocks and the heavy meat birds in small yards require fences five to six feet high, while a fence six to seven feet high is necessary for Leghorns, say poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. The upper two feet of the fence for the latter may be inclined inward at an angle of 90 degrees, or a strand or two of barbed wire may be used on top of the regular wire to help keep them confined, while it is sometimes necessary to clip the flight feathers of one wing of those birds that persist in getting out. It is not advisable to use a board or strip along the top of the fence, as hens will often fly over one so constructed.

Posts may be set or driven into the ground. They should be set eight to ten feet apart for common poultry netting, or 16 to 20 feet for woven wire. Corner posts should be about eight inches in diameter and be set four feet in the ground, while intervening posts may be four or five inches in diameter and set three feet in the ground. Much



Difficult to Keep Yards Clean Where Fences Are Used.

lighter posts driven into the ground may be used for temporary fences. That part of the post set in the ground may be charred or treated with some wood preservative to advantage, while corner posts should be firmly braced or set in cement.

NO CURE FOR FOWL CHOLERA

Afflicted Birds Should Be Killed by Dislocating Necks and Carcasses Burned.

Poultry experts at Iowa State college are warning poultry keepers against fowl cholera which is a very contagious disease of hens often proving fatal without any previous indications of trouble. Indications include a slow movement of the animal, a tendency to crouch and ruffle the feathers, and yellow or bright green stools. Examination of the dead bird shows a congestion of the blood vessels in the liver, kidneys and intestines.

It is useless to treat sick birds. All that show symptoms should be killed by dislocating their necks. Burn the body with oil and bury at least three feet deep all dead birds and all excreta. Place one 7.5 grain bichloride of mercury tablet in a gallon of drinking water in a nonmetal container or use a 30-gallon sodium sulphocarbonate tablet in every gallon of drinking water.

PREFER TO REMAIN OUTDOORS

There is Nothing to Worry About if Turkeys, Geese and Ducks Prefer Open Air.

Don't worry if turkeys, ducks and geese prefer to stay outdoors until snow comes, for they are often healthier if allowed to live in the open as nature intended they should. The greatest danger is from thieves and prowling animals.

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Dear Santa—I will tell you what I want. I want a fountain pen, I want some gun caps that will be all that I want this Christmas. Your friend,
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Portales, N. M., Dec. 6.
Dear Old Santa Claus—Please bring me a big doll and an apple and some candy. Your little friend,
Bessie Taylor.

Portales, N. M., Dec. 9.
Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a kiddy car and a stove, some good china dishes and some poster paper. Your little friend,
Hazel Galloway.

P. S. I forgot to tell you to bring me some candy and a little bell.
H. G.

Portales, N. M., Dec. 9.
Dear Old Santa—Please be sure to bring me a little wagon and a big box of candy, a toy train that can run and has lights and a toy clock. That is all. Your little friend,
John V. Miller.

Claudell, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Santa—I want a pocket knife, flash light, and watch. Lots of candy, nuts, bannans and oranges.
Lord Manis.

Claudell, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Santa—I want a bicycle and a watch and some other presents and lots of candy and bananas and nuts and apples, and a box of cracker jack.
Your friend
Charles Myers.

Elida, N. M., Nov. 7.
Dear Santa Claus—I want a big doll with sleeping eyes and about 20 inches high. I want lots of candy and nuts and some apples and oranges and 1 or 2 bananas, and I want some figs too. I

Elida, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Santa—I received your letter asking me what I wanted for Christmas.
I would like to have a pocket dictionary, a physiology, story book and some pocket handkerchiefs, also nuts candy, oranges and apples. From,
Hearst Paxton.

Claudell, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Santa Clause—I want a pocket knife and a watch and some candy, popcorn, nuts, apples and oranges. From a good boy.
Elbert Manis.

Elida, N. M., Dec. 7.
Dear Santa—I want a doll and a buggy, and a story book, a set of oddishes and some oranges and a box of handkerchiefs and a box of candy
Clara Powell

Richland, N. M., Dec. 12.
Dear Santa Claus—I want you to come to our tree on Xmas Eve. I have a donkey, I want you to bring me a bridle and saddle, and a little red wagon. Good bye Santa.
Leon Slaten.

Richland, N. M., Nov. 30.
Dear Santa Clause—You are invited to come to our Christmas tree. I am just twelve years old in the fifth grade. I am hoping to have a good Christmas. I hope he will bring me about a dozen marbles to play with here at Center school. I will close for this time.
Lamie Beeman.

Portales, Dec. 12, 1920
Dear Santa Claus—I want a pretty sleeping doll that has hair and a little stove and a cabinet and some candy and some apples and an orange and some nuts and I want some chewing gum, and I want some bannans, and

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some cracker jacks and I do want to tell you what kind of suit this doll has on. It has a blue Eskimo suit on.
Wildred Stinnett.
I am seven years old.

Dear Santa Claus—
I am writing you a letter to let you know what I wish for Christmas. If you have room on your sleigh I wish you would bring me a china doll and a doll buggy and a dinner set and a big nice rocky horse, if you please.
Yours truly
Hazel Criswell.

I want a long cap for Christmas I want a sweater for Christmas I want a doll bo ribbon for Christmas, I want a par of pink stockings for Christmas I want a par of shouse for Christmas.
Liddie L. e.

Elida, N. M., Dec. 9, 1920.
A doll buggy and three sleepy dolls and some candy and some oranges and some bananas.
Eloise McCable.

Floyd, N. M., Dec. 6.
Dear Santa Claus—I want you to bring me a Kewpie doll, a hair ribbon and a fountain pen for Christmas. Yours truly,
Beatrice McAlester.

Floyd, N. M., Dec. 6.
Dear Santa—I will be very glad if you will bring me, a fountain pen, Anythist birthstone ring No. 6, 3 silk handkerchiefs, a map game, a hair ribbon. I will appreciate them very much.
Thelma Compton.

Floyd, N. M., Dec. 6.
Dear Santa—I will drop you a few lines to let you no what I want for Xmas. I would like to have a Kewpie doll twelve inches high and also a fountain pen and a good book.
Willie Tenell.

Floyd, N. M., Dec. 7.
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candy, apples, gloves, leggins, and some caps for my little gun. If you please bring me a fountain pen and a skull cap. Don't forget Santa what I want. Your friend,
Beth Gregory.

—With this issue we will close the Santa Clause letters as Santa has notified us that he will be on his rpute by the next issue and will not be able to receive his paper in time to look after them.

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PROPER GRADING AND BALING OF HAY DEMANDED BY CITY MARKETS



On the First Leg of His Trip to City Market.

This is the season of the year when farmers are sending their hay to the city markets.

In the face of a marvelous increase in motor-propelled vehicles which eat only gasoline, it is worthy of note that the production and consumption of hay in the United States has increased steadily year by year, reaching its highest point in history in 1919. This year's yield will be only slightly less.

At the same time, the marketing of hay has become a more particular undertaking. Formerly nearly all hay was sold within 80 miles of the place where it was grown. Now a large part of it is shipped by rail and some exported.

Two Kinds of Markets.

Market hay may be divided into two general classes: City market hay and local, or country, market hay. The line of distinction between the two classes is not always distinctly drawn, but it may be said that the demand in regard to quality and better grades is more rigid in the city than on the local market. It requires a better quality of hay to grade as No. 1 on the city market than on the local market.

Compared with marketing hay in the city, disposing of it in the country is a comparatively simple matter. On the local market the producer usually comes in direct contact with the consumer and hay is not sold according to its official grade but on its merit. It is designated as "choice," "good bright hay," "fair," "medium," etc. This includes all kinds of hay, and hence there is no necessity for the producer to know the commercial grades.

When hay is shipped to the city market, however, the grade given by the shipper is of the utmost importance. The prices of the different grades of hay depend, in years of normal yield, on the demand of city consumers, who may be divided into three general classes according to the kind of hay they feed. In the first class are the drivers of fancy driving and saddle horses, who feed the highest quality hay. Such horses must be kept in the best condition, and as No. 1 hay is very palatable and agrees with the horses, it is used to furnish the required bulk of the ration rather than the quality of nutritive substances it contains. High-grade hay always finds a ready sale, for the demand usually exceeds the supply.

The second class of consumers avoid extremes in both price and grade and feed the medium grades of hay. In the eastern part of the United States No. 1 and No. 2 timothy are fed in preference to the other grades and are cheaper. Consumers of this kind are beginning to use mixed (timothy and clover hay) and legume hay, especially alfalfa, in preference to unmixed grass hay.

The third class feed the lower grades, such as No. 3 timothy and "no grade." This hay is fed by many horse owners because it is cheap, and by owners of transient and sale stables who want something to fill up the

horses and are not greatly concerned with the nutritive quality of the feed. Experienced horse owners know that when poor hay is fed it requires a larger grain ration than where better grade hay is used. The quantity of poor hay in the market is much greater than that of good hay.

Hay Should Be Well Baled.

Most hay for city market nowadays is baled, and each year there is considerable loss in marketing hay on account of improper baling. The rules by which market hay is graded require that it be "sound and well baled." Properly baled hay consists of bales of uniform size, having straight edges, square ends, the proper number of wires accurately placed, and baled in such a manner as to stand handling and shipping well. Each bale should contain only one grade of hay, composed of enough folds to be torn apart easily when the wires are removed.

The size and weight of the bales are important in most markets. The producer should know the demands of the market to which his hay is to be shipped. Usually a man snips his hay into one general market where the size and weight of bale is uniform.

The small bale, up to 100 pounds, is much in demand because one man can load, unload, and deliver it. This size is popular for handling where shipments are by river boat in the South. For southern retail trade a bale not more than 70 pounds—approximately 80 to the ton—is popular. In several eastern markets the large upright bale weighing from 200 to 225 pounds is preferred.

The producer should select his best hay for the city markets, grade it carefully, bale it according to the market, and avoid shipping more than one class of hay in the same car.

PLOWING FOR BEST RESULTS

Little Subsoil Turned to Surface Occasionally Permits Elements to Act Freely.

It has been abundantly proved that it is not good to plow a field the same depth from year to year. By plowing shallow or at a uniform depth, the soil cannot become mixed well and a hard bed is formed at the bottom of the furrow, which neither air, water, nor the roots of plants will penetrate readily. A little subsoil turned to the surface occasionally allows the elements to act upon it freely, thus liberating food as it mingles with the surface soil and vegetable matter. In this way more valuable plant food and greater depth of soil is furnished the plants which grow upon it.

Material for Handles.

Handle makers, and the vehicle and agricultural implement industries, have found no substitute for high-grade hickory and ash. In the future the farm woodlot will be called on more and more to furnish this material.

CARE FOR FARM IMPLEMENTS

Moldboard and Shovels of Plow and Cultivator Should Be Treated to Coat of Grease.

The wheels of the plow and the cultivator have stopped turning and need no more oiling nor greasing this winter. But be sure that the moldboard and shovels have been treated to a coat of grease. A generous application of axle grease now will save a generous application of elbow grease next spring.

Shade in Woods Pasture.

Shade is not the only thing about a woods pasture. The hogs will skirmish around and get a large part of their food in it.

Stripping the Cow.

The longer milk remains in the udder of the cow the more it is impoverished by absorption.

Milk that sticks to the sides of a pail and becomes sour and rancid, has caused the death of many a calf.

BETTER SIRE'S CAMPAIGN

A flock of 20,000 poultry, all single-comb white leghorns and all standard bred, is one of the largest to be enrolled in the "Better Sires - Better Stock" campaign conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture and co-operating agencies to improve the average quality of domestic animals and fowls in the United States. This flock, in King county, Wash., ranks among the largest and best utility flocks in the country. The owner also reported a herd of 173 Holstein cattle and 21 Duroc-Jersey swine.

Select Best Breeders.

Men do not gather eggs from thistles, nor will the 40-egg hen produce a 200-egg daughter. Consider that before you decide that picking breeders is going to take too much time.

'STORIES from Here and There

A Furlong Ahead, But He Must Move Fast



LAPORTE, IND.—Luke Furlong was released from the county jail here after serving 21 days of 30-day sentence on a pardon granted by Governor Goodrich of Indiana. The next train carried him to Chicago.

Governor Goodrich now feels he was duped into granting the pardon by Mr. Furlong and a woman who represented herself as "Mrs. Furlong." He was moved to clemency by a letter attributed to Governor Harding of Iowa. He would like to put Mr. Furlong back in jail.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Furlong having acted as her own detective, plans to visit the police, the state's attorney and federal authorities, with a view of ascertaining whether her husband is a

bigamist, and if he has not violated the Mann act.

P. H. O'Donnell of Chicago, Mrs. Furlong's attorney, says:

"Mr. Furlong was a widower with two children when he married his present wife, Mrs. Sarah Furlong, about five years ago. They lived together for a while and then Mrs. Furlong obtained a divorce because of her husband's conduct. They were remarried about three years ago and Mr. Furlong again resumed his habit of drinking heavily.

"Recently Mrs. Furlong began to suspect things and made inquiries. She learned he had been living at the Atlantic hotel with a woman. With the couple was a son of Mr. Furlong by his first marriage, who informed Mrs. Furlong his father and the woman were married.

"While she was making further investigation Mr. Furlong's affinity succeeded in persuading Governor Goodrich to pardon him. Soon after Governor Goodrich received a letter from me and tried to revoke the pardon. Mr. Furlong had already been released and had taken a train to Chicago. The woman, we understand, followed him soon afterward."

Anyone Can Get an Education, but Love—

EVANSTON, ILL.—When Mrs. T. W. Lanier of El Paso, Tex., sent her niece, Miss Irene Flenniken, to Northwestern university three years ago last September, she gave her these instructions:

"Learn everything that will make you a good housekeeper and a good mother; get all the education a course in liberal arts affords, and keep away from young men. Time enough to think of marriage after you have your diploma."

For two years these instructions were closely followed. Then Miss Flenniken met Raymond French, son of L. W. French of Topeka, Kan. Members of the same class, they studied the romances of the classics together, under the direction of Lewis W. Webb, professor of English.

Last summer Mr. French took his senior studies in a summer course, received his diploma, and went to work in a Chicago bank. He urged Miss Flenniken to marry him at once. Two weeks ago she went to Professor Webb.

"Do you place a greater valuation



on education than on love?" she asked. "Any one can get an education, but true love comes to all too few," was his kindly answer.

Mrs. Lanier asked a friend, the Rev. E. P. Johnson of Eldorado, Ark., who was coming to Chicago, to use his influence with her niece to prevent their marriage.

But the professor's advice was too well grounded. Miss Flenniken, who would have been graduated in June, left school and she and Mr. French were married in Professor Webb's home, 1924 Sherman avenue, Evanston. And the Rev. Mr. Johnson was the pastor who performed the ceremony.

Saves the Police a Great Deal of Footwork



SAN FRANCISCO.—"Here I am. I've just been married. Now, what are you going to do about it?"

A laughing little girl looked over the desk at Capt. William Kyle in the Oakland police station. Capt. Kyle laughed back at her.

"Who are you?" he asked. "I'm Lita Poissant of Sacramento. I've been reading the papers and they say all the police in the world are looking for me. Here I am. Your troubles are over."

"Lita Poissant," Capt. Kyle dug into his memory. "Oh, yes. You ran away from home October 26 with a man named Byron O'Reilly. We've been scouring Oakland for you."

"Scouring it? Well, some places I've seen here need it. But you're all wrong. I didn't run away October 26. I left home October 18 to visit some girls here. And I didn't run away with Byron."

"And now you are married to him?" "I'll tell you I should say not. I'm Mrs. Joseph F. Marks. Here's the license. And you can call up Judge Mortimer Smith. He married us a little while ago."

"Oh, then it was Marks you ran away with?"

"Wrong again. I met Joe at the Arcadia dance hall two weeks ago. I liked the way he danced and fell in love with him. And so we were married. He's a shipworker. He comes from Ventura."

"And what became of Byron O'Reilly, that schoolmate your mother said you ran away with?"

"I don't know. One man, when I see your husband, like Joe, is enough to worry about. We are living at the Touraine hotel. Tell your police and the Sacramento police and the San Francisco police. It will save them a lot of foot work. Good night."

Farmer in Overalls and Break in Eggs

DETROIT.—G. V. Branch, director of markets, has this report to make regarding capricious tendencies of egg market in Detroit:

Lady bought four dozen from a farmer in Gratiot market. Farmer told her they were fresh from the hen. Price—90 cents a dozen.

On her own front porch she flaunted her purchase before the eyes of her neighbor.

"New laid," she boasted. "Ninety cents a dozen."

"That's nothing," said the neighbor woman. "Mine's new laid, too, and I got 'em for 75 from a real farmer with overalls on who's got a stand in Gratiot market."

Well, it didn't take the lady with the 90-cent eggs long to get back to the market after a great idea had dawned in her mind, said idea being that the man who sold eggs to her was the same one who had sold them to her neighbor at 75 cents.

She arrived at the market with her eggs, and let the entire four dozen fly



at the farmer's head. She buried them with such vigor that she lost her balance and fell into an entire crate.

After she had removed the last bit of yolk from her hair and shell from her ears she told the farmer he was profiting.

He looked at the debris (entire crate ruined) and said he had suffered enough for his offense, and would she please let things stand as they were without calling the police?

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NEW MEXICO BAPTIST
ORPHANS' HOME

(Miss Beulah M. Fonville,
Matron)

The Home was established in
May 1919, with four children
and Mrs. Mary E. Joiner as
Matron. The home was begun
in a rented house about one and
one-half blocks from the business
section of town, near the Metho-
dist church building. By the
first of October the members of
the Home had increased until it
was necessary to use the Baptist
pastorium, which the Baptist
Church of Portales graciously
lent, for the Home of the school
children under school age, with
Mrs. Lois B. Carter as Matron.
The present building for the
Home which is a mile northeast
of town was purchased in Oct.
1919, and the inmates of the
Home were transferred to it Jan.
1920, after some remodeling and
building a sleeping porch on the
East which the girls occupy and
one on the West which the boys
occupy. The present building is
formed of two sleeping porches, a
porch on front and back, a pan-
try, kitchen, dining room and
living room in one, a bath, two
bed rooms and a small room as
office and guest room; there is
about forty acres of land of the
Home. The latter part of Febru-
ary, Mrs. Mary E. Joiner was
called to her son in Dallas, Texas,
whose continued illness made it
necessary to resign her place as
matron, to the regret of those
who knew her...for to know her
was truly to realize she was a
loving and noble mother and to
love her. Miss Beulah M. Fonville
was elected to succeed her. Later
in the spring Mrs. Will Wilson
was elected assiston matron.

The purpose of the Home is to
care for destitute orphan chil-
dren and other needy children
whom the management may deem
wise to receive, to provide a com-
fortable home, to educate them
in the public schools of Portales,
install into their minds and
hearts moral and religious in-
struction, and train them as far
as possible in the various indus-
trial pursuits, teaching them to
do the work of the Home and

farm in the best way possible,
this the children enjoy fully.
Thirty splendid children are now
enjoying the privileges of this
home. Cora Elizabeth is our baby,
a girl of only six weeks, she is
growing and doing nicely, a truly
good baby. Ione is our oldest
child, 12 1/2 years of age, a lovel-
ier girl I am sure no one could
have. The other children range
in ages from 17 to 12 years;
bright, vivacious and grateful
for a real home.

I am sure each of the readers
who has not had the privilege of
a day in the Home is anxious to
know of the life as it is. Will you
come with me for a view of a
week day in the Home? At 5:50
a. m. the bell rings for rising. It
is beautiful to hear the joyful ex-
clamations, when the bell begins
to ring and hear the youngsters
bounce off the bed. It is never
necessary to do more than ring
the bell as they do not have the
habit of lingering for a
second call. The youngsters, ex-
cept the babies under two years
of age dress themselves; two of
the little boys and one little girl
have older children to direct
them in dressing. All (most al-
ways) are ready by 6:30 when
the bell rings for the children to
assemble in the dining room for
morning devotional, which ser-
vices continues for 15 minutes,
consisting of songs, scripture
verses and prayer. All children
enter enthusiastically into this
service, as much as most children
would enter into a lively ball
game. Breakfast is now ready for
serving. At 7:10 the bell rings
announcing the finishing of the
meal and in five minutes all chil-
dren are excused from the table
and a corps of sever girls and
boys are busily piling dishes, ar-
ranging water and making ready
to wash the dishes while another
corps of four of the older girls
and boys and one helper is hast-
ened to milk the cows. The dish
washers and milkers often com-
pete with each other in time and
efficiency in their work. The
milkers have two blocks to go to
do their milking but 20 minutes
is usually the time spent in milk-
ing and the return to the house,
the dish washers, as you know,

must work double quick if they
have the kitchen and dining room
fresh and all the dishes placed.
There is a joyous spirit of in-
dustry which prevades the Home
and makes it a joyous place to
live. At ten minutes to 8 o'clock
the bell rings for the youngsters
to make ready for school and at
8:05 it rings for them to start
for school. Very few times have
we had tardy children. It is a
distinct aim to teach the children
to be prompt to every duty.
When the twenty have gone to
school and the ten smaller chil-
dren are happily playing, it is
soothing to pass through the
sleeping and dressing apartments
of the girls and boys and see
their well-made beds, which are
covered with white sheets, and
their clothes all hung in place,
this being done by the children.
The children who go to school
carry their lunches. At 11 a. m.
lunch of milk and bread and a
sandwich is served to the chil-
dren who remain at home, after
which they take an hour's nap.
They know their regular place
of sleeping and no question or
delay comes in their begining
their nap. When the bell has
rung for them to rise from their
nap and they have spent a bit
of time in making themselves
fresh and in play they are served
a cookie, sandwich or fruit
and the remainingpart of the
afternoon is spent in play and
small chores they may do. About
3:30 p. m., they begin to look for
the school children, whom they
can see for a half mile away and
then comes the inquiry, "May
we go to meet the school chil-
dren?" The answer is most al-
ways in the affirmative and the
school children, when about a
block away are met by a bunch
of happy tots anxious to know of
the happenings of the day at
school.

As the older children come
from school they go to their sev-
eral duties, some to taking in the
small clothes on the line and
others to practicing their music,
some to milk, others help with
supper, using a new corpse for
supper other than breakfast,
some feed the pigs, get the coal
and kindling in. All having some
time for play and recreation be-
fore dinner hour, 5 o'clock. Din-
ner is usually over by 5:35. We
spend 30 minutes in reading or
telling stories of standard au-
thors. When story hour is over
the larger children go to their
work of cleaning dishes, studing
and practicing their music while
the smaller children make ready
for bed. The babies and smaller
children are in bed by 7 o'clock
and the older children by 8, when
the bell rings for silence throug-
out the Home.

To me the maintenance of the
Home is a wonderful investment.
The children are truly appreci-
ative. There have been twelve
who have been converted this
year, all lead in public prayer, all
are diligent about their school
work as also their home work,
very few ever "fuss;" I have my
first one to ever hear complain
of what there is to eat or wear,
there is hardly ever a disagree-
ment between the children, none
are sassy to the workers in the
Home never failing to thank God
for the same and pray His bless-
ings upon them. The Home is not
limited to children of any de-
nomination but rather to chil-
dren of the entire state, the
needy class.

This year's gifts are numerous
and varied, coming from people
of different states and from many
individuals and churches, Dis-
ciples, Methodist, Presbyterian,
Baptists, and persons who are
not church people, also commu-
nities as a whole. We thank you
most sincerely and assure you that
not one gift, great or small, has
passed unnoticed nor without
deep appreciation.

There is to be a campaign for
the Home where in our aim is
\$10,000.00. This campaign will
extend to every person of New
Mexico. The period is Dec. 19-
26th. I am sure you are convinced
that what you put into the Home
is a profitable investment, not
only is this so but it is answer-
ing the call of the needy and
supplying the cry in the heart
of the child for a home. Each
one of us have a responsibility
in this and I know we wish to
be true to it. Plan now to make

Farm Loans
NO DELAY
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tion of the same for the year of 1921. We will always
be in a position to pay you the highest market price for
your CREAM, EGGS and POULTRY.
Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy New
Year, we are
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WILL SOON BE HERE
and we invite you to call and see our line of Christmas Goods
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ment of Ivory, Cut Glass, Manicure Sets, Fancy Stationery, in
fact, most anything you could wish for a suitable Christmas
present. Call and look them over.
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OUR PRICES ARE ALWAYS RIGHT

your gift; if no special solicitor
comes to you, mail your check
to the Matron of the Home. Help
to pay the running expenses of
the Home and buy needed equip-
ment. Let us deny ourselves to-
gether and make a great home
for the children. (You may be
assured that we believe in it,
when I tell you that Mrs. Wilson
and I alone have done and di-
rected the entire work of the
place since October. We have
worked hard, but not one day's
effort or work has been other
than very fruitful and we are
only glad we have had this priv-
ilege of serving the needy chil-
dren of our loved sunshine state.)

FOR SALE.
320 acres land in Roosevelt
Co., N. M., being the S. E. 1-4
of Sec. 22, and the N. E. 1-4 of
Sec. 27 in township 2 S, range
33. Price \$15 per acre.
Mrs. B. Pierce,
Carbon, Texas.
Santa Claus at Neer's.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior, U. S.
Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M.,
November 12, 1920.
Notice is hereby given that Alvarena
Boren, of Portales, N. M., who, on
August 1, 1917, made homestead entry
No. 016040 for E 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 Sec.
10, and W 1/2 NW 1/4 section 11, town-
ship 1 S., Range 34 E., N. M. P. Meri-
dian, has filed notice of intention to
make final three year proof to estab-
lish claim to the land above described
before J. C. Compton, Probate Judge,
in his office at Portales, N. M., on the
30th day of December, 1920.
Claimant names as witnesses:
Charles W. Nelson, Lee Garrett, Lon
Beatty, William Beck, all of Portales,
N. M. W. B. McGill,
Nov. 25-Dec. 23. Register.

FOR SALE OR TRADE.
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tration. Will trade for chickens,
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Also 2 Red Rose Comb White
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Court Train Is Given Approval

Style Is Seen in Dressmaking Circles for First Time in Several Years.

SASH PLAYS IMPORTANT PART

Decoration Aids in Carrying Out Very Effective Results in the More Fashionable Informal Evening Frocks.

The long court train has returned. It is seen in the best dressmaking circles for the first time in several years. The resumption of social life by the many women who were engaged in war work set the dressmakers to designing clothes of a more formal character. During the war years the patriotic woman thought only of serving her country and doing so in the most suitable dress that she could find.

Then came the period of wild extravagance that followed the signing of the armistice. In the history of fashions this will go down as a time when clothes were elaborate, with little of beauty or good taste to recommend them. It seemed that everything possible in the way of decoration or elaboration was combined in a single model.

Now, asserts a leading fashion correspondent, we see the reaction. The lines of the best clothes made today are very simple. There is elaboration, it is true, but it is a dignified elaboration. Some models are really works of art in the beauty of drapery and cleverness of design. Their very simplicity makes them appear as though any one might have made them, whereas they could have been only created by the brain and hand of an artist.

Bride's Dream of White Satin.

Lanvin features the long court train heavily embroidered. One of her most interesting models is a bride's dress of white satin having a court train richly embroidered in white. This falls from the shoulders in one continuous piece, being attached to the bodice by means of an embroidered band which crosses the front just above the décolletage. Long bishop sleeves of tulle, the lower half embroidered in white, are a feature of this dress. Embroidery also appears across the front of the bodice and on the full, supple straight skirt.

A Lanvin model of black satin with the embroidered court train falling from the shoulders is held in place by an embroidered band about four inches wide which passes over the shoulders and crosses the front. Panels hanging at each side of the dress are of satin shirred in at the bottom to embroidered tassels the ends of which are of black satin ribbon. The skirts of even the most dignified frocks still are short, although several of the best designers are showing skirts a trifle longer than those now actually being worn.

Sash Train Lends Smartness.

A surprising number of the more informal evening frocks have trains. They may be only sash ends, and this, by the way, is a favorite method of evolving a train for a simple evening dress. Very effective are the results achieved through these sash trains.

A plain little frock of orchid pink chiffon may be made with the neckline as high as those worn on street frocks and cut in the straight-across shallow line. The waist may be low and blousing, with the skirt short and straight. Then, to make it the last

word in smartness, a sash of two tones of pink, one a very bright shade, is tied about the low waistline and several inches of one of the gayly colored ends trail on the ground.

A model of this kind is as adaptable as it can be, because the sash ends may be shortened, or the sash removed altogether and any sort of a girde used, so that one has a simple afternoon dress which may be worn anywhere.

Train dresses of this sort are, of course, in direct opposition to the one which is decidedly formal, but it, too, has its practical side, for the band supporting the train is made separate from the dress and just slips over the shoulders.

Train Makes Its Own Laws.

The train, having once got back into the limelight, takes to itself many liberties. It absolutely refuses to abide by any set rules. It may even fall from the front of a dress. A frock created by one of our own American



Frock of Gray Mousseline Embroidered in White and Gold Threads.

designers has a very uneven hem, the front being extremely short and the skirt falling much longer at the sides and back. There is a sash which ties in a bow directly in the front and the long ends hang to the ankles several inches below the bottom of the skirt. To accentuate the appearance of the unevenness of the hem there are side panels also longer than the skirt.

Perhaps the most popular place for a train is at one side. The wrapped-around effect with the drapery drawn across the stomach, as in this model, is very prominent in fashions. These models, slightly draped at the waistline in a free and easy manner, are quite a contrast to the tightly draped princess dress sponsored by Madeleine et Madeleine. Dresses of this sort usually fasten at the left side. This one illustrates, too, the liking for black and white in evening frocks. It is of white velvet, showing a long side panel of black velvet and black tulle. The large flat flowers are of velvet and tulle. The back of the dress is draped in the same manner as the front.

Black Broadcloth for Evening Wear

Ever so many of the skirts which wrap tightly around the figure have fullness let in by means of narrow godets on one side only toward the front. They may be laid in where the skirt laps over and forms the closing.

Cheruit has resorted to black broadcloth for evening dress. She embroiders it in white. One such model has a novel skirt, with one side wrapping over the long train, while the other comes from underneath the train, fitting the figure quite snugly. On the skirt are two bands of embroidery in leaf design. Long, full sleeves are of white lace. So, also are the sides and back of the bodice, the latter having an appliqued square of the broadcloth.

Another model which is very lovely is of white brocade and black lace. It shows the corsage swathed about the bust and cut fairly low in the back. A length of the black lace outlines the square décolletage at the back. This band, about six inches at the small of the back, widens until it is at least twelve inches over the shoulders, and

then it falls at the front in pointed ends. The skirt is short and of the wrapped type, and there is a black lace train attached to the waistline at the side.

Scarf Adds Distinctive Touch.

A most important movement in evening dresses might be termed the scarflike movement. It appears on many models and may be described in this way: The silhouette of a straight chemise dress is changed by attaching a scarf to the hem of the skirt or to the belt of the dress. Scarfs starting at the belt line always loop at the bottom of the dress and then up, forming the bodice, swathing the shoulders and falling down one side. These scarfs are of the same material as the dress.

This season's evening dresses are much less décolleté than they have been for some time past. All of the models today show a rather high neck line for evening gowns.

In place of fur or tulle, English women are using ribbon as a neck wrap.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MARY GRAHAM BONNER

SANTA'S HOLIDAYS.

"It's true," said Santa Claus, "that I take a little rest in the summer and that I rest right after Christmas time, though the greater part of the year I'm getting things ready for the next Christmas."



Sleeping.

"And that is why I want to tell everyone something. When Santa Claus takes his rest some might say he was taking his holidays or his vacation."

"But do you know what Santa Claus calls it?"

"He says it is his rest but he doesn't say that he is taking his holidays or his vacation."

"No, he doesn't say that. And why? Because Santa Claus considers it his holiday when Christmas time is around just as everyone considers the Christmas holidays the real holidays."

"He loves the Christmas holidays, for he is the one who helps to make Christmas what it is."

Santa Claus took a pull at his long white beard as he stopped and thought for a moment and then he continued: "Ah, the Christmas holidays are my holidays, too. Yes, for I'm happiest then. When I am so busy I hardly know what to do and when I am just working as hard as I can possibly work I am the happiest man in the world, for I know what joy I am going to bring into so many thousands of homes."

"Just think of the chances old Santa Claus has to be happy. Just think of that!"

"He can't help really but be happy for he has every chance to make him happy."

"Santa Claus is given the great big honor of making children happy on Christmas day and the joy of Christmas day lasts longer than one day."

"He is given the chance to make the toys and to give the presents to the children."

"He is the one who can find their stockings and see them as they are sleeping."

"He can make them joyous and glad and gay with his presents."

"And during the Christmas holidays and before the Christmas holidays he gets letters from the children and they tell him of their secrets, of what they want for presents and of how they've been all through the year."

"And," Santa Claus continued to himself, "they tell him how they love him. Ah, Santa Claus is a lucky old fellow. Yes, I am to be congratulated, for I am Santa Claus, the King of the Children."

"For years and years I have had this honor and I will always have this honor, for no one will take the place of Santa Claus. No one can take the place of Santa Claus. And no one wants to take the place of Santa Claus."

"No one is jealous of me, no one is envious of me. All know that I understand all about toys for children, how to get down chimneys and fire escapes and fumbwatters, how to trim trees and to make presents children want."

"They all know that I have the finest toy shop in the world. And they all know that my reindeer are the finest, swiftest, most beautiful of reindeer."

"And they all know that this is the work Santa Claus loves and can do, and so for years it has been the special work and the special pleasure of old Santa Claus and it always will be."

"But when you speak of Santa Claus' holidays you must think of the Christmas holidays, for when he is working hardest for children he is the happiest, and when he is the happiest he considers he is taking his holidays! Even if they're not the same kind of holidays others take!"

The Great Deliverance

By REV. LEW W. GOSNELL
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TEXT.—Deliver us from evil.—Matt. 6:13.

Mark Twain held the view that God is so great He can have no interest in the affairs of individual men. Apparently it did not occur to him that the greatness of God is manifested in the very fact that, although the Creator and Upholder of all things, He is able also to number the hairs of our heads and to be present at the death of every sparrow!

Does God Care? With the thought of an absentee God in mind, Mark Twain once said he wished the Almighty would put on a hat and coat and take a walk through East London; he thought if God would inform Himself as to the conditions existing there He might do something towards remedying them.

Others share this view of God and are confident that He does not intervene in the affairs of men because He cares nothing about them. For all such there is a message in the petition Christ taught His disciples, "Deliver us from evil."

First of all, Christ recognized the reality of evil. He looked upon sickness and sorrow and sin as truly existent, and not only so, He regarded them as evil.

Again, God is not the author of evil. As we look over the fields of the world's suffering and wickedness we cannot charge the Lord with having sown these fields. "An enemy hath done this."

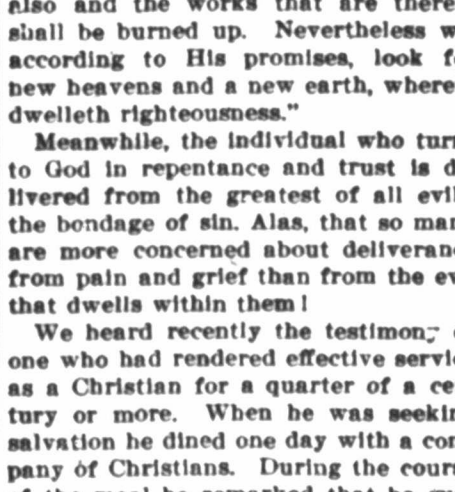
This is proven by the fact brought out in the text, namely, it is God's will that the world shall be delivered from evil. When His name is hallowed, His kingdom come, and His will done on earth as in heaven, earth will be as blissful a place as heaven. True, God uses suffering and sorrow in His providence; we should be glad that, so long as sin is in the world, He allows suffering and sorrow to be here, else men would run to an excess of riot.

Why Deliverance Is Delayed. The question still remains, however, as to why God does not answer this prayer at once and deliver us from evil. How can He look down from heaven and see the sins and sorrows of men and remain idle? Doubtless some will be amazed if we answer: Because He is good! But we give this answer and stand ready to defend it. If God is to deliver the righteous He must also punish the wicked. On the other hand, if God continues to be gracious to the wicked, He must allow the righteous to suffer for a little season. So that it is really His grace toward the ungodly which makes Him seem indifferent toward the righteous. After all, it is judgment which the world needs as a preliminary to its release from evil, and this will come when God's patience gives place to His wrath.

The matter is summed up in II Peter 3:9, 12: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Meanwhile, the individual who turns to God in repentance and trust is delivered from the greatest of all evils, the bondage of sin. Alas, that so many are more concerned about deliverance from pain and grief than from the evil that dwells within them!

We heard recently the testimony of one who had rendered effective service as a Christian for a quarter of a century or more. When he was seeking salvation he dined one day with a company of Christians. During the course of the meal he remarked that he supposed the way to find salvation is to pray. Instantly his host raised a plate of bread and said: "My friend, suppose you were hungry and I should offer you this bread. How foolish it would be to get down on your knees and pray me to give you some bread! Why, there would be nothing to do but to take and eat." So, to all seeking deliverance from the evil of sin we say: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).



Get Letters.

ON THE FUNNYSIDE



DEFINED.

"Pa, what's meant by 'gay insouciance'?"
"Did you ever see a man in a motor-car nearly run down a pedestrian in the street?"
"Yes, pa."
"And did you notice how the motorist acted when the pedestrian shook his fist at him?"
"Oh, yes, pa."
"Well, that, my son, is a very common example of gay insouciance."



IT ALL DEPENDS

"What is a living wage?"
"That depends."
"On what?"
"Whether you live in a cottage or an automobile."

Campaign Fund.

f every word of blame so rash
And every word of praise
Could represent one dollar, cash,
Oh, what a fund we'd raise!

Higher Mathematics.

"Is there any such thing as squaring the circle?"
"I don't know," answered the busy campaigner, "but I'm going to try it. When the opposition candidate has swung around the circle, I'm going to follow him up and see if I can't square it for our party."

The Modern Way.

Mrs. Beyer—What is the trend of styles in house furnishings at the present time?
Mrs. Seller—Ultra-antique, I should call it. Folks don't have house-room for anything more than the aboriginal kettle and a place to sleep.—Life.

No Challenge.

"I know a man who makes me tired by always offering to bet on the profit he makes in his business."
"Why don't you make him put up or shut up?"
"He does both. He manufactures umbrellas."

His Case.

"I heard the groom was ill who did not show up at the wedding. What was his trouble?"
"I guess it was a case of heart failure."

Elastic Terms.

"Here's a funny thing."
"What's funny?"
"An airship company says it intends to do a land office business."



ALL ALIKE

"Y" say your sister's waiting for me?"
"She's waitin' for some feller. You look lik' an easy mark so I guess you're the one."

Test of Scholarship.

Although to study I may turn
And strive to be a pupil smart,
I know that I shall never learn
All of the traffic rules by heart.

The Long List of Promises.

"So their honeymoon is over?"
"I fancy so. She's started in to remind him of all the wonderful things he promised to do for her if she would only marry him."

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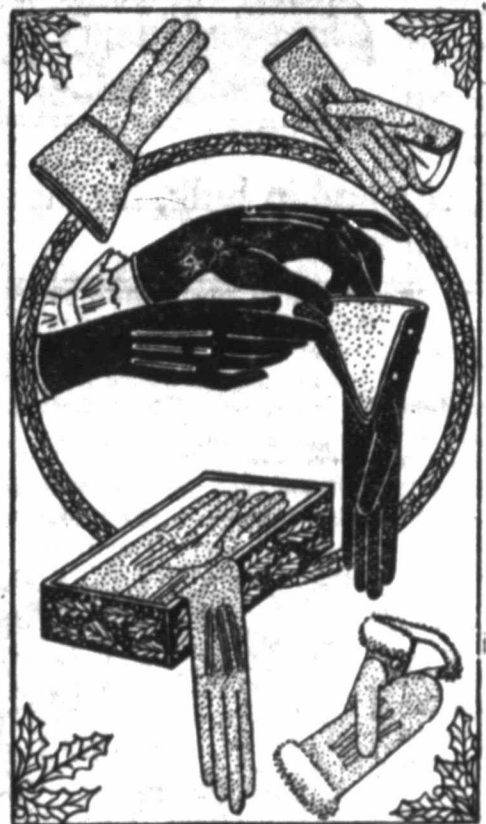
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Our "Merry Christmas" Is Best

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Right now, at the very commencement of the Holiday season we have in full swing the greatest Discount Sale ever attempted in the county, and it lasts until January 1st, 1921. This is the opportunity of a lifetime to get worth while Holiday Goods at a big reduction.

Discounts	Reductions	Syrup Prices
Serges, 25 per cent	25 Per ct. Reduction on Mayer Shoes	Red Raven, per gal. 75c
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Misses Cloaks, 25 per ct.	25 Per ct. Reduction on all Underwear	Red Kato, per gal. \$1.10
Shirts, 15 per cent	25 Per ct. Reduction on all Sweaters	Big Chief, per gal. 90c
Hosiery, 20 per cent	25 Per ct. Reduction on all Gingham	Lasses, per gallon, 90c
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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



(Luke 2: 1-14)

AND IT came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there was in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them: Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

MAKE OUT GIFT LIST EARLY

Thoughtful Shoppers Start Task Several Weeks Before Rush Begins in Busy Stores.

THE buyer who really puts some altruism into her Christmas gifts makes out her list several weeks in advance. If she be a canny somebody she has kept her list of the year before and is able to see what

were her gifts the preceding season, and thus avoid the risk of repeating herself. Still more canny is she if she has made mental or written notes from time to time of various articles for which she has heard a desire expressed by friends. Such note taking will greatly lessen her labors.

For it is no light thing to choose Christmas gifts judiciously. The whole secret of their acceptability lies in their appropriateness. Not only must they be appropriate to the person from whom they come and to whom

they go, but to the circumstances in which the latter is placed. For an instance, there are few housekeepers who do not welcome an addition of fine linen to their store. But if to a housekeeper who lives plainly in simple surroundings one sends a superb lace-trimmed tea cloth or dollies that throw all her other possessions into the shade, there is an unsuitability about the gift that robs it of much of its charm.—Harper's Bazar.

Ancient Christmas Custom.

Many quaint customs are observed at Christmas time in various English country parishes. In that of Cunnor, in Berkshire, of which the living is a vicarage and the church a beautiful specimen of an old English parochial edifice, all who pay tithes repair, after evening service on Christmas day, to the vicarage where the vicar is held in duty bound, by a usage centuries old, to regale them with four bushels of malt brewed into ale or beer, two bushels of wheat baked into bread, and half a hundred weight of cheese. Any remnants of this feast are distributed among the poor of the parish after morning prayer the next day.



POOR THINGS

Tramp Birds: They might throw us a few crumbs on Christmas morning.

Traditions of Christmas Festival. In the records of every nation we find traditions of the Christmas festival, traditions which have been handed down from generation to generation, in oft-told tales which thrilled the hearts of the listeners with alternate fear and delight. Sir Walter Scott tells us that they who are born upon Christmas or Good Friday will see spirits, and will have the power of commanding them. He also adds that the Spaniards imputed the downcast looks of their monarch, Philip II, to the disagreeable visions to which this privilege subjected him.

Ed J. Neer, Undertaker

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Its Advantage.

"There's one good thing about a moving picture show."

"What's that?"

"You can take the wife to one in the evening without her thinking you ought to blow her off to a swell cafe dinner afterwards."

How It Feels.

Father—Why is the boy reading the auto ads so intently these days?

Mother—Well, you know, he got a raise last week.

A man naturally has a hard cheek when he travels through life on it.

WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC

Sold for 50 years for Malaria and as a General Tonic. Helps build you up.

If Not Sold by Your Druggist, Write ARTHUR PETER & CO., Louisville, Ky.

SHAKESPEARE UP TO DATE DRUG STORE, BY ALL MEANS

Public Demand for Comedy May Yet Bring About Just the Situation Recorded Below.

Director—Would you be willing to accept a minor part for your first appearance in the pictures? To acclimate yourself, as it were.

Dramatic Star—Ye gods! I—I—I that have played kings and princes in me time essay a role of a nondescript miter and wear a lantern on me brow that has worn the crown and the laurel!

Director—No, no! You don't understand. I mean a small part—a minor role—an insignificant character. Strangely enough, the part is the kind you are familiar with—a prince—Hamlet.

Dramatic Star—What! The tragic Dane an insignificant part! Prithoe, tell me, then, if Hamlet be a small part, what is the star role?

Director—Why, Yorick. You see, we resurrect him for our star funny man and run the play as a straight comedy.—Film Fun.

Analogy.

"A man who steals autos is an auto-jack, isn't he?"

"Of course."

"Then is a man who steals boots a boot-jack?"

Victim of Accident in No Hurry to Be Carried to the Undertaker's Establishment.

In a collision between an auto and a load of hay, the driver of the latter was projected into the village road on his head and lay there semi-conscious until two occupants of the more speedy vehicle lifted him out of the dust and started to carry him toward the sidewalk.

"Shall we take him into that undertaker's shop there, or to the drugstore farther down the street?" asked one of the burden bearers.

The victim raised his head with alacrity and vociferated:

"Take me to the drug store first, you darn fool!"

Grow Rubber in United States. Heretofore it was supposed that Mexico, with its Guayule rubber-bearing shrub, had a monopoly on this continent of the production of rubber. The survey now being made by the University of California, however, has located more than twenty varieties of bushes, five of them far surpassing in quality, if not quantity, the Guayule, wholly within the United States proper. Already shrubs estimated to contain more than 800,000,000 pounds of best quality rubber have been largely mapped, says Motor.



MARY GRAHAM BONNER

SANTA'S DAY.

It was early Christmas morning and Santa Claus was on his way home. He had had a busier Christmas time than ever. He had visited the shops and had taken some of the toys he had lent to them to decorate their windows and counters with. And he had been to every home where there was a child.

The reindeer weren't hurrying so fast now. Santa was talking half to them and half to himself.

"Oh, my beauties," he said, "what a time it was. And never, never have I seen so many and such beautiful children."

"Yes," Santa continued, "they were beautiful. There were girls with golden hair and girls with brown hair and girls with black hair and girls with red hair."

"There were such handsome boys, too. Oh, they were so good-looking, such manly little chaps."

"I've never seen so many fine boys," said Santa Claus.

And once more the reindeer smiled at each other, for they remembered that Santa Claus had said this very same thing, too, every single Christmas.

"They were the sort who wouldn't bully and do mean little things. They were the sort who wouldn't attack a creature younger, smaller or more helpless than themselves. They were fine, perfectly fine. It was all I could do to keep from shouting: 'Three cheers; what a splendid lot of boys and girls!' as I went from house to house."

"And so many of them had left sugar for you, my lovely reindeer."

The reindeer nodded their heads.

"It was good of them; so good and thoughtful of them," they said.

"I once," said Santa Claus, "remember when I was out testing the chim-



Back of Presents.

neys to see if they were all right, hearing a grown person who had come to see a friend who was ill.

"She had bought herself a great bunch of flowers to wear, and she brought the person who was ill a few half-faded flowers, which she bought at a very cheap price because they were faded."

"And she had said that bunch she had bought herself had been so beautiful and sweet to look at she couldn't resist it."

"Yet she had been able to resist something nice for her friend."

"She had been a child once, and when she was a child she had tried to look at the back of presents which her friends sent her to see how much they had cost, and she still did that now."

"And she had always wanted the bigger piece herself. Well, I hadn't seen her since she had been a child when I saw this thing happening about the flowers and heard the talk from a chimney where I was. I was seeing if the chimneys were in good condition for Christmas Eve, as I said."

"Well, she was one of the few children I ever knew like that, and I can tell you she was unhappy."

"I heard her say, too, that she thought Christmas was a great nuisance, when a person was grown-up, for of course Santa Claus only had the time to think of children. Imagine anyone thinking Christmas was a nuisance."

"But while one comes across this sort of thing once in a while," Santa Claus continued, "it does my heart good to see that each year there is more and more happiness and joy over Christmas, and that the children are getting nicer and nicer and that they have such gloriously generous natures."

"And you know, reindeer, old Santa Claus likes natures that are generous."

The reindeer snorted again and said: "We wish you a merry Christmas, Santa. We haven't had a chance before, but we want to do it now, for it is your day, Christmas day, dear Santa! And we are glad that each year your day is more and more full of joy."

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There is only one medicine that really stands out pre-eminent as a medicine for curable ailments of the kidneys, liver and bladder.

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As Usual.

"When Cholly Van Rox proposed to me he was too rattled to say a word."

"Then how did you know he was proposing?"

"Oh, my dear, his money did all the talking."—Boston Transcript.

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Robinson—I hear the boss is going to employ woman bill collectors.

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SYNOPSIS OF MOTHER GOOSE CANTATA

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All funds go to give comfort to the children in the local orphanage.

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Each character in speaking role; 54 characters in this one cantata. All in costume from either Mother Goose or Fairy Tales.

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Backward Child - Mary McDonald, Teacher (Miss Milliken) - Kathryn English

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The "Girl" - Maurine Priddy, The "Man" - Lester Brown, Reading - Helen Miller

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"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache."

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In the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Herman Depperman, Plaintiff, vs. W. H. Harris, also known as Wiley H. Harris, and all the unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiff, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SUIT The State of New Mexico to W. H. Harris, also known as Wiley H. Harris, and all the unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiff, defendants:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a suit has been filed in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District, within and for the County of Roosevelt, State of New Mexico, numbered and entitled as above, wherein you are the defendants and Herman Depperman is plaintiff.

The general objects of the suit are: That plaintiff seeks to have established of his alleged fee simple title in and to the northeast quarter of section fifteen township three south of range thirty-five east, N. M. P. M., and that you be barred and forever stopped from having or claiming any right or title to said land and real estate adverse to the plaintiff; and that plaintiff's title thereto be forever quieted and set at rest; to have plaintiff's alleged fee simple title to said lands and estate established against such adverse claimants of the defendants or any of them.

You are further notified that unless you answer or otherwise plead in this cause on or before the 25th day of January, 1921, you will be adjudged in default and the plaintiff will be accorded the relief that he prays.

Compton & Compton of Portales, New Mexico, are the attorneys for plaintiff and their address is Portales, New Mexico.

Dated at Portales, New Mexico, and given under my hand and official seal this 29th day of November, 1920. (seal) S. A. MORRISON, Clerk.

NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING

In the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District, of the State of New Mexico, within and for Roosevelt County. Chas. W. McCullough, Plaintiff, vs. The Taiban-Tolar Oil & Gas Syndicate, John Dahl, John McPadden, and George Deitrich, Defendants.

TO: The Taiban-Tolar Oil & Gas Syndicate, John Dahl, John McPadden, and George Deitrich, Defendants. You and each of you are hereby notified that you have been sued in the above named court, and in the above entitled and numbered cause.

You are further notified that the general nature of said suit is to obtain judgment against you for \$145.00 for labor and also to foreclose a mechanics lien on a drilling machine, consisting of engine, boiler, drills, piping and casings on land located in section 8, T. 3 N., R. 29 E., in Roosevelt county and State of New Mexico, and to obtain an order to sell said goods and chattels, and defendant's interest therein for the payment of the aforesaid debt, interest and costs.

You are further notified that unless you appear in said cause and answer or plead thereto on or before the 6th day of January, 1921, judgment by default will be taken against you as prayed in the complaint filed in said cause.

You are further notified that the

name and address of plaintiff's attorney is T. M. Noble, Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said court, this 18th day of November, A. D., 1920.

(seal) SETH A. MORRISON, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the District, of Roosevelt Co., State of New Mexico.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

G. H. Atkerson and Mary E. Atkerson, partners doing business under the firm name of G. H. Atkerson & Company, Plaintiffs, vs. John Dahl and Taiban-Tolar Oil and Gas Syndicate, a corporation, Defendants.

No. 1638.

NOTICE OF SUIT To the defendants John Dahl and Taiban-Tolar Oil and Gas Syndicate; a corporation:

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the District court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, a certain suit, wherein G. H. Atkerson and Mary E. Atkerson, partners doing business as G. H. Atkerson & Company, are plaintiffs, and you, the said John Dahl and the Taiban-Tolar Oil and Gas Syndicate, a corporation, are defendants.

"That said suit is numbered 1638 on the civil docket of said court, and Patton and Hatch, of Clovis, are attorneys for said plaintiffs.

You are therefore notified that the general objects of said suit are to obtain judgment against said defendants in favor of said plaintiffs in the sum of \$404.52, on account of board, lodging, goods, wares and merchandise furnished you by the said plaintiffs, and on account of labor and services performed for you by W. C. Arnold, whose claim has been assigned to said plaintiffs.

You are further notified that an attachment has been issued in said cause and action, and that said writ has been levied upon certain property described as follows, to-wit:

Forty-four (44) pieces casing-4" by 20'.

One (1) pump-W. & P. Co. Special.

One (1) boiler and accessories.

One (1) slush bucket-30'.

One (1) engine, Eli type-11x12.

About one thousand feet (more or less) one inch cable and tackles.

One (1) Rotary Drill.

One tool box.

One (1) 96' derrick.

You are further notified that unless you answer, plead, or otherwise appear in said cause on or before the 22nd day of January, 1921, you and each of you will be adjudged in default and judgment will be rendered against you in the amount of plaintiffs' claim and the attachment issued and levied in said cause will be foreclosed, and that plaintiff will on said date apply to the court for all the relief prayed for in the complaint therein filed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1920. (seal) SETH A. MORRISON, D-9-46 Clerk of the District Court.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. R. A. Winstead, Plaintiff, vs. R. F. Pepper, Ethel Pepper, and Ed Hudson, Defendants.

District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for the County of Roosevelt wherein R. A. Winstead is plaintiff, and R. F. Pepper, Ethel Pepper and Ed Hudson are defendants, plaintiff recovered a judgment on eight certain promissory notes and interest and mortgage executed by defendants, R. F. Pepper and Ethel Pepper, unto plaintiff on the 10th day of November 1917, and the said mortgaged premises, hereinafter described, was on the 10th day of November, 1917, sold, transferred and conveyed by the said defendants, R. F. Pepper and Ethel Pepper by their warranty deed unto the defendant, Ed Hudson, and in that said deed of conveyance unto him, Ed Hudson, he assumed and agreed to pay off and discharge said notes and mortgage; the said notes being in the principal sum of \$100.00 each, and the said notes aggregating the principal sum of \$800.00, and each of said notes bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from January 1st, 1918, until paid; and the additional sum of \$25.50 as taxes paid by plaintiff upon said mortgaged premises; together with all costs of suit, and a decree of foreclosure, foreclosing said mortgage, given for the security of said sums and amounts for which judgment was rendered, upon and against, and to be satisfied out of the property and premises so mortgaged, being the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in Roosevelt county, New Mexico, as follows, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of section twenty-four, township four south, Range thirty-four east, N. M. Meridian, New Mexico, containing 160 acres, according to the government survey thereof, and all improvements thereon. And decreeing said amount for which judgment was rendered to be a prior and superior lien on said premises in favor of plaintiff and against all of said defendants; that said judgment will amount to the date of sale hereinafter fixed to the sum of \$990.25, besides costs of suit and costs of sale; and

Whereas, M. B. Jones was appointed by the Court in said decree, Special Master, to advertise and sell said property according to law and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of said judgment and costs; therefore, by virtue of said decree as aforesaid and the authority in me vested as such Special Master, I will, on the 20th day of December, 1920, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the northeast front door of the court house in the town of Portales, New Mexico, sell said described property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying said judgment, interest, costs, and accruing cost.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of November, 1920. M. B. JONES, Special Master.

A FORWARD MOVE

On the 18th of November, last, eight or more members and friends of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, with Mr. O. B. Carter as chief, loaded provisions, bedding, tools, trucks, gas and oil in cars and wagons and went to Red Land, a distance of some 25 miles. There we loaded on the wooden trucks of Mr. Carter a nice 26x40 foot church building. There were tied on to this building two Fordson tractors and one Coleman tractor. The load being too much for them there were added to this force some twelve horses. Away we rooled through pastures and over fences. Thus we worked for eight days. We cooked our coffee, ate our meals and the most of the men slept in the church. Several of the good women of the community came at different times bringing good cheer and good food.

From first to last there were three tractors, thirty horses, thirty men and some twenty ladies wrought in hard but glorious work. We landed at the Plainview Cemetery at noon Thanksgiving day. In the church was spread a nice dinner. Though these men were worn and hungry they gladly paused while we made a short talk, read the 103 Psalm and asked the Lord's blessings on the men and their work.

As the humble pastor of this church we were glad to have a part in this glorious work. We take this opportunity of inviting one and all to all of our services.

Yours for better churches, JOHN W. BARNETT, County Pastor, Red Lake, N. M.

Word from H. B. Ryther is to the effect that he is well pleased with the San Louis Valley, Colo., where he is now located.

"Prices As Usual Are Lower Than Elsewhere"

DOLLS ON SALE
FOR ONE WEEK WE OFFER ALL OF OUR DOLLS
AT A DISCOUNT OF
20 Per Cent

JOYCE-PRUIT
COMPANY
"ON THE SQUARE"

WE WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS
A MERRY, MERRY XMAS
AND A
VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

— and only six days 'till Christmas

If its Handkerchiefs, we have it. You never saw a line larger, prettier, or more reasonably priced.

Our entire line of White Ivory for 6 days at
10 per cent discount

Gifts for Her

Kid Gloves, Toilet Articles, J. & K. Shoes, Silk Petticoats, Brassieres, Holeproof Gloves, Silk Hose, Blouses, Silk Dresses, Felt Slippers, Bath Robes, Suits, Towels, Kimonos, Coats.

Men's Kirschbaum Suits

GOING FAST AT ABOUT HALF PRICE

Our Sizes are being broken into, but we may still have your size. Come in and see.

20 per cent discount on

MEN'S PANTS, MEN'S SHIRTS, WOOLEN PIECE GOODS, SILKS, RUGS

What Will Please Him?

Here's Our Answer

SILK SHIRTS, BATH ROBES, SUITS, MUFFLERS, PAJAMAS, OVERCOAT, SILK SOX, GLOVES, MILITARY BRUSH, SWEATERS, NECKTIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, HAND BAGS, SUIT CASE, TRUNKS, SLIPPERS, BELTS, STETSON HAT, FLORESHEIM SHOE.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

CHRISTMAS TREES

We will have a full line Pine Christmas Trees and tree decorations, the very thing to bring joy to the hearts of the little tots, and make it more convenient for Santa Claus.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING

A full line of pure Candies, Oranges, Bananas, Apples, Nuts of all kinds.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRESH OYSTERS,

CELERY, FRESH

TOMATOES, LETTUCE,

CAULIFLOWER, BEETS,

AND RADISHES

FRESH FRUITS,

TANGERINES,

FRESH ORANGES,

FRESH PINE APPLES

FRESH GRAPES

FOR THE FRUIT CAKE

Citren, Orange Peel, Lemon Peel, Candied Cherries, Raisins Seeded and Seedless, Currents, Dates, Figs, Shelled Pecans, Shelled Almonds, Shelled Walnuts.

Holiday Remembrances

For Everyone of the Family

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT

PREINVENTORY REDUCTIONS

Heaters and Hot Blast Stoves

20 PER CENT OFF

Crockery

42-Piece Dinner Set - - \$9.00

Open stock at attractive reductions

Dan Hendricks of Elida was in town Tuesday.

Colen Wilson of New Hope was in town Wednesday, marketing a load of corn.

Mr. Elliott, of the Lubbock State Bank of Lubbock, Texas, was in town this week.

Fred Luper left Saturday for Dallas county, Texas, on account of the illness of his sister.

The High School has leased the old Club saloon building for indoor basket ball.

Msis Eric Beasley, teacher of the Dereno school, was in town Tuesday.

Chas. Toler passed through Tuesday on his way to the road camp near Clovis.

P. E. Jordan and family returned Friday from a visit to friends and relatives at Dallas, Texas.

Eddie Maxwell of the Claudell community was a Portales visitor Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Henry Beebe of Elida was in town Tuesday on business and while here joined the News-Journal family.

Paul Walker and Glen Parrish, who have been attending school at Portales, have returned to their home at Causey.

Newt Green, of Lexington, Okla., is visiting his sister and family, Mrs. Sam J. Stinnett. Mr. Green formerly lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lee were up from Kenna Tuesday on business and looking over the Santa Claus displays.

Mrs. C. V. Harris returned Monday from California where she has been spending the past several weeks visiting with friends and relatives.

Coe Howard and Mr. Denney of Clovis made a trip to Lov-

ington Monday, but owing to the breaking of a spring their return was delayed till Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tillinghast and Mrs. McCown, wife of the editor of the Enterprise, were up from Elida last Saturday.

J. W. Murphey, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Smith, at Claudell, passed through Portales Monday on his way to Kentucky, where he will spend the winter.

Rev. J. F. Nix, Miss Fonville, Miss Lillian Bramlett, Miss Nina Mae Kimmons and S. B. Fletcher made a trip to Kenna in the interest of the Orphans Home drive.

Recently E. F. Dezonias sold his residence property in Portales, but when he went to rent another house he found that there was none available. So last week he moved his family to Roswell for the winter.

Miss Lurline Sandefur returned Saturday from Riverside, Calif., where she had been to visit with her mother for a few days. Her mother accompanied her home and will spend some time with her.

W. E. McMinn and a Mr. Galager, of Fort Worth, Texas, were in the city Saturday visiting in the home of Mr. McMinn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMinn. They were enroute to Albuquerque and El Paso on business.

Marshal Guest and wife accompanied by their son, Mart, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stinnett, returned to their home at Breckenridge, Texas, Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Guest are the parents of Mrs. Stinnett.

W. A. Willard of Los Angeles, Calif., was in town this week prospecting with a view of locating a number of settlers in the Portales Valley. While here he bought 200 acres of land north of the old homestead of Geo. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Radeliff and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Lambirth and little son of the Pleasant Valley community, about 35 miles south of Portales, were in town Tuesday. The gentlemen in attendance of the state land sale and the ladies doing their Christmas shopping.

W. E. Bartlett returned Saturday from Wichita Falls and other Texas points where he went in the interest of the sweet potato and onion business. We did not learn how much business he transacted but suppose he placed quite a lot of the Potales products with the trade of that country.

FOR TRADE.

Chevrolet Touring car in first-class condition. Will trade for maize at \$11 or corn at \$12.50. E. T. Moody. 7-2tp

GUNN-McNUTT.

Upton, N. M., Dec. 12, '20.
A nice home wedding took place at A. J. McNutt's last Sunday, Miss Jewel McNutt and Mr. Sam Gunn were married. Rev. James Cyphers performing the ceremony. Quite a crowd of relatives witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Cyphers was late, due to car trouble, but better late than never in a case like this. Mr. Cyphers performed a nice ceremony, closing with a prayer for the success and happiness of the couple. The many friends of Sam and Jewel join in him in his prayer and good wishes.

KENTUCKY VALLEY

The party at Mr. C. L. Beards Friday night was well attended. Those present reports a fine time. Several being present from Elida. Cake and fruit was served.

There was preaching at the school house Sunday by Rev. Gilliam of Elida, but on account of bad weather the attendance were few, but expect a good crowd the next second Sunday. The sermon was fine.

Mrs. J. G. Greaves' brother, Frank King and family, has been visiting her the past week, returned to Amarillo the last of the week.

Mrs. J. G. Greaves has sprained her wrist and we can not open school with singing, and it is missed greatly.

We are still playing on a spelling match Friday, and we are also studying on our spelling.

Our volleyball and basketball have not arrived yet and we are still playing blackman.

We are going to have a Christmas tree Christmas eve night and program. Everyone invited.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT.

The State of New Mexico to John Brownlee, Defendant, Greetings: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, where William F. Smith is plaintiff and you, the said John Brownlee, is defendant, said cause being No. 1648 upon Civil

Docket of said court.

The general objects of said action are as follows:

The plaintiff alleges that he is the owner in fee simple of the East half of the Northwest quarter and the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 28, in Township 1 South, Range 35 East, of the New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, and that on the 29th day of Sept. 1908 the plaintiff executed and delivered to M. C. Boswell a mortgage upon said described land for Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars; that said mortgage was assigned to the defendant herein by the said M. C. Boswell as collateral security for a debt owed by the plaintiff to the defendant; that defendant has paid off said indebtedness and is entitled to receive said mortgage and a release therefor, but that the defendant still holds said mortgage and the note accompanying it for Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) and of even date therewith, and refuses to deliver

the same to the plaintiff or release or cancel the same of record. The plaintiff prays that said mortgage and accompanying note be cancelled and held for naught as a cloud upon his title and that his title to said premises be quitted and set at rest, and for general relief.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 5th day of February, 1921, and plead or answer therein, judgment will be taken against you by default and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this the 15th day of December, 1920.

(Seal) SETH A. MORRISON, County Clerk. By P. E. Morrison, Deputy. 4-16-4t

We are playing only high class programs, and you will find them clean and wholesome. We appreciate the patronage you have given us and shall strive to merit your most hearty support. Come early--7:15--enjoy a pleasant evening and "home again" by 8:45.

With best wishes for
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

COZY THEATER
J. S. LONG, Prop.

COZY THEATER
PROGRAMS FOR WEEK
December 20 to 25 Inclusive

Monday Night:
ORPHANGE BENEFIT

Tuesday Night:
"OLD LADY THIRTY ONE"
Featuring Emma Dunn.

Wed. & Thurs.:
"LONE WOLF'S DAUGHTER"

Friday Night:
"ONE WEEK OF LIFE"
Staring Pauline Fredrick.

Saturday Night:
"WHISPERS"
Elane Hommerstein.

When Run-Down



HOUSTON, TEXAS.—"I was in a terribly run-down condition of health after a siege of ptomain poisoning, and then the influenza. I could not seem to regain my strength and was really not able to do my housework. I knew I needed a good tonic and builder and remembered how my folks used to regard Dr. Pierce's remedies in my girlhood days, and then I decided to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. After taking the second bottle my strength returned rapidly and I felt better in every way.

"I am glad indeed to recommend the medicine that has done me so much good and do not hesitate to give this statement."—Mrs. GERTRAUDE SKILL, 2117 Common Street.

Few families have not at some time or other used the "Golden Medical Discovery" for the stomach, liver or blood. Over twenty-four million bottles of this tonic and blood remedy have been sold. All druggists. Liquid or tablets.



Vaseline
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A clean counter-irritant for scratches, cuts, etc. Healing and antiseptic. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES

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MAN'S BEST AGE

A man is as old as his organs; he can be as vigorous and healthy at 70 as at 35 if he aids his organs in performing their functions. Keep your vital organs healthy with

GOLD MEDAL HARLEM OIL

The world's standard remedy for kidney, liver, bladder and uric acid troubles since 1896; corrects disorders; stimulates vital organs. All druggists, three sizes. Ask for the same Gold Medal on every box and accept no imitation.



Force

The person whose nervous system has been overburdened by work, worry or care, or who is experiencing a faulty and slow convalescence or who is suffering from the general debility and feebleness that result from an acute or infectious disease, will find in FORCE a beneficial aid to normal strength and health. FORCE is sold by reliable druggists everywhere, and is of equal benefit to men, women and children. "It Makes for Strength"

EVERYBODY SMILES

When stomachs do their work—and bowels move naturally. DR. TUTT'S LIVER PILLS make the stomach digest food and bowels move as they should.

Dr. Tutt's Liver Pills

Irritating Coughs

Frankly treat coughs, colds, hoarseness, bronchitis and similar inflamed and irritated conditions of the throat with a tested remedy

PISO'S

A Season of Cheer

Happy faces smiling
Where the ruddy hearth-fire gleams
And joyous hearts are beating
In the glow of Christmas dreams

Tomorrow's rule is banished
Forevermore it seems
And all the world is brighter
For the glow of Christmas dreams

1920

Xmas Posy Party

"A Garden of Flowers"—an ideal scheme this for a fancy Christmas dress party. When the invitations are sent out each guest should be requested to come to "the Garden of Flowers" dressed to represent a flower. Whatever flower is chosen should be intimated to the hostess when accepting the invitation. For the supper table decoration for this party, in the center stand a large doll dressed as a rose—the queen of flowers. In her hands should be fastened as many garlands of baby ribbons, or strings of small blossoms as there are guests. Attach little gifts at the other ends of the garlands appropriate to the costumes of the guests that are to receive them, such as brooches and scrupins with flowers in enamel, baskets of sweets trimmed with flowers, or pretty cut glass bottles of perfume, decorated with blossoms. The ribbons or garlands should be arranged that each small guest finds a corresponding gift; thus, Violet's present is adorned with the flowers she represents, etc. The menus should be in the form of flowers or petals and the lamp or candle shades of rose colored silk.



SILENT CHRISTMAS.

The first "still Christmas" in England occurred in 1525, Henry VIII was king. In December the king fell sick, and the nation was filled with anxiety. It was decided that the Christmas should be a silent one. There were no bells, carols, or merry making. Silent Christmases were proclaimed in the protectorate of Cromwell. The festival was altogether abolished, and the display of the emblems of the nativity was held to be seditious. The change was most notable in London. There was silence in the Strand; the church bells were still.

Christmas Song

In every babe that gains the light
Through rack of human pain,
In each new-breathing soul tonight
The Christ-child lives again.
In every drop of anguish, pressed
From pallid woman's brow,
In every virgin mother-breast
His Mother whispers now.
And wise men through the darkness
Lo! In the East—a Star!
O little Christ who is to die
Was your soul's journey far?
Strange meteor wounds of death
and birth
Lighting an endless sea;
A little child has come to earth
And He must die for me!
—By Mary McNeil Fenollosa, in
the Craftsman.



HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Happy, happy Christmas that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth; and transport the sailor and the traveler thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home.—Charles Dickens.

Origin of Yuletide

Yule was the name of the ancient Scandinavian festival held at the time of the winter solstice. The word is of uncertain origin, says The Housekeeper, but it probably is taken directly from the Icelandic word "jol," meaning a feast. It is curious to note how many nations of old marked the "turn of the year"—that is, the December solstice—by festivals. The Egyptians, the Hindus, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans all had feasts at this season, but especially the Northern nations—the Teutons, the Scandinavians, the early natives of Britain—rejoiced at the event of the sun's turn on its course. The festival was kept with much eating and drinking and noisy jollity. One of the ceremonies was the placing of an enormous log of wood—often so large that it required the strength of several men to bring it in—upon the hearth fire in the huge fireplace. The burning of the Yule log was thought to insure good fortune to the family; especially when charred pieces of the log burned the year before and kept over for that purpose were used to light it.



CHRISTMAS IN OTHER LANDS.

The Mexican Christmas is a strangely mixed week of sports, revels and religious observances. The "Passion Play" never fails to attract great crowds, nor do the bull fights. In the Philippines grand masses are held in the churches in the morning. Great chains of flowers are carried to the churches by the children, who parade through the streets singing Christmas songs, hands preceding them. In the afternoon there is dancing and merry-making. In Spain the religious note is predominant at Christmas and there are curious performances of mystery plays.

THANKFUL FOR GOOD PE-RU-NA DID HER YEARS AGO

Keeps the Medicine with Her for Safety

Mrs. Carl Linder, R. E. D. No. 2, Box 44, Dassel, Minnesota, writes: "I want to thank you for your kindness and the good your remedy did me years ago. I am perfectly well and visiting in Spokane, Wash. Were it not for Pe-ru-na I would not have been able to make this trip. I always take your medicine with me for safety should I take cold. Praise to Pe-ru-na."

As an emergency remedy for everyday ills, Pe-ru-na has been in use fifty years.

TABLETS OR LIQUID SOLD EVERYWHERE

When You Feel Shaky **WINTERSMITH'S GILL TONIC** Will Tone You Up.

For Malarial Fevers and a General Tonic

It not sold by your druggist, write ARTHUR PETER & CO., LOUISVILLE, KY.

We Must Guard Our Girls

On the threshold of womanhood comes the crisis which means health or invalidism. Three generations ago an old southern doctor wrote a prescription for the ills of women, which has become known to fame as "Stella Vitae;" has been the right thing at the right time for thousands of young girls, down to the present day. Try it for YOUR daughter. Money refunded if FIRST BOTTLE does not benefit. At your drug store

STELLA VITAE
PROTECTS YOUNG GIRLS

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SENATOR HAD DONE MUCH CAMERA DOING GOOD WORK

Surely Any Fair-Minded Man Would Admit He Had Been Reasonably Busy in Good Work.

Mayor Lunn of Schenectady said at a luncheon:

"The machine candidate, the machine politician—why do we always support him?"

"A machine candidate got elected to the senate. Six months went by. Then John Citizen met one morning the boss who had put the machine candidate in."

"Senator Swank," sneered John Citizen, "promised us great things if we'd elect him, but what's he done? I ask you—what's he done?"

"What's he done?" yelled the boss. "Why, he's got himself made special counsel for the railroad trust, the light trust and the food trust, he's bought himself a town house and a country seat, and he's started in collecting old masters. That's what he's done, darn it—and all in six months, too."

its Uses in Industry Estimated to Save the Country Millions of Dollars Annually.

"The camera saves American industry millions of dollars annually, says the Nation's Business. A wink of its eye, taken in one millionth of a second by the light from a single crack of electricity, told engineers how to build turbine wheels that would stand terrific strain. A crack in a laboratory workshop and some idle scripping on a wall helped defend a valuable patent.

The ordinary photograph preserves records, helps keep stock, is a bulwark of investigation, aids materially in cleaning up sales, figures in establishing patent rights, teaches lessons in safety as they can be taught in no other way, puts punch and pull in advertising and helps make good citizens out of aliens in the schools of plants which conduct Americanization classes for their workers.

These are a few of the things the camera is doing in industry.

Reliance. "I place my faith in the United States Constitution," remarked Senator Sorghum.

"Yet you must admit that there are disorders in our social system."

"Nothing serious. With a strong constitution your system is bound to come out all right."

Zero in Fascination.

Personally we don't know any kind of merchandise that looks less fascinating than a hair switch in a show window.—Dallas News.

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Coffee Drinkers
are often annoyed by headaches, nervousness or other ills traceable to coffee drinking.

When coffee disagrees, the thing to do is to quit coffee and drink

INSTANT POSTUM

Ten days will tell whether the change is beneficial.

"There's a Reason"

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Sure Relief

BELLANS
INDIGESTION
20 CENTS

6 BELLANS
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FOR INDIGESTION

Heavy Cold? Chest All Clogged Up?

Don't Give It a Chance to "Set In"—Use Dr. King's New Discovery

DON'T let it get a start. Dr. King's New Discovery will get right down to work, relieving the tight feeling in the chest, quieting the racking cough, gently stimulating the bowels, thus eliminating the cold poisons. Always reliable.

For fifty years a standard remedy. All the family can take it with helpful results. Eases the children's croup. No harmful drugs. Convincing, healing taste that the kiddies like. All druggists, 60 cents, \$1.20 a bottle.

For colds and coughs
Dr. King's New Discovery

Feel Badly? Bowels Sluggish? Haven't any "pep" in work or play? You're constipated! The stimulating action of Dr. King's Pills brings back old time energy, makes the bowels and liver respond to your strong healthy body. All druggists, 25c.

Prompt! Won't Grip
Dr. King's Pills

"I am well! your chickens and stock well?"

If not—Give them
Bee Dee
Stock & Poultry Medicine
The old reliable
BLACK-DRAUGHT
for Stock and poultry
Ask your merchant!
Merchants: ask your jobbers
Salesmen about Bee Dee!

TRY DIGESTOIDS
at our risk. . . . They
Help your Stomach "Nature's Way"

Candy coated tablets, made from bitter extracts of fruit and vegetable origin that tone and stimulate the intestinal tract. Digestoids Aid Digestion and Eliminate Waste. Sold by your druggist on a Money Back Guarantee For Indigestion and Constipation.

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New pair of Shoes
will be given to the wearer who finds PAPER in the heels, counters, insoles or outsoles of any shoes made by us, bearing this trade-mark

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THE ALL LEATHER LINE
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"It Takes Leather to Stand Weather"

See your neighborhood dealer and insist on the Friedman-Sheldon "All Leather" Trade Mark. It means real shoe economy.

CONDENSED CLASSICS
CONSUELO, THE GYPSY SINGER
By GEORGE SAND
Condensation by Irving Bacheller

Lucile-Anne Dupin, as she was born in 1804, was the great-granddaughter of the famous Marshal Saxe. She had in her veins the blood of peasant and aristocrat, which brought to her that understanding of both which played so great a part in her future books.

Married to a Monsieur Duvetant, who had no understanding of her intensely romantic and imaginative temperament, she early separated from him, and in 1831 made her way to Paris to make a living for herself and her two children in whatever humble way she could. Fortunately for the world and for herself all failed till she discovered that she could write. She quickly made her pseudonym of George Sand famous. There followed a life of prodigious industry with the pen. The French edition of her works contains 107 volumes. She died in 1876.

George Sand was a most extraordinary human being. Possessed of a great fund of common sense, she had the heart of a giant. She introduced the French peasant to literature with a rare understanding, yet she was famous in Paris for her adventures with Alfred de Musset, her elegance and her masculine attire. She was the high priestess of the great romantic movement, yet she has painted the simple life of rural France as no other writer has done. "Indiana," "Lelia," "Consuelo," "Le Mare au Diable," "La Petite Fadette," "Francisco le Champi," "Le Marquis de Villemer" are but a few of the books of a woman of genius.

ANZOLETO was a street gambler of Venice. He had learned how to sing in Professor Porpora's school. He was handsome. He had imagination which colored his fine voice when he sang. Consuelo, a scrawny, dark-skinned Spanish peasant girl, was another of Porpora's pupils. She was plain, but had a beautiful voice and spirit.

She and Anzoletto were good friends, nothing more, but he—an errant philanthropist—was always falling in love and coming to Consuelo for sympathy and advice. He was a rascal and an ingrate.

Consuelo made her first public appearance in the simple dress of a peasant girl, and her voice—filled with the fire of her soul—took the city. Everyone was at her feet. Young suitors sought her hand and among them was Anzoletto. It was the romantic period in Venetian history, about 1650. Consuelo engaged herself to her fellow-pupil, but repulsed the others. Her genius had won admiration; her dignity and modesty had won respect.

The Count Justinian not only engaged her for his theatre, but fell in love with her and tried to win her from Anzoletto. She would not be led away and made it a part of her contract that her betrothed should also be engaged to sing. Her sweetness and fidelity the more deeply enslaved the count.

Consuelo's rival, a singer named Corilla, was bitterly incensed by the action of the count. Anzoletto played on her jealousy and pretended to be her lover. Of this perfidy Consuelo knew nothing.

At the first public performance Consuelo achieved renewed success, but Anzoletto was almost overlooked. Her teacher warned her not to marry Anzoletto and to prove his case forced her to visit the home of Corilla. They found Anzoletto there and Consuelo was convinced of his perfidy. She repulsed Anzoletto, refused the love of the count and fled to Vienna on the advice of Porpora.

A little later, Porpora sent her to his friend, Count Christian of Bohemia, to serve as companion to his niece, the Baroness Amella, just come from a convent school at Prague. Consuelo, who arrived at the castle on a stormy night, was in awe of the count and his surroundings, but Amella, a lovely girl, reassured her and won her instant affection. That night, as Consuelo came, an ancient tree on the estate, known as the tree of misfortune, fell in the storm.

News of its fall threw the count's household into confusion and terror. "Some evil is abroad," the countess said, and soon after Count Albert, the son, entered, a handsome, pale and sad young man, who announced that a strange peace was about to settle over the house. He smiled at Consuelo, touched her hand and withdrew, leaving her deeply mystified.

Albert, she soon learned, was a gentle and admirable soul, but a man of morbid moods which were in effect trances and was only mildly interested in Amella, who was intended to be his wife. Amella told Consuelo that Albert was not only a medium, but a seer as well as a scholar and that she found him unattractive.

Consuelo, on the contrary, was charmed with Albert, who seemed much benefited by her presence. He accepted her as the consolation promised by an inner voice. Her singing called him from his trances, transported and strengthened him. She became his physician as well as his confessor.

She found herself surrounded by mysterious, secret doors, inexplicable flames, gliding phantoms stirred her curiosity and allured her to explore.

tion. Once when Albert had been missing for a time they led her to a well. She descended it and found a secret passage. This she traversed and beyond it found her lover deranged and ill, in the care of an imbecile servant. She nursed him back to health.

Consuelo's exposure and excitement in this midnight expedition produced a violent fever and Albert's love and care deepened. For a time it seemed as though he might win her hand, but between these devoted young people the dissolute Anzoletto thrust himself.

Although at first she gave way before him, Consuelo regained her self control and put him aside. The good Count Christian, finding her nobly frank about her early life, not only expressed his admiration, but requested her to marry his son, whose reason she had restored.

To this she answered, "The honor is very great, but I am a singer. I must return to my art."

To avoid Anzoletto she fled by night toward Vienna in order to rejoin Porpora, her teacher. Consuelo reached there only to find old Porpora a master without a school or a pupil.

In her attempts to secure a position at the Court theater she failed by reason of the opposition of the Empress Maria and the enmity of Corilla, her bitter rival. The corruption, the savage hatreds which marked the atmosphere of the court and the theater, led her to dream of Albert and the marriage he had offered.

At last she wrote to Albert, expressing her love for him. Porpora, to whom she gave her letter to post, burned it and wrote one of his own to Count Christian. He was jealous of her art and desired to profit by it.

Six weeks passed. Consuelo heard nothing from Albert, and as a sudden chance to sing in opera came to her, she accepted it. Her goodness and generosity had won even Corilla, who yielded her part to her.

One day, while rehearsing for Zenobia, her first great part, Consuelo thought she saw Count Albert in the dark spaces of the theater, a silent, fitting, mysterious figure.

At about this time, Baron Trenck, the notorious pangour and freebooter, coming to the city chanced to see Consuelo, and instantly fell in love with her, as did all men. She was terrified by his fierce manner and his disfigured countenance.

One night he forced his way into her dressing room, and pleaded for her love. He cast magnificent jewels at her feet and then in a transport of fury, seized her in his arms as if to carry her away.

A disguised, powerful man darted through the door, seized the bandit and threw him down the iron stairway.

Although her rescuer's face was covered, Consuelo believed him to be Count Albert. She called, she ran toward him, but he was gone. As she stood looking down the dark stairway the prompter announced the second act of the play and she went on the stage as Zenobia, adding to her triumphs. She sang now for Albert, believing that he was somewhere in the audience.

Her conviction was confirmed when amid the flowers which fell around her, sung by the empress and the people of the court, she picked up a small sprig of cypress, which was to her a sign of grief and despair. It was like a symbol of death.

In the midst of her uncertainty a letter came from the director of the Royal theater in Leipzig, offering her a fine engagement. An agent brought the papers with him. Consuelo desired to leave Vienna, for the empress was determined that she should marry one of her favorites.

As Porpora had destroyed her letter to Count Albert, so now he pretended to have had a reply in which Count Albert renounced all claim upon her.

With unshaken faith in her old teacher, Consuelo sorrowfully accepted the new engagement, signed the contract and started for Germany.

It happened that the king of Prussia, Frederick the Great, traveling incognito, met her and was so pleased with her that he gave orders for her entertainment in his capital, but commanded that Porpora should be sent back to Vienna.

All these plans, however, failed, for Baron Roudolstadt, uncle of Count Albert, brought word that the young man was dying and greatly longed to see Consuelo before he passed away. Without a moment's hesitation she hastened to the castle.

Filled with exalted love and pity Consuelo kissed the dying man, realizing that he was even then hardly more than a spirit. He desired her to marry him, in order that his fortune and his title might pass to her, and so firm and insistent was his demand that Consuelo consented.

Count Albert lived only a few hours after the ceremony, leaving Consuelo sorrowful, but after all, at peace. Thus she turned her face toward the temple of her art.

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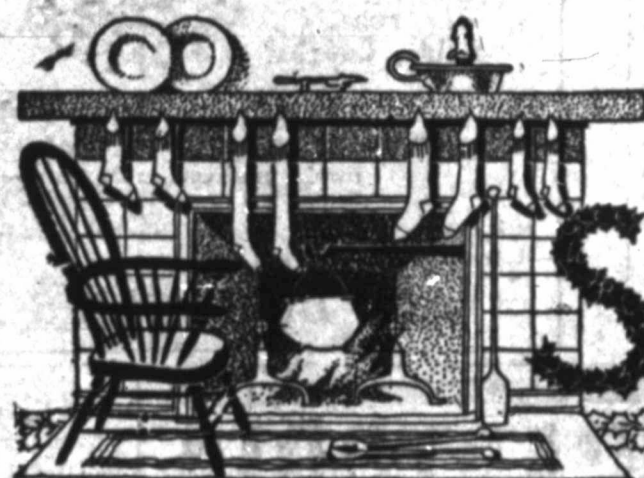
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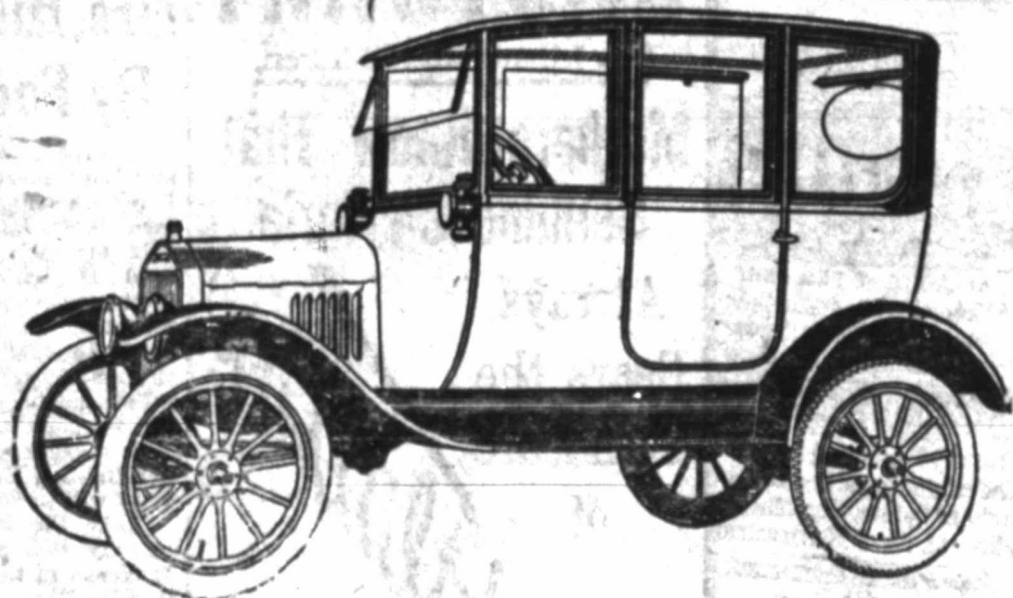
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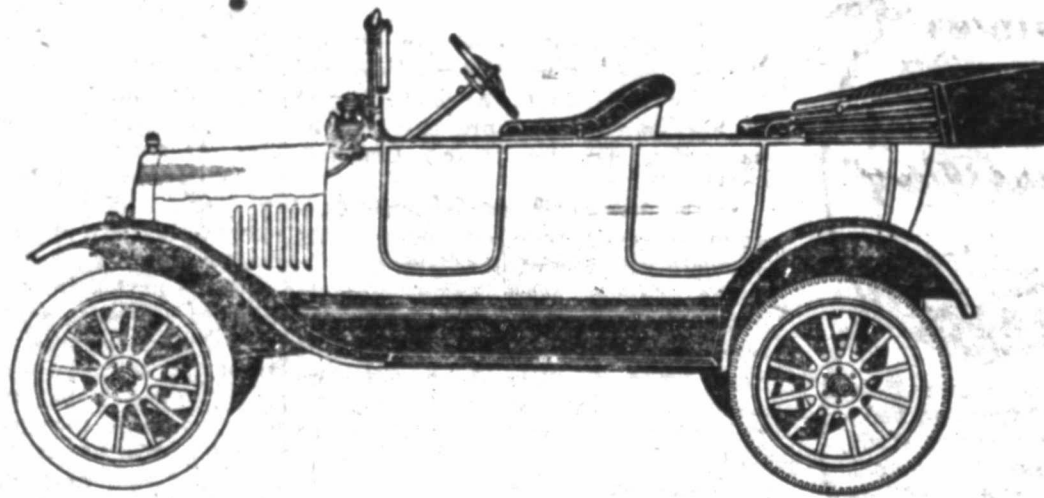


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