# Snyder Signal

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## TEACHERS INSTI-TUTE IN SESSION

Splendid Body of Men and Women Spend Week in Professional Work.

The Scurry County Teachers Institute is in session this entire week at the Central High School building in Snyder. There are about sixty five teachers attending and they constitute a fine body of people.

It is an honor to a town to entertain this body of men and women whose lives and energies are being devoted to the moral, physical and mental training of the youth of the

It is noticeable that a large maority of the teaching force are bright young women.

The institute was called to order Monday morning by Judge Buchanan who spoke in complimentary and encouraging terms of the character and efficiency of the teaching force in Scurry county.

Devotional services were led by Rev. M. Tillmon Tucker.

Mayor J. Z. Noble delivered an addres sof welcome to which Miss Pearl Wilson of Hud, responded.

Judge Buchanan then made a general announcement of plans of the

Miss Zada Maxwell of the Ira school was elected Secretary. Then came enrollment of members and the body divided in sections and the institute work was started.

The time is given to class work along professional lines and nearly every teacher in the County has been assigned to demonstrate some phase of work.

The program called for an address on Thursday by Mr. T. F. Baker on the question of compulsory attendance upon school, and on Thursday afternoon Dr. H. E. Rosser was assigned to discuss School Room sanitation. These are important subjects and the speakers are both competent

It is well for the teachers to meet in the institute and get ideas from each other.. Leading educators recognized the benefits of these schools and secured the passage of a law to require all teachers to attend. They are allowed their regular pay for their time and it is a good investnent.

These teachers will go back to schools after the holidays betquipped for work.

The enrollment is as follows: Effie Hodge, M. L. Hill, G. H. Leath, M. K. Maples, Pearl Wilson, 1. Johnston, Daisy Brady, Ethel Cher y, Maggie Lee Hull, Annie Baines, Bonnie Wilkins, G. G. Hazel, Lizzie ee Watkins, Birta Wilson, Maggie tamsey, Mary Heath, D. A. Snelling, Annie May Klapproth, Pearl Falkner, Zaza Chenoweth, Ida Loftin, Mrs. Alpha Newman, Nannie Ball, Mrs. J. W. Leftwich, Mrs. Lola Helms, Eula Campbell, L. E. Walker, Ida Kelley, H. M. Powell, Geneva Davis, Vita Wasson, A. N. Epps, Flora Bozeman, Guy Ohlhousen, Lena Ramsour, Ida Ohlhousen, Ina Davis, Maggie Wilson, Eunice Brice, irs. Cora Jeffress, J. W. Kay, E. A. Tatson, Ola Shuler, J. W. Leftwich, ). L. Howeil, Lucille Miller, Eulala mith, Lola Turner, Mrs. O. L. Howell, Veda Maxwell, Faye Moore, Bessie Patterson, Zada Maxwell, Mamie Young, Ocie Breeden, Bonnie Sanders, Myrtle Gilmore, F. C. Hairston, B. G. Appleton, M. C. Freeman.

#### UNIVERSITY LEAGUE OFFICERS ELECTED

The Scurry County Teachers Institute and all the educational forces of the county are in line withthe work of the University International Scholastic League and local officers were elected by the County Institute Tues-

G. G. Hazel, District General Director;

J. W. Leftwich, District Director of Debate and Declamation;

Lizzie se Watkins, Secretary and of Scurry County.

Pursley, of Jayton and Mi Misa Willi Rogers of Post City were guests at the Manhattan last uesday.



## COAL STRIKE LOSS \$9,940,000

Financial Cost of Disturbance in Colorado Equal to \$80 per Capita for State's Population.

Denver, Colorado, December 10-Conservative estimates place the cost of the coal strike up to and including today at \$9,940,000.

If the loss in business to the merchants and incidenta. costs are included the total amount exceeds fifteen million dollars.

This practically the same as wiping out that amount of Colorado's assets. It is of the same character as the loss from an earthquake, a great fire or similar calamity.

The cost is equal to eighty dollars for every man, woman and child in the State. The loss is such that it can never be recovered.

The losses as tabluated today by the Denver bankers, are:

Wages to eleven thousand miners on strike, \$2,607,000.

Wages to seven thousand railroads and other employes out of work, as a result of the strike \$2,212,000.

Traffic to railroads, \$1,185,000. Strike benefits collected from un-

ion miners at work to maintain the strike \$632,000.

Loss to public through advanced cost of coal \$790,000. Loss to operators through inabil-

ity to fill orders \$1,580,000. Cost on mine guards, loss to property and incidental expenses \$470,-

Cost of maintaining militia (forty six days at \$5000 per day) \$230,000 Loss in wages by militiamen (average \$5 per day per man) \$230,000

## FIND SKELETONS IN CAVE

Total \$9,940,000.

#### Bones Discovered by Trapper, Supposedly of Indians,-Found in Palo Pinto County

Gordon, Palo Pinto County, Texas Dec. 11-John McDonald, a trapper wholives four miles east of town while setting his traps a few days ago, discovered a cave on the property of M. L. Waller. McDonald got three men to heip him remove the large rocks from the mouth of the cave, in which they found four skeletons, a number of flint arrow heads, a pipe of clay and some oval shaped rock such as were used by the Indians.

The skeletons are supposed to be of Indians. The bones are badly decayed.

## An Appreciated Visitor.

Mr. John Y. Bowen came over from Pyron last Friday and spent the night with his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Thompson, then he visited the Signal and had the paper sent to two of his sons in New Mexico. There is always a blaze of sunshine when Uncle J. Y. comes around. He is one of the solid, reliable farmers and always makes good. He came here a great many years ago from Colli-County, and while he knows Colli is a good county, he says whenever you line up al lthe good and the ill in this country and that you will find Scurry county shows up to good advantage.

Uncie John Y. has recently killed hogs and he has been in grease up to hi schin. He says oats and wheat are rank and the land is too muddy to pasture. He looks for big crops next year.

## Aged Lady Died.

Grandma Arnett, an old and highly respected resident of the Dermott country died Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scrivner, aged 92 years, 8 months and 8 days. She was the mother of Mrs. Scrivner and Mr. D. C. Arnett.

## Moving to Scurry Conuty

Mr. B. F. Claborne arrived here Monday from Roanoke, Texas with his car of household goods and is locating here as a permanent citizen of Scurry county. We extend to him a glad welcome to our growing country. We have room an welcome



To show our appreciation of the good will and patronage of the people of Scurry County, we planned some time ago, to give away four of the most expensive gifts to be given in this vicinity this year.

We decided to allow our customdrs to name the parties to whom the presents should be given.

The contest is nearly over and the following named parties are in the contest and although the votes have not been counted since Nov. 8th we are sure all have received many votes and it cannot be told until Christmas day who will win.

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Do you see the name of a friend in the list? If so, help them win a prize by sending us customers.

We are holding our prices down to encourage trade during this contest and you can make no mistake by buying in a supply of goods at this time.

Yours for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

## STIMSON DRY GOODS AND GROCERY COMPANY

#### The Snuder Sianal HARDY, PICKLE & HARDY.

Entered in the postoffice at Snyder, Texas, as second class mail matter.

Friday, December 19, 1913

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of The Signal will be gladly corrected to be held in Dallas next Saturday.if called to the attention of the edi-

## AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

The Sweetwater Reporter says R Elmore who has been Secretary the Chamber of Commerce has sev his connection and gone hence. ore was an active hustler and t something doing.

J. M. Hilbun has been hauling feed the local papers, you can safely bet e Claytonville country .- Roby Ban them better .- Stanton Reporter.

West Texas farmers are doing that ill over the country this year.

A Princeton professor announces that some of these days the earth is going to freeze. We have had no reg- law, it should be strengthened .ular symptoms of this in Texas so

far.-Austin Statesman. He must surely be a new comer.

Morris Sheppard and Richard Pear son Hobson are the champions of Nationwide prohibition.

not side track a man like Underwood for a man of mediocre ability in flowering shrubbery. These will help out. Then the law prohibits shipping chocking a Senator.

The entire citizenship of Dallas last week suffered with cold feet. It of Texas editors on the choice for ance, provided the law is enforced.

thecommonwealth, but for a whole municipality, democratically and aitogether to be thusly afflicted is uncommon. The people of Dallas not only had cold feet, but the entire anatomy was in a frigid state and they had to eat cold grub. It was all brought about by the bursting of the big gas main which supplies the city with fuel; the break was caused by high water.-Graham Leader.

D. J. McNeill, president of that body of farmers who have withdrawn spare rib and his next paper was fillfrom the original Farmers' Union ed up with urgings to the people to has called a meeting of his followers raise hogs. Graham Leader.

Maybe they will endorse Cyclone Davis for governor and eliminate Uncle Peter.

Leading Republicans are disposed to shy at the proposition to hold a joint convention of stand patters and progressives. They fear an opening of the old sore.

Felix Diaz is still in Havanna.-Fort Worth Record.

He'd rather be there than dead. Don't bother him.

When you hear a man sneering at

Roby this week from his farm in he doesn't spend his time making Probably has not paid it a nickel in three years. If he were ever a sub-

> scriber he had to be cut out to meet the postal requirements. Instead of repealing the homestead

Jacksboro News.

repealed by popular vote, no matter how much money lenders and speculators may desire.

How could you improve your property more than by surrounding it Er rely the people of Alabama will with nice concrete sidewalks .-- Ex. Why, add a few shade trees and crack at the liquor traffic knocks it and they are cheap.

As an indication of the standing is making Texas a leader in tempera not uncommon for a few citizens Governor, Home and State sent out a and we must suppose it is.

of a town to be afflicted in this way lot of letters to papers. They report et some period in the development of the receipt and tabulation of 208 Lane.—Jacksboro News.

> The other nine candidates probably divide up the other 140 replies attorney to make such laws as he your friendship, good will and paand the other 492 newspapers probably considered their choice as their own individual business.

Editor Stricklin of the Terry county Herald visited a country subscriber and filled up on backbone and

With all these big, large frosts coming, we see no reason in the world for doing without spare ribs and backbone much longer .- Anson Western Enterprise.

Frost doesn't make spare ribs and

None but non-progressive merchants pretend to argue that advertis ing doesn't pay, and no newspaper wants their business anyway as they would have trouble in a settlement. -Terry County Herald.

Generally they can tell a publisher how much he should charge for advertising and knows better than the editor what ought to be printed and will get miffed if the paper fails to say their children are among the brightest in school.

The Lubbock Avalanche tells about a cabbage head grown by a citizen there and says:

"Some time ago he brought one in that weighed 20 pounds and last week The homestead law will never be he presented the Avalanche editor with a fine big head that tipped the scales at 181/2 pounds, sound and nicely leaved."

Affidavit probably forwarded on

Almost every county that takes a it in, thereby preventing wet towns the Maxwell last night. from debauching dry territory. This

Gov. Colquitt is willing to call an extra session of the legislature, proreplies. Of this number 46 favored vided a majority of the members will Mayes, 12 favored Thomas, 4 favored agree to pass just such measures as readers and friends all over Scurry Colquitt, 3 favored Mills and 3 for he suggests and of course just like County and elsewhere, wishing you a he suggests. It would save time for Merry Christmas and a happy, and the members to send him a power of prosperous New Year. We appreciate would like. Of course they will not tronage and hope to continue to merdo that nor will they promise be- it and receive the same cordial reforehand to let him dictate a batch lationship in the future. As we have of bills and pass them at his bid- labored together in the past for the ding. A Fannin county representa- general betterment of our town and tive says that if Colquitt wants to country, let us hope for a continuacall them together let him do it, but tion of mutual confidence and co-opfor one he will not agree to surren- eration.

## NOTICE TO COMPANIONS

der his independence.

Snyder Council, No. 221, Royal and Select Masters will meet on Friday night, December 26th, 1913 for this council are requested to be prescompanions are cordially invited.

Remember the night, first night

after Christmas. C. L. EZELL, T. I. M.

B. G. Appleton was here from Hermleigh this week.

Mrs. Joe Strayhorn has been quite sick for two or three weeks.

Judge Thomas will be in Snyder on the 22nd to hold a special session of District Court. The principal business will be the judicial fixing of the final settlement of the famous Scurry County school land case.

Aivin Elkins of Kent county visit ed A. L. Bettis and family this week

Jess Eoff and family left Thursday for Thorp Springs for the holidays.

Frank Edwards of Wise county was prospecting in Snyder this week.

J. A. Guinn of Camp Springs spent Thursday night in Snyder.

J. J. Brownfield was registered at

Pastor M. Tilmon Tucker of the First Baptist church made a flying trip to Dallas this week.

## CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The Singal extends greetings to its

FOR RENT-Nice three room house on West Side. Close in. Inquire at Burton-Lingo & Co. office.

Poultry raising is growing in fawork in the degrees. All members of vor in Scurry county and ought to be made a valuable side line. Hog ent and assist in the work. Visiting raising is sadly neglected. Right here where the climate is the best for hogs where diseases never bother and the best of hog feed, abound, it is said that this industry shows about one hog for every family. No wonder meat is expensive.

> FEED INTERNATIONAL MEDI-CINAL STOCK FOOD TONIC. IT'S and are doing good work, which THE BEST. WE HAVE IT-FRESH shows that they are well taught. STOCK, IN ALL SIZE PACKAGES AND IN PAILS.

OWL DRUG STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowrey of address to the Teachers' Institute Roscoe spent Thursday and Thursday night here enroute to Lamesa to spend the holidays with relatives.

Something that makes a nice XMAS GIFT is an ELECTRIC IRON. So useful and convenient.

GRAYUM DRUG CO.

Earnest Elkins and wife of Post City visited the family of A. L. Bettis in Snyder this week.

BOYS! BOYS!! Buy your FIRE WORKS from GRAYUM DRUG CO. The best assortment in Snyder. The prices will suit you.

J. M. Hunter, the leading lumber Maxwell Wednesday night.

MRS. BAKER ENTERTAINS BUSY BEES CLUB

The Busy Bees Club met in reglar monthly session on the afternoon of December 16th at the home of

Mrs. T. F. Baker. The attendance was good although the weather was very theaterning, which Mact gave evidence of the en-

thusiasm of its members. The roll call was answered by each one giving a name, date ar

place of birth and time of death a famous musician. Then followed the election of officers with the following result:

Lois Sears, President. Doris Marshall, Vice President,

Elia Mae Sturdivant, Sec. A unique history lesson was given Each pupil having brought two questions and answers, the former were given to the class to be answered.

Quite an interesting musical program was given by the pupils which was begun with the song "Glorious Morning" and ended with "Christmas Carol."

The class then adjourned to meet at the same place at an early date.

This club is emposed of pupils of Mrs. Baker who are bright little girls -ONE PESENT.

Lee Clark of the State Department of Education delivered an interesting Thursday afternoon. It is good for such men to come to us and give us the benefits of their mature judgment on important educational sub-

A. Rhoades of Ira, returned last Thursday from South Texas. He was at Waco, Houston and Galveston and saw the flood in all its stages, and the height of its enormity. He says it is beyond description.

A. C. Wilmeth, Dr. Warren, J. K. Blackard and J. W. Couch autoed over the south part of the county early this week.

Mrs. T. J. Thompson will leave on man of Fluvanna was a guest at the Saturday to visit her sons in San An-

# Caton-Dodson Dry Goods Co.'s Clearing Clothing Close-out Sale!

# Christmas Clothing Close-out Sale!

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 20, Ending Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1913.

## We Will Sell For **CASH ONLY**

Any Gents' Suit for \$11.00 Any Gents' Hat for \$2.35 **Any Shirt for** 95c Any Ladies' Suit for \$11.00

We have never yet been accused of putting on a grafting sale. We will never put on such a sale. It is not our way of doing business.

No man has ever yet said that he did not get more than the value of his money for the goods purchased at these sales.

We defy any man to say that we have not always done just as we advertised.



CHRISTMAS CLOTH Gents' or Ladies' Suit that you CLOTH CLOSE-OUT

purchase the cheapest or Hat that you need We are loaded and will give ever purchased for the money, or if it is a you unprecedented bargains

Your Friends,

CATON-DODSON DRY GOODS COMPANY SNYDER, TEXAS



# ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1913

The First National Bank of Snyder will give away 750 Calendars for 1914. We want one in each home in Snyder and surrounding country. So be on hand and get your calendar that day as none will be given away before or after that day.

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

PROFESSIONAL

ARTHUR YONGE Attorney-at-Law Vendor's Lien Notes Bought and

Sold. Snyder, Texas

RICHARD W. WEBB Attorney-at-Law Office in County Attorney's Office

DRS. HARRIS & HARKRIDER

Court House

Office up stairs in the Thomas build-

Snyder, Texas

Resolutions of Respect. To the Union Baptist Church:

We your committee on resolutions in regard to the death of Brother W. N. Davis, have drawn up and submit the following:

Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our and Led Wallace all of Gail were midst our brother, W. N. Davis, who guests at the Manhattan last Sundeparted this life August 26, 1913, day.

dwell forever with his Savior.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Union Missionary Baptist church that in losing Brother Davis, we have lost one who, as long as health permitted attended faithfully all services of the church, was a faithful and consistent member.

Resolved, that we extend to the in this their great affliction, and can only point them to his Savior and theirs, who alone, can guide and lead them through life. He can not come the sweet bye and bye.

lutions be sent to the family, one for homes and there is no country furnished each of our county papers anywhere that offers more solid adfor publication, also a copy spread on vantages to settlers.

> W. S. UPTON, FRANKIE WREN, D. C. BENTLEY, Committee.

Mrs. Giles Connell, Mrs. Led Wallace, M. J. Johnston, G. W. Connell

TLING UP SWIFTLY

Lone Wolf Mountain community near the line of Scurry and Mitchell counties was here a few days ago and said that his part of the country had become almost depopulated in the bereaved wife and children and oth- past two years because of the drouth er relatives, our heartfelt sympathy and the consequent crop failure, but now the people are coming back and new people are coming in.

There had been thirty two vacant homes within twelve miles of his back to us, but we can meet him in place and now there in only one place unoccupied. This shows that Resolved that a copy of these reso people are looking to West Texas

> West Texas has suffered more in reputation than was just. The facis that conditionos have been no worse here than in most other parts of the State, but because this region is set down as semi-arid, people are apt to magnify a dry season into a blighting drouth and when a fellow gets away dissatisfied, the people over east listen to his tales of woe.

The West is coming out now into the open. A few home seekers venture out here and look around. They find fertile land to be bought cheap, mild climate and abundance of the best water in the State, good society everywhere. Barns filled with provender, smokehouses full of meat, fine orchards growing and they decide here is a good place to locate.

ple are not putting the land up at boom prices, but figures are made of the condition of the estates of the liberal, terms easy and the real es- said John B. Tinker and Arthur Tin tate men are not trying to load the ker, minors, together with an appliup on solid lines.

SNYDER COUPLE WERE

and were married there.

in congratulations.

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE sidered by said court. THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas, that of Snyder, Texas, this 10th. day of 26-3t Sheriff, Scurry County Texas from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful to fire, shoot, or cause to be fired or shot any fire cracker, torpedo, ro man candle, or fire works of any character within the fire limits of the City of Snyder, Texas.

Any person who shall violate this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exeed one hundred dollars.

Done by the City Council in regular session Monday evening, December 15th, 1913.

J. Z. NOBLE, Mayor T. F. BAKER, City Secy.

Brother W. W. Werner and Prof. A. S. Berry were at Fluvanna Saturday attending the Sunday School institute. They report a fine meeting.

ESTATE OF JOHN B. TINKER AND ARTHUR TINKER

Number 182 THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County, Greeting:

Malinda P. Tinker, guardian of the estate of John B. Tinker and One good feature is that our peo- Arthur Tinker, mincrs, having filed in our county court her final account home seeker up with too much land. cation to be discharged from said In this way we will get satisfied home guardianship, you are hereby comowners and our population will build manded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a Newspaper regularly published in the County of Scurry you give due notice to all MARRIED AT POST CITY persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estates, to Mr. Harold Black who resides on file their objections therein, if any his farm south of Snyder and Miss they have, on or before the Jaruary Irene Pegue, daughter of Mr. and term A. D. 1914, of said County Mrs. J. S. Pogue, of Snyder, went to Court, commencing and to be holden Post City Wednesday of last week at the Court House of said county in the City of Snyder, on the 12th day The Signal joins their many friends of January, A. D. 1914 when said account and application will be con-

SHOOTING OF FIRE WORKS Witness W. T. Skinner, Clerk of WITHIN THE FIRE LIMITS OF the County Court of the County of Clerk

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in the City

County, Texas. A true copy, I certify.

J. B. BOLES.



In 10:15:8 25 Cans At All Good Grocers

## JOHN G. PEEBLES Electrical and Mechanical Expert

Member "Master Mechanic's Association of America," National Association of Electrical Engineers,"

Believing I can better serve the interests of auto owners by so doing, I have opened a repair shop in the rear of Petty's on the East Side of the square. I have only the latest improved tools and the KNOW HOW to use them, and do not have to experiment at your expense. All work guaranteed FIRST CLASS. Mechanical Drafting neatly executed. I have the necessary technical training, supplemented by fifteen years practical experience. "Nuff said. Day Phone 178.

## Land Loans!

Money to loan on patented and unpatented lands from 8 per cent to 10 per cent. No charges if we fail to obtain loan.

> Baker, Grayum & Anderson Snyder, Texas.

# Useful Gifts.



In giving your Christmas presents it would be the part of wisdom to give something useful, something durable and something that will give valuable service for years to come. Such gifts will be more appreciated by the person upon whom you are bestowing your favors.

We carry many things in stock that would make sensible and serviceble presents.

Good will to everybody and a Merry Christmas to all.

# Coates-Coleman Company.

NORTH SIDE SQUARE

Grayum Drug Co.

**Appropriate** 

**Xmas Presents** 

Send the Signal one

year to some friend or

relative and let them

know about yourself and

your country; or get a

package of printed vis-

iting cards for a Christ-

mas present.

JUST TAKE HOME A BOX OF Rev. A. B. Ingram of Pittsburg, NORRIS' EXQUISITE CANDY and spent just a little while in Snyder you will please everyone in the home. a few days ago. Many friends who BEST CHOCOLATE ON EARTH .- afterward heard of it were disappointed.

## BOOKOUT ITEMS

Everyone is looking happy up this way. Most all are feasting on fresh meat and sausage.

Brother Leslie of Hermleigh filled his regular appointment here last Saturday and Sunday.

The young people of our commun- I will be proud of anything you Hello Santa: ity enjoyed a musical entertainment bring me. at Uncle Jep Brown's last Wednes day night.

Bro. McKnight and son Charlie of Dickens county were shaking Dear Santa Claus: hands with friends in our commun-

Boss Landess and wife of Snyder and nuts too. attended the Box Supper at Bookout last Friday night.

Hog Killing seems to be the order of the day.

turned from their prospecting tour sister a doll and doll buggy. She is of the Western States.

The box supper given at Bookout last Friday night proved to be a suc- forget daddy, Boy and mamma. cess the proceeds amount to \$12.85 which will go to repair the organ at that place.

Several young people from Snyder | Dear Santa Claus: attended the musicale at Uncle Jep Brown's last Wednesday night.

Mr. R. Y. Dorsett returned from and a little stove. his prospecting trip in Eastland coun ty last Tuesday.

J. I. Burrough transacted business Dear Santa Claus: in Fluvanna last Friday.

Mr. Roy Dorsett visited friends at Camp Springs last Friday. CLOD HOPPER

FOR A NICE XMAS GIFT get a CONKLIN SELF FILLING FOUN- Dear Santa Claus: TAIN PEN. Grayum Drug Co.

Boren and A. C. Wilmeth will do the dy. first work today toward opening the Snyder-Polar road.

## Santa Claus Letters

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 7, 1913 Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl eight years old and am a good little girl and go to and a little kit of carpenters tools school and am in the third grade, and some fire creackers Will you please bring me a big doll and a doll buggy and some apples, bananas and candy, nuts, oranges, pecans, and fire crackers. Don't forget my little sister and a little ring. To Santa Claus: Will close with love to Santa Claus.

Yours truly, MATTIE BUSBY

Hermleigh, Texas, Dec. 15, '13 anges.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a little doll buggy and a doll too and bring my little sister a doil too. And bring us some apples and some oranges and andy and nuts of all kinds.

> Your little friend, OLLIE CASTON.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing you a letter to let ou know what I want for Xmas. I vant a bracelet, locket, jewelry case doll, a doll carriage, some candy, pples, oranges and nuts.

Your loving little girl, FROM BOB

Rt. 1, Box 60

Sayder, Texas, Dec 8, '16

I want you to send me some canly and oranges, and a big doll. And ay I want you to bring me a ring with a ruby in it.

To dear Santa Claus, FROM SALLIE

Rt. 1, Box 61

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm going to write you a little leter to teil you I've tried so hard to mamma's good girl and as a reward I want you to bring me a big doll that can say, "mama and papa" and some candy, oarnges and a little money. And please bring me a necklace to wear around my neck and a ring with a garnet set in it.

little boys and girls nor my papa and a boy

Your little friend PETE

Rt. 1 Box 63

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a work box and a are good enough to bring me. little cupie doll, and some candy and nuts. If this isn't too much I will be awfully good.

> Your little friend, WILLIE FERN CURRY

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to please bring me a big doli, a piano, some story books, and a set of furs.

Your little friend, THELMA WENNINGER

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 7, 1913.

Please bring me a tool chest and a little cupie doll. I will be very good

if you will. I would like some candy

Your little friend.

Snyder, Dec. 17, 1913 Dear Santa Claus:

Bob Browning and family have re- buggy for it and bring my baby three and one-half years old. She

has been good and I have too. Please don't forget us and don't

Your good little girl, DOLL DIMPLE BEEMAN Dear Santa:

Snyder, Dec. 7, 1913

Please bring me one big blue eyed doll, a doll buggy, some candy with nuts in it, some apples and oranges

Yours in thanks, IRENE BOYD

I want you to bring me a drum, a

horn and a teddy bear. I want a lot of nuts and candy too and I'll be a good boy. Goodbye,

BILLIE MORROW

Please sir bring me a big Kewpie doll and anything else you can, and J. J. Koonsman, J. V. Riley, I. W. don't forget the fruit, nuts and can-

> Your little friend, MARTHA MORROW

Dear Sannta Claus: Please bring me one shetland pony

WALTER A. BOYD

Snyder, Dec. 15, 1913

Dear Santa Claus::

We are so glad that you will visit us. Please bring us a doll apiece, a go-cart apiece, rings, and locket and chain. Some nuts and candy and or-

> Lovingly, IRENE and IRIS NEWMAN

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 14, 1913 Dear Santa:

Please bring me another dolly. My other one died from a hole in her

I would like some good books and Snyder, Texas, Dec. 8, 1913 a stocking full of candy, nuts, apples and oranges.

BULA DAVIS.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a doll that will go to sleep, a set of dishes, a little stove and doll dresser.

Will thank you very much.

VERA BLACKARD

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old, I want a little tricycle, a little set of also a box of tools, some house tools, a boy doll, a little wagon and | blocks, roman candles,, cannon, San-

Will thank you very much. Lloyd Blackard.

Snyder, Texas, Dec 14, 1913 | Dear Santa:

things to eat.

RUTH DAVIS

Dear Santa:

Do please bring me an air gun, a top that sings, candy, nuts and fruit buggy, a little trunk and a dresser. Please don't forget the rest of the and any thing else you have to spare

FRANK DAVIS

I wish you would bring me a doll Please bring me a doll and a doll P. S .- Don't forget my school teach- and doll buggy; also skirt and middy chair and one of those kitchen cabiblouse pattern to fit the doll. I would nets. Snyder, Texas, Dec. 8, 1913 ciothes for her. Of course I'll be happy and satisfied with anything you

ELLEN BUICE JOHNSON.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 12, 1913

Dear Santa: Please bring me a little baby doll and a machine and a doll trunk and some fruit, nuts and candy.

Your little friend,

number for it is only

We have been good for one whole year. Please bring us a pocket knife and some fire crackers and a whole iots of good words from every body. And please dear santa don't forget a peck of candy. Now don't forget our

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 10, 1913

HUBERT CURRY Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a long stick of candy and some nuts, any kind you wish, also an orange and an Please bring me a big doll and apple, and dear Santa please bring me a tricycle. I am five years old.

> I am your little friend, FRANKLIN MOTLEY, Jr

Snyder, Texas, Nov. 23, 1913

Santa Claus, Icealnd

I want you to bring me a muff and two books, Bad Little Hannah and December 23rd only.

If you can, please bring me a little china closet. Please bring me some candy and fruit and a cocoanut too. Santa, if you cannot bring these, bring me what you think best for me.

> Your little friend, DAVIDA CURRY

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 15, 1913

I want you to bring me a piano, a pretty doll, a story book, a box of handkerchiefs and roman candles, tions. and bring my little sister Ruth a doll with yellow hair, a little doll's

whole outfit And Santa, I have three brothers. Bring them some fire crackers, but tell them not to throw their firecrackers at me, and Santa bring mamma and papa and grandpa something

Hoping that you will be on time and not forget anything, I will close ANNIE and RUTH CLEMENTS

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 17, 1913

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a pocket knife, a necktie and some pretty toys with lots of candy, nuts, apples, etc and then I'll try to be a good boy. Bring papa and mamma something

Your little chum,

MARVIN LEMONS Bex 63, Route 1.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 17, 1913

Dear Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a little set of dishes and lots of fruits and nuts and candies. I also want a pencil and

Don't forget mamma and papa and all the other little girls and boys.

Your little friend. FAYE LEMONS

Rt. 1, Box 63.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 15, 1913

Dear Santa Claus: I will write you a letter to tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a big sleepy doll, some little dishes, little stove and plenty of candy, apples, nuts and oranges. I will be a good girl if you will bring

> Your little friend, GERTIE CORDILL

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me some toys and ta Claus books, soldiers, Christmas

tree, boat and roller skates. NELSON EZELL

Please bring me a big doll, a doll Please bring me a pretty doll, a buggy, a bed and a dresser. I want set of little dishes and lots of good the dolls that run and wont break. NANNIE SUE EZELL

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 16, 1913

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a nice doll, a doll With best wishes to Santa Claus

> Your little friend, OUITA COLE.

Dear Santa Claus:

Mr. Wilmeth on Shade Trees. Editor Signal: Can't you get our ladies. to .or-

ganize a town beautifying campaign. There is a season in the ground and shade trees properly planted and cultivated will live and grow. It is the best opportunity that has ever come to the town. I suggest that each street organize for that street. All ROSA LEE WEBB persons living on the street meet at some central place and agree on the kind of trees and employ one man to plant and care for the trees for one year. In this connection I wish to call attention to the fact that there is not a shade tree in the town planted at the right place. The only ones that amount to anything are those on Second street west of the creek and they are so close to the walk that they crowd two people to walk on the walks and when they get large the roots will ruin the walk. There should be system about the planting. In the first place the street improving has cut too wide. The rule in city building, I am informed is one half for drive way and one fourth on each side for walk and park. It analyses thus-for 60 foot street, 30 feet for driveway, 5 feet for walk and 10 feet for park. Will not our club women

> assist or take the lead. A. C. WILMETH.

I will crush Maize and Kaffir Corn fur.. And I wish you would bring me at my wood and coal yard Tuesday,

JIM DAWSON

MARRIED WEDNESDAY AT THE COURT HOUSE

County Judge C. R. Buchanan officiated at his office Wednesday afternoon a t the marriage of Mr. J. F. Landess and Miss Margie Woodward. The groom is a prosperous young farmer north of town and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N.

Woodward of Route 3. The Signal extends congratula

We need your Furs and Hide You need our prices. Phone 181. C. NATION & SON

Bob Warren of Post City sp Tuesday night in Snyder.



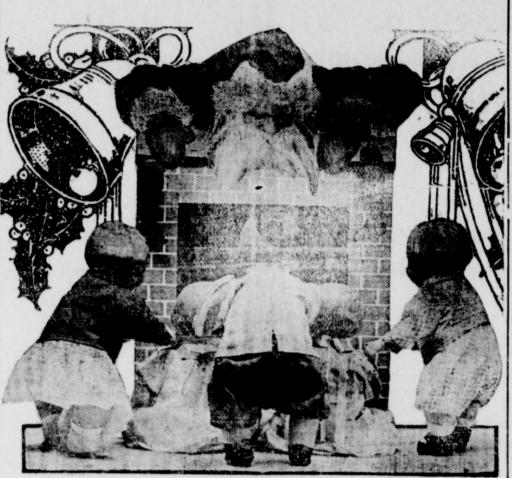
# DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

## WHERE the GOODS

# Are Always THE BEST!

AT THIS STORE your every want under the heading of Christmas Gift Goods can be filled, Never before have we brought on such extensive lines Acceptable rememberances here at any price you care to invest from 25c upward, that is if you do not delay your shopping until the last moment, for if you do lines will then be more or less broken, making choosing much more diffi-

There only remains five more days to do your shopping. The rush will be on in full blast.



## WHERE the PRICES

# Are Always THE LOWEST

OURCHRISTMAS DELIVERY has been carefully planned to properly care for all orders in-

Make your gift selections early, and we'll make delivery at whatever time you may desire. See the many splendid Gift suggestions on display in our show windows.

Plain statement of facts are given-no exageration or twisting of the truth allowed here.

## ORDER BY MAIL

We are receiving lots of mail orders and are filling them promptly. Send yours in now. We duplicate any prices made by mail order houses quality considered,

## The Place to Solve Your Gift Problem. Give Jewelry Because of Its Lifetime Usefulness.

Can you think of anything more appropriate for useful giving than a piece of good Jewelry? Something which, through its continued usefulness and enduring satis. faction, makes a worth-while Christmas gift and a lasting rememberance? But it should be good jewelry, jewelry made on honor, jewelry possessed of individuality and attractiveness of design and of that trustworthy character of construction which befits it to lasting service, the kind of jewelry you always find at this store. Here you'll find great holiday stocks which offer hundreds of special gift suggestions, and all bear a price lowness which brings you most for the amount you are prepared to spend.

# d. G. Towle, Jeweler and Optician



cent trip north bought for Mrs. Har- weeks of holiday. This week they are ris some beautiful and rare imported flowers which are a delight to the eye. It is probable that if the stock of these floral gems could be preserved for the propagation of their kinds, it would add greatly to the entertainment of floral culture.

In Rings, we handle and sell nothing but Solid Gold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright Mooar were here Saturday from their ranch.

Born, 4 miles northeast of Snyder December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Wimberley, a boy.

Mr. G. W. Harris, while on a re- The children are getting two ELLIS COUNTY CITIZEN have to knuckle down to business while they watch for Santa Claus. Next week they will be in the midst of the Christmas fun.

> Our solid gold knives make useful and lasting Gifts. H. G. Towle.

> Born, 6 miles south of Snyder, December 12 to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gulledge, twin girls.

Dressed turkeys at the Palace market. Please get your orders in

English suffragettes propose to

cut out sleep as well as grub.

Mr. J. P. Sims a prominent farmer erty interests in Scurry county and paid the Signal a pleasant visit. Mr. Sims owns a farm at Crowder and tiff, and Camp C. Cowling is deland, the water and the people. He of Sixty seven and 50-100 Dollars such men as Ping Sims.

## Correspondents Wanted

Several have responded to our redents. We want a live, active, fair est bidder, all the right, title and inin Scurry Co. Correspondents will please get their letters to the Signal office not later than Tuesday of each | C.Cowling , to-wit: week and sign their real name as well as their pen name to each communication Stationery furnished for cor-

THE SIGNAL

School Christmas Trees.

The schools all had Christmas exercises at the several rooms last Friday afternoon. There were Christmas trees loaded with presents for Dollars, in favor of F. J. Grayum, ward buildings.

## Notice to the Public.

The Signal will gladly and freely Snyder, Texas, Dec. 4th, 1913. publish any church announcements or precahing, and our only request is than Wednesday noon. We are al-Notices of charitable entertainments where admission is charged will be printed in the Signal at one-half the ity. regular advertising rates.

Lige Deavours was a pleasant callr at the Signal office this week.

E. A. Warren made a business trip to Dunn and Ira.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by vir- the diocese of West Texas was a distue of a certain execution issued by tinguished visitor in Snyder last Sunand merchant in Ellis county arrived the Justice of the Peace, for precinct day and preached at Grace Episcopal here Monday to look after his prop- No. 1, of Scurry county, on the 3rd Church. day of December, 1913, in a certain cause wherein F. J. Grayum is plain- was present also. It was a fine service. one near Ira and was here to see a- fendant, in which cause a judgment to hear the Bishop and was pleased bout them. He likes this country and was rendered on the 27th day of Oct. says if he could dispose of his Ellis 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff. county holdings he would come here F. J Grayum, against said defendto live. He likes the climate, the ant, Camp C. Cowling, for the sum knows a good thing when he sees it with interest thereon at the rate of and has had interests here long e- 10 per centum per annum from date nough to know what he is talking of judgment, together with all costs about. We have lots of room here for of suit, I have levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, came in last Saturday showing a to-1914, it being the 6th day of said tal up to that time 13,677,000 bales. month, at the court house door in Added to this were 602,000 bales of home in South Texas for burial. The Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, linters. Following this report cotton Signal extends profound sympathy to quest made last week for correspon- proceed to sell for cash to the high- went up 10 points. correspondent from every community terest of Camp C. Cowling in and to LOST-In town. Girl's gray cloak

> A part of lot No. one (1) in block No. 14 of the Scarborough addition to the town of Snyder, in Scurry County, Texas, it being a tract of land 100 feet wide north and south by 161 feet long east and west in

the northwest corner of said lot.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Sixty-seven and 50-100 Sunday. the children. Short programs were together with the cost of said suit, rendered at the Central and both the and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

> J. B. BOLES, Sheriff Scurry County, Texas

Uncle Kin Elkins is said to be that the copy for such notices be turn 'nursing a political bee inside his boned in as early as possible, not later | net. Infact the Clairement Reporter says his hat is already in the ring ways glad to do whatever we can to for sheriff and tax collector in Kent advance the interests of the churches county. While Uncle Kin's Scurry and the public schools of the country. County friends cant vote for him, we may make it a point to stay all night with him when in his commun-

> Dr. C. W. Merrill was here Monday from Ira.

> H. G. Towle has a full line of Vest Chains of all kinds.

## The Rev. J. M. Temple, bishop of

The Rector, Rev. Cecil Seamon A large congregation was present | ment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gildart were confirmed in the faith of the Episco-

pal Communion.

#### You need our prices. Phone 181. C. NATION & SON.

The government cotton report

the following described Real Estate Finder please return to Joe Beck at levied upon as the property of Camp Rogers and Casstevens store.

at Polar was in Snyder Sunday.

Rock roosters 50c. J. H. Hamlett.

general office at Roscoe was here of the wishes of those who are get-

of Sweetwater, were here Sunday.

and Mrs. Tubby Crunk, a boy.

Bishop Temple Visits Snyder | RUD. H. STULKEN PASSES

Mr. Rud. H. Stulken, a prominent citizen and merchant of Hermleigh died last Friday morning at Post City where he had been taken for treat-

He had been sick for several months. He had a long spell of typhoid fever during the summer and his later ailment was pronounced Pellagra.

He had been a resident of Hermleigh for several years and was engaged in the furniture business. He was a loyal and progressive citizen and a good business man.

The remains were taken to his old the family and to the people of Herm leigh in the loss of this good man.

## Notice "Single Wrapper" Subscribers

Signal subscribers are coming up nicely with their renewals. There are L. A. Dunn a prominent merchant still a few in arrears to an extent to require discontinuing. The Signal has a great number of subscribers away White Wyandotte and Plymouth from here whose time will expire Jan. 1, 1914. Many of these were sent by friends who may or may not wish to renew. We hope to retain all C. C. Huckabee of the R. S. & P. of these, but we ask to be notified ting the paper, or those who are sending it. In some cases where the Ivory Combs, Brushes, etc engrav- paper goes to a party in other states ed and inlaid free at H. G. Towle's. and counties, and it is found later that such parties have moved away, Thos Trammel and son Hamilton, the loss falls on the publisher; therefore we have adopted a rule to discontinue those faraway subscriptions Born, recently near Ira, to Mr. at expiration unless renewed or satisfactorily arranged for.

## Notice to the Public

I have put on a wagon, and can make quick repairs on work that the public may see fit to give me. I understand how to do first class plumbing and windmill work. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Frank Darby

# WE WISH A

# Merry Christmas

TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS!

Remember we are the boys who put the "Claus" in Santa Claus, and we are

Headquarters For All Sorts Of Christmas Fruits, Nuts and Candies

Come to see us before you buy your Christmas supplies, and don't forget that we can still sell you your groceries. All we ask is a chance.

Again we wish you a

Merry Christmas

Denson & Smith

On the Southeast Cor., Phone 34



# WHO Wants The Shetland Pony!

It is not too late for you to get into the race.

## The Contest Is Warming Up

Buy your goods from these enterprising merchants, and get the votes. Every vote is a CHRIST-MAS GIFT for some anxious child.

These are the Dunlap Pony Stores: J. W. Templeton, Caton-Dodson Company, Snyder Drug Company, Blackard Bros. Hardware and Furniture Co., Higginbotham's Studio, Jim Dawson, Wood and Coal

## This Pony is a Thoroughbred To Be Given Away Monday, Feb. 16, 1914

For each \$1.00 purchase from the to call for your tickets, come and me over State Bank. see as fine a picture show as you 26-2t will see anywhere.

Curry & Taylor, Groceries. Rogers & Casstevenes, Hdwe. Owl Drug Store. D. P. Strayhorn. Warren Bros. Snyder Drug Co. Denson & Smith. J. H. Sears & Co. The Arcade.

Born, in Snyder last week to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ferguson, a girl.

Better have Peebles to tune up your car at your private garage while have to fight a combination of those here or anywhere, but intelligent, in the roads are bad, and be ready to treacherous blood thirsty ruffians. use it when needed. It costs no more. Day 'phone 178.

All the standard lines of Silverware at Towle's Jewelry Store, at prices

Memory.

Section of patented land 7 miles following named merchants you will from Snyder, farm, house, well and be given one 10 cent ticket free, windmill. \$800 cash, balance good good for one motion picture show terms. Will take some trade. For alarmingly large percent of Texas at the Snyder Opera House any night | rent to mau who will furnish himwe have motion pictures. Remember self if not sold by January 1st. See H. M. BOYD.

pardoned by Will Mayes while he ties they can buy homes in the west was acting governor promised to and soon pay for them with what never drink any more liquor.

at \$575.00 each.

warring factions in Mexico within there is an element of squatters who their own lines until they thrash had rather be serfs, or peons, than to each other to a frazzle, it will be try to conduct a business of their better than to invade the country and own. That sort would do no good

well hotel for cheap fruit trees. tf can soon have a home paid for.

were shopping in town Saturday.

## WEST TEXAS OFFERS

CURE FOR TENANTRY

Statisticians have figures on an people as tenants and they say that tenantry is increasing. There is absolutely no necessity for such increase. If people will have the courage to get away from the congested It is said that every convict ever cities and the thickly settled counthey are now paying out for rent. The trouble is, they have heard the Four new touring cars to close out stories of the knocker on West Tex-25tf as and they are afraid. They prefer W. L. PETTY, Snyder, Texas to eke out a meagre existence where they are than to risk an independent If the United States can hold the effort in a new country. Of course dustrious and self-respecting families could come to West Texas and Inquire of J. V. White at the Max- buy land in any quantity desired and

There is no use to waste sympathy Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bridgeman over tenantry, where people could better themselves, but will not. West Texas has homes for them on easy terms and good settlers are wanted here. We are not inviting riff-raff. We have as good society as can be found in the State and we hope to keep it so. We invite intelligent, moral, industrious enterprising people, whether they have money or not. We have fertile land, elegant, healthful climate and home seekers will find here a hospitable people.

> Choice Farm for Rent 640 acres, 350 in cultivation, 4 houses, extra good place. See H. H.

When U. S. Admiral Fletcher told the warring armieis to let up, or he would train his guns on them, they heard him.

Anything in the feed line, we have it. Phone 181.

C. NATION & SON.

Joe Golden split the mud from his home to town Wednesday.

See H. G. Towle for Libbey's Cut Glass, the World's Best.

## Actors on Christmas

There's lots of work, And there ain't no play, So what's the use

Of a Christmas day? HAT little verse, paraphrased from one familiar to soldiers, the advance agent do not appreciate realism. the giving and receiving of presents Now, this same manager had confrom their friends. But it does mean cluded to give his company a dinner that people connected with the stage on the stage after the performance have come to look upon the Christmas In the course of the play the dog was time as a season of short pay and hard brought out and tied to the well.

none the less true, that most actors good things at the side of the stage, have a clause in their contracts which and without waiting for the finish of calls for half pay the week before the act he made for the food, dragging Christmas. This clause was inserted the "heavy rock walled well" behind in the days when the week before him. Christmas really was a "tough" one in This action on the part of the dog the theatrical business. But nowadays there are many productions which pack the theaters to the doors the week before Christmas as well as any other week in the year. Nevertheless some of the managers live up to that contract and deduct the half week's pay. That is one reason why actors aren't particularly merry at Christmas.

There are other managers who make a practice of laying off their companies the week before Christmas and some of them ten days or two weeks before. In that case there is no salary at all forthcoming. That, probably, is another reason why the average actor cannot understand why Christmas is an occasion to be unduly

It was only last year that some of the managers came to the conclusion that stage people, like other human beings, might like to spend some part of the Christmas holiday with their friends and relatives. Up to that year it had been the custom of all managers to give a special matinee on Christmas day. That meant, of course. that about all the actor had to do or this festive occasion was to rush to the theater almost as soon as he had acquired his regular amount of sleep. give an afternoon performance and then, if fortunate enough to have friends or relatives living in the city, to hurry through his Christmas dinner with them or leave before it was half over to go back to the theater to play the evening performance.

But a few of the managers changed that last year by omitting the Christmas matinee and giving it on the day following. There were other managers. however, who not only gave the Christmas matinee, but acted on the suggestion of their more charitable competi tors and gave the matinee the day aft er too. However, this omission of the



DINNER ON STAGE BETWEEN PERFORM

Christmas matinee was confined almost exclusively to a few of the first class theaters in New York city.

On the road it is different. The actors have to work just as hard as they ever did, and opposition from local managers will probably prevent the elimination of the Christmas matinee outside of New York. With some companies Christmas is

not the disagreeable occasion that it is with others. One or two owners make it a practice to instruct the manager with the company to have a Christmas dinner prepared at the expense of the show. Sometimes a caterer is called in, and the dinner is served on the stage between the matinee and the evening performance. In that event the dinner usually proves prolific of material for the house press agent, and the affair is duly recorded in the daily papers. Sometimes it is served on the stage after the evening performance Other times arrangements are made at some hotel.

It was one of these after the per formance affairs that came pretty near putting a traveling stock company out. of business in a town out in lowa last Christmas. This theater, by the way. boasts of the only dog critic in exist

+++++++++++++++++ ence. This comes from the fact that if the dog doesn't like a show he will start to howl, and he has to be removed from the theater before the performance can be continued.

Only a month before a well known concert singer was appearing at the theater. She had about finished one of her best selections when the dog poked his nose over the railing of an upper box and began to howl his dis approval. That led to the temporary banishment of the dog critic from the theater. But when the stock company came along the manager heard about the dog, and, willing to take a chance just about sums up the real that the dog's judgment of his show Christmas sentiment existing would be favorable, he suggested that among people connected with the the- the dog be allowed to sit by a big well, atrical business. No, that doesn't which was a part of the scenic effect mean that the actor, the manager and in one of the acts, just for the sake of

Everything went all right until the It isn't generally known, but it is dog sniffed the turkey and the other

critic-actor disturbed things generally,



for the villain had just been arranging with one of his confederates to rid himself of the hero of the play by tossing him down the aforesaid well. The villain, after the laughter subsided, arranged his part of the plot by canceling the order to have the hero tossed down the well and instead to have him tied to a railroad track. However, the audience refused to take the play seriously after the well disappeared.

There is probably more real Christmas sentiment in plays that have to carry children as a part of the production than in any of the others. With these shows there is usually a Christmas tree between the matinee and the evening performance in which every one joins in and makes merry.

A hard lot is that of the actor who happens to be playing what is known as "the small time" around the holi- too little to be ashamed. days. "Small time" contracts call for three shows a day, and on Christmas day an extra one is usually added. A vaudeville actor on "big time" probably has more time to appreciate Christmas-if Christmas really can be appreciated away from home-than any other because he is usually in the theater but an hour in the afternoon and an hour in the evening, and the rest of the time is his own unless the house manager has promised to "ask" him to go over to some club and entertain the guests at their Christmas reception. Of course the actor doesn't have to do this, but if the manager is of any standing at all in the vaudeville world the actor usually finds it expedient to grant the request,

But the man probably who spends the lonesomest Christmas of them all is the poor advance agent-recognized on the program as business manager. advance representative or manager in advance. Unless the advance agent is close enough to his home town to "jump" for Christmas he usually gets a genuine attack of the simon pure blues. True, the advance man who has been on the road for any length of time can usually be depended upon to meet people he knows, but they are people who live in the town, and he usually finds himself dining alone when the time comes for him to eat his "Christmas dinner."

A Real Santa Claus. NTA CLAUS, I hang for you, By the mantel, stocking two, One for me and one to go To another boy I know.

There's a chimney in the town You have never traveled down. Should you chance to enter there You would find a room all bare. Not a stocking could you spy. Matters not how you might try. And the shoes you'd find are such As no boy would care for much. In a broken bed you'd see Some one just about like me. Dreaming of the pretty toys Which you bring to other boys, And to him a Christmas seems Merry only in his dreams. All he dreams, then, Santa Claus

Stuff the stocking with, because

When it's filled up to the brim I'll be Santa Claus to him!

Lou and had been saving up his pennies to buy her a Christmas present. He had five when he climbed into his mother's lap to consult as to how the money should be invested. After the conference it was agreed that Aunt Lou's present should be a rose.

The florist's was only five blocks down the street. In front of the little corner grocery store stood Bobbie, Freddie's chum, studying the wonderful things in the window. "Hello!" said Freddie. "Have you

got a copper?" Bobbie displayed two, and Freddie

asked what he was going to buy." "Don't know. Come on; let's go in,"

said Bobbie. On the counter was a box of white clay pipes with funny faces on them. Bobbie's bright eyes spied them at once. "How much is the bubble pipes?"

he asked. "Just a cent," said the man behind

the counter. Bobbie bought one, and Freddie lingered at the box. He asked, "How many would five coppers buy?"

"Six." Freddie bought six. Freddie returned home, and mamma looked up from her sewing and asked, 'Did you get it?"

Six, mamma, six beautiful ones!" he cried excitedly.

"Why, Freddie, you couldn't get six for 5 cents," said his mother. "Yes, I did," said the little boy

'Just'look here!" "Why, Freddie, they're pipes, and Aunt Lou doesn't want pipes. Where

Freddie stood before her, speechless He had forgotten the rose-forgotten



"BUBBLE PIPES!" SHE CRIED.

all about Aunt Lou's Christmas present! He was a very little boy, but not

"Did you spend all of your coppers?" mamma asked gently, and Freddie nodded his head and gulped.

"I don't think Aunt Lou will like pipes quite as well as a rose, do you?" mamma asked. "Never mind, dear; wrap up the pipes for her."

"But Aunt Lou doesn't want pipes," Freddie said chokingly. "Didn't you buy them for Aunt Lou,

dear?" mamma asked. "They are for me," said Freddie in a low voice.

"And what have you got for Aunt Lou, who always gives you such a nice Christmas present?" Freddie crept very close and asked,

"Will you please give me 5 cents?" "That would be mamma's present, dear, and not yours. You saved the

coppers for Aunt Lou, and if you have bought pipes with them you must give her the pipes." Christmas day Freddie gave the

pipes to Aunt Lou. His papa laughed. His mother smiled, and a merry twinkle appeared in Aunt Lou's eyes. She caught sight of a little red, mortified face with two blue eyes brimming with tears. That was too much for Aunt Lou. Not for worlds would she add to Freddie's distress. "Bubble pipes!" she cried joyously.

"Now, isn't that splendid? Why, bubble parties are all the rage now. I'll be able to give a party myself tomorrow afternoon, and you must all be sure to come."

A little smile was beginning to dimple around Freddie's lips, and he was blinking away the tears that had gathered. "One's broke," he said in a little wavering voice.

"Is it? Why, yes! And right close to the bowl! Isn't that fine? Why. lots of girls I know always curl their hair on pipestems and think they're

far Nicer than curling tongs." After Freddie had gone to bed mamma told papa and Aunt Lou all the story about Aunt Lou's present.

"You're a darling, Lou," papa said as he kissed his sister. "I'm really ashamed of myself for laughing."

Aunt Lou smiled. "Will you come to my bubble party?" she asked. "I'll do more than that," papa answered; "I'll buy the prize for it.

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# OUR PRICES DROP!

This is the most unheard of event, but we are forced to do it. The continued warm weather has caused unusual conditions, and in order to dispose of the large stock of winter wearables, we have decided to make the most radical price reductions in this great

## EMERGENCY SALE

Profits are sacrificed, values do not count and you are now offered your stock of Women's Newest Furs, Suits, Coats, Millinery, Skirts, Etc., at the most radical price reductions. Men's Suits, Overcoats, Furnishings and our entire stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Furnishings at emergency prices

## Emergency Prices Emergency Prices on Women's Suits

## Two Extra Special Values

A large assortment of styles in new fall models. All wool fabrics in the most popular weaves and wide range of desirable colors. Not a suit in the lot worth less than \$15,00 and many that were \$16.50 to \$18.00.

## On Sale at the Emergency Price \$10.85

Handsome collection of stylish models that were marked to sell at \$25,00 to \$30.00. Now in the

Emergency sale at \$16.50

Your choice of any Ladies' Suit for \$19.85

# on Furs.

Some extra special values are included in this selection of fur sets and single pieces. Every set will go at greatly reduced prices and

This Sale enables you to make a handsome Christmas gift at a very low cost to you.

A fine set of white Iceland fox worth \$20.00 now for

### \$15.00.

A fine set white Iceland fox worth \$15,00, now for

## \$11.75

A fine set Red fox worth easy \$25.00 you can get it now for

### \$19.85.

A finer set red fox and longer marked to sell at \$35.00, now for

### **\$28.95**

Many, Many, others too numerous to mention at \$8.50 to \$12.50 per set, don't fail to see them before you select your Christmas gift,



## Entire Stock of Women's Coats at **Emergency Prices**

Coat values that reach the limit of price cutting are to be found in this big Sale.

Any 25.00 Coat for \$18.75 Any 20.00 Coat for \$14.85 Any 15.00 Coat for \$11.85 Any 12.50 Coat for = \$9.85 Ladies' Coats as low as \$3.75 Misses Coats reduced in proportion.

Childrens coats as low as 1,50

Space forbids any more prices here now, but come and see for yourself.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

# HUNTER MERCANTILE COMPANY

## CUPID'S CONQUESTS.

County Clerk Skinner did a rushing business in the marriage license line Wednesday as is shown in the

W. P. Arnold and Miss Eula-Thompson. L. O. Smith and Miss Adelle Har-

less. J. F. Landess and Miss Margie Woodard.

SWEETHEARTS TO BE SWEETER, in the fire limits. The ordinance apgive them a nice XMAS PACKAGE pears in another column of this paof NORRIS' EXQUISITE CANDY the per. best in SNYDER. Grayum Drug Co.

L. Crowder was here last night.

## CITY COUNCIL MET

LAST MONDAY NIGHT

The City Council met in regular session Monday night. Present: Mayor Noble, Secretary Baker, Aldermen and Fickas. City Marshal Wolfe.

Rogers & Casstevenes, \$4.15.

J. F. Ramsey, \$9.25,

J. W. Green, \$77.25. An ordinance was passed to pro-BOYS-IF YOU WANT YOUR hibit the shooting of fire works with

> Tilmon P. Perkins, Esq. is visiting at Palo Pinto.

MUST HAVE THE SIGNAL

sends the Signal a check to move his

The following accounts were aldate up a year in advance and says: Be sure to send the Signal this week and hence forward."

See H. G. Towle. Eyes tested free.

Schools was a visitor at the Teachers' in the Signal's affections. Institute Wednesday.

Don't forget to renew for the Sig, of Candy means the BEST.

GRANDEST AND BEST PAPER . The Signal acknowledges receipt

SAYS MR. SIDDONS Our old time Hermleigh friend R. makes a newspaper man feel like life handsome new calendar for the year F. Siddons, who is now cashier of is worth living. Mr. August Stahl is Maxwell, Bolin, Monroe, Curnutte the Farmers' State Bank at Brandon one of Scurry County's most solid citizens and in sending renewal for years. the Signal he says: "I am sending you a check. Hope it will find everything alright and put me in good at H. G. Towle. For Eye-Glasses and , Spectacles, standing with the grandest and best paper in Scurry county."

Supt. Johnson of the Sweetwater in advance and holds a warm corner attending the Teachers' Institute.

GRAYUM DRUG CO

of a postal card from the Snyder

Here is the kind of expression that National Bank, presenting us with a 1914. This little token of friendship, is accepted with thanks and we wish

Hawkes' Cut and Engraved Glass

Brother Stahl gets credit a year is the guest of Mrs. F. E. Jolly and ages an gdet a 40c buggy whip free.

Pete Brady, president of the First | Phone 181 The name NORRIS on a package State Bank and Trust Company has returned from a visit over in Stone-

### AT THE PICTURE SHOW

Manager Grantham is enjoying a nice patronage at the Opera House picture show and is giving the people a program of high class pictures every night. Snyder should support for that institution many happy new one picture show well and no doubt will do it. The enterprise deserves a liberal patronage.

Den't pay \$1.00 for a Box of Stock Powders when you can buy Miss Ocie Breeden of Hermleigh Senaca for 75 cents. As large pack-Did you get yours.

C. NATION & SON.

Mrs. Roland Wood has our thanks for cash on subscription.

COME EARLY

# "SANTA FE"

## Are You Going to Spend Christmas With the Old Folks At Home!

## To All Points in Texas:

ON SALE DECEMBER 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, and Jan. 1st. Limited January 6th for return

FARE AND ONE-THIRD

## To Points in Other States:

ON SALE DECEMBER 20, 21, and 22, limited until January 18th for return, at reduced rates.

Call For Further Information.

## WARNING!

## **HOLIDAY GOODS--Assortment Now Complete** THE ARCADE.

## Change in Teaching Force

Miss Daisy Brady who has had charge of the primary department of the Central school for more than ten years has tendered her resignation. The board accepted it and elected Miss Nannie Ball to take charge of the work. Miss Brady held the highest confidence of her patrons and pupils and all regret to give her up. Miss Ball had charge of the 6th grade where she has shown her ability to do her work well. She has had training in North Texas Normal College and Eastern Schools in primary work and has been very successful as a teacher in the primary depart- Signal. ment. It is to be hoped that, the patrons will co-operate with her and help her succeed. Mrs. Clyde Miller a graduate of Snyder High School, predict for her greatest success.

Dr. A. R. Ponton of Post City spent Thursday night in this city.

go to Corpus Christi for the winter. her aupt at Odessa.

Mrs. H. C. Adams and Mrs. M. E. Knowls of Dermott were guests at the Manhattan last night.

N. T. Ford who has been ilving moved back on Route 3 and called subscription? in Wednesday and renewed for the

## BIDS WANTED

Stokes.

E. B. BARNES. Sec'y. School Board.

Miss Ina Oxford who has been Mrs. Walter Wasson has return-, B. L. Baze, of Snyder, Texas is visteaching music here since September ed from a visit with relatives at iting at the home of his sister, Mrs. doesn't expect to return to Snyder Uvalde and San Antonio. She was J. L. Suits, this week. Mr. Baze says after the holidays. She and her fa- accompanied by her neice Tennie Pat- he is well pleased with our town and ther have been advised that this cli- terson, who will make a short visit will probably locate here.-Roaring mate is not good for her and she will here and then spend the winter with Springs Echo.

> Public Weigher Hooper of Hermleigh spent one day in the countyseat this week.

Our good friend O. L. Jones has near Hermleigh the past year has thanks of the Signal for cash on ancestry.

## Fine Horse For Sale

Fine Percheron Stallion, 6 years old, dapple gray, weight about 1500 holders of the First National Bank of pounds. One of the best horses in this Snyder, will be held at their banking The Snyder School Board will re- country. Shipped from Kansas at house on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1914 at 1913, takes the 6th grade work. Mrs. seive bids on the entire windmill out two years old. Will sell this horse for ten o'clock a. m. This meeting is for Miller is amply fitted both by nature fit at the West Ward School building. about one third of first cost and the purpose of electing a Board of and training for the work and we Bids should be submitted prior to guarantee him to be allright in ev- Directors for the ensuing year and Jan. 1, 1914 and left with R. M. ery way. Will sell him for \$600.00 such other business as shall be and give time for good note.

> C. B. HALEY, Midland, Texas

Prof. Lee Clark, connected with the Department of Education at Austin was a distinguished visitor in Snyder Thursday. He is a son of one of the founders of Add-Ran College. He is a worthy son of an honorable

To the Stockholders of the First National Bank.

You are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting of the Stock-

brought before said meeting. ROBT. H. CURNUTTE.

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The **American** Adding

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See our exhibit—as for 10 days' trial.

Here is a new price on a competent Adder. On a machine that is rapid, full-size an infallible.

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The very latest machine, built by men who know, in one of the largest metal-working shops.

It is an individual Adder, to be placed on one's desk, close to one's books and papers. To take the place of the central machine requiring skilled operators.

It is also intended for offices and stores where costly machines are a luxury. The price is due to utter simplicity, and to our enormous

output. Seven keys do all the work. Each copied number is shown up for checking before the

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Now we make this offer so that offices everywhere may learn what this machine means to them.

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We will gladly place in any office one American Adder for ten days' test.

There will be no obligation and charges will be paid.

Compare it with any nonlister-even the costliest. Let anyone use it. See if any machine can serve better Just send us this coupon

and we'll send the machine.

Manufactured and Guaranteed by

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All kinds of Leather Goods. Fine line of Buggy Whips and Lap Robes

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If you want a man's work done, i san old saying. You can send anyone to our market for meat, and your order will be filled just as well as if you came yourself. We keep nothing but the very choicest of meats, fat, prime, tender, and juicy, and we cut and trim your steaks, roasts, and other meats only as experts can for

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Watkins & Glen, Prop.

Oldest Lumber Lumber Firm in West Texas.

# Burton-Lingo Lumber Co.

Complete line of all kinds of Building material carried.

Agents for the celebrated Sherwin-Williams Paints.

Agents for the famous Pittsburg Electric Weld Woven Wire.

Don't fail to get our prices on Cedar posts.

## PRECAUTIONARY HINTS.

BOUT this time papa remarks Irrelevantly (eyes cast down), 'I haven't seen a tie I like In any shop in this whole town.'

Drops in to call on mother dear And hints that he is well supplied

With slippers, gifts of yesteryear About this time big Brother Jack Declares: "Cigars no more

A pipe whiff now and then perhaps! No, mother, this is not a joke!'

About this time poor mother dear Perplexed is and inclined to sigh, 'How strange that each should show distaste For just the gifts I meant to

-Ella A. Fanning.

#### CHRISTMAS IN MANILA.

CHRISTMAS for the majority of the 225,000 inhabitants of Manilathat is, the Filipinos-begins on Christmas eve. There are no stockings hung, however, for stockings are not popular, even with the most aristocratic senoritas, who usually go bare ankled. Midnight mass is the occasion which brings thousands to the churches. These fine edifices are thrown open the hatchway. and blaze with myriads of candles and

Manila at midnight on Christmas eve is probably gayer than at any other time of the year. The streets are thronged with carriages and people in their best attire. Many Americans church to church inspection tours in parties. Fine trained choirs and stringed orchestras render excellent music.

The weather during the holiday season is just cool enough to dispel the chronic laziness which pervades Manila during most of the year and put a little spice into the blood. At noon the thermometer will probably not go over 84 or 85 degrees. At night, however, a blanket on the bed is not too much.

### The Seven Sets of Presents.

A LL the world's a Christmas tree, and all the men and women merely children. They have their presents and remem

brances. And one man in his time gets many gifts, His lot being seven series. At first the

With his feeding spoons and rattles; Then the trumpet and tin soldiers, skates

And fireman's helmet, and then the lover, Knit by his lady's fingers. Then a hubby, Showered by his friends with socks and

painted China that his wife can use as well. And

The middle aged of fair round belly-To hide his shining pate. The sixth set Into the carpet slipper game or bad ci-

A silver cutter, since his teeth are bad. Last gift of all that ends this strange Eventful history is failing sight. Then they bring a magnifying glass

-Detroit Free Press.

"But, daddy, is there really, truly Santy? "Well, I just guess yes-a regular

corker he is too.' "Is he nice?"

"Is he? Well, I should say so! Isn't he, Mary?" "Humph! Very nice, as Santas go.

but not very modest.' "Is he handsome, daddy?"

"Oh, as handsome as a picturesparkling eyes, fine forehead, beautiful complexion-very handsome, isn't he,

Mary?" "Henry, it's perfectly dreadful the way you deceive that child. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. You're set-

ting him a terrible example." "But, daddy, where does he live-

away off somewhere?" "Oh, yes; very, very far."

"Away off where the stork lives?" "The stork! Who's been telling you bout the stork?"

"Mammy."-Chicago Tribune.

## Mistletoe.

It is high time that something was ione about our mistletoe literature that crops up so regularly during the holfday season. It systematizes about as follows:

The joke about the girl who wears

sprig of mistletoe on her head. The joke about the mistletoe that didn't come in time, and the girl asks (always coyly) whether they cannot get along without it.

The church trimming mistletoe joke. The sprig of mistletoe that the long lost lover on his dramatic return on Christmas eve a ways draws out of his pocket at the end of the story.

The fact is that the mistletoe has now degenerated into a chestnut. It no longer serves any useful literary purpose. It should be worn only by mothers-in-law.-Harper's Weekly.

The Best Known Christmas Poem. "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" those delightful verses that will charm both the old and young as long as there are stockings to be hung-was written ninety-one years ago, just before the holiday season, by Clement Clark Moore, then professor of oriental languages in the New York Theological seminary. It has become an American classic, and no Christmas day is complete without a reading of this charming little lyric that has lived and gladdened the Christmastide for nearly 100 years.

# Eve Dance

WRITTEN BY A JACK TAR



HEN me and my shipmate, Bill Bolthead, was takin' a little cruise ashore last year we each got a pretty, sweet scented note with R. S. V. P. at the bottom, requestin' "the pleas-

ure of your company" at a dance on Christmas eve. Bill, who is well up in these things, told me them letters meant "Reply Sharp; Very Pressin'. So we wrote our replies sharp, hacceptin' "the very pressin' hinvitation."

Well, Christmas eve came round, and our best shore goin' togs and set sail for the dance. On reportin' ourselves battleship's gun room, all titivated up with holly and mistletoe, and with the deck polished instead of holy stoned, and so slippery that I nearly pitched on to my bowsprit as I went through

"Vast heavin', Bill," I sez, comin' to an anchor; "this is worse than crossin' the bay in a gale o' wind," but Bill he kept forgin' ahead, as cool as a middy in command of a dispatch boat, so I slipped my cable and went on full speed in his wake, sweatin' like a turn out on Christmas eve also to see | marine recruit goin' into haction for the displays and the people and make the first time. We was nearly the last aboard, for the cabin was pretty full, the men lookin' like restaurong waiters and the ladies all as smart as a cruiser

squadron in rainbow rig. Presently a fussy little chap, who I took to be the commodore, but who Bill said was the M. Sea man, though he didn't look as if he knowed much about the sea, came up and gave us both a pretty card with sailin' orders on, which Bill called a program. Then he passed the word to clear for haction, and a band on the quarterdeck aft struck up and the dancin' begun.

As I was leanin' against the bulwarks the M. Sea man came up and



"I NEARLY PITCHED ON TO MY BOWSPRIT." said somethin' what I couldn't catch. so I said, "Aye, aye, sir!" and before I knowed it he had hintrojuiced me to the smartest A1 clipper built little craft I ever turned my searchlights on, and somehow the next minute her sweet little figurehead was close to mine, and I made fast around her amidships and steamed into haction.

"This is a polker, not an 'ornpipe,' she said presently in a voice as sweet as the bo's'n's whistle pipin' at grog time, so I axed her parding and navigated accordin'. Well, we boxed the compass about twice, when some one ran foul o' my starboard bow and threw me on my beam ends. My consort was so consarned and bore a hand so prettily to haul me up that I quite forgot to say what I was agoin' to to the lubber. Next time I was goin' to dance with her again, but she told me she was engaged. "Hindeed!" sez I as 'aughty as a hadmiral. Then a redheaded swab took her in tow, and the band strikin' up the "Keel Row" there was the two of 'em a-caperin' away just like old Mac, our second engineer. when he has had what he calls "a wee drap" on pay nights. Soon after I see her sittin' fannin

herself, while the redheaded chap was a-carryin' on shameful with a girl in pink, so I tacked towards her and told her what I thought of the swab she was engaged to and hoffered to bash in his headlights. I thought she would never stop laughin' as she told me she didn't even know him and was only engaged to him for the dance. And then I felt better.

Well, to cut the yarn short, at eigh bells I conveyed her down to the ward room to mess, and after that we have to in a conservative full of palms and flowers and smellin' like a tropica hisland, and then-well, after a ver; bot engagement, in which I had to bring both broadsides into haction, my pretty prize hauled down her flag, and a few months later we signaled for sky pilot, and I towed her safe latport.-London Tit-Bits,

# My First Christmas HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging I had gotten so weak I could not stand,

Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave Up in Despair. Husband Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky .- In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during Bill and me rigged ourselves out in this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at we was mustered in a big cabin like a all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

ment relieved me for a while, but I was mend it. Begin taking Cardui today. soon confined to my bed again. After Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for & Instructions on your case and 64-page book, Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper.

and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what The doctor was called in, and his treat- it will do. Ask him. He will recom-

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Phone in calls for the Sante Fe morning train the night before. Residence Phone 71

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Snyder,

Texas

Mrs. V. Hollingsworth and baby returned Monday from visiting at Blackwell.

Steve Kemp was in Tuesday from ing for the newspaper man. Hermleigh attending to business mat

# **CATARRH OF**

Clearing out your throat every day, all day. That is what you have been doing for months. Possibly years. A little mucus covers the pharynx.

If you were to go to a doctor he would tell you that you have pharyngitis. If you were to look into your own throat you would find just back of the soft palate a red, lumpy, granular appearance of the back part of the throat. Pharyngitis the doctors call it.

Perhaps he would call it, folicular pharyngitis. It causes you constant annoyance. You are always making slight disturbances when seated in an audience. Can't hold your throat still. Stringy mucus bothers you. Worse in the morning.

A-hem! A-hem! A-hem! That is the way you are going nearly all day. Sometimes in the night when you wake up. You ought to gargle your throat with salt water every morning. Cold salt water. That clears out the throat perfectly and makes it ready for treatment.

Peruna is the treatment. Begin with a teaspoonful before each meal and at bedtime. Try it for a week. You will be convinced. Of course, Peruna will not entirely relieve you in a week. That is too much to expect of any remedy. But it will benefit you so much you will be con-vinced. Yes, it will. It has done this many times.

Folicular pharyngitis. Big words. Almost as bad as the disease. But if you take Peruna for one month reg- Prize winner at the ularly, you may forget that you ever had such a disease. Then you will have a perfect right to forget the big

People who object to liquid medi-cines can now obtain Peruna Tablets. Ask Your Druggist For Free Peruna

Lucky Day Almanac for 1914.

Rev. J. W. McGaha of Route 1 was in town Monday and moved his date away up into next year. We like preachers who exercise a fellow feel-

M. l. Hill of Ira and J. W. Kay of Dunn are registered at the Maxwell and attending the Institute this



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E. E. Brumley

Snyder, Texas

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

tue of a certain execution issued by ed us so liberally in our bazaar enthe Justice of the Peace for precinct terprise. We want you to know that No. 1, Scurry county, on the 3rd we appreciate your kindness and it cause, wherein H. P. Wellborn, is you at any time that opportunity may plaintiff, and E. L. Moore is defend- offer. ant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 27th day of October, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff, H. P. Wellborn against said defendant E. L. Moore, for the sum of one fairly gleaming with Yuletide decohundred and thirty three Dollars, rations and it is worth your while to with interest thereon at the rate of come down town and look through 10 per centum per annum from date the magnificent stocks of goods on of judgment, together with all costs display. of suit, I have levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, 1914, it being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door in Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of E. L. Moore, in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of E. L. Mcore, to-wit:

tion No. 120, Block No. 3, of the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. survey, abstract No. 1658; also all of the Southwest, onefourth of section 120 block no. 3, H. & G. N. Ry Co. survey, abstract, No. 2560.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for One hundred and thirty three Dollars in favor of H. P. Wellborn, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. B. BOLES, Sheriff Scurry County, Texas Snyder, Texas, Dec. 4th, 1913.

Neal Farr and wife, J. R. Coker, Burtis Appleton, John Bowen and W. O. Moore were here Monday from Hermleigh, transacting business.

#### Card of Thanks

We desire to thank all those of Notice is hereby given that by vir- the different churches who have help day of December, 1913, in a certain will be a pleasure to be of service to

LADIES AID OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Christmas show windows are



Your Way for Blacksmithing and all All of the north one-half of sec- | kinds of repair work, located back of Grayum Drug Company.

W. HEDGES Snyder, Texas

#### LANDS AND INSURANCE THAT'S MY BUSINESS

I have a large list of choice property for sale or trade, also write Insurance and do Notary work. See me.

## Jess Wilson

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Snyder, Texas

For making quickly and perfectly, delicious hot biscuits, hot breads, cake and pastry there is no substitute for

MADE FROM GRAPES Sixty Years the Standard

Mr. J. C. maxwell, the govern ment cotton census agent for Scurry County has this week handed the Signa the report of cotton ginned up to December 1, which shows: United State-

1912 ..... 11,854,541 1913 ..... 12,081,100 Scurry County-The government report that came out on December 13 showed 13,677,

On the same day there was an advance of \$2.00 a bale reported on the New Orleans market.

000 hales ginned.

#### Listen Here Ladies.

Just arrived at A. D. Dodson's and ful line of Franco-American Hygienful line of Franco-American Hyginen ic toilet goods, the purest toilet goods on earth. Call and see tnem. MRS. W. A. WATKINS,

Representative.

Dr. A. O. Scarborough has moved his office from the hotel building to rooms over the Grayum Drug store.

Pigs for Sale.

ONTE IN CONTRACTOR

HOUGH the children call me Santa And I'm growing rather old,

am not too old for kisses,

I've long known about the meaning

When a maiden's found beneath it

With her lips all puckered-so.

have found the dainty maiden

Just as sweet as maid can be,

You may watch and envy me

First One Was Designed Nearly Sev-

enty Years Ago.

now not quite seventy years ago since

The artist who claimed to be its

originator and who was at any rate

the first to see its possibilities was W.

little sketch symbolic of the season's

joys and festivities and to send it to

a friend. It seemed to give great

pleasure, and the next year Mr. Dob-

son determined to follow up the idea

on a larger scale and by having his

card lithographed was enabled to send

copies to twenty-five or thirty friends.

The delight with which they were re-

ceived was so great that Mr. Dobson

was quick to perceive that he had

found out a new pleasure for Christ-

The Holy Hay.

There is a popular legend which tells

low the very hay in which the Holy

Babe was laid put forth living blos-

soms at midwinter at the touch of the

SNAPPING THE CRANBERRY.

Dinner Game Suggested, but Not Rec-

ommended.

This is a game to be played at the Christmas table. When the cranberry

sauce is brought on each guest must

place a cranberry on the end of a knife, holding the knife in the left

hand with the right hand close behind

the cranberry. At the word "snap." given by the hostess, the cranberry

should be snapped with the first fin-

ger of the right hand at the target.

The game shall be continued until each

player has shot away all of his cran-

Hitting the hostess with a crapberry

Hitting grandpa counts two; grand-

ma, three; Uncle Will, four; Uncle

Tom, five, and so on, depending on

whom the guests and those around the

A cranberry that goes on the floor is

out of play, but one that falls in any

on a coat or dress can be picked up

and played again. Anybody that hits

counts fifty to the lucky player's score.

one that all will enjoy, especially the

Saddening.

"What makes little Tommy so sad

on this happy Christmas day?" asked

"His presents are all unbreakable,"

A Fin de Siecle Catastrophe.

'Twas the night preceding Christman,

replied Keedick.-Town Topics.

He lacked enough of gasoline To run his deerless sleigh.

And Santa far away.

hostess.-New York World.

berries. The score is counted thus:

Babe's body

counts one.

table are.

Fosdick.

And my heart is never cold.

Of the sprig of mistletoe

And as I collect the tribute

the first was designed.

COM EZELL

#### SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by rirtue of a certain execution, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1913, in a certain cause, wherein W. W. Smith is plaintiff and W. L. Gross and W. S. Boling are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 19th day of September, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff, W. W. Smith, against said defendant W. L. Gross for the sum of fourteen hundred ninety seven and 45-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I did on November 26th, 1913, levy upon and will on the first Tuesday in January, 1914, it being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door in the town of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of W. L. ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CARDS. Gross in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of the defendant, W. L. Gross, and situated in the County of The Christmas card as we know it has an origin easily traceable, and it is Scurry and State of Texas, towit:

All of the south half of section No. 200, in Block No. 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, in Scurry county, Texas, Abstract No. 1815; Also Lot Nos. 1 C. T. Dobson, R. A., an Englishman and 6, block 63, Wilson sub. div. of who when quite a young man in 1844 | Scarborough Add. to town of Snyder,

> Lots 4, 5, and 6, block 30, Wilmeth Add. to town of Snyder, Texas. Lots 1 and 6, block 7, Westside heights Add. to town of Snyder, Tex-

> Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 28, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

> Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 29, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas. Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block

> 44, Colonial Hill Add. to town o f Snyder, Texas.

> Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 45, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas. Lots 10, 13 and 14, block 4,

> Colonial Hill Add, to town of Snyder, Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, blk 5

> Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Lots 6, 7, 10 and 16, block 6,

Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder,

Lots Nos. 4, 7 and 11, block No. 7 Colcnial Hill Add. to town of Snyder,

Lots Nos. 6, 11 a nd 12, block 8, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder,

Lots Nos. 2 and 11, block No. 9, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder,

Also the following sixteen full blocks, towit:

All of Blocks Nos. 13, 14, 15, 17, 24, 25, 32, 33, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48 and 49, in the Colonial Hill addition to the town of Snyder, Texas, all of said property is more fully describ ed in the maps of said additions of record in the deed records of Scur-

anybody else squarely on the nose ry county, Texas. The above sale to be made by me, This is a highly diverting game and to satisfy the above described judgment for (\$1497:45) Fourteen hundred ninety seven and 45-100 Dollars, in favor of W. W. Smith, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof, less a credit of \$400, heretofore collected under order of

J. B. BOLES, Sheriff, Scurry County, Texas. Snyder, Texas, November 26th, 1913.

## **Excursion Rates For** The Christmas Holidays

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GO YOURSELF!

Christmas Present!

See T. & P. Ry. Agents for particulars

GEO. D. HUNTER

Asst. General Passenger Agent DALLAS, TEXAS.

General Passenger Agent

went to Fluvanna Tuesday.

WIFE OF RELATIVE

DIES IN GEORGIA

Liv Davis of the firm of Kincanon & Davis received a message last Saturday informing him of the death of the wife of his cousin, Mr. S. J. Carter at Parrot, Georgia, which occurred at their home last Friday.

Getting over

Clear skies, green fields,

full barns for the farmer

who realizes that the old

order of things has passed.

To be modern is to have

a Bell telephone. To

have a telephone is to

Apply to our nearest Manager or

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELE-

GRAPH & TELEPHONE CO.

DALLAS, TEXAS

the old stile

live.

The Sanitary BARBER SHOP

Telephone Manager W. P. Duckett

Lockhart & King, Props.

HOT AND COLD BATHS IN CONNECTION

North Side Square Next door to Rogers & Casteven's



Southwest Corner Square.

You will find Sheet Music, Instruc tion Books, Musical Iustruments, Fine strings and supplies of all kinds Piano Tuning and Organ Repairing a Specialty.

J. D. BOYD

YOUR LAND TITLES.

THE SCURRY COUNTY AB-

STRACT COMPANY.

Will be glad to abstract you land titles and assist in perfecting same. The time to do this is NOW, while the necessary papers may be secured. Charges as low as are consistent with first class Work. See us in the Court House Basement.



Mrs Money-Wise: \_\_\_

There is no need for doing without furniture you need when Christmas comes once a year. At that season "Hubby" will "loosen up" and give you anythnig you ask for. Of course a wise woman will ask for things for the home. Send your husband to select your present from our big, new, stock of the latest and best furniture, and you too come and buy that easy couch for his present.

Blackard Bros. Hwde. Co.

Southwest Corner Square.

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25-4t.

# Christmas Cards, Tags, Booklets,

Select assortment-Price range 5c to 25c.

## **Woolard Gift Books**

Compilations of the best in Poems and Prose. Ideal Gifts at 50c each,

## Select Stationery, High Class **Fountain Pens**

Appropriate Gifts at Moderate prices.

## High Grade Line of Cutlery .

Prices reasonable; quality the Best.

Your drug wants here, as usual, will receive our particular attenti. n during the holidays.

#### FREE DELIVERY

## PHONE 221 OWL DRUG STORE

F. V. CLARK, Druggist At the center of the block-horth side.

silk umbrellas from \$3.50 up at H. Notary work. G. Towle's Jewelry Store.

A. J. Pollard, Tom Baines and Ben Alexander were here Monday from Camp Springs to sell cotton.

Corn and Oats; Corn and Oats; Phone 181.

C. NATION & SON.

Born, at Hermleigh, December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bloomer, ay

Buy wood and coal from Floyd & Davenport. Good measure, prompt

try was a business visitor in Snyder your home. We have these Victrolas Tuesday.

Four new touring cars to close out

from Scurry county because of the taking parlor at Dallas. drouth have come back.

pen with the world fame, at Towle's man Fountain Pens. You can get Jewelry Store.

Mrs. W. W. Beall and children of Sweetwater are visiting her parents Mr. J. Y. Johnson has recently Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buchanan.

of the Dermott community was do-tend to him a cordial welcome to D-cember 22 and 23. Office at the ing around Snyder Saturday.

Gold and Sterling Silver handled | See H. H. Cotton for abstracts and

J. B. Cloyse was here Tuesday from Dermett.

See Hardy M. Boyd, for Abstracts, over State Bank.

Born, December 13, near Bison, to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wallever, a girl.

Med. C. Ellis has bought the tailor shop formerly owned by R. L. Terry and will conduct a general tailoring business on the west side.

Victor Victrolas and records at Towle's Jewelry Store, it don't cost! A. Parker of the Hermleigh coun- you much to have good music in from \$15.00 up.

Earl Eikins left Monday evening 25tf for an extended visit with his uncle W. L. PETTY, Snyder, Texas and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Starnes at Forney. He stopped a day with Lots of people who moved away Gilbert who is working in an under-

The Balkan and Turkish Peace L. E. Waterman Fountain Pen, the Treaty was signed with L. E. Waterthese same pens at Towle's Jewelry

moved from Tulia to Snyder to reside and has promptly enrolled as a W. T. Rankin, a prominent citizen regular reader of the Signal. We ex- be in Snyder, Monday and Tuesday, ages and get a 40c buggy whip free. our city.

### THE BEAUTIFUL SANTA MYTH.

Don't Undeceive the Little Ones About St. Nick.

If your daughter is just six or seven years old and you are beginning to feel your conscience pinch you at deceiving her any longer with the beautiful myth of Santa Claus, just silence that conscience and wait until she finds out the

truth for herself. If your daughter has any illusions left in this day of disillusion, let her keep them. She will feel more resentment toward you for shattering them than she will for deceiving her. You do not think it necessary to tell your grownup girl all the things you have discovered about love and matrimony and thereby terminate her dreams that those myths are all they seem to be.

After all, the sweetest part of a girl's life from babyhood up is the dream part. Some day she will find out that there is no Santa Claus, and then she will find out that there are no fairies, and then she will find out that romance doesn't last, and then that matrimony has its thorns, and then that women grow old, but why open her eyes to these things?

Let a child believe in Santa Claus just as long as he or she will and pluck the delicious fruit from the mythical Christmas tree to her heart's content. It is bad enough to discover the sawdust in the doll of life when it begins to fall out without being told about it when you thought it was really flesh and blood.

If any mother's conscience is troubling her about the Christmas fib telling just now, let her sit down and try to remember that awful day when she first discovered that there was no Santa Claus, and that conscience will shut up tight and never open its mouth

#### The Glastonbury Thorn.

A famous old English tree was the Glastonbury thorn. According to the old monkish legend, St. Joseph, while resting, fixed his staff in the earth. where it immediately took root and ever after blossomed forth on Christmas day. Curiously enough, when the change of style took place no blossom was seen on the tree until old Christmas day came round. The probable truth is the tree was one brought from Palestine by some of the pilgrims, there being a species of thorn, a native of that country, which blooms at Christ-

Devonshire's Yule Log.

In Devonshire the Yule log was rep resented by the "Ashton fagot," which was brought in and burned with great glee. The fagot was composed entirely of ash timber, hooped round with nine bands, and while it burnt merrily on the spacious hearth sports and fun were the order of the night. For every erack which the bursting of the hoops made the master of the house was expected to furnish a fresh bowl of

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of Big Springs will Manhattan Hotel.

## Mistletoe Doubt

By W. B. HOLLAND

SWEET Bessie was there 'neath the mistletoe, An alluring picture in pink and

Her eyes were inviting, her cheeks Her lips were puckered and arranged just right.



She knew, of course, when I found her

That she was caught in the kissing got the kiss-she played the game

But I think she expected the other

The Lord of Misrule.

The "Lord of Misrule," who some times rejoiced in the whimsical title of the "Abbot of Unreason," was a very important functionary of the Christmas ceremonies in the olden time. His office was that of master of the revels, and in castle and hall, from Christmas eve down to Twelfth day. he was absolute master of all. On tak ing up the duties of his office he generally made some quaint speech, explaining to the company that he absolved them of all their reason and that they were to be just wise enough to make fools of themselves. Under his rule all were to be equal. No one was to sit apart in pride of self suffi ciency to laugh at others. Moreover. being possessed of the magic power to turn his auditory into children, it was his intention while his sovereignt lasted that they should conduct them selves as such.

Senaca for 75 cents. As large pack-

25-2t Phone 181

## When You Think of something to eat remember US.

**Close Prices Prompt Service** The Best Groceries

And the same courteous treatment to everybody. NO BETTER FLOUR THAN BOUQUET. TRY A SACK.

## CURRY & TAYLOR

"THE HOME OF BOQUET"

C. NATION & SON

W. C. Fullilove and family have gone for a holiday visit with the homefolks at Shrevesport, La.

Genuine Ideal Waterman's Fountain pens, the old reliable. H. G.

George W. Harris made a business trip to Lubbock this week.

Car of Red Rust Proof seed oats. Phone us. Price according to amount

C. NATION & SON

Postmaster E. A. Boles was here Saturday from Fluvanna

When in Snyder, be sure and go Up stairs on north side of square To H. V. Williams' Studio And have your picture taken there.

He'll always treat you very nice, And give satisfaction too, If you're not pleased he'll take

Your likeness will be really true.

E. H. Higginbotham continues to Don't pay \$1.00 for a Box of make his weekly visit to Post City

> extend V. L. Notes, H. H. Cotton. Can make loans on city property or

Car of Red Rust Proof seed oats. WANTED-To rent a good 5 or 6 Phone us. Price according to amount room house, with water and convenient location. Apply at Signal office. Get in touch with the piggest Fur. Hide a nd Produce House in West

Texas. Phone 181. C. NATION & SON.

Dr. E. Brock was here Tuesday from Hermleigh.

Silver plated and German Silver Dresser Sets. H. G. Towle's Jewelry

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# COX& SON **GROCERIES** and Tailor Work

Your Business will be appreciated.

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# See Towle's half page Christmas ad this week on page 6

Corn and Oats; Corn and Oats;

Phone 181.

C. NATION & SON. Jess Wilson, one of hustling land men made a business trip to Fluvanna a few days ago.

Xmas gifts of all kinds at Towle's Manhattan register Tuesday. Jewelry store.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* WANTED-You to bring us your subscription to the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News \$ \$1.00 per year.

OWL DRUG STORE \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Get in touch with the biggest Fur, Hide a nd Produce House in West Texas. Phone 181.

C. NATION & SON.

J. T. Wooldridge, the cil magnate of Lubbock, left his autograph on the

Solid Silver, comb, brush and mirror sets at H. G. Towle's.

Dero Leverett was here Monday from Hermleigh.

Genuine Leather Music Rolls at Towle's Jewelry Store.

S For Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Husband, Wife, Baby, Sweetheart, Friend,

In fact for any one whom you want to make a Christmas Gift.

We will help you solve this great problem if you will let us. See our nice and well selected stock before you make your purchases.

Christmas Gifts!

Our line consists of CUT GLASS, "1847" ROGERS SILVERWARE, the Old Reliable Silverware. JEWELRY, such as SOLID GOLD PLAIN AND SET RINGS, DIAMOND LA VALLIERES, GOLD BROOCHES, GOLD CUFF BUTTONS and many other things in Jewelry. XMAS NOVELTIES in LEATHER GOODS, such as COMB AND BRUSH SETS, TRAVELLING CASES, MANICURE SETS, TOURIST ROLLS, MILITARY SETS, WRITING PADS and many other things in this line. We have also the "Universal Fountain Pen" which is the CONKLIN SELF FILLING. GUARANTEED. Something that makes a Valuable Xmas Gift and a gift that will be appreciated. Also a full line of SHUMATE RAZORS, GUARANTEED FOR LIFE and Our Electric Irons, THE AMERICAN BEAUTY and HOT POINT BRANDS. These make nice and useful gifts and are absolutely guaranteed. XMAS BOOKS and XMAS CARDS of all kinds. Electric Flash Lights fo the Boys. FINE MEERCHAUM and FRENCH BRIAR PIPES. Norris' Exquisite Candies, NONE BETTER. In all size packages for XMA GIFTS. XMAS PACKAGES in FINE PERFUME. And many other things that make suitable XMAS PRESENTS.

## FIRE WORKS!

FIRE WORKS!

The largest and best stock in town. Boys be sure to see our line, we have just what you want. SEE UR SHOW WINDOWS

Grayum Drug Compan

WALL PAPER

WINDOW GLASS

## **Presents Here!**

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DOLLS. JEWELRY, KING'S CANDIES, CHINA-WARE, MANICURE SETS, FIREWORKS and many other appropriate, useful and helpful gifts. See our line and get our prices before you buy.

Warren Brothers DRUGS.

SPECTACLES

**JEWELRY** 

## Our Weekly Sermonette

By Rev. M. Tilmon Tucker.

when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; \* saying sing us one of the songs of Ps. 137:1-5.

ity they had developed their temple more in a powerful appeal and exhorwere skilled in the use of the harp and laugh producing matter the betand various other instruments which ter. The Lord deliver us from merely they used in their temple worship. trying to entertain folks. The 150th Psalm is an exhortation to worship by the use of these varicus inscruments. Thus the sacred music of the Jews had come to be that time. It was natural ther fore up at eJrusalem in the temple. How that these Babylonians should want sad to meet Christians out of whose

they could not sing, but hung their less he takes part in the worship. harps upon the willows. How suggestive this is. The harp, the means some of the greatest singers and muof praise and gladness, hung upon sicians in the world, but they became the willow, the symbol for mourning so by practice. If we want the joy to with its weeping limbs and foliage. There are many g od lessons:

I .- THEY WERE LAMENTING THE work for God. PRIVILEGES WHICH SIN HAD IV .- THE AWAKENED MEMORY. TAKEN AWAY.

been to have recognized their advan- Jerusalem when memory awakened. tages. But this is common to most of They were unable to grant the reour experiences. We do not appreci- quest of these Babylonians by singate belssings until they are gone.

till the sweet voiced bird has newed their loyalty and purpose. flown.

Strange we never prize the violets till the lovely flowers are gone."

above all let us not have the remorse tions and were a happy people again. as did these Jews that sin has cost us Then they sung the songs of Zion these blesings.

CHRISTIAN AMUSEMENT. These Babylonians wanted to hear

THE HARPS AND THE WILLOWS. | them sing, not to be benefited, but for the pleasure of it and to satisfy TEXT: "By the rivers of Babylon, their curiosity. This is a common sin there we sat down, yea we wept, of today. People demand that they be entertained when they come to church. They are not willing to hear a simple Gospel and how it saves, but they want to be entertained. And there are some churches and pastors who feel like they must yield to this Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's demand. Hence many services would songs in a strange land! If I for- be better suited for a circus than a get thee, O Jerusalem let my right church. This is not so common in hand forget her cunning, etc."- the South, but even here is a tendency. People demand entertainment and short sermons. Many of our fath-This scene was in Babylon, just ers would preach an hour getting the after the Jows had been carried minds of the people to his lines of there in captivity. Before the captiv- thought, and then thirty minutes worship to a very high paint, and es- tation, but today one must talk only pecially their sacred songs. They thirty minutes, and the more jokes

> II—RELIGION TO BE AT ITS BEST REQUIRES RELIGIOUS ENVIR-ONMENTS.

They could not sing with the spirit known over the civilized world at under those conditions that they did hear some of these world famed life all the praise and melody has ongs by their own singers. But the gone, because they insist on denying israelites found that they could not themselves of a religious environsing there as they could in the tem- ment such as God has ordained for ple where the environments were the development of these graces. No ducive to praise. The temple was man can live out of his church as one, their spirits were depressed, well as he can in it. Neitner can he neir heatrs were filled with shame live a happy life when he only atad remorse for the sins which re- tends occasionally. And if he attends sulted in their unhappy condition, so he cannot be developing rapidly un-

Among these captive Jews were come again into our lives let us renew our church relations and go to

Notice with what earnestness and How much better it would have fervor they declare their loyalty to ing as they did at Jerusalem, but by the demand and even by their failure Strange we never prize the music memory was aroused and they re-

Will we not allow our famished souls to think again about the spiritual Jerusalem, and when memory is aroused, let us return to our place Let us thank God for our churches, in God's service. These Jews finally our homes, our dear friends and lov- returned and rebuilt the temple and ed ones while we have them, and the town with necessary fortificawith a new meaning. So may we if II .- THE WOLD'S DEMANDS FOR the music has gone out of our souls. 'Return unto me and i will return unto you saith the Lord."

#### Resolutions of Appreciation Incident to the retirement of Mrs.

H. G. Towle as president of the Missionary Auxiliary of the Methodist church, after a long period of faithful leadership, the members of this organization have given assent to the following expression:

Whereas, our faithful efficient and greatly loved president, Mrs. H. G. Towle has retired from the presidency of this auxiliary; and

Whereas, we fully recognize her

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I have a number of full blood Bronze Turkeys to sell for Stock purposes. 14 cents a pound, Toms 18 to 20 pounds, Hens 12 to 14 pounds at 7 months old. Have taken blue ibbon at two fairs. See

ability, we feel that under her leadership we have been benefited and encouraged; and

Whereas, we are reminded of her unselfish interest at all times in the affairs of this society; thereore be it

Resolved, by the Mission Auxiliary here now assembled, that we extend to our sister, this token of our sincere appreciation of her.

Done by order of the Methodist Auxiliary, South, this December, 8th, A. D., 1913.

MRS. E. E. GRIMES, MRS. J. S. HARDY, Committee on Resolutions.

MORE THAN HALF INCH

## RAIN FELL THIS WEEK.

more than a half inch. The ground Conference of Education of Texas. was already wet and the roads and the streets are very muddy.

The temperature for most of the week has been above freezing and but little ice has formed. Thursday morning was gloomy, foggy and chilly. If a good winter season is anyought to be a safe proposition.

MATE RAZOR. Sold by Grayum Drug tendents by trustees, just as superincompany.

## ARISTMAS FRUITS, CANDIES AND NUTS.

a have a complete line of Holiday fruits, candles, nuts,

GIVE HIM A NICE BOX OF CIGARS

ppreciated more than anything else you could think ND COLD DRINKS, in fact everything in an up-to-

NG'S CONFECTIONERY

# Better Baked



You never tasted

ET BAKING POWDER CO

SNYDER TEACHERS ON

HOLIDAY VACATION

Several of the school teachers will leave this (Friday) evening for their holiday outings

Miss Ball goes to Terrell,

Miss Wilkins to Blanket. Miss Baines to San Marcos,

Miss Heath to Pecos, Miss Brady to Granbury,

Miss Klapproth to Midland.

PROF. JOHNSON DISCUSSES PLANS OF CONFERENCE

Superintendent M. B. Johnson of performed the ceremony. the Sweetwater Schools visited the Scurry County Institute and address-The rain this week amounted to ed the teachers in the interest of the number of friends of the family. The Conference had planned for representatives to visit about fifty Coun ty Institutes during the week and leading educators over the state were active all at once.

The objects of the Conference are for professional and non-political su- all who know her. pervision of rural schools, to provide A nice gift for Xmas is a SHU- for the choosing of county superin- brocaded with gold trimmings. tendents for city schools are chosen tions. by the school boards. Calling for removal of the 50 cents maximum local beautiful and useful presents, attesttax and for the removal of the two- ing the popularity of the bride. thirds vote required in the levy of local maintainance tax. Providing that a majority of the tax paying voters may spend whatever amount they please for education.

> every county where desired; for a home, 805 Colonial Avenue. compulsory attendance law; for adequate appropriations for buildings university and other state schools.

well in line with the general plans AND IN PAILS. of the Conforence.

MISSIONARY MATTERS

The Methodist Missionary Auxiiiary will meet in open session at the parsonage at 3:30 to 5:30 p. m. December 29. All members of the church are invited to be present.

FIRE WORKS! BOYS! at Grayam Drug Company.

It is H. M. Blackard and not J. K. who recently moved into the Jones' place in West Snyder. H. M. has recently moved back from near Hermleigh and will hereafter be with the Hardware Store.

NORRIS CHOCOLATES. Best in town at Grayum Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hutcheson have taken rooms at Mrs. T. J. Faught's.

WILL WORK ROAD BETWEEN SNYDER, IRA AND DUNN

The Signal is informed that a subscription list has been circulated here to raise funds for working the roads between Snyder, Ira and Dunn. Some persons have promised work, others agree to give money.

We are informed that the petitionrs have met with good success.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT-NORRIS CHOCOLATES. Grayum Drug Co.

MISS BRADY RESIGNS

After Ten Years of Faithful Work in Schools and Social Lines in Snyder.

Miss Daisy Brady who has been teaching the Primary Department in the Snyder Public Schools for several years has this week tendered her resignation, effective now. The trustees have accepted it and Miss Jones: Ball who has been teaching the sixth grade at the Central building ner waiting. Will be a little late tohas been transferred to the Primary night." Department.

Mrs. Miller has been elected to succeed Miss Ball as teacher of the home.

sixth grade. She is a lady of culture, a valued be one of the best primary teachers.

The friends and patrons of the school regret to see Miss Brady leave the school. She has been a faitihful worker so long and has proven so ef- like to know why you sent a wire at ficient, and has so many friends in 4:30 telling me you had missed the the school and elsewhere, that her 5:30 train." going away is considered with feelings of sadness.

She is a lady of culture, a valued member of social, educational and church circles and always true to every call and responsibility to come to her. Deservedly popular with all our people. She is justly reputed to be one of the bets primary teachers. and her life and labors in Snyder have been a blessing to the youth of Snyder and a comfort to the entire community.

NORRIS' EXQUISITE CANDIES kinds of billy-hell. Then, let us not make the NICEST and SWEETEST speak of a saloon as a 'doggery,' even XMAS GIFT you can find. The QUAL-ITY is the best. The PACKAGE pleases everyone. Costs no more than the cheaper kind. Grayum Drug Co.

ARNOLD-THOMPSON WED-DING THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. W. P. Arnold of Dallas and Miss Eula Thompson of Snyder were married at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's par-OF EDUCATION OF TEXAS entns, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thompson

> It was a quiet and pretty home wedding, witnessed by quite a large

> The attendants were Mr. Ed. R. Garner and Miss Jean Griggs.

> Miss Lillie Weathers played the wedding march. The groom is an enterprising

young business man of Dallas and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and outlined for a comprehensive cam- Mrs. T. J. Thomposn. She is one thing like a guarantee of a good paign for the next two years, to pave of Snyder's most loveable young lacrop year to follow, then next year the way for the enactment of laws dies and is held in high regard by

The bride wore a blue charmeuse The Signal extends congratula-

There was a large collection of

The parlor decorations fere narcissus and ferns with candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold left on the afternoon Santa Fe for New Orleans and other cities for a tour of ten Providing for rural high schools in days after which they will be at

and permanent improvement for the CNAL STOCK FOOD TONIC. IT'S to explain about a writ of habeas cor-THE BEST. WE HAVE IT-FRESH | pus to her." The Scurry County teachers are STOCK, IN ALL SIZE PACKAGES

OWL DRUG STORE

HORNS OF FANTASTIC SHAPE

East African Tribe Have a Peculiar Method of Dealing With Their Oxen.

A tribe of East Africa, called the Suks, hammer and twist the horns of their cattle into all kinds of fantastic shapes. An ox with one horn that points forward and the other backward, writes M. W. H. Beech in "The Suk," is an object of envy and admiration to all; it is called kamar.

They believe that such an ox has exceptional properties. Every fighting man should have his kamar; those on a raiding expedition, the men gathto the river. There the warriors are assembled; they dance round the sacred oxen, flap their hands at them, and kneel on one knee; they hold up their shields in attitudes of defense and brandish their spears, while they utter weird war-cries, which are supposed to excite in the faint-hearted the is a coveted prize, and the Suks slaughter and eat it with much cere-

The Suks were originally an agricultural people. In every plantation they build little shelters on piles, whereon sit the women and children whose duty it is to give warning of the approach of elephants, and to scare away birds. Of the members of the tribe who do other than agricultural work there is a saying, "God gave them no sheep, so he gave them cleverness instead."-Youth's Companion.

### PRETTY HARD TO EXPLAIN

Little Slip Made by Mr. Jones That He Probably Found It Hard to Square.

Jones usually caught the 5:30 train out of the Grand Central for New Rochelle. This day, however, he had met a friend and remained over to renew acquaintanceship. He was plainly up against it, but finally managed to get the following wire off to Mrs.

"Missed the 5:30. Don't keep din-

It was long after midnight when he left the train at New Rochelle and ten minutes later before he reached Mrs. Jones met him at the front

door. "You got my message, darling?" he asked, pressing a box of bonbons into her hands.

"Oh, yes!" quickly returned Mrs. Jones, "I got it all right. But I would

Jones couldn't .- Judge.

Does an Injustice to Canines.

never could see, captiously re marked Kipling Daft, who often cogitates deeply, "why a low saloon should be called a 'doggery.' Dogs do not foregather in such places and put their left hind paws up on the footrail and tell Mike to settemupagain. Neither She is a conscientious Christian lady does a dog linger along till a late hour of the night, bragging about how he was just going to hit the feller when he left, or telling funny stories deftly interspersed with hiccoughs, and then go winding home full of choice liquors, fine cigars and seven

> if the men who congregate there do at times recite more doggerel than is good for them; but be truthful and denominate it as a 'mannery,' if nothing will do us but that we must call it out of its name."-Kansas City

Extermination Not Feared. "Do not believe all you read about the extinction of fur animals," writes a statistician to a Paris paper. "With the exception of a few-seal, chinchilla and American lynx-'fur animals' are no less numerous than they were in West Snyder. Rev. J. W. Hunt 30 years ago, when the prepared pelts, now popular for outer garments, were used for lining purposes. The high prices are caused by the increased demand. The fur-bearing animals will not be exterminated because the fashions change. While one animal, temporarily popular, is being bunted the the other has time to recuperate. Nature helps also in this way: The overhunted animal instinctively abandons its habitat, often seeking refuge where the hunter cannot follow."

Knew He Was Safe.

After the League of Public Safety became active in Broklyn some time ago lectures were delivered in the schools and buttons were given to all pupils. Teachers thought the scheme for safety had been well theorized by the lecturers, but one boy recently showed that everything had not been made plain. In crossing a street he narrowly escaped being hit by an automobile, the driver of which took the opportunity to admonish the lad. "Ah, go on!" yelled the boy; "nothing can hit me!" and he pulled back his coat and revealed his "safety" button.

Sweetly Unreasonable.

"There is no use of trying to deny that women are sometimes a little unreasonable,' said the mild-mannered FEED INTERNATIONAL MEDI- man., "My wife made me do my best

"Did you make it clear?" "I'm afraid not. She went around

the ball game in time for dinner."

WORLD'S LARGEST IRON MINE

Enormous Supply of Rich Ore Is Lo cated at Kiruna, Lapland.

The richest and probably the largest iron ore mine in the world is located at Kiruna, Lapland, in latitude 681/2 degrees north, which is about the same as the northernmost boundary of Alaska. The climate is somewhat milder than in Alaska, and these mines are worked the year around. About 1,600 men are employed and the equipment is all of the most modern machinery obtainable. Machine who do not possess one are objects of tools for the repair shop, air comderision. When they prepare to start pressors, and rock drills, and several of the largest steam and electric er the kamars together, bedeck them shovels are of American make. The with ostrich-feathers, and lead them plant is at present operated by steam power, the coal supply coming from England and Spitzbergen, but the electrification of the mines is in progress, and this power will be used exclusively as soon as the new power plant of the state of Sweden, now under construction at Porjus Falls, is completed. The transmission line desire for battle. A captured kamar is completed and it is expected that the power station will be ready to deliver current early in 1914. One hundred and fifty thousand horsepower will be the capacity of this station, and it will be transmitted over a distance of 150 miles. The state railway between Kiruna and Narvik is being electrified and will be operated from this station. The ore is shipped from Kiruna to Narvik on the Norwegian coast by rail, and from there by water to Germany, a small percentage finding its way to other countries.

BOOSTED UP THE PRICE

When You Come to Think of It the Article Was Worth the Increased Amount.

Hot and stuffy was the auctionroom, and packed, too-yes, even packed to its utmost capacity.

Suddenly through the crowd pressed a large, important-looking person and held converse with the auctioneerconverse, low, deep and awe-inspir-

Then up spake the auctioneer to the multitude assembled:

"Gentlemen," he said, "I am informed that a pocketbook has been lost in this hall tonight containing £200 in bank notes."

A great hush fell upon the assembly. "Yes," continued the custodian of the hammer, "and, owing to other valuable documents it contains, the gentleman will offer £50 to anyone who returns it, while no questions will be

ALTERNATION OF THE PARTY OF THE Again a silence, deep and unbroken Then a fellow at the rear of the hall spoke up:

"I bid £51," he said.—Answers.

Because It Was Underweight. Under the pure food and drugs act, en cases were recently brought against a New York city firm, which is in the candy business, making a specialty of what is known as "penny goods." All the goods were found to be adulterated. Most of them contained shellac, and some of them also contained arsenic. In every case the firm pleaded guilty. Most of the candies were sold as chocolate candies. but contained little or none of that product. These are the goods bought by small children who have received a cent or two from parents or friends, sometimes intended for the missionary box, but often straying to the candy shop. In only one of the ten cases was a penalty imposed, and in this case, carrying a fine of \$50, was not for selling to little children as chocolate candy a mixture containing arsenic and shellac, but because the package sold to the dealer was marked five pounds and really contained only 4 pounds and 14% ounces, not enough poison for the money! Truly, in the words of Mr. Bumble, the law sometimes is "an ass."

Mackintoshes Expensive to Make. Mackintoshes are made of cloth coated with rubber. It is ninety years since Charles Mackintosh of Glasgow took out his patent for the cloth that has ever since borne his name. The

mackintosh is a more expensive gar-

ment than the raincoat because of the

high cost of the materials employed. The rubber used has first to be purified by maceration in water at an expense proportionate to the amount of impurity present, and it has then to be converted by use of a solvent into a dough. In this plastic form the rubber has to be spread upon the cloth, layer after layer, by repeated passages through the spreading machine. The fabrics used have to be specially selected, and, in view of the deleterious action of all upon rubber, have to be warranted free of all but the minutest trace of grease.

Sign From Providence.

The Dyak who will argue that because his grandfather died after climbing a tree neither to climb trees if they wish to live and enjoy health, recalls the "dour" old Scot who had steadfastly refused to insure his fleet of trading ships. "Na, na," he'd declare, "the Almighty has favored me, an' I've no need o' insurance. No a ship ha' I lost in thretty year." Not long afterwards practically his entire fleet was wrecked in one of the worst storms in history. A friend, knowing of the trade which, the old man had had, and of the value of the name alone, then offered to build new ships and take the ruined man in with him. "NE," he declared with gloomy to/a lawyer next day and tried to ob | solemnity, "Providence gied me tain one that would get me away from sign that I'm no' tae engage in the shipping again."



# Practical Gifts Are Sure To Please!

With each year there is an increase in the demand for sensible gifts---goods that combine real usefulness with good judgment and good will.

We have scores of good practical gifts. Staple goods at staple prices.

Toilet articles, leather goods, perfumes, stationery, shaving supplies, silverware, smoker's supplies, etc.

Bring your list and you will be able to select something for everyone on it.

# The Snyder Drug Co.

#### The Snuder Sinnal HARDY, PICKLE & HARDY,

Entered in the postoffice at Snyder, Texas, as second class mail mat-

Friday, December 19, 1913

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of iny person, firm or corporation, hich may appear in the columns of

It is all off with the war officer on either side in Mexico when the enemy gets him.

The Clairemont Reporter says that Judge A. J. Hagins is to be a candidate to succeed himself as represenative of the 105th District. He has vide for their posterity forever.

eading speech against the pending burden. Of course they lost out, but urrency bill and immediately Sena- they did what they could .. tor Gallinger suggested him as the logical candidate for Republican nom ination for president. Root is one of trip to Colorado. the oldest men of his party, but as matters now stand, the country may decide to retain Woodrow Wilson.

drawn the siege of Tampico and the on Christian life and work. derals remain in possession of the that both sides of the Mexico wran- bath. sed to respect American

Star-Telegram came its annual big de-

on a large scale. Her greatest features are in factory building and the wonderful progress in road building.

Gov. Colquitt's proposed special session bills sound all right, but legislators will be slow to promise him to do just as he may dictate. The average legislator thinks he is a statesman and stands on his independence. It takes a lobby agent to work the

TEXAS CONGRESSMEN

OPPOSE PENSION INCREASE

Congressmen Oscar Caloway and he Signal will be gladly corrected Martin Dies are two Texas democrats called to the attention of the edi-ithat have become tired of seeing the Tederal treasury looted year in and year out by pension grafters who persist in building the pension budget bigger and bigger.

> There is no Southern citizen who objects to paying pensions to Union soldiers and their widows, but the war has been over so long that most of those Union savers are long since dead, and it is unfair to try to pro-

ot said as much to us, but when a | The truth is that the rightful benan gets started in politics he finds eficiaries never did cut so much fighard to quit. The probabilities are ure anyway. The bulk of the pension hat Scurry County will furnish a m ney has gone to agents, attorneys nan to make the campaign interest- officers and men who probably nover fired a gun in defense of the Union. We honor our Texas Congressmen Senation Elihu Root. made .the for their fight against increasing the

W. S. Payne, Esq. made a business

PRESBYTERIANLY SPEAKING

Brother Howard is giving his au-The Mexican rebels have with- diences some close pointed sermons

No one is getting angry with him own with Admiral Fletcher still in but his audiences are growing gradshooting distance. It is significant ually better from Sabbath to Sab-

> Interesting services are anticipated for next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and

The public is cordially invited.

If your car breaks down on the towns road get Peebles to pull you in and seen fix it up. Day 'phone 178. Charges



I'm specting such a lot of stuff, My stocking won't be big enough. And so before I go to bed I'll just hang mamma's up instead.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Bowen spent several days of last week in Snyder nett are these: visiting their daughter, Mrs. Will Thompson.

Mr. Roy Patterson spent the first her son D. C. Arnett at B of the week in Abilene.

Clarence and Claude Lynn who and moved to Scurry county twel are attending school in Snyder re- years ago. turned home Friday to spend the holidays with home folks.

day morning from Oklahoma where Rev. Jas. H. Tate. she had been visiting her aunt.

Prof. Powell, our school teacher is in Snyder this week attending the

Mrs. Dr. Glass and childern came in Monday morning from north Texas, where they have lived for the past fifteen months. The doctor is on his way with their car as they are moving back to Pyron. We welcome them back.

We are glad so many are taking interest in our Literary Society as it is improving all the time.

We are going to have a Christmas ree Christmas eve night, December SMITH-HARLESS WF

The young folks enjoyed a party at 1 D. Light's Saturday night and a | Harless, both of thi singing at Mr. Hess' Sunday night.

Married at Post City On Wednesday, December 10, Mr. H. M. Black and Miss Irene Pogue

were married at Post City, Rev. J. D.

Lampkin officiating .- Post City Post. Mr. Black is a prosperous farmer near Snyder and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pogue of Snyder. They kinder slipped light to criticisup on their Snyder friends and went will not blame h to Post to be married.

DEATH OF GRANDMA ARNETT

Elsewhere in this paper report of the death of Gra Arnett. The information up that notice was written led

The facts of the matter. ed later from her son, Mr.

Mrs. E. J. Arnett, aged 1 years, eight months and e died Sunday night at the was born in Mississippi, came to Te as early in life, lived in Burnett C

She was a consistent member of the Methodist church. The funeral took place Monday at Bookout con-Miss Della Patterson came in Mon- ducted by Rev. Young assisted by

She was the grandmother of Warren and Boaz Scrivner of Derm and is survived by four dauand one son.

These are: Mrs. W. A. Stokes of Cok Mrs. J. A. Arbuckle, of I Mrs. K. Hester, of Bur Mrs. E.Miller, of Libert Mr. D. C. Arnett, of

Listen Here Ladi Just arrived at A. D. D. Stimson Dry Goods Store ful line of Franco-Americ ic toilet goods, the pur goods on earth. Call and se MRS. W. A. WATKIN

Represe

Mr. L. O. Smith ried Wednesday ever of Rev. U. C. Howar

minister. The groom is the Mr. Jack Smith of bride is the daughte Henry Harless: The Signal ext

age on the pe

# To Wish You Well

We publish this, our "Yule Tide" greetings to you.



We feel that this is a time when we should all pause in the hurry and strain of active life and think for a moment of the human side of business.



And so we publish this for the very human reason that we want to say a friendly "hello" to you and with heart-deep sincerity extend the happiest greetings of the season and wish you the pleasantest of good things for Christmas.



We believe in making friends as well as customers in business, and we try to make our store service exhibit that spirit distinctly by being just as helpful and pleasant as we can make it.



So here's a hand-clasp icross the newspaper to nose we can't reach in erson.



merry Christmas to you 1 may you win more nds, prosperity and piness in 1914 than before.



D. DODSON,

Snyder, Texas

## Waiting For Santa Claus



#### CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY.

A Day of Cheeriness and Happiness Thoroughout the Fatherland,

The German Christmas has local differences in various provinces. The Christmas tree is universal, for this is its home. At many places the whole family go to early service, at 5 or 6 o'clock, as the custom may be, and in some parts of the country every one carries a lighted candle. These candles, placed on the backs of the pews, sometimes make the only light in the church. At some places when the clock strikes 12 on Christmas eve the bells ring and every house and church is quickly lighted up.

Christmas is a day of cheeriness and happiness throughout Germany. The presents are usually simple. Men and angels and many kinds of creatures are fashioned in gingerbread. It is twisted into many grotesque shapes, and sometimes it is guilded. Hans Christian Andersen's story of the "Honeybread Soldier" will be better understood by any one who has spent a Christmas in Germany.

In Hanover, just when the candles on the Christmas tree are dying out, there will be a mysterious rap on the door and a bundle will be thrown into the room. It contains a little present for every member of the family and comic verses for some of them.

In Oberammergau there is a more distinctly religious tone given to the whole holiday. The Christ Child is the guardian angel of the time. It is he, they say, who brings the Christmas tree. He comes down from heaven on Christmas eve, holding it in his hands. Two angels bearing presents fly before him and two behind. He puts the tree on the table, rings a bell and flies away. He brings a blessing to the children that have been obedient.

To the children of Oberammergau St. Nicholas is an angel in disguise. He goes about from house to house in ragged clothes and with a bag on his back. He gives a loud knock at the door and asks. "Are the children good?" If the answer is "Yes" he leaves fruits and candles. If the answer is "No" be leaves a stick.

#### A CHRISTMAS LETTER.

DEAREST PHYLLIS, pray remember when you're making up the list
Of your presents for December (unless I
am to be missed)

That I've slippers, picture brackets, smoking sets of various types, Half a dozen smoking jackets, thirty-sev-

en meerschaum pipes,
Twenty patent "kid glove menders," collar boxes by the score,
Of embroidered silk suspenders, forty-'leven pairs or more;

That each year since I was twenty I've received a paperweight, Have pen wipers, inkstands plenty, paper cutters-twenty-eight: That I've Browning and Longfellow by the hundred-every kind-Shakespeare-black and blue and yellow;

Milton till I'm nearly blind. So there's just one present only that I'm wanting in this year

Of my bachelorship so lonely-that's your-self, my Phyllis, dear. -James Courtney Challiss.

Attractive Bed Sets.

Bed sets, consisting of spread, pillow covers and valance, are always a welcome addition to the napery closet. and what color to select need not werry the donor, as the smart thing in these outfits is white scrim trimmed with eyelet embroidery or fillet insertion, edging and motif. Blankets may seem a homely gift to send at Christmas time, but any housekeeper will be glad to have one in thick, soft Australian wool, in pale blue, rose or mauve,

and bound with satin ribbon. One of the nicest things to send to a housekeeping friend is a set of towels. It is a happy idea to furnish a dozen of extra large sized and heavy Turkish bath towels, hemmed in the color of her room and marked with her individual initials.

## A Feel In the Christmas Air

#### By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

THEY'S a kind o' feel in the air to me When the Chris'mas times sets in That's about as much of a mystery As ever I've run ag'in. Fer instunce, now, whilse I gain in weight And gineral health, I swear They's a goneness somers I can't quite state-A kind o' feel in the air.

They's a feel in the Chris'mas air goes right To the spot where a man lives at! It gives a feller a appetite-They ain't no doubt about that! And yit they's somepin-I don't know what-That follers me here and there

And ha'nts and worries and spares me not-A kind o' feel in the air.

They's a feel, as I say, in the air that's jest As blamed-on sad as sweet. In the same ra-sho as I feel the best And am the spryest on my feet They's allus a kind o' sort of a ache That I can't locate nowhere, But it comes with Chris'mas, and no mistake-A kind o' feel in the air.

Is it the racket the children raise? Why, no !-God bless 'em, no! Is it the eyes and the cheeks ablaze, Like my own wuz long ago? Is it the bleat o' the whistle and beat O' the little toy drum and blare O' the horn? No, no! It is jest the sweet-The sad-sweet feel in the air.

## LOVE IS BLIND



-Ketten in New York Evening World

## Little Jack Horner and His Christmas Pie

With Variations In the Style of the Poets

By CALLY RYLAND <del></del>

ITTLE Jack Horner sat in a corne Eating his Christmas pie. He put in his thumb and pulled And said, "What a good boy am I."

If Edgar Allan Poe Had Written It.

See Jack Horner in his corner With his pie. Where's his ma? Will no one warn her?

Where's his ma? Will no one warn her
He will die!
With a thumblet that is doting
While he's gloating, gloating, gloating.
He is fishing for the floating
Plum, oh, my!
All his boast of being good,
Careful of his daily food,
Twinkles marthy within

Twinkles merrily within his saucy eye

Robert Browning Might Have Done Pastry's all or nothing; it is not dough

Pounded and pulled and puzzled over, sir For whiteness or for lightness—and this Was of the very stuff o' life, sir. None of your blundering bits of work, but Infinitely eatable. Well. Horner sat there

Ruminating. 'Twas Christmas, ruminat-You say, and you are right, sir. Lazily alive and open mouthed he sat, Feeling the pastry tickle at his lips.

Yet scarcely knowing how to fathom it.
When of a sudden—oh, the fellow's keen!—
Occurred his thumb to him, whereupon
Straightway he plunged it in the sweet.
"Good boy!" quoth he, and pulled out a

This Would Be Walt Whitman's Style. I sing the Christmas pie, The flour, the lard, the butter that com

pose it:
The richness of its stuffing.
A divine nimbus exhales from it.
It attracts with flerce, undeniable attrac-

I am drawn by its breath no less than Jack Horner, who holds it upon his I am one with the plum con

mammoth vastness. loosen myself, pass freely and am at the door of Horner's lips, smacking to taste its ingredients. But he does not know how to

sits, sleepily considering the pose of his head, his puffed out lips, betraying his gluttony.

ing his gluttony.

Presently a fine smile comes on to his face. He lunges into the ple with firm thumb. Its crust yields.

He possesses himself of its richness.

Oh, young men, I would not have you sit in a corner considering ple stuffings.

Be bold. You—whoever you are—are allowed the sternal purports of a ple.

(I loved a certain Christmas pie ardently, and it gave me indigestion.

Yet out of that I have written this song.)

In the Great William Shakespeare's

Style. "Sweet pastry, do not scorn me, do not gibe And frown at me with crusty surliness

I know that in your flaky depths is hid-A mammoth plum, which, 'Ods my little

I'll have it if I must swing for 't." Thus Jacques, Who, thereupon, with swashing stab of

Smote through the crispy lid, which erst held tight, And with triumphant shout, "'Ods bodi-

kins,

Algernon Charles Swinburne's Style. Here where the world is quiet, Here upon Christmas day, With plums and a ple for diet,

In a corner sat Horner, No feast was ever sweeter, No finger was ever fleeter To yank a plum with glee to A mouth that gapes alway.

#### Saving Up For Christmas

A well dressed man in a Market street car tendered the conductor one dollar bill in payment for two fares and, receiving his change, carefully selected the ten cent pieces and placed them in a separate pocket. "From the 1st of September until Christmas I never spend a dime," he explained to his companion. "Every time I get one I keep it separate from my other change, and when I get home I deposit my dimes in one of those savings banks that don't open until they contain \$10. I am one of a very large family addicted to the Christmas present habit, and sometimes I am obliged to give as many as thirty or forty gifts. By not spending my dimes I create a Christmas fund without really feeling it. I have done this for several years and find it an ex cellent plan."-Philadelphia Record.

Why She Shops Early. "I'm going to start my Christmas shopping right now and get it over with," said Mrs. Jones at the breakfast

"Ah, to aid the poor, tired shopgiri and help the movement for earliveries!" her son remarked in to

commendation. "Never thought of that," disconcerting reply. "I'm goi all my presents at Smart & shops like theirs have ha livery wagons. I war bors to see the wag

door. Last vonthings at