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## The Spirit Within

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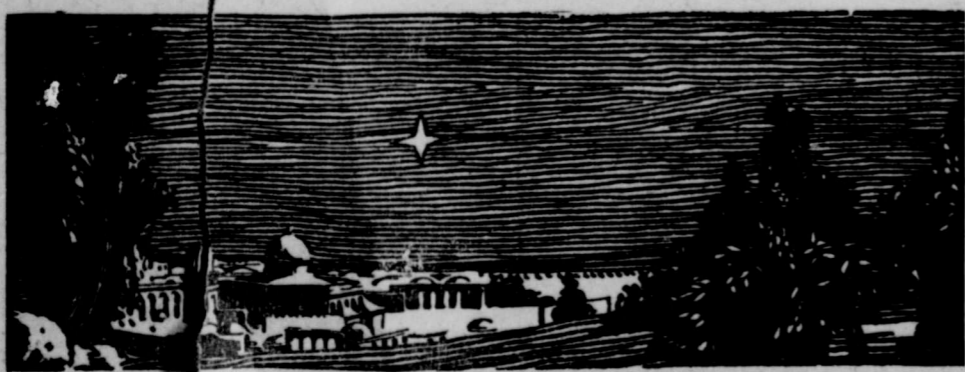
Jesus of Nazareth... who went about doing good.

Some are an-hungered, some athirst,  
Some are borne down with heavy woe,  
Some are of sin and shame accursed,  
But in the Eve-star's heaven-glow  
All are befriended, each has heard  
Messages that bid him rejoice.  
We are the ones that speak the Word—  
Brother, my brother, it is His voice.

We go a-shuddering to the door  
Sorrowing over all the want,  
Giving the gifts brought of our store  
Into the hands by pain made gaunt.  
Nay, 'tis not ours that find the way  
Into the dark and noisome street,  
Bringing the cheer of Christmas day—  
Brother, my brother, it is His feet.

Child lips to laughter alien-strange  
Show us a miracle in this while,  
When over them there comes a change—  
When for the once they know a smile.  
Baubles we bring are jewels fair  
Found in the distant wonderlands.—  
Think you 'tis we who bring them there?  
Brother, my brother, it is His hands.

Pulsing to us through the centuries  
Murmurs forever in one deep key,  
"As ye have done it to one of these  
So have ye done it unto Me."  
Give as we can, and gladly, too—  
Out of the soul does the impulse start.  
What is the throbbing in me and you?  
Brother, my brother, it is His heart.



The third number of the Lyceum course, under the auspices of the High School, given at Baptist Church, was a delightful success. Homer T. Wilson a lecturer of an unusual type; a pleasing personality; a gifted orator whose beautiful and vivid pictures thrill his audience and who carries you away from yourself and the cares of the day. It makes you weep with those who weep, laugh with those who laugh, and his

pointed practical illustrations will make every boy and girl, man and woman better in thought and deed from having heard the excellent lecture he gave Monday evening—"Sparks from the Anvil."

Mr. Louis Schumacher, Lake Arthur, died of tuberculosis Sunday. Mr. Owen McClay, of Artesia, went Monday morning to attend to the funeral arrangements.

### CHRISTMAS.

The most joyous time of the year is with us again. A time when every heart beats with a new joy, a new hope; faces are brighter, smiles are sweeter, and the childish laughter and glee on every side make one glad acclaim of cheerfulness.

Christmas is a time to rejoice, a time to be glad and to sing "Peace on earth good will to men," for Christmas is the birthday of our King and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we send our Christmas gifts far and near, bringing joy and gladness to many hearts, let us not forget the dear little babe that in a manger lay so many years ago, and let us remember that angels sang and wise men brought their gifts to Him that day, for he was indeed their King. Oh, he is the King of the ages.

So at this joyous Christmas-tide may one and all remember God's unspeakable gift to us, and let us bring to Him the best gift, the truest gift, the only gift for which He pleads—yourself—a true, noble man, woman, boy or girl—for Christmas is gift-giving time, and 'tis better to give than receive.

EDITH TULLIS.

Miss Lora Williams came up Saturday from Carlsbad and spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. D. R. Meade, of Berryville, Va., has arrived here to make his home. He has purchased the Talbot and Lowry farm north of Artesia. He intends to put out a great many fruit trees and otherwise improve the place. Mr. Meade is a genial gentleman and desirable citizen. The Advocate welcomes him to Pecos Valley.

Rev. Homer T. Wilson was a regular Christian preacher in Texas for a number of years before taking the field as a lecturer. He is a friend of Rev. W. A. Dawson pastor of the Christian church here, so was prevailed upon to preach at the Christian church Sunday night. There was a large and appreciative audience to hear the able, eloquent and heart-stirring sermon by Rev. Homer T. Wilson. Monday morning he also spoke to the school children of Artesia.

Mr. W. M. Wagley and family who have lived one mile west of the city in their pretty country home for several years, go this week to Altus, Okla., to live. They leave in Artesia a host of friends who wish for them all success and happiness in their new home. They will be greatly missed from the Baptist church where they were all active members. Artesia loses a most excellent family, but Altus gains.



Nix White, the young man whose arm was amputated last week, is still in Lakewood and is getting along nicely. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. White, are with him and contemplate moving him to their home south of Artesia as soon as the weather will permit.—Lakewood Progress, 15th inst.

There were numerous people from a distance in Artesia the past week buying their Christmas goods. The large and select stocks of goods carried by our business men drew the trade here, after telling the people about it though the Advocate.

The Eastern Star will give a treat to the poor this Christmas and all who desire a part in this worthy work will please leave their donation at Mr. A. C. Keinath's office.



THE NATIVITY





"Hello, is that you, Mother! Merry Christmas!"

"Thank you, Son, a Merry Christmas to you and yours. How's baby?"

"Fine, right here at my knee; says 'tell Drama Merry Christmas for me.'"

"Bless you all! It's so thoughtful of you to call me up---the next best thing to having you with me is the sound of your voice."



"The sound of your Voice"---that's the keynote. Make some loved one happy this glad Christmas Day by "the sound of your voice." Call up mother, wife, sister or sweetheart over the Long Distance lines and wish her Merry Christmas. Do your part to make someone happier by "the sound of your voice" and we'll do ours.

## We'll Stand Half the Expense!

For messages of Christmas cheer on Christmas morning from 8 to 12, we'll cut in half the toll rates over our lines.

**THE MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.**

### Beef Trust Hard Hit.

London.—The British government has decided to exclude the American meat packers against whom prosecutions have been instituted in the United States from tendering

for contracts for the supply of meat to the British army and navy, pending the settlement of the suits.

The decision of the government is due to the opposition of labor and advanced radical

members of parliament to the American trusts.

The contracts given out by the war office which had hitherto been secured by American firms are now expected to go to Argentine meat packers.

Alfred R. Urion, of counsel

for Armour & Co., said later; "Great Britain's action cut off our largest market for canned meats, which amounted to millions of pounds annually. There is no demand in this country which will equalize the loss which seems greater because every pound of canned meat represents two pounds of fresh meat."

### Shooting Show Girls Free.

New York, Dec. 15.—A verdict of "not guilty" was returned late today, freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for shooting the millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor, W. E. D. Stokes.

### Election Returns.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Although the official canvassing board has completed Valencia, the last of the twenty-six counties, yet it is still far from announcing the final result as many exceptions taken against precinct returns must be disposed of. The election judges of Clayton, Union county were summoned to sign the returns from that precinct but refused to do so, saying that the election was irregular and that intimidation prevailed on election day. This is a very large precinct and should it not be counted, it would defeat the progressive candidate for a supreme court justiceship and also a democratic candidate for district judge, who would have been otherwise elected.



**A Christmas Lesson.** If the full meaning of Christmas time and its message of good will and all-embracing charity has not come to you, a stroll through the poorer quarters of a city, or falling that, a glance at such a picture as this—photograph of a scene in the New York ghetto—should bring the lesson home. It is the children's season, but the children of the poor often have little part in it. They cannot so much as hope for the beautiful toys displayed in the windows of the big shops, and even the modest stock of the push-cart man is beyond the means of many of these little ones.

### When You Trade at My Store

You do not pay for lost accounts, as I buy for cash and sell for cash. You pay for what you get, you get what you pay for. You will always find plenty of bargains at my store. See me before you buy, it will pay you.

Yours for business

### New and Second Hand Store

H. W. MOORE.

### TREES. TREES.

Best Apple, Peach, Pear, Plum, Grape, etc., etc. Adapted to the Pecos Valley, in best tried Commercial Varieties.

Place your order now, or write for price list.

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This issue of the Advocate is a real Christmas edition and contains much that is appropriate for this hallowed occasion.

Be as liberal to the poor as you can so that they too may feel some of the good cheer expected to be abroad in the land Christmas times.

The Advocate wishes its readers and other patrons a happy Christmas. It also trusts that Santa Claus will be bountiful in his gifts to them.

The Advocate issues eight pages today instead of the four usually put out. There will be only one issue this week and next, each dated Saturday, so that the force may have a little respite for Christmas. Beginning with January 3, 1912, the Advocate will resume the twice-a-week issues.

The Beef Trust packers howl like whipped curs when they are discriminated against—the kind of bitter dose they are giving the American people all of the time. Because of the protest on the part of labor in England, that government refuses longer to accept bids from the Beef Trust packers of this nation. This incenses the packers and they want to submit their trouble to the Hague tribunal. That body has nothing to do with such questions. If this supposed free government was as truly representative of the masses of the people as monarchical England, there would be no trusts here to oppress and rob the consumers.

**To  
Late  
Holiday  
Buyers**

**There Is Still Time To  
Secure the Choicest  
of Christmas  
Wares**

We are Headquarters for Holiday Goods and we design to keep a full stock up to the last minute in order that we may give our customers the most Perfect Service.

Inspect our PLAINLY-MARKED Prices, our 24-Karat Values, and convince yourself that our way is the best, no Credit Store Prices Here, only prices that appeal to the man of limited means will be found at our house; you can buy a present for the entire family here at a price that you will have to pay for a single present at most other places.

**A Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year  
TO ALL  
The Big Racket  
Department Store**

So long as the republican party is in control of this government the trusts will not suffer. Pre-tense at their dissolution does not hurt the trusts. The imprisonment of the heads of these trusts would be the most effective way to break them up.

**"The Holy City."**  
Thursday night of this week will be "red letter" night in the musical history of Artesia, the night when the beautiful Oratoria, "The Holy City" will be given by the combined efforts of a large number of Artesia's musicians. The melodious and sacred music of the solos and choruses are especially appropriate at this Christmas tide and will thoroughly prepare the hearts of all listeners for the advent of the holy festival of our Lord's Nativity. Being given in the splendid auditorium of Western College, the music will be heard, to the very best advantage of the voices, and in the greatest comfort by the audience. Let none remain at home because of the distance or inclement weather for busses will be run free of charge between the Gilbert Studio and Western College, from seven to eight o'clock. The admission is fifty cents, no extra charge for reserved seats. The most liberal entertainment ever offered the people of this town, and quite the best ever produced by any local talent.

Mesdames Bertha Cohen and Jo Jacobson have issued invitations for a reception at the Jacobson home, Thursday, December 28th.

Mrs. T. E. Hinshaw, of Lake Arthur, was a pleasant caller at the Advocate office Monday, renewing her subscription to this paper for a year.

Frank Oliver leaves this week to spend the holidays in Texas, and from there will go to St. Louis to accept a position with Simmons Hardware Co.

Will Kanaly has located in Nebraska. Mrs. Kanaly will leave this week to join him, going by way of Kansas City to spend the holidays with relatives.

Presbyterian Sunday school will give an excellent Christmas program Monday evening at the church. Christmas stories, songs; also the stereoptican views of the "Life of Christ" will be an enjoyable feature.

Edward Stone, the boss jeweler of Artesia and the Pecos valley, and alround genial gentleman, was here this week on business, and was the guest of his good friend E. F. Cooper. —Penasco Valley Press, 15th inst.

The Christian Sunday school will render a Christmas program at the Christian church Monday evening, which will be an excellent one, and be a delight to old and young. Each one attending is requested to bring some gift for the poor.

Percy Noodles says that the meanest man he knows is a fellow whose wife quit making him go to church because he got into the habit of enthusing over a girl in the choir who was pretty and knew it.

**CHRISTMAS  
TREES  
and Christmas  
Decorations**

We have Trees from  
**25 Cents to \$3.50**

Also Holly and Evergreen  
Wreathes.

Place your order now for your  
Christmas Tree.

We as usual have an extra big stock of Christmas Candies, Fruits, Nuts etc. as well as all of the good things to eat that can be found on the market.

**RING 46**

We can supply your Christmas  
want.

**Joyce-Pruit Co.**

Remember to aid the needy by sending anything you can to the W. C. T. U. at Artesia Mercantile Co.

J. M. Addington has leased Gibson Hotel and will run it in connection with Hotel Ad. At the former place in the store room on Main street, he will have a short order stand and lunch counter. This restaurant room has been connected with the upstairs and bed rooms by a stairway. At the lunch counter you can get anything you want to eat at all hours—day or night.

We do not pretend to be much of a mind reader, but when we see a lady hurrying down town with a \$10 bill in one hand and an advertisement in the other we know that she is thinking of doing some shopping.

**Christmas Talk**

Christmas brings good cheer. Why? The tokens and ties of love and friendship are renewed at Christmas time. Let your gift be one that expresses your deepest love to your friends—A gift that lasts. Our cases are full of

- Watches.
- Jewelry.
- Rings.
- Manacure Sets.
- Silverware.
- Cut Glass.
- Toilet Sets.

They are Goods of Quality. Prices Right.

We wish you a Merry Christmas.

**Edward Stone**

The Jeweler

**McWhorter  
Candy Company**

Wholesale and Retail Manufacturers of

**ICE CREAM  
and CANDY**

Everything in Candy, Fruit,  
Nuts and Cigars for : : :

**CHRISTMAS**

We appreciate the liberal patronage given us during the past year and trust that we may have a continuance of same.

**Now For A Sane Christmas**

**BUY USEFUL GIFTS**

At Any Rate Let Us Show You

**Brainard - Corbin Hardware Co.**

# A SANE CHRISTMAS

Rockers,  
Parlor Suits,  
Music Cabinets,  
Doll Carts,  
Shaving Cabinets,  
Library Cabinets.



A practical gift for your wife.



Useful, Beautiful and  
Appropriate Christmas  
Gifts for the Home.

The Gifts Purchased at  
Our Store will Promote the  
"Christmas Spirit"  
in your home 365 days in the  
year.

Your selection will be a  
good one if you choose from  
our store. A store with sensi-  
ble Gifts.



Saves miles of steps.

## McClay's Furniture Store

### LOCALS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Ed Stone wants to see me.  
Miss Lillian Major, instruc-  
tor in Tapestry Painting.  
When you want job work  
call at the Advocate office.  
A most beautiful display of  
rings, all sizes, at Ed Stone's.  
Notary Public in office Arte-  
sia Abstract Co., Sipple bldg.  
**FOR RENT**—3-room plaster-  
ed house close to Public school  
2t Address P. O. box 402.  
The public school will take a  
holiday recess on Thursday of  
this week and resume on New  
Years' day.

Furnished rooms at Mansion.  
For typewriting see Mrs. Imo  
Millhuff at Mansion, phone 131.  
Insure your hay in the barn  
or field, with Swepton &  
Daughterly. Office Sipple bldg.  
The Ladies Aid society of the  
Presbyterian church will meet  
Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with  
Mrs. Linell.  
Notary public in office at all  
times. Artesia Abstract Com-  
pany. Office Sipple bldg.  
The Baptist Sunday school  
will have a Christmas tree and  
program at the church Satur-  
day evening.  
Finish your Christmas pur-  
chases as soon as you can so  
that the clerks may have a lit-  
tle rest to enjoy the holiday  
season.

Abstracts of title prepared on  
short notice. Artesia Abstract  
Co. Office Sipple bldg.  
The Methodist Sunday school  
will have a Christmas Tree and  
an enjoyable program at the  
church Monday evening.  
Western College will turn  
out on Wednesday for the holi-  
days. Most of the pupils will  
go home during that time.  
We write Fire Insurance of  
all kinds. Swepton & Daugh-  
erty, office Sipple bldg.  
Henry Cohen, of Oklahoma  
City, has arrived in Artesia to  
spend the holidays with his  
mother Mrs. Bertha Cohen.  
Mr. John B. Enfield cashier  
of the State National Bank, re-  
turned Saturday evening from  
a business trip to Oklahoma.

The Westminster choral club  
of the Presbyterian church will  
give a New Year's concert at  
the church New Year's evening.  
We have a copy of 1910 and  
1911 Tax Records in our office,  
Artesia Abstract Company,  
Office Sipple bldg.  
Miss Katherine Clarke left  
Tuesday evening for New Or-  
leans to be the guest of rela-  
tives and friends for several  
weeks.  
Mrs. J. H. Jackson was the  
charming hostess at a delight-  
ful sewing party last Saturday  
afternoon in compliment to  
Mrs. Boyer.  
Dr. C. Russell goes on a trip  
this week to Tucson, Arizona,  
to spend the holidays with his  
wife, father and sister. He will  
return to Artesia the first week  
in January.

### Notice.

The annual election of the  
board of directors for the Pub-  
lic Library Association will be  
held in the Library room Tues-  
day, January 2, 1912, from one  
till five o'clock p. m.  
MRS. MYRTLE JACKSON, Secy.  
When you want anything in  
Job Work call at this office.

### Home Bakery Christmas Offers.

Order your Christmas cake  
at Home Bakery—any kind.  
We can bake your Christmas  
turkey in style at Home Bakery.  
Call early.  
Stale bread at Home Bakery  
4 and 5c a loaf.  
We will make a big cake to  
give-away. See in window.  
HOME BAKERY.

## ARTESIA Mercantile Co.

SELLS

Dry Goods,  
Clothing,  
Boots,  
Shoes,  
Groceries

for the money there is in it. To do a suc-  
cessful business we realize that Prices  
Must Be Right, have Courteous Clerks  
and Prompt Delivery. We can deliver  
the goods.

## DINNER

Two In One

Sunday and Christmas  
**HOTEL AD**

Where they always have the best to  
eat, served in the most Up-to-Date style.

**You Be There Too.**

# PROMINENT PEOPLE

## NOTED CORRESPONDENT DIES



William E. Curtis, who recently dropped dead from apoplexy in a Philadelphia hotel, was one of the best known and most popular journalists of the present day, and his death came as a shock to his host of friends.

William Elroy Curtis was born at Akron, O., November 5, 1850, and was graduated from Western Reserve college in 1871. On December 24, 1874, he married Cora Kepler at Erie, Pa., at that time and until 1887 being on the staff of the Chicago Inter Ocean. In 1887 he went to Washington as correspondent of the Chicago Record, and remained with that paper in such a connection until 1901, when the union of the Record and the Herald created a new newspaper. Mr. Curtis was retained by the combined papers, however, and was serving as correspondent for the Record-Herald at the time of his death.

During the years 1889 and 1890 Mr. Curtis served as special commissioner

from the United States to the South American republics and acted as executive officer at the international American conference of that year. He was director of the bureau of American republics from 1890 until 1893; and was historical secretary and chief of the Latin-American department of the Columbian Exposition from 1891 to 1893. In 1892 he was special commissioner of the Columbian exposition at Madrid and special envoy to the Queen Regent of Spain and Pope Leo XIII. In 1892.

He was the author of numerous books and historical pamphlets, a member of all the historical societies of this country and of a number of European societies.

## REJECTS TITLED SUITORS

Though her fortune and great beauty call forth persistency on the part of her many titled suitors, Mrs. William B. Leeds has turned them all away and will come back to America to live. She is the youthful widow of the "Tin Plate King," former president of the Rock Island system, a woman whom Tellu, the French artist, enthusiastically testified had 98 of the 100 points that denote physical perfection. She has had a successful social season in London and several offers of marriage, among them being one from Prince Murat, but she wishes to return unfettered to America that she may attend to the education of her son.

Mrs. Leeds wants her eight-year-old son, William Bateman Leeds, to be brought up under those conditions that best tend to promote good American citizenship. More particularly she wants him taught how to conserve and manage the \$25,000,000 estate left him by his father, who died at the Ritz hotel in Paris, June 23, 1908.

Among those who danced attendance on the charming widow were Prince Murat, the Prince de Faucigny-Livigne, Lord Falconer, heir to the Earl of Kintore; Lord Alexander Thynne, uncle of the Marquis of Bath, and Sir Abe Bailey, the South African millionaire.

One by one Mrs. Leeds, with every assurance of her high esteem, dismissed them, saying she preferred to remain single because of her small son, until only Prince Murat remained. He is 39 years old. A grandson of that Lucien Murat, third Prince of Naples and Ponte Corvo, who married a Miss Fraser of Baltimore, the prince has American blood in his veins. He proved for Mrs. Leeds far from easy to discourage.



## SEES RISE IN LIVING COST



George E. Roberts, director of the mint, who has recently returned to Washington from a trip through the west, predicts that the cost of living will advance.

He says that while agricultural development will be noted, he does not expect it to keep pace with the increase in population. Farm rentals are advancing, he finds, because many farmers are being forced back to tilling of the soil. The consumers must realize, he says, that the day of cheap free land has passed, and with an advance in the cost of everything entering the production of foodstuffs there must be an increase in prices to the consumers.

Mr. Roberts points to the fact that the census shows the population of the country increased 21 per cent. between 1900 and 1910, while the farm land area increased only 4.2 per cent., and says it means higher living cost.

"The fact is," said Mr. Roberts, "that a large part of the natural gains of industrial progress are being offset by the increasing cost of food and raw materials, and the principal factor in this is the complete occupation of the country."

"There is actually less to divide than there used to be. There is relative scarcity and we have been so important a factor in world production that all the world is affected."

Mr. Roberts says there are symptoms of a struggle for land, which means higher values. The only remedy for the existing situation is a study of the laws and resources of nature and a higher efficiency in all lines of production.

## THE TRAIL OF THE BULL.

[Albuquerque Morning Journal.]

Interesting in view of his candidacy for the United States senate is the trail of Delegate Andrews since the extraordinary session of congress convened last April.

When the congress met the president was prepared to send in a measure giving his views on the Arizona constitution. Mr. Taft had about made up his mind that the approval or rejection of this wonderful instrument was a matter for the congress alone to decide, though he was also considering sending in a message of disapproval. This was the status when Mr. Andrews arrived at the White House. The New Mexico delegate, who was accompanied by another prominent citizen of this territory, urged upon the president the political advantage that would accrue to the republican party if he waited until the New Mexico statehood resolution was disposed of before placing the Arizona constitution before congress at all. The wily delegate presented his argument to such purpose that the president was convinced and no message concerning the Arizona constitution was ever sent to the congress until the instrument had been approved by both houses.

The immediate result of Mr. Andrews' activities was the coupling of New Mexico and Arizona in one resolution which came within a hair-breadth of defeating both, and which was the purpose of the delegate who had conceived an irresistible fascination for his \$7,500 annual salary as delegate, a salary which would continue so long as he could keep the statehood measure in the air.

All through the fight in congress for the passage of the bill the delegate, while posing as its friend, fought it bitterly, his usual method being to strongly advocate some form of resolution that had not the remotest chance of meeting the approval of both houses, as witness his advocacy of the Nelson resolution. But his efforts were vain, the statehood resolution was adopted and the president finally approved it.

We next find the delegate traveling up and down the earth seeking funds to finance his campaign for senator from the new state. He does not appear to have been much a success as solicitor but he did succeed in getting \$5,000 from the National Liquor Dealers association, which association had been anxious to contribute to the New Mexico campaign and did not know exactly to whom it should turn over the money. The delegate also succeeded in raising various small sums from other sources and finally reached Las Vegas on the morning of the republican state convention with exactly \$7,025. He at once announced himself as the Moses who would lead his party out of the wilderness, and the party being so deeply in the wilderness and so anxious to be led out, welcomed him. The Delegate, however, used his \$7,025 to pay off some personal obligations.

Next we find the "Man Who Does Things" in Santa Fe. He is urging on the republican state central committee the

## The Farmers Land League

Incorporated

R. D. FERSON, President.

Real Estate, Insurance and Loans. Financial Correspondents  
Artesia, - - - New Mexico

## Change of Market

Fred A. Linell has purchased the Meat Market formerly known as **BOND'S MARKET**. Full line of the finest fresh and cured meats of all kinds. Shop will be conducted in a clean and Sanitary manner. Orders delivered promptly. PHONE 71.

## LINELL'S MARKET

necessity of having cash at once if the campaign is to be properly financed. He suggests that a representative, armed with proper credentials, be sent to the National committee to plead for support. He also suggests that Delegate Andrews, who is "well known in the east and popular with the Pennsylvania delegation in congress," is the proper man to make the touch.

The state committee yields. Mr. Andrews is provided with a touching letter, signed by the national committeeman and the candidate for governor. "Help us ere we perish" is the burden of the plea, and the plea brought results.

Some three weeks later the delegate returns to New Mexico. This time he has \$31,000, which you must admit is some money. Before reporting to the committee the delegate decides that he will survey the field in person and distribute some of the cash where it will do the most good, especially to the delegate.

Wending his way down the Rio Grande the delegate finds a serious situation in Dona Ana county. The old guard republicans need help and need it badly. One thousand dollars is handed over to the county committee and another thousand is given to one of the legislative candidates who later will have a vote for United State senator.

The next county reached is Luna. Here there is a chance of electing a republican to the legislature and five hundred dollars is turned loose.

In Grant, where one republican was elected to the legislature, another thousand dollars was contributed to the cause.

In Otero county one gentleman running for the legislature needed \$500. He is said to have gotten it, but just what he did with the amount does not appear, and there are men who insist that Delegate Andrews never spent a cent in Otero county. Among these, it is understood, is the man who is said to have acquired the \$500.

In Torrance county a couple

of candidates needed help. One of these gentlemen was given \$500, so also was the other, though there are rumors that the second man received \$800 and went south with the \$300. This story cannot be substantiated, but it is known that the candidate boasts that his campaign only cost him \$50.

In Guadalupe it was found necessary to help out the local committee with a contribution of \$500 and about the same amount was given in McKinley, Union and one or two other counties. In some instances the money was given to the county committee and in others to the legislative candidates individually.

Returning to his home county of Bernalillo, the delegate found conditions far from rosy. To improve them he contributed \$5,000 in nice clean bills to the so-called regular republican committee. Mr. Andrews afterward learned with dismay that this contribution was a sheer waste of money as the candidates for the legislature on both the "regular" and "progressive" tickets were bitterly opposed to him for senator or anything else.

His personal survey of the situation finished, the delegate thought it about time to visit Santa Fe and tell the state committee about his venture into the haunts of the eastern politicians and money bags. He therefore journeyed to Santa Fe and turned over something more than \$10,000 to the committee.

And now it develops that there is a certain coldness between the committee and the delegate. Whether or not the committee thought it was entitled to more money is not known, but the coldness is real.

## The Red Building,

West of the State National Bank, you will find

J. M. MILLHUFF

with a full line of Furniture, New and Second Hand, cheaper than the cheapest.

## \* THE \* STAR \* BARN \*

W. J. WILLIAMSON, Proprietor

Bus Line to Meet all Trains. Prompt Attention Given Calls

PHONE NO. 23

Special prices for long drives. Good teams and comfortable Vehicles.

Half Block North of Postoffice

ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO

Try Our Job Work Artesia Advocate



## Behind the Gift

By Barbara Lee



**MERRY Christmas!** You're welcome!

How have you enjoyed the first few hours today? Hasn't it been exciting and interesting! Now that the first little calm has come after the storm, let us settle back to look once again at gifts that are our special fortune to own in the great living room. There's father's gift. Can't you see dear old dad behind every page of your favorite set of books? All calf, too, and illustrated by the only artist that appeals to you. What riches lie in the palm of your hand as you look! No one can rob you of these. Every page means the door of a new treasure house. How good of dear father! I wonder how he knew? He must have been listening when you and your chum had that ripping discussion of favorites. And you can't understand how he knew the color of your collection. Ah, well! Trust a father.

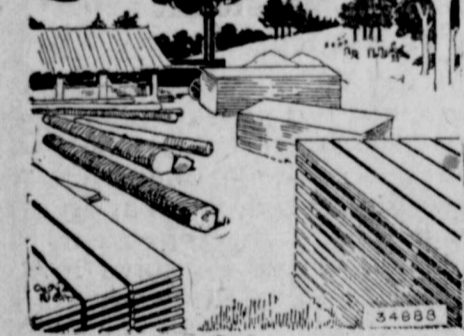
Mother's dressing gown. She made it unhelped and probably in the late night hours after the very long day.

See how cleverly her fingers have made three yards of cord look like much more. The loops and buttons are handmade; they cost so much less, and you know mother hasn't a bank account of her own. She has not cut down the rations, either. It's just her great, generous heart that has accomplished the seemingly impossible thing. The eyes are not so bright and blue as when she was the happy, laughing girl that dad first loved. But she sees just as far beneath the surface, and she knows how much you long for some things. Ah, what a world of sacrifice and love stands behind these gifts.

Oh, my! Don't smile, but isn't this just like that great, blundering cub of a Bob? He must have paid five or six dollars for this. Poor, misguided, stung brother! Now you can just see him sauntering into the "art (save the mark!) needlework" store. Do you see his airy nonchalance as he casts his eye over the pincushions arrayed in glistening, satiny lines? How much is this? And this? The latter being the more expensive, was quickly chosen. Oh, what ever are you going to do with it? Bright pink satin, with a suggestive bunch of bright forget-me-nots blooming out from beneath a ruffle of very cheap lace. You'll never forget it. You know—the kind of things you see at fairs. It may be the reason! Perhaps the fair is an institution for helping hopeless pincushions along an easy way.

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Here's something that hurts. Why? Oh, because it has been given to "get ahead" of you. She has money and has bought the most expensive of its kind and has forgotten to remove the price! She really should not have done this, for she isn't one of your inner circle and she doesn't care for you. Money stands back of this. Nothing more than the dollar mark lies beneath the lid. You know it, and a blush mounts to your cheeks when you think of the few remarks that you heard the giver make about you at Laura's tea. Why do people do these things?

Here's a queer one. Lift up the box lid again. It's an old shoe box, but some loving hands have covered it with two paper napkins and—look at the contents! A loaf of the finest Dutch cake you ever tasted. Dear Bridget never forgets you, does she? In her little four-roomed cottage, where she's very happy and very busy, she always bakes the bread that you relish and sends her awkward husband up with her best wishes every Christmas day in the morning. What that cake means only you and she can tell.

Let us look again at the little card before you. What did that? A tear falls on the colored church, with its bright roof and another splashes on the snow that is piled with childish prodigality at the roadside. A little boy has drawn that all for you. He calls you "Dear One," and once he told his mother that he felt sure that angels look like you, but she corrected him, as if a child could be stopped in harmless wonderings, and he never again ventured along lines of comparison. Poor little boy! You know what that card means! It means day and days of work. It means the gratitude of a crippled child who can't use a finger without pain. And he has drawn this for you!

Oh, my, isn't this funny! That clown of a Jack is up to his tricks again. He has bought a book for 49 cents and has inked it with his foolish hand, adding, "Reduced to \$1.08." And to pile Ossa on Pelion, he has been additionally frank in suggesting that it's "tres bum." That man can always get a smile from you.

There, you've dropped something! Don't lose that. It's a letter. Are you going to read it again? Why, you know every word in it!

"Dearest," it says, "I send you my heart, my soul, my life's best thoughts and actions. Will you keep them? Ah, no need to tell you what stands behind the note. You know, don't you?"

That's why it has been a very happy Christmas!

### Tarred Girl Will Get Damages.

Lincoln Center, Kan.—Miss Mary Chamberlain, the victim of the Shady Bend "tar party," will, it is said received not less than \$25,000 as "smart money" for the outrage committed against her and it is probable that the courts have heard the last of the notorious affair.

Miss Chamberlain intended to bring suits for damage against all participants in the "tar party," but proceedings are now under way for a compromise in the matter and it is said that \$25,000 is the least her attorneys will accept.

The three men, E. G. Clark, Jay Fitzwater and Watson Scranton, who pleaded guilty, and John Schmidt, who was convicted, have property worth more than \$100,000, Clark being rated in excess of \$50,000. Their pleas of guilty and the conviction of Schmidt leaves them exposed for an action for damages, and it is said that upon the advice of attorneys they are offering to compromise rather than go to court, where they might be stripped clean.

Clark has transferred his flour and feed mill and other property, worth more than \$50,000, to his business partner and it is said, is preparing to leave the community. That transaction, however, can be set aside in the courts, if necessary.

There is talk, also, in Shady Bend of changing the name of the pretty village. The almost unanimous condemnation of the press has fallen upon the town like a blight and the residents are eager to get from under it. They say that so long as the town retains the name it will be held up to scorn and its inhabitants marked wherever they go. It is possible,

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also, that the town will lose several of residents chiefly responsible for the odium that the town bears.



### CHRISTMAS THE CHILD'S DAY

By Rev. Brandford Leavitt.

Christmas is the child's day in the Christian year, and how this weary and uneasy world needs the child-like mind to save it from itself. What is more subtly fitted to the needs of a worn and dissipated world than the image of all that is alive and fresh and unstained? It is the child in men we look for and love—again today the child is the savior that answers a smile with a smile, that responds to the confidence with confidence, ready to take you and me for what we would like to be and thus lifts us nearly to our ideal.

I have admired wit in men and influence and grace and beauty in women and I find also that one disturbs these, grows indifferent to them as he gets older and sadder and wiser, but loves in men and women the little child, longs for some one not to admire nor praise nor be charmed by, but some one to love so that loving shall be peace.

### Our Gifts.

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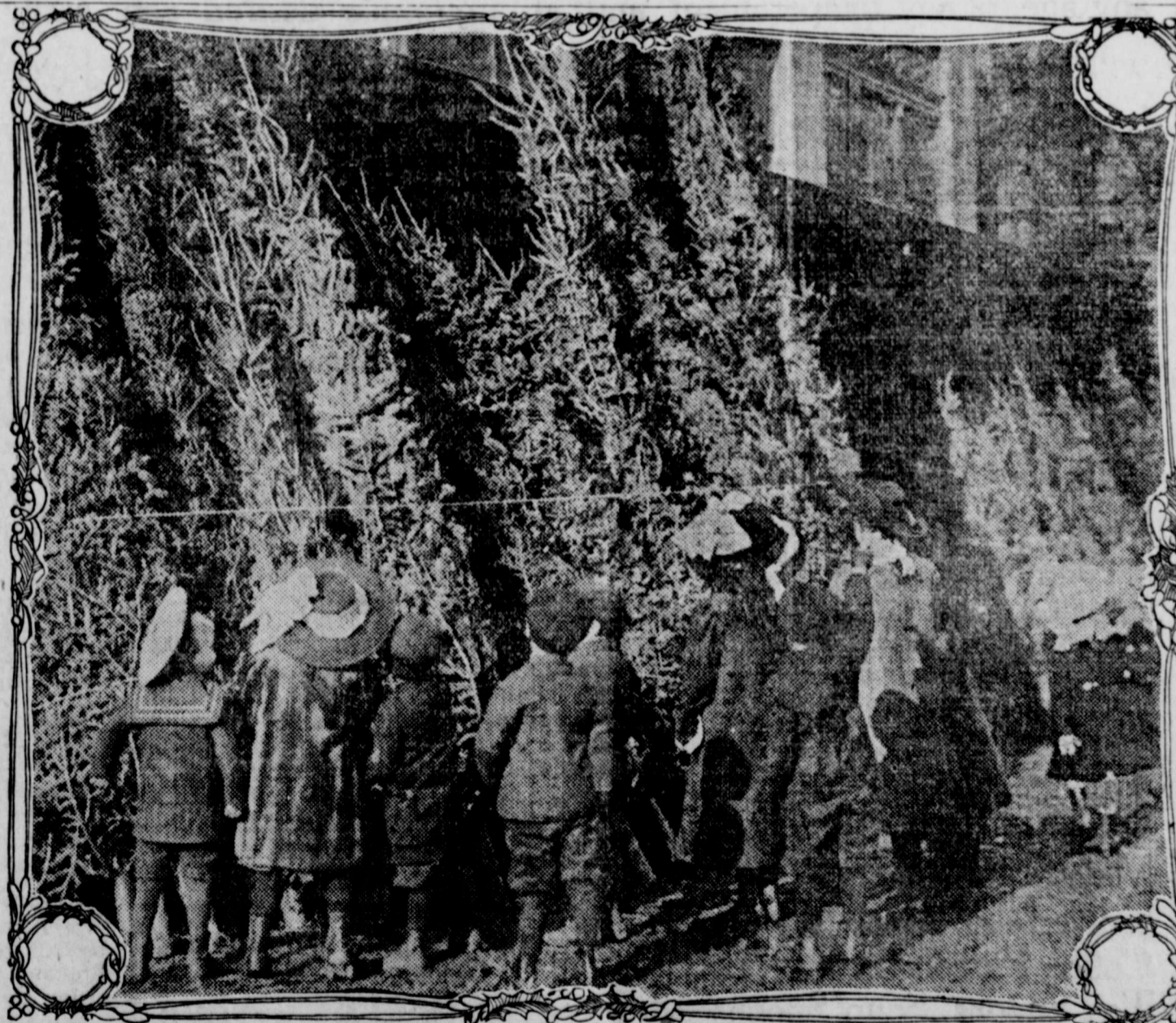
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### Picking Out the Christmas Tree.

"Jimmy, how I wish that was to be our Christmas tree! Only it wouldn't hold the sled and the bull pup that I want Santy to bring me. Guess we'd better wish for that bigger one, sis, so's the pony you asked for can be put on it, too. My, but won't it look bully when it's all crowded with candles and candy-bags and popcorn, with little angels bobbing at the ends of the branches? 'Course they ain't any of them strong enough to hold all the things we want, but maybe they'll hold all we'll get."

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## Bishop Kendrick Dead

[El Paso Times]

Rt. Rev. John Mills Kendrick, D. D., until recently missionary bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, died Friday at South Pasadena, Cal.

Bishop Kendrick for some two years had his headquarters in El Paso, where he is widely known among laymen. He was considered the grand old man of the church in the southwest. His death has long been expected, he being confined since spring in a hospital at Pasadena.

Funeral services and interment will be held Wednesday at Phoenix. Rt. Rev. Julius Atwood, bishop of Arizona, will officiate. Bishop Kendrick is survived by a widow and one daughter, who will accompany the body to Phoenix. They were at the death bed.

John Mills Kendrick was born May 14, 1836 at Gambier, O. He was ordained deacon in 1864, and in 1889 he was consecrated third missionary bishop of the southwestern territories. Under his jurisdiction came the local parish. At first his headquarters were at Santa Fe, later at Phoenix, and finally at El Paso.

### The Eastern Star.

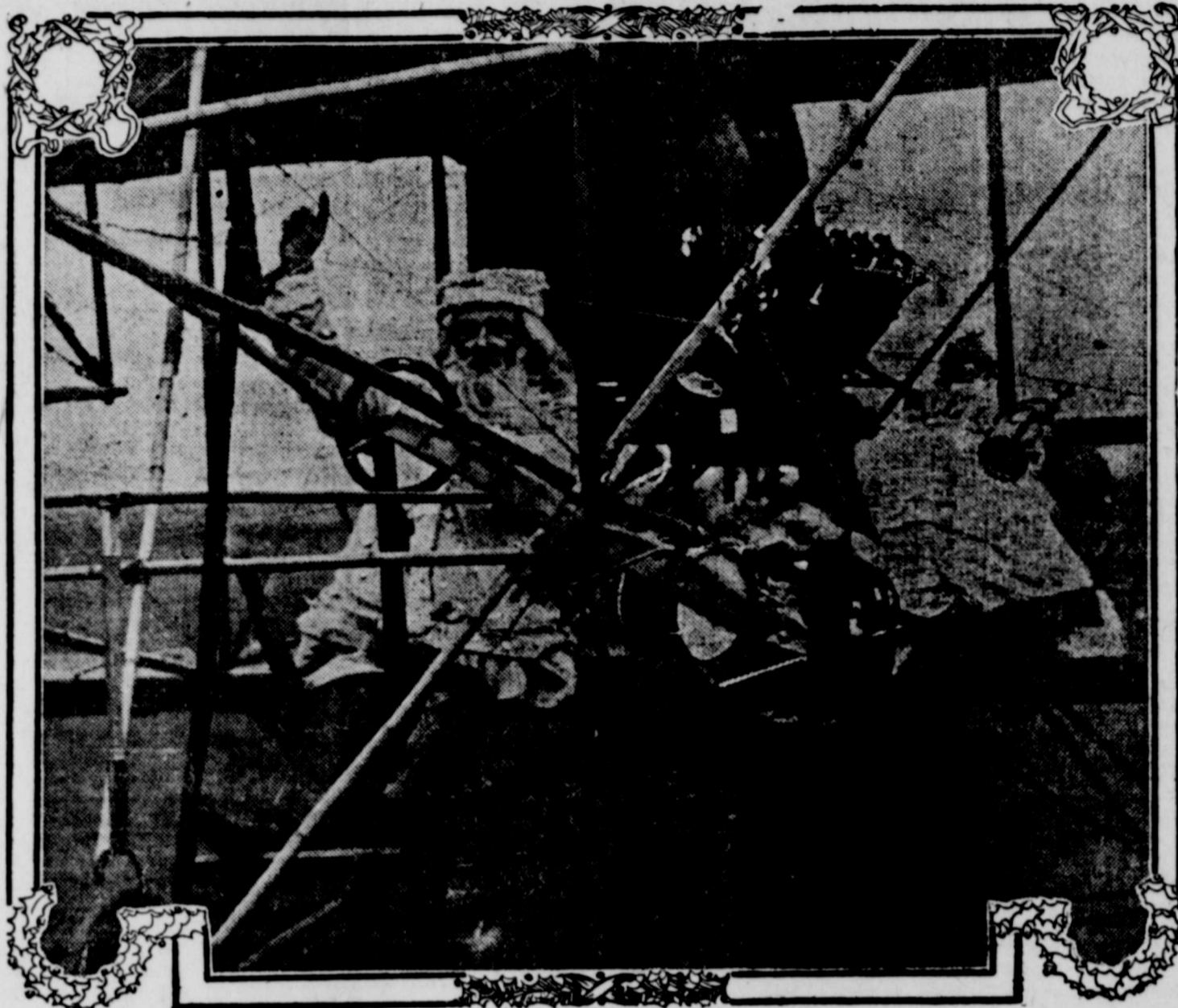
At the last meeting of the Eastern Star the following officers were elected:

Mrs. A. C. Keinath, matron; Mr. Perley Terwilliger, worthy patron; Miss Lily McIlhany, associate matron; Dr. C. F. Helmig, secretary; Mrs. Ona Harper, treasurer; Mrs. C. F. Helmig, conductor; Mrs. Patrick, associate conductor; Mrs. Inman, organist.

The Star officers are as follows: Ada, Mrs. Frisk; Ruth, Mrs. Smith; Esther, Mrs. Lowery; Martha, Mrs. Campbell; Sentinel, Mr. Lowery; Warden, Mrs. Stone; Elector, Mrs. J. H. Jackson.

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