

A Forward Step In Farming Development

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That Texas is essentially an agricultural state has long since been recognized and one of the most potent factors in the education of the masses is the agricultural exhibits at the various fairs over the state, ranging from the community fair to the state fair and international fairs. This last statement is borne out by the attitude of business interests which are willing to spend much time and money in displaying their wares at the leading fairs. Likewise for years the land agents, commercial secretaries, implement houses, etc., have taken advantage of this avenue of publicity to impress upon the minds of the visitors the superiority of their wares or products. However, the leading agencies promoting improved agricultural methods have neglected this important avenue of educational opportunity with the result that the natural tendency of man to emphasize the importance of size has resulted in the wrong impressions being formed in many minds as to the true type of agricultural products which will prove most valuable as a marketable commodity, consequently, the desire of display and the importance of attracting attention which saturates the mind of the business man who has generally been the promoter of our agricultural exhibits has entered largely into our agricultural displays at the average fairs.

The writer recently had occasion to visit one of the leading state fairs of the south and was somewhat surprised at the things he found emphasized in the agricultural displays of men who should have known better. In one booth he found an exhibit of ten ears of corn which was catchy to the eye, but upon examination it was found that it would have been impossible to have found a better display of what corn should not be. One ear was over a foot long and so slender as to seem odd, another had a butt measuring at least nine inches in circumference while the tip must have been about five inches in circumference, a third was a hybrid and had a shoe-peg grain, etc., mixed together, a fourth was short and stubby, a fifth was about the proper size and formation, but the rows of grains almost made a spiral around the cob, others had the tips and butts exposed, irregular sized grains, etc. At another booth the man in charge remarked that they raised corn in their county which grew so high that the squirrels would starve to death while climbing a stalk to reach the ear. Frequently displays of potatoes contained such large potatoes as to have no marketable significance, mixed with fancy, No. 1's, 2's, Jumbo's, etc. Size and display seemed to be the predominating custom everywhere you turned. Much stress was laid upon attractiveness and small consideration given to true types and correct specimens. Almost invariably the attractive features of a booth were quantity, size, and unique or odd designs. Pictures were made of grains of corn, cotton, milo maize, glass panels contained grains, and more attention seemed to have been paid to attractive designs than to the quality or educative value of the product. Many people saw these displays, and I have often wondered if the central idea was not to advertise and call attention to the artistic taste of the director of the display rather than to give a demonstration in the results of improved agricultural practices.

The desire for quantity instead of quality and size instead of uniformity is one of the rocks which is wrecking the profits of the Texas farmer. There seems to be a general idea that to produce a quantity and dump a volume on the market should bring a profit. This is no more true in agriculture than in business. The man who dumps a mixed assortment of potatoes, wheat, corn, pecans, eggs or any other commodity on the market without regard to classification, grade and quality in conformity with the market's demand must expect to make his loss. The farmer must produce the grade and quality the consumer is willing to pay for and then deliver it to him properly graded if he would reap the greatest reward, and thus cut the expense of many middle men and much loss of products and transportation rates in the grading process at centralization points. Whenever the happy times arrive that purchasers can find a certain type of potatoes, corn, wheat, cotton, onions, peanuts, tomatoes, fruit, truck crops, etc., produced in quantities in the sections best adapted to their growth and these have been standardized and classified according to the grades required on the market a long step will have been taken in the solution of the agricultural problems of Texas. The consumer will find a way to the desirable products so will transportation companies, but if they have to pay for a car of undesirable products to secure a wagon load of desirable commodities and scour the hills and valleys of a state to secure the carload they will see to it that the producer pays the freight.

There is probably no better place to educate the people than the fair and no better agency than the Extension Service of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of



Texas. There should be a display of the desirable specimens of the results of improved agricultural practices so that a contrast may be made between the miscellaneous conglomerate mess frequently called an agricultural display, and more care must be exercised in preparing exhibits if Texas is to get proper credit for her potentialities in agricultural products.

One of the longest strides in promoting this movement was that taken by the county exhibitors at their regular annual meeting at the state fair of Texas, Oct. 22, 1920, when they passed important resolutions, chief among which was paragraph 4, which reads as follows: "That some arrangement be made whereby other states will be invited to bring in exhibits and compete in the 'All States' class and that Texas shall have a general exhibit covering the entire state and under the auspices of the A. and M. College in co-operation with the Fair Association, the Texas Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Chamber of Commerce, East Texas Chamber of Commerce, the Panhandle-Plains Chamber of Commerce, and other agencies, to compete against exhibits from other states, counties or nations and in order to accomplish such results we hereby pledge our hearty support."

This brings together the chief business agencies and the agricultural agencies of the state in preparing an exhibit which should prove educational and far-reaching in its efforts upon Texas agriculture, for in order to compete with other states the exhibits will have to have other merits than mere size and display. It must have merit. Furthermore, the A. and M. College now has an opportunity to display a genuine exhibit of the results of improved agriculture from Texas under the selection and direction of A. and M. agricultural authority which gives the agencies of improved agricultural practices free rein in selecting a display which will display to the world the possibilities of improved agriculture while the exhibit should prove an example of a correct selection of desirable products and thus pave the way in the public mind for a definite understanding of the difference between mere size and display and the true characteristics of a desirable display of various marketable products from Texas.

PAST FIRE RECORD KEEPS RATE DOWN

That Pecos should receive some reduction in the key rate for the coming year, at least partially offset the loss of good fire record credit, is the statement of W. W. Dean, who estimates that by the installation of the big new chemical engine, and also the institution of teaching fire prevention methods and the principles of fire insurance, which has recently been done under Superintendent Rutledge, the key rate on business property will be reduced from the net amount of 55c as formerly to 52c, being a net reduction of 3c on each \$100 of insurance. On residence property, where one-third of the key rate only is used, this will make a net reduction of only 1c. The amount of difference in the good fire record credit cannot be estimated until reports of all agents have been compiled and consolidated.

NEW YEAR WILL SEE INCREASED ACTIVITY

The New Year will bring another well to the last list of operations in the territory around Pecos. This is to be drilled by the Toyah Basin Oil Company on section 2, block B-20, Crane county, about 11 miles southeast of Monahans, and under present plans is to be spudded in on New Year's day.

The company, which has headquarters in New York, has had holdings in the Pecos field for some time and it is understood that the foregoing well is the first of a series to be drilled. A small "grasshopper" rig will be used to start the well, but it is understood that the company is to move a larger rig on the site after drilling a short distance.

While all the operators have not resumed operations after the Christmas holidays, several of them have gotten under way. The work has been resumed on tearing down and rebuilding the Bell discovery derrick and the contract for drilling this well has been let to Montz & Wolf, the contractors on the Toyah Bell No. 2. The contract calls for the drilling of the hole to "production." Five sands are reported by Dr. Hugh H. Tucker to lie under the top sand discovered by the Bell drill last spring but which was lost due to heavy water flow, and the drill is to seek out the best paying of these sands.

The Toyah-Bell is again at work after several weeks of quiet, all arrangements have been completed to carry this hole to a greater depth with the new standard rig that is now on the location. Some cave-ins which occurred during the long shut-down have prevented the showing of oil expected when the well was bailed out. The company reported oil in the hole after shutting down the well to build the standard rig, but state that they regarded this showing as merely an indication of what will be found underneath. It is the general belief that from 100 to 300 feet will be necessary to be drilled before big production is found. The hole is now 2025 feet deep.

Jack Kinder and his crew resumed drilling on the Laura Thursday, the several days of the past week being taken to put the boiler in shape after the shut down. The Laura uses the Pecos water and it is necessary to clean out the boiler frequently.

That the 50-foot well of the Grant Oil Corporation near Fort Stockton is producing more oil than the 130-foot well was the news from that territory this week. This phenomenon is all the more remarkable because the shallower well has only 1 foot of sand while the deeper one has several feet. The wells are producing sufficient oil to keep the tankage filled and to supply the drilling rigs in the vicinity with fuel—about 35 barrels a day.

The El Paso-Saragosa, twenty-five miles south of Pecos, resumed drilling this week after a delay of several weeks while the crew made repairs to the boiler and put the various buildings in shape to withstand the winter weather. The drill has passed beyond the oil sand rock which was encountered between 238 and 500 feet and has reached a soft white rock formation. That the water shut off just above the last

stratum of this sand has been effected is the belief expressed by the drillers. Only part of the water in the hole has been bailed out.

The Troxel deep test was the only well to be reported drilling in the territory north of Toyah during the week. Two wells, the Lewis-Jones and the Ben Andrews, are occupied with fishing jobs. The latter well is the deepest in the field, having gone to a depth beyond 2600 feet, and due to its previous rapid progress it is hoped that the fishing job will not cause great delay.

The Duquesne-States well in central Culberson county is reported to be fighting quicksands at between 1100 and 1200 feet. These sands are delaying the progress of the well, as the hole fills as rapidly as it is drilled out. The casing is being pushed down with the drill and the crew is hopeful of finding the bottom of the quicksand bed soon and shutting the sands out from the well.

This company is to install a big gasoline engine in the near future in place of the steam boiler and engine now in use. The change is to be made because of difficulty in getting steam water to the well. The engine is understood to have been shipped.

Due to failure of the crew to return to Pecos from their Christmas holidays until after Thursday no work was done on either the River or the Soda Lake wells of the Arthur-Pitts Oil Company of Texas. Both wells are in Ward county. One of the men is to bring repairs for the boiler of River well. These repairs will be necessary before operations can be started.

Great interest in the various development projects of the Pecos valley and especially in the oil projects on the part of residents of Fort Worth and Dallas was reported by Secretary Walter N. Sutherland of the Pecos chamber of commerce, who has returned from a trip of several days to these cities.

Data concerning the oil and sulphur development was requested and left at the offices of the Fort Worth and Dallas chambers of commerce and at the office of the Texas chamber of commerce at Dallas.

From conversations with business men in the two cities Mr. Sutherland gained the impression that these men were keeping close watch on developments here and that with the bettering of the financial situation and a continuation of the present favorable showings in the oil wells that some new development projects may be expected.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO SECTION GANG

On Tuesday of this week the motor truck of the bridge gang ran into a broken rail near Quito, which caused a wreck which scattered the men all over that territory and injured several of the crew—some seriously. Those injured are Foreman Storm, injured about the head and badly bruised, though it is thought not seriously; Bundler, Morris and McMurry were also badly bruised and lacerated and a man by the name of Sykes was seriously injured, but it is hoped he will recover.

It appears the Sunshine Special had broken a rail in passing over the road at that point Tuesday morning and when the motor car with the bridge carpenters struck that rail at a high speed the accident occurred.

Commercial Club To Hold Annual Dinner; Prominent Men To Speak

COMPANY ADD \$32,500 TO IRRIGATED SECTION

W. R. Lynch of Dallas, president and general manager of the Pecos Valley Alfalfa, Land and Oil Company, is in Pecos and made the Enterprise a pleasant visit.

Mr. Lynch states that he will be here for the next sixty days continuously looking after the interests of his company. He has rented a room for that length of time and will purchase an automobile for the company in which to travel to and from their holdings near Porterville, where they have 1522 acres of irrigable land. Last year only 100 acres were in cultivation, although 390 acres of this land has been in cultivation heretofore.

He states that they have now installed a pumping plant with all machinery new and of the very best, which is delivering 8,500 gallons of water per minute. This company, says Mr. Lynch, has recently put up \$32,500 for the development of this tract of land and expect to put in 500 acres in cotton the coming year.

Some of this land will be rented out—each renter to have all he can work—and such renters will have an opportunity to contract for and clear as much land as they care to during their spare time, for which he will pay cash; thus enabling the said renters to earn their bread while making the crop during the hours they would otherwise be idle.

Mr. Lynch is purely a business man and man of affairs. Besides being president and general manager of the Pecos Valley Alfalfa Land and Oil Company, he is president and general manager of several other companies. In fact, he says, he is president and general manager of all the different companies with which he is in any way connected. He is a pleasant gentleman and has taken hold of the proposition here in a way which portends success for his company and the development of a large acreage of as good and productive land as there is in Texas.

Disciples of Omar Through Juarez During Christmas Season

Homer A. Stuart, for two or three months pressman for the Enterprise, left Christmas day for Corona, N. M., via El Paso. Mr. Stuart contemplates establishing a newspaper at Corona. From El Paso he writes the Enterprise as follows:

"C'm on le'sh have 'nother lil drink," was the slogan in Juarez during the Christmas season.

The "Oasis of the Border" was thronged until far into the night with disciples of Omar Khayyam, the Persian poet of ancient days, who sang of

"The grape that can with logic absolute, The two and seventy jarring sects confute. The sovereign alchemist that can in a trice, Life's leaden metal into gold transmute."

The majority of the revelers, however, deviated from the teachings of the ancient philosopher in that they invariably called for the "product of the corn" in preference to the juice of the grape.

Officials issuing the ten-day tourist permits at the El Paso chamber of commerce say they issued an average of from six to eight hundred permits daily in addition to the regular passports.

FIRE NOTICE

The fire chief and city marshal make the request that the Enterprise inform the public that they will no longer tolerate any one not of the fire department to ride on the fire trucks, nor will they allow others than whose business it is to handle the hose during a fire. Better be a little careful in the future unless you are just itching to get pinched.

1921 Calendars

Of the beautiful 1921 calendars received at the Enterprise office to date are three exceptionally beautiful in design. The larger of these came from Marshall H. Prior, the Gates Half Sole Tire man, which has a beautiful girl highly painted, sitting upon a ledge of rock overhanging a lake. She is scantily dressed and has one foot in the lake. The background shows a cluster of pines.

E. L. Collings Insurance Company presented the Enterprise with another—a child sleeping in a chair with a big Newfoundland dog keeping watch over it, entitled, "The Home Guard." Mr. Collings selected this one for sight and wrote the following appropriate wording, which is placed at the top of the picture: "As the faithful dog protects your child while he sleeps, so do we furnish you protection day and night in all kinds of insurance."

H. C. Zimmer Hardware Company has another with a beautiful girl being caressed by a horse's head. They are all pretty and useful.

A prosperity dinner under the auspices of the chamber of commerce is being planned for Tuesday evening, January 11, in the Oil King Grill.

Secretary Sutherland, who has just returned from Dallas, secured the promise of Managing Editor McQuaid of the Dallas News to be present at the meeting and make a talk if it is possible for him to reach Pecos at that time. In event of McQuaid's inability to attend a representative of the editorial staff will be present and will spend some time in this territory. Invitations were extended to other Dallas and Fort Worth papers to send men to the meeting, and a similar invitation will be extended to the El Paso papers.

An invitation to be present has also been sent to Porter A. Whaley, general manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce, and formerly secretary of the Pecos chamber of commerce. Mr. Whaley's reply has not yet been received.

Officials of the chamber of commerce believe that the turning point in the economical situation is about to be reached, and the dinner is planned to start Pecos on a prosperous year of activity. Reports from the drilling field are more favorable than has been the case for some time past.

Invitations are to be extended to a number of men financially interested in the Pecos valley and in the concerns operating here, and the chamber will be glad to extend an invitation to any business friends of Pecos citizens if the latter will hand in the name to Secretary Sutherland.

Invitations to be present are to be extended to the farmers of the Pecos valley and to residents of adjoining towns.

The dinner and subsequent program is to be for all those who are interested in the advancement of the Pecos valley and all such are invited to come whether they receive a personal invitation or not.

Los Pastores

The Mexican citizens of Brogado put on an entertainment at the town hall Christmas Eve and Christmas day, entitled, "Los Pastores," typifying the birth of Christ.

The entertainment consumed about three hours each time, and was put on twice. It was well attended by both Americans and Mexicans and is said to have been a most creditable affair.

BEE CULTURIST WILL ESPOUSE HONEY TRADE

A meeting of special interest to all those interested in bees will be held in Pecos Wednesday, January 12, under the auspices of the chamber of commerce. J. V. Ormond, bee expert and entomologist, is coming to Pecos on that date as one stop in his tour of this section under the direction of the West Texas chamber of commerce.

Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas chamber of commerce, in his letter announcing Mr. Ormond's intention to visit Pecos, says: "Mr. Ormond is one of the best posted men in the United States on his subject, and there is a wide field for advancement of this industry in Pecos. Mr. Ormond makes a practical talk, which is of interest to school children as well as bee men."

The exact time of Mr. Ormond's arrival in Pecos was not stated, so that the chamber of commerce is unable to announce whether the meeting will be an afternoon or night affair. All those interested in bee culture in the Pecos valley are invited to attend.

Stamford, Texas, Dec. 30.—The West Texas bee propagating campaign under the auspices of the West Texas chamber of commerce, co-operating with the A. I. Root Company of Texas, San Antonio, will start January 1, when J. V. Ormond, field representative, will speak and give a stration before an audience at Lockney, from there making a circuit of West Texas towns, ending the first leg of his itinerary at San Angelo January 20.

Mr. Ormond is an expert bee culturist whose services to all West Texas will be free. Not only will he outline plans for starting the bee industry in a community or section, but he will gladly advise and instruct along improved lines those already engaged in the business. The West Texas chamber of commerce desires for all communities and counties in the section visited to hear and confer with him in the promotion of the bee and honey industry of West Texas, which gives promise of becoming a leading enterprise in a few years.

The itinerary arranged for Mr. Ormond on the first leg of his all-West Texas tour of lectures and probable demonstrations follows:

Lockney Jan. 1, Floydada Jan. 3, Plainview Jan. 5, Lubbock Jan. 7, Barstow Jan. 11, Pecos Jan. 12, Balmorhea Jan. 14, Fort Stockton Jan. 17, Mertzon Jan. 19, San Angelo Jan. 20.

New Year's Eve

by Alva N. Harrington

"RIGHT foot forward, left foot back, double shuffle. Zip!" Thus Hal Burton, with boyish animation, with youthful longing, too, as he glanced through the open window commanding a clear view of the river, frozen solid, packed with a gay throng. He could catch the inspiring clang and whistle of the bright flying skates. The fact inspired him to redouble his present efforts, "parlor skating," for a surety, for Hal had been set the task of polishing the parlor floors. He wore a pair of big felt boots and was executing an ungainly dance. When he paused it was to send flying from a bag at his side a sprinkle of wax. Then he resumed his vigorous gyrations, whirling, singing, barely pausing for breath.

"Right foot, left foot, any foot at all. Done! Now for half a glorious day on real skates, just as sister Marcia promised."

"Sister Marcia" entered the apartment as Hal was removing his impromptu skates from his tired feet. She commended his work and told him there were freshly cooked doughnuts in the kitchen, and Hal darted away with a joyous shout.

She was a fair chateleine and lady bountiful, this lovely Marcia Burton. Perhaps a subdued sadness in her eyes, a slight firmness about the lips betrayed hidden emotion, but well under curb. It was two days before New Year's and festive occasions always brought memories of the past, of one especial passage in her life where love had flamed for a day to flicker only vaguely, distressingly through the later years.

If she had borne secret disappointment, her gentle winning ways concealed it. There were two Marcia would miss—her father, who had died during the year; the other one who had dropped out of her life three years ago, mysteriously, with an abruptness to this day inexplicable—Bruce Telford.

At that very hour, in the city one hundred miles distant, this selfsame individual was thinking of her. Perhaps it was some seasonal telepathic influence, perhaps unconsciously his thoughts were always fixed upon Miss Burton.

There was reason why this should be so. Their lives—and loves—had been more intimately commingled in the past than the casual world suspected. Marcia had been a friend of Telford for over a year. Each recognized a closer tie as time went on. One eventful night at a social function he



There Were Two Marcia Would Miss.

had been overcome by her rare beauty and kindly consideration. As they parted he had whispered into her ear that he wished to write her something of interest, something that had been in his heart for a long time. The letter was dispatched. One day, two days—no reply. His soul was stricken, not only with bitter disappointment, but with injured pride and chagrin. All womankind foresworn, Bruce Telford had left the town and had plunged into business, cold, exact, systematic, to assuage the sorrow that had crushed his spirit to the ground.

He had prospered beyond his fondest dreams, but at what a sacrifice! He had allowed business to absorb him, fancying he was forgetting the past. This particular afternoon, so close to the end of a year, it seemed as though he reviewed his old life, just as his busy bookkeeper, bent over his desk, was bulking up the twelve months' brokerage operations. So wraiths of the far past flitted through Telford's mind, with Marcia ever a lonely though distracting presence. The memory disturbed him. He arose and paced the floor. Then his glance became fixed on old John Graham, his bookkeeper. Working diligently, Graham was humming softly an old familiar tune.

Bruce Telford felt ashamed as he considered his own selfish self-centered three years and the man before him. Within six months Graham had lost his wife and child. His brave spirit had not sunk. He had adopted two little orphans, sent for his sister

Ping Out the Old! Ring in the New!

AND now we hear the tolling bell, That sounds the Old Year's dying knell, And safe within the fleeing past Its good and evil will be cast, To oft return, in future hour, Brought by retentive memory's power. And what the New Year, ere its close, May have in store, no mortal knows. But if all men were good and true, And would their Christian duty do, The world would seem to hear again "Sweet peace on earth, good will to men!" Then all could shout, the whole world through, "Ring out the Old! Ring in the New!"

OH, THINK of those bound down by sorrow, Now longing for some glad tomorrow To lighten up the heavy load, That they must bear upon life's road, Who journey on from day to day, Along life's cold and rugged way, Still longing, as they onward tread, For deeds undone or words unsaid, Though friendly smile or kindly hand— Two things at every one's command— Would help to soothe the gnawing pain, Or break the links of sorrow's chain. So, Christian friends, your duty do— Ring out the Old! Ring in the New!

WITHIN a learned land like this Some think that ignorance is bliss, While ruthless hands and scheming fools Make rule or ruin their vicious tools; With no respect for God or man, Destructive methods are their plan; Not using reason for defense, Resort they to fool's violence; Imaginary wrongs they'd right, By senseless torch or dynamite. Oh, rulers of our mighty land, Check this vile scourge with firmer hand! Then tranquil peace will come in lieu— Ring out the Old! Ring in the New!

BEAR this in mind, what e'er befall, The hand Divine rules over all. And when we greet the glad New Year, With all its joy and social cheer, Let each resolve his best to give, That this old world may better live. And as we go but once this way, Let's shed sweet sunshine's golden ray, And bring good cheer to hearts bowed down By adversity's cold, sullen frown. Then when the sands of life are run, We'll hear the welcome, "Well, well done! Come, reap the joys prepared for you!" Ring out the Old! Ring in the New!

—George W. Armstrong.

and was making life radiant for others, despite his sore affliction.

Telford followed a quick impulse. He returned to his desk and wrote out a check for one hundred dollars. Then he stepped beside his industrious employee.

"Make a happy New Year's for your folks at home, Graham," he said with assumed lightness of tone. "And by the way, we'll close up for the week. I think I'll take a little run to—down into the country."

Bruce Telford left the city with a well-stored suitcase. The next afternoon saw him ringing the doorbell of the old mansion where he had spent so many happy hours. The servant recognized him with a start and showed him into the parlor.

There were old familiar aspects to the room, and there in the alcove was the special corner always given to dead Mr. Burton. The caller even recognized his desk, his armchair, his favorite books. It looked as though this was a spot sacred to the memory of the beloved parent, preserved as of old and not disturbed. Involuntarily Telford took up one of the volumes. He instantly recognized a classical author from whom Mr. Burton had frequently quoted. Almost unconsciously he turned over the leaves. He smiled in sad retrospect as he noted a line that had been a favorite with the dead man, and, following the context, turned over a new leaf—

No marvel that he started! That volume had probably remained unopened for years. There between the pages lay three letters. They were yellow and faded with time. Each one bore an unrecalled stamp. Undoubtedly given to Mr. Burton to mail, in his absent-mindedness he had placed them temporarily in the book and they had never been mailed.

"Mr. Bruce Telford"—one was addressed to himself. And in Marcia's handwriting! His heart began to beat wildly. Could it be—he was interrupted. He knew not why, but with almost eager haste he closed the book, thrusting the letter into his pocket. Marcia entered the room.

They became almost jolly over the package of presents he had brought for the little ones. They spoke of old friends, of the New Year's eve only a few hours distant. Would he stay to tea and later join her sister and her husband in a skating party? Bruce Telford sat in a strange glow as later Marcia left him to direct preparations for tea. His hand stole to the letter in his pocket. What might it not contain—her reply to his letter, so cruelly withered through three long, bitter years!

"No," he said, checking an impulse urged by a rare heart of hope—"later." It was like a dream, the succeeding hour, as he was greeted by the man-

bers of the family, made to feel at home seated at the table with Marcia, flushed, radiant, kindly as always and more lovingly than ever.

New Year's eve—how royally the old church bells rang! A slide across the safe bound ice of the river, a delicious moment as, all equipped, Marcia's hand rested in his and they glided over the smooth, shining surface as of yore.

Half a mile from the others, in a swift sweep down the river, she stumbled and he caught her in his arms and insisted on her resting on an old log. He seemed in some dream of delicious delight, a magic force impelled him to speak at last.

"Miss Burton—" he began. "Surely we are old friends, Bruce," she interrupted, with reproachful wistfulness.

"Yes, Marcia," he corrected himself. "I have a letter I found in a book at your home. Was it an answer to my own in that long ago?" and the words that explained all came from his lips in impetuous rapidity. "See, I have not opened it," he added.

He tendered it to her. Her face had grown colorless, but only from the startling discovery of the delayed



Glided Over the Smooth, Shining Surface.

missive. It fluttered in her clasp for a moment. Then she held it out toward him, her face flushing, her eyes downcast as she almost whispered: "It was yours three years ago; it is yours just the same today."

"Then—then I have come into my own!" he cried in surging hope. "Dare I hope—"

"I have not changed," she said softly. "When you read it—"

Ah! He could read it in her tell-tale face now, in her happy eyes. His arm stole round her. She did not draw back.

"Through all the years—oh, worth the waiting!" he cried.

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Camel CIGARETTES

Finds Interesting System of Fruit Culture

Intensive fruit culture to an extent scarcely to be found in this country was noticed at Cambridge, England, by Prof. L. C. Corbett, of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has just returned from a European mission. A concern there has an orchard of 1,400 acres, so densely set that machine cultivation or the introduction of a horse-drawn spraying machine is impossible. Apple trees are set 2 rods apart and are headed high, 6 or 7 feet from the ground, the spread of limb being more than 6 feet from the trunk. Between the apple rows, plum trees are set midway and also headed high; beneath the plum and apple trees, currant and gooseberry bushes are set in rows 3 feet apart.

Before the war culture was by hand, even to the spading. When the war took away man-power the owners saved themselves by introducing small "wheel-barrow tractors," manufactured in the United States, which have a tread of only 18 to 20 inches. The density of the orchard, of course, precludes horse-spraying. To meet this condition a complete waterworks system has been run through the roadways, which are placed at intervals, and lime-sulphur mixture or Bordeaux mixture is pumped through the mains from a central power plant, spraying 200 acres. The mixture is taken off by hose connected at intervals. The company owning this orchard has a large preserving plant for the manufacture of jam when the market is poor for plums and apples.

In Lombardy and Normandy, on the contrary, apple culture appears to be incidental to pasturage. The trees are set 50 or

60 feet apart and are pruned high so as to be out of the way of stock. Apples of northern France are largely used for cider, in the manufacture and blending of which the people are as expert as in the manufacture of wine.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL GAS ATTACK.
A couple of Irishmen met in a Chicago street and one of them asked the other: "What is this I hear about Clancy?" "He's been trying to asphyxiate himself." "G'wan! What did he do?" "He lit every gas jet in the house and sat down and waited."—Harper's.

THE BIG THREE.
Doughboys of the American outfit sharing a sector in Belgium with the British were much given to speculation over the insignia that the Tommies of a certain division sported on their shoulders. This division consisted of three question marks. After long discussion it was finally settled that they stood for:
"When do we eat?"
"Where do we go from here?"
"Who won the war?"
—American Legion Weekly.

VIRGINIBUS PUERISQUE.
Mother was much interested in the new friends Clarence had made during the first days of the new school term, and she questioned him rather closely about them. "Who is this Louis Shine?" she asked. "Is he a good little boy?" "He sure is!" was Clarence's emphatic response.
"Does he ever use naughty words?" continued the mother.
"No, mother," came from Clarence, with equal emphasis, "and I am not going to teach him any."—Harper's.

Japanese Walnut Is Valuable Shade Tree

The Japanese walnut offers possibilities for landowners who are seeking to plant nut trees or shade or other purposes, specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is nearly as hard as the black walnut and is by no means common in Northern and Eastern States, where it is especially appropriate for farm and door-yard planting. For the present seedling trees will have to be relied upon almost entirely, as very few budded or grafted trees are available.

This nut has been confused with the Persian or so-called English walnut, although the two are quite unlike. The Japanese is a dwarfish species, with dull green rough leaflets, often as many as 15 or 17 to the leaf, and bears nuts in racemes of a dozen or more.

The shells are thinner than those of the black walnut, but thicker than those of the better Persian walnuts. The flavor of the kernels is much like that of the American butternut.

To Stop a Cough Quick

take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues.
A box of GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.
The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey on the throat combined with the healing effect of Grove's O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.
Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c.
Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

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The Enterprise wishes each and every patron of the paper a happy, prosperous 1921.

GOING FORWARD.

Just to show you how scared The Enterprise is that the country is going to the bow-wows during the incoming year, this paper is preparing to better equip its already first-class country print shop with even more equipment. The order has been sent in for about \$200 worth of new type faces in order to give our advertisers better service in display type with new faces.

The old adage that one cannot stand still and must either go backwards or forwards is as true now as when first spoken. The Enterprise is going forward and believes not another town in Texas with the same population has a better printing plant than has Pecos in the Enterprise.

But it might not be amiss to issue a word of warning to our people. No paper can exist without proper support, and the better the support usually the better the paper. Many towns over Texas with three or four times the population of Pecos has only one newspaper and the job office connected therewith.

There are those of misanthropic bent of mind, it cannot be denied, who are ever ready to direct your attention to the moral delinquencies of some miserable derelict and cite the isolated case as confirmation of their contention that the world is going to hades at lightning express speed.

The predictions are many that a real panic is upon us and that the hardest times our people ever saw are now just ahead. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

come to believe that everything in the way of products and labor would always be high and money easy. It would have been a calamity had it been so. There is no use in being alarmed. Our people will live and prosper during 1921 and will have more at the end of the year than they will be able to close out the present year with, for they will not be money mad.

THE DEMAND FOR HOUSING. The Safety Valve receives so many letters complaining of high rentals that if we should print half of them there would be room for nothing else. We do not know that agitation of that kind will cause any landlord to reduce rents.

But the best way of all to get a surplus of dwellings is for each family to own its own home. If every family in the city which might own its home should immediately take steps to buy or build one, landlords would soon be scouring the city for tenants, and rentals would come tumbling down.

Many a landlord can profiteer we suppose he will usually do it. We doubt whether many landlords can. They have the deficits of quite a number of lean years to make good. Heating costs a good deal more than it did. Tenants are more exacting than they were. Taxes are increasing.

"ZAT SO?" A Galveston man found a full grown leopard in his chicken house and a janitor of the Grayson county court house caught a "possum in one of the rooms of that building. Which reminds us that it is about time for somebody to find a nest of pole-kittens in the Honey Grove postoffice.

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CHURCH COUNCIL CONDEMNS THE OPEN SHOP.

It is not unusual for the delinquent, when he starts out on a new course of conduct, to proceed in the beginning with more enthusiasm than discrimination. It is perhaps in this propensity that we shall find the explanation of the deliverance which the Social Service of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has just issued on the open shop movement.

The terms of "this so-called American plan," the Social Service of the Federated Churches of Christ in America says, "are now being frequently used to designate establishments that are definitely anti-union" and that, therefore, "a shop of this kind is not an 'open shop,' but a 'closed shop' against members of labor unions."

and they also realize that public taste can be appealed to and improved, as well as individual taste. They do not waste time in abusing "ragtime."—Fresno Republican.

TAXES AND TRADE.

The Republicans are now giving out the statement that any tax revision need not be looked for for quite a while, which shows that the wily Republicans were willing enough to use the dissatisfaction over war taxes to prize up a landslide with, but knew all along that the present system is as equitable and just as can be reasonably figured out.—Cuero Record.

DRILLING REPORT

Table with columns: Company, Well, County, Sec., Township, Block, Depth, Remarks. Lists various oil companies and their drilling activities in Reeves County, Texas.

The above list does not include many shallow wells in the Toyah field, and only those in actual operation in the Pecos Valley field. I know of no oil field that at the same stage of development (20 months) that had so many active operations, and the fact that migratory or seepage oil has shown to a remarkable amount proves beyond question that the big pools are surely here, and it is certain that some of these operations will go into them when they get deep enough, which may be anywhere from 2500 to 4000 ft.

ONE ON THE PREACHER.

"Only one man in the church is awake, and he's a babbling idiot!" snorted the preacher, looking over the congregation after a long sermon on a hot Sunday.

REALLY DID.

"My friend, have you ever done anything to make the community better for your living in it?" "I have done much, sir," replied the other, earnestly, "to purify the homes of my fellow-men."

THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Reeves County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon John Watkins by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your county to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court, Precinct No. 2, Reeves County, Texas, to be held at Toyah, Texas, at the office of the justice of the peace, Precinct No. 2, on the fourth Saturday in January, A. D. 1921, the same being the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1921.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the clerk of the District Court of Reeves County, on the 29th day of December, 1920, in a certain cause wherein The First National Bank of Pecos, Texas, is plaintiff, and Bell-Reeves Oil Company, a joint stock association, is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 23rd day of November, 1920, in favor of the said plaintiff.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pecos Valley State Bank of Pecos, Texas, will be held in its offices January 13, 1921, between the hours of nine a. m. and four o'clock p. m., for the election of directors for ensuing year and transaction of other business that may come before said meeting.

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—One Fairbanks-Morse 25 h. p. distillate engine, rebored and in good shape; one set extra rings. Phone No. 96-21 or write Box 323, Pecos, Texas. 19*3

FOR SALE—Permits on Sections 27, 28, 34, 39, 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 50, township 10. Dated December 26, 1919. Located on the famous Grant well anticline which is a prolongation of the Barillo mountain structure. Make me an offer. P. O. Box 1047, Dallas, Texas. 17*4

FOR SALE—Large size Fort Worth spudder. Everything to drill and complete a well. For particulars and price see E. R. Call, Slater Drilling Co., at Mrs. J. W. Parker residence. 17*4

TO TRADE—For sheep or goats, land in fee or oil and gas lease; land extremely well located in Reeves and Ward counties. Address Los Gentry, owner, Artesia, New Mexico. 17d

MILK GOATS—The editor has four good milk goats which will be fresh in January for sale. All four bred to pure Saanan buck. Call at the Enterprise office for particulars. 17d

FOR SALE OR RENT—Two new residences for sale or rent. Apply to Dr. I. E. Smith. 16f

FOR SALE—Three lots, well located. Call at Enterprise office. 12f

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Furnished room for rent; same suitable for light housekeeping. Mrs. Ben Randals. 1*

FOR RENT—Good house and garage. Inquire of C. S. Shorty, Box 154. 1*

FOR RENT—Close in rooms; first class; cheap. Mrs. S. E. Wilson, phone 137. 20f

WANTED

WANTED—Salesman to represent El Paso wholesale fruit jobbing house on commission basis. This will take only part of your time daily. If you are a hustler will pay you well. In applying, give references. Apply Postoffice Box 158, El Paso, Texas. 17-3

WANTED—To buy or rent a used piano. 18 f

WANTED—About three or four more milk customers. Apply to F. P. Richburg. 1t

WELFARE COMMISSION HAS INDUSTRIAL CODE

To Whom It May Concern:

Take Notice: That pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in it by the statutes of the state of Texas; Chapter 160, General Laws of Texas, Acts of the 36th Legislature, and after public hearings duly had upon motion of the commission, notice of such hearings having been duly given in the manner provided by law, and after investigations made by said commission covering substantially all parts of the state, the Industrial Welfare Commission finds, and hereby decrees that the lowest wage paid females and minors should not be less than the amounts hereinafter set forth, subject to the conditions hereinafter named.

Experienced Female Workers and Minors. The Industrial Welfare Commission of the State of Texas does hereby order that:

1. No person, firm or corporation shall employ or suffer or permit any female or minor to be employed in any telephone or telegraph office, mercantile establishment, laundry or factory (except as otherwise provided in this order) at a rate of wage less than 25c per hour or \$12 per week of 48 hours, all time in excess of 48 hours per week to be paid for at proportional rates.

Any female shall be deemed experienced when she has been employed in any occupation one year.

A minor shall be deemed experienced when he or she has been employed in any occupation one year.

A minor within the meaning of Chapter 160, General Laws of Texas, Acts of the 36th Legislature, is any person under 15 years of age of either sex.

2. Learners.—No person, firm or corporation shall employ, or suffer or permit to be employed, any female or minor as a learner, in any telephone or telegraph office, mercantile establishment, laundry or factory at a rate of wage less than the rate fixed for experienced workers, except at the rates and under the conditions hereinafter set forth.

Women and minors employed as learners must be paid at a rate of not less than 15c per hour for the first six months of employment, and not less than 20c per hour for the second six months employment.

The period of one year for learners will be determined by the time such learner has been employed by a person, firm or corporation, and not by the time of the taking effect of this order.

All time of learners in excess of eight hours per day or forty-eight hours per week must be paid for at proportional rates.

3. Part-Time Workers.—Regularly employed part-time workers, either experienced or learners, must be registered with the commission, by furnishing it with the following information: Name, age, sex (if minor), address, number of hours worked per week, rate of pay, and if a minor under 15 years of age, the date of work permit and the name of the county judge issuing such permit, such information to be furnished the commission within two weeks after such part-time worker is employed.

Any person, firm or corporation may employ students attending accredited universities, colleges, vocational, continuation or

Toyah Valley Social Events

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. SPLITGARBER ENTERTAIN.

Charlie Splitgarber has one of the prettiest homes of any of our ranchmen, nestled in the catclaw hills near the beautiful and famous Phantom Lake, near the line of Reeves and Jeff Davis counties. There are a very few people who have visited the Toyahvale country who have not accepted of the hospitality of this home—and none to be found anywhere who are more delighted to entertain the "stranger that is within their gates" or the friends of these splendid ranch people than Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Splitgarber. The editor and family have been there and can testify that there was plenty of the very best to eat and that such cordiality is rarely met anywhere.

But why all this talk when the editor only started in to tell another story. Mr. and Mrs. Splitgarber have given away at their home more than some people ever made and yet they have prospered and will continue to give and prosper. Yes, they enjoy having a good time all the same as when they were younger than they are now, but the best times they have ever had was when they were making someone else have a good time, so on Christmas Eve they had prepared a beautiful Christmas tree, which was well laden with beautiful as well as useful presents and to which tree all their kinfolk as well as all the children of their community had been invited. The editor is not informed, but would not be surprised if Charlie, himself, did not act in Santa Claus' stead in handing out the gifts. A large number of persons were present and all had a most delightful time.

But this Christmas tree business did not suffice for these good people. They had not yet had all the glory they desired for themselves and their friends, so on Christmas day they spread a feast of turkey and all the accessories—nothing forgotten—which will last in the memory as a sweet morsel so long as those who had the good fortune to be there have a memory. The eats were not all, by a long shot, these good people had to offer, for the musicians were there and Mr. and Mrs. Splitgarber put on one performance after another until the wee sma' hours.

Those who were fortunate enough to be invited guests on this occasion were: Judge and Mrs. J. F. Meier, Mrs. J. L. Moore, Mr. Henry von Rhaden, Miss Rosa Blankenship, Mrs. Mary Meier, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore and Albert Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Patterson, Miss Mattie Lee Wilson, Mr. Will Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg White, Mr. M. Somes, Mr. and Mrs. Tatum Moore and children, Mary Helen and Dorothy Ruth, Misses Lucile and Dixie Patterson; Masters Herbert and John Henry Meier.

Music by Miss Lucile Patterson, Mrs. Gregg White and Messrs. Tatum and Will Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. VanDeren held a family reunion at their home in Balmorhea on Christmas day, where a sumptuous dinner was served to all present. All their children and grandchildren were present to celebrate the occasion.

E. P. Stuckler, mayor of Brogado, was in Pecos this week on business.

Miss Mattie Lee Wilson of Pecos is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Knapp.

CHRISTMAS AT KINGSTON RANCH.

With the purr of the motor and the honk of the horn we were off early Christmas morning, headed for the Davis mountains, where it was our fortune to be invited to spend the day at the W. L. Kingston ranch home.

An hour's ride through the cold, crisp morning air brought us to this palatial home at the mouth of Madera Canyon, in the Davis mountains, where W. L. Kingston and wife, away back in the early eighties decided to settle, build a home, grow their herds and if possible accumulate a fortune for future posterity. All this they have accomplished, and more. It is interesting to sit around the Yuletide log and listen to the early struggles of these pioneer frontiersmen, their hardships and privations, when the dollars were few and far between, the closest neighbors were miles away, and it was two days' travel and more to market and back, when some of the building material, wire, etc., was freighted from San Antonio, hundreds of miles away; but now they have survived the hardships, accomplished the seemingly impossible, and are in the declining years of their lives enjoying the fruits of their labors.

At noon dinner was announced, and such a dinner, oh man; there was everything that the heart could desire, and cooked to a queen's taste, and to say that it was thoroughly enjoyed by all present would be mentioning it mildly.

After dinner all repaired to the parlor, where music, games and pleasant conversation was indulged in, until the lengthening shadows from the peaks of the mountain tops reminded us that the day was drawing to a close, and we must hasten homeward. With fond farewells our party was off on its homeward journey, after spending one of the most pleasant Christmas days for many, many years.

—A Guest.

MRS. J. L. MOORE ENTERTAINS

The lovely home of Mrs. J. L. Moore, near Balmorhea, is one of the popular gathering places for the young people of that section of the county. These young people gather when the "spirit moves" and are always welcomed and have a good time. But the young people are not all by a long shot who are glad to visit at this home where the latch-string is always hanging out and where a most cordial welcome is always given.

On Sunday Mrs. Moore and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Tatum Moore, spread such a feast as would tempt the kings, which consisted of turkey and all that goes with this noble bird on such occasions, to the following friends: Mrs. Charley Splitgarber, Mr. and Mrs. George F. McKinney, George and Francis McKinney, Miss Rosa Blankenship, Mr. Henry von Rhaden, Miss Mattie Lee Wilson, Mrs. Mary Meier, Messrs. Tatum and Will Moore, Samuel S. Borders, M. Somes, and little Misses Mary Helen and Dorothy Ruth Moore and Masters Herbert and John Henry Meier.

Judge Harry MacTier returned to Pecos Monday, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Stuckler at Brogado.

Verny Labeff, Henry Hicks, Miss Marie Wilson and Miss Jeffy Wigley, all of Balmorhea, motored to Pecos last Saturday to spend Christmas day with Mr. Labeff's parents.

co-operative schools as part-time workers on special permits from the commission.

4. Deficients.—Any person, firm or corporation may employ any female or minor who is mentally or physically deficient and who is unable to earn the minimum rate of pay herein provided at a rate less than the amount of said minimum, provided, and that a permit is secured from the commission, which may be issued upon the receipt of information setting out: The name, age, sex (if minor), nature of deficiency, nature of employment and the number of hours employed per day, provided that at no time shall the special licenses exceed ten per cent of the total number of employees in said industry. Any such licenses may be renewed for a like period of six months, the commission to fix the rate of pay in cases where deficients are employed and all deficients to be registered with the commission within two weeks after employment.

5. Piece Workers.—Any person, firm or corporation employing females or minors in any telephone or telegraph office, mercantile establishment, laundry or factory on a piece work basis, must pay such female or minor a piece work rate sufficient to enable such female or minor to earn the minimum rate per forty-eight hour week herebefore provided for.

6. Meals.—Where meals are furnished by any person, firm or corporation employing females or minors, in any telephone or telegraph office, mercantile establishment, laundry or factory in this state, not more than 20c per meal may be deducted from the pay of such female or minor.

Rules.—The following rules for a guidance of employers of females and minors becomes effective simultaneously with the taking effect of the minimum scale of wages herebefore fixed for females and minors:

(a) Every person, firm or corporation employing females or minors in any telephone or telegraph office, mercantile estab-

lishment, laundry or factory shall furnish to the commission, at its request, any and all reports or information which the commission may require for carrying out the purposes of the Act creating the commission, such reports or information to be verified by the oath of the person, member of the firm, or the president, secretary or manager of the corporation furnishing the same, if and when so requested by the commission.

(b) Every person, firm or corporation shall keep an accurate register of all females and minors employed, giving name, age and sex (if a minor), hours worked and wages paid, and such register shall be at all times open to the commission or any of its duly authorized representatives.

(c) For the purpose of making inspections of, or excerpts from, all books, reports, contracts, payrolls, documents or papers of such persons, firms or corporations relating to the employment of females or minors, or payment thereof, shall be subject to inspection by the commission or any of its duly authorized representatives.

(d) The commission shall exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all questions arising as to the administration or interpretation of this order.

This order shall become effective and be in force on and after February 7, 1921.

Nothing in this order shall prevent any employer from paying more than the minimum or least rate fixed by the commission. Commissions, bonuses or tips will not be considered part of the wage or salary of females or minors.

The commission may upon sixty days notice, amend, change, rescind or supplement this order, or any part thereof.

(Signed) INDUSTRIAL WELFARE COMMISSION STATE OF TEXAS.

T. C. Jennings, Chairman.
(Miss) Annie Webb Blanton
E. R. York.

Attest:
Mrs. Frances E. Sutherland, Secretary.

SOCIAL EVENTS

MR. AND MRS. YOUNG BELL ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Young Bell were at home to a number of their friends at their delightful ranch home near Porterville the 18th and 19th inst. The features of entertainment were dancing, games and hunting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Bell know the art of entertaining and extended to their guests true western hospitality. This occasion is reported as being a most enjoyable one. The house party consisted of Misses Aileen Love, Evelyn Slack, Jane Looby and Warren Collings and Messrs. Phil Pryor, Floyd Oden and H. A. Morris.

MRS. LOU DUNCAN ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. Lou Duncan and her young daughter, Miss Grace, entertained with a dance Tuesday night at their beautiful home near the school building. The rooms were beautifully decorated with the Christmas greens and reds. Throughout the evening most delicious punch was served and music for the dancing was especially beautiful. It was a most charming party.

The following were the guests: Mr. and Mrs. David Tudor, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Prickett, Mrs. Harry Woods, Mrs. Clay Slack and Misses Jane Looby, Warren Collings, Aileen Love, Evelyn Slack, Irene Prewit, Amy Langham, Ruby Mae Beauchamp, Mabel Smith, Novella Wilson, Ila Lou Holman and Gladys Vest, and Messrs. Jim Prewit, Phil Pryor, Woody Cowan, Floyd Oden, Herman Morris, Reuben S. Johnson, Carlos Ballas, Edward Warn, Joe Billingslea, Earl McElroy and Mr. James.

DINNER PARTY.

Miss Aileen Love most delightfully entertained at a dinner party Wednesday. The table in its appointments was complete in every detail and the dinner was served in courses. Covers were laid for Miss Novella Wilson, Miss Irene Prewit, Miss Warren Collings, Miss Ora Pruet and Miss Jane Looby.

One of the jolliest of the holiday affairs was the slumber party given by Miss Cecilia Marie Stratton at her home on Sixth and Cherry streets Wednesday night, to fourteen girl friends among the subdeb bunch, who with one exception came in "tacky" costumes, each very cleverly portraying their individual character parts. Miss Mozelle Bryan, as a lady of ye olde Colonial tyme, mingled in true twentieth century style with "Sis Hopkins," who in everyday life is Miss Evelyn Slack, and all were especially considerate of a feeble old lady of Yesterday with cane and spectacles, (Miss Anna Boles.) After an evening of music and merriment refreshments were served and following a delicious eleven o'clock breakfast Thursday morning the party disbanded. The invited guests were: Misses Evelyn Slack, Ruby Mae Beauchamp, Callie DeRacy, Jesse Heard, Mozelle Bryan, Alice Morrison, Cornelia Biggs, Betty Watson, Louise Wadley, Elise Roberson, Eleanor Roberson, Anna Boles, Mildred Carson and Zorene Todd.

STAG DINNER.

William Kerr entertained Monday a number of his boy friends with a 6 o'clock five-course turkey dinner. The table was beautiful in its appointments of silver, cut glass and china and the decorations were chrysanthemums. Covers were laid for Hilliard and Keith Camp, Edwin and Frances Warn, Walter Rhulen, Woody Cowan, Wycliffe Hefner and Jim Prewit, and the host, William Kerr.

After dinner the boys went for the girls and returned to the Kerr home and danced until 12 o'clock. Punch was served between the dances during the evening.

Miss Evelyn Slack will entertain with a luncheon this afternoon in honor of the girls home from college.

Mrs. C. C. Parker will entertain with a New Years breakfast in honor of her sister Ruby Mae Beauchamp.

The Los Pecos Syndicate No. 1 well is now on its way to production at a very fast speed with its rotary machine, and with a man as capable of supervision in the drilling and as enthused over the outcome as Mr. Arch W. Bell, there is no danger of passing up an oil sand, no matter how small, unless it is first tested out.

The most difficult task is over—that of drilling the water well in the corner of the derrick. This was completed Wednesday and a good water well was found at 100 feet. The drill table was set back in position to drill the oil well and Thursday after about two hours drilling a depth of 35 feet was reached. The first hundred feet with a rotary is the most difficult drilling and everyone is looking forward to this rotary reaching production at a very early date, barring all unforeseen delays. This well is being drilled almost on a direct line between the Bell well No. 1 and the Bell-Reeves well. Their headquarters is 327 Investment building, Los Angeles, Cal.

Buy leases direct from owner: W. W. Dean, Pecos, Texas. Send \$35 for bargain ten acres. 20-2

When you break your promise with a small boy you might as well make up your mind to part with his friendship.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On and after January 1, 1921, we will sell for CASH ONLY.

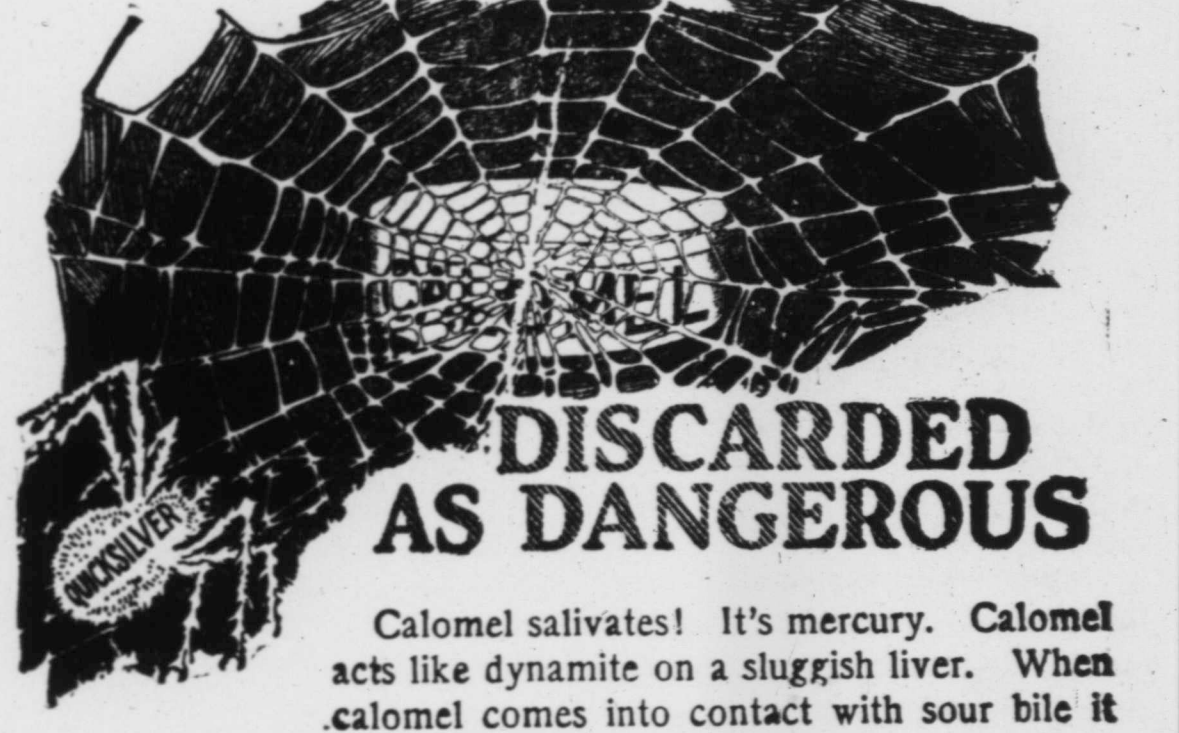
We wish to thank the people of Pecos and vicinity for their patronage in the past and assure you we will appreciate your business in the future.

In going on a cash basis we eliminate a heavy expense which will enable us to sell on a smaller profit. We realize that a penny saved as hard as times are will benefit you as well as ourselves.

Watch for our weekly drummer and you will see that we can save you money.

"We sell 'em for less."

O. J. GREEN MERCANTILE COMPANY



DISCARDED AS DANGEROUS

Calomel salivates! It's mercury. Calomel acts like dynamite on a sluggish liver. When calomel comes into contact with sour bile it crashes into it, causing cramping and nausea.

Take "Dodson's Liver Tone" Instead!

If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents, which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

If you take calomel today you'll be sick and nauseated tomorrow; besides, it may salivate you, while if you take Dodson's Liver Tone you will wake up feeling great, full of ambition and ready for work or play. It is harmless, pleasant and safe to give to children; they like it.

May your New Year be a Happy and Prosperous One!

A HINT: An OIL LEASE in the Pecos field will make you prosperous in 1921.

I have some choice acreage near drilling wells, at bargain prices. Look into this now.

R. C. WARN
PECOS, TEXAS

THE STRONGEST INSURANCE AGENCY IN WEST TEXAS WISHES YOU

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

THIS AGENCY REPRESENTS COMPANIES WITH:

Total combined assets of over \$600,000,000
Having paid losses in the U. S. of over . . . \$500,000,000
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I wish to sincerely thank the good people of Pecos and surrounding farming districts for the business you have entrusted to me during the past year.

By guarding your interests carefully, and the prompt adjustment of losses, I expect to merit increased patronage for the coming year. "I INSURE ANYTHING ANYWHERE."

W. W. DEAN, Agent, Pecos, Texas
16 Years Insurance Experience.

Fire losses of Monday and Tuesday adjusted Wednesday and Thursday of same week, and Christmas week at that. W. W. Dean, Agent.

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NOTICE

All Land Lease, Permit Holders and Royalty Owners

who are interested in development of the field in the vicinity of Section 8, Block C-20, public school lands, Reeves County, communicate with ARROHEAD OIL COMPANY, Pecos, Texas.

Permit Holders

If you want to block in your acreage and prove it up thru a well to be drilled in above vicinity advise us fully in your first letter what you have, give full description first letter.

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The Old Year and the New

A Sermon for New Year's Eve
by
REV. STEPHEN PAULSON

My Times are in Thy hand.—Psalm 31:15.
SAD and solemn are the last hours of the dying year. Only a few months ago a New Year was given unto us, fresh and pure from God's great storehouse of time. It has spent its life upon the earth, and its footprints will never be effaced. The departing year has brought to us God's numberless blessings; it has seen many noble deeds done, and it has seen progress in many departments of life.

The passing of another year must emphasize to every thoughtful person the swift flight of time. Looking backward over the past years of our life they seem to shrink to the size of beads strung around a child's neck. Seeking an image of man's career, the prophet sees his days swifter than a weaver's shuttle; his years swifter than an arrow, curving as it rises to its fall. What is man's life? he asks. It is a cloud dissolving in the sunshine. It is a summer brook swollen by sudden rains, but soon running out and leaving the stones bare again. It is a tale that is soon told.

These last days of the old year urge us to husband well the time that is still given us. To a shrub a year means only a leaf; to the vine, a cluster; to the tree, a new ring of wood. But to a man a year means a large portion of his life which has been used or wasted. Youth often unthinkingly throws all responsibilities on the years to come. To him everything seems possible in the future. Then he thinks to have time for education. Then he will practice economy and thrift, let the present be prodigal as it may. The morrow will suffice for the forming of habits and the building of character. So dazzled by the future the youth allows the years to slip through his hands, and the result is a man who is an intellectual infant and a moral feebleling. As you pause now and think over the past, you must realize that the morrow holds no harvests which the laborers called yesterdays did not sow and cultivate. There was an ancient custom of putting an hourglass into the coffin of the dead to signify that their time had run out—a useless notification to them. Better put the hourglass into the hand of every living man to show him how swiftly the sands of life do flow. But, after all, time is of value only as we make the best use of it.

We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

The old year may hold our many failures, many disappointments, many bitter regrets. The New Year holds out to us hope and promise, for my times are in Thy hand, O Lord. It should comfort us when we think of the brevity of our years; to realize by contrast the length of God's years. We have but a short time to work, and it is well to remember that in order that we may be diligent. But God has a whole eternity in which to work, and it is well to remember that also, so that we may cease from fretfulness and impatience at the slow progress of His kingdom among us. Jesus Christ has not ceased from His redemption of the world, nor has God been defeated in His plans for humanity, for the times of men and nations are in His hand.

For most of us the memory of the past is a chamber of discontent. Let therefore the old year bury from sight its story of sin and sorrow and failure. Let there be sincere repentance for the follies of the past, and then let a new man step forth to meet with hope and determination the glad New Year which God desires shall be a blessed year for every child of earth. When God forgives, He forgives utterly. He casts man's sins "into the depths of the sea." Why then should memory thrust its hooked pole into the sea to dredge the bottom and bring up by the locks some pale memory which God has plunged into the ocean of forgetfulness? Man's life is not in the past, but in the days to come, for our times are in His hand.

And how many of us are waiting for the opportunities of the coming year? With how many of us is the unuttered hope that tomorrow may be free from the sins and the mistakes of yesterday? I pray God that for you it may be so. Your times are in His hand, and let your Father shape the new year for you; let Him rule it, and strive with the help of the Spirit to walk the way of His commandments. "Forgetting the things that are behind, let us press on for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus."

The passing year also must remind us that there will come a last year for each one of us. Perhaps this coming year is your last. Are you therefore ready to see the curtain rise upon eternity? Are you now ready to hear the midnight cry, and to enter into the marriage supper of the King's Son? Our times are in God's hand, and no man knoweth what day or hour he may be called from his labor. Though we live to be counted among the oldest inhabitants we must depart at last. Others have gone before us and are going every day, and yet we seem so eager to forget our own mortality. Nay, let us rather look forward with anticipation, believing that God will then give us a New Year which shall be without sin and tears and sorrow and pain, where love shall rule, and where happiness shall be complete in the fullest service to our God.

The New Year bells will soon be ringing. Do not fail to make some personal preparations for its coming. Make resolutions for the future on the basis of your experience of the past. Every heart knows its own needs, and its own weaknesses. Be not discouraged by past failures, but pray to God earnestly to help to future successes. Take this New Year as a holy gift from a gracious Father and begin to live it carefully and prayerfully. Do not strive to carry the burdens of future months, but live each day as if it were the last and the best. In spite of all the ills which we see in the world today, let us believe that the New Year will be a blessed year to all mankind, and let each one of us do our utmost to make it so. May God look upon us all in mercy, and may He let this New Year

Ring out old shapes of foul disease.
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Let the new year be a year of freedom from sin, a year of service, a year of trust in God, and it will be a happy year from first to last. It may be the hardest year we have known, but it will be the happiest.
—J. A. Buckley, D. D.

Buffalo Herds in U. S. Increase Rapidly

The American Bison Society reports that in January, 1920, there were 3,393 wild and tame buffalo in the United States. This encouraging report sets at rest the very real fear that existed not long ago lest the native buffalo, which once roamed the western plains, would soon become extinct.

Of the nine government-owned herds, two of the largest under the care of the United States Department of Agriculture are located in the Wichita national game preserve, Oklahoma, and on the national bison range at Dixon, Mont. The herd on the Wichita preserve now numbers 154, including 28 calves of this year. In this herd 4 bulls and 12 cows are 10 years of age or over and one cow is 29 years old. The 15 animals that constituted the original Wichita herd came from the New York Zoological Park.

In accordance with the provisions made by the 1919 appropriation bill for their care, it is planned this year to dispose of some of the surplus buffalo in the government herds. Public parks and municipalities are the largest patrons. By distributing the animals over the country, if disease or misfortune overtakes the main herds, there still will be stock left with which groups could be built up again.

The buffalo in the United States have increased about 300 per cent in 12 years. In 1908 there were 1,116 wild and tame buffalo in this country; at the beginning of 1920 there were 3,393. Canada has a larger number—5,080. This is due to the fact that several years ago, when the Pablo herd in Montana, belonging to Michel Pablo, a half-breed Indian, was for sale, the Canadian government bought the animals, sufficient interest not being exhibited by Amer-

icans at that time to make it possible to retain them in this country. The total number of wild and tame buffalo on the North American continent at present is probably more than 9,000 head.

An Unnecessary Million Dollar Tax

"It is estimated that the average cotton growing county in Texas imports annually from other states one million dollars worth of food and feedstuffs, for which it pays from the proceeds of its cotton crop," says E. W. Kirkpatrick, president of the Texas Industrial Congress.

"Much of this money could be kept at home and used in building better homes, schoolhouses, churches, roads and other local improvements, increasing the local bank deposits and in the better payment of our teachers and preachers.

"If we would only practice a system of crop diversification and livestock farming; if we would give more attention to providing home gardens for vegetables and fruits, the raising of poultry for eggs and meat with a few hogs for ham and bacon and lard; if we would produce more cattle for milk, butter and beef; if we would maintain permanent pastures for livestock, and raise more extensively such feed and forage crops as corn, oats, wheat, cowpeas, velvet beans and peanuts, our farmers would soon have something to sell every week in the year. It would then be possible to keep our cotton money in Texas for rural improvements. We would then have more markets, less of the evils of the credit system, better homes, greater opportunities for our boys and girls, and a healthier and better Texas.

"Why should the average Texas town McKinney, for instance, spend something

Our Superstitious Vein

Encircling Wreath of Fancy Bedecks New Year's Day

EVER since the dawn of time the happenings of New Year's day have been said to foretell the luck of the coming months. For there is a vein of superstition in the human race, and all of us share in its delusions. There is no day in the year without its encircling wreath of fancy; this first day of them all is wondrously bedecked. Not even Christmas is so ancient, and so world renowned, and it stands first in the folklore of every language. On New Year's day in ancient Egypt, when as yet the pyramids were unbuilt, there were grand processions and smoking sacrifices. In Sparta it was celebrated by the consecration of youths to military service.

Among the Saxons and old Germans were great rejoicings, feasting and carousings on this day, and the was-sail bowl passed merrily around. This was a great vessel filled with ale, sugar, fruits, nutmeg and spices. There was enough for the whole community and the great bowl ran freely all day.

In all countries there have been charms and devotions peculiar to the opening year, for a desire to peer into the future is really common to us all, no matter how we affect to deride the idea. The Bible charm was one familiar to our grandfathers, and was used by religious people even down to the present generation. It is solemn and interesting, and well worth recording. "When the clock strikes 12 on New Year's eve, pick up your Bible and open it at random, and walking backward to a table, lay the book down, face open, upon it. Turn around three times, take up the book, read the verse upon which your thumb falls. It will tell your fate for the coming year. For instance, if it should be: "And He will love thee and bless thee and multiply thee," or "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth," we expect a very pleasant year. But conceive the horror of one who should open to these words: "So he died, and was gathered to his fathers," or "In hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment."

In Switzerland the maiden borrows her mother's wedding ring, ties it with a hair from her own head, then suspends it just over the rim of a teacup, all the while counting rapidly the years of her own age. Of course the half-hung ring trembles and knocks against the cup, and each little tap counts one year before she will wed; so she must count very fast, or be shocked at the number of taps. In Norway the kind of fish caught on the day foretells "fisherman's luck" for the coming year. In rural New England almost every locality has some special charm of fortune-telling of its own for this day of fate. The Chinese have used cards for thousands of years, and the queerest thing in the world is a Chinese New Year's card. It gives all the complimentary titles of the owner, and is almost as large as a wall map. In olden times it was the custom for tenants to give New Year's gifts to their landlords, and every loyal subject owed a gift to his sovereign. We read how good Queen Elizabeth was such a favorite that her gifts were marvels of taste and extravagance. "In our country we give presents on Christmas day, but in France they are reserved for the first of the year.

like a half million dollars annually for imported meats, feedstuffs, canned goods, potatoes, fresh vegetables, fruits, nuts, poultry, flour, milk and butter when an ample supply of most of these things can be produced in its immediate vicinity?

"Let Texas feed itself and keep its cotton money at home."

When you break your promise with a small boy you might as well make up your mind to part with his friendship.

The Larry County Messenger says that a new preacher who recently came to town, after delivering one of his sermons, asked all those in his congregation who paid their honest debts to stand up. Every one stood up but one lone man. The minister then asked all those who were not paying their honest debts to please stand. The exception, clothed in a last summer's suit, slowly assumed the perpendicular. "How is it you are the only one among us who can't meet his obligations, friend?" asked the preacher. "I run the newspaper here," said the man and these people are my subscribers. None of them have ever acknowledged my statement." "Let us pray," said the preacher.

It is said that a peon accosted a dry goods clerk the other day with the query, "How long will the price of eggs stay up?" "Just so long," replied the clerk, "as people continue to build twenty garages to one hen house."

Everyone is familiar with the story of what a hard time Balaam's ass had in getting over the mountain, but that once on the other side he has been braying ever since. We cannot but think of some politicians when we remember the story.

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The surveys in these blocks are situated from 5 to 8 miles from Pecos City, in the arstean belt of the Pecos River country and will be sold only in whole sections.

Also, surveys Nos. 49 in block 6 and Nos. 9, 13 and 15 in block 7.

Also, surveys Nos. 1, 3, and 5, fronting on the Pecos River, in Reeves county, and Nos. 19 (a river survey) and 51, block 8, Pecos county.

Also 15 surveys in block 11 and 3 surveys in block 12. None of these are river lands. All are in Reeves county.

All these lands are under lease for oil, gas and mineral purposes and any sale of same will be made subject to such leases.

J. C. LOVE of Pecos is agent for the sale of all these lands situated in Reeves County and application should be made to him for the purchase of same.

There is no local agent for the sale of the lands in Pecos County, and parties desiring to purchase any of same should apply to the undersigned.

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PERSONAL

Wm. H. Mullane came in Monday from El Paso where he spent Christmas with his son, Jim, and family. He got here too late to catch the Santa Fe to his home in Carlsbad and was compelled to lay over in Pecos until Tuesday. Mr. Mullane spent some time with the editor in going over old times, some twenty-five years ago when this editor was in his employ at Carlsbad. Mr. Mullane reports a most delightful visit.

J. C. O'Riley, connected with the Trans-Pecos Oil Company, went to Midland Tuesday on court matters.

I. J. Rob came in Tuesday from Big Spring and after spending a short time went on to Carlsbad, N. M.

W. A. Browning and wife were Dallas visitors to Pecos last week-end.

W. A. Staley was down from El Paso the first of the week.

S. H. Nay of El Paso spent a few days the first of the week transacting business here.

Amanda H. Dye left this week for her home in Searcy, Ark., after spending a few days visiting friends in Pecos.

A number of Pecos oil men are in Midland this week attending court. Many suits regarding oil leases are on the docket.

The local markets were paying but 40c a dozen for eggs the first of the week owing to the big supply.

Albert, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore of Balmorhea, has been quite sick the past few days, but we are glad to report him as improving.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Browning Jr. and little daughter, Mildred, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Browning and little daughter Christine left Thursday of last week via automobile for Lampasas, where they spent Christmas at the parental home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Browning. The gentlemen returned Monday, the ladies will return the latter part of the week.

Miss Lena Boles returned to El Paso on Sunday, after a visit during Christmas to her mother, Mrs. W. B. Boles and family.

J. L. Furr is in Breckenridge again this week on business.

Mrs. E. G. Weyer and son Cap spent Christmas day at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cooksey, eating turkey and all its accompaniments.

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Jackson were the guests during Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jackson at Van Horn.

Mrs. A. L. Heberer arrived the latter part of last week from her home at Hierford for a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. R. Hines.

Rev. C. S. McCarver made a trip to El Paso Monday for the purpose of having his eyes treated. After a careful examination by an eye specialist Mr. McCarver was informed that an oculist was not what he wanted at all, but a dentist instead. He returned the same day minus sixteen teeth—all he had left. He reports having suffered greatly but is glad he is now toothless.

R. G. Hardgraves was down from Van Horn for a day or so this week on business. R. C. says he can hardly keep house without the Enterprise and to "be sure and change his address to Van Horn."

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McKnight are now comfortably located in their new home on the lot south and adjoining John DeRacy's home. Mr. McKnight recently moved his beautiful house in from the farm. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. McKnight are glad that they are now living in town.

John Lopoo, one of the Enterprise's valued subscribers and friends, is just now butchering and marketing some mighty fine porkers, raised on his farm and finished on corn, and many of our citizens will soon be enjoying pure home made pork sausage.

Ira J. Bell left Thursday night for a business trip to Fort Worth, Dallas and to inspect the Mexia field, where he will be for a few days.

Miss Mabel Brush who spent Christmas with Miss Cecelia Marie Stratton, returned to her home in Dallas the early part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Kesler are the happy parents of a fine boy, born to them December 26th.

W. F. Perrin of Pyote brought his wife to Pecos this week for medical attention.

Miss Pearl Medley of Van Horn has been visiting Mrs. Whittenberg and Mrs. George Coon for the past two weeks.

J. F. Gaunt came in Saturday morning from his work for the Western Union Telegraph Company to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gaunt.

H. F. Anthony and W. A. Bennett have moved their offices from the Masonic building to the office of Mrs. J. W. Parker, next door to the Oil King Grill.

Frank S. Palmer returned to his home in San Angelo Wednesday, after a pleasant visit with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Ben Palmer.

J. F. Gaunt came in Saturday morning Mrs. Gaunt.

Mrs. L. W. Anderson and children will return Sunday from Dallas, Temple and Houston, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Miss Winnie Garrett of Shreveport, La., spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Arch W. Bell.

Misses Hazel Berry and Sadie Collings returned to El Paso Thursday night to resume their work as teachers, after a very pleasant visit with their relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ratliff and daughter got back Wednesday from Fort Stockton, where they spent the holidays.

Pecos' New Chemical Truck Has Arrived

The new chemical truck ordered by the city some months ago arrived yesterday, and with it Mr. Geo. D. Walsh, who came along to deliver the machine and give the proper instructions as to how to operate this giant fire fighter.

This truck is made by the American La France Fire Engine Company of Elmira, N. Y., is a 75-horsepower, has two chemical tanks each with a capacity of 80 gallons. The truck is capable of making 45 miles an hour or more on our streets. It is equipped with two hand fire extinguishers besides the two large chemical tanks, containers for sufficient chemicals to recharge the two tanks and only about ten minutes is required to recharge; fire axes, crowbars, roof and extension ladders, locomotive bell and hand siren, etc.

Each of the two large tanks require about 45 minutes to empty and either one or both can be used during the same period. It is estimated that one gallon of chemicals is equal to fifty gallons of water in extinguishing a fire.

Mr. Walsh stated to the Enterprise that probably seventy-five per cent of fires were extinguished with chemicals and that Pecos now has the largest chemical engine in Texas and has the finest fire-fighting equipment of any town with the same population in his knowledge.

It is said that one man can take this truck out and handle everything even to the putting out of the fire. Two hundred feet of hose is attached to this engine and a shut-off is attached to the end of the hose which enables one man to turn on the chemical apparatus, then take the hose to the fire when it is turned loose there and after the fire is out it is promptly cut off and taken away without throwing more chemicals than is necessary to extinguish the fire. Unlike water, when a fire is put out by this chemical engine or process it just puts out the fire without injury to anything in the room.

Thus Pecos is now again ready for a fire and will be better prepared than ever before to take care of it.

Mrs. G. E. Toliver of Stephenville, who has been here for the past week visiting with B. A. Toliver and family and O. T. Norwood and family, left for her home today accompanied by Mrs. J. O. Toliver, who goes back there on account of asthma.

Those driving automobiles are requested to turn into the sidewalk in the future and give the big chemical truck right-of-way in order to avoid accidents and make it possible for this monster fire-fighter to get to the fire in the shortest time possible.

BATTERY "OUIJA"

"Perhaps somebody will get rich one of these days diagnosing battery trouble with the help of an Ouija board," says R. S. Johnson, Willard service station dealer, "but until then we will have to be satisfied with the slower, old fashioned methods."

"It's remarkable how simple and accurate these methods are. The hydrometer, for instance, tells the specific gravity of each cell, and in that way the exact state of charge. From this test and another known as the insulation test, the battery man can tell whether a little recharging will put the battery in condition, or opening up for repairs will be necessary.

"Any car owner can make the hydrometer test. All there is to it is taking a sample of solution with the hydrometer, and then reading the figures on the little glass float. If the reading is above 1,250 the battery is properly charged. If below this figure, it should be given additional charge at a service station."

The New Year

When the first faint gleamings of the day
In the eastern sky appear,
Ushering in the velvet dawn
Of a new and happy year;
We bid it welcome as it comes,
In spotless robes today;
For it brings us joy and hope and cheer,
As the old year glides away.

The good old year went by so fast,
And left us behind forever,
To fold the record of the past,
So none can change it ever;
Its memories only now remain,
Ours to keep and treasure,
Some of sorrow, some of pain,
Others of joy and pleasure.

But the New Year comes as a volume new,
In which we all may write,
Our every act a record true,
On its pages fair and white;
So with noble purpose and with care,
May we write as we onward speed,
And may nothing be recorded there,
Save the pure and noble deed.

God give us hope and faith serene,
That knows no doubt or fear;
And let there nothing stand between
Us and our duty here.
Though fierce trials may have been
Ours in the years that's gone,
May "peace on earth good will to men"
Come with the New Year's dawn.

May heaven her choicest gifts bestow,
Upon life's rugged way,
As through the year we onward go,
Living and serving every day.
The nineteen hundred twenty year
Has run its golden sands;
All hail to nineteen twenty-one,
As in its place it stands.

—Mrs. W. A. Fulbright.

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To still further improve our Landscape Department, we have associated with us Mr. F. W. Hensel, who for years has been the head of the Division of Landscape Designing and Engineering of Texas A. and M. College. He is a graduate of A. & M. College and Cornell University, and better still, a native Texan who knows Texas.

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Mr. Richard Lynn desires to thank the donor of a delicious box of fruit cake left at his home on Christmas day. The good Samaritan omitted to leave any identification.

J. C. Love, president of the Pecos Valley State Bank, was a business visitor in El Paso the forepart of the week.

County Attorney Clem Calhoun and his wife and baby are expected home today from Sherman, where they spent Christmas with relatives.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

I will be in Saragosa the 3rd and 4th, in Balmorhea the 5th and 6th, and in Toyah the 7th and 8th of January with the tax rolls, to collect taxes.

I will also collect licenses on automobiles on these same dates.

E. B. KISER, Tax Collector.

Settles Fire Losses

Walter T. Galloway, of the Southwestern Adjustment Company, of Dallas, was in Pecos Wednesday and Thursday of last week, adjusting the fire losses of W. W. Stewart, whose barn and contents were totally destroyed on the 20th inst., and also of the home of Otto Elder, in Pecos, which was burned the day following.

Both losses were adjusted Thursday and Mr. Galloway returned to his home in Dallas the same day.

Mr. Stewart, who is Representative from this district, and also Mr. Elder, expressed themselves as highly pleased with the quick work in adjusting their losses, both of which were insured in the W. W. Dean agency.

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AN AMERICAN MAGAZINE reporter once asked John Wrigley, the fifty million gum magnate, what he attributed his huge business success to, and the man replied that it was 90 per cent advertising.

Mr. Wrigley is used as a study among journalism classes as the man who accumulated three fortunes and each time spent them for advertising, after which he started in over again.

It is a well known fact that he spent one million dollars advertising his gum products on Broadway, New York, alone.

THE FUNDAMENTAL FACT —



however, is that after the gum king had spent three fortunes on advertising he did not stop. He let drop a secret that may well be applied to any business, however big, or however small:—

"That advertising is a good deal like feeding a furnace—you have to keep shoveling in the coal in order to keep the fire alive."

A little "ad" dropped here and there in your local paper is really of little value. It is the persistent, weekly and daily call that makes the people sit up and take notice.

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