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Our Motto; "TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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THE Christmas Season

Is the great heart opener. Hearts that grow cold or distant through fifty-one weeks are each year renewed in loving, thoughtful warmth. What a priceless service is rendered to us by each gift we send! Let us respect the service of the Gift, and choose each one with thoughtful care. This Store has the right things, gifts that are sensible, practical and useful.

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BAIRD, TEXAS

COTTONWOOD LOCALS

Well Uncle Bill it is only fourteen days until Christmas and not a "drop" on the place and Mrs. Uncle Jimmie is husbanding her eggs as closely as if they were dollars. Can you see anything encouraging for Uncle Jimmie?

Say! We had a hog and have killed it and with an unwarranted supply of grease it requires some condensation on our part to notice "poor folks" nothing like living surrounded with plenty.

Our B. Y. P. U's suspended operations Sunday afternoon until next spring. We have heard of Sunday Schools going into winter quarters, and we presume the B. Y. P. U's went into winter quarters.

Volley Gray a citizen of our community, living one mile west of Cottonwood was kicked by a mule several days ago, and the bone of his leg was fractured rendering him incapable of performing his duties on the farm, he will perhaps be confined to the house for several days.

Wayne Tarr, of Cross Plains but formerly of Cottonwood is tearing down his old barber shop and store room at Cottonwood and moving same to Cross Plains.

J. R. Davis, formerly of Cottonwood but now of Post Texas, is visiting at Cottonwood.

M. F. Ray has moved his residence for Cottonwood to his farm one and a half miles north of Cottonwood. Mr. Ray will continue his business in Cottonwood. He however has placed an order for a Ford car to ride to and from his home.

Wes Everett has placed a line of groceries in the house recently vacated by Everett Bros. and is prepared to serve the trade at reasonable prices. Mr. Everett's goods are new and fresh and customers trading with him have the assurance that they are not getting shop worn goods. Give the gentleman a trial.

Mr. Luther Jones who has been in California and Montana for several years past, is now visiting in our community, the guest of his father, R. G. Jones.

On Friday night, December 22nd,

the Music class, being instructed by Miss Eulalia Gattis, will, "pull off" a musical recital at the school house in Cottonwood. Miss Gattis in an efficient instructor and her class will doubtless render an interesting program, and those attending will be royally entertained. Let all of those who can, attend this, encouraging both teacher and pupils.

Our Brass Band is rehearsing again regularly now and is producing some good music. Prof. Kenykedall is proving to be a good instructor and everything points to the fact that the Cottonwood band has a future that will reflect credit on both band and instructor. We can heartily say "rah" for the "tooters."

Now "Juan" next Monday the old "remnants" will meet in regular session at the Terminal and you want to look a "ledle oud" and be careful to drive to the right.

Let us gently whisper in your ear "please send us some paper" and we will now "Keno."

"Uncle Jimmie."

EULA LOCALS

December 8, 1916

Good morning Uncle Bill! How are you and The Star force?

Well we soon will have another Xmas. Well I have seen so many it wont seem new to me and you.

Now eggs are so high and booze is so scarce, I am afraid our nog is coming up scarce, and 1916 will soon be gone.

Well the Eula farmers cant have any kick coming, for we made an all round good crop and sure did get a fancy price for everything we had to sell.

Some have a little cotton in the fields. Those who have sowed wheat has a good stand up and it is looking good.

W. B. Ferguson & Son, John, have returned from an auto trip and reports a nice time.

H. E. Jones was a business visitor in Clyde Saturday.

Clarence Tarrent, Walter Miller, J. T. Loggins and R. P. Stephenson spent Monday in Abilene trading.

J. M. Davis and Mrs. Davis, Mr. Irvin Farrar and wife went to

Abilene Monday in Mr. Davis new Maxwell.

Bob Spraberry and J. T. Farrar was trading in Abilene Monday.

You see Uncle Bill, good roads is the thing, we can go to Abilene easy.

Well there was quite a lot of peanuts thrashed at Eula. The average was 25 bushels to the acre. With good prices those who have peanuts will be in the swim this year.

B. S. Adams, of Abilene, was in Eula Tuesday.

W. C. Jolly is building a nice 6 room house.

M. C. Thomas has moved back to Cottonwood.

J. T. Hampton has been on the sick list this week.

W. F. and G. G. Gardner was attending business in Baird Wednesday.

J. G. Bockman is spending a few week in K. Y.

Well Uncle Bill I wont write any more before Xmas, but will try and be with you the first of new year.

Pleasant Xmas, to you and the girls and all your Star readers and a happy new year. "Patsie."

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RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY

Whereas our Heavenly Father has seen fit to take unto himself little Adelia Pauline, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Scott. Therefore be it

Resolved that we, the members of Holly Grove No. 570, Woodmen Circle tenderly sympathize with Sov. Scott and family in their sorrow. May they find consolation in the knowledge that their dear little baby is safely resting in the arm of Jesus. and that they will meet her again in the beautiful beyond.

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Mrs. Eva Jackson
Miss Manche Gilliland
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OBITUARY

God in his wisdom has again visited our Church, and taken from us, Sister Eunice Sanders. She died at her home in Abilene, Texas October 20, 1916. Sister Eunice was 18 years, 9 months and 11 days of age. She was converted and joined the Admiral Baptist Church in August 1911 and died in the full triumph of a Saviour's love. We knew Eunice from her childhood and from that time until her death she was loyal to her Sunday School. Each Sabbath day found her in her accustomed place. She was obedient to mother, kind and obliging to all. She was a sweet, christian girl, ever ready to do what she could for her Pastor and church. She left an unblemished character, one that we would all wish to imitate. She is now translated to that home not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

How slender is life's silver cord,
How soon 'tis broken here.

Each moment brings a parting word,
And many a falling tear.

And though these years to mortal given,
Are filled with grief and pain.

There is a hope—a hope of heaven,
Where love ones meet again.

The following is written by Mother and sister.

One precious to our hearts has gone,
The voice we love is still.

The place made vacant in our home,
Can never more be filled.

Our father in his wisdom called,
The boon his love had given.

And though under the earth the body lies,
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Mrs. S. D. Hill
Miss Alice Easthan
J. M. Shelton.

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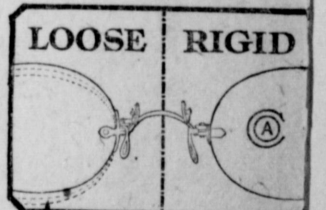
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Collection	\$2.
Presbyterian Sunday School	
Number present	-
Collection	\$2.
Church of Christ Sunday School	
Number present	-
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Chapters read	5
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Remember the days when you were little, and plan your Christmas accordingly.

Made-in-a-Hurry for Christmas

GIFTS THAT CAN BE MADE AT HOME.



As long as we keep Christmas, some of us will always begin by thinking we won't! And we end up in rushing madly into a shop at the very tag end of the last moment, an open hand-bag full of gold on one arm, an empty carpet bag on the other—to hold the things!—a frantic expression in the facial region, demanding in tragic accents to be waited on immediately, as we are in a hurry! So much for you, kind friend—and perhaps for me! Who knows?

Christmas is a bother—in the first stages. But it is a graceless wretch indeed who does not at the last moment fall to the contagious joyousness of the Christmas spirit. And though the feeling has perhaps been coming on for the best part of a week, at about three days before Christmas you walk along the street watching the busy Christmas throng and just wishing you could give something to everybody! And from then on your days are one mad whirl of excitement, and you sit up nights to make things.

For, when you have left things undone till the last moment—and if you have, there's no use scolding you, it's better to give you a lift! It takes such a hopelessly long time, and is so unsettling besides, to wander around through the shops vainly endeavoring to get hold of an idea of what would "do" for Mirabella and Clarissa.

Perhaps with rows of gray knit stockings and woolen gloves meeting your vision as you are scanning the horizon for something Clarified, and you turn away in despair, only to be confronted with hot water-bags and tea caddies—all perfectly good articles in their place, but dampening to your spirit at Christmas time.

And so it is much better for you, kind friend—and also for me, I am sure—to spend one quarter of the money and all of the energy on a few materials to make just lovely things. Lovely things which must not take overmuch of their share of time, however, for we have just four days.

Parasol Needle-book.
Encouraged by the success of my eider-down adventure, I then eyed thoughtfully a scrap of ribbon and a scrap of fine white flannel which had a way of always coming up on top whenever I ruminatingly stirred the pile. The combination spelled needle-book at once; but what kind? Surely not the commonplace book form with flannel leaves such as Mrs. Noah was known to have taken into the Ark with her! After some pondering, I finally conjured out a Frenchy little parasol needle-book which I knew would delight the heart of a young-souled old lady who still took keen pleasure in everything novel.

From an apparently useless scrap of Dresden ribbon I cut a circle five inches in diameter, hemmed the edge neatly and bordered it with a piece of Valenciennes (or good imitation) lace. On the inner side, just below the hem, I basted two smaller circles of the flannel cut in points. With a pink silk matching the flower of the ribbon I made eight diagonal rows of machine stitching from edge to edge, each passing through the center of the flannel and ribbon like the axes of an umbrella. In each of the pin-shaped divisions thus made I put a group of needles or pins pointing to the center. For the handle of my parasol I used a short bone crochet needle, using the hook as the end to go through the center. All that remained now was some device whereby the parasol might be closed when not in use. For

this purpose, I button-holed a small loop on each rib (running in the same direction), and through these eight eyelets I ran a strong piece of narrow pink ribbon, finishing it with long ends and a bow that it might be carried on the wrist or hung from a basket handle.

After such dainty work as this I looked rather dubiously upon some odds and ends of cretonne which persistently obtruded themselves upon my attention. Just for the sake of making them up I did not want to convert them into those everlasting dust traps which are always hanging around, so it was some time before I could think out the really best way of utilizing them.

The Dolly String Bag.
Select a pretty doll's head with fluffy, curly hair, and smiling countenance, showing a few pearly teeth. If a brunette, make a little silk bag which is gathered around her shoulders of some strikingly contrasting color. A piece of tango-colored ribbon is seamed together and gathered at each edge. The lower edge is drawn up tight, a ball of twine is inserted and the upper edge drawn evenly around Dolly String's neck. Before fastening, carefully break out the tiny teeth, and bring the end of the ball of thread out through her mouth. Cruel as this sounds, you will find that the operation does not interfere with her smile in the least. As a hanger for the bag attach a long loop of ribbon with one long end to which a small pair of scissors is sewed. This handy doll will be found as useful as she is ornamental.

Dolly Whisks.
A hurry-up gift which would give as much fun to the giver as to the "getter" would be one of those comical dolly whisks. The idea is to get a very small doll's head and fasten it securely to the whisk handle, supplying any necessary padding to make her look natural, and then dress her up to go Christmas visiting. Owing to the shape of the whisk, the lady's skirts will have the new flare, and with this fashionable beginning you should be inspired to make her into a regular Paris dame—to give to Mirabelle!

Pillows.
For a twelve-inch round pillow, the material was cut in a long narrow straight piece, as though you were making the gathered side of a stiff-bottomed bag instead of a pillow. It was shirred around the outside edge and gathered all up tight in the middle, which middle was covered with a beautiful bunch of silk roses in different colors.

Workbags.
Dainty little workbags may be made on sweet grass basket bottoms. These baskets are round and shallow, and come in all sizes. One basket, the bottom and lid, will do for two bags. The tops may either be of silk or ribbon; and it is very easy indeed to sew them on the straw bottoms, which have upstanding edges. They may or may not be lined.

The Lavina Lavender.
Last of all comes Lady Lavina Lavender, the daintiest of the dainty. A sweet-faced doll, the hair powdered white and shaded by a shepherdess, flower-trimmed hat, is dressed in gauze or lace fichu crowned over a quaint lavender silk gown. Her panniers are white silk sprigged with lavender flowers, and her very voluminous skirt covers—what do you think?—a round lavender box filled with sweet English lavender. In her hand she carries a little reticule of lavender gauze filled with the fragrant lavender flowers, Milady is most easily made by the handy needlewoman, and is sure to win her way with Lady Dainty, be she rich or poor.

THE GIFT OF SERVICE

By W. N. BEARD.

The word gift at this time has a deeper meaning than at any other time of the year. To our friends and dear ones we give of the generosity of our hearts precious gems, jewelry, flowers, articles of wearing apparel and little tokens of home-made handicraft—material gifts—yet expressing, in most instances, an inestimable love and esteem. But there is one gift apart from these gifts and of which we sometimes hear a great deal—it is the Gift of Service.

Service is personal, individual; it's purpose lofty and ideal. It seeks to please continually and to give full measure in return for what compensation it may receive. It goes well with the "square deal" and is akin to the precepts of the golden rule. "The Home of Service" is a popular slogan with many business firms, and the firm who fails to be alert in courtesy, promptness, fairness (three cardinal words that well express Service) does not long retain its patrons.

At no other time in the world's history is Service in greater demand than at this time. He or she who have the ability to properly render Service to their fellow beings have already won for themselves a high and honorable place in the public's estimation. The Gift of Service comes from one's brain, heart and soul. It is embodied in the spirit of an ambition to attain the highest efficiency. It cannot be bought, neither can it be acquired without persistent, uncommon effort. The slothful never know the art of serving. An incarnation of energetic, thoughtful study is SERVICE

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It is said of Mr. Edison that, while experimenting in his laboratory, he accidentally discovered a process for making diamonds artificially, but he declined to give time to diamond-making because he believed he could more profitably serve his fellow man by working out the essential problems of science. This incident of Mr. Edison's reflects the true spirit of Service—that of self-sacrifice for the good of humanity. If we give unstintingly of the greatness of our minds for the betterment of humanity we render a service that can not be overestimated in its helpfulness nor in its far-reaching influence for good.

If a young man wants to know the surest and quickest way to conquer the world let him prepare to render the world the great Gift of Service. With this mental and physical equipment he can go anywhere and win success. His reward will be even greater, for, with material success will come to him the esteem of his fellow man and a worthy name.

So we have at this happy time into us-gift-giving time men and women giving with-out adequate remuneration, to SERVICE—men and women in shops, executive office, accountants, agents, schools and colleges, editorial and reportorial offices, agricultural colleges, experiments stations, laboratories, etc.

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Christmas Carols.
Of all the quaint old customs that have come down through the ages to us, there is none more characteristic of this joyous season than the singing of Christmas carols. Centuries ago in old England, when the wandering minstrels gathered in the open halls of chiefs and barons and sang their songs, the carol was often the production of an old monk, the words being sung to the accompaniment of harp or lute. It was a popular religious song, easy to follow, and so one and all joined in the refrain. From France comes the "Nowell," a variation of Noell, Christmas.

Christmas carols were sung on the continent of Europe in the Middle Ages, but they are specially connected with England and her traditions.

The northern countries have the clear, starry nights of December and the Christmas season has always meant to their people "so hallowed and so gracious" a time that the singing of carols at midnight seems a fitting accompaniment to the harmonies of nature.

For many nights before and after Christmas the "waits" sang their carols, for in old England Christmas was not a single day; it began on December 16 and ended on January 6, or Twelfth Night. Merry-making and hospitality ruled and the "waits" were given food and drink ere they went on their way.

The Puritans tried to stop the singing of carols, but with the Restoration this beautiful custom was revived and to this day the hamlets and villages of England are visited by the "waits" during their merry and

In Germany the carol or hymn of praise is called Wiegenlied; in France it is styled Noel, and in our country we call it carol or Christmas hymn.

If Santa Claus Gets Afire.
If you tip the lamp over during the Christmas frolics don't run for the water bucket to extinguish the blazing oil. Water thrown on burning oil does little good. Smother the flames with some flour or throw wet rags on it. Should one of the guests get too near the Christmas tree, or should that unfortunate victim of fire accidents, Santa Claus, get his flimsy clothes afire, don't run away from him or permit him or her to run around. Grab the portieres down or pull up a rug and wrap it around the burning figure and roll the person over and over until the fire is extinguished.

Christmas Dates Have Been Altered.
All the world celebrates Christmas on December 25, although the date has been altered several times as the earliest Christmas festivities were celebrated January 1 and 6, and later, in some instances, on March 29, at the time of the Jewish Passover, and on the 29th of September, at the Feast of the Tabernacle. In those days December 24 was regarded as Adam and Eve's Day, and at one time, prior to the reign of Constantine, New Year's Day was observed as the day of the nativity. Julius the First, who was the Bishop of Rome during the years 337-353 A. D., appears to have been the permanent date. He made a thorough investigation into all the traditions concerning Christmas and finally decided that December 25 was the correct date.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

FOR THE HOME



The scent of pine is in the air. A tree one must have if it is to seem at all like Christmas, and if it can't be a big one, filling a bay window, let it be a tiny one for the dinner or library table, or, in lieu of the latter, if you happen to be that homeless derelict of a business woman, existing in a boarding house or apartment hotel, at least have a near-tree of one branch of cedar decorated with a lot of gay candles. But green it must be at Christmas time.

If the tree is intended for your table and is to be lighted, an awful problem presents itself. What is to become of the best white cloth which has been so carefully "done up" for this occasion? Don't let this bother you for a minute. Go to the housefurnishing department of the nearest large store and buy a good-sized lacey paper centerpiece and let the grease "go as far as it likes" in dripping. If you fail to find it there ask your confectioner—especially if he happens to specialize in cakes—for one, or try your luck at a china shop. Even if none of these people can sell it, the chances are that you will at least learn where it is to be obtained.

Then there must be wreaths at the windows and if those you admire prove too expensive, there is no reason why you should not duplicate them at a great saving. Casual examination will demonstrate that they are simply layers of crowfoot, holly or pine, fastened securely to the branches, and just because you are a city dweller and possibly without access to trees and branches does not mean that you can't substitute heavy wire or featherbone and make them any size you like, from the cheap greens for sale at the nearest market, or the free-for-the-gathering greens from the nearest ravine or river bottom. Furthermore, you can carry out your own ideas on the subject of their decoration.

Plain wreaths with scarlet bows, wreaths decorated with holly, mistletoe or swamp berries; bits of moss or pine cones in natural browns, white-tipped or gilded, are only a few of the possibilities. The poinsettia, too, is still with us, although hardly so popular as in recent years.

There are peals of scarlet Christmas bells of assorted sizes, intended to swing from chandeliers or flat wall surfaces, to say nothing of Sea Island pines of vivid green whose feelings must be hurt by the "dolling up" to which they are subjected, for why any human being should regard a growing plant as an appropriate object to cover with little red bows is an open question.

How much simpler and more effective is the treatment given ferns by some of our most artistic florists. The pot of a hardy Boston fern is covered with a plain green raffia mat or wrapped with dull green crepe paper, a few sprays of vivid swamp berries are stuck in the earth here and there and the one plant which can be successfully grown by even the greatest bungler with plants is converted into an appropriate though inexpensive Yuletide gift.

Baskets are the best liked receptacles for plants and flowers, and the big, flat "fireside basket" filled on presentation with a variety of evergreens, but intended to hold wood for

the open fire later on, is sure to be acceptable.

This rare open fire, with its cheerful crackles and woody smells, besides affording an excellent entrance for the saint of the season, adds the holiday touch most to be desired. A far cry, alas, from the commonplace substitute in aromatic fragrance with which most of us must be satisfied—a moist pine bough placed over the steam radiator.

Unless the Christmas tree is going to be a surprise and you intend to trim it behind closed doors, in the greatest of secrecy, let the children assist in fashioning many of the ornaments and trinkets, and they will have double the pleasure out of it. The little ones will certainly delight in stringing the popcorn with which to festoon the tree. If the popcorn is strung on wire it can be arranged most effectively. If you wish you can dye some of the corn red and string it alternately, one red and one white kernel. The nimble little fingers can string chains of cranberries or cut stars of gilt paper. Paper link chains can be made out of any color to harmonize with the color scheme of the tree. Paste narrow strips of paper to form rings and slip one link through another and paste securely.

It is very simple to gild nuts, and they are quite an addition to a tree when suspended with gilt cord. Snow balls are made by packing white tissue paper tight in the shape of an orange, then pasting white cotton on the bottom. The cotton is dusted with diamond dust and gives a glittering effect. Icicles are made of white fringe tissue paper that has been dipped into a solution of alum. The green of the tree can also be given a gilded effect if it is touched with a solution of alum. The Christmas goodies can be put in bags of tarlatan. Don't forget that the large presents and heavy decorations of the tree should be at the bottom. Small articles can be attached to the tree with invisible hairpins, or large presents tied with red ribbon. The cedar or pine are all popular for Christmas trees.

A pretty tree for the table is the pepper plant, which can be purchased at any florist's. The little plant can be trimmed as a Christmas tree for the central decoration of the table. Around the bottom of the tree is heaped a mound of cotton dusted with mica. At each place is a little red flower pot containing a small souvenir which is hidden by a spray of mistletoe. The souvenir can be something suggestive of the personality of the guest. Over the table is suspended by red ribbons a bunch of snowballs of white cotton sprinkled with mica. The candle shades are of ornamental sprays of holly, and a little piece of holly is pasted on the place card.

Odd souvenirs for a Christmas dinner are place cards of holly leaves with a suitable quotation or jingle written in red or white ink. Another card is made of rough white cardboard cut in a circle. Sprinkle the card with diamond dust and write the name of the guest in the center.

Decorating the House.

Ropes of mistletoe or smilax may be festooned on the stair banister. These can be gathered from almost any hollow, creek, or river bottom in Texas. Mistletoe, smilax or holly may be placed at the base of the candlesticks. Tubs painted green may hold little cedar trees from the woods; and one of these or a basket of holly may be placed in the middle of the dining table.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY

FOR THE CHILDREN.

Games That Can Be Played Indoors.

HERE is something in the very air at Christmas time, the festivity, the joyousness that spontaneously calls forth the desire, nay, the actual necessity for giving a party for the children. And before the busy mother has fairly caught her breath after the arduous task of trimming the tree, she finds herself absorbed in the planning of the party, for upon her falls the responsibility for the entertainment of the little guests. And from sad experience, she has found that it is much better to have every instant provided for, from the moment the self-conscious, festivity garbed company arrive to the time when they take their departure, somewhat disheveled but glowing with excitement and bursting with good cheer.

It is well to start off with a lively game. This game will create no end of fun and will include all the children. A good sized holly wreath or any kind of green vine wreath, interspersed with red berries, is brought in and suspended from the ceiling in the center of the room, to within four or five feet from the floor. To emphasize the spirit of the holidays a little red sled is drawn into the room, piled high with snowballs. These are made of strips of cotton batting wound loosely and covered with white tissue paper. Each child in turn stands a certain distance from the wreath and tries to toss the snowballs through the center. The one who is most successful in a given number of trials wins the prize. Or to add to the excitement, the children can be divided into two sides which will compete, one against the other.

Another game which is good fun is to suspend a tissue paper bag, filled with Christmas candies from the ceiling, and, blindfolding each child, give him three chances to hit the bag with a small wooden stick. When the bag is burst a general scramble for the goodies will ensue, while the company will have been vastly amused at the unsuccessful attempts of some of their friends.

Perhaps now would be a good time to

the room, filled with Christmas greens of all kinds—holly, mistletoe, ivy, cedar, balsam, smilax, hemlock and pine, all of which are easily procured at this season and even some nuts can be included. On each twig is fastened a slip of paper with a number, and the children having been supplied with a slip of paper and pencil, must identify each sprig, writing its name opposite its corresponding number.

Another good game is to put different kinds of nuts in a bag, and let each child put his hands in the bag and try to guess how many varieties there are by simply feeling them, or he can write down their names on a slip of paper. It will not be too much trouble to provide a small bagful for each child, and then if a few candies were added they would have a pretty little souvenir to take home.

Meanwhile the holly wreath has been taken down and is now brought in with a number of lighted Christmas candles fastened on it. A child is blindfolded and turned about three times, and then he must try to blow out the candles on the wreath. It is a comical sight to see him puffing and blowing lustily when perhaps his back is turned toward the wreath, or he has wandered quite to the other side of the room.

A lively march is played on the piano and the boys and girls prance into the dining room where the table is decorated in the colors of the season. In the center of the table is a most attractive little snow scene arranged. Miniature hills and valleys are formed of cotton wadding, sprinkled with frost powder, and small evergreen trees are dotted about among the little red-roofed houses, while in the center is placed jolly old Santa Claus himself, seated in his sleigh and driving his reindeer. At each place stands a tiny artificial Christmas tree with a bit of tinsel festooned on it, and some lighted candles flaming brightly. The children can immediately try to blow out all their candles in one puff. And now having provided against any possible accident, they can settle down to the serious business of enjoying the refreshments.

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CHRISTMAS STORIES

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.



The Forest Christmas Tree.

"OTHER, can we have a Christmas tree?" shouted small Sam and Susan in chorus.

"Why, what do you mean?" answered their mother. "Our tree comes from the forest every year."

"Yes, but we do not mean that," said Susan. "We do not want father to cut down a tree and bring it in to us. We want to go out to the forest and trim a tree for our forest friends."

"Well," said their mother, "I have often felt sorry to have these trees destroyed each year. What is your plan?"

"You see, it is this way: Nora has been telling us a story about Norway, and she says in that cold northern land they always save some grain at the harvest time and when Christmas comes they tie these bunches of grain on a tall pole or a tree and the birds fly down and have a Christmas feast. Now, we want to do that, but we would like to have our tree for the forest friends and put on the tree all the food that they like best."

"It is a very good idea," said their mother, "and of course you may do it."

The children went right to work popping corn and stringing it in long chains, and then Sam strung the cranberries, while Susan made long strings of golden and silver paper, and she folded and pasted little baskets of bright paper in which to put some bird seed.

Late in the afternoon before Christmas everything was ready and they all put on their wraps and went to the forest. Fortunately, they did not have very far to go, as their home stood near the edge of the woods. Such a strange procession as they were to be sure. Father carried a stepladder and a big box of salt. Mother carried a basket of vegetables. Nora brought bundles of hay and bunches of grain. Sam had his basket of nuts, cranberries and popcorn, while Susan carried carefully her chains of Christmas tree ornaments.

"This is our tree!" shouted the children. "Our little fairy pine tree."

Then father climbed upon the ladder and, taking the grain from Nora, he began to tie bunches up near the top of the tree.

Then Sam put on the cranberries and popcorn chains and festooned them through the branches. Nora and mother fastened carrots and lettuce leaves on the lowest branches for the rabbits. Susan put nuts about for the squirrels and hung on the tree some gold and silver nuts which she had gilded and tied with bright string.

"The squirrels won't know they are nuts," said Sam.

"Trust a squirrel for finding a nut," said father. "I am sure that the squirrels will like Susan's nuts after they crack them, and all of her bright trimmings do make the tree look pretty. I think it would be nice to trim up this box, too."

The children then went and found some ground pine and they put long garlands of this bright green about the box of salt for the deer.

At last the Christmas presents for the forest friends were all in place and the family went home.

The children awakened very early in the morning and they soon awoke every one in the house with their shouts of "Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" They looked at all their new toys and took every gift from their stockings. Then they said, "Oh, can we run out to the forest before breakfast and watch our forest friends when they find their Christmas presents?" So they were soon bundled up warm and they tiptoed to some bushes, where they hid to watch their friends, but early as they were the forest people were there before them.

The birds were the first to discover the tree. As soon as it was light they saw the silver star on top of the tree and flew to find out what it meant. When they saw the grain they chirped and caroled the glad news through the forest.

"Good cheer, good cheer, Christmas is here.

A Christmas tree for you and me Stands in the forest here. Good cheer!"

Then they began to eat the grain and to peck up the bird seed from the little paper boxes, and they twittered and sang:

"Tweet, tweet, tweet. Here's something to eat, So good and sweet. Tweet, tweet, tweet."

The squirrels then poked their heads out of their holes in the trees and they came out on the snowy branches to see what was the matter with the birds, but it did not take them long to find out, and they came scrambling down from their homes and ran to the wonderful Christmas tree. They even knew the gold and silver nuts were for them, and they joined with the birds in their song, only the squirrels chattered: "Nut meat, so good to eat. Nut meat, such a treat. So sweet, nut meat."

The rabbits came hopping out from their holes and they frisked about the tree, and their whiskers fairly trembled with eagerness when they found their carrots and lettuce. Some of the rabbits bounced back into the thick woods and called the deer to come. "Do not fear, you timid deer. Come here, come here. Christmas cheer, in the forest near. Come deer, come deer."

And the deer followed the rabbits to the tree. They found their big box of salt and soon they ate it all up, and all the green trimmings of ground pine, too. Then they took big bunches of hay from the tree, and some of the animals carried away some of the food to save for another day, while many a bright gold and silver nut was hidden with the brown ones by the thrifty squirrels.

"What a wonderful tree, and who gave us such a treat?" the animals all said.

"The children who live in the house near by," twittered the birds.

"We will never be afraid of them again, for they are our friends," agreed all the animals.

The children were behind the bushes peeping out at their forest friends. Of course they could not understand all that was being said but they knew their friends were enjoying everything on the tree.

"We never had such a nice Christmas tree," said the two children.

"Sam, let us do this every year and never cut down another Christmas tree."

"All right," agreed Sam. "I know that I liked this tree the best, and I am sure our forest friends like it."

"Yes," said Susan softly, "and the forest fairies, too, for they helped to make it more beautiful. We will always have our forest Christmas tree."

... "As the Stars Went By."

The old man sat upon the upper step of the four dirty marble ones which led into the house, one room of which he called home. His chin rested upon his chest, his eyes stared unseeingly at the brick pavement. A \$5 bill was in his hand, which was thrust deep in the pocket of his worn coat. This \$5 bill was all the money he had in the world. He had earned it shoveling snow from the sidewalks and wheeling coal into cellars. He closed his fingers tightly upon the money and tried to think; he did not notice the cold, he did not notice the people as they hurried by; all he could remember was that it was Christmas Eve, and the little sick wife, the wife who always smiled, when a tear rolled unchecked down her cheek.

"Could I borrow you?" spoke a voice beside him, "cause if you ain't nobody's grandfather, I'd like to, oh, so much!"

The old man gazed down into the bright eyes of the little boy beside him. "What's that?" he asked.

"Why couldn't we borrow you just for tomorrow, mother and me? There ain't no little boy that you're grandfather to, is there? 'Cause of course then we couldn't."

"No, I guess not," answered the man. "I got no grandchild nor nobody, but just my wife."

"Oh, I know, I know! She's the sick-a-bed lady," began the child excitedly.

"The what?" asked the man almost sharply.

"Why, the 'sick-a-bed lady'; we always call her that, mother and me, so as I won't forget and slam the doors and run upstairs, but I do ever so often, but I'm always sorry when I remember. Couldn't she come, too, and be my grandmother? You could bring her, maybe, like you take her to the window on Sundays. Oh, I never had a grandmother, but I would love one, and she must have an apron with a pocket in it and there must be something nice for a 's'prise,' that's the way it is in my book, and mother will be, oh, so glad and won't mind having just me so much, and we can—"

The child paused for breath; the old man was gazing at him in astonishment.

"Well, son," he said, "let's begin somewhere and find out what this is you're talking about."

"Why," the boy began at once, his bright eyes shining, "why, we're going to borrow you, mother and me, just for tomorrow. Mother said there wouldn't be any Christmas now grandfather is gone, and, oh, we always just had such a good time! But he's dead now and mother and me had to come to the city, and we live just down the hall from you in the very back room, and I've seen the 'sick-a-bed-lady' sometimes on Sunday when I go by in the street, and she always smiles; and I've seen you go in and out and I thought you'd do for a grandfather, and now I'm sure. Please, won't you come?"

The child looked up at him pleadingly and something whispered to the old man, "If there was a child it would be different."

"How about your mother, boy, did you ask her?"

"Oh, no, she mustn't know anything about it; it'll just be a 's'prise' for her, and she's most as lonely as I am, and she—"

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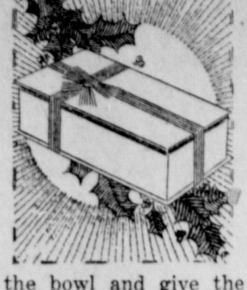
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Christmas Cookies and Candies

By MRS. ANNA B. SCOTT.



Christmas cookies! What fun when mother or sister clears a way the evening dishes and all go out in the kitchen for the baking party, as it were. Mother or sister has prepared the fruit, nuts or seeds beforehand.

Certainly the boys will help. Put shortening and sugar into the bowl and give the boy a wooden spoon with which to cream them. Have them put the dates and figs through the meat chopper. Mother finishes the dough, rolls it out and cuts the cookies with a cake cutter. Sister places them on bake sheet and watches the oven. Father or brother removes them from the bake sheet on to the table that has been covered with a cloth. Then when cold, they are packed, with manilla or baking paper, into a pasteboard box until Christmas.

There is one thing that mother must do—bake a few samples to give the helpers a taste, but that must end it; do not allow them to eat their fill when baking, for if you do there will not be any for Christmas. The pasteboard boxes are put under lock and key.

Grandmother's Cookies.

1/4 cup shortening, 1/2 cup sour milk, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 4 cups of flour, or enough flour to handle. Cream the shortening and sugar until smooth; add sour milk, then the baking soda dissolved in 1 teaspoon boiling water; sift flour and add to mixture. Dust bake board with flour, turn out the dough, roll 1/4 inch thick and cut with cruller cutter; sprinkle with granulated sugar; bake 12 minutes in hot oven.

Spice Cookies.

These spice cookies are easily made and cheap. 1/4 cup shortening, 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 cup brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves, 1 cup New Orleans molasses, 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda mixed with 1/4 cup boiling water, 4 cups flour. Mix the molasses, sugar and shortening together until smooth, add the cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and ginger; then add the baking soda and boiling water. Sift flour and add one cup at a time. You must have flour enough so that the dough will not stick, more may be added. Divide in two; place on floured board and roll out 1/4 inch thick; cut into fancy shapes. Bake on floured sheets 10 minutes in a hot oven.

Ginger Cookies.

1/4 cup shortening, 1/2 teaspoon ginger, 1 cup New Orleans molasses, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 1 cup brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 2 or 3 cups of flour. Put the shortening, molasses and brown sugar into bowl, rub until smooth; add the soda, which has been dissolved in 1/2 cup boiling water; add the salt, cinnamon and ginger, mix well and add the sifted flour, enough to roll out 1/4 inch thick. Cut with cake cutter and bake in hot oven 12 to 15 minutes.

Nut Cookies.

1/4 cup shortening, 2 tablespoons milk, 1 cup sugar, 2 cups flour, 2 eggs, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 cup chopped English or black walnuts. Rub the sugar and shortening together until smooth; add the milk very slowly and the well beaten egg; beat well and add the flour, which has been sifted with the baking powder and the nuts. The dough must be stiff enough to roll out 1/4 inch thick. Cut with fancy cutter and bake in hot oven 10 to 12 minutes.

Small Cream Cakes, Hot Decoration.

1 cup shortening, 1 cup milk, 2 cups pulverized sugar, 2 cups flour, 2 eggs, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon grated lemon or orange peel. Cream the shortening and sugar together; separate the eggs, beat the yolks until light and add; then add the milk slowly. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt together; add half, then half of the stiffly beaten whites of eggs, the lemon rind and the nutmeg, mix well. Brush iron gem pans with a little melted lard, and in each put a scant tablespoon of the mixture; bake 15 minutes in moderate oven. When cold, cover the bottom with icing and decorate with 2 small green leaves cut from very fine slices of citron; between the leaves put 4 red candies to represent holly berries.

Decorations.

4 ounces citron, 2 tablespoons boiling water, 2 tablespoons cocoa, 2 tablespoons XXXX sugar, 1/2 pound small red cinnamon candies, Pinch salt. Mix the cocoa with the boiling water; add sugar and salt, mix until smooth and creamy; spread the icing on bottom of cakes and decorate. Orange Icing. 1 tablespoon melted butter, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 cup XXXX sugar. Put the orange and lemon juice into a bowl, add half the sugar, rubbing until smooth; then add the melted butter and the rest of the sugar. If it is not hard enough you can add more sugar. It is much nicer put over the cake while soft and let dry.

Cheap Fruit Cakes.

1/4 cup shortening, 1 cup boiling water, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 1 cup New Orleans molasses, 2 cups flour, 1 cup seeded raisins, 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 cup currants, 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger. Cream the sugar and shortening together, add the molasses, then the baking soda dissolved in the boiling water; add half the flour, the fruit and then the rest of the flour. Line pan with paper and bake in moderate oven 1 hour.

Fruit Cake (By Request).

1 cup butter, 4 tablespoons citron, 1 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon orange peel, 4 eggs, 1 tablespoon lemon peel, 1 cup currants, 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1 cup raisins, 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves, 1/2 cup Sultana raisins, 1 teaspoon grated nutmeg, 1/4 cup figs, 2 cups flour, 4 tablespoons grape juice or orange juice, 2 teaspoons baking powder. With a wooden spoon mix the butter and sugar together until light and creamy. Beat the eggs until light and add to the butter and sugar. Beat 10 minutes. Mix the spices with 1 cup of flour and add. Clean, wash and dry the raisins, currants and Sultana raisins; mix with 1/2 cup flour and add to the cake. Cut the orange and lemon peel into small pieces. Wash and dry the figs and cut into thin slices; add to the mixture with 1 cup of the fruit juice and the rest of the flour. Mix thoroughly; line bakepan with paper. Bake in slow oven 2 1/2 to 3 hours. You can add 1/2 cup chopped and blanched almonds if you like. This cake should be made some time before Christmas, put away in a tin box and moistened with grape or orange juice several times before the holidays.

Lebkuchen.

Over six hundred years old, these little German honey cakes have lost none of their popularity. Put two ounces each of orange peel and citron through the food chopper, half a pound of almonds shredded, fine; mix these together with two cups of honey, two tablespoons of cinnamon, one tablespoon of cloves, one teaspoon of nutmeg, one teaspoon of baking soda, wine glass of brandy, grated peel of one lemon, two ounces of brown sugar, and enough flour to make a stiff dough; knead well, let stand over night. In the morning roll out, cut in desired shapes, bake on well greased and floured pans in a moderate oven twenty minutes; ice with a syrup made of sugar and water cooked to a fine thread. These cakes will keep all winter and improve with age.

Christmas Candies.

There are two kinds of fondant, the raw and the cooked. The raw is for the centers, the cooked is for dipping. Use the best materials, good flavoring, have the utensils clean, free from any suspicion of grease. Stir sugar and the water before boiling. Brush the sides of the kettle so that no grains of sugar will settle there. Take care not to disturb the syrup when it starts boiling, as this prevents granulating.

When cooling, place in a cool dry place, never in a refrigerator. Damp weather prevents success in candy making. Boiled or Cooked Fondant. Three cups of granulated sugar, one and one-half cups of corn syrup, one-quarter teaspoon of cream of tartar, one-fourth cup of water. Cook until soft ball is formed in cold water, cook to 235 degrees if a candy thermometer is used. Dip in chocolate. There is a prepared fondant that can be purchased at any fancy grocery store, called "Jack Frost Fondant."

Creamed Dates.

Stone the dates, roll in sugar, and place a piece of the stone. Roll again in granulated sugar. Almond Sticks. Shell one cup of almonds, blanch, run through using the butter knife. Then work with spoon adding sugar enough to roll. Make in a long

inch thick, and with a sharp knife cut in slices. Set in a warm place to dry. Cream Walnuts. Roll piece of fondant the size of a walnut into a ball, place on each side one-half of a shelled walnut kernel. To use: Place the contents of a jar in double boiler, add a tiny amount of cold water to make of a proper consistency. Dip the prepared creams in this and lay off on waxed paper.

Nut Centers for Dipping. Two cups of sugar, one-half cup of corn syrup, one-quarter teaspoon of cream of tartar. Cook until 230 degrees Fahrenheit. Pour over two cups of finely chopped nuts that have been placed in a well greased pan.

Popcorn Balls. Two cups of sugar, one-half cup of corn syrup, a pinch of salt, two tablespoons of water, one tablespoon of vanilla; cook until 235 degrees Fahrenheit are reached. Pour over the popcorn and when partly cool mold into round balls. Sections of orange, pieces of figs, or dates may be dipped in chocolate or fondant.

Chocolate Fudge. One-half block of Baker's chocolate, two pounds of good brown sugar, one cup of thin cream, one tablespoon of butter, two teaspoons of vanilla. Dissolve the sugar in the cream by stirring in a saucepan over a slow fire, adding sugar gradually. After sugar is dissolved add chocolate cut fine. Move to warmer place, but not hot enough to burn the mixture. Let boil gently to soft ball stage. Drop in the butter, remove from fire and beat steadily until the mixture begins to stiffen. Add vanilla during the beating. Turn into a well greased pan and cut in squares when partly cool.

Turkish Delight. Three level teaspoons of gelatine, two-thirds cup of orange juice, one-half cup of candied cherries, cut fine; two cups of granulated sugar, one-half cup of cold water, two tablespoons of lemon juice. Let the gelatine stand in orange juice until it has absorbed the liquid. Stir the sugar and water over a slow fire until the sugar is dissolved, then add the softened gelatine and heat to the boiling point. Let boil for twenty minutes after boiling starts; remove from the fire, let cool a little, then add the lemon juice and fruit, and turn into a pan that has been wet with cold water. Let stand over night in a cool dry place. To unmold, sift confectioner's sugar over the paste, wet a sharp pointed knife, loosen the candy at edge of pan, then gently pull the paste in a compact sheet from the pan, and place on a board dredged with confectioner's sugar. Cut the piece in strips and then in squares with a sharp knife. Keep sugar between strips and paste (dip the knife in the sugar from time to time) roll each piece in sugar. A teaspoon of grated orange rind may be added to the fruit if this flavor is liked. Other fruit may be substituted for the cherries.

A Christmas Gift from the Sea
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nothing but a blur. The boat turned—hung motionless; those aboard were busy at some task. Then the oars shot out like the limbs of a gigantic spider; Mrs. Hapshott's heart beat faster and faster—so fast that only with difficulty could she draw her breath. "Shall we haul you up, sir?" hailed the mate, reaching far outboard, and from Capt. Hapshott's lips came a hoarse, unreal cry that Jones took as an affirmative. The boat shot alongside; still the captain's wife did not move from her position by the mizzenmast. The tackles were hooked on, men swarmed up them and added their weight to the falls; the boat leaped upward, and was swung inboard. "Bear a hand here," she heard her husband say, and then the mists vanished from her eyes and she saw clearly. Capt. Hapshott was coming aft, talking earnestly to the mate. And in his arms he carried a little child! They said afterwards that Mrs. Hapshott might have been expecting this gift from the sea.

She held out her arms and took the wailing mite, hushing it deftly against that broad maternal bosom of hers, coaxing it, smiling down into its crumpled face. It mattered nothing to her how the babe had come—it was there; its tiny fingers around her finger; its little head nestled against her heart.

"A dead woman and a living child—no signs of identification." The words came to her fitfully, forcing themselves through the strange, hallowed joy that filled her being. "No telling what's happened—must be wife of some skipper—sole survivors—who knows? The woman's dead, poor thing—but the child seems strong enough—will be later."

"If we'd been sailing yesterday we'd have passed it in the dark likely," said the mate; "we'd never have seen it. God! look at Mrs. Hapshott; she's grown younger."

The skipper walked across to his wife. "We'll have to advertise," he said shakily, toying with the little grasping hands. "But likely no one will claim it—it's as much ours as any one's—I'll tell the steward to make some milk ready—"

"Unto us a child is given," said Mrs. Hapshott solemnly. "Hiram, this is God's Christmas present to you and me."

As the Stars Went By

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little work she can find to do and so little money. But it'll be all right if we can find a grandfather, it always was. Oh, won't you let us borrow you just for tomorrow?"

The old man's fingers closed tightly on the money in his hand, and he remembered the long hours of toil it took to earn it, and slowly shook his head.

The brown eyes beside him filled with tears, the little lips trembled and a soft warm little hand slipped slowly into his.

"It won't be Christmas at all," began the child slowly. "Grandfather always told Santa Claus and helped him, and mother says she don't think Santa Claus could find us way off here without grandfather, and last night, as mother and me watched the stars go by, I asked the Christ Child to send us another grandfather; and now he's sent you and you won't come. Won't you, please, just for one day?"

The hand in the man's pocket relaxed, the one holding that of the child closed tighter. He did not forget the bill, but he remembered the little old lady upstairs, the "sick-a-bed-lady," and thought of what that apron with the pocket and the "s'prise" in it would mean to her; he remembered a little dark-haired woman living in a back room alone with her boy, and the money she could not earn; he thought of another apron, a little round one with lace and ribbon on it; he had seen them in the store windows, and he could almost see the smile on a sad, sweet face when she put it on; he remembered the little boy at his side and the prayer to the Christ Child the night before, "as the stars went by," and as there ran through his mind visions of a wagon, a train and candy, something appeared in his old gray eyes that brought the brightness back to the face of the child.

"Oh, you will, I know you will!" he exclaimed and threw his two little arms around the old man.

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Do you think enough of the children? After all, Christmas is a day for the baby and the little ones.

The Gift of Prosperity

Christmas of 1916 is the Best in
Years For Grand Old Texas
BY LINDSEY M. BROWN



Since the stars and stripes were first unfurled and the American eagle, from its folds, typified liberty to all mankind, proclaiming the United States of North America a country in which men could live and worship according to the dictates of their own conscience, the world has been

feel that a new giant exists among a giant equipped not for warfare but rather a strong, powerful, and people specially equipped, adapted and for the advancement of civilization and

Today, when the chimes proclaim "Peace on earth, good will toward men," there is keen suffering in a vast portion of the world, and yet America is at peace with the world, and the Lone Star State (Texas) glistens amidst the Stars of the Union like a diamond sunburst upon the bosom of a beautiful woman.

In Europe millions of lives have been sacrificed on the altar of carnage to appease the seemingly insatiable appetites of the war gods, and yet in the grand old United States and in Texas we celebrate as a Christian people the birth of the Christ. We celebrate in peace while Europe mourns, wrapped in the sorrows of her own poignant grief, while mothers hug their fatherless orphans to their bosoms and try to comfort their bleeding souls, while children weep, and the maimed, the lame, the blind, the sick, the wounded, the emaciated, starved vassals of Europe, grope their disconsolate, unhappy ways from one sorrow to another in the vain service of Earthly Lords instead of their Heavenly Father. Such a contrast! Such a difference! Such a bitterness!

In America and in Texas the expensive turkey will grace many a festive board. In Europe the wolf of hunger, eyes lusterless, howls pitifully upon the doorstep of hovel and palace. How times change. How circumstances alter cases.

It has not been long since the world looked to Germany for a large portion of its Christmas cheer. Little children in their nighties the world over said, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake I pray the Lord my soul to take," and then lay down in their little beds, to sleep and to dream of old Kriss Kringle as he drove his fabled reindeers down the chimney to fill their stockings with good things and toys "Made in Germany," but this year there will be no sound of happy laughter, over the bright new toys "Made in Germany," for there will be no toys from Germany.

In Texas there has been developed a great organization whose sole purpose is to encourage people to buy things Made-in-Texas and thereby keep Texas money at home, and little as you realize it, this organization has kept thousands of dollars in Texas that would otherwise have gone out of Texas, and this money kept at home is a part of the Gift of Prosperity. In Germany every home is a workshop, or was before the war. This felicitous state of industry has not yet been achieved in Texas, but the trend of the times is in that direction.

As I write this I hear the raindrops falling

in steady cadence outside, thus insuring continued prosperity by insuring a splendid season for wheat in Texas, and I have just read where snow is predicted in the Panhandle; this also becomes a part of nature's program of prosperity for the Lone Star State.

A well known business man told me today that he had personal knowledge of vast numbers of tenant farmers this Christmas who had saved from a thousand dollars up, out of their crops that Dame Nature has smilingly poured into the lap of Texas this season. Such a prosperous state of affairs was never before so generally experienced in Texas. People of the East often think the people of Texas have horns and that money grows on trees out here, and for once this version is partially correct, for truly the horn of plenty has been emptied into the lap of the producers in Texas this year, and men who have for years been poor have now become independent. There is a reason for this prosperity.

There is much speculation as to the cause of the high prices of farm products and food prices and no man can answer authoritatively and give the reason therefor, but all men answer that one of the chief reasons is "the war," and thus it is we are made to realize that "every cloud hath its silver lining," and dark though the day be, somewhere the sun is shining in its same glorious cheerful way. It seems to be necessary as a part of civilization's grand old plan that some must weep, some must mourn, some must bleed, and some must suffer and make the great sacrifices in order that others may laugh, be happy and gay. And when we think of it in that way we shudder as we say, "Oh, at what a cost is the Gift of Prosperity!"

The papers each day are chronicling some new advance in prices in some commodity that means prosperity for the producer and yet the consumer who must pay the price must weep and suffer, for the average consumer who lives on a city lot has found that the price of everything he has to buy and use has gone up, but his wages—in other words, his buying capital has not increased, but remains about the same as when the price of commodities was low.

Necessities have now become luxuries, and yet as Texas is a large producer of necessities Texas, consequently, reaps a large measure of this national prosperity; in fact, prosperity among the Texas producers is now spelled with a large "P," but the consumer—he pays the freight.

Beef cattle are making new record prices every day and Texas is the home of beef cattle. The cowboy who rides the range today sings in prosperous content even though the wintry winds may howl, for his cattle no longer drift before the storm to die by the thousands against a barbed wire fence, as in the days of yore, for today there are substantial red barns in Texas to shelter and protect, not long-horned steers, but the choicest thoroughbred prize winners of the stock shows.

No longer does the cowboy smoke the "pipe of peace" around the camp fire while on the "round-up" and tell blood-curdling stories of scalping red men, while he breathes the pure ozone of the plains and sits in the light of the full-orbed moon that lights his land of liberty, but, instead, the cowboy today listens to the whir of his speeding engine as his auto burns the wind along the now forgotten trails, for prosperity has struck him in large letters, and the hurricane deck of a bucking broncho has

been, to an extent, superseded by the docile auto.

Every hour means a new sensation in the realm of King Cotton. This season King Cotton has dethroned all prices that have heretofore ruled as the record, and cotton is now the highest price since the "war between the States." In November cotton sold in Texas for twenty-one cents per pound. Cotton is not alone in this thrilling rise, for cotton seed and all by products are in the same great advance. A gentleman recently facetiously remarked that the "little pickaninnies are now shooting craps in the fields for cotton seed, one at a time," so precious have the seed become.

The war is not the only reason for the high price of cotton. Part of this Gift of Prosperity may justly be attributed to the gift of wisdom, foresight and discrimination on the part of our farmers. Texas farmers now have wisdom enough to select good seed because the better the seed, the better the cotton, and they also have wisdom enough to not put all their faith in one crop and pin all their hopes on cotton but instead they diversify and plant other things and thereby display their foresight and discriminatory powers, thus helping themselves by making the supply somewhat commensurate with the demand and in that way assist in insuring themselves better prices and more prosperity.

From the barnyard comes a cackle. Biddy, an old brown hen, has discovered that she is the author, or originator, of an article of food now grown so precious that it is an almost prohibitive luxury. Eggs are now considered one of the essentials in the kitchen and Texas farmers are supplying these eggs and "yaller legged chickens" by the millions to the markets of the world. So Biddy well does her part in contributing to the Gift of Prosperity.

Poultry is supporting many a family and lifting many a mortgage in Texas. One Houston poultry firm has orders for twenty carloads of turkeys for Eastern markets this Christmas. Chickens and turkeys are playing a large part in the Gift of Prosperity to Texas for 1916. Turkeys are selling in some instances on the foot for 23 cents per pound.

Robert Lee and Sagerton have already had their turkey drives and there will be many others ere the sun rises on this holy Christmas Day. Poultry is wise diversification.

The lowly peanut has contributed its share this year in the Gift of Prosperity. It has burrowed deep into the hidden resources of Mother Earth's treasure house and brought forth riches in oils, cakes and candies, and feed for the hogs, and as a result the bank accounts pay tribute not to the "lowly peanut" this year but rather to the "opulent, majestic peanut," for this year sandy land that heretofore produced only "possum and taters" has become the gold mine of the Texas farmer and he has reaped a rich harvest from the sale of peanuts at \$1.00 to \$1.25 per bushel grown on that same sandy land.

In the pens the hogs are squealing lest they be left off of the list of contributors to the Gift of Prosperity. No prosperous narrative of Texas could be complete without the high price of the reliable hog being given prominent mention.

Fort Worth is the largest hog market in Texas, and some claim in the world, and from January 1st to November 1st, 1916, there had been marketed on the Fort Worth markets 856,804 hogs and every indication points to this year breaking and far exceeding all other

records; in addition to numbers, these hogs are bringing much higher prices than ever before.

Wheat prices have soared so high that bakeries in many instances have been compelled to go out of business. Flour today is selling, retail, at \$2.85 for a 48-pound sack, and bread has become a problem to the town consumer. We used to read about the bread lines of the great cities such as New York and Chicago and it was beyond our understanding. We were living then in a land of cheap prices and we were reading of "down and outers" but today at our very doors prosperity makes the wheat farmer rich, while the city and town customer becomes as Lazarus begging crumbs from the rich man's table. It is a serious condition and yet to some it is a part of the Gift of Prosperity.

Corn is high in America, figuratively speaking, as it was in the famine days of Egypt. We are paying pretty dearly for our prosperity, and while there will be hunger and wretchedness in some of the larger Eastern cities, during the holidays, there will hardly be hunger in Texas. Every man can now get work in this State who is willing to work with hand and brain. We need more willing workers in the fields, more producers of foodstuffs and fewer consumers. There is said to be seventeen consumers for every producer in America. This does not augur well for our country and accounts for, in a large measure, the present high prices of foods.

Among the greatest Gifts of Prosperity to Texas is her dairying. Our dairies of thoroughbreds now take the place of the weather-beaten hungry-looking, tick-eaten, long-horned cattle of former days in Texas, and now our butter receives prices among the highest on the New York markets.

Our sheep are on a thousand hills and there is no telling whose soldier boy is warmed this Christmas by clothing made from Texas wool.

Texas horses lead the charge in Europe as well as pull the loads of industry throughout the world, and our braying mules made the size of the bank rolls in Texas stupendous.

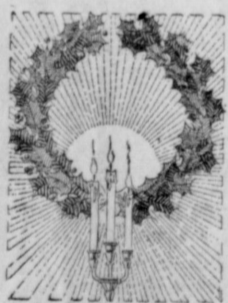
Our rice has become a source of consistent wealth, and is one of the best and cheapest foods now offered to the family who is pinched by high food prices.

Our bank deposits are so large that banks are refusing to longer pay interest on deposits and six per cent money has at last come to make its home in Texas for the first time in the State's history. Lubbock, Texas, a little Western city of 4,700 souls, has a per capita deposit of \$227.12 for every citizen of the town. Such prosperity in general throughout the State, North, Central, South, East and West was never known before. There is more money in Texas banks than ever before in the history of the State. The sums are staggering. This is both a good and a bad omen, but be that as it may, it is a part of the Gift of Prosperity to Texas for 1916.

One of the chief things that has contributed to Texas' prosperity is the lesson of economy taught by the Girls' Canning Clubs, Boys' Corn and Hog Clubs, and such institutions. These institutions teach Texas people to live at home on what is produced at home, and they do more, they teach how to produce the best and to conserve it, and to keep money in Texas, and of such is the Gift of Prosperity, the most lasting and permanent prosperity of all.

The Real Christmas Spirit

Make at Least One Person
Happy This Christmas Day



The Christmas spirit! You sense it in the air from about the first of November when those of you who are wise "early shoppers" begin your Christmas planning until the great day finally comes, and the pleasant after-glow does not die out until we are well into the new year. None of us can be alive without somehow feeling it grow in us at this time of year, yet when you think about it, what is it but the spirit of giving let loose among us all, the spirit of planning for somebody else? It is a beautiful spirit, certainly, only, don't you remember Christmas when you have looked over your long list and become a little disgruntled? When you have wondered how you were going to provide just the right trifle here and there. Perhaps you have never admitted it even to yourself, but I am sure that if you look back, you will recall seasons when you were not quite so filled with the spirit as you should like to have been. I wonder if it has ever occurred to you how much you could do by concentrating all your efforts on one person, who perhaps has not a lot of friends or relatives with his name on their lists. The friend to whom you have always given won't miss the trifle, and in most cases will appreciate the thought that goes into a little "Merry Christmas" note much more, and you will be surprised to see what practical happiness you can bring to some one person.

Often people with the real needs are sensitive and quick to hide them from us, and even when we do see them, you know how difficult it is to intrude. But there seems to be something in the spirit this season that gives us an entrance, and people will accept things as Christmas presents whom we would not think of approaching at any other time of

year. I have known of more than one real and helpful friendship—helpful on both sides—formed at this holiday time, such as that between a spirited young girl and a little crippled child, who got a glimpse of the outside world in this way, and then there is the joy of making life brighter and fuller for one human being, instead of adding a drop to the bucket of a number of persons.

There are any number of ways of finding the person who is going to need your help at Christmas. Perhaps you know such a person yourself, or your minister can tell you. If your church has a church worker, she certainly can. Then, if you live in a city, the settlement house will be only too glad to help you out. In the larger cities most of the hospitals now have social service departments and their workers will be sure to know of some one. Or, you can apply to the charities for a name; usually they will be glad to let you visit the person beforehand, and you can be quite good friends and know all his needs by Christmas time.

Most people like to give to children. Certainly the needs of children are more poignant and their joy in receiving more obvious than that of older people. The world is very full of little children and it is never difficult to find a child with little prospects for a bright Christmas. But as much as you love to give pleasure to children, the lonely old people ought not to be overlooked. Their appeal may be of a different kind, because they have lost the quick response of youth, but is certainly just as strong, and too often the needs of children loom so big that even the people who give most freely forget how many old people there are in the world, often without family ties and few surviving friends. Frequently they are very proud, but as I pointed out before, Christmas is a splendid opportunity to make an opening. I shall never forget the happiness of one dear old lady. She was quite alone in the world, and lived with all her possessions in a single room. Her only income

was from a very small pension, which, by careful economy was made to pay her rent, and keep her supplied with the very simplest food. If I remember, ten dollars was what the friend who became interested in her spent on making her Christmas a memorable one. But the things that ten dollars did: Warm underwear and other needed clothing, some little personal gift, a few food dainties that lasted the old lady for weeks and a real Christmas dinner, with the plum pudding not forgotten. I really think the memory of that Christmas would have been enough to satisfy the old soul for the rest of her days—only the friend who kept up the interest saw that it was not the last one. Yet you need not think that it takes nearly ten dollars to make an old person happy. You have no idea how much can be done for a great deal less than that and the pleasure given does not shrink in proportion at all.

I have spoken here only of choosing a single person to become your special charge; instead of the many friends to whom you have been accustomed to give. But if you feel able or inclined to make your giving a little more expensive, there is always the whole family on whom to center your interest. Very often in that way you will reach both old and young and especially the tired mother of the family who comes under neither heading, but who surely is in need of a little personal friendship and cheering up as well as of practical gifts which can be made of such an order that she cannot turn them over to the children. And the discouraged father, too often neglected in our planning, can be made to feel he is something a little more than just the family provider out of work.

Try this scheme as an experiment this year and see if you don't find yourself more imbibed with the Christmas spirit than ever before. It will be great fun making the new friendship and tactfully finding out the needs of the friend. After Christmas is over you will have that satisfactory and delightful feeling that always comes in bringing real hap-

piness to some one person and you will await next Christmas with an eagerness you never felt before.

A Christmas Gift from the Sea

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speck in the waste of waters—was it a shadow, was it the fin of a lurking shark, or was it—was it—?

Two seconds she looked, then she ran aft, the men watching her in wonder.

"Hiram—out there—what is it, what is it?"

She was clutching at him hysterically; he would have shaken her off with a laugh at her self-delusion, but there was that in her face which held him serious against his will.

"What is it? Where?" He would humor her, he said, for never a man had a better wife.

"There!" The finger pointed steadily. "Hiram, I heard a cry."

He fetched his binoculars and focussed them. Maddeningly slow, she thought him. He searched idly for a moment then his figure became rigid.

"Back the mainyard!" he roared in mighty voice. From the forepeak, whither he had descended, the mate came aft at a run; the men following fast.

"There's a raft out there—some one on it," said Hapshott slowly, his voice almost drowned by the clatter of the swinging yards.

It was Capt. Hapshott himself who sprang into the boat that was hastily lowered; it was he who urged the rowers onward. Mrs. Hapshott, now that the thing was done, was possessed by a curious calmness, that yet held expectancy—something strange was happening out there beyond the range of her vision; but all was working together for good. She tried to focus the binoculars on the boat and the fragment that floated ahead, but she was all unused to the task and could make out

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The Baird Star.

Our Motto: "TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UF-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC., 15, 1916.

NO. 2

Gift Suggestions For The Entire Family

Below we give list of appropriate Christmas Gifts which will aid you in selecting your gifts. Come early and make your selections

Dolls	25c to \$1.50	Bed Spreads	1.50 to 3.50
Beauty Pins	10c	Bath Towels	50c
Wool Sweaters	\$2.50 to 6.50	Towel Sets	1.00
Purses	60c to 5.00	Silk Petticoats	3.50 to 5.00
Traveling Bags	\$1.75 to 18.50	Silk Waists	3.00 to 7.50
Trunks	2.50 to 25.00	Silk Hose	65c to 1.50
Mackinaws	4.50 to 10.00	Dress Gloves	1.25 to 2.00
Overcoats	8.00 to 20.00	Cuff Buttons	50c
Ties	25c to 1.00	Dress Shirts	1.00 to 1.50
Belts	25c to 1.00	Suspenders	25c to 50c
Guns	17.50 to 37.50	Stetson Hats	4.00 to 8.50
Thermos Rattles	1.50	Box Cigars	1.00 to 4.50
Knit Caps	25c to 75c	Auto Gloves	2.00 to 3.50
Talcum Powder	10c to 25c	Skirts	7.50
Combs	10c to 1.00	Vests	1.00
Brushes	25c to 75c	Rain Coats	3.00 to 10.00
Toilet Sets	5.00	Silk Dresses	15.00 to 35.00
Creme de Chine Hd'ks	25c to 35c	Knives and Forks	6.50 to 4.50
Pullman Slippers	1.50 to 2.50	Carving Sets	4.50 to 9.00
Felt Slippers	1.25 to 1.50	Box Apples	2.50 to 3.00
Boudoir Slippers	1.25	Box Oranges	4.00 to 5.00
Wool Blankets	3.50 to 6.00	Buick Car	\$1,095.00

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Fresh, for sale or trade for other cattle. See Ben Halsted, at the Dairy. 1-tf Adv.

Don't forget that Foy's is headquarters for Doll, Toys, Xmas Cards, Fine Box Paper and Envelops. Come and see. Adv 1-2t

TEXAS-OKLAHOMA AND MEXICO MAPS.

Our maps have arrived and they are even better than we advertised. There are three maps—Texas and Oklahoma on one sheet and map of Old Mexico on the other sheet. Price with one year's subscription to THE BAIRD STAR \$1.50. Map alone \$1.00. No map at the reduced rate on less than \$1.00 paid in advance on subscription. That is you cannot get the map on a 3 or 6 months subscription. We do not want to send maps by mail, but if desired sent that way include 6 cents extra for postage. I will not be responsible for loss or damage to maps sent by mail or express.

Call and get a fine map at a small cost before they are all gone, we only ordered a limited number.

WOODMEN CIRCLE ELECT OFFICERS

Holly Grove No. 570 W. C. elected the following officers for the ensuing year, on December, 5th:

Mrs. Rhoda Greenrock, Guardian.
Mrs. Sallie Eastham, Adviser.
Mrs. Lula Walker, Attendant.
Mrs. Lulah Hart, Asst. Attendant.
Miss Jean Lambert, Clerk.
Miss Esterbelle Bowler, Banker.
Miss Alice Terry, Chaplain.
Dr. R. L. Griggs, Physician.
Mrs. Louie Holmes, Manager.
Mrs. Nancy Jackson, I Sentinel.
Mrs. Stella Hill, O. Sentinel.
Mrs. Lola Dunlap, Musician.

WOOD WANTED.

I want two or three cords of dry wood, 4 foot lengths, good size wood not little poles at \$3.00 per cord. W. E. Gilliland, Star Office.

MARRIED

Mr. J. B. Welch, of San Angelo, and Miss Lucy White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. White of Baird, were married at the Presbyterian Manse in Abilene, Sunday morning, December 10, 1916, Rev. Knox, performing the marriage ceremony.

The wedding was somewhat a surprise to the many friends of these popular young people here. Miss Lucy was visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Barker, in Abilene.

Miss Lucy has spent all her life in Baird and loved by all. Mr. Welch held the position of Federal Inspector here for sometime and is a young man of sterling worth and made many friends during his stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Welch have returned from a few days stay in Ft. Worth and will leave today for San Angelo where they will make their home.

We wish for them many years of happiness.

WHY NOT TELL US?

THE STAR would be glad to give all the news—the comings and goings of our citizens, the births, deaths, marriages, etc, but it is impossible to do so if you do not tell us. If you would phone us these news items we would appreciate it and you would help to make THE STAR more interesting to you and all our readers. Don't wait for someone else to tell us, just phone No. 8 and tell us yourself, we can get the names of you or your friends nearer correct.

THE BAIRD STAR.

Why risk everything being blown away? Martin Barnhill will sell our tornado insurance cheap. 30tfav

W. D. BOYDSTUN SALE GOING ON.

Will D. Boydston requests THE STAR to notify all who are indebted to him to call at once and settle their accounts. He appreciates fully the patronage of his customers in the past but now conditions make it imperative for him to readjust his entire business and he wishes to close up the old business.

Will promised to have a large ad with special prices, but he and his clerks have been so busy waiting on customers since the day he opened the sale that he has not had time to get up the ad.

We have heard of merchants being so busy that they had no time to write an advertisement, but this really the first time we ever met one.

The sale goes on every day and far into the night. THE STAR is glad to see the way the public has bought, we do not believe it is entirely because they are so cheap, but because they want to help a friend in need. That is why we wrote the article we did last week and why we write this and while both are good advertisements not one penny was charged or will be accepted. Like the balance we want to see Will Boydston on his feet again and we are glad to contribute our mite.

Go see what they have.

BIRTHS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George G. Carter, December 2d, 1916, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Black, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Forest, December 7th, 1916, a girl.

Get your Coupon Catalogue from Holmes. 2-2t Adv.

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The Christmas holidays are close at hand---just 19 more shopping days---and as is our usual custom we have assembled in our store a magnificent collection of gifts suitable for all. Come in and select your gifts early, while the assortment is complete. A welcome to all.

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Hawkes Cut Glass is recognized as the best throughout the world and a piece of Cut Glass is always an appropriate gift. Your mother, wife, sister or friend will appreciate a gift of this kind

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We have the most complete line of jewelry ever shown in the West at lowest prices. Gifts for every one: Watches, Diamonds, Clocks, Lavaliers, Neck Chains, Locketts, Bracelets, Broaches, Tie Clasps, Emblem Pins Chains, Cuff Buttons, Cuff Pins, Rings, Watch Fobs, etc. See this magnificent line.

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We have a nice line of Toilet Cases, Manicure Sets, Traveling Sets in Persian Ivory and Silver. Gold mounted Umbrellas, Perfumes, etc.

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If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is es-

pecially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." For sale by 52-4t Adv. ALL DEALERS.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 17

THE HOLY CITY.

LESSON TEXT—Rev. 21:1-7, 22-27.
GOLDEN TEXT—Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people.—Rev. 21:3.

As we approach the end of the year, our minds turn from the imperial city, where last we have any authentic record of Paul, to the eternal city in which he has so long resided. In lesson ten we studied Jesus Christ in his resurrection glory, the source of all power, King of Kings and Lord of Lords for the redemption of the human race. In Lesson 11 we studied the glorified Christ who is actually working through his churches as the representatives of his kingdom upon earth. The succeeding chapters describe in symbols and pictures the discipline and training of God's people during the long generations that followed. In the lesson for today, we have a vision of the final triumph of Christianity when it shall have accomplished its work of redemption in this world.

I. The New Heaven and the New Earth (vv. 1-7). John in vision saw the consummation of the work of Christianity, the visible answer to the prayer which Jesus Christ taught his disciples to pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven." Heaven, as well as earth, has been invaded and polluted by sin, but both alike are to be made new. (1 Peter 3:10, 11, 13). The true Jerusalem, of which Solomon's was but a type, is of heavenly and divine origin. It comes down out of heaven from God. We know nothing of the inhabitants of the universe of which we are a part, but here we have some scriptural indication of that place where God's children are to be with him eternally. The kingdom of God is among you, but it is eventually to be with God and Jesus in a peculiar and beautiful way. John's announcement came from out of heaven and out of the throne. (1) It was a tabernacle of God with men; rather he shall tabernacle with men. He is to pitch his tent among us (John 1:14 R. V. marg.) It is to be done eventually and permanently. This dwelling of God among us lies at the foundation of the blessedness and glories which are to follow. (2) They shall be his people. Israel had been his people; all nations are to be his people in the fullest sense. (3) God himself shall be with them, not only his tabernacle but he, himself visibly, personally. (4) He shall be their God, acknowledged in all his infinite claims, and he to them all that God is of love, power, wisdom, holiness and glory. (5) He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will not be a single grief or heartache, unsatisfied longing or tear, for God shall wipe them away, and they will stay wiped away. (6) Death shall be no more. Of all the enemies, death is the last one which shall be taken from the earth. It is sweet to know that this last enemy is to be conquered. (7) There shall be no mourning, crying or pain any more. Every sorrow, agony, remorse, gloom, disappointment gone forever; death, tears, mourning all passed away. It is hard for us to comprehend the majesty and sweep of this great and glorious promise. (See I Cor. 15).

II. The Coming Light and Glory (vv. 22-27). The intervening verses are a wonderful description of the foundation walls and gates of the city. There will be no temple in that city for it will not be needed. Instead of the temple which stands for the temple of earth there is to be the presence of God, himself, but the lamb is also in the midst of it. Nothing can more forcefully impress upon us the deity and pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, the atoning lamb, slain before the foundation of the world. This city is to be a city of light and glory. It will not be an illumination by gas nor electricity, for the glory of the Lord shall lighten it.

Summary. What are the lessons for our day from this vision of the new heaven and the new earth? First: That the golden age of the Bible has not yet taken place. There are better times to come than anything the world has yet seen. Second: We have here the positive assurance of the success of our leader and the victory of Christianity in its conflict with evil. Third: The golden ideal of heaven is the means by which we can test our daily lives and the whole course of our conduct. The question we should constantly ask is, "Are we going to this heavenly ideal?" Fourth: The gates of that city are open; an angel is at each gate, and shall keep out all evil. God desires that all men everywhere

should repent, and is not willing that any should perish.

When the final assize shall have passed, no one will say that God did not give him a chance nor seek to inspire him to a place of eternal joy at his right hand.

Again there is to be federation of the forces of good. Today we too often find Christian people divided.

Invitation. "And the Spirit and the bride say come, let him that heareth say come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely."

TEXAS TALES TOLD BY TYPE

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS
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Masonic grand lodge, at Waco, elected Frank C. Jones, Houston, grand master; John R. Arnold, Henderson, deputy grand master; Dr. A. A. Ross, Lockhart, senior warden; G. F. Morgan, El Paso, junior warden. It was voted to construct a \$100,000 boys' dormitory on the order's property at Fort Worth.

The foot-and-mouth disease quarantine proclaimed by Governor Ferguson against shipments of livestock into Texas from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois has been raised on the recommendation of D. H. Cunningham, chairman of Texas livestock sanitary commission, who made an investigation.

At the 1916 convention, held in Corpus Christi, of the Texas Daughters of Confederacy, Mrs. E. O. Spencer of San Antonio was elected president; Miss Libbie Wade of Elgin, Elgin, recording secretary; Mrs. Bascom Bell, San Antonio, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. F. Burton, Houston, treasurer, and Mrs. Mary E. Bryan, Houston, poet laureate.

Deutschland Back Home.

The German commercial submarine Deutschland arrived at the mouth of the Weser river Sunday, making the trip from New London, Conn., in nineteen days.

Oyamn Fights Last Battle.

Field Marshal Oyama, commander of the Manchurian army of Japan in the Russo-Japanese war, is dead.

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE HERE

It's time you were thinking of the gifts you want to give this year. You could not make or buy a gift that would be more appreciated than a year's subscription to some magazine. Send me your orders now so the subscriptions can begin with the January numbers which will be received about Christmas, and I will also send a card giving your name as the giver of the subscription. I will be glad to assist you in making out your list and will give you the very best club prices I have. I will appreciate your order.—Miss John Gilliland, Baird Star Office.

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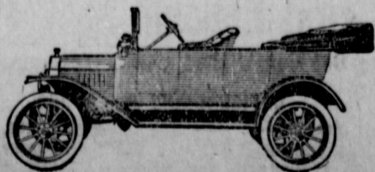
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Number of Events Made Mention of
in Few Words and So Presented
as to Be a Summary of What Has
Occurred in the Recent Past.

Dublin has a new flour mill.
State Fair of Texas will be held in
1917 Oct. 13-28.

Prosperity banquet at Hillsboro was
largely attended.

Winter vegetables are in fair supply
and good demand.

Governor Ferguson will issue about
fifty Christmas pardons.

Corpus Christi will have a municipal
Christmas tree Dec. 23 and 24.

During October thirty-two persons
were killed in Texas by railroads.

Dallas Housewives' league to combat
the high cost of living is to be organized.

Over \$3,000 was raised at Wichita
Falls for the students' loan fund of
the University of Texas.

From a 623-pound cotton bale and
its seed J. A. Shawn, a Wise county
farmer, realized \$155.01.

The West Texas Agricultural and
Mechanical association held a two-day
session at Wichita Falls.

One Plainview firm shipped to New
York 3,000 jackrabbits. Price paid at
Plainview is 60 cents a dozen.

The 700,000 pounds of fall clip wool
at San Angelo was all sold to one Boston
firm at an average of 26 cents per
pound.

At a cost of \$350,000 Butler Bros.
are to begin at once the erection of
an eight-story addition to their Dallas
building.

This year about 2,000 persons have
been adjudged insane in Texas, and
for over half no room can be found in
the asylums.

Miss Marie Welsh, daughter of Dr.
Welsh of Kenedy, was bitten by a cat
and left at once for the Pasteur institute
at Austin.

A bill which passed the national
house appropriating about \$1,000,000
for twenty fish hatcheries includes in
its provisions Texas.

A storage tank with a capacity of
37,500 gallons of oil is being erected
by the Texas and Pacific Railway company
at Wills Point.

Floyd McMillin was found dead at a
good roads camp nine miles north-
west of Sherman. Luther Brown, an
other negro, was jailed.

Guy Brewer, a Santa Fe railway
brakeman and Gainesville resident,
was badly hurt at Wynnewood Okla.,
by car door falling on him.

J. C. Casler of Dallas was elected a
member of the board of directors of
Independent Telephone convention at
the annual meeting in Chicago.

Upon conviction at Amarillo upon
charge of placing a tie barricade in
front of a train just outside that city
Jose Rodriguez got three years.

E. W. Stores was shot to death on
Main street, San Angelo, few days ago.
Charge of turkey shot penetrated his
heart. W. H. Ribb was arrested.

Harvey Hubert, a negro, charged at
Austin with the murder of Randolph
Clarke, a white boy, was convicted
and death the prescribed penalty.

With \$150,000 capital stock the Atlas
Windmill company of San Antonio
has been chartered. All of the capital
stock has been subscribed and \$100,000
paid in.

City council of Longview elected T.
E. Lacy mayor for the unexpired term
of G. A. Bodenheimer who resigned,
following the failure of the People's
State bank.

Officers at Dallas confiscated at the
union station a trunk that contained
thirty-six quarts of whisky checked to
McAlester, Okla., and the property of
the negro porter.

While on visit to Dallas relatives
Martin Selmon of Valparaiso, Ind.,
died suddenly. He was seized with a
smothering spell. Deceased was seventy-
six years old.

By two automobiles colliding at
Texarkana the wife of Dr. G. H. Shull
sustained a broken collar bone, cuts
and bruises, and the doctor was also
badly bruised.

At the annual meeting of the Itasca

(Hill county) board of trade over
\$1,700 was pledged by the 150 persons
present to push the organization. A
banquet was held.

City council of Waxahachie passed
a resolution calling, at a cost of \$190,
000, five miles of street paving. This
is in addition to the one and one-half
miles now under headway.

Captain John H. Morrow, a grand-
son of General Sam Houston, died at
Austin Sunday of heart trouble. He
was in charge of the recruiting sta-
tion. Burial was at Abilene.

In the Kirven precinct of Freestone
county the contract has been let for
about forty miles of good roads.

Hereford yearlings originally from
Texas captured first prizes in carlot
show at Chicago in connection with
the International Livestock exposition
and other Texans were winners.

At a meeting of the executive com-
mittee of the Wesley Federation of Bi-
ble Classes, held at Waco, Temple was
chosen as the convention city and the
dates set for April 24, 25 and 26.

Bertha Filler, fourteen years old,
was burned to death at Midland. She
was filling a kerosene oil lamp while
it was lighted and the oil in the can
exploded, scattering the blazing oil on
the girl.

Head of Manuel Zerandez was cut
in two clear down to his eyes by a big
axe on a farm near Kleburg, in Dallas
county, death being instantaneous.
Felix Gonzales, another Mexican, was
arrested.

Inquiries about jackrabbits from a
number of states, including Kansas,
Maryland, New York, pour in to the
state department of agriculture. One
Kansas firm figures on making jack-
rabbit sausage.

R. C. Boles has been promoted by
the railroad commission to the position
of rate expert, filling the vacancy
caused by the recent resignation of
Earl Steel. Mr. Boles has been a
clerk for the commission.

Up to Nov. 13, 454 bales of cotton
were ginned this year in Dallas county
as compared with 37,354 for the
previous year, according to a report of
John T. Gwaltney, special government
agent of cotton statistics.

W. A. Glenn and wife celebrated at
Snyder their fiftieth wedding anniversary.
They were married in Alabama,
have lived in forty years and have five
living children, thirty-six grandchil-
dren and two great-grandchildren.

James Powers of Stockdale has paid
\$1 for two bolls of Georgia wool cot-
ton. There are only three locks to the
boll, but the locks are longer than a
jackrabbit's ears and as woolly as the
fleece of a Colorado mountain ram.

Annual convention of the Texas Ice
Cream Manufacturers' association was
held at Houston. W. P. Humason of
Lufkin was elected president and H.
T. Pangburn of Fort Worth secretary
and treasurer. Dallas was selected as
next meeting place.

At Cleburne the Johnson County
Free Fall Fair and Poultry show was
held three days. Exhibits attracted
visitors from all over the county. The
boys and girls' clubs had superb dis-
plays. Poultry, livestock and agri-
cultural exhibits were large.

The commissioners' court of Lamb
county ordered a local option election
for the entire county for Dec. 30. The
county has been dry for several years,
but some question having been raised
as to the legality of the former elec-
tion, this action was taken.

Mrs. Flora Garrison shot herself at
Dallas and lingered several hours, the
weapon she used, a pistol, having been
the property of her husband, the late
Patrolman George Garrison. Bullet
went through her body. A note signed
"Mother" was left to her three chil-
dren.

Effective Jan. 1, E. B. Hendricks of
Brownwood will succeed C. C. Mc-
Donald as assistant attorney general
in the court of criminal appeals. Mr.
McDonald has formed a copartnership
with Judge Clarence Martin of Freder-
icksburg and will practice law at
Austin.

In an address at Washington before
the National Rivers and Harbors con-
gress Congressman J. H. Eagle of
Texas on "What Do You Know About
Pork?" declared sums spent by the
government for waterways improve-
ments the past forty years have more
than paid for themselves.

C. C. Huff, general attorney of the
Katy railway, on behalf of the San
Antonio Belt and Terminal Railway
company, has asked authority from
the railroad commission to issue \$300,
000 additional bonds upon improve-
ments made on construction of Katy
terminals at San Antonio.

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We have just received sam-
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We have designs suitable for
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No order accepted for less than
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We also have a pretty line
of samples of Engraved Per-
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\$1.25 to \$3.50; 100 cards
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you these samples. Orders
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tionery and Reception Cards.

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Miss Eliza Gilliland, Prop.

The Baird Star.

FRIDAY, DEC., 15, 1916

Entered at the Postoffice at Baird, Texas, as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND,
Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One Year \$1.00
Six Months .50
Terms: Cash in advance.

A friend the other day asked, "Why do some towns knock Baird so much? I do not understand it." Dead easy, we told him. Baird has something the knockers want.

The people of this old world have to fight for a living and then fight to prevent others taking it away from them after they get it. Towns are the same way. Baird has had some experience along that line.

A Berlin report says the people of Bucharest, capital of Roumania greeted the German soldiers with flowers. No doubt these people had heard from Belgium and Serbia and they wanted to conciliate the conquerors at the beginning.

We regret that the people of Cisco Eastland and Ranger have disagreed over the road bonds and that the proposition maybe defeated. Cisco has a live bunch of road boosters and perhaps have done more than any set of men along the T. & P. to boost good roads. The thing we regret and where the people of Callahan county are interested, the discord, disagreement or whatever you may call it in Eastland county may defeat the improvement of the proposed Fort Worth-El Paso Highway through Eastland county. If this road is not put in first-class condition through Eastland and Callahan counties the proposition fails and either Albany or Coleman will get the road. That is where Callahan county is interested. We know nothing of the disagreement among the good road boosters in Eastland county, but whatever the cause, if it effects the road through Eastland it will have a bad effect on the road through this county. In fact, will defeat the project in this county as well as Eastland county.

PEACE PROPOSALS

Germany has proposed to her enemies to discuss peace terms with them. We expected something of the kind on the heels of the success of the German army in Roumania, because Germany alone of all the warring nations is in a position to propose to discuss peace, and probably a few months later she would not be in a position to make such an offer. We hope something will come of the offer, but really have little ground for such hope. The ententes just now would not likely accept any terms proposed by Germany. They feel that they were forced into war by Germany without justification and they say to accept any offer that Germany would make now would make Germany the victor, and peace under such conditions would be a farce and make Europe an armed camp prepared to resist further attacks from Germany.

The whole civilized world would rejoice to see the war end, but we fear the end is far away, but let us hope for the best.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

Baird has had several Commercial Clubs in the past that bloomed, flourished and perished in a day, so to speak, but what we need is a Commercial organization of some kind

that can be placed on a permanent basis and if Baird ever amounts to anything we must organize and get busy for the new year.

There are somethings brewing that may within the next twelve months make the future of the town secure or mar it for all time. Little as one may think of it it is the most critical time in the history of Baird. That there is a concerted movement to move the Round House from Baird is unquestioned. The people of Baird have heard this old story so often, almost since the day the Round House was located here and Baird made a division point that our people have ceased to bother about such rumors and we do not believe there is any more danger just now than formerly on that score but still we must remember that there is no doubt a movement to shorten the divisions on the T. & P. and when the time comes, if it ever does, some of the towns having division points along the T. & P. will likely suffer and what we want is more unity among our people, that is we want to be able at any time to fight with a united force to see that our interests are protected. This can only be done by organization and a hearty co-operation of all our people.

The matter of greatest importance to Baird next to the railroad question is good roads from Baird out through the county. For twenty-nine years in season and out of season THE STAR has preached good roads and good schools. We have the schools but we have made little improvement in our roads since the county was organized.

Another important item is to secure more water. Baird has the best little water system in Texas but we want and must have an unlimited supply of water for all purposes, domestic, fire, irrigation and last and greatest of all for railroad purposes.

If we could, would or should build that great reservoir over on the Mexia we would solve practically all the problems that confront us for all others would come around satisfactory.

These are some of the problems that confront us, and the manner in which we solve them perhaps in the good year 1917 may make or mar the future of our town.

We have drifted long enough; don't you think it is time we were waking up. We have a presentment that important events for Baird will happen in 1917 and we are optimistic enough to believe that they will be for our good. This depends on what we do to make them good for us.

Think on these things. These are problems that are serious, more so than any can realize, we fear.

The first thing is to organize. Organization is what conquers the world, builds towns, cities, roads, churches, school houses and promotes commerce.

Wake up!

BURNT BRANCH CULLINGS

Gen. W. J. Goodman is still very sick at his residence between here and Cross Plains. It doesn't seem natural in passing not to see our old friend in his field at work as of yore. He is one of the best farmers in the Dressy country, and in health never idle. May the good Lord restore him to health and strength, is our wish.

Our efficient Commissioner, Houston is having the roads widened, graded and otherwise improved between here and Cross Plains.

Grain is still on the ground but growing slowly, the effect of the freezes. Much turning of soil in progress for the next crop.

Way down in Georgia, says Senator Bacon, there was a colored preacher noted in those parts for the extreme

candor and frankness in telling his wicked brethren to reform. On a certain occasion the divine was holding forth on the sin of theft. During his remarks he said, "I see before me eleven chicken thieves including Rastus Yantly. This outspoken statement of facts aroused the resentment of the aforesaid Yantly who afterwards threatened the minister with personal violence. The latter's friends persuaded the divine to withdraw the accusation if Yantly would promise not to injure the minister in any way. All seemed satisfactory, it being settled that the clergyman publically retract on Sunday his statement as to the honesty of Mr. Yantly. Whereupon the minister rising in the pulpit, said: "It pears to me dat a remark of mine in de sermon of las Sunday has been de cause of offense and I derefore amends it. What I intended to say and should have said was dis: I see before me eleven chicken thieves not including Rastus Yantly. This was to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Visited the Terminal Monday and spent a pleasant night with Jack Aiken and family, and saw lots of people too numerous to mention. Everything was on the move, some wheat and oats and just lots of peanuts on the market, commanded good prices and the sales of baled hay of different sorts was no secondary consideration. All and all the Terminal city is in the saddle big.

Almost the entire contingent of the city of the Woods were at Baird Monday attending County Court as jurors, witnesses, defendents, but mostly defendents in the wild and wooly official cases of the city and money changed hands, so we are informed, with a vengeance. Entirely too much law without it was better, and a few more stunts as recently pulled off will materially damage the fair standing of the city and her government.

Gray Powell, a former citizen, but now of Abilene, is visiting in the Terminal City.

Our young friend Dod Price of the City Drug is now assisting in the Farmer's Natl. Bank.

Caught a glimpse of Uncle Jimmie Monday.

Uncle John, the old war horse, was preambulating the streets of Cross Plains on Monday.

Mrs. Lane, who has been visiting relatives at Cross Plains has returned to Coleman.

Sam Carson says he will have 5 gallons of ice-cold water for friends on Xmas day.

"Wild Bill" Davidson, the efficient mail carrier to Cottonwood lost \$26.00 cash last week. Finder please return and be rewarded.

"Kalamity's" Harpoon has moved to San Antonio for a wider and more diversified field. Kay has the love of the whole people at heart. A true friend though not a bitter foe, with a heart as big as a mule.

President Wilson is under obligations to an Oklahoma man for his Thanksgiving turkey and the paper adds: "T'was nice in the Oklahoman as the President's expenses have been heavy owing to several weddings in the family without a raise of salary for several years. By all means give him a lift.

O. D. Morrow and family have returned from the vast domains of Colorado where they will locate later on.

The McDermett outfit are still seeding a vast acreage.

Mrs. Hugh McDermett took her sister to Coleman, Sunday.

Frank Bryson was picking up calves in these parts this week at \$25.00, good ones, I say cheap, he says a plenty.

Some say sow oats now, others wait until January as seed is sarsce and high and you might get them killed.

Wheat is off at the Terminal,

Extraordinary Holiday Price Concessions

In Ready-to-Wear Suits, Serge and Silk Dresses, Coats and Skirts

Here you have the pick of the Season's Suits, Coats Dresses and Skirts at the following low prices:

\$ 6.00 Values for	\$ 4.95
12.50 Values for	9.85
15.00 Values for	11.15
17.50 Values for	12.95
25.00 Coats for	18.85
30.00 Values for	21.25

Come Early

B. L. BOYDSTUN

The Place Where Most People Trade

though only slightly in the Dallas market. What's the matter? Both oats and peanuts are soaring, and eggs, butter, beef, pork and the like too high to eat. Please pass the corn bread and cotton seed gravy, intermixed with sorghum homemade, coffee is the cheapest stimulant, and all we can indulge in cheaper than "Four Rases." See.

What has become of "Dollie Dimple," my sweet little sister from Admiral. And the Muse from Deep Creek and others, "Uncle Jimmie" is all that appeared last week.

Many thanks to "Slim Jim" for his kind invitation to take in the circus Saturday before trades day at the Terminal to view the battles of the present.

The Star is 29 years old and Uncle Bill is a little older. I read the

first number, was impressed with the masthead, "Tis neither birth, nor wealth, nor state; but the git-up-and-git that makes men great." In the second number appeared an effusion from "Juan" and here we are yet, few can say as much. God bless Uncle Bill and the whole force May The Star ever shine is the wish of "Juan."

METHODIST SERVICES

"Selling the Birthright" will be subject of the sermon at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The evening service begins promptly at 7 o'clock. Sunday School at 10 a. m., J. W. Turner, Superintendent. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.



Facts In A Nut-Shell

THESE are days of co-operation, organization, team-work. MAN can no longer succeed all alone, unhelped and unhelping—nor does he wish to. REAL SUCCESS now means INCREASED USEFULNESS. A BANK ACCOUNT will make you MORE USEFUL.

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SPECIAL SALE

On Men's Clothing

We have a number of Suits which we are closing out at exceptionally low prices. If you are a boy or a small man you can find bargains. Below we quote prices on a few numbers.

One Lot of odd Coats	-	\$1.00
One Lot of Three Piece Suits	-	3.00
One Lot of Three Piece Suits	-	6.00
One Lot of Three Piece Suits	-	8.50

We are also showing big values in the regular line of Men's and Boys' Suits and Trousers. You can not afford to miss these Bargains. Don't fail to see them

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A GIFT SUGGESTION

Portraits of the children, baby and all, for Christmas 1916. Your friends can buy anything you can give them except your photograph. Come at once to see

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Work cheap, quality considered. All kinds of Country Produce in exchange. 52-tf Adv.

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Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent for constipation. They are pleasant to take and mild and gentle in effect.

For sale by ALL DEALERS.
52-4t Adv.

Red Cross Christmas Seals for sale at B. L. Boydstuns. Adv. 1-3t.

SHOPPERS' ATTENTION

Christmas goods are being put on sale this season earlier than usual and people are now buying pretty rapidly. In a short time the stock will be broken and you will be disappointed. Better come early. In addition to Toys we have a nice line of China Bowls, Jugs and Cake Plates also some beautiful Jardiners and Vases. Come early.
2-1adv Chambers Bros.

WOODMEN, ATTENTION

Owing to our next meeting night falling on Christmas Night, we have designated Wednesday December 20th, as our next regular meeting, and we are desirous of having a good attendance at this meeting.

Fraternally,
W. L. Bowlus, Clerk
Baird Camp, No. 508 W. O. W.



A CHECK BOOK

should be in the hands of every man, be he a business man or just a householder. It is a sure record of payments, and very often a check on expenditures. We carry many small accounts on our books. We extend the same courtesy to them as we do to the larger depositors. We shall be pleased to add your name to the list.

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Baird, Texas

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E. L. Finley M. Barnhill C. C. Seale

LOCALS

Mrs. Earl Phillips, of Big Spring is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bell.

Mrs. Russell Harris, of Dallas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank Jonsson.

Mrs. E. M. Alvord, of Abilene, visited her son, Frank Alvord and family the latter part of last week.

Mrs. M. B. Jones of Fort Worth, spent several days in Baird this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spencer and George Baum, of Burnt Branch, were in Baird, Tuesday.

Buy a Christmas Button from the children of the Methodist Sunday School next week.

Judge T. J. and Mrs. Hamman, of Eastland, arrived a few days ago to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Terrell

Misses Eulalah Hearn and Evalyn Blakley, of Belle Plains, were the guests of Miss Manche Gilliland, Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Johnson went to Ft. Worth Tuesday to see her brother, C. C. Johnson, who is reported seriously ill.

Mrs. Elmer Walker and little daughter are expected to arrive today to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Frank Johnson.

Willis Windham, W. M. of Tecumseh Masonic Lodge, returned Sunday from Waco, where he attended the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Holmes gives Profit Sharing Coupons. Ask for them. 2-2t Adv.

Bernie Richardson and family, of Kansas City, arrived a few days ago and will spend the holidays here. Mrs. Richardson and the children are visiting relatives in Rising Star this week

18 Ladies Suits, all this seasons styles to go at big bargains. We do not want to carry these suits over. Come see them at once.
1-2t-adv. H. Schwartz.

See ad of T. & P. about excursion rates for the Christmas holidays. Of course you want to visit the "old folks at home." See local agent for rates.

Commissioner's Court was in session Monday and Tuesday. Present: Judge W. R. Ely, Commissioners Kendrick, Windham, Houston and Yeager.

Key Found—STAR Office

Mr. E. H. Nelson, who has been afflicted with cancer for sometime, is very low and not expected to live but a short time. Mr. Nelson is at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. E. Webb.

Mrs. J. H. Rowley and daughter of Baird, and Mrs. Ed Rowley and son of San Angelo, are visitors in this city, the guests of Mrs. J. A. Davis.—Big Springs Herald.

A daughter arrived Thursday of last week to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Powell of Baird. Mrs. Powell was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Mathews in this city at the time.—Big Springs Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Rains have moved to Abilene from their ranch in Callahan county. They occupy the house just vacated by Ben Peavy and family, at 701 Chestnut street. Mr. and Mrs. Rains have hundreds of friends here who will welcome them as new citizens.—Abilene Reporter.

Christmas Dinner

is where the real Christmas spirit reigns Daughter and son will be home for the holidays. The grandchildren will be there for that big dinner and we want to remind you that we have everything you will want for that dinner. Here you can get your Groceries, Fruits, Nuts and all kind of Fresh Meats, and Vegetables. Prompt attention given all orders.

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The following have paid their subscription during the past week:

T. A. Irvin	\$1.00
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Lunsford Hill	1.00
x J. B. Cutbirth	1.00
C. E. Akers	.50
x John Flores	1.00
x John Laird	1.00
x John Boen	1.00
x Chas. Crowley	1.00
A. H. Gilbreath	.50
Mrs. A. W. Sargent	1.00
W. O. Spencer	1.00
x Mrs. I. D. Eddens	1.00
x A. G. Webb	1.00
G. T. Baum	1.00
F. M. Dunlap	1.00

Watch the x, that means subscribers have paid for THE BAIRD STAR for 30 years.

Don't fail to get your Coupons at Holmes. 2-2t Adv.

Go to Schwartz for a new suit—18 Ladies suits this seasons styles, to be closed out at a bargain. 1-2ta.

Christmas Tree

The Presbyterians will have their Christmas tree on Saturday night, December 23rd and cordially invite all to use the tree for their gifts.

\$5.00 Reward—For return of Hall Hadley's bicycle. No questions asked 2-1p adv

Overcoat Found—New overcoat. Owner can get same by proving property and paying for this notice. J. M. Vines, E. 2d St. Baird. 1-1

Pocketbook Lost—I lost a small black pocket book containing a \$5. bill and some postage stamps. Anyone finding same will confer a favor by returning it to me. 1-1t Jesse Boland

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On good improved farms. Twenty-five years in the business. Write us what you have and find out what we can do for you before you place your loan.

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District Managers,
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CHRISTMAS TREES

Christmas trees, delivered, 25 and 50 cents. See Joe Smartt, 2-1t Adv. Admiral, Texas.

Dr. H. H. Ramsey and Charley Stallings of Baird, Dr. Ed Rudd of Maryneil, Bernie Richardson of Kansas City, Jewel Ramsey of Eldorado and Johnnie Johnson of Sonora spent several days on the Geo. Allison ranch hunting. They report three deer and several turkeys and had a fine time. Dr. Ramsey who is a dentist lived in Sonora about twenty years ago and while here met several old friends.—Sonora News.

FOR RENT—Farm of 240 acres 125 acres in cultivation. For particulars see W. T. Wheeler, Baird. 2

TO THE CITIZENS & TAX PAYERS OF BAIRD

Feeling that you are interested in the New Fire Fighting apparatus, which has been recently installed, and believing that you are entitled to know more about it; the Baird Volunteer Fire Department has arranged to give a Public Demonstration on Market Street, of the Wagon and Pumper Next Monday Evening December 18th., 1916 at 2:30 o'clock for your careful consideration and approval.

BAIRD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

By H. SCHWARTZ,
CHIEF.

Buy your Christmas goods from Holmes and share in the profits. 2-2t Adv.

John Boen, another one of the old-times was in town this week. Three Johns together, John Boen, John Flores and John Laird, all 30 years subscribers. May every one of our old subscribers live to reach at least the century mark.

Charley Crowley our old time friends at Clyde was in town this week looking just about as he did thirty-five years ago. Charley says he will be 80 years old in one and one-half months. May he live to be 120 is our wish. Charley is one of the 30 years subscribers to THE STAR.

Uncle Tom Clark reports the birth of a girl at the home of his son, Dan Clark just east of Potosi, last Saturday night. "And I don't know what Dan means," said Uncle Tom, "for that's seven girls in his home now and no boy. Looks like he's going to let his old dad's name go by defunct."—Abilene Times.

Engene Thompson, representing the Southwestern Paper Company of Dallas, made THE STAR a brief call this week. He brings us bad news, told us paper was going higher on January 1st. Better renew before January first as we may be compelled to raise the subscription rate after that date. Paper has advanced in price 100 per cent since May 1st, and a higher rate means hard luck for the printer.

FOs SALE—All of my household goods, Bed, Dresser, Chairs, Kitchen Table Buffet, Library Table, Gas Range, Commode, Lounge, Washing Machine, Stand, Matting, Sewing Machine, Refrigerator and other articles Come and see them Phone 38. 2-1 W. Riddlebarger

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Baird, Texas

See me when you want to buy or sell anything in my line

JACKS and Jennetts

I have 15 head of fine registered jacks of my own raising, for immediate sale. I also have 25 head of Jennetts to trade for good land.



"JOE BAILEY"

Winner of First Premium at Texas State Fair, 1916

W. T. WHEELER, Baird, Texas

INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE FORT WORTH- EL PASO HIGHWAY

A great deal of interest is being manifested along the line of the above highway, and many people, who are not acquainted with its inception, are anxious for information relative to it.

The meeting at Midland on September 26th for the purpose of organizing an association citizens along the line for its promotion, was attended by some five hundred people, who were enthusiastic as to the benefits to be derived from the highway and the possibility of its construction. The idea of this meeting originated with Judge Adrian Pool, County Judge and a public spirited citizen of El Paso County. Judge Pool has been in attendance upon the annual meeting of the Texas Good Roads Association at San Antonio, and being an ardent good roads supporter, always looking to the interest of El Paso, he became impressed with the possibilities of this road between Fort Worth and El Paso. Before returning home he visited Dallas and Fort Worth, and then stopped at the principal towns along the line, arousing interest and enthusiasm in the project. Judge Pool attended the meeting at Midland, and though urged to act as president of the organization, he would not allow his name to be introduced; being more interested in the successful completion of the road than in further personal publicity in the matter. He has never asked for, or received, a cent from the treasury of the association for his expenses incurred or time spent on the work.

The officers elected at this meeting were as follows: Judge S. A. Penix, of Big Springs, President, also authorized to act as Treasurer; Judge J. C. Hunter, of Van Horn, V. Pres. of Zone No. 1, running from El Paso to the Pecos River; M. F. Burns, of Midland; V. Pres. of Zone No. 2, running from the Pecos River to the west line of Mitchell County; Judge C. H. Earnest, V. Pres. of Zone No. 3, running from the west line of Mitchell County to the east lines of Callahan and Eastland Counties, and Dr. J. H. Eastland, of Mineral Wells, V. Pres. of Zone No. 4, running from the last named point on into Fort Worth. W. B. Star, of Midland was elected as Secretary. In addition to this, there was elected a Director for each county; the director for Callahan County, being Judge B. L. Russel. All of these men have been identified with West Texas for many years, and their principal financial interest are along the Highway.

It was suggested at this meeting, to meet the expenses of the association by having each county appropriate through their Commissioners court \$25.00 per month for a year.

The meeting was largely attended by members of the court from their respective counties, who, with one exception, pledged this support. At this time, Nov. 25th, comparatively few of these pledges have been redeemed, but the counties are falling into line, and the management of the association hopes to secure sufficient funds to carry on the work. An engineer will be secured to lay out this highway, and give to the county commissioners and the local citizens along the line information as to the cost and the best way to proceed with the work. A secretary will be employed for at least part of his time during the year to look after the interest of the highway. With the creation of a state highway commission, to which the Democratic Party is pledged in its State Platform, there will be available for the Federal Government several million dollars to be spent on the state and national highways of Texas. There will also be state funds to be spent on state highways to be located by the State Highway Commission. To get the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway, designated as a state and national highway and to secure the funds to which it is entitled, it will be necessary to give facts and figures as to why this should be done, and petitions and committees will have to go before our State Highway Commission, and possibly other important bodies, showing the amount of work performed and the interest and intention of the local people in future work. To help keep the local people aroused in the work, a news column will be maintained in twenty four papers along the line to keep the people informed from week to week of the progress of the work. As each county completes its unit of the highway, celebrations will be held and participated in by visitors from adjoining counties. These are but a few of the many things ahead to do, and are of sufficient importance to warrant the closest co-operation of the counties along the line.

All funds received and expended will be strictly accounted for, and the Director of each county will receive regular statements in regard to this.

None of this money will be paid to "professional" highway promoters, but only to those identified and engaged in the regular work of the associations who, as before mentioned, are men identified with West Texas.

This is a move of interesting citizens in a worthy project, and should and will have the support of all of our progressive citizens.

NOTICE

We wish to inform our patrons and the public in general that the Royal Picture Show now begins promptly at 7 o'clock p. m. 1-4t Adv. C. J. Redwine, Mgr.

BATTLE WITH GIANT EAGLES

California Deer Hunters Had Fierce Fight Before Overcoming Two Monarchs of the Air.

Attacked by two monster eagles while deer hunting in the Malibu district, Doctor Kingsbury of Ocean Park, G. M. Wilson, a rancher, and Policeman Harry Wright of Santa Monica, fought two hours before they were able to kill the birds, writes a Los Angeles correspondent.

Shrieking and screaming, the eagles tore at the men with their claws, tearing Wright's clothing in many places and inflicting a flesh wound on Kingsbury's right shoulder.

The fight began with only one of the birds. The men were hunting on the Williams ranch with two dogs. Suddenly a huge eagle swooped down and grabbed one of the dogs. It circled 20 feet in the air with the dog in its talons before the men could fire. The first shot missed, but the second shot from Kingsbury's gun brought the bird down.

As the three men rushed forward the eagle dropped the dog and struck out at Wright, screaming all the while. Its screams brought its mate, the latter making an attack on Kingsbury and sinking its talons into his shoulder.

Williams shot and killed the bird that was fighting with Wright and then the two rushed the remaining eagle. It started to fly away and then came back. The men began shooting at it, driving it a little farther away with each shot. For four miles they chased the bird before finally killing it.

HONOR BELONGS TO FITCH

Connecticut Man Built Steamboat Twenty Years Before Fulton Launched the Clermont.

The first trial of John Fitch's pioneer sidewheel steamboat was made on the Delaware August 22, 1787, antedating Fulton's Clermont by 20 years. Fitch was a native of Connecticut and prior to building his steamboat had been an armorer in the military service during the Revolution, a surveyor in Virginia, and a manufacturer of sleaves in Trenton. In 1786 he commenced work on his first steamboat, after experimenting with a skiff propelled by steam. This pioneer craft was fitted with an engine of 12-inch cylinder, and though the boat did not attain sufficient speed to answer the purpose of a packet, the trial proved conclusively the efficiency of steam as a motive power for vessels. In 1788 Fitch built a second steamboat, which made several passages between Philadelphia and Burlington at the rate of four miles an hour. In 1790 a third craft was built and was run as a passenger craft on the Delaware, making during the season more than 2,000 miles at an average speed of seven and one-half miles an hour. Although John Fitch scored the first practical success in steam navigation, he was a failure financially, and in 1798 he committed suicide at Bardstown, Ky.

He Surely Had.

William J. Bryan was expected in St. Paul the other day. He didn't come, but that is another story.

A reporter and a photographer, bent on overcoming the commoner's well known aversion to talking or having his picture taken, were seeking him aboard a train just arrived at the Union station.

They approached a dusky whisker-wielder and inquired if Mr. Bryan was aboard.

"Shuah he is. Heah he comes now. Heah, Mr. Bryan, gemmen wishes to see you."

Neither the shiny top nor the curly sidelocks of William J. were in sight and the inquisitive pair waited until another son of Africa approached and said:

"Ah's Mistah Bryan. What can I do foah you, sah?"

"Not a thing. But, gosh! How you have changed, Mr. Bryan," said the photographer as he hastened down the steps with his companion.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Work and Play.

South Americans have not yet learned that play is as necessary to the child as is work. "A sound mind in a sound body" has not been stressed to the people of that continent as it has to those of North America. They think that time spent in play is time lost—and they frown upon it. "The parents wish to keep their children poring over their books, and believe that recreation interferes with their intellectual development," said a member of the national committee on physical education of Uruguay recently. It is only in recent years that the people of the United States have realized that children must be taught to play just as they must be taught to think. There are yet among us some who think that money spent on playgrounds and on instructors is money lost—but we are gradually learning; and the South American will learn, too.—Houston Post.

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Clarence Glass While Alone in Institution Commanded to Give Up Cash, Does So and Bullets Fired into His Body.

Clarence A. Glass, cashier of First State bank of Point, Rains county, Tex., was fatally shot and the bank robbed of \$243 in quarters and nickels by a masked man, who entered the institution while Glass was engaged in writing letters.

After being shot through the head and shoulders from the back Glass crawled on his hands and knees over half a block to the residence of W. F. Thornton, where he gave particulars before his death, happening in six hours.

Glass said he was writing when a masked white man who wore a gray overcoat and was small of stature ordered him to throw up his hands. He gave him a box containing small coins. He was commanded to open the safe and informed the robber it had a time lock and could not be opened until 8 o'clock next morning. He said the bandit then ordered him to turn around and shot him three times. The robber fled.

Glass was thirty years old. His wife was visiting her father, R. P. Etter, at Lone Oak. She was telephoned and reached her husband before he died.

SHARP PROTEST TO GERMANY SENT BY THIS COUNTRY RELATIVE TO BELGIAN DEPORTATION.

A note to Germany protesting that government in regard to the deportation of Belgians for forced labor as contrary to all precedents and the humane principles of humane practice was made known by the state department.

The note was cabled to Charge Grew at Berlin Nov. 29, the day Ambassador Gerard discussed the subject with President Wilson, with instructions that he read it to the German chancellor personally. In making it public the state department announced that the interview had taken place, but said nothing about results. Charge Grew was informed that the policy had been adopted as a military necessity and that Germany regarded it as legal.

Some Smashing.

Fixtures and furnishings valued at \$40,000 in a so-called bar room and dining room of the Hotel Cecil, Seat-

le, Wash., were destroyed Saturday with axes by the Seattle police department for alleged violation of the prohibition law. John E. Savage, proprietor of the hotel, said no liquor had been sold in the hotel since the prohibition law became effective.

Confession Made.

The body of Frank McLauren of Taylor, Tex., was exhumed. About twenty-five fractures were found on the skull. Harry McBride confessed that he hit McLauren several times on the head with a gun barrel before setting his body on fire and running his car off an embankment.

New British Cabinet.

Lloyd-George, the new British prime minister, announces the following war cabinet: Lord Milner, Earl Curzon, Andrew Bonar Law, Arthur Henderson and himself. Lloyd-George has more power than any predecessor.

Six Dollars Per Kiss.

To kiss who was called the prettiest

girl in Winnetka, Ill., cost \$0 per smack. That was the price set by Justice Carlton Prouty in the case of Miss Catherine Borre vs. Ray Burgett. Latter said it was worth the money.

Steals Money From Wagon.

A robber threw pepper in the eyes of an armed guard at Los Angeles and took \$20,000 from a wagon conveying the currency along a business street in daylight.

Hester Re-Elected.

Colonel H. G. Hester, whom many regard as the greatest cotton statistician and cotton authority in the world, has been re-elected secretary and superintendent of the New Orleans cotton exchange.

Company Withdraws.

The Casualty Company of America with general offices in New York, has withdrawn from Texas. This action follows a controversy with the New York insurance department.

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