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Headline: Proposed Tax Will Hit Everybody. But the law doesn't allow taking it on the chin.

THE WEATHER

West Texas—Generally fair tonight, slightly cooler in north portion. Wednesday increasing clouds.

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Body of 6-Year-Old Girl Found Near Home

ABOUT THIS AND THAT

By W. H. MAYES, Jr.

A letter this morning from Jerry's Mail, sports writer for the Dallas Globe-News informing us of the formation of a West Texas Sports Writers Association and asking us to join when, if and where possible, the organization is held in Dallas.

Jerry's letter starts, "When the Dallas Globes played the Lubbock veterans at Lubbock someone in the press box was struck with an idea. So queer and unusual was it that the rest of the scribers were dumfounded beyond comment."

He then goes on to comment on the organization, which is designed, it seems, "to select a plan for covering all-district football teams in West Texas so that the details of coverage will be technically the same."

There is a second post script, titled in Jerry's letter a "second idea" in true newspaper style. This part that has us worried. He says "Please feel free to express anything in your mind, if any."

Now, if Jerry wants us to express everything in our mind if it is anything on it, he has cut at a large job for us, but if it is as reference to the sports writers' association we can give our views a few words. On the other hand, that "if any" refers to our mind and he doubts if we have one, even that brings us something else, however, we will let the institution pass as we have been living all these years with the same attitude toward a small boy named Santa Claus and we would like to delve too deeply into the matter because we might be faced with harsh realization, just as the small boy eventually is.

We see where a tentative schedule has been worked out for the 1932 basketball season, with Lubbock, Albany, Breckenridge, Woodward, Cisco, El Paso, Eastland and Ranger on the list of teams. The schedule starts on Jan. 1 with a game in Ranger with Lubbock listed as the opponents and continues through Feb. 12, when Ranger is scheduled to play in Eastland. The complete schedule will be found in some other part of the paper today.

Senator Hiram Johnson of California, a republican, is leading the fight in the senate against the Hoover moratorium and against the Hoover bill. This is the second time, as we remember it, since convening of congress that Hoover has been flayed by the republican speakers on the floor. It is as if our memory is not again at fault, a demagogue who demanded that some speaker rally round the president and answer the charges that he was selling out to Germany.

It seems to us to be queer dogs when republicans denounce Hoover and urge someone to come to his support.

The committee in charge of purchasing for the needy out of the Christmas Good Cheer fund is having a time. They need something like \$500 worth of goods and have something like \$250 with which to buy them.

A lot of scheming, substituting and signing is going to be used to supply the baskets this year. Something is done about it today. Donations were coming in yesterday but only in small quantities. There will be some who have been turned in in the past week and next week some worthy who will find empty stockings or rather empty baskets.

Shopping days till Christmas.

Has Dry Plan



NEA Washington Bureau Representative Thomas R. Ambler, Wisconsin, shown here, a newcomer to Congress, has evolved a novel plan for tackling the prohibition problem. Ambler would not like the Volstead Act so it could not apply to any individual enjoining with the law enforcement acts of his state, and thus he Volstead Act would be legally nonoperative in states which have a prohibition laws of their own.

VATICAN LIBRARY DESTROYED

VATICAN CITY, Rome, Dec. 22.—The entire right wing of the Vatican library collapsed today. Three persons were believed buried in the ruins.

Prize Hen Lays a Mammoth Egg For Ranger Poultryman

Joe Calder, whose chickens won several prizes at the Oil Belt Poultry show in Ranger recently, brought in an egg to this office this morning which, he claimed, was laid by one of his prize-winning hens in appreciation of the honor she was accorded at the show.

National Guard To Have Banquet In Ranger Tonight

Company I, 142nd Infantry, Texas National Guard, will hold a Christmas banquet at the armory tonight beginning at 7:30 o'clock, to which all members of the company have been invited.

J. M. Armstrong Has Appendicitis Attack

J. M. Armstrong of the district office of the Prairie Oil and Gas company in Eastland was taken to the hospital for an appendix operation this morning.

BOARD APPROVES SURVEY

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—Chairman Claude Teer and member Roy Tennant of the State board of control, today signed approval of the award to Hawley, Freese and company of a contract for valuation of the Lone Star Gas company.

SHOVELMAN SOUGHT AS KIDNAPER

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Police today sought Marshall DePew, Kansas City steam shovel operator, as the man who arranged the sensational kidnaping of Mrs. Nel Donnelly, millionaire garment manufacturer.

Two Sheriffs Are Indicted On Fee Extortion Charge

AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—N. L. Speer, former warden of the state penitentiary at Huntsville and sheriff of Walker county, and A. J. Remmert, sheriff of Austin county, were arrested today on indictments returned yesterday by a special Travis county grand jury.

List of Those Who Owe School Taxes To Be Published

Members of the Citizens School Tax committee met at the office of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce this morning and continued discussion of problems that are facing the committee, the school board and the public schools.

Magnolia Company Continues Policy Of Sunday Shutdown

A. H. Henderson, district superintendent of the Magnolia Petroleum company, announced today that the Magnolia company would follow out the policy of other major oil companies in this part of the country in shutting down their stores on Sundays until further notice. This policy has been followed by the Magnolia company for some time.

Tokio Stock Market Confused by Rumor

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—The stock market was thrown into confusion today by rumors the gold standard was abandoning the gold standard, a step recently taken by Japan. Shares moved up and down in quick succession and the exchange usually closing at 4 p. m., remained open until 6.

Guest Tickets to Ranger Show

The Ranger Times has guest tickets for Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kelly to see "X MARKS THE SPOT"—now playing at the Columbia Theatre, or any other show.

This Is Stretching a Point



Control of the tip-off in basketball is a large part of a successful season, some coaches declare, so if you would judge from this picture why shouldn't Delphi, Ind., high school have a winning campaign? They will control the tip-off by reason of a 6-foot 7-inch center, a sophomore named Lamb. Lamb shadows his teammates. They are Forward Patton and McDowell, under his right arm, and Guards Koup and Whiteman, under his left arm.

Eastland Baptist Church Loses Its Pastor By His Resignation

W. T. Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eastland has resigned his pulpit. His resignation follows.

"As pastor of the Eastland Baptist Church I hereby offer my resignation to take effect Dec. 30, 1931. My object in resigning is that I may accept the call extended to me by the Park Place Church of Houston. Fully realizing the seriousness of severing the ties that bind a pastor and congregation, and realizing the limitations of judgment, I have sought divine leadership in the matter and feel impelled to transfer my ministry to Houston, where a young church is anxious to launch a forward going program in a fast growing section of a growing city. If I know my heart there is no other motive or reason prompting my going except that this call came under such circumstances as to lead me to believe that the hand of the Lord is directing in the matter. So far as I know there is no grievance between pastor and congregation to lead to a resignation. While I am not vain enough to believe that all of the members have ever at any one time been enthusiastically behind me as leader, yet it seems that for the past six months the spirit of unity and cooperation has been better than at any time since I came to the pastorate, and better than the average pastorate. I am anxious to have my field, in reviewing the work of the three years and nine months that we have labored together I find much to encourage my own heart as I go, and to encourage you as you seek to go forward under a new leader. First, we have a united body of 51 visitors, present besides the Rotary members. The visitors were transmission men from this district of the Texas Electric Service company.

Eastland Rotary Club Has Good Weekly Program

The Eastland Rotary club held its weekly luncheon Monday on the roof of the Connelley hotel with 51 visitors, present besides the Rotary members. The visitors were transmission men from this district of the Texas Electric Service company.

County School Superintendent Is Back From Alabama

County Supt. B. E. McGinnery has returned from a trip to Montgomery, Ala., where he attended a conference for rural school leaders of the southern states called by National Commissioner of Education John Cooper.

Hoover Sees Action On Economic Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Hoover said today that as a result of his conference with leaders in both houses of congress, he had been assured of early action on his economic rehabilitation program.

JOHNSON CONTINUES REBUKES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Hoover has torn the constitution into a thousand bits and scattered it to the winds, Senator Hiram W. Johnson, republican, California, shouted to the senate today as he resumed his attacks on the European debt moratorium.

Markets

American Can	64
Am P & L	14 1/2
Am Smelt	21 1/2
Am T & T	118 1/2
Anacosta	11 1/2
Auburn Auto	141
Aviation Corp Del	2 1/2
Beth Steel	20 1/2
Eyers A M	11 1/2
Cannery Dry	11 1/2
Case J I	44
Chrysler	13 1/2
Curtis Wright	1 1/2
Elect Ag L	31 1/2
Elect S Bat	28
Foster Wheel	9 1/2
Fox Film	5
Gen Elec	25 1/2
Gen Mot	28 1/2
Gillette S R	11 1/2
Goodyear	16 1/2
Houston Oil	18
Int Cement	18
Int Harvester	25 1/2
Johns Manville	18
Kroger G & R	14 1/2
Liq Carb	15 1/2
Monte Ward	23 1/2
Nat Dairy Oil	23 1/2
Para Publix	6 1/2
Phillips P	4 1/2
Prairie O & G	5
Pure Oil	4
Purity Bak	12 1/2
Radio	7 1/2
Sears Roebuck	34 1/2
Shell Union Oil	3 1/2
Southern Pac	32 1/2
Stan Oil N J	26 1/2
Socuity Vac	12 1/2
S S Steel	25 1/2
Texas Corp	11 1/2
Texas Gulf Sul	22 1/2
Tex Pac C & O	2 1/2
Und Elliott	18 1/2
U S Gypsum	18 1/2
U S Ind Ale	25 1/2
U S Steel	43 1/2
Vanadium	13 1/2
Westing Elec	28 1/2
Worthington	19 1/2
Carb Stocks	
Cities Service	5 1/2
Faris M Ltd	4 1/2
Gulf Oil Pa	28
Humble Oil	46
Ingulf Hud Pwr	6 1/2
Stan Oil Ind	14 1/2

Sees Big Boom—Or World Crash



Sir George Paish, noted British economist, predicts the greatest era of prosperity in history is just ahead if world governments take proper action, but he warns that the international economic and credit fabric will crash within two months if they continue their present course. He suggests rehabilitation measures, bank guaranty acts and revision of German reparations.

OIL WELL IS ABLAZE IN E. TEXAS

LONGVIEW, Dec. 22.—On oil well fire that threatened to become the greatest in East Texas history today leaped and belched and flung a huge blanket of black smoke across the countryside.

Schedule for Oil Belt Basketball Is Announced

The following is the tentative schedule of the Oil Belt basketball season, which opens on Jan. 1: Jan. 1—Eastland at Breckenridge; Albany at Ranger; Abilene at El Paso; Cisco, off date.

Charity Game To Be Christmas Day

W. C. Blackmond, in charge of the Ranger All-Star and Breckenridge All-Star football game that was rained out on Sunday afternoon, announced today that the same two teams would play at Millard field, Ranger, on Christmas Day at 2:30 o'clock.

Merchants Will Have Specials In Wednesday's Times

The Ranger Times for Wednesday, Dec. 23, will carry many advertisements from the grocery stores, announcing special bargains for Thursday, just as the regular Friday paper carries the Saturday specials.

Cuilty Plea Brings Man Medical Aid

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 22.—An unemployed man, 28-year-old Lester Johnson, literally "brown into" the Kansas penitentiary, where he will be fed, clothed and given the medical treatment he needs.

POLICE THINK MANIAC MIGHT BE RESPONSIBLE

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 22.—The body of a 6-year-old girl, Mrs. Mildred McLean, was found today in a deserted house here.

Marion disappeared last Thursday after leaving her home to "play in the yard." A widespread search has been in progress.

The house where Marion's body was found is about 100 feet from the place where she was last seen alive by Julius Servizi, 17, a neighbor boy.

Three Killed; 13 Hurt In Crash of Bus and Truck

HIAWATHA, Kan., Dec. 22.—Three men were killed and 13 others injured when an interstate passenger bus collided head-on with a stock truck near here early today.

Oil Tariff Goes To Senate Today

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The tariff commission today submitted to congress without recommendation its survey of the oil import situation.

Charles G. Dawes To Represent The U. S. At Conference

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Hoover today announced appointment of Ambassador Charles G. Dawes in London as head of the American delegation to the League disarmament conference in Geneva beginning February 2.

Gang Ride Claims Unidentified Man

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The bullet-riddled body of an unidentified man, apparently a victim of a "gang ride," was discovered by police today on an isolated road just east of Chicago Heights, a western suburb.

Friday Morning Paper To Replace Thursday Edition

In keeping with a policy of this paper established 12 years ago and followed out each year, no paper will be printed on Christmas eve, but a morning edition will be printed and distributed on Christmas day.

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 One month \$ 7.50
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 Six months \$ 40.00
 One year \$ 75.00

THE SANTA CLAUS MYTH.

There is an attempt every year, on the part of those who are old and wise and a little disillusioned with the drift of the years, to do away with Santa Claus. But somehow, when the odors of spruce and balsam start to spice the air, and the shop windows sparkle with colored balls, the benevolent old saint with the white whiskers and red coat comes by again.

Children may listen solemnly while their elders explain that he is a myth. But they don't believe it. They know better.

They have seen him in the toylands of the stores, walking up and down the streets, and whispered secrets in his ears. They are a little sorry for grown up folks who have forgotten that there is a thing called magic in the land.

Children so often are wiser than adults. They realize that life needs a fairy tale or two to make it happier. Even if Santa Claus never brings them all the gifts for which they have asked they have caught the glamor of a shining moment in which they hoped that he would, and that is something.

Toys will get broken, of course—on Christmas morning and on other mornings. That is why children should be permitted to catch magic while they can, before they have learned how quickly tinsel tarnishes and that Santa Claus is just the man next door dressed up.

Magic is that breathless which makes a child's heart swell in the glad moment just before something lovely happens. It doesn't cost anything. Yet it is priceless as the myrrh and gold and frankincense which the wise men brought, as radiant as the starshine of a long ago east-of-night, and it sings its way with a rhythm that catches the glory of the first Christmas carol that echoed across the peaceful fields of Bethlehem.

This year, when there is such an urge to be practical, there is a danger that we shall let the spirit of Christmas slip away. The very fact that life is harder than usual for many people should be proof enough that we need its magic.

After all, the most beautiful things in life are the unseen things, fantasy, faith, love, romance.

And Santa Claus is compacted of all of them.

CHRISTMAS PARDONS.

Christmas is almost here. Governor Sterling is ready to act. Judge Stanhope Henry of the state board of pardons and paroles is compiling a list of eligibles for the governor to pardon at Christmas.

Executive clemency will be extended to a number of aged, friendless convicts, largely negroes, whose families have expressed a willingness to have them liberated. Those who have no families or friends to take care of them will not be given their freedom. It is hinted that all clemencies probably will be by parole so "that bad actors or possible destitute convicts can be returned to the state prisons." In addition meritorious younger convicts also will receive clemency so that they can return to their homes and not be public charges. Those who are entitled to clemency should be paroled. Merit, according to the statute books of Texas, should be recognized and rewarded among the inmates of the prison and prison farms of Texas. It is said that the prison family grows larger daily. There are laws which govern the granting of paroles and furloughs to these wards of the state. Those who have paid the penalty as shown by their records should be given another chance to travel in that road called straight.

AMERICAN WOOL TRADE PROSPEROUS.

Speaking of the American wool industry, J. B. Wilson of Wyoming appeared before the National Wool Marketing Association of which he is general manager and declared that the wool industry is enjoying prosperity. He said the demand for wool the first 10 months of 1931 exceeded by 63,000,000 pounds that of the same period last year, although this year's price is six cents below that of 1930. His viewpoint is that prospects for 1932 call for a greatly curtailed supply with consequent price increases and declared the federal farm board, of which his organization is a member co-operative, "has been performing an almost impossible task extremely well." Texas is the greatest of wool producing states. Texas leads all states in the production of mohair.

HARD TIMES AND COLLEGE ATTENDANCE.

The most encouraging sign of the times is the annual review of college matriculation given to the reading world by Dean Raymond Walters of Swathmore college in the current issue of School and Society. His figures show an increase of 6-10 of one per cent and a total of 599,124 of full time students, as of November 1, as 5721 more than on the same date 1930. These figures show that despite the so-called hard times colleges more than maintain the previous highest enrollment record. In the tabulation 49 colleges in Southern states show increases and 40 colleges decreases. Counting part time students and those who attend 1931 summer session the list of grand total leaders begin with three New York institutions, Columbia, 31,978; New York, university, 28,662; and the College of the City of New York, 26,005. California takes second place with 23,179. Texas is credited with 9,105. Knowledge is power if the professor knows how to make use of it.

TEXAS POSTAL SAVINGS.

Postmaster Gen. Walter F. Brown's report reveals the fact that there are 17,768 depositors in postal savings accounts in Texas, their deposits are placed with 293 post offices and total \$8,159,970, in Texas alone. According to the report these deposits had swelled so greatly during recent years that the postal savings depository at Austin has been supplemented by additional savings depositories at Dallas and Houston.

Slayer of Child Is Identified

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Vincent Coll and Frank Giardina, gangsters, were identified as the machine gunners who fired into a group of children, killing one at their trial for murder today. George Brecht, an eye witness, stated at the two men and said: "These are the men."

PICTURESQUE ROAD QUILTS.

MARION, Va.—One of south-west Virginia's most picturesque landmarks passed out of existence with the suspension of the Marion & Rye railroad, which ran from Marion 18 miles south to Sugar Grove. The track traversed hazardous mountain territory, the path being so tortuous that before reaching the end of one line, the house en route had been passed three times.

You'd Never Recognize Him by His Picture



DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE
 Shawnee, Okla.

We gaze and muse on life and happenings of this curious world of ours, so full of good and evil, love and bitterness, beauty and ugliness; this strange world, not so big after all, wherein we dwell awhile and then pass into the unknown.

While on earth we are all neighbors. In a way, and I often wonder why there are so many people who agitate so against those combinations of capital that find the ways of organizing money to employ millions. Capital corporations, or whatever they may be called, is only the collecting of money into large sums to do what one man cannot do with his money alone. They develop countries, build railroads, manufacturing plants, and a thousand and one things that make us have comforts and conveniences that our forefathers never dreamed of, and in so doing, they make employment for untold millions.

It is indeed astonishing, and to thinking people more than a little dismaying, that in these days when people are over their congratulating themselves on their rationalism, based upon prejudice and detestation of quarrels that so many people who are anti-corporation and anti-capital, and everything that has money to employ labor and buy materials and who can do the most to bring back normal times, still agitate here and there and try to make them the basis of their criticism.

Some of them in the past may have done something to deserve this treatment, but at the present time they seem to be a ready-at-hand target for those people whose minds are in a damaging vein. Even some politicians talk in a ridiculous manner of their complicity in world wide plots and credit them with a kind of combination of cunning and nefariousness worthy of the middle ages.

What we need is a smaller crop of politicians, a larger crop of business boosters, more minds working on plans of development and progress, more men to get their money together and put it to work to employ more people, as it is only through steady employment and good wages that it is possible for people to have money to spend, everybody is in better shape and prosperity and happiness are with us.

Jack Williams, editor and publisher of the Waycross (Georgia) Journal-Herald, says:

"The history of our great country discloses so many great successes brought about through advertising that a fresh illustration, while sure of sympathy and interest, no longer causes surprise. But one element of interest always remains. The obstacle along the road of success which each new arrival had to overcome.

"James Buchanan Duke, the tobacco king, died worth ninety million dollars. But it wasn't tobacco that did it. Advertising should take the credit. His father, Washington Duke, conducted a tobacco enterprise, his son being in with him as partner and associate. Business then, as now, was none too good.

"My son came back from a business trip to New York," said the old gentleman, "saying he had pledged our credit for \$750,000.00 to be spent in advertising during a period of twelve months. Our entire assets did not amount to that much, I told him so. He merely smiled. For three nights I did not close my eyes in slumber, worrying over what I regarded as certain ruin. Buck slept peacefully. But when the advertising began, orders came so fast we had to increase our production. At the end of twelve months every cent of our advertising was paid for, and our assets amounted to several million dollars.

"Go any where you want to, do anything you wish, and advertise has had a hand in it—absolutely."

Airplane passenger service was recently inaugurated between Fort Worth and Houston giving service from Amarillo to Houston for the first time.

Daily WASHINGTON LETTER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
 NIA Sec. for Writer

WASHINGTON. — Trudging around the capital. . . Let's go to Hoover's press conference and see if his last gray hair has turned white yet. . . Foolish! Notice in White House press room says, sniffling: "No press conference today, as usual." They're semi-weekly and lately the president has canceled about half of them. . . Funny how, at so many conferences, writers have seen critical magazine articles that've written about Hoover spread out on the presidential desk. . . Coolidge saved himself much time by never reading anything that panned him. . . You see Rudolph Forster (White House chief clerk since George Washington's term, or thereabouts) with a stack of correspondence on his desk. Ask him if he reads all the "nut" letters and he says no one man could handle them. Big clerical force downstairs weeds them out. . . Pat McKenna, another vet, first uniformed line of defense between the door and Hoover, sits and writes cards for visitors who want to tear White House first floor. Admits he likes to do this because it makes people happy.

COLONEL CAMPBELL HODGES, former West Point commandant and now Hoover's short, handsome military aide, is courteously handling someone trying to promote a ticket to the next White House reception. Forster calls Hodges "backbone of the army." . . . Most gorgeous uniforms here are not military or naval, but those of colored men tending White House glass front doors. Each wears 20 shiny, nickel-plated buttons, running down to tips of knee-length coat tails. . . The uniformed White House guide is most soft-spoken of all the capital guides. Voices of others reverberate monotonously through corridors. His is modulated in reverence; his speeches are brief. . . Crossing

to the State Department you see Warren Delano Robbins, White House ceremonial officer, dining to the W. H. You can see him doing that 20 times a day this time of year. You'd think he would be crazy or turn sour on life, but he retains amiability and popularity. . . Robbins wears no spats. Hate to blast popular illusions, but neither does anyone else at State Department except an occasional newspaperman. Diplomats have such a reputation for spat-wearing that they never dare put them on in Washington. Darn few even carry canes.

SECRETARY STIMMONS' secretary and Eddie Savoy, Stimmons' aged colored messenger, rush from the great man's office to get the elevator for him. The elevator waits and Stimmons strides from his office—Eddie holding the door—and into the car. . . Getting outside you hail a minor Republican politician who stops to beef about Democratic victory in the Fifth New Jersey district. He asks why the party didn't try hard to hold the seat instead of just sending a couple of nonentities to speak while Democrats sent much money and oratorical big guns. Insists he knew all along Curtis would run again for vice president. If only because Dolly Gann likes the Second Ladyship and can't help thinking of First Ladyship possibilities. . . He says let's tap the popular speaker's easy just opened very near the White House, and you tell him you don't drink that bum gin. . . Trudge to the Hamilton Hotel to watch the Joint Committee on Unemployment's conference. Big shots you see are Socialist Leader Norman Thomas, handiwork and most cultured presidential candidate since John W. Davis; Prof. John Dewey, 72, but looking 20 years younger than the pictures you see of him; Elisabeth Gilman of Baltimore, whose father was first president of Johns Hopkins and who gives all her money to social causes.

John W. Milburn 1.00
 H. D. White 1.00
 Howard Elwood 1.00
 Ranger Times 3.00
 A. J. Ratliff 1.00
 Sunday School Class of Mattie Ben Shipp and Lotie Davenport, basket fruit, candy and toys 1.00
 Mrs. T. E. White 1.00

TRACKLESS TROLLEYS.
 By United Press.
 MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Trackless trolleys—electrically operated cars which can be pulled up to the curb to load and unload passengers—mean an increase of more than 22,000 passengers and more than \$1,500 in revenues on one line here, the trolley company reported after one month's trial of operations.

Anyone who wishes to do so may contribute to the fund, either at the Chamber of Commerce or at the office of the Ranger Times.

Those contributing to the fund this week are:

Rev. I. B. Gray \$1.00
 O. K. Grocery 1.00
 Mildred Matthews 1.00
 A. L. Stiles 50
 American Legion Auxiliary 15.00
 L. E. Huckaby 1.00
 C. G. Campbell 1.00
 W. M. Brown 1.00
 L. A. Hartung 1.00
 R. C. Stidham 1.00

GRIPINGS

By GUS

This column is published as a daily feature and may not be construed as representing the editorial views of this paper. What follows is merely what one man thought at the time it was written, and the writer reserves the right to change his mind concerning any subject, without notice, explanation or apology.

Visited a few moments with Curtis Hertzig this morning. He was poring over a mass of figures that looked like an income tax report for Amon 'n' Andy. He told me he was figuring out how much money was made this season on the high school football games. The Abilene game was the best attendance. The Brownwood game was the loser. The figures looked good considering that we didn't have a single holiday game. When they are finally assembled and shown to the school board we'll probably publish them.

Thence to the courthouse where Joe Jones making a long list of some kind. Maybe Christmas card list or something. Bert McGlamery told me about his trip to Montgomery, Ala. Said the teachers in that part of the country were working on a credit too. That's bad. We used to hear a lot of cussing about the Catholics running their parochial schools. But we never heard any talk of closing up for lack of support. And the Catholics pay their taxes to support the free school, too.

This column doesn't acknowledge all Christmas greeting cards usually, but on account of the limited number it will likely receive this year, we might be able to handle them here.

There's someone signing his or her name "A Ranger Business Firm" sent me a card that rather abashed my fine aesthetic sensibilities and Rupert Murphy sent one that changed the pink tinge of my blush to a rosy hue. For shame. Bert McGlamery addressed his "Griping" Gus, Eastland, Texas, and it reached me right off. Howard Gulson of the Gulson hotel in Ranger, begins his with "As the governor of South Carolina said, etc.," but he said Merry Christmas instead of the one you are thinking of.

Steele Neely greets from McPherson, Kan., with a card with a patent leather finish. . . plenty party. Who wouldn't have a merry Christmas with all those cards? I'm askin' you.

I shall be quite parsimonious this year. Instead of sending out a lot of cards, I'll just print my Christmas greeting in this column and save the postage, not to mention the wear and tear on the fountain pen in addressing same. Nearly everybody I want to wish a merry Christmas to reads this junk anyway, and them that have gone on before have read my greeting. It's the same old stuff year after year. Strange to say it doesn't improve with age like I thought it would.

Eastland people will regret to know of the resignation of Reverend Turner, pastor of the Baptist church. He has taken a prominent part in all affairs of the city in addition to his work as pastor of one of Eastland's larger churches. Dr. Turner, as I call him, is one of the executive members of the charity board and has worked long hours in doing his part to feed the hungry and clothe the needy. He's a broad-minded gentleman and we hate to see him go.

Last night I spent some time reading a part of the present controversy over whether John Wilkes Booth, assassinator of Lincoln, was really captured by the federal troops or if he made his escape and later turned up at Granbury, Texas, under the name of John St. John. At any rate, there is quite a squabble over the identity of a mummified body said to be that of Booth-St. Helen.

It's a lot of hokey, folks. And a big lot of it at that. What difference does it make? The name Booth lives as long as the name of Lincoln. I can't see that the carnival mummy situation has any historical value whatever.

BASKETBALL PROFITABLE.
 By United Press.
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