

Lazbuddy News.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Treider were visitors in the Willie Steinbock home Tuesday night, December 2, when jolly games of pinch were played, after which pop corn was popped and enjoyed immensely. Master Lige Reed was a stumber guest in the home of J. E. Vaughn Thursday night. He was visiting Charley and Cecil Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steinbock, Mrs. Willie and Willie Jr. Steinbock and Theodore Steinbock motored to Muleshoe Friday.

Frances Steinbock was a slumber guest of Ruby Duncan Wednesday night.

Everyone in the community is very busy making Christmas presents. Seems as though Santa may be very good to most of the people this year.

Some club women met at the home of Mrs. Joe Paul last Tuesday and quilted a quilt which will be sold as a Christmas gift December 11.

A combined school and club meeting was held at the Lazbuddy school house Saturday night, December 11, the object of which was to vote as to whether or not Lazbuddy should become an independent district. The object of the club meeting was to sell Christmas presents. A splendid free lunch was served, consisting of sandwiches, cake and coffee.

Messrs. Patterson and Brown are going to move from our midst in the near future.

John Steinbock has a big granary and separator shed about finished so will soon thresh his grain.

Edgar Vaughn visited Carl Steinbock Wednesday night.

Mrs. George Duncan was in Muleshoe Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Treider returned from their trip to Brownsfield, Texas, where they were visiting Mrs. Joe Shopping and family. Mrs. Shopping and Mrs. Treider are sisters. They report crops are not good as in this locality.

Mrs. Willie Steinbock has lost about two dozen fine Plymouth rock hens from some disease, probably roup or cholera.

Mmes. Kelly, Layman and Haber were guests of Mrs. John Steinbock last Wednesday. Mmes. Kelly and Layman have recently returned from Arizona where Mrs. Kelly owns land. Mrs. Kelly, who is Mrs. Layman's mother, will return to Arizona, but Mrs. Layman will remain here.

Bill Mick and family attended the show in Muleshoe Saturday night.

Mes. J. E. Vaughn and John Steinbock have been on the sick list the past week and we hope for them better health in the very near future.

Listen, folks—wasn't the slow rain good for our wheat? but it was not so comfortable when it began to freeze and the icicles hung

from the gates and fences. We also noticed that it was somewhat slick underfoot. But that's all right. Mr. Weather Man, we are not kidding. A BANANA PEEL.

Sunday school was well attended last Sunday, also singing that night.

Mrs. Pyritz and children, Gertrude, Cliff, Clarence and Lavern, were in Muleshoe shopping Saturday.

The Lazbuddy Study Club ladies met with fair success in their big Christmas sale Saturday night. All who attended had a good time and a free lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served.

J. F. Vaughn and B. Pyritz went to Brownfield Friday morning for Mr. Vaughn's daughter and returned with her to the Pyritz home bringing all her furniture. She is going to live with her folks once more.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. R. L. Bledsoe is sick and wish for her a speedy recovery.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis was taken to the hospital at Plainview Saturday. We hope she will soon be able to return to her school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Steinbock attended the show at Muleshoe Saturday night.

Raymond Treider and wife were Sunday guests at the J. E. Vaughn home Sunday.

Mrs. Joe Paul was quite sick last week but is up again at this writing.

Dinner guests at the Pyritz home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Heath and Louise Fay, Mrs. Conrad Dyck and children, Annie, Freda, Alma, Gladys, Autha, Wanda and Walter and Mrs. Maluff and children. All went away telling Mrs. Pyritz what a good dinner they had enjoyed.

They were fixing up the playground at Lazbuddy school recently. There are swings and seesaws, which when put up will be a source of great pleasure to the children.

PRETTY BROWN EYES.
CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Regular church services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m.
Sunday school at 10 a. m., C. E. at 7:15 p. m.

The Christmas program and tree will be at 8 p. m., Friday night, December 24. You are cordially invited and welcome to all these services.

D. E. STARKE, Pastor.
H. G. Jones spent Sunday in Canyon.

Bovina News

Well, after so long, I'm back at my old post as correspondent for the Friona Star. I'm sure all the Bovina subscribers are longing to see in print all Bovina happenings as they are numerous and interesting, even though they are told in just "plain English."

Prof. and Mrs. R. A. Buckner who were called about three weeks ago to Detroit, Texas, on account of the illness of Mrs. Buckner's father, which resulted in death, returned the latter part of last week. Prof. Buckner is the superintendent of our school and we all are in deepest sympathy with the heart-broken family. They were sorely missed during their absence. Mr. M. F. Buckner has been substituting here during the absence of his brother, and we take this opportunity to say that with the other members of the faculty he has caused events to move smoothly on. Also, that he has come nearer filling his brother's place than any other person could have done.

Miss Cain represented Bovina's faculty at the Texas State Teachers' Association, which held its annual meeting at El Paso. Miss Cain reports a wonderful time.

Mr. Randolph reports a pleasant time at Amarillo, Pampa and other places during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Miss Neal Richardson of this

place spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Orville Steevick, of Friona.

The building on Lot No. 6, next to the Abo Garage, which has been under construction for the past three weeks, is now near enough completion that business is being carried on in it and meals being served. This is another asset to our rapidly growing town.

Mrs. Wilson has been in Clovis for the past few days on account of the illness of her brother and his wife. We are glad to say they are recovering slowly. Mrs. MaGee has also been with them.

The "Bovina Queens" poured it on the Farwell team Friday evening by a score of 26 to 20. It was a hard fought game but the Queens just had better luck looping the basket.

The Bovina Bulls deserve special mention as they beat Pleasant Hill by a score of 35 to 11 on Friday, November 26. Then on December 3 they beat Muleshoe to the tune of 44 to 22. Say we won't be champions? Who'll be next?

Emmett Murray of San Angelo was here visiting relatives a few days ago.

Rev. Pearce, of Amarillo, presiding elder of this district, preached to a small but appreciative audience here Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hastings accompanied by Mr. Williams, Miss Swanson and Miss Matney, were in Texico on business Saturday.

Miss Fox and Anita Murray returned Sunday night from a week

end visit with relatives and friends in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pugh have moved to Amarillo.

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"Laws, Mose," gasped Sam, "why you s'pose them flies follow us so close?"

"Keep gallopin', boy," said Mose. "Them ain't flies. Them's buck-shot!"

Customer—"You don't seem very quick at figures, my boy."

Newsboy—"I'm out o' practice str. You see moust of the gents say: 'Keep the change!'"

Truthful Tommy.
A shop was giving away toy balloons to children. One little fellow asked if he might have two.

"Sorry," said the clerk. "But we only give one balloon to each boy. Have you a brother at home?"

The youngster was truthful, but he did want another balloon.

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My First Duck Hunt

In the fall of 1922, my uncle came to see us. Uncle John was a great man for shooting ducks, so of course we wanted to show him as many ducks as we could. It was the second day of November when Uncle arrived. There were lots of crops that needed harvesting, but all of the gang stopped work for a week of fun and rest. The first day or two after Uncle John arrived, the weather was unfavorable for good hunting, so everyone stayed close at home.

The first Saturday after the hunting had begun, was when I thought I would have the fun, for I would not have to go to school, and would get to go and watch the hunters. I could hardly wait until the day came—I thought that I might get to shoot a gun.

The day came, at last, when I would get to be with my uncle on a hunt. The sun rose very beautiful, and it was an ideal day. It was rather cold, freezing ice in the night, but it warmed up in the forenoon. I was up and ready to go by the time anyone was.

The day was so nice that the men decided to go to a large lake about twenty miles north of home. They decided to take lunch and hunt all day. By eight o'clock they were all ready to go. There were three car loads of us, and everyone had a gun except me—they all said I was too small to shoot a gun.

The first stop was made at a large dam and there were several ducks killed here and several crippled and left on the water. We could see several large dams back in the distance where there would very likely be water and ducks, so they started to these dams. All I could do was to ride—I could not get a chance to shoot, and would not ask for the chance.

We went from one place to another, shooting all the time. After we had been very nearly around the lake we came to a dam where there were some crippled ducks. The men were all standing on the water's edge, talking and resting. I could not rest, for I could see one of the crippled ducks swimming around in the middle of the water.

I did not want to ask if I could take a gun and try killing it, but after awhile I asked my father if he would care if I tried to kill the duck. He said he did not care. This was very funny to Uncle John, so he got a little short-barreled shot gun which kicked like a mule. He put a very heavily loaded black powder shell in it, then gave it to me—and told me to slip around on the other bank and shoot the duck.

I took the gun and crawled to the other side on a log. I raised my gun to shoot until my duck. Just as I was about to fire, my uncle said, "Don't shoot or the duck will dive!" I shot; the duck was not touched, but I rolled over backward and rolled part of the way down the bank. The black powder shell that I had in the gun caused such a smoke that I could not be seen for some time. When the smoke blew away, my feet were sticking straight up in the air.

The first thing I saw after I got up was Uncle John over on the other side—he was laughing as if he would die.

We went home after this, and I was laughed at all of the way, and

have been laughed at every since. I got to shoot the gun then, but I thought I never would want to shoot another.

KNOW TEXAS.

Texas has about 440,000 farms. Texas has about 180,000 miles of public roads, of which 18,000 are designated state highways.

Texas lumber industry produces about one and one-half billion board feet of lumber each year, of which two hundred million feet are hard woods.

Production of minerals in Texas amounts to about a quarter of a billion dollars a year, the state standing fifth in value of its products of mines.

The Race For Life

(By Willie Howell Welch.)

When Arizona was first being settled, a young explorer by the name of Jack Huntsville was exploring along the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon. He had his helper along with him. His name was Ones Hues. They both were tall, handsome figures. They were both supplied with guns, ammunition and knives, for they knew the spirit of the savages at that time. They were going up the Colorado River, which was very swift, when Jack noticed that both sides of the banks were covered with the Apache Indians. The Indians called them to shore.

Jack knew that this was the only thing they could do. If they tried to escape, they would be shot down by the hostile Indians. They rowed to shore, and the Indians took Jack and his companion to their camp.

Jack discovered that the Apache Indians were the most powerful and cruellest Indians anywhere around them. He saw them tie some of their captives to a stake and burn them. Jack did not know what day he might be done the same way. One day he saw the Indians coming home with another white captive. That night, a little after sun down, they car-

ried this white prisoner to the regular place of murder. Jack recognized that this white man was one of his best friends, whom he had met at camp before starting out to explore. Jack was tied and could do nothing but watch. He saw them throw knives and tomahawks at him, and then at last they burned him to death. Jack wondered why they didn't come and get him.

One day his companion got loose and had started to run off when the Indians saw him. He was wounded in the shoulder by an arrow; he turned and shot and killed an Indian brave. This made the rest of the Indians mad, so they killed him.

Jack knew his time was next, but he noticed that all the Indians began to stay in camp and rest up. He had heard of the Indians having races with their captives. They took the captive and undressed him then turned him loose about fifty paces ahead of the braves. The warrior who outran or killed him was awarded with the scalp of the prisoner.

Jack began to think this was what was going to happen to him. In about two weeks he was carried out and stripped and turn loose a good spear's shot away. When the time came to run, Jack was off like a shot. He gained on them for the first six miles and then he began to get winded. There was one warrior that was a good way ahead of the rest of the others. When he got pretty close, he started to throw his spear, and tripped and fell. Jack was right on him and killed him with his own spear. He turned and ran until he came to a river. He jumped in and came up under a log. He got under the log and hid himself so he could breathe and still be concealed. He drifted down the stream for that night and the next day until about noon. All that night he could hear the Indians whooping and yelling. They hated to give up the chase. It was late in the morning when the Indians started back for camp.

When Jack came to the bank he was exhausted, tired, hungry and

had no clothing. He lay on the bank for about two hours; he was fairly rested by this time, and got up and started to look and see where he was. He found that he had floated down stream for about twenty-five miles, and it was only about five miles further down to his camp, which he had left many days before. He reached camp about dark, and the people gave him food, clothing and shelter.

The next morning they all got up early to hear what kind of a story Jack had to tell. He told them his story, and they didn't believe him until he told them about his friend who had been captured and put to death.

The Golden Rule Produce Co. of Hereford, is selling No. 1 Spuds at \$4.00 per hundred.

Picture of North Pole Comes by Telephone

Photographs of the North Pole were recently reproduced in the New York Times after a trip of 7,000 miles. In making this journey almost every modern means of communication was utilized, says Texas Public Service Information Bureau.

The detailed itinerary from the North Pole to New York was as follows: North Pole to Teller, by dirigible; Teller to Nome, dog team and motor boat; Nome to Fairbanks, airplane, ending in a crash, the journey completed by a man on snowshoes; Fairbanks to Seward, rail; Seward to a point off British Columbia, steamer; off British Columbia to a point near Victoria, seaplane, ending in crash,

and then by rail; Victoria to Seattle, rail; Seattle to a point 300 miles north of San Francisco, airplane; rest of trip to San Francisco, automobile; San Francisco to New York, telephone wires—seven minutes.—Utility News.

Earl Sparks of Canyon visited friends here Sunday.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Brother Gilliam will fill his regular appointment here Sunday.

There will be a Christmas tree at the church Friday night, with a good program. An invitation is extended to all.

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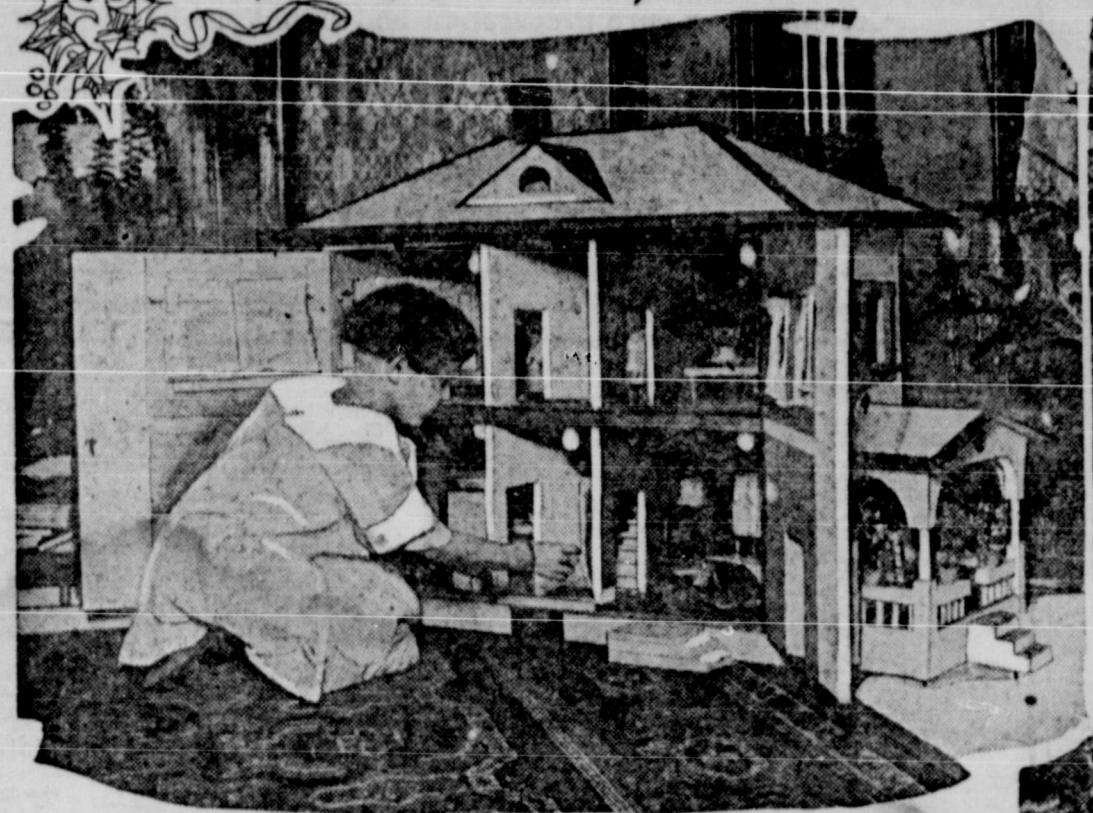
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Merry Christmas! It stirs the heart like some beautiful old memory. It quickens the pulse like a passionate violin. We forget to play at grownup, and in a moment we are all children again.

"Of all the old festivals," says Washington Irving, "that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment."

From the early centuries of Christianity the anniversary of the birth of Christ has been celebrated. It is called "Christmas" because in early England the festival was called "Christomass," which means "Christ's mass." At first the time of the festival varied in different places. Some churches observed it in December, others in January, April, May. There is no historical record as to the exact birth date of Christ. It seems possible, says Lillian Eichler in her "Customs of Mankind," that December 25 was established as the festival day because it marked the beginning of the great winter festival when Britons, Germans, and Gauls made merry in pagan fashion. Christmas replaced these old pagan festivities, the customs of the old blending into the customs and symbols of the other.

The celebration of December 25, as Christmas, spread to various parts of the Christian world. Later, as the festival spread, differences in date occurred owing to differences in calendar. But the general belief prevailed that Christ was born "at the hour of midnight on Christmas eve."

Many of our popular holidays appear to have been nature festivals at one time. Easter and May day were very likely spring festivals; Halloween, an autumn festival.

Christmas was originally a festival of the winter solstice. At this period of the year it was customary to hold great feasts in honor of the heathen gods, to dance and make merry. But the early teachers of Christianity prohibited these primitive festivities as unbecoming to the character of Christ.

Yet the old festival was not discarded entirely. Its symbols and customs were adapted to the new festival in celebration of the anniversary of Christ's nativity. And so we find Christmas patterned with many curious customs that are of pagan origin. The Yule log, the holly, and the mistletoe go much farther back into antiquity than we suspect.

It is said that the first Christmas day festival held in Britain was celebrated by King Arthur in the city of York, A. D. 521. It lasted several days. The new customs were grafted upon the old, and the festivals appealed instantly to the masses; a tiny spark was fanned into flame and it has burned brightly throughout all these generations.

By the early Middle Ages, Christmas had become the greatest of popular festivals. Beggar and king observed the day. Churches were decorated and quaint plays concerning the nativity were enacted. Carols were sung in the streets and images of the Virgin and of Christ were carried about from house to house. And, of course, there were feasting and merrymaking, as there always are at a festival time.

In Shakespeare's time the Christmas festivities were extremely elaborate. Sometimes they lasted until Twelfth day, or Epiphany—twelve days after Christmas. During this period there was no work of any kind. The people gave themselves over to feasting and gay celebration.

Then there was a reaction, and there generally

is. The Puritans developed a keen distaste for the Christmas festivities, and prevailed upon parliament to prohibit them. Christmas was declared a day of fast, and festivities were prohibited by law. After the Restoration, however, the old observances came back—somewhat subdued, but gay and festive as ever.

The observance of the Christmas festival spread all over the Christian world. The date is not everywhere the same, nor are the customs identical. January 6 is the date observed in the Armenian church. The Dutch watch for St. Nicholas on the eve of December 6. The French have their own particular Christmas observances; the Germans have theirs. But wherever and whenever Christmas is celebrated, it is a day of rejoicing and good cheer.

At one time the customs and observances that we associate with Christmas had a very definite significance. Today they survive as part of our social scheme.

In America we have made of Christmas a period of great social activity. The old customs of other lands, combined with tender memories of the first Christmases in this country, make of the holiday a rare interval of joy and cheer which find expression in a semisocial, semireligious celebration. Everybody wishes everybody else a merry Christmas, and even the echoes are glad!

The first Christmases in America were not the gay festivities to which we are accustomed. They were days like all the rest, devoted to work and prayer. Governor Bradford wrote, "Ye 25th day began to erect ye first house for comone use to receive them and their goods." A few years after this was written the Church of England established Christmas services in Boston.

Our Christmas celebration carries threads from many lands. People coming here from France, England, Germany, Norway, Italy—all brought their own customs with them. Our Christmas tree and Santa Claus are imported. Our carols and our stocking superstition came from across the ocean. Even our "Merry Christmas" belongs to England.

Yet our Christmas festivities are individual. American. They are like those of no one country, but like a tapestry that has been patterned with many beautiful threads, our festivities reflect the customs, beliefs, and superstitions of many and widely separated lands.

Jolly old Santa Claus with his tinkling sleigh bells and pack of toys is very closely associated with the American Christmas. Our children hang up their stockings in high glee, fully believing that Santa will come down the chimney and fill them with good things, until, of course, they are old enough to separate fact from fancy, or until some cruel person shatters the beautiful belief.

Santa came to America by way of Holland. The old Dutch settlers of New York brought with them all the joyous and hospitable observances of their fatherland. They introduced to their neighbors in the New world St. Nicholas, or San Nicolaas, patron saint of children. And San Nicolaas promptly grew a long white beard, belted his jovial stoutness in a red coat, and made his bow to America as Santa Claus!

England, too, has its Santa Claus. The name appears to be derived in slurred interpretation from San Nicolaas, the English for which would be St. Nicholas. According to the popular myth, both here and in England, Santa Claus is supposed to sweep down the chimney, and fill the stockings hanging before the fireplace with gifts.

St. Nicholas became everywhere the child's saint, though his personality underwent some striking changes as he traveled from country to country. In Holland he remained St. Nicholas, but his personality was modified by memories of Woden, god of the elements and the harvest. He became the patron saint of the children of France, although it is Bonhomme Noel (Father Christmas, sometimes called Pere Noel) who brings the good things for the children. In Germany the Christ-

kindlein is the patron saint of the children. From this German phrase for Christ Child comes our synonym for Santa Claus—Kris Kringle.

Among the Norwegians, the toys are hidden away in unexpected places and the children search for them. In Italy the gifts are drawn from what is known as "The Urn of Fate." This custom originated with the ancient Romans who had also an "Urn of Fate" from which gifts were drawn. In Spain there are elaborate street festivals at which the children receive gifts.

This age-old custom of presenting the children with gifts makes Christmas one of our most enjoyable festivals. In "Elizabeth and Her German Garden" the thought is beautifully expressed.

For days beforehand, every time the three babies go into the garden they expect to meet the Christ Child with His arms full of gifts. They firmly believe that it is thus their presents are brought, and it is such a charming idea that Christmas would be worth celebrating for its sake alone.

There is an ancient tradition in Holland that St. Nicholas makes his rounds upon Woden's horse, Slepner. This famous old horse of Dutch mythology is represented by the reindeer whose hoofs our children are supposed to hear on Christmas eve.

According to the old tale, the children of Amsterdam set their little wooden shoes in the chimney corners because they believed Slepner would pass by unless he saw them there. And St. Nicholas would give no gifts unless he saw the little shoes in a row by the chimney place and so knew that the children were tucked away in bed. Evidently some parents of long ago created the myth for their own convenience; it spread quickly, as such things do, and gradually became an established custom.

From Holland the custom spread to France, and children were taught to place their wooden shoes upon the hearth to receive the gifts of Bonhomme Noel. In Germany and Scandinavia the gifts are not placed in the shoe, but hidden in out-of-the-way places about the house.

The stockings that the children of England and the United States hang up on Christmas eve developed from the shoe. Shoes won't stretch, you know, and stockings are so much more roomy! Thus the shoe of Amsterdam became the stocking of New Amsterdam, and the custom was established.

There existed in the east of Russia, among the peasantry, an old custom whereby the young girl discovered through divination whom she would have as husband. The traditional formula, still prevalent, is, "Come and take my stockings off." Among the professional classes, and sometimes in the lesser nobility, parents placed money in the stockings of their child—boy or girl—at marriage as a gift for the other partner in the ceremony. Some writers, prominently among them Havelock Ellis, believe that the custom of hanging up the stocking at Christmas is a relic of these two customs from Russia.

ROAD BUILDING

MILLIONS SPENT BY PENNSYLVANIA

Calling attention both to the high cost of motor highways and their necessity for present-day transportation, W. H. Connell, engineering executive of the Pennsylvania highway department, in a recent address, said that for the four years from January, 1923, to January, 1927, the department will have spent about \$220,000,000 on highway construction and maintenance. During this period about 3,000 miles of new hard-surfaced roads have been constructed, he added, "and about 1,200 miles of road will have been rebuilt by the construction of a new wearing surface on existing hard-surfaced roads, making a total of 4,200 miles for four years."

The completion of this year's program will bring the hard-surfaced mileage of the state system up to 8,000 miles. The remaining 4,000 miles are dirt or shale roads that are not available during the time when the frost is coming out of the ground. The provision for paying this mileage at a cost of about \$200,000,000 is the immediate construction problem that will confront the Pennsylvania department of highways in the next few years. A \$50,000,000 bond issue has been proposed by the legislature and the indications are that it will become available in 1928. This, with the usual additions of county funds, will pave a considerable mileage.

Connell's talk was made before the Rural Letter Carriers' association at its annual convention. Its members, he pointed out, were naturally interested in the completion as early as possible of a national system of hard-surfaced highways suitable for all-year traffic.

"The goal of the highway departments throughout the United States," he explained, "is to construct a co-ordinated system of national highways connecting all centers of population. The program in each state is planned not only to connect the centers of population throughout the state to provide for transportation of all the people in the state, but the construction is being so planned that the main highways will connect up with the main highways of the adjoining states at the state line. This will eventually result in a national system that will be adequate for the highway transportation needs of the country."

"While the mail service today is the greatest public service being rendered to the people of this country, the completion of such a national highway system will make possible even greater accomplishments by the Post-Office department."

Heavy Loads on Streets Are Quite Destructive

In passing a resolution urging that a law be enacted prohibiting the use on city streets of motor trucks carrying loads of more than eight tons the Illinois Federation of Labor has brought to the front a subject that ought to be dealt with definitely in the light of ascertained facts, says the Chicago News. For it stands to reason that paved streets and county highways provided with hard surfaces at large cost should not be required to sustain heavier loads than a scientifically ascertained maximum. Crushing weights rolled over them work intolerable injustice to property owners and taxpayers.

The heavy motor truck and the hard-surfaced thoroughfare make a combination of extreme value to shippers and consumers of all manner of commodities. But the combination must be adjusted with reason and knowledge. Chicago trade unionists, who proposed the resolution approved by the Illinois Federation of Labor, asserted that trucks carrying ten tons or more are destroying city pavements and working serious injury to buildings by vibration. If the facts, which should be easily ascertainable, confirm this assertion the need for suitable preventive action is manifest.

Ten-Year Road-Building Program for Australia

A ten-year highway building program, throughout the commonwealth of Australia which will involve the expending of \$35,000,000 (approximately \$170,000,000) is planned for Australia, according to information received by the officials of the Moreland Motor Truck company.

"Trucks are doing a wonderful part in the development of Australia," declared Watt L. Moreland, president of the company. "The expenditure of this immense sum will place Australia in the forefront of the territories of the world in the operation of motor vehicles both in town and country."

Roads to Test Cars

Extensive experiments in highway construction and maintenance are being conducted by the department of civil engineering of the University of Illinois.

The experiments are being conducted on three pieces of road, each a mile long. Each piece of road is divided into eight parts and on these different road machines are being used in an attempt to get a comparison between motor and horse-drawn equipment. A report is expected soon.

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Grave Oversight

Made by Jonesey

Snibs, on a flying trip back to his old home town, met his erstwhile pal, Snobs, on Main street. Snibs inquired about all his school day friends. "And how's old Jonesey?" he asked at length.

"We'll, replied Snobs, "Jonesey didn't turn out very well, though he sure made a name for himself around here."

"Why, what was the matter with Jonesey?"

"We'll, poor Jonesey took life lightly."

"Too lightly?"

"Yeah. Didn't think up a good excuse. Didn't even think up an alibi."

"Alibi! What do you mean?"

"Just what I say. Took life too lightly. Beat his mother-in-law because he got tired of seeing her around. Now, if he'd only taken life seriously and thought up a good excuse the jury'd probably have let him off."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Fresh, sweet, white, dainty clothes for baby, if you use Red Cross Ball Blue. Never streaks or injures them. All good grocers sell it.—Advertisement.

Sunday Dinner Sentiment

Trying to carve a chicken for Sunday dinner and listen to the report of the last game of the world series by radio was a combination too thrilling for a friend of ours. With Baba Ruth at the bat and the announcer shouting, "the pitch is coming now," the knife slipped and the chicken took a high dive off the platter. "Mother," said the carver solemnly, "there goes another foul."—Detroit Free Press.

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To Be Frank About It

"Jones is musical, I understand. What does he play on?"
"The neighbors' nerves."

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MAKING GOOD BY PLAYING SAFE.

Fred Bell, a farmer living near Moreland, about seven miles south of Friona, is one of the new settlers in this territory who is making good on his eighty-acre tract of land.

Mr. Bell came to this locality about a year ago and purchased only eighty acres of land, not that he did not want more, but because that was all his limited finances would permit and allow him to play safe in meeting his payments. Mr. Bell, like ninety per cent of all those who come here, liked the country so well that he would perhaps willingly have purchased the "whole slab" had the means been his to buy it with.

He placed most of his land in cultivation, leaving a small portion for pasture, garden, fruit and vegetables. He says he has never grown better vegetables than he grew here the past season, and the truth of this assertion was verified by the magnificent display he put on exhibition at the Farmer County Fair here in September.

Mr. Bell's house, while not to be considered a palace, is roomy enough for his small family and is snug and comfortable and he has it paid for. He has a good well and all the necessary out buildings which adds so much to the comfort, convenience and value of his land; while near his home he has planted enough fruit trees of the more popular varieties to supply his family with an abundance of fruit when they come into bearing.

This farmer says he has been making a little money all the time since he came here. He is milking a few cows, which, though only ordinary cows, are supplying the family with plenty of milk and butter and some for sale each week. In addition to this a small flock of hens furnish him with a few dozens of eggs for market each time he comes to town. And this is not all—he has a few brood sows from which he sells a bunch of pigs every few months. Besides, he has plenty of meat for the needs of the family.

Neither has Mr. Bell neglected the desirability of beautifying his surroundings, and to this end he has set his yard with a variety of flowers, shade trees and ornamental shrubs. True, these having been planted only the past season, have not made a great showing yet, but they are there ready for steady and continuous growth as the years go by.

In addition to the above, The Bell farm has produced a splendid yield of a good quality of corn, besides other field crops. By the above methods he has been able to meet his interest, taxes, and other expenses as they became due and he does not feel in any jeopardy of losing out on his investment.

Cameron, N. M.

Several have been to the breaks
quail hunting.

The snows and rains of the past
week put a fine season in the
ground.

One of the school trucks failed to
get home Wednesday night on
account of bad roads.

F. B. Scott and family were
shopping in Clovis Tuesday.

G. H. King is digging a cistern
close to the house in order to put
a water system in his home.

There is a number of cases of
chickenpox in the community.

Several cars have gone to the
breaks for Christmas trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Mills
spent the week end with his
parents at Ranchvale.

On account of the bad weather
Brothers Forbes and Roberts
closed the meeting. Bro. and Sister
Forbes were called away on
account of the illness of their grand
child, and Bro. and Sister
Roberts left for Bethany, Okla.

Little Ralph Burnett spent
Tuesday until Thursday in the
hospital at Clovis, where doctors
discovered it necessary to operate
and reset his arm which was broken
the second time a few days ago.

Threshers were delayed several
days on account of the bad
weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Virge Dunn came
home last week after several weeks
visit with relatives in San Antonio,
Dallas and Upshur county.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Tillman and
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tillman are
planning to make a visit to relatives
in Upshur county soon.

Miss Vera Cogdill was a guest
of Aletha Lowe Sunday.

Miss Lola Allen of Melrose spent
last week with Mrs. Henry Stov-
all.

THIS WEEK

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

ANOTHER BRYAN WANTED. SCIENCE NO MENACE. 170,000 AND TOO CHEAP. BEWARE OF EMPATHY.

The Iowa State chairman says
the Democratic party ought to find
a man like W. J. Bryan—something
hard to do. Bryan had one great
quality, and you could say, as it is
said of another, "That man believes
every word he says. Such men are
dangerous."

There is a tremendous power in
sincerity, and, right or wrong, in
gold, silver or prohibition. Bryan
had that power.

Dr. Lorenz, "bloodless surgeon
of Vienna," says science is injuring
humanity by keeping the unfit alive.
Nature tries to wipe out those not
fit to perpetuate the species. Sci-
ence prolongs their lives and adds
unfit children to the population.

We are not "aggressively anti-
Austrian," but we notice that India
in five thousand years has done
nothing but turn from slavery under
the rajahs to slavery under
Britain and rajahs combined. We
on the other hand, have done sev-
eral things, steamboat, flying ma-
chine, automobile, telephone, phono-
graph, radio, in much less than five
thousand years.

We don't believe that Asia and
America would go in harness any
better than a yak and a submarine.
Nevertheless, we like Asia, all but
the rajahs, caste, suttee and child
marriage—and Britain is attending
to them.

Are you inclined to empathy?
It's the new word of psychologists,
and explain stories of witnesses,
describing in detail what they never
saw. That new word may play a
part in the Hall-Mills murder case.

First we think about a thing with
sympathy. Then we get mixed, in-
ject ourselves into the affair, in our
imaginings, and soon are ready to
swear, with perfect sincerity,
that we saw what we never saw.

Red Indians used to kill babies
that did not seem vigorous, and
killed all children born deformed.
That didn't make a great conquer-
ing race of the Indians. Some of
the most useful men, Voltaire for
instance, would have died in in-
fancy but for extraordinary sci-
entific care.

Pope, who wrote the "Essay on
Man," and other things worth
while, would have been killed had
he lived among the Indians.

He had to be sewed up in a canvas
jacket each day that he might
sit up and write.

And consider the good moral ef-
fect that helping the unfit has
upon the able types. What we call
charity is largely a philanthropic
gymnasium for the prosperous.

A Stock Exchange seat sells for
\$170,000, the highest price on
record, but a great deal too low.
In these booming times, and with
the prosperity that is ahead, every
able broker ought to earn the price
of a seat in a year.

Rabindranath Tagore (fine old
poet of Bombay) John Europe's
hymn of American hate. He won't
come here again; he did not like us
last time. We are "too aggres-
sively anti-Austrian and selfish."

Dreams lead to empathy. You
dream you saw a friend in a certain
place, think about it and in a week
you believe that you dreamed of
him and then saw him, just where
you had dreamed of him. And you
tell your friends how your dream
came true, when it did nothing of
the kind.

Beware of empathy. The world
is full of it.

Professors Fryer and Shaw, of
New York University, invented or
discovered it.

Settled for Good.

It was lunch hour and a group of
workmen were discussing evolu-
tion.

Where did man spring from?
demanded an aggressive bricklay-
er, turning to a companion.

I ain't got to say—Bill and me
threshed that out a long while
ago, came the reply.

Did you reach the same conclu-
sion?

No, Bill went to the police sta-
tion and I wound up in the hos-
pital.

Not On Looking Terms.

Helen—Of course you are speak-
ing to Mabel?

I should say not! I don't even
notice what she wears!

J. W. Seais, Miss Millie Markam
and Jim Hopper and wife expect
to leave the first of the week for
a shot visit in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Patterson, Mr.
and Mrs. F. B. Scott, Mr. Moss, Mr.
Herrold and Earl were Sunday af-
ternoon callers at the J. R. Bur-
nett home.

Horace and Arvin Wood are the
proud possessors of a new bicycle.

We were visited by another good
snow Monday.

Chaplin's Love Bark Again On Rocks



"Charlie" Chaplin (in insert), famous screen comedian, is seen in marital hot water. His youthful wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, pictured here with their two sons, Charles Jr., and Sidney Earl, has left the luxurious Beverly Hills home and returned to her relatives. Now divorce, separation and alimony rumors are rampant in Los Angeles.

Just Like Daddy.

The youngest member of the household had heard his father talking about going away on their vacation and about getting his work done in advance. So he spoke to his mother.

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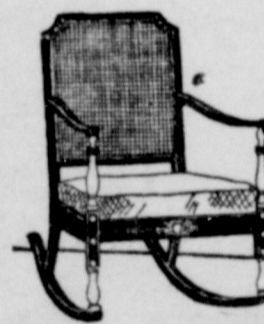
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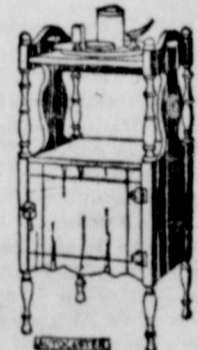
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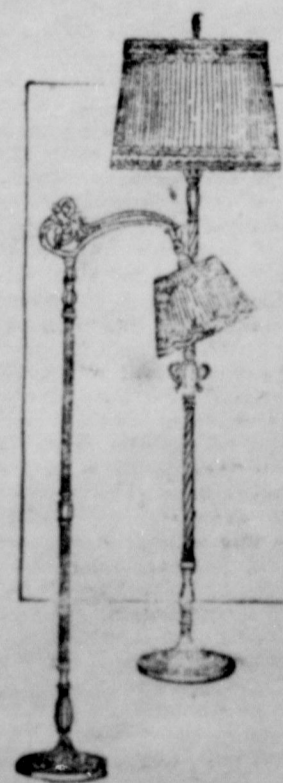


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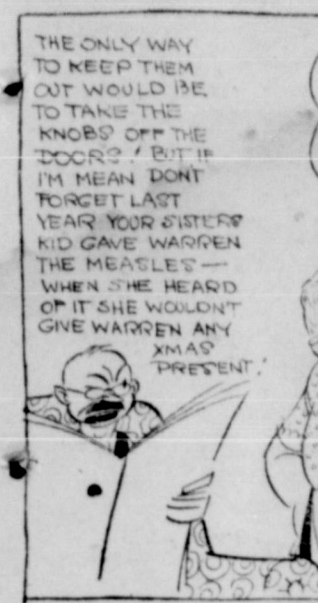
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The Sunday School Lesson

BY JAS. T. ROSS,
Pastor First Presbyterian Church,
Hereford, Texas.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19.

Subject: The Saviour's Birth.
Scripture Text: Luke 2:8-20.
Golden Text: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."—Luke 2:1.

The City of the Seven Hills passes from conquest to peace. The heavy doors of the Temple of Janus are closed for the first time in many years in token of the universal peace, for as Rome goes, so goes the world.



When Rome is at peace the entire world is at peace beneath her scepter. Military achievement gives way to civic achievement. As military effort has been projected on a world wide scale, so now civic effort shall likewise lay the world under contribution. The hand that brandished the sword, wields now the pen. It scrawls across the page and leaves a trail across the world. "All the world shall be taxed. Given under the hand and seal of His Imperial Excellency, Caesar Augustus."

Very soon the census takers are calling at the doors of homes in remote provinces from Rome enrolling the families for the great tax levy. But in Palestine the census taker makes no calls at the houses. Instead he registers the families at a central station in each city and village and in each city and village a population gathers from Syria on the north, from Mesopotamia and Persia on the east, from Northern Africa, from the Peloponessus and Rome, on the west, each family to its ancestral city. For although the Jews have been deported to other lands, they cling to the sacred soil and think of it as home.

The highways of Judea are thronged by returning pilgrims. The ancient fires of patriotism whose embers have smoldered through five centuries, flare up at the sight of every familiar scene. The companies of people break into singing:

"By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept, When we remembered Zion, Upon the willows in the midst thereof, We hanged up our harps, For there they that had led us captive required of us mirth, saying, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'"

"How shall we sing Jehovah's song, In a foreign land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget her skill, Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, If I remember thee not, If I prefer not Jerusalem Above my chief joy."

To the well at Bethlehem come a wayfaring man and woman from Nazareth. They drink from the well and water their humble beast of burden upon whose back has ridden the words of the whole day long.

over silver-fringed mountain tops. Night is approaching. Into the village go this peasant-like man and woman, although their peasantry is apparent only; for through their veins courses the blood of kings. Earlier arrivals have engaged all available room in the inn. They must seek shelter elsewhere. Along the dark and dusty streets they trudge along until they come to an ox stall. Here is an empty manger for a bed. So, Joseph and Mary, crowded out of the inn, find lodging in the stall. That night a child is born.

The Vigils of the Night.
The stars steal silently overhead while villagers and sojourners rest in quiet slumbers, but out under the stars the sheep huddle in the fields, while shepherds keep vigil.

Seated on the stones or reclining against them with the aba or blanket coat beneath them the shepherds converse into the small hours of the night. To the west, one by one, the stars disappear over ragged profiles of mountains. Ribbon-like, the silvery constellations stretch across the sky. It is midnight, and the light breaks evenly from west and east. Then the west grows darker and the east lighter as the night tapers toward the day. With a precision born of experience the observant shepherd eye tells the hour of night by the stars. So the morning is coming. Up from the horizon rises the morning star. But overhead shines another star. The shepherds see it for the first time this year. It is making its quinquennial visit to the firmament at this time but with a new meaning, for the Magi have seen it in the east and are following it west night after night.

The Heralds of the Morning.
So the morning stars tell of the approach of day. While shepherds keep vigil in the field and long for the morning, angels keep vigil in heaven and long for humanity's spiritual day. And just as the stars herald the morning, just so heaven sends its heralds of the morning to the shepherd vigils.

Suddenly the sky brightens and throughout the fields it is clear as day. Winged beings speed thru the air. One outstrips the others and finding the shepherds amazed

TO PATRONS OF FRIONA POST OFFICE.

We are instructed by the postal department to urge the public to mail their Christmas packages early, to wrap them securely and address them plainly, giving street and number when possible to do so. Packages to be insured must be well wrapped and plainly addressed. You may write the words "Not to be opened until Christmas" on your package if you so desire. If you wish your packages to reach your friends on or before Christmas in good condition, do not wait until a few days before that time to mail them. The congestion then will be great and no doubt many packages will reach their destination after Christmas and in bad condition. We urge you to co-operate with us by securely wrapping, plainly addressing and mailing your packages early.

JOHN A. GUYER,
Postmaster.
Friona, Texas.

and afraid, cheers them with the prelude to the angelic message in song. "Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

Then music began to break upon the ears of the vigils, and they heard for the first time among men the "Gloria in Excelsis." A multitude of the heavenly host had come to rejoice with men over that most meaningful event of the ages, fraught with glory to God, peace on earth and good will to men.

Then vanished the light, the stars shone again in the sky, and the celestial song was hushed on the morning air. But, while the stars shone above them, the shepherds came and stood over the manger at Bethlehem and verified the strange story of the angels.

The next day as they wandered up and down the vales the shepherds piped a new melody. And then from cliff-sides echoed the refrain, "Glory to God in the highest!" One by one they came to register at the seat of the census, one by one they told their strange and beautiful story concerning the child to all listeners.

It is a long time, now, since that glory shone in the fields of Bethlehem and the angel music filled the air. Over nineteen hundred years have passed. The tax-gatherers no more come from Rome to Bethlehem to enumerate its inhabitants and neither pen nor sword in the "City of the Seven Hills" can trail a decree across the world. The storms of the centuries have swept through the vales of Bethlehem and out over the world.

But the music of the angels still chimes in the hearts of men and

What's Doing In West Texas

Quanah—The Hardeman County Poultry Show, to be held December 21-22-23, is getting good publicity through the efforts of C. G. Wiley, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. Each week he mails our circulars interestingly illustrated through drawings made by himself. The work is prepared on a plain mimeograph.

Sierra Blanca—E. H. Whitehead, publicity manager, and B. M. Whittiger, exhibit manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, were here this week on the first round of a service tour which is to cover towns in the Big Bend country. Whitehead will get materials for feature stories to be published in West Texas Today, magazine of the West Texas organization. The towns included are El Paso, Alpine, Marfa, Del Rio, Fredericksburg and Mason.

Plainview—A new addition to the Missouri Hotel here to cost \$5,200 has been planned by its proprietor, to consist of ten rooms of brick and tile construction. The improvement program will make the Missouri a first rate structure, fire-proof throughout.

Fort Stockton—Business men of the town have co-operated with the commissioners court in securing improvement of a stretch of road here, leading from the old White-Baker headquarters ranch gate through the ranch to the Yates oil well. The road connects with the Old Spanish Trail.

Stamford—The Christmas issue of West Texas Today, official organ of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be devoted very largely to chambers of commerce affiliated with the organization. Resumes of work during 1926 and plans for 1927 will feature the number.

Tulia—A booster club whose membership is composed of country correspondents of the local paper was organized here recently and it is thought to be the first organization of its kind in the state. Perfection of the club and complete election of officers will be made December 20.

Clarendon—Repairs have recently been made on the bridge here at the head of Kearney Street, new strips being laid on the floor of the structure.

Midland—To the West Texas Chamber of Commerce goes the credit of Midland's recent attainment in securing an ice plant, according to Paul T. Vickers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. For two years, Vickers and the Midland organization waged a campaign to get an ice factory for their town. Several weeks ago, aid of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was solicited and

the sweet cadences of that first Christmas carol are even re-awakened today in the hearts of those who came to worship Christ the Lord, and today where earnest souls keep vigil over the humble tasks of life, even now, the glory of the Lord comes and shines round about with a heavenly resplendence, until the commonplaces of life become sanctuaries of the heavenly presence.



Warren Griffin, 16-year-old Oscar County, Kentucky, boy, was judged the healthiest in all the nation, as the contest staged in conjunction with the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. Warren stands 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 143 pounds.



Lena Wilson, a girl from the Canadian backwoods, is engaged to marry "Bud" Stillman, son of James A. Stillman, multi-millionaire New York banker. This girl of the Limberlost met the rich man's son and their friendship blossomed into love. Just like it movies and books.

Inc. its representatives said his company was attracted to Midland by publicity released through the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Biggest Lie Ever Told.
One there was a little boy—alone in the house—mother had gone away for the day. The little boy went to the pantry and took one taste of jam and stopped.

Come to Friona!



Christmas Cards

—a beautiful line, low in price, but high in quality
We will imprint your name on each card at a small additional cost
SEE THE DISPLAY TODAY
THE FRIONA STAR.

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AT FIVE PER CENT INTEREST
The best loan obtainable for the Farmer.
—We are prepared to give you prompt and efficient service on any size loan, and Will Appreciate Your Business.
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Hereford, Texas

We Wish You All a Merry Christmas
And Our Most Cheerful Service.
Buy Gasoline, Oils, Greases and Accessories for your Christmas Outings and all other occasions, and Hot Lunches at
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J. D. Porter
Proprietor.

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THE MOST COMPLETE CHRISTMAS STORE IN THE SOUTHWEST.
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See Our Line of Furniture and Rugs Before Buying.
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Special Low Prices Until January First!
If it is overstuff Living Room Suites for Christmas Come In—We have just received a full car Load.
R. J. Crook Furniture Co., Clovis, New Mex.
NEW AND USED FURNITURE.

Jackman's Van Raalte
Corsets Women and Childrens Wear Clovis, N.Mex. Hose
Practical Gifts for HER
Hundreds of pretty and attractive gifts she will appreciate, are on display at this shop.
BIG PRICE REDUCTIONS
ON COATS AND DRESSES
Dresses \$9.85 to \$23.85 Coats \$16.45 to \$49.85
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—Bath Robes —Hand Bags
—Negligees —Silk Pillows
—Silk Underwear —Vanities
—Gloves —Boudoir Sets
—Boudoir Slippers —Handkerchiefs (Imported)
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Look, Mother! Is tongue coated, breath feverish and stomach sour?

"California Fig Syrup" can't harm tender stomach, liver, bowels



A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour.

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Fig Syrup," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

Glow of virile Health

Force Tonic. It makes for strength. It is in every drop of FORCE TONIC. It recharges the body with new energy, new strength, new endurance. At all druggists.

Don't Be Gray

Darken your gray hair, gradually, surely and safely in privacy of your home. Used over 50 years by millions. Money-back guaranteed. BOOKLET FREE.

Sure Sign

"How do you know Jenkins' wife is away?" "He carries a can opener on his key ring now."

If Back Hurts Begin on Salts

Flush Your Kidneys Occasionally by Drinking Quarts of Good Water.

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Too much rich food creates acids which clog the kidney pores so that they sluggishly filter or strain only part of the waste and poisons from the blood. Then you get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, constipation, dizziness, sleeplessness, bladder disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage, or attended by a sensation of scalding, begin to drink soft water in quantities; also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine.

The DOOM TRAIL

By Arthur D. Howden Smith

PRECEDING CHAPTERS Harry Ormerod, long proscribed traitor to King George as a Stuart partisan, returning from France to London rescues Alderman Robert Juggins from a band of assassins. Juggins proves to be the grandson of a former steward of Ormerod's father, to whom Juggins feels himself indebted. Ormerod tells Juggins he has abandoned the Stuart cause. Juggins informs Ormerod of a Jacobite plot in the American colonies to weaken England by forwarding French interests. At its head is Andrew Murray, a Scotsman, and a Frenchman, De Veulle, deadly enemy of Ormerod. The two are in London furthering their schemes. Anticipating the plotters' early return to America, Juggins arranges for Ormerod to go there with letters to Governor Burnet, friend of Juggins, and work to Lord Murray.

CHAPTER II—Continued

"Tis Juggins," interposed his master. "The lad is a cousin once removed. He goes to seek employment in the New world. To tell the truth, though strong and willing, he is not overburdened with wits. But he can swing an ax as well as anyone, and his muscles should bring him good hire on some wilderness farm."

"Aye," agreed Master Jenkins tonelessly. In the street Juggins turned upon him indignantly. "So soon! Must it be, Robert? Sure, the lad should have some respite from toil and fear?"

"If he is to go, he must go then," rejoined Juggins. "'Twas because I felt as you did that I said what you heard, granny."

"And 'twas because he had a sound heart in him that he answered as he did," she snapped. "If he is to go, he should go, I dare say; and the greater the peril, the greater the reward. Have you done aught toward securing Master Harry's equipment?"

He went to the cupboard, from which he procured a bundle of rolled cloths. Layer after layer was unwound, and finally he drew from the wrappings a gun such as I had never seen before. It was long in the barrel, well-stocked, yet very light and handy.

"You may exclaim over it, Master Harry," remarked Juggins as he surrendered it into my admiring hands; "but you can have no idea of its value until you have seen it tested in the great forests, where a man's life depends upon the swiftness and accuracy with which he can shoot. I learned that in my own youth, and so when I returned to London I had this gun made for me by the king's own gunsmith, after plans I drew for him. There is none other like it."

"And it is for me?" I asked, delighted as a child with a new toy. "What better use could it have?" he replied. "Oh, yes; and these go with it."

He brought from the same cupboard a shot-pouch of beaded deerskin and a powder-horn, ornamented with dull silver that would not catch the light. Also a belt of hide from which there hung in sheaths a delicately balanced hatchet and a long, broad-bladed knife.

"These you will discover no less useful than the gun," he explained, drawing the weapons from their coverings. "This which you call a hatchet is the tomahawk of the Indians, used for fighting at close quarters and for throwing. This other is the scalping knife, and a deadly blade it is, too. You will feel them strange at first, but among my friends in New York there is a Dutchman named Corlaer who will instruct you in the ways of the wilderness."

Author of PORTO BELLO GOLD, Etc. (By Brentano's) WNU Service



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will be no longer a fugitive from justice. So he not disheartened.

"And how could I be disheartened," I demanded, as I set her down, "with two friends such as I may boast of?"

"There was a mist before my eyes, and I was not sorry when Juggins broke in upon our farewells."

"Aye, John Waterman will be waiting us at the Temple stairs, and we have little time to spare if we are to get aboard before the other passengers. This De Veulle would recognize you I fear, even in this disguise."

"I could not forbear a grimace at the reference to my get-up, a linsay-woolsey shirt, with homespun jacket and breeches and a bobbed scratch-wig, the whole designed to give me a rustic appearance, which there can be no doubt that it did."

"Never mind, Master Harry," admonished Juggins as he clapped an ugly beaver of ancient style upon my head. "In New York you will rig yourself in forest-runner's garb, and forget that you ever played the bumpkin. Give granny a last kiss, and—"

She flew at me, light as a bird; her arms clasped momentarily about my neck; I felt her kiss on my cheek; and then she was gone from the room. I may as well say here that I never saw her again, although many a night as I lay under the stars I was to remember her quaint ways, her sweet, shrill voice and loving smile.

But I had no opportunity for such thoughts as Juggins and I hurried through the streets toward the river, where a wherry was awaiting us. All the way he kept up a running fire of last-minute advice and instructions.

"Guard well the letters I have given you, the one to Corlaer no less than those to Governor Burnet and Master Coiden. Corlaer, though he be only a rude, unlettered woodsman, is none the less of importance in the wilderness country. He hath the confidence of the Indians of the Six Nations, a mighty tribe, or rather confederacy of tribes, Master Harry. I have writ as strongly as a man may to Governor Burnet, but I would have you say to him all that you can think of to urge him all to a vigorous course. 'Tis an hour for half-way measures. We must crush Murray once and for all."

We came presently to Greenwich reach, and steered a passage through the river traffic to the side of the New Venture. Master Abbot, her captain, met us at the rail.

"The young man is not sure of himself afloat, and would seek his berth," said Master Juggins, after the preliminaries had been passed. "As he pleases," agreed Captain Abbot indifferently. "Yare the first aboard, lad, and may choose your quarters. You may bunk with the second mate or one of the other passengers. But no," he corrected himself; "I should have said with one of two of the other passengers. The lady hath a cabin to herself."

"The lady!" I exclaimed. Master Juggins pursed his lips in a soundless whistle.

The Kitchen Cabinet

Promotion comes to him who sticks unto his work and never kicks; Who watches neither clock nor sun To tell him when his task is done; Who toils not by a stated chart, Defining to a jot his part, But gladly does a little more Than he's remunerated for.

SEASONABLE SWEETS Very few, young or old, refuse sweets. Children crave them, and two or three pieces after a meal will satisfy the craving and provide the heat-producing and energy-building elements their young bodies require.

Salt Water Taffy.—Put one and one-fourth pounds of sugar, one and one-fourth pounds of white sirup and one pint of water in a saucepan and stir until boiling begins. Wash down the sides of the saucepan with a damp cloth and continue boiling to the brittle stage. Take from the fire, add a tablespoonful of butter, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of salt and turn out on greased marble or platters. When cool enough to handle, two persons can pull it. Work in the coloring and flavoring while pulling. Cut into small pieces with shears and roll in waxed paper.

Raisin Clusters.—Take two cupfuls of granulated sugar, one tablespoonful of cocoa and one-half cupful of milk. Boil just six minutes, counting the time the bubbling begins. Add a tablespoonful of butter and one cupful of raisins, stir enough to mix and drop by spoonfuls on waxed paper.

Peanut Cream Fudge.—Cook to a soft ball two-thirds of a cupful of cream, two cupfuls of brown sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt and one heaping tablespoonful of peanut butter. Beat until creamy and pour into a buttered tin. Cut into squares.

Peanut Brittle.—Put one cupful of granulated sugar into an iron frying pan and stir until it forms a sirup, push back from the flame and stir in one cupful of peanuts which have been skinned and heated in the oven, add a teaspoonful of butter and a pinch of soda. Turn out as thinly as possible in a greased dripping pan. When cold break into pieces.

Puffed Rice Brittle.—Roll together one cupful of sugar, one-half cupful of water and a teaspoonful of vinegar for five minutes, add two tablespoonfuls of sirup, one tablespoonful of butter, one-half teaspoonful of salt and boll to the brittle stage. Add puffed rice, with peanuts if desired; stir in as thick as possible. Put out in a greased dripping pan to cool.

Orange Pie.—Bake a rich pastry shell and when cool fill with orange jelly. Cover with whipped cream sweetened and flavored and serve cold.

Honey Dishes. Honey is the nectar of flowers gathered by the bees and ripened by them in the hive. The nectar is changed in the honey sac so that it finally becomes delicious flavored honey. Honey being a natural sweet is easy of digestion. Foods prepared from honey will keep better, more moist and better flavored than those prepared from sugar or molasses.

Oberlin Honey Layer Cake.—Take two-thirds of a cupful of shortening, one cupful of honey, three well-beaten eggs, one-half cupful of milk, two cupfuls of flour and one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Bake in layers and fill with whipped cream sweetened and flavored with strained honey.

Honey Tea Cake.—Take one cupful of strained honey, one-half cupful of sour cream, two eggs, one-half cupful of shortening, two cupfuls of flour, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of cream of tartar, a little salt; beat well and bake in a moderate oven.

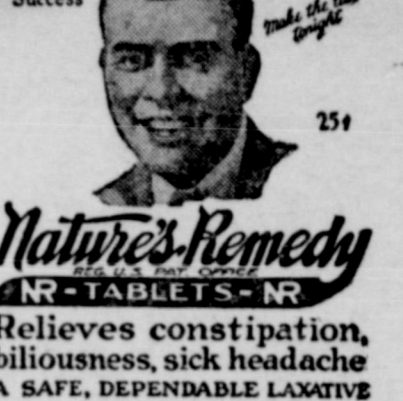
Honey Cookies.—Take one cupful each of honey, sugar, shortening and sour cream, add three well-beaten eggs, a teaspoonful of soda, a teaspoonful of flavoring and flour to roll.

Don't Fuss With Mustard Plasters!

Don't mix a mess of mustard, flour and water when you can relieve pain, soreness or stiffness with a little clean, white Musterole.



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Nature's Remedy. NR-TABLETS-NR. Relieves constipation, biliousness, sick headache. A SAFE, DEPENDABLE LAXATIVE.

American News in India

Under the heading, "American News and Notes," two newspapers in Calcutta have just started to print from two to three columns of happenings in this country each day. The idea is becoming popular among American readers there and the newspapers will seek advertisements from American firms.

DEMAND "BAYER" ASPIRIN

Take Tablets Without Fear If You See the Safety "Bayer Cross." Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for 26 years. Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin. Imitations may prove dangerous.—Adv.

Forest Fires

The figures relating to the forest fires on the middle northern part of the country seem to indicate that while the number of outbreaks has increased, the total damage done is decreased. These figures, declares the forest service, indicate clearly that while progress has been made in fire suppression there is a crying need for better fire prevention, especially as only 1 per cent of fires in the whole ten years were due to lightning, and only 2 per cent were deliberately set.

"O Happy Day" sang the laundress

as she hung the snowy wash on the line. It was a "happy day" because she used Red Cross Ball Blue.—Advertisement.

Throat Tickle?

The exclusive menthol blend soothes dry, irritated, inflamed throats like magic. 5c. LUDEN'S MENTHOL COUGH DROPS

MRS. WINSLOW'S SYRUP

The Infant's and Children's Laxative. Children grow healthy and free from colic, diarrhoea, flatulency, constipation and other trouble if given it at teething time. Safe, pleasant—always brings remarkable and gratifying results. At All Druggists.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

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SKIN BLEMISHES

pimples, blackheads, etc., cleared away easily and at little cost by Resinol

States' Lines Marked by Mason and Dixon

Mason and Dixon's line is the boundary between the states of Pennsylvania and Maryland, from the Delaware border to that of West Virginia. After years of dispute between the proprietors of the Pennsylvania and Maryland colonies, a boundary compromise was arrived at in 1763 and two English surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, were appointed to run the line. This they began in 1763, working westward for four years, by which time they carried their survey over the mountains to a point 244 miles from the Delaware river. Indian hostility made further work impossible at the time, and the line was completed later by others. The whole route was marked by milestones, every fifth one bearing on one side the arms of Lord Baltimore and on the other those of William Penn. The exact latitude of the line is 39 degrees 43 minutes 26.3 seconds north.

In the days of the slavery question, Mason and Dixon's line was often popularly projected westward, the name being given to the boundary between free and slave territory.

Old Reckoning of Time. Fortnight is a contraction of 14 nights. Time was once reckoned by sights and wickets.

Nellie Maxwell

Texas & Texans

By WILL H. MAYES

Reclaiming Bottom Lands.

Owners of overflow valley lands in Texas will be interested in the movement in Lamar and Delta counties to reclaim and put in cultivation about 10,000 acres of bottom lands of the North Sulphur river. These lands as rich as any valley lands in Texas, have been subject to periodical overflows and have grown up in a vast wilderness of trees and undergrowth, making them practically worthless. The river is to be straightened and the land to be cleared and made ready for cultivation—a big undertaking, but well worth the cost of the work. There are hundreds of thousands of acres in Texas which could be converted from waste lands into profitable farms by straightening the streams and by proper leveeing. Individual effort can accomplish little in this work, but district co-operation can work marvels.

New Rio Grande Project.

Almost every week some new irrigation project is started in Texas, filings being made on the streams in most cases by corporations and individuals who see possibilities that have been going to waste by failure to use the stream waters. A permit has been granted to a party to irrigate 60,000 acres in Kinney and Maverick counties, the work to begin within 90 days and to be completed in 3 years. It is best for district organizations to be formed and irrigation projects to be financed by the people themselves through bond issues but the policy of the state is to grant these valuable rights to corporate and private interests where the people do not take the steps to utilize the stream waters. There are scores of localities in Texas that will at some early day find they have been indifferent to their own interests in letting the waters of Texas streams pass out of their control.

Spindletop Active Again.

It is strange how oil fields are apparently forgotten for a time and then all at once become more productive than ever. People generally thought that Spindletop oil had about all been discovered. Suddenly the announcement is made that Spindletop operators are bringing in new and richer oil wells. Lately a 9,000 barrel well was brought in there at a depth of 5,100 feet. Most of the oil development in Texas is shallow or semi-shallow. Many oil men say that when the territory is tested throughout the state at the right depths riches in oil will be found of which Texans have never dreamed. But that will require much capital. So long as the big oil companies can find all the oil they need in shallow pools they will hardly sink wells in many places to the 5,000-foot depth.

West Texas Wins.

The West Texas Chamber of

Commerce decided that it would help along the falling Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial by making an exhibit of the resources of that part of the state. Not much was said about it and not a great number of Texans knew anything about it. But the exhibit attracted much favorable attention at Philadelphia and easily won first place in state exhibits and a gold medal. North Carolina, another of the progressive states of the South, won second place. Ohio coming next, and our neighboring state of Arkansas next. Texas can just about accomplish anything in reason that her citizens earnestly set out to do so. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce did a good advertising stunt for Texas and especially for that part of the state.

New Highway Board.

The sentiment throughout Texas is almost universal for an entirely new highway board in thorough sympathy with the incoming administration and for a board of the best business men obtainable. This board has the distribution and spending of many millions of the taxes of the people of Texas and needs the highest business talent in its membership. Future road building in Texas is going to depend largely on the confidence of Texans in the business ability and integrity of the highway board. Should there be evidence of waste or mismanagement in the building and maintenance of Texas highways after the new administration goes in, there will be very few bond issues voted and very little support for any kind of taxation for the state roads. Texas can not go forward without making progress in road building and can not afford to make mistakes now in the selection of its highway commissioners.

Road Bond Increases.

Already the people are beginning to show that they have confidence that, whatever the blunders of the past may have been, road funds will be judiciously spent in the future. Cameron county is to vote on a \$6,000,000 road bond issue, Floyd county is proposing \$500,000 in bonds. Bond issues are under consideration in many other counties. Eight counties around Houston

have a road organization to cooperate in securing good roads for the entire district and incidentally, to planning for Ralph to make a tour endeavor to get a highway commissioner appointed from that part of the state. Naturally the new commission should be somewhat distributed through the state, but men should be selected who will be above localization and who in all their actions will be governed by the interests of the whole state rather than any section of it.

Hats off To Holcombe.

For the fourth time Oscar F. Holcombe has been elected mayor of Houston. To be mayor of a progressive city like Houston is a responsible position as being governor of Texas and requires as much business ability and even more political integrity, for the people demand much of local officials. Houston has prospered wonderfully under the Holcombe administrations, and the mayor has had a big share in that prosperity.

Co-Operative Farm Market.

The club women of Mitchell county have created and are successfully operating at Colorado the county seat, a farm women's co-operative market at which farm products are sold direct to consumers. The market is locally handled by the clubs of the city without expense to the farm women and in such a way that the best market prices are obtained for such farm products as butter and eggs, fruits and vegetables. Aside from the financial benefits accruing to the farm women, the co-operative market affords a splendid means of uniting town and country women in a worthy co-operative effort.

San Marcos Cotton Mill.

The San Marcos cotton mill, work on which was begun several years ago and was stopped because of failure of the cotton crop in that locality has been granted a permit under the Texas blue sky law to sell \$350,000 of its stock to complete and start the undertaking. The big gingham mill at the neighboring town of New Braunfels is a great success and there is no reason why the San Marcos project should not be equally successful.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

Is It This Week?

DECEMBER 12-18.

If your birthday is this week you have a strong, clear and well-balanced mind. You are forceful and determined and have a great amount of self reliance, much shrewd tact and abilities of the highest quality.

You are ambitious and energetic, and quick to adapt yourself to any surroundings. You are versatile and have much talent in many directions.

You are generous and sympathetic, charitable and tolerant in your judgment of human weaknesses. You have the faculty of making and keeping friends, to whom you are always loyal and faithful.

You are a brilliant conversation-

alist, an excellent mimic and very witty. You have a quick, but not vengeful temper.

Men born during these dates become salesmen, merchants, manufacturers, general business executives, lawyers and judges. Women born during these dates become teachers, musicians, secretaries, saleswomen and nurses.

Dr. Frank Crane Says

HOME COOKING IS IMPORTANT

"If your wife can't cook," says a

restaurant sign, "don't divorce her. Eat here and keep her for a pet."

Wives who can't cook have been the object of a fusillade of criticism of late.

Both the evils of drunkenness and divorce are said to have been tracked back to inefficient kitchens.

A learned English medical man declares, "If all young women were taught to cook properly there would be much less drunkenness in the world."

On divorce, a woman's club speaker says, "Delloatessen wives, who

buy meals out instead of cooking them themselves, are the cause of the increase in divorces."

One of the most rapid changes taking place today is in the way we eat.

In the past ten years the restaurants have more than doubled in the City of New York. They now serve six million meals every day.

Royal S. Copeland, former Health Commissioner of New York, predicts that in a very few decades one will be eating home-cooked food.

Come to Friona!

To the Public:

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OUR BIG HOLIDAY SALE

In shaping our Holiday Stock this year, we bought liberally in all lines that our customers might have a good assortment to select from. In several lines we went unusually **STRONG** in order to get the very lowest prices from quantity buying, and our regular prices are lower than you will find usually in other stores on the same class of merchandise. In checking over, we find that we are overstocked in several lines, particularly in Diamonds and Ladies' Wrist Watches.

We Must Reduce These Lines

We have decided that the best way is to cut prices to the very bottom. In order to help move the lines where we are overstocked, we are going to give big discounts on every line of merchandise in our store, except a few contract articles.

Diamonds

Last week we put on a special on Diamonds that moved a lot of this merchandise, and in order to give our diamond customers a further opportunity to buy diamonds cheap, we are going to place on sale Lot. No. 2. This consists of about 72 diamonds in the latest style rings, in single stones, and fancy dinner rings. We also have a good assortment of the latest styles in Diamond Bar Pins. These diamonds range in price from about \$200 down. We also carry a bunch of loose stones in larger sizes, and can make some good prices if you want a larger stone. Our prices here will average about one-third off regular price:

\$200.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$135.00
\$175.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$120.00
\$150.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$100.00
\$125.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$ 85.00
\$100.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$ 65.00
\$ 75.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$ 50.00
\$ 50.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$ 33.00
\$ 40.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$ 27.50
\$ 30.00 Diamond Rings, Sale Price	....	\$ 20.00

You can get a nice, good-looking ring from this lot at from 25.00 TO \$50.00.

SILVERWARE

Every homekeeper likes nice Silverware, and if any one of our lines stand out strong it is our Silverware line. We have a big line of fancy holloware and flatware in the standard lines, and our prices during this sale will be of interest to you. We have a splendid line of Knives, Forks, Spoons, and so forth, in Sterling Silver, and we are in a position to make attractive prices.



LADIES' WRIST WATCHES

Here we have an unusual assortment of brand new watches in the latest style cases, and the prices below will convince you that this is a real watch bargain sale. Every one of these watches guaranteed a time keeper. About 100 watches will go in this sale.

\$50.00 Wrist Watches, Sale Price	-----	\$37.50
\$35.00 Wrist Watches, Sale Price	-----	\$27.50
\$25.00 Wrist Watches, Sale Price	-----	\$18.50
\$20.00 Wrist Watches, Sale Price	-----	\$12.85

This is a line of watches we have sold for years, and is one of the very best lines on the market today. Don't overlook this opportunity to buy a wrist watch right. They make nice Christmas presents.



We give our old friends and customers from Friona and Parmer county, as well as the new comers a special invitation to come to see us during this Big Sale.



Bar Pins

This line will average about 1-3 off. Nice, blue white, snappy stones in the latest mountings.

\$170.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$115.00
\$150.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$100.00
\$130.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 90.00
\$105.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 70.00
\$ 90.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 60.00
\$ 80.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 55.00
\$ 60.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 40.00
\$ 40.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 26.00
\$ 30.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 20.00
\$ 20.00 Bar Pins, Sale Price	.....	\$ 13.50

China and Glassware

Our stock here represents the best assortment we have ever had. Dinner sets in China, Tea, Utility and Novelty sets in both China and Glass, with a large assortment of single pieces will be found here, and at prices that will star-tle both the natives and the new comers:

\$60.00 Dinner Sets, Sale Price	.....	\$40.00
\$40.00 Dinner Sets, Sale Price	.....	\$26.00
\$30.00 Dinner Sets, Sale Price	.....	\$22.50
\$20.00 Dinner Sets, Sale Price	.....	\$15.00

Here we have lots of Gifts that will last (till you break 'em). Many of our customers find it profitable to look this line over in selecting inexpensive individual gifts.

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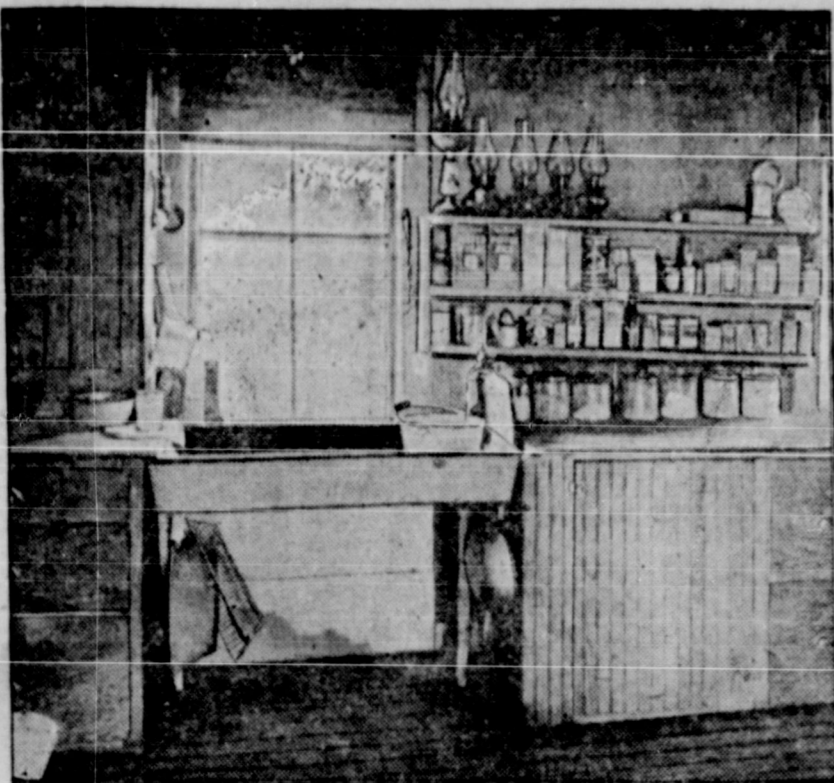
This line includes Purses, Bill Folds, Cigarette Cases, Rings, Cuff Links, and various articles of Jewelry, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Shaving Sets, Vanities, Mesh Bags, Pearls and miscellaneous articles that make splendid gifts —this line will average about one-fourth off.

Don't wait till the last minute to make your selections. "Now is the accepted time," saith the writer of this ad. He is about out of ink, otherwise he would write more at length. However, he will be sticking around to tell you in person the things he couldn't write, when you come in. Everything in our entire stock will be cut in price, except a few contract articles, mentioned above. This Sale will begin Friday, December 17th and continue until January 1st.

W. H. RAY, Manager

Hereford Jewelry Store HEREFORD, TEXAS

KEROSENE IS USED IN MANY RURAL HOMES



Well-Arranged Kitchen on Massachusetts Farm.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In many rural homes kerosene lamps are still a necessity. One of the inescapable daily duties of the homemaker is to see that the lamps are filled, clean, and ready for use, one at least for each room in the house. It is a good plan to have a few extra lamps on hand in case the work of filling those in use has for any reason been postponed.

The actual handling of the kerosene is best done out of doors or in some outside building that will not be marred by the chance spilling of oil, nor affected by its odor. The large kerosene can, funnel, clean rags, and scissors for trimming wicks, as well as pliers for handling them easily, should be kept together in this place in a tray or box. Owing to the danger of fire from oily rags, it is best to discard those which have been used or keep them in tightly closed metal containers.

Care of Lamps.

The reservoir of each lamp should be filled to within an inch of the top and wiped clean. The charred portion of the wick should be rubbed off, the char removed from the wick tube and the burner, and the wick turned down just below the top of the tube.

Uneven wicks should be trimmed a little. The chimney should be cleaned either by rubbing with tissue paper or by washing in hot soapy water, rinsing in clear hot water, and wiping perfectly dry; if there is any moisture on the chimney when the lamp is lit, it will crack. This work is probably best done at the kitchen sink. As it is advisable to bring the lamps into the house when they are filled, so as to avoid going out of doors when one is needed, a shelf near the sink is a good place to keep them until wanted.

Well-Arranged Kitchen.

The illustration, taken by the United States Department of Agriculture, shows a well-arranged farm kitchen in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, which has a shelf for the lamps over the work counter and near the sink. Here the clean chimneys are replaced and the lamps and shades dusted. As basin, soap and towels are also close at hand for greasy hands after the lamps have been attended to, this arrangement saves many steps for the one who has the care of the lamps. It is well to reserve a special towel for use after handling lamps and to wash the hands again before preparing food. Nobody likes the flavor of kerosene.

MASHED POTATO PUFFS ARE GOOD

World of Difference in the Way of Preparing Them.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The most noticeable difference in the food in one home as compared with that of another in similar circumstances is not what goes on the table, but what has been done to it—how it has been prepared, seasoned, cooked, and served. In a given locality almost everybody has the same general foods, but there is a world of difference in the way these are presented to those who eat them.

Take mashed potatoes, for example. Probably there are few common foods served more frequently. In one home they taste absolutely uninteresting. Perhaps they are watery, or lumpy, or not salt enough, or unattractive in color. Another housewife knows how to make mashed potatoes smoothly fluffy and light, creamy with butter and milk as well as perfectly seasoned with salt and pepper, and how to pile the result temptingly in a serving dish, sprinkled with paprika, or topped by a jaunty bit of parsley. She hasn't worked any harder than the first housewife, and although the butter and milk she has used may increase the cost of the dish by a cent or two, the added nutriment thus received by the family is worth the difference, and may make it possible to serve less of something else. The unconscious pleasure in a meal given by an attractive, appetizing dish is one of the factors in good digestion, we are told, and certainly the family eats better and more willingly if the appearance of everything is pleasing.

After preparing mashed potatoes properly, you can make all sorts of variations on the way they look when they come to the table. The cook who must serve white potatoes a great many times in the course of a year may easily appear to be serving something different if she is ingenious. Here is one of these appetizing variations, suggested by the United States Department of Agriculture:

Mashed Potato Puffs.

Begin by making a sufficient amount of mashed potatoes. Allow one and a half or two potatoes for each person, or the amount you generally require. Pare them thinly and cook whole in boiling salted water. Drain them as soon as they can be pierced to the center, or they will absorb too much water and become soggy. The potato water contains part of the nourishment we get from potatoes, particularly the easily dissolved minerals so do not throw it away. Use it as the basis of a soup, or in gravy making. If you make your own bread, you will make the potato water valuable for that.

Put the potatoes through a ricer—not too many at a time—or if you haven't a ricer, mash them thoroughly getting out all the lumps. Measure out the milk, butter and seasonings

over the fire to warm. Use two or three tablespoonfuls of milk for each cup of rice potatoes, and one tablespoonful of butter. Do not get the mashed potato too moist. Make a well in the bowl of potato, and add the milk gradually, beating thoroughly until the whole mass is light and fluffy. You now have mashed potatoes as nearly perfect as you could wish them. They are ready to serve as they are, or to heap in a baking dish to be browned, or to make into potato cakes or soufflé, or to mix with other foods such as hash for a shepherd's pie. The uses are innumerable.

To make potato puff, allow an egg for each three cupfuls of mashed potato, and beat it up without separat-



Mashed Potato Puffs

ing. Fold this lightly into the hot mashed potato, and if you like the puffs very fluffy add a pinch—one-quarter teaspoonful—of baking powder. This is not necessary, however. Drop the mixture by large spoonfuls on a greased baking pan and bake. Start with a moderate oven so that the puffs will rise a little, and then increase the heat. The puffs should be delicately brown on top when done. Brushing them with a little cream or melted butter will help to color them nicely.

Spanish Cream Enjoyed by All Young Children

Spanish cream is one of the most delicious desserts one can make. It is also delicate and easily digested and especially suitable to give to children. As it is necessarily made early in the day to give the gelatin time to set, this dessert is one that the housekeeper will welcome. Many flavors may be used in a Spanish cream, such as chocolate, caramel, butterscotch, almond, orange, vanilla or different fruit flavors.

To make a quart of Spanish cream use one ounce of gelatin to one quart of milk. Put the gelatin to soak in half a cupful of cold water. Add half a cupful of sugar and a fourth of a teaspoonful of salt to the milk and put on to heat in a double boiler. Beat five egg yolks and gradually add the hot milk to them. Mix well, pour back into the double boiler and cook this mixture until it thickens like a soft custard. Then add the softened gelatin to this hot mixture, stir well, strain and cool. Meanwhile beat the five egg whites until light and fluffy. Fold them into the custard after it has begun to set and add a teaspoonful of vanilla. Pour into individual molds, or a pudding dish, wet with cold water, set away to become firm. Serve with cream or a fruit sirup.

THE BLIND MAN

By H. M. EGBERT

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I. THE lonely blind man came slowly along the passage of his big house, thumping his cane. At the door of the parlor he stopped, hearing voices.

The voices ceased. A charming woman came forward and gave the blind man her arm.

"Are you coming in to tea, dear?" she asked.

Charles Hawley, the blind man, gripped her arm tightly. "Who is with you?" he asked.

"Only Lionel," answered his wife. "I don't think—yes, I'll come in and see Lionel," said the blind man.

Lionel Graves had been Hawley's best man at his wedding eight years before. Both were prosperous architects, members of the same firm. Then Hawley had suddenly gone blind. The attack came on him without any warning as he sat at his desk one day. By the time he reached home he lived in a world of darkness.

There was no organic trouble that the specialists could discover. His sight had simply gone out. They pronounced it to be atrophy of the optic nerves, and incurable.

Charles Hawley gave up his work and withdrew into the seclusion of his home. He had plenty of money, he had a charming wife, but the light was gone out of his life as well as out of his eyes. His little daughter, their only child, had died the year before. Life now seemed utterly purposeless.

At first he thought that he would break down under the strain. He grew nervous and despondent. He hired a man to read to him and accompany him abroad, and then he blamed Letty for allowing the care of him to fall into the hands of the attendant. In his increasing suspicion he believed that his wife found him a nuisance. He suspected her of caring for Lionel, his best friend.

As the blind man's eyes closed, his ears opened. He heard every sound in the house, conversations on other flights; he fancied that Lionel was constantly there unknown to him. Gradually his wife and he became estranged. Letty was too proud to question him and withdrew into herself also.

So matters went on for several years. They hardly met now, and Letty's rare approaches were received by Charles with coldness.

II.

"I believe you can be cured," Doctor Abergavenny, the specialist, put down the flash mirror and spoke.

"The trouble is," said Abergavenny, "the optic nerve has ceased to function. But it is intact. There is no atrophy. I think the whole question revolves itself into a case of stimulating it. A few electrical treatments should restore the tone. Then, if your sight returns, it will return completely. I had such a case last month and the treatment proved a success."

"When shall I come to you for treatment?" inquired Hawley.

"I can come to your house."

"No, I prefer to come to you," said Hawley.

"Then let us begin right away," the doctor answered.

After an hour's treatment the blind man was as hopelessly blind as before. He returned daily and the treatments had no result whatever. He grew discouraged.

"When the sight returns it will come like a flash," said the specialist. "I can see an improvement. You may suddenly see—"

"Or I may never see?"

"The oculist admitted that. "There is no use continuing the applications," he said. "If the sight does not come back you might try another course in six months' time. But, frankly, I don't understand why your sight has not come back of its own accord."

Hawley knew that the specialist tacitly admitted failure. He paid him five hundred dollars and went home. And now he began to pray for the gift of sight.

He wanted to look for one moment upon his wife's face when she was with Lionel Graves. For that privilege he felt that he would give ten years of his life. Either he had bitterly wronged her or he was deeply wronged.

Lionel continued to be their visitor. He and Letty were alone a great deal. Hawley did not know how much. Sometimes he fancied that he passed a waiting figure in the hall, or on the stairs. He read guilt into his wife's voice, he wondered where she went when she was out of the house. He grew more and more irritable, and at last dismissed his attendant, declining his wife's offers of assistance. He was completely cut off from the world. He lived like a hermit in an upper room of his big house.

III.

Charles Hawley saw! He awoke one morning to discover that vision had come back to him completely. He sprang out of bed and ran to the mirror. He looked with amazement upon the gaunt, haggard man, with lined face and graying hairs who stared at him out of the mirror.

His first impulse of joy was to tell his wife. His second was to restrain that motive. He felt that at last his chance had come.

He made his way downstairs, tapping with his cane as usual. He saw his wife for the first time in years. He noticed that she, too, seemed to have aged.

"Dear, I am thinking of going out for the afternoon," she said to him.

He nodded as if he did not see her, though his eyes scanned her face.

"I have some shopping that must be done," she continued. "Is there anything I can do for you?"

"Nothing," he answered.

From his window upstairs he watched her leave the house after luncheon. As soon as she was in the street he slipped on his overcoat and put on his hat. He followed her. Ashamed and yet determined to probe her acts, he dogged her footsteps on the opposite side of the street.

She hired a taxicab and he took another, ordering it to drive in pursuit. As he had suspected, it stopped at Graves' house. Letty went in.

Charley Hawley waited in the door of a big apartment house opposite. He never took his eyes from the door till Letty and Graves came out.

They walked for blocks, and always the man who had been blind followed them.

They were approaching a suburban district and it was beginning to grow cloudy. Hawley wondered why they still walked on together.

They turned into a little yard that led toward a church. On one side was the building, on the other the graveyard. It was an old parish church which had stood there for nearly a hundred years—since the days when the metropolis was only a distant blur on the sky line, and this an independent village.

Hawley remembered what was familiar about this church. He had been married here. And—their child had been buried here. It was only a few years before, but the time that had passed since then seemed infinite.

They were approaching the grave of the child. Hawley clenched his fists. Anywhere but there, he thought. If they had gone anywhere but there.

They were so absorbed in their conversation that they did not hear him approaching; nor might they have recognized him in the shabby, muffled man who glided into the doorway behind them.

Hawley's sharp ears could now hear their conversation.

"She was all that united us," Letty was saying.

"It was good of you to bring me here. I appreciate your confidence and understand how much it means to you," said Lionel.

"If only Charles could understand what he means to me. I have tried so hard to regain his love, and it means nothing at all to him. While our little girl lived he cared for me; but since she died and he has become blind he cares for no one. And I would give my whole heart to comfort him."

"Yes," said Lionel. "I don't know what can be done—except to wait and hope."

"I ought not to have told you this," went on Letty. "I should never have told anyone but you, and that only because you are his only friend."

"Was," said the other. "I have felt that I hold that friendship no longer." Letty turned her eyes on him; and suddenly Hawley, with bursting heart, realized that neither of them understood the suspicions that had been in his heart. He had been blind—blind, not only with his physical but with his moral faculties.

He stepped out from the porch. They turned and stood amazed at his appearance. Charles drew his wife to his heart.

Green First Favored for American Flag

The United States flag narrowly missed being a banner of green bearing some sort of a symbolic design, instead of the Stars and Stripes, wrought in red, white and blue. Several green flags made their appearance after the break with England, one of the most striking with a banner carrying a union of white with a circle of 13 links of an endless chain, with an outer circle of 13 mailed fists, emerging from clouds and grasping the 13 links. In the center of the links was a green pine tree on a blue field. It was carried by a Newburyport (Mass.) company.

Green also was the color of the Pine Tree flag and the so-called Liberty Tree flag. Massachusetts, in 1776, prescribed green and white as the uniform of its sea officers, and the marine committee of the Continental congress, in Philadelphia, in the same year, decided upon a green coat, with waistcoat and breeches edged with green for officers of the new American navy, relates the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The Culpepper minute men, of Virginia, wore green hunting shirts and the Georgia rangers carried a banner of green and white stripes, but despite this sentiment in favor of green, the Continental congress, June 14, 1777, adopted the colors red, white and blue, and those have been retained since.

Chinese "Venice"

Soochow, China, has been called the Venice of the East because of the many canals with which it is intersected. There are 12 canals, which cross each other every quarter of a mile, and these in turn are connected with the outlying country by smaller canals. The Grand canal, on which Soochow is built, is said to be the longest artificial waterway in the world. It is nearly a thousand miles in length and runs from Hangchow to Tientsin. It is considered one of the greatest works of engineering on earth.

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Friona High School

CHATTER

Volume I, No. 5

The Junior class entertained the Senior class at the home of Mary Reeve on December 5th, at 7:00 o'clock. The members of both the classes met, and the entertainment committee of the Junior class furnished them with lots of fun. The evening was spent in playing games that were of interest to all. At about 11 o'clock refreshments were served by the refreshment committee, and all went home saying they had had a nice time. Opal Wimberley, Mary Spring, Bethel Hix, Arvis Hughes and Fay Williams were unable to attend the party. Both the classes missed them and wished they could have been present.

The Chatter last week was written by the Seniors. Only half of the class contributed, however, because part of the material was taken to the Star office too late. The other classes, Sophomores, the Juniors and Freshmen, are planning to edit the Chatter on different weeks after the Christmas holidays.

The Seniors have a name for their literary club. They have decided to call it the American Literary Club. Their next meeting will be held today. The last meeting was very interesting. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Charles Coneway gave a report on "Marshes of Glen." Chick Schlenker gave a discussion of Lanier's life, and Mary Spring criticized the authors' work. Floy Goodwine then gave a report of "Spring" by Timrod. Nellie Clark discussed his life and Escher Reeve criticized his work. The next number reported on was "Aspect of the Pines," by Ocho Whitefield. While Howell then discussed the author's life and Opal Wimberley criticized his works. The meeting then adjourned.

The Sophomore class gave a party Thursday evening, December 9, at the home of Hadley Reeve. The first game played was called Alphabet. Letters of the alphabet were given to the members of both sides. Words were then called out. The side which got the most words spelled first won the contest. Jokes, such as "going to the doctor," "old maid's conference," "jumping over a chair," and "Fair lady, what have I done?" were played. Refreshments of jello and cakes were served to twenty sophomores and two teachers. Miss Johnnie Price and Miss Fernie Bowman.

Friday evening the Friona girls defeated Farwell girls in a basketball game with a score of 24-20. It was a hard fought game. Several times the Farwell girls were ahead but the Friona girls came out of it and showed their stuff by defeating them. The game was undoubtedly a clean game. Juanita Curry was the outstanding star of the contest, but all the girls played well. The lineup was as follows:

Juanita Curry Alma Newman
Forwards
Floy Goodwine Alice Guyer
Centers
Ota Pritchard Marie Jones
Guards
Wanda Walker substituted for Alice Guyer, who had been ill, in the third quarter. Alice, however, later went back into the game.

Mrs. F. N. Welch is going to entertain the Freshman class Thursday night, the 23rd.

The Freshmen plan to have a fine time Thursday, the 16th. They are going about twelve miles south of town to a "beef stew" picnic.

The Freshmen had a real good time Friday night, December 26th on their moonlight picnic. However they carried their own moonlight.

Irene Campbell: Oh! I wish the Lord had made me a man!
Granville McFarland: He did; I am the man.

Freshman: I'm really angry at Reeve. He tried to kiss me last night.

Senior: Why, I shouldn't condemn him for that.

Freshman: I'm not; he didn't try hard enough.

Chick Schlenker: Mr. Sherer, something is preying on Marilou's mind.

Mr. Sherer: Don't worry; it will die of starvation.

Frank Truitt: Mr. Burson, don't you think that I am cut out for a foot ball player?

Mr. Burson: Yeah; but you ain't put together right.

Mr. Buckner: Charles, have you decided what you are going to write your term theme on?

Charles: Yes, sir; on paper.

Miss Price: I wish the Lord had made me a man!

Mr. Jones: He did, I'm the man.

Miss Johnnie Price is going home Christmas and on her way she will stop in Dallas to visit a friend.

All the teachers are planning for a Christmas and a happy New Year.

"A LITTLE CLODHOOPER" by Walter Ben Hare, an American comedy-drama in three acts, Saturday, December 18, at High School.

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Ocey Gump, a fresh country product, by heck!—Ocho Whitefield
Mrs. Chiggerson-Boggs, his dotting mama, with a smooth scheme—Alice Guyer
George Chiggerson, an innocent little lamb from the city—Mr. H. J. Buckner
Miss Julietta Bean, a Sprinterville boarding house keeper—Arvis Hughes
Charman Carter, who thinks she is a vampire—Bessie Harry
Judy, a Little Clodhopper from the poor house—Estilene Harris
"I wouldn't trade places with a millionaire, Me and my Little Clodhopper." See the Little Clodhopper Saturday night at the high school auditorium, 8:00 o'clock.

"The fellers is kissin's the gals"

West-Way Items

The Sox social at West Way was a grand success. The house hardly held the crowd which attended. Everybody enjoyed the play and about \$70 were realized from the affair. We appreciate everything that was done to help us and especially thank Mr. Barber for auctioneering for us.

West Way is covered with snow at this writing. Things are beginning to take on a Christmas appearance.

As Mr. and Mrs. Franklin have had to give up their little house they have moved to town and are living with Mrs. C. O. Norton.

We had a splendid attendance at Sunday school Sunday. Bro. Brents preached a fine sermon and it was enjoyed by all. A large number of people were out from Hereford and we appreciate their presence.

The cold weather is making it hard on the school children. There are lots of them able to attend by going on the trucks who could not go otherwise.

The room grade for the past two weeks:

	First	Second
	Week	Week
First Grade	99	99
Second Grade	98	99
Third Grade	99	99
Fourth Grade	99	99
Fifth Grade	99	99
Sixth Grade	98	99
Seventh Grade	98	97
Study Hall	98	90
Classroom No. 25	95	83
Classroom No. 26	97	99
Classroom No. 7	96	98

The Sophomore Literary Club had a meeting Friday, December 10, and the following program was given:

Report on "Mother," by Kathleen Norris—Wanda Walker.
Criticism of Norris' work—Blanche Merrill.
Life of Norris—Granville McFarlane.
Report on "The Ballad of the Oyster Man," by Holmes—Irene Campbell.
Life of Holmes—Marie Wilson.
The club had a called meeting last Monday and decided to name the club the "Merry Sophomore Literary Club," or "The Stephen F. Austin Literary Club." The class was unable to get a majority of votes on either name, and they are waiting for Mr. Granville McFarlane to return to school and settle the tie.

LAZBUDDIE STUDY CLUB REPORT.

The Lazbuddie Study Club held its last regular session on December fourth, with Mmes. Pae Allen and Frank Greene as hostesses. We were glad to have with us on this occasion as guests Misses Greta Paul and Burner and Mrs. Lewis, three of the teachers of our school.

At the business meeting the club decided to appropriate \$35 for the purpose of buying playground equipment for the school. Arrangements were made with Mrs. Paul to quilt a quilt to be sold as a Christmas gift at the Christmas sale, Saturday night, December 11. The ladies will also place the prices on the gifts at this time at the home of Mrs. Paul. Quite a number of fine gifts were donated by individuals for the sale.

The program was an interesting one, centering about a short story by O. Henry, directed by Mrs. Joe Paul. The program:

Music, The Eyes of Texas are Upon You, Mrs. R. L. Bledsoe at the piano.
Roll Call, My Favorite Story of O. Henry's.
Paper, Life of O. Henry—Mrs. Cleo Phillips.
Review of his Works—Mrs. Raymond Treider.
Parliamentary Drill—Mrs. Pat Allen.

During refreshments Mrs. Bledsoe favored us with one of her most uplifting talks. Her talk centered about the independent and common districts for our schools. Mrs. Bledsoe reminded us that if we had an independent district we would receive all the taxes, whereas a dependent district does not receive all its tax money but must divide with the state. As the school already is badly in debt, it seems that we need all our tax money. One reason why some are against the independent district is that it will raise taxes too high on their land, which is not yet paid for (the land being paid for by the year). This makes it very hard for this type of farmers to have to pay higher taxes as it is about all they can do to manage their payments each year.

Miss Burney gave a very interesting recitation about a "Small Boy and His Mother at the Museum."

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Walter Menefee.

REPORTER.

He Has Reason.

I understand your husband can't meet his creditors?

Neighbor—Well, I don't think he cares to, from what he says.

Out of the Question.

Doctor—And how is Mr. Mulasky this morning? Did he follow my instructions about dieting?

Indade no! He says he'll never starve himself to death for the sake of livin' a few years longer?

Obliging.

Father entered unexpectedly and found the music master kissing his daughter.

I say! Is this what I pay you for?

No, sir! I do this free of all charge!

NEWS WANTED.

The Star is very anxious to have a regular correspondent from each town or community in the county or from neighboring counties whose business and social interests are connected with those of Friona and vicinity.

We have arranged for correspondents at Rhea, Bovina, West Lazbuddie and Lazbuddie, and will be especially pleased to have a regular correspondent at Farwell, Black, Homeland and Jesko.

We want the news of crop and weather conditions, land sales, arrivals and departures, either on visits or permanently, school news, births, marriages, and all general and social news. Make your items snappy and get all of them. You will enjoy reading them and so will your neighbors. There is no better plan for the different communities throughout the territory to keep in touch with each other than through the columns of the local paper.

Send in your correspondence with your name as correspondent and the Star will be pleased to furnish you with all necessary stationery.

Come to Friona!

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Pritchard, who spent the past three weeks visiting in Oklahoma and Breckenridge, Texas, returned last week in a new car, and were accompanied home by Mrs. E. E. Gandy and son, Larry, of Breckenridge, who will remain as their guests until after Christmas. Mrs. Gandy is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Lange were business visitors in Clovis last Saturday.

Efton Berry, of Clovis, New Mexico, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Berry this week.

Orval Knight, Jewel Frieder and Shorty Ivey, of Lazbuddie, were visiting in Friona Sunday.

Bill Hicks, of San Saba, Texas, is visiting his brothers, Frank and Bob Hicks and families, here.

Elton Hicks visited his mother at the Baptist Hospital at Clovis Wednesday.

Leon Means, who has been associated with the Hicks Oil Company here, returned to his home at San Saba, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilkerson left Thursday for Tipton, Oklahoma, where they will visit Mrs. Wilkerson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bledsoe and son, Jimmie, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. W. E. Bledsoe, spent Saturday and Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bledsoe at Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

Jim Bledsoe spent last week at Abernathy.

Half and Half.

How did you come out on your hunting trip?

Oh, we broke fifty-fifty.

How's that?

Well, we shot two hunters and two rabbits.

Come to Friona!



TO OUR FRIENDS:
Every Good Wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May your Suit be NEW, Clean and Neatly Pressed, Your Cuffs and Collars be Clean and Glossy, and your Face Smooth.

JONES Barber & Tailor Shop

I see where the bank is looking for a cashier.
I thought they hired one last week.
That's the one they're looking for.

TREES FOR FRIONA COUNTRY.

Every few days one may see at the depot a considerable sized shipment of nursery stock, consisting mostly of fruit and shade trees.

We consider this one of the surest signs of the future prosperity of the country that has yet been shown. When each farmer has planted a goodly number of fruit and shade trees about his home and they have taken on a year or more of growth, he will find he has made his homestead attractive and so profitable that he will be loathe to leave it or dispose of it.

Each farmer thus become a permanent dweller in this great Plains Country and will be found to be thoroughly satisfied with his location and surroundings and will be putting forth every intelligent effort to make his farm and home the ideal of the community for financial progress and personal satisfaction to himself and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Berry had as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Newman, parents of Mrs. Berry.

Mr. and Mrs. Coneway and son, Paul, visited in the O. E. Savage home Sunday.

WANTS COWS AND HENS.

Mr. Blewitt, a farmer recently located south of Friona, was in town Saturday in quest of some good milk cows and some hens.

Mr. Blewitt did not seem to be particular as to the breed of hens he would buy; his main requirement being that they lay hen eggs. He means to accumulate a number of good milk cows and a flock of hens from which he proposes to make his living.

A Friona citizen, hearing Mr. Blewitt express his plans, remarked that when a man planned thus, he is here to stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Berry visited with Mr. Berry's parents at Clovis Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. W. Y. Buchanan left for Hereford Tuesday where she will visit her son, J. D., for about two weeks and from there will go to Fort Worth where she will be joined by her husband who is now at Hot Springs, New Mexico. They will spend the winter in Fort Worth.

Smoky Price, Floyd Horton and Henry Wilford were Clovis visitors Sunday.

STORK-O-GRAM.

Born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hart, a daughter, Wanda Pearl. The Hart home is a mile and one-half north of town. Both the mother and daughter are getting along fine.

I wonder which would drop from exhaustion first if a real estate agent and a motor car salesman tried to make a sale to each other?

CLASSIFIED

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Horse mule and mare mule, four years old, black, no blemishes, wearing halters; left my lot 8 miles south of Friona, December 2. Notify OSCAR POPE, Friona, Texas. Reward.

FOR SALE—Eight good Duroc gilts; all bred to farrow in March. See ALBERT HART, two miles south of Black.

WANTED—To trade a good gray horse and gray mare for cows or calves. See G. W. DAVISON, three miles east of Friona.

OUR STORE IS STILL

The Christmas Shopper's Delight

—WISHING A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL—
THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER'S DELIGHT

A complete line for your Christmas shopping, including Nuts, Candies, Fruits, Toys—and lots and lots of things for the little fellows; also

A NICE LINE OF PRETTY AND SERVICEABLE ARTICLES WHICH ONLY "SHE" OR "HE" WILL APPRECIATE!

See Our Line of Christmas Greeting Cards.
A FRESH CAR LOAD OF THAT GOOD GREAT WEST FLOUR JUST RECEIVED.

—Buy It At—
WEIR'S

To All Our Patrons and Friends:

Greetings and Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas, With a Bright and Happy New Year!

"THE YULE TIDE"

—Will be bright and cheerful if the home is warm and cozy. But no matter how favorable all other conditions may be, there will be little pleasure in the "Yuletide" if the stinging cold is allowed to sweep in through openings caused from a poor grade of material. OUR MATERIALS ARE A-1 AND OUR WORKMEN ARE FIRST CLASS, AND OUR TERMS ARE SATISFYING. TRY THEM!

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