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"TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR DEATH"

VOL. 16. BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY

We wish you

HAPPY NEW YEAR

T. E. POWELL'S

PUTNAM POINTERS.

[The following correspondence arrived too late for publication in the last issue of THE STAR.]

The people met last night and decided to have a Christmas tree.

J. E. Steadham and daughter left for Young county to spend Christmas with Mr. Steadham's mother.

Master Roscoe Surtles is in Baird this week spending a few days with his uncle, Judge Russell, and family.

Uncle John L. Woods made a business trip to Baird this week, and on his return, ye scribe saw him carrying something behind him that looked like a live "quart soldier." Doubtless the Baptists will hold communion next Thursday.

Miss Lollie Brittain, who has been quite sick with slow fever for some time, we are glad state is improving.

Dr. Eugene Brittain of Dallas has located in Putnam. He will practice his profession in connection with his brother, Dr. B. F. Brittain. Putnam can now boast of having two as good physicians as Texas affords, and the beauty of it is, they are both fine gentlemen.

Mr. Ollis Williams says he is going to put in a telephone switch-board in Putnam, which is badly needed.

Cotton has been coming to town rapidly for the past few days, and the farmers seem to be proud of the prices they are realizing for the same.

OBSERVER.

INOLA INCIDENTS.

Cotton is about all gathered in our vicinity, and a few men are now seen with grub-hoes and axes going in the timber to make more prairie or tillable land.

F. M. Dunlap has lately purchased a stump-pulling machine and is going to put in cultivation 50 or 100 acres more land. He has lately been making some improvements on the buildings on the piece of land known as the Jeffries pre-emption, but for what purpose I do not know. Some people think there is a wedding on the tapis.

J. F. McLendon has purchased the place formerly owned by C. H. Rice and in the near future will become a citizen of the Inola neighborhood.

W. P. West has lately built a smoke house and wagon shed. I

thought he had very little use for a smoke house, and on being questioned on the subject, he said he wanted it to put the meat in that purchases from the north.

Jeff Nicols has purchased the S. W. Black pre-emption and is now living on the same.

Chas. Mahan of your town has bought out Jeff, but I do not think that your Charles thinks of becoming a citizen of the sand rough.

The Inola school will begin January 5, 1903, with Miss Edith Russell as teacher in charge.

Mr. Editor, I spent a night in your city not long ago, and was surprised when dusk came on to find the town all aglow with electric lights. All praise to your persistency for the same. Everything you have advocated in your editorial columns has met with success so far. Now, what I deem would be a good thing for both city and county, would be a cannery; for this is just now becoming a fruit-growing country, and if the people knew that they could always dispose of all their surplus fruit and vegetables suitable for canning, there would be quite a change made in the farm products of the county. Now, for the sake of the city and county, let us have a cannery.

The Holiness people of Inola community have decided, as is their custom, to hold a New Year watch service.

Mr. Editor, I am glad to note the interest that our stockmen are taking in trying to abrogate the obnoxious quarantine law. It does seem that democratic as we are, that the law should forever be wiped from our statute books and buried in oblivion. It places an obstruction upon the commercial interests of our state, inasmuch as it reduces the prices of some of our cattle and is a hindrance to the sale of others. They have the same right to stop you or I because we might happen to have a tick or two hidden about our person unknown to the conductor who carried us across the line.

The lease law, as it now stands, is also obnoxious to the people and detrimental to the state's interests, for in some of these counties where it is in vogue would be abandoned by the man with the hoe, and he would naturally enhance the value of the

more than it would appreciate the lease system, thus increasing state's revenue by oads.

With best wishes for THE and again reminding all of importance of a cannery, I am very truly,

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THOUGHTS ON GOOD MANNERS

BY W. K. KUYKENDALL.

[Published by request.]

In order to be successful and in this life, we must use good manners.

In order to move in good society and have plenty of good friends, we must use good manners.

In order to be successful in business, we must use good manners.

In order to have a good Christian influence, we must have good manners.

We think good manners add force to both will and knowledge.

We think a well-bred man firm and easy in all companies. He is modest without being bashful; he is steady without being impudent.

We think children should cultivate good manners while growing up; think at home is the place to commence. If we use good manners, home it is no trouble to use them abroad.

We think kind words and pleasant looks are never out of place; but angry words and angry looks always get out of place.

We think it silly for any person to act as though they thought themselves above those who are their equals.

We think it bad manners for men to smoke pipes, cigars or cigarettes in the presence of ladies or in any public assembly.

We think it bad manners for any one to spit tobacco juice on the floor or on the stove.

We think it bad manners for beaux and sweethearts to take the back seats at church and talk and laugh in time of religious worship.

Remember the advantages of good manners. Cultivate and improve your own to the utmost.

Good sense will suggest to you the rules; good company will do the rest.

True patriotism does not depend on the size of one's country.

ANKS.

Just as we old folks Eve from C. A. and by an abundance of happy home life. Many thanks to the friends.

BOWLS.

Rev. K. Lin, L. L. Wavy, I often find a great deal of pleasure in playing bowls with you. It is a very healthy and enjoyable game. I hope you will continue to play with us.

FRESH BREAD

For nice visit office.

I want your...

Try a 50c bottle for the improvement of your appetite, vigor. Watch spirits, gives strength and debility.

Isaac Story, 10th, 1900. "I had stomach trouble, also dumb chills, prescribed 2 bottles of Dr. King's Kidney Pills. It was sold by..."

A man can tell his rent...

Findings

The startling discovery that a life is made by of Churubusco State," he writes New Discover the most infallible ever known grip. It's invulnerable lung. medicine no one or consumptant and cure Powell, Baird, guarantees every and give trial

TO THE PUBLIC

We thank you for your patronage the past year, and merit and receive your patronage for the present. Wish you, one and all, a happy and prosperous New Year.

POWELL & POWELL.

Simple Colds

Cease to be silly, if at all prolonged. The safe way is to put them aside at the very beginning. Ballard's Horehound Syrup stops a cold and removes the cause of colds. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at R. Phillips & Son.

PALMISTRY READING

By Miss Martin, four blocks North of school house. Hours 9 to 12, 1 to 4.

After fortune knocks at a man's door he may be able to prove an alibi—but what's the use?

A poor man who is a genius is dubbed a jack of all trades, which a one is noted for his versatility.

Many a good man goes around looking for trouble and the minute he meets it he has a hurry call in another direction.

\$100 REWARD.

The Stock Raisers' Association of Coleman and adjoining counties hereby offer a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who are guilty of stealing or killing any stock belonging to any member or members of this association. To be paid when satisfactory proof is made to the executive committee of this association.

J. F. Moore, Pres.
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"But where to find that happiest spot below?
 Who can direct when all pretend to know?—Goldsmith.
 Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good crop raiser. Not only Cattle, but Wheat, Cotton, Corn, Feed-stuffs, Cantaloupes, Garden Truck and Good Health flourish here—in a district where Malaria is impossible and very little doing for Jails and Hospitals.
 Land, which is being sold at really low figures—tho the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and Farms and ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily.
 We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what PEOPLE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED along the line of the

"THE DEN VERROD,"
 Passenger Department. Fort Worth, Texas
 N. B.—We find our passenger patronage very gratifying. It is necessary to run three trains daily each way as far as Wichita Falls, and two clear thru. We continue, the year round, the excellent class A service that insures the preference of Colorado and California Tourists, winter and summer. By the way we offer now more than half a dozen routes to California, the newest being via Daltart (also good for old Mexico) with first-grade Eating Cars all the way. We sell a home seekers ticket, good thirty days, at one and a third ure the round trip, allowing stopovers at verson and points beyond both ways

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 B. WILKINSON, Druggist."

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HOTEL - SEAY,
 MRS. E. SIGAL, Lessee.
 We have moved into the bove hotel where we are better prepared than ever to accommodate the public. We take this occasion to thank our friends for their liberal patronage given us in the many years past and express the hope that they will call on us in our new location. Hotel Seay is one of the best equipped hotels in West Texas. Come see us.

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 The Finest
Whiskies, Alcohols, Wines, Cigars.
 ALWAYS ON HAND.
 Sacramental Wine
 Always kept in Stock. Ice old Beer 5cts. a Glass.
 Baird, Texas.

It's Your Liver! Your appetite is poor, your heart "flutters," you have headaches, tongue is coated, bad breath, bowels constipated, bad taste in the mouth? If not all of these symptoms, then some of them? It's your liver.
Herbine
 is a natural vegetable remedy, containing no mineral or narcotic poisons. It will correct any or all symptoms, make your health, appetite and spirits good. At druggists, 50 cents.
 For Sale by R. PHILLIPS, DRUGGIST, BAIRD, TEX.

Will Cordy and brother with their families passed through Baird Tuesday moving West from Brown Co.
 THE STAR is on time the first day of the year, if nothing more. rs say
 Hubbard Hampton, of Eula, was in town yesterday.
 Terrell Fletcher has returned to Van Horn after spending Christmas with his parents.
 Dr. J. C. Turrentine, a dentist from Alabama, has located in Baird. His office for the present is at the K. of P. hotel. The doctor comes well recommended. See his card in this issue.
 We discovered just as we went to press yesterday evening that the programs for the Epworth League and B. Y. P. U. were both omitted and it was too late to get them in this issue. Send them in early and we will publish them regularly hereafter.
 "Red" Harris of Eagle Cove was in the city Tuesday.
NOTICE TAXPAYERS.
 The time for paying 1902 state and county taxes, without additional cost, is fast coming to a close. Please call and settle your taxes and save the embarrassment of having them collected as the law directs.
 Very respectfully,
 T. A. IRVIN,
 Tax Collector Callahan County.
 Ellis Richardson of Albany, formerly of Baird, was in town yesterday. Ellis appears to be in fine health, and is growing stouter as he grows older.
 Miss Bessie Foy is reported quite ill with pneumonia, but getting along as well as could be expected.
FRESH BREAD.
 Go to Mrs. E. K. Kane for fresh bread baked daily. Baked from the best flour in town.
 See change in T. E. Powell's, Phillips & Son's, B. L. Boydston and Powell & Powell's ads. Year's Greetings.

for me, as follows:
 A piece of land 250 yards wide at one end, and 150 yards wide at the other end. Each side 200 yards long. Now I want to begin at the wide end, and plant half of the land. The question is: How long will a straight line be through the center, beginning at the broad end, that will give exactly half of the land? This proposition is no fuzzle. It might come up with any farmer. I want every girl and boy in Callahan County about my age, 16 years old, who can work it to do so through THE STAR. You will find it fine exercise. I think THE BAIRD STAR will give us space for the answer of the above proposition.
 If this does not go to the waste basket I may write again.
 CARROLL SURLS.

Misses Katie Hale, Clara and Irene Gilliland and Mr. Will Crowder spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Clyde Hamilton at her home about 8 miles North of town.
 Mrs. M. F. LaRue, of Abilene, is visiting her brother C. S. Boyles.
 Mr. Forest Hamilton, from Moore County, came home to spend the holidays with his parents.
 Mrs. Fred McKinzie and little daughter Hazel, and Miss Campbell who spent Christmas with Mrs. McKinzie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fletcher, returned to their home at Colorado City, Saturday.
 Oliver & Wilson had a handsome Xmas display in their meat market during the holidays. Cities several times as large as Baird would be proud of such an enterprising firm as this is.

MASONIC NOTICE.
 THE STAR is requested to announce that members of Baird Lodge, No. 522, will meet Saturday night for practice, at 7 o'clock, sharp. They are going to have ham sandwiches and coffee on the side, but made THE STAR man promise not to say anything about that part of the program—and we won't. All members invited.

DENT
 Have your teeth prepared for the holidays. Specialties.
 My Hotel and found.
 J. C. F.

ENTERTAINMENT
 At Opera House Thursday Eve, for benefit of Orchestra, Good music, fine singing and Comical acts and sayings.

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 am was married twice. sons by his first wife, James, who live some- w Mexico. He had no is second wife, who sur- We tender our sincere Mrs. Windham in her

"Country Doctor," pub- lish issue. The article was STAR several months ago pondent at Eula. It is matter who wrote it.
 accounts the people in the tement, near Tecumseh, time Christmas.

AL NOTICE.
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John Coel and family day to sp Coebran's Friday and live speelm is causing i than anytl more like a weevil. T about thre weevil.
 We ask our readers as a special favor when trading with those who advertise in THE STAR to mention that you read their ads in THE STAR. This will not cost you anything and will help us get more ads. Without ads we could not run a paper, as the money received on subscription does not pay one fourth of the expense of publishing THE STAR.

If it is an eight day clock you want get it from us. Powell & Powell.

MORPHINE
 OPIUM, COCAINE AND WHISKEY
 Habits cured at home. The Wilson Chemical Co., Dublin, Texas, incorporated 1902, capital \$5,000, guarantees to cure anyone of the above habits. No suffering, sure and harmless. Builds up the entire nervous system and restores youthful vigor, can be taken at home or elsewhere without the knowledge of any one. No loss from business or work. No cure, no pay. Price 25 Letters strictly confidential. Book of particulars, testimonials, references, etc., free We also manufacture
TOBACCOLINE
 A certain and permanent cure for chewing dipping, cigarette smoking. Price 25 cure guaranteed. Agents wanted for Tobaccoline. REFERENCED: S. J. Weaver, Postmaster; J. J. Ray, Secretary Texas State Grange; H. A. Boyz, pastor M. E. church; Dublin Nat'l Bank or any citizen of Dublin.
 The Wilson Chemical Co. Dublin, Tex., Sept 11, 6 mos.
 Jack Jones.
Hotel Seay Barber Shop.
 YOUR PATRONAGE SOLICITED.

T. & P. R'y SCHEDULE.

EAST BOUND.
 No. 6. departs.....1:30 a. m.
 No. 4. departs..... 10:45 a. m.

WEST BOUND.
 No. 5. departs.....2:50 a. m.
 No. 3. 3:25 p. m.
 J. B. HARMON, Agent.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. J. A. BIGGS Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. T. E. Powell Superintendent.

BAPTIST CHURCH. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. J. C. Underwood, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. M. Coffman, Superintendent.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Services 2nd and 5th Sundays. Rev. J. W. Keeble, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Preaching every 2nd Sunday. Church meeting at 2 p. m. every Sunday. W. A. Barnhill, Elder.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. W. F. Kerby Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. N. Rushing, Supt.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Preaching 1st and 5th Sundays, 11 a. m. 8:30 p. m. S. N. every Sunday 10:30 a. m. Mr. J. C. Gray Supt. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night 8:30 p. m. Pastors Reading Room at church, every Wednesday all day.
 REV. M. E. CHAPIN.

LODGES

BAIRD LODGE, No. 22, A. F. & A. M. Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7:30 p. m.
 J. W. Woods, W. M.
 J. H. Walker, Secretary.

BAIRD CHATER, R. A. M. No. 182. Meets 3rd Friday night in each month.
 J. B. Harmon, H. P.
 J. H. Walker, Secretary.

BAIRD LODGE No. 47, K. of P. Meets in Castle Hall Odd Fellows building every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome.
 Van Jones, C. C.
 H. Schwartz, K. of R. S.

BAIRD CAMP No. 68, W. O. W. Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall. 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month.
 W. G. Bowler, C. C.
 Otis Phillips, Clerk.

BAIRD LODGE No. 271, I. O. O. F. Meets every Saturday night.
 J. J. Allen, N. G.
 H. Schwartz, Sec.

ABILENE COMMANDERY, K. of T. No. 27 Meets 2nd Monday of each month.
 J. H. Pickens, E. C.
 C. W. Roberts, Rec.

BAIRD LODGE No. 142, A. O. U. W. Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. Visiting brethren fraternally invited and members expected to attend.
 J. A. Emmons, M. W.
 John J. Allen, Recorder.

BAIRD LODGE No. 808, BANKERS UNION of the World meets in the Odd Fellows hall 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month at 8 p. m.
 L. L. Blackburn, President.
 J. H. Cochran, Sec.

CAMP ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, No. — U. C. V. Meets at Baird at 1 p. m. 4th, Saturday in each month.
 J. S. Trent, Capt.
 J. E. W. Lane, Adjut.

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Austin and family left Sunday night for Almagordo, N. M., where he goes to accept a position with the R. R. Co. at that place, provided it suits him, if not he will return inside of sixty days and resume his old position with B. L. Boydston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson entertained the Baird Orchestra, and a few friends, last Friday evening. The Orchestra rendered some excellent music, after which refreshments were served. Those present spent a very pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Fannie, all of Stephenville, are visiting their son, Mr. W. F. Wilson.

LIGON-DAUGHERTY.

On Monday, December 22, 1902, at 7:30 p. m., Mr. L. Sinclair Ligon and Miss Lillian Daugherty were married by Rev. J. R. Henson at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Daugherty, in our city.

Only a few friends were present to witness the impressive and solemn ceremony which united the destiny of two promising young lives into one.

The writer has known each of the high contracting parties almost since their childhood, and has only the utmost courtesy and kindness to remember of them, and he is impressed with their warm-hearted and generous characteristics, so much that he can sincerely wish and hope to see their united lives happy and kindly in all things.

May they ever walk in the sunshine of prosperity and true happiness, and may their generous hearts never become chilled by misfortune or disappointment, but continue to see the good of the world, to which they are capable of adding much.

They are domiciled on Cedar street near North Third, and the groom will continue in charge of the As-Galveston News.

The many friends of the happy young couple are glad to know that they remain in Abilene.—Abilene Reporter.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all my friends who so kindly assisted me in collecting coupons in the Premium Stove contest.
 ALICE CUTBERTH.

With the

We wish you a more hope our friends will show the good treatment and come for accounts and notes. If you can interest and renew, and if you you can do we will be satisfied

We have been in business and we have always tried to hope the year 1903 will prove than the last two.

Our resolution for 1903 better and gain the good will of

B. L. BOYDSTON

NOTICE.

I have been lenient with all those who owe me and have accommodated them as much as possible, now I need money and I earnestly request all who owe me to come and settle up and take a new start, the coming year.
 H. MEYER.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Dec. 22, 1902. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Wm. McMANIS, P. M.

NOTICE.

I have a larger amount due me on subscription than for any year since I started THE STAR, fifteen years ago, and need money worse than at any time in all these years. Most of these amounts are small, ranging from one to (a few) as high as ten dollars. Nine out of ten who owe me these small amounts could pay if they would only think of it. Come help me out, and I will appreciate it. If you cannot pay all pay what you can. I must have money to pay my debts and I cannot borrow it consequently the only way I can get it is to collect what is due me. This request is made to those who are in arrears on subscription, not to those who always pay in advance.
 W. E. GILLILAND.

JUDGE WOK DEAD.

Hon. Judge John P. Word is seriously ill and for the past few days his life has been despaired of. The Judge was called home from Baird, where he went to spend the holidays with his family, by the death of Connty Clerk Collins, and arrived here feeling unwell. He has been confined to his home ever since, and is now in a critical condition. This morning there is no change.—Texas News.

Judge Wok died Saturday morning. Mr. W. J. McGowan, his father-in-law left for Kountz Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Wok were here spending the holidays with relatives and friends, when Mr. Wok had to return home to attend to some business taken sick and died. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of the deceased.

FOR SALE—Old papers, 25 cts per hundred at THE STAR office.

Taxpayers do not have to settle for the pavement made of good intentions.

THE PREMIUM

The Premium Buck offered by Harry Meyer der 14 years of age of THE STAR the m of the Buck stove ad r Quite a number of entered the contest b ed down Alice Cutb Lora Franklin age 9 at 4 p m the coupon the following commi C. S. Boyles and Lora Franklin won turned in 998 coupon Cutbirth. Both ltt hard for the prize sorry that both coul

PROGRAM OF THE INSTITUTE

To Meet in Baird, 10th, 1902

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Organization.

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Response—Prof. tonwood.

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Adjourn.

SATURDAY, The true teacher— Discussion led by Putnam.

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Adjourn to meet at Primary reading— Discussion led by Clyde.

Phonics; how and teach it.—Prof. W Plains.

Discussion—Mrs. The parsing of the ial attention to the ton of Fairview.

Alternate—Prof. D General discussion Business session.

Adjourn.

H. C. DARR

and this is our Christmas joy that has lifted into immortal hope the eyes of all our beloved friends who are in him.

It was the music of victory. When it came, the great mass of humanity was in serfdom, and the dignity of man was not comprehended. Toil was regarded as a degradation. Laborers were despised and all forms of industry held to be a disgrace. The Son of Mary and Joseph came to show the world a new philosophy, to exalt the honorable industry he produced the dignity of labor and taught

the honest man, tho' ere sae poor, to be a king of men for a' that.

It counts the beads of sweat on the brow of every son of toil. It notes all injustice done the laborer, and only as his spirit preys among men will the great contest between labor and capital cease. That day is coming ere long—the day of Christmas of ages—when man to man the wide world o'er shall brothers be and a' that.

—Christian Herald.

MEXICAN CUSTOMS.

Lighting and Giving Presents the Features of Yuletide.

A series of festivities beginning nine days before Christmas and ending on Christmas eve marks the Yuletide celebration in Mexico. In a circle of friends it is arranged that nine visits shall be paid to nine different houses.

Each evening's gaiety begins with supper and the lighting of candles. These are followed by the presentation of a gift from each guest to the host.

The hostess of the evening. The first evening's gift is of small worth, but the value of the offering increases with every succeeding evening. That there may be nothing unfair in the distribution, the recipient of the first evening's offering one year becomes the last the following year. After the presentation there are dancing and supper. At midnight the candles are extinguished.

No two evenings' entertainments are exactly alike save in the offering of prayers, the lighting of candles and the presenting of gifts. On Christmas eve, a few minutes before midnight, all proceed to church to hear the midnight mass, and this ends the Christmas celebration for the year.—New York Tribune.

The First Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree was first heard of in England about 1444. A tree was then set up in the middle of a pavement and decked with ivy as well as with other greens. From this use it was finally taken within the home, decorated with candles and eventually with anything which glistened and enhanced its brightness.

No more on earth to sigh or roam of

Last year her eyes on earth did lie
 Her spirit to the angels rose.
 And as she swept through pearl
 She met her children and her ma

While on the threshold there she stood
 "O, here is George, the man I love
 And here is father, mother dear,
 And all my loved ones, too, are here

"Here's some who died in the strife,
 On gory field gave up their life:
 Some died at home, on stocks
 ranch,
 And here is Alfred's baby, Blanche

"Come to my arms, thou art my
 child,
 With cheeks and eyes so sweetly
 mild:
 Look you down through the sky

At papa coming by and by "
 And little Blanche then to her
 replied:

"I've watched, Aunt, from day I
 I'm waiting, watching, not in vain
 I'll hug and kiss papa again.

"Around his neck my tiny arms,
 I'll show him Paradise's charms,
 I'll lead him through the water
 bliss,
 And give to him my sweetest kiss "

Now, Aunt and loved ones grow
 dear,
 As step by step the brink I near:
 Yes, soon, ah, soon, I they will
 And dwell with them at Jesus' feet

I often think of Aunt and them,
 And think of New Jerusalem,
 And think how soon we all will
 And walk upon the golden street

And now, Sweet Georgie, kind
 true,
 I bid you, dear, a kind adieu,
 In Paradise I hope to be
 With Aunt, with you and loved
 see.

—By her nephew, A. M. Fry
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Quiet on the Isthmus.
 Washington, Dec. 27.—Commander
 commanding the gunboat Ban-
 telegraphed the navy depart-
 a few days ago, from Colon, that
 were quiet on the Isthmus and
 there was no necessity for the
 warship in that vicinity. In
 of this report Commander Cul-
 was authorized to proceed with
 Baneroff to Kingston, Jamaica,
 (once to San Juan, P. R., which
 station of the Bancroft,
 and left Colon on the 24th.

MURDERED WRONG MAN.
 Thought Montgomery Godley
 the Kill Officer Hinkle.
 Dec. 27.—Investiga-
 tends to show that Joe Godley,
 of Montgomery Godley, who
 by a mob here Christmas
 for killing Policeman Hinkle, is
 the mob intended to hang. It
 that Joe Godley escaped during
 shooting. It is now thought that
 Godley fired the shot which killed
 policeman and that the man who
 was innocent. The moth-
 of the Godley boys is said to have
 a physician here to treat Joe for
 wound in the neck. She
 to tell the whereabouts of her
 the doctor refused to go with
 Hinkle's revolver, with which
 killed, has not been found, and
 believed that the man who did
 has the pistol in his pos-
 session.

POTATO PURLOINERS.
 Negroes Shot to Death by a
 Farmer in His Cellar.
 Dec. 27.—Lewis
 resident of New Garden, a
 village near here, discovered four
 men in his cellar. He procured
 and fired on the quartette,
 one of them. It is supposed
 some of the others were injured,
 blood were found near the
 The men had bagged about
 tubs of potatoes and were
 to depart when discovered.

Man Has More Trouble.
 Dec. 27.—Signor Pietro
 the Italian composer, who
 his American trip while
 Chicago last week, was
 arrested Friday night un-
 of embezzlement by his
 manager, Richard Heard.
 Managial decided to return to
 had no further use for his
 manager and discharged
 and asserts that his contract
 \$5000, and tried to collect
 that. Macagnani refused to
 any such sum and the ar-
 rest.

ness before the strike commission. For
 these reasons suspicions have been
 raised.

GEOLOGIST EXPIRES.
 Professor Vandiest Drops Dead at the
 Feet of His Son in Colorado.
 San Luis, Colo., Dec. 27.—Professe
 P. H. Vandiest, the famous geologis
 died at this place. He dropped dead
 the feet of his son, although apparen-
 ly in the best of health. The profes-
 was given the appointment of chief
 of the mines of Java when the govern-
 ment of Holland began its extensive
 mining operations on that island when
 in possession of it. His health became
 impaired and Holland granted him a
 life pension. In 1872 he came to Colo-
 rado and became chief of the land de-
 partment in the surveyor general's of-
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 for several years.

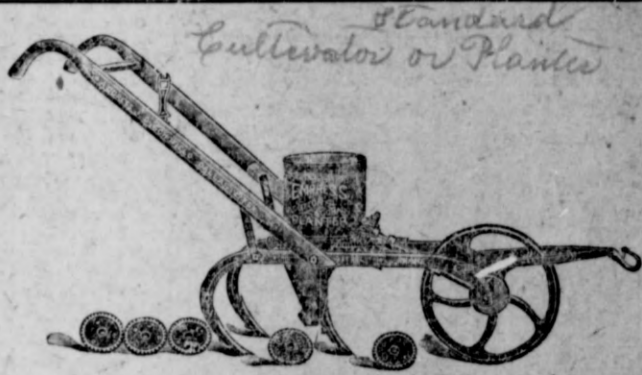
Fitzsimmons Soon Fixes Ranke.
 Butte, Mont., Dec. 27.—A special to
 the Miner from Bozeman says Robert
 Fitzsimmons knocked out Mike Ranke,
 the heavyweight pugilist of eastern
 Montana, in fifteen seconds of the sec-
 ond round. Ranke, who weighed 190
 pounds, went down before a heavy jab
 on the jaw.

Found Dead in Bed.
 Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 27.—Dr. No-
 kolosek, city physician of Chicago, was
 found dead in bed at Belen, N. M.
 The doctor went to Belen two months
 ago suffering with tuberculosis, com-
 plicated with heart disease. His death
 was due to heart failure.

NEWS IN BRIEF.
 Bremond, Tex., had an \$8000 fire.
 Thousands of cattle are snowed in in
 Colorado.
 John Pharr fell off a trestle at Cor-
 rigan, Tex., with fatal result.
 In a fire at Houston Tom Thomas,
 colored, was burned to death.
 Cornerstone of the girls' industrial
 school at Denton, Tex., will be laid
 Jan. 10.
 Car Inspector Siddell died at Vinita,
 I. T. He was well known in railroad
 circles.
 A young negro woman named Mary
 Smith was shot and killed near Ker-
 ens, Tex.
 J. A. Edson will succeed J. M. Her-
 bert as manager of the Denver and Rio
 Grande, Rio Grande Southern and Rio
 Grande Western.
 The Ozark and Cherokee Central
 road ran its first train into Muskogee
 Christmas day.
 A white man and several negroes had
 a shooting affair at Fort Worth. No
 body was hurt.
 P. J. Stiger, who was held up and
 shot at Wagoner, I. T., died. Eight
 negroes are under arrest.
 Oklahoma Sheriffs' association held
 its annual convention at El Reno. D.
 C. Oats of Woods county was elected
 president.

GREETING!

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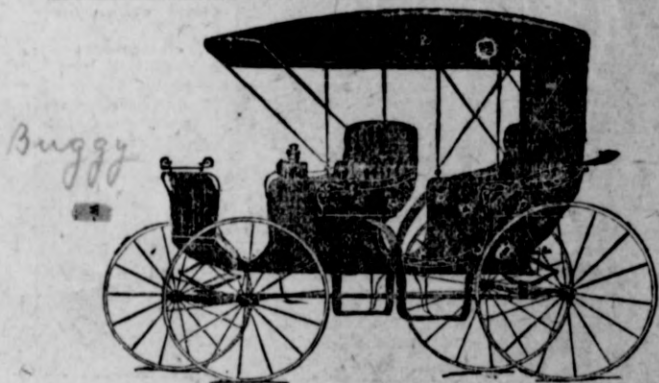
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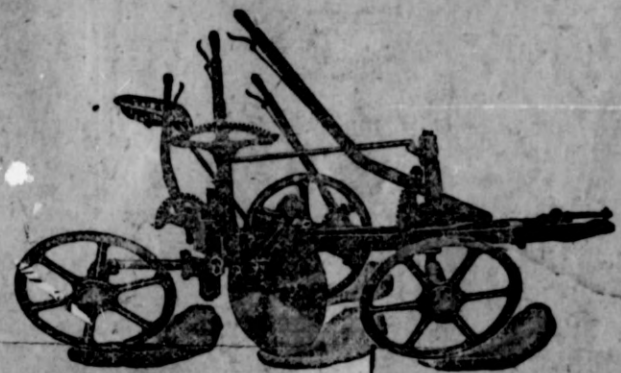
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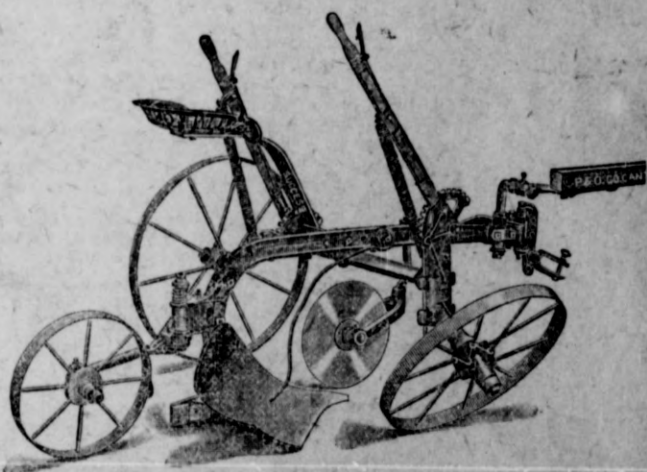
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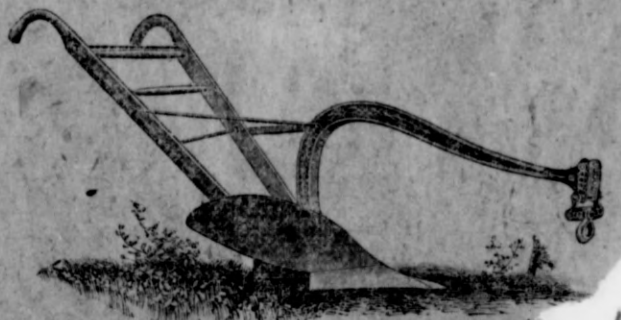
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