ze Snyder Signal

TO SANTA CLAUS

By James Whitcomb Riley

Most tangible of all the gods that be,

O Santa Claus - our own since infancy!-

As a pleased father, let thine arms enfold

Life's unrealities have wrought us wrong!

Ambition hath allured us, fame likewise,

Thou only bidest stable as thy gifts:-

A mighty general - a nation's pride -

Thou givest again a rocking-horse to ride,

And wildly glad he gloweth as the grim

Old jurist with the drum thou givest him:

Most like a winter pippin, sound and fine

Set in thy frosty beard of cheek and chin

And tingling-red that ripe old face of thine,

As midst the snows the thows of spring set in.

Ho! Santa Claus - our own since infancy -

As first we scampered to thee-now, as then,

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Most tangible of all the gods that be! -

Take us as children to thy heart again.

le as a whistle in his boyish hand;

The painter's model fadeth utterly,

The sculptor's chisel, at thy mirth's command,

And there thou standest, and he painteth thee:-

. . .

Crowned with a little soldier-cap:

A grateful king re-ruleth from thy lap,

And all that promised honor in men's eyes.

And all the cheer and wholesomeness thereof.

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Throughout the world's evasions, wiles and shifts,

Us, homed within the haven of thy love,

Take us as children to thy heart again.

Be wholly good to us, just as of old;

Thou lone reality, when O, so long

As first we scampered to thee - now, as then

HIRTY-FOURTH YEAR.

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DEC. 24, 1920.

NUMBER TWENTY EIGHT

EST TEXAS CHAMBERS COM-IERCE NOT MEETING FAVOR

amford, Dec., 20 .- The Stam-Chamber of Commerce today un ously adopted resolutions disring the consolidation of the t Texas Chamber of Commerce the Texas Chamber of Commerce fying that the interest of West s are peculiar matters adjustable by a regional organization, andng on all West Texas towns to full support to the organization. resolutions, submitted by Homer Nade, chairman of the board of ctors, follows:

Thereas. There is discussion in e sections of the state relative consolidation or a merger of the st Texas Chamber of Commerce the Texas Chamber of Com-

ce; and, Vhereas, the Stamford Chamber Commerce, appreciating the gen-I work that the Texas Chamber Commerce is doing for the state rexas, and feels that it has a useplace in the state as a whole. But submits that the western portion the state has problems that are uliar to this section, and hence recates the agitation of the quesa of a merger or consolidation of two bodies; therefore, be it Resolved. That the Stamford Cham of Commerce places itself on recas resolutely opposing any movent that looks to a consolidation or y step that will detract from the endid work now being done by the est Texas Chamber of Commerce. It is a fact, patent and indisputle, that West Texas has interests at are divergent from these of the her sections, such as the establishent of a West Texas A. & M. Colredistricting, live stock and ool, oil, etc.; hence 'he impossibil-

egional development. We, therefore, urge that the West exas Chamber of Commerce remain | Vernett and Ruby Sanders. tact and pledge our fullest co-opertion to its splendid program, and xpress the sincerest hope that all Vest Texas cities, towns and comaunities join in the sentiments ex-

y of a consolidation with any or-

inization that comprehends general

iterests of the state as opposed to

ressed in this resolution. Resolved further, that copies of hese resolutions be furnished to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. to the Texas Chamber of Commerce and to the press of the state.

The Berean Band.

The Berean Band movement for Scripture memorizing is taking hold in many parts of the country. Branch bands have been organized in twenty-five states. With the rising tide of lawlessness and godlessness menacing the home, school, church and state, even non-Christian leaders are emphasizing the need of knowing the Bible as the only antidote to society's growing evils. The learning of one new verse a week is the chief requirement of the Berean plan.

The 1921 lists of verses are now ready and will be supplied together with full information and other free iterature by The Berean Band, The Moody Bible Institute, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, Iil.

MR. MASSEY RECEIVES

CAR GOOD SYRUP

Mr. W. H. Hawthorn arrived this week from Whigham, Ga., with his car load of syrup. Mr. Hawthorn is a nephew of J. W. Massey, who has been anticipating the arrival of this syrup for some time. Mr. Massey stat ed that he sold \$500.00 worth ofsyrup the First day of its arrival.

Teachers Institute in Session

The Scurry County Teachers Institute is in session this week with a large attendance. There being about eighty five county teachers present with several from other counties.

The interest is good and many good things have been advanced for the helpfullness of the teacher and likewise for the pupil.

They will be in session until Friday.

Rev. J. H. Hicks, Mrs. C. C. Higgins and Miss Jewel Watts attended

the district meeting of the Educational Campaign of the Methodist church this week at Sweetwater. this week from Roscoe.

SOLIDATION OF TEXAS AND | RECITAL BY MISS CLARK'S

The pupils of Miss Irene Clark gave a musical recital last Friday night at the Methodist church to a large audience which was greatly

The way in which each one performed their respective parts showed evidence of splendid training and the symphony which was participated in by thirty pupils was excelently

The following program was given .. "Pizzicat" from Sylvia, Delibes, Norene Harris and Minnie Faye Stave

Airy Faries. Spaulding, Luella

Joyous Feasant, Schumann, Dor-

Pixies' Goodnight Song, Brown, Vernelle Stimson.

Violin, Virgil Jones; Piano, Margaret Dell Prim.

Ballet, Brown, Lary Beth Waskom. Judith of 1864, Clara Mae Couch, pupil of Mrs. Hutcheson.

Enchantment, Morrill, Ellen Buice

Cutting from "Seventeen," Booth Tarkington, Sarah Wright (pupil of

Prelude, Rachmaninoff, Margaret

Box, Liebich, Edwena

Selection from Il Trovatore, erdi.

thirty pupils, assisted by Mr. Alexander, cornet; Forte Kely, violin.

spent Sunday with their friends

Mr. Wiley Martin of Slaton is visiting his parents here this week.

Miss Anna Sanders spent Sunday evening with her frend Mary Ruth

Miss Lilliand Boss spent last week

Mr. Jeff Cargile spent last week end with his parents at Polar, Tex-

Mrs. Bob Scrivner spent Wednesday with her friend Mrs. W. T. Rhea. Mr. Key of Justiceburg was in Dermott Monday.

Mr. W. T. Rankin left last Sunday for Burkburnett, Texas, on a visit with relatives.

isiting her husband here.

Sunday night, there was a large attendance and was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Neva Sligh spent Sunday evening with her friend Miss Mary Ruth

iness trip to Snyder Monday.

Little Sunshine.

I am a little boy seven years old. I have been a good little boy, and will you please bring me a little car, air gun, fruits and nuts? I will close, hoping to see you Christmas

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 20, 1920.

roman candles, fire sparklers, fire crackers, knife, Arkansaw Black apnuts. Your friend,

Mr. and Mrs. O. Lykes are here

PUPILS DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

othy Strayhorn.

Lullaby, Bilbro, Brentz Anderson.

Gavotte, Brown, Vashti Epps.

Con Amore, Beaumont, Jaunita Whitmore.

Johnson.

Scale Demonstration.

Scherzo, Schumann, Helen Boren. Love Dreams, Brown, Ruby Hutch

Mrs. Hutcheson.

Minnie Faye Stavely.

Symphony of Christmas Carols, by

Dermott News.

Miss Myrka and Cecil Solomon

with friends in Snyder, Texas.

Mr. Sanders and wife made a business trip to Snyder Monday.

Mrs. Carroll of Foch, Texas, is

Rev. Tate lectured at Bookout last-

Ellis Sanders spent Sunday with his little friend, Buford Browning. Mr. H. C. Greenfield made a bus-

Mr. J. I. Burrough made a business trip to Fluvanna last Tuesday.

Mr. Gardner Martin of Snyder is visiting his parents here this week. Mr. Milton West and wife spent Sunday with Mr. Greer West and

Our Sunday school is progressing

Hoping everybody will have a nice time Christmas.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 12, 1920. Dearest Santa Claus:

Eve night. Wright Moore Womack.

Dear Santa Claus: ples, candy, nuts, grapefruit, cocoa-

Robert Lee Smith.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 12, 1920. Dearest Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 3 years old and ave tried to be a good little boy, so I hope you will be able to bring me a few little toys. I want a little car and little train and rubber ball. The best little pair you can find. I guess that will be all I need, so I'll close, hoping to see you at our little Christ-

Stanley Aucutt. P. S .- And lots of candy and fruit

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 12, 1920. Dearest Santa Claus:

mas tree Christmas eve.

I am a little girl nine years old you please bring me a doll, doll bugfruits, candy and nuts? I have been man, 27 votes. a nice little girl this year, and everything you bring me will certainly be appreciated.

Lovingly, Faynell Aucutt.

Post this week.

HARRIS SELECTED TO SUCCEED HAMON.

Oklahoma State Chairman Recommended for National Committeeman.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 20, 1920.-James A. Harris of Wagoner, Repubican State Chairman, was recommended by the Republican State of Ardmore as National Committee- nal.—Amarillo Daily News. man from Oklahoma.

The recommendation was made on and I am in the fourth grade. Will the first ballot, Mr. Harris receiving forty-nine votes, and Mrs. Jake L. The things I want is a sky rocket, gy and doll trunk, set of dishes, and Hamon, widow of the millicnaire oil

> The delegation from Cimarron Count did not answer the roll call. Following the committee's action, Mr. Harris announced he would re- cants. He made bond. sign his present position as State Mrs. J. W. Warren is visiting at chairman as soon as the National

W. H. Hill of Enid placed Mr. Harris in nomination, the seconding speech being made by Ed Fry of Sallisaw. Mrs. Hamon was placed

in nomination by Roy Johnston of

dation of the State Committee.

Ardmore. The seconding speech was made by Alva MacDonald of El Reno. Former Editor Here.

O. F. Hardy is being visited by his Central Committee here late today father, J. S. Hardy, until recently edto succeed the late Jake L. Hamon itor and publisher of the Snyder Sig-

> Misses Rhoda Martin, Bessie Taylor, Josie Key, Janie Martin and Bessie Rhea, all teachers attending the institute were pleasant, visitors at the Signal office Wednesday.

D. C. Barton was arrested here Sunday charged with selling intoxi-

Committee approved the recommen- in the W. G. Ralston grocery store. Christmas there.

CANVASS OF VOTE SHOWS TWO AMENDMENTS CARRIED.

Austin, Texas-Canvass of the vote cast in the general election in November on three proposed amendments to the constitution was completed today by the State Election board, and shows that two amendments, one allowing cities and towns of 5,000 population or less to increase the total tax rate from onefourth of one per cent to one and one-half per cent, and the other removing tax limitation of \$1 on each \$100 valuation on independent and common school districts, were carried by substantial majorities.

The third amendment, sought to empower the legislature to fix the compensation of certain state of-

ficers, was defeated. The vote on all the various amend-

ments was as follows: To increase total tax of cities and towns of 5,000 population or less:

For, 173,920; against, 146,031. To remove school tax limit: For,

221,223; against, 164,602. To fix salaries of state officers:

For, 149,324; against, 164,603. The canvass of the vote for state officers is now in progress and probably will not be completed until tomorrow. In the canvass of returns on amendments to the constitution there were four counties missing, as follows: Chambers, Collingsworth. Kinney and Nolan.

Merry Christmas Makers.

The Merry Christmas that we make for others is the one that does us most good. No person enjoys a selfish Christmas. Giving to those from whom we expect a gift in return is only bartering and does not constitute a real gift. When we give to persons who are unable to return the gift and from we expect no return we are really giving as Christ would give and as the real Christmas time suggests. This real giving is the source from which we truly receive a blessing and makes a mery Christmas in our own hearts. Many orphan children, dependent and neglected, need homes, clothing and food, just the ordinary necessities of life. A small per cent of the Christmas luxuries will provide home for hundreds of suffering children. An opportunity is offered to make an investment in the comforts for children and in future citizenship of our State by making a good Christmas offering to the Methodist Orphanage, Waco, Texas. Every cent invested here will give returns to the present time and to eternity. One hundred and fifty children are now asking for admission to this institution and must be refused because there is no room; there are now two hundred and thirty-five children in the Home to be provided for. What an opportunity to make a real Christ-

mas offering! What kind of monument are you erecting for yourself? Is it one of stone, cold and inanimate? Is it something that does not give happiness? Or is it a part of some work that will never die, and will forever remind men and women that when you lived you were a part of a

great world movement for humanity? Money sent to the Methodist Orphanage will be invested in real child life. Send an offering and make

one real Christmas gift. W. F. BARNETT, Mgr.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Fuller have returned from an extended visit to New York city.

The Epworth League gave a very interesting program Sunday night at the Methodist church.

Miss Irene Clark is visiting home folks at Corsicana.

Mrs. P. A. Taylor left Sunday for Dallas to spend the Christmas holi-

Misses Lois ad Lila Curnutte of the Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth is spending Chrfistmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H.

Mr. C. S. Ferkins, Jr., left Wednesday for Little Rock, Ark., to join Mrs. Perkins, who has been vis-I. B. Wade has bought an interest iting her parents. They will spend

RICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION ion \$1.50 per year in Adv.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas will soon be here again and with it is associated the desire to give and receive. It comes with pleasure to some and sadness to others. Sadness because lots of the little tots who are unfortunate will not have the pleasure of receiving a gift, tho' ever so small, it is cherished even greater by the child who does not possess the necessary means with which to buy presents. It is a duty, and a very pleasant one, that devolves upon the fortunate to see that these are kindly remembered at Christmas.

Christmas is the festival of the Christian church observed annually in memory of the birth of Christ. The time when the festival was first observed is not known with certainty, but is spoken of in the beginning of the third century by Clement of Alex ander, and in the later part of the fourth century Chryostom speaks of it as of great antiquity. As to the day on which it was celebrated, there was long considerable diversity, but by the time of Chryostom the western church had fixed on December the 25th though no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed. The Eastern church which previously had favored Jan. 6, gradually adopted the same date, and since then all down the ages most every where throughout Christendom it is kept as a holiday and an occasion of great

Our thoughts, though burdened with the everyday business activities during the year just past, is now turned to the lowly Nazarene, the Savior of the world, whose birth we are soon to celebrate and out of whose short life has come the example of brotherly love. Man's duty to man. Am I my brother's keeper? Can only be answered in the affirmative, when we think of the life of Jesus and his teaching. The Golden rule was said by him, "And as ye would that men should do to you, do re also to them likewise." How ap-



A woman's fondest hope is to stay young. She often resorts to paints, powders and cosmetics to hide her years. Some women pay large sums to so-called "Beauty Doctors" in the belief that money will buy youth. Others wear girlish dresses, thinking they can fool the world about their age. But no one is deceived. The more you try to hide your age, the more it shows.

There is but one thing that holds old age back, and that is health. Sickness and weakness bring old age early in life. De. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a building-up medicine for women. It makes them healthy and strong when they suffer from women's troubles. It keeps them looking young by keeping them well. It is a woman's tonic for the frail, the delicate and those who are nervous, dizzy and who have, backache and dragging pains. Favorite Prescription is altogether vegetable and without a particle of alcohol. It is safe to take. Try it now. In tablet or liquid form at all druggists, or send 10c for trial package of the tablets to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y.

propriate then at this time to remember some one with a gift. It's not the value of the gift that is greatest appreciated, but the spirit in which it is given, the love and best wishes that go with it.

What joy it is to live as a child gain for Christmas brings memories of childhood, to live in the hearts of our children, to given them gladness, as once we were glad, to see them rejoice as once we rejoiced. Caristcurs is youth, beginning of life, as it were, starting out with new resolutions for the future.

Fannie Combs Grimes.

Fannie Combs Grimes was born near Lexington, Mo., and lived there until about twelve years ago. At this time she came to Texas, coming to Snyder. Here she lived until she passed from this life at 2:00 o'clock, Dec. 6, 1920. She was married to Mr. M. A. Grimes, July 20, 1913. This union was one of love, of happiness, of blessed fellowship. Indeed she was a real lover of home. She was great in her home life. She was interested in the care, the upkeep, the arrangement, the orderliness of home. With skill she selected and with hand she beautified those things that went into her home. In the home her conversation was elevating, interspersed with wit that someimes sparkled with keeness, her consideration was fair and kind her love was genuine and tender.

She was great among her friends. She knew the meaning of friendship. She knew what it was to love and be loved. She was careful to meet the new people coming to town. She wanted them to feel at home. She did not want them to be without friends. What a living tribute to her friendship were those twelve large wreaths of beautiful flowers that encircled her bier.

She was great in her religious life. She was unselfish. She wanted to help. In Sunday school class her discussion often turned to the practical to the ways of helping some one in need. Her own personal life was pure. Her life was genuine and consecrated. Her loyalty was outstanding. That was a high and worthy tribute which the board of Stewards paid her. We feel that we have sustained a great loss in the life of our church. She was a genuine Christian. Her loyalty was certainly praiseworthy. We could always expect her whether it be Sunday school, preach ing, or prayer meeting. She always did her part in everything, and that without even being solicited. Truly, she went about doing good.

The first part of her funeral service was held at Lubbock, Texas, at 11:30, Dec. 7, 1920. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maedgen, niece of the family, under the direction of her pastor, J. H. Hicks, assisted by Rev. J. T. Griswold. In this service were used song which she repeatedly sang during her last few hours. God will take care of you", and "I'm the Child of a King." The funeral service was concluded at Lexington, Mo., at 2:00 o'clock, Dec., 9, 1920, in the First Methodist Church, under the direction of the pastor, amid a host of relatives and friends her body was placed in the beautiful cemetery of Lexington.

Her pastor, J. H. HICKS.

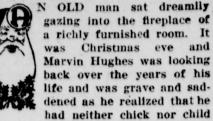
Sheriff J. H. Byrd went to Abilene



EVERYWHERE WORTH

A CHRISTMAS **HAVEN** By T. B. Alderson

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dened as he realized that he had neither chick nor child of his own, as the echo of music and the voices of rollicking children in the apartment overhead were

borne to his ears. The recognition of the fact that he was getting old, that he was missing something in life that might make him better and happier, appealed to him powerfully this Christmas eve. He had mechanically distributed the usual Christmas largesse at the office. Homeward bound he had neglected no appeal from the street mendicant. This was not soul-satisfying, however. It had dawned upon him that he had brought his isolation upon himself; that there were at least two persons in the great city who were of kith and kin and he set to summing up the duty he owed them.

"I have been no closer to them than if I were an utter stranger," he soliloquized. "It is my fault, I suppose, for I have encouraged neither; for years I have simply sent them the usual holiday check. When I am through with what I have it must go to others. Which of the two deserves recognition-Etta Harnes or Alberta Norris?

The first named was a widow and second cousin. Hughes had supplied the capital to start her in a boarding house at her urgent request and she had managed to make a living out of it. For a time he called and she had put herself out to make upon him an impression of admiration of his successful business record, of gratitude lor. for his financial co-operation, of her love and devotion for him, the last near relative she had in the world.

Then, too, she had appealed to him in a strong way. Once she had tak- Green. en him to a draperled niche off the sitting room, and had showed him a life-sized oil painting of his dead

"She was like a sister to me," said Mrs. Harnes pathetically, "and you know brother Willis was quite a por-



Hughes was duly touched, but the al companionship.

"I'll do it!" spoke Hughes. "I shall call upon Mrs. Harnes and Alberta. One or the other I will endow with the 27th day of December, 1920,

An hour later he entered the home memory directed him to the niche by her husband, Forest Jones, J. E. trait. It was not in place. Then as he glanced into the room beyond Harnes saw it lying across two chairs, used as an ironing board. The shock her husband, Taylor, are plaintiffs, to plaintiffs. drove him to his feet. He had fath- and George Cantwell and Baby Pickomed the insincerity of this unworthy ens as defendats, said petition allegrelative. He was half-minded to return home. A memory of the last time he had seen Alberta, her husband and children, Lowever, influenced him to follow out his prescribed Scurry County, Texas, December

They had always lived humbly, but To the Honorable W. P. Leslie, respectably. From the day that Alden Norris had married Alberta he had but one thought in his mind-her comfort and contentment and that of the little ones who came to them as the years passed on.

Well Hughes knew the house, the room brilliantly lighted, whence echoed sounds of jollity and excitement. Its window was open for ventilation, and his eyes dimmed as he viewed the happy-faced Alberta and her husband,



the two little girls, and a baby crawling about, cooing with animation. "Keep Marvin away from the candles. Alden." he heard Alberta speak

and his heart thrilled. This last child then was his namesake!

stowed upon him. "Alberta," he said, "I am lonely and unhappy. I have resolved to seek some congenial haven where love and sympathy will bring me peace and contentment. Is it

With open arms she greeted him, and amid Christmas cheer and the loving tenderness of true, honest souls, that Christmas eve Marvin Hughes was awarded the longing desire of his

DON'T THROW YOUR DOLLARS AWAY.

just because they are worth about fifty cents if SPENT now.

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> It is the SPENT dollar that is CHEAP_ The SAVED dollaris still VALUABLE.

> > Dollars are also SAVED when put in War Saving Stamps

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

SNYDER, TEXAS

Marriage License,

The Christmas season always brings its quota of customers to the county cerk's office, and this one is no different from any past, except possibly that sometimes there are more and sometimes there are less. The following are those who have launched out upon the sea of matrimony since last issue:

Alpheus Stroud and Miss Cora

Tandy Adams and Miss Ollie Tay-

Fred Cotton and Miss Ruby John-

M. M. Rawlinson and Miss Lorena

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County,

You are hereby commanded to summon George Cantwell, and Baby Pickens, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not then in any newstrait artist. I have always treasured paper published in the 32nd judicial it as the one precious memento of my district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published was something artificial and insincere in the nearest district to said 32nd, about Etta Harnes. Under the influ- to appear at the next regular term of ence of his present emotions, howev- the District Court of Scurry County er, his softened spirit, longed for loy- to be holden at the Court house thereof in Snyder on the fourth Monday in December, 1920, the same being Baker, and Lottie Taylor, joined by

The State of Texas, County of Scurry. In the District Court of Term. A. D. 1920

Judge of said Court: Now comes S. S. Huffman, Mrs Bulah Eicke, a feme sole, Mrs. Ada Davis, joined by her husband, H. L. Davis, Mrs. Ida Jones, joined by her husband, Forrest Jones, all of Scurry County, Texas, and J. E. Huffman of Dawson County, Texas, E. E. Huffman of Willbarger county, Texas Mrs. Lilly Baker, joined by her husband, J.A.Baker, Lyda Huffman and Lottie Taylor, joined by her husband, Taylor, each of Williamson county, Texas, all of whom are hereinafter styled plaintiffs complaining of George Cantwell and Baby Pickens, hereinafter styled defendants, and for cause of action plaintiffs would represent to the Court the following, to-wit:

1st. That the above named parties plaintiffs and defendants are the heirs and only heirs of Joe Huff-He came into the house to receive man and wife, Fannie Huffman, both the usual earnest welcome always be- deceased. That there was born to the marriage of said Joe Huffman and Fannie Huffman ten children one of whom died before either of them died and was never married and without children at the time of death. That they had born unto them the following children besides the one mentioned above, to-wit, S. S. Huffman, J. E. Huffman, E. E. Huffman. Bulah Huffman, wno married



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a man by the name of Eicke but who fortune and I hope to trace out some then and there to answer a petition is now dead, Lilly Huffman, who mar real affection for me; a genuine glad- filed in said court on the 1st day ried J. A. Baker, Lyda Huffman, Ada ness to welcome me as a member of of of December, 1920, in a suit num- Huffman who married H.L. Davis, Ida their household during my remaining bered on the docket of said court No. Huffman who married Forest Jones, 2171, wherein S.S. Huffman, Mrs. Bu and Minnie Huffman who married of Mrs. Harnes. He was told that she lah Eicke, a feme sole, Lyda Huffman, Tom Cantwell, but who is now dead. was out on an errand and was shown Mrs. Ada Davis, joined by her husband | That Minnie Huffman Cantwell left into a sitting room. Involuntarily H. L. Davis, Mrs. Ida Jones, joined surviving her two children, to-wit: Lottie Cantwell, who married a man where he had viewed his mother's por- Huffman, E. E. Huffman, Mrs. Lillie by the name of Taylor, and George Baker, joined by her husband, J. A. Cantwell, who is now a minor but whose place of residence is unknown

> That said Minnie Huffman Cantwell alo had one daughter who mar- package of genuine Bayer Tablets ried a man by the name of Buster Pickens. That said Mrs. Pickens is now dead and left surviving her a child whose name is unknown to plaintiffs and also whose place of unknodn residence is plaintiffs, but said child is a minor take them without fear for co and so far as known to plaintiffs is headache, neuralgia, rheumati still living.

> 2nd. That at the time of the pain. Handy tin boxes of twe death of the said Joe Huffman and tablets cost few cents. Drugg Fannie Huffman, they were possessed of the following described real is the trade mark of Bayer Manui estate, to-wit: All of lots Nos. 7, 8 ture of Monoaceticacidester of and 9 inclusive, in block No. 42 of the icylicacid. Wilmeth addition to the Town of Snyder, in Scurry County, Texas, and that the defendants be cited to also an undivided 5-8 interest in Lot pear and answer this petition No. 15 in Block No. 10 of the Town that said above described property of Snyder, in Scurry County, Texas. That said property was community property of the said Joe Huffman law directs and for special and g and wife Fannie Buffman and there- eral relief. fore each of the said children of sall carties are entitled to share equally in he same.

> 3rd. That the said S. S. Huffman, J. E. Huffman, E. E. Huffman, how you have executed the same. Bulah Eicke, Lilly Baker, Lyda Huffman, Ada Davis, Ida Jones are each entitled to a one-eighth interest ir. said property and Lottie Taylor Geo. Cantwel and the Pickens baby are each entitled to a one-eighth in- Scurry, this the 1st day of Decemb terest jointly, or a 1-24th interest A. D., 1920.

sucseptible of being divided and there fore should be sold and the proceeds D., 1920. divided as the law directs.

Wherefore plaintiffs pray the court | Clerk of District Court of Scurry

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sold for the purposes of partit and that the money be divided as

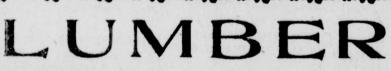
Herein fail not, but have bef said court on the said first day the next term thereof, this w with your return thereon show Witness Nellie Weems, Clerk of

NELLIE WEF Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the county

District Court of Scurry County.

NELLIE WEE (Seal) That said property is not | Clerk of District Court Scurry Issued this 1st day of December

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Higginbotham-Bartlett Company

FOCH, THXAS

What's On at The COZY

TODAY

George Walsh in "From Now On." The story of a man who played a lone hand against all the forces in the Underworld. Also Eddie Polo.

TOMORROW

"Kentuckey Colonel". Adapted from Opie Read's Novel, and featuring "The Miracle Man of the screen, Joseph J. Dowling. NOTE-Eddie Polo will only show at 2 p. m. "Fox News," at

MONDAY

George Walsh in "Plunger," Fox News and Mutt and Jeff.

TUESDAY

Olive Thomas in "Darling Mine," and, a Star Comedy.

WEDNESDAY

H. B. Warner, in "One Hour Before Dawn," Can a girl of Sixteen make a monkey out of a man? What happened one hour before dawn? Also a Sunshine Comedy.

THURSDAY

Same Program. With the exception of Comedy. Which is another Clyde Cook. See Cook if you want to Laugh

Your Gift On Ghristmas Morning

Will it be chosen with care and consideration or will it be an "Eleventh hour" purchase?

Our stock is now complete, which insures a good selection of those things mosi appreciated.

Come Look Over Our Offerings.

Stinson Drug Company North Side

Not Only CHRISTMAS

But each and every day you will find us giving Service—the real service that serves



The Chocolate Shop



Success is built on service. You cannot build a house without a foundation, neither can you expect success without you lay the foundation well. We are building our business on the idea that

"He who serves well serves best"

WITH THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church.

Sunday school splendid, especially were we proud of the offering to the Orphans' Home. There were two hundred and thirty one who gave in this offering, and the amount reach ed nearly two hundred dolars. Next Sunday is New Year's Sunday, What a good time to worship. We welcome we would be glad to see you. Preaching at 11:00 and 6:15.

Morning subject: "New Year

The Epworth League program was well attended. The Christmas program presented by them was unique and excellent. The thanks of the entire congregation are due the leageurs for this service.

The church is planning a night watch service for Dec. 31, from 7:00 to 12:00. There will be a real church warming and good things to eat, as well as a splendid program.

J. H. Hicks, Pastor.

At the First Christian Church, On Christmas eve night of this week a Christmas Tree and treat will be given at the church for the Sunday school. Everybody come and have a good time.

On Christmas Sunday at 11 a. m. will preach on "The World Significance of Christmas" and at 6:15 p. m. on "Are You Saved? How Know It?" This is a general home coming time and a record attendance is expected at the Sunday School and all services.

We have bought the J. E. Murphy home three doors west of Mrs. Geo. Harris' and are mighty busy remodeling and re-decorating. Hope soon to move in and be at home in and be at home to everybody. Come and see us anyhow.

Clyde Lee Fife.

Coming, Coming, Coming, Who?

King Jesus, When? Soon. Are your ready to meet him? Come to the Apostolic Tabernacle near R. S. & P. Ry. station, and Bro. and Sister Swift with other workers, will tell you more about Jesus. And what he can and wil do for you and of what he has done for others. Every evening at 6:30 p. m. Sundays at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Come and hear of a man who told me all things I did and coming behold the lamb of have no startling headlines, but we have the full gospel, and Jesus, who s with us in power of the Holy Ghost. Everybody welcome. Come and bring a friend. There is a seat reserved for you.

J. H. Nunn.

RENEWED TESTIMONY.

No one in Snyder who suffers back ache, headaches, or distressing urinary ills can afford to ignore this Colorado man's twice-told story. It is confirmed testimony that no resident of this locality can doubt.

J. H. Cooper, proprietor of blacksmith shop, Sixth and Oak Sts., Colrado, Texas, gave the following statement November 4, 1915: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills several times in the past for trouble with my back. From the results I obtained I think they are a good, reliable remedy. I gladly recommend Doan's to anyone suffering with their kid-

On April 12, 1919, Mr. Cooper said: "I can still recommend Doan's Kidney Pills as highly as I did when I endorsed them in 1915. Doan's certainly benefitted me a great

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedyget Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that Mr. Cooper had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Madge Darby wno came home ill from Fort Stockton is reported

Miss Lois Sears is home from Ward Belmont, Nashville, Tenn., to spend Christmas holidays with home

Miss Marie Palmer who is attending C. I. A. at Denton, came in Monday to spend Christmas with home

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. R. Welch left this week for their home at Wichita

Miss Ida May Southers leaves today for Brady, her old home, to spend Christmas

Raymond Sims is home from Aus-

Wishing you a

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Merry Christmas

And thanking you for your esteemed patronage during the year just past.

> By your liberal patronage our first year's business has been very pleasant and satisfactory; and we hope that during the year to come we may have the pleasure of serving you often, and ours will be a renewed effort to serve you better. Again wishing for you a pleasant and profitable NEW YEAR.

J. E. Ketner Phone 18

MERRY **CHRISTMAS**

We are approaching again the happy Christmas Season. Let us lay aside the cares, worries and disappointments that may have been ours, and remember the gift the Holy Babe of Bethlehem gave to us on this, his natal day; let us, too, give the best that is in us that Christmas may be a day of happiness through service.

Old friends and new, we are wishing for you and yours all the happiness, all the joy and gladness, that the Christmas Season can bring.

THE SNYDER NATIONAL BANK

August Stahl of the Foch community was in the city Tuesday.

Income Tax Reports.

We are prepared to make your income tax report at a nominal charge

FOR SALE Good prano at a bar- Ask us about it, Boren & Erwin, tin to enjoy Christmas with home gain. See P. A. Davenport. 29c North West Corner Court House.

\$100 Reward, \$100 local disease greatly influ-HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE ternally and acts through the on the Mucous Surfaces of the Sys-HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE bys the foundation of the disease, the patient strength by improving eneral health and assists nature in its work. \$100.00 for any case of the that HALL'S CATARRY ICINE fails to cure.

2gists 75c. Testimonials free.

7. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

FOR SALE OR RENT-3 1/2 acres of land fairly well improved, house well and windmill, orchard, outside city. limits 10 blocks from court house, ideal place for dairy and chickens, also 10 acres of grass land leased. George Epply, south Spring St. Sny-

W. C. Wermenger returned last week from a business trip to Winters.

BARBECUE

Bologna white, bologna right, bologna round and brown, United ben is high class cheer in Meats, the best in town. Tenderloin well worth your coin and porterhouse the same, C ickens, lamb, pork chops and ham and any kind of game. Here is the place to feed your face, but you must cook it first, Everything from fall till spring, from fish to "winny" must, Ribs to spare, spare ribs for fair! Liver heart and cheese,

S usage, too and bacon true; in here we aim to please! We even aim to please you with our ads!

Lon Pierce

Ed Darby's

Ford Garage and Blacksmith Shop

Will do repair work on your Ford Car and most anything you bring us. Blacksmithing quickly done.

Bridge Street

Harness, Wagons, Buggies

When in need of harness come to see me. Also have wagons.

We have just received a car of Missouri BUGGIES

D. P. Strayhorn

To Our Many Friends Christmas Heralds the Coming of a New Year

With best wishes and pleasant memories we take this opportunity of thanking you for the many pleasant transactions we have had with you and we trust we may have the pleasure of serving you more often and better during the coming year than the one just closed.

Higginbotham-Bartlett

HIGHEST PRICES

paid for your Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs.

We buy Hides and Cream.

WHITE PRODUCE COMPANY

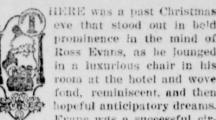
R. L. Terry, Mgr.

Snyder

Texas

SANTA'S REINDEERS

By May Annesley Rigdon



cus man, but not of the ring type. Within two years he had won the envious distinction of being a leader in his line as advance agent and advertising

The shows were off of the road for the winter season now, and a few days before Christmas there came a great longing to the wanderer to see the old friends at home. There was Mrs. Alice Dalrymple, whose husband had been the best friend Evans ever had. There was her house full of little children and Ivy Clary's peerless beauty and grace, who had come into his life as a winning spirit of gentle-

It was because of his remembrance of his last Christmas eve in Weston that he thought of her now. How fer-



with the brood of little Dalrymples, and one incident that had tinged his whole career, when he and Ivy were alone trimming the Christmas tree. She were a rose colored, broad ribbon belt, and he was steadying her on a stool. As she was adjusting some tinsel its perfumed ends swept his face. With an impulse he could not analyze Evans put out one hand, seized the bit of finery and pressed it to his

"Be careful!" he muttered quickly, for Ivy had nearly lost her balance. She had witnessed the fervent gesture of Evans in the mirror. She stepped to the floor, her face crimson, her eyes showing half fright, and breathless with emotion. In intense tones he

"I am thinking of leaving Weston, but if you care for me-" and then Mrs. Dairymple abruptly entered the room and Evans had no further opportunity of seeing Ivy alone. The next day a position with the circus was offered and he gave heed to the call of ambition.

His eyes glowed now, and there was a rapt smile on his face as he took up a pencil and filled in a telegraph olank. It was to Mrs. Dalrymple. It

"Santa Claus will drop in on your dear little ones at eight o'clock Christ- THE STATE OF TEXAS. mas eve. Have them ready for the surprise of their lives. I hope that To the Sheriff or any Constable of pretty cousin of yours is still with

"It can't offend her," reflected Evans. "It may remind. Dear girl! the big

"I've followed your orders, Mr. Eyans," he said. "The reindeers are



has a Santa Claus outfit so you're all

an advance advertising stunt. Some class to my scheme, eh?"

"You are always original," commented the old circus man.

route with the high single-seated deers. He was proud of his team.

It was a 20-mile drive to Weston. Late in the afternoon, arrayed in Santa Claus costume, Evans started on his trip. Mrs. Dalrymple had the litthe sound of sleigh bells she switched on the outside electric light. Into the yard roadway came the most ravishingly delightful Kriss Kringle with his wonderful reindeers bedecked and daz-

zling with gleaming tinsel and holly. It was like a dream, those ensuing (Seal) seemed like a paradise to the wanderer to revel amidst such Joyous friendliness. And when the little ones had

cone to bed, as on that other Christmas eve, he stood beside Ivy. "I am going to tell you what my

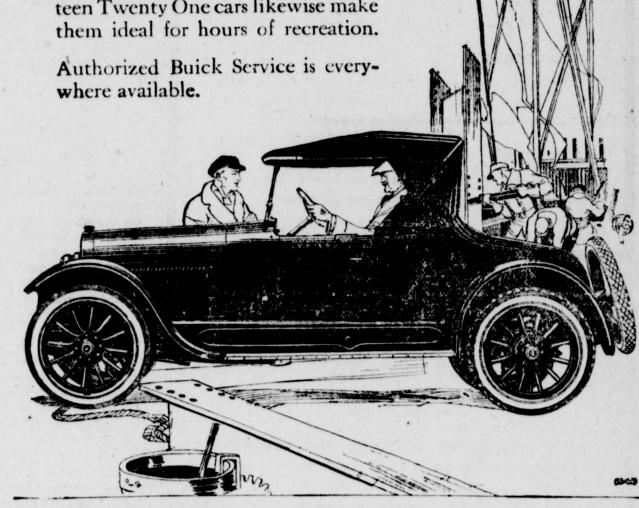
years ago tonight," he said. "Wait," she fluttered. "I can guess, for I had hoped," and she flitted from the room. It was to return wearing

the rose-colored sash. He knew it was his answer as she and glamor and love of that radient hour, neither saw the shadow of an-



QUSINESS men are large employers of motor cars.

The importance of their transportation leads them to choose a car that meets every demand-leads them to choose Buick. The comfortable riding qualities of the new Buick Nineteen Twenty One cars likewise make them ideal for hours of recreation.



J. W. COUCH, Snyder, Texas

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT, BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

Miss Pearl Forrester was down from Fluvanna visiting | THE STATE OF TEXAS.

to Dallas last week

Scurry County-Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to sum mon L. E. Crawford by making pubsuccess I have made shrinks very lication of this citation once in each small when I, think of her precious week for four, successive weeks prevorth," and Evans arose to greet the vious to the return day hereof, in man who had charge of the show's some newspaper published in your county to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Scurry excellent shape. I've trimmed them county to be holden at the court house thereof in Snyder, on the 4th Monday in December, 1920, the same being the 27th day of December, 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 20th day of Nvember, 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 2169 wherein Nora Etta Crawford is plaintiff and L. E. Crawford is defendant, said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were "Good!" nodded Evans briskly. "I'll lawfully married on or about the 5th have to start for Weston early, but day of October, 1907, and continued people will suppose I am giving them to live together as husband and wife until on or about the 27th day of June, 1914, when defendant left plaintiff for the purpose of perma-One of the favorite "stunts" of Ross nently abandoning her and that more Evans had been to make his advance than three years have elapsed since said abandonment, plaintiff prays for buggy and a pair of the circus rein- judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony, custody of their two children, Ella Pearl and George

Lewis, costs of suit, etc. Herein fail not, but have before tle ones posted at the windows, and said court on the said first day of the Christmas tree was lighted. At the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court this the 20th day of November, A. D., 1920.

NELLIE WEEMS, two hours. And Ivy assisted, and it Clerk of the district court, Scurry county, Texas.

> NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN PROBATE

beart longed to impart to you just two THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County, Gr eting:

You are Hereby Commanded to cause to be published (in a newspaper of general circulation, which has hid her blushing face. As he drew her been published continuously and reg to his arms a peal of merry Christmas | ularly for a period of not less than helis echoed forth. And amid the joy one year in your county) at least once a week for two consecutive weeks pre vious to the return day hereof, copies

of the following notice:

To all persons interested in the estate of Thomas Henry Norris a minor. C. L. Norris has filed an application in the county court of Scurry the next term thereof, this Writ, with county on the 13th day of Dec., 1920, your return thereon, showing how for Letters of Guardianship, which you have executed the same. said application will be heard by said court on the 10th day of January, at Snyder, this 13th day of Dec., 1920, at the Court House of said 1920. county, in Snyder, at which time all

required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of

Witness my hand and official seal,

KATE COTTEN, Clerk,

persons interested in said estate are 28 County Court, Ceurry Co., Texas

We TRUST

That the service rendered our customers during the year

1920

will merit a continuance of their patronage during

We thank you all for your cooperation and acknowledge you an accessory to the successful year just passed. The praise is yours, we could never have done it alone

Merry Xmas Friends

Grayum Drug Company

We Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happ and Prosperous New Year MATTHEWS THE QUALITY SHOP We Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy

Hogville Local News.

Zero Peck says when the church goes to give a dinner or supper his wife always agrees to furnish more than her share. Zero has always been a little stingy except back in whiskey times when he could get about half

Gape Allsop finds that a great deal of the information given him by other people is not so.

The postmaster, who is regarded as not being as religious as he should be, got a good scolding from the wife of the Bear Ford preacher the other

Dag Smith told it at the postoffice yesterday that his wife it not as near a good cake baker as her neighbors think she is; that they ought to have to eat some of the cake he eats and they would see for themselves. He says when she happens to bake a good cake she gives it all to the neighbors in order to get bragged on, and when she bakes one of the other kind he has to eat it and let on as though it is very fine.

Gape Allsop says a fellow, in order to keep on good terms with everybody, has to say, "That's all right" lots of times when it isn't.

afraid he would have some kind of Let us write your fire insurance. fever and die. He says all his wife's people who have died, died of fever

and he is afraid of those hereditary

Alexander Moseley says if he owned a circus he would try to make some arrangements by which he could keep it in Hogville all the time, as our people seem to enjoy them so well.

Gape Allsop thinks the indications are for a very hard winter, as the hornets' nests are built very low this time. Yesterday, while in the woods ous pounding from such a large num on Petunia Ridge, where he had no ber in our ministerial career. We business, he bumped a very large one with his head. Today his head is sore and very badly swollen, though the hornets about the most sensitive and treacherous animal he knows anything about.

Zero Peck says watch the fellow who claims to like his mother-in-law. If he will "tell somethin" about one thing he can't be believed in very strong. Zero had a mother-in-law

Don't fail to attend Altrurian Tea at Legion Club room, night Dec. 28th,

Fire Insurance.

During the Holidays is dangerous Dock Mathewsla has always been for fires. Be sure you are protected.

Boren & Erwin. North West Corner Court House.

Pounded. We wish to express our sincerest thanks for, and heartiest appreciation of the good things to eat which were sent us by our friends on last Friday evening. It was more than a pounding, for some sent fifty pounds some twenty-five, others fifteen, and each more than a pound, and some came by dozens. It has not been our good fortune to receive such generthank you, not alone for the intrinsic value, but for the spirit back of the gift as well. May the good Father he is expected to recover. He finds of us all bring to each of you bounties out of the riches of his grace. A thousand blessings be upon you.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hicks.

Albert Buchanan of the S. J. Casstevens store is housed up this week Yale. A gentleman entered the dean's on account of a sprained knee.

Mrs. W. T. Maury, who has been visiting in Chicago, has returned

Use for Old Records.

What can worn-out phonograph disks be used for? aska C. B. A. So far as our observation goes, C. B. A., they can be and are used on phonographs just the same as ever .- St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Program for Christmas Tree Friday night Dec. 24, Baptist Church

Invocation, Bro. Hull. Song, Choir. Reading, Jack Chinn.

Song, by Children. Reading, Marion Rosser Piano Duet, Ernestine and Ruth

Rosser. Reading, Johnnie Lee Shaw. Reading, Margerite Adamson. Song, by Choir.

H. H. Twomey of Carthage, Texas, is the guest of his sisters, Mrs. Jno. M. Holt of Snyder and Mrs. R. C. Jay of Dunn during the holidays.

His Bean Was.

New and good Spoonerisms are rare, but here is one recently reported from office, and, being a bit flustered, he inquired: "Is the bean dizzy?"-Boston Transcript.

Extraordinary Hurdling.

William Priestly, at Hull, England. in 1863, jumped one thousand hurdles, each three feet six inches high, in sixty-one and a half minutes. That is equal to lifting his own weight nine times the height of St. Paul's, in Lon don, and running six miles into the

PENNSYLVANIA NOW LEADING

Keystone State Led Nation in 1919 in Mileage of Contracts Let for Road Building.

Pennsylvania led the nation in 1919 in mileage of contracts let for road construction, according to the state highway department. Up to January the state awarded contracts for the building of 679.26 miles of Curable highways. Its nearest competitor was Illinois, which contracted for 510,70 miles.

Pennsylvania's 1920 program calls for the construction of approximately 800 miles of reads. The department says that Pennsylvania is far ahead of other states in the organization it has perfected to build durable high

GOOD ROADS INDISPENSABLE

Highway Improvement is a Business Proposition With Farmer and City Dweller.

When it takes four horses to pull an empty wagon to town and wheat is going off in price each day; when the mail carrier gives up in despair, and the children cannot get to school, the farmer cannot help wondering how much this condition is costing him each day.

Figure as he may, he cannot get away from the fact that good roads are indispensable to agricultural pros-

The city dweller is alike concerned The farm on a good road has scores of possibilities for the development of its resources to every one open to the farm on a poor road. Increased expenditures-greater buying powers.

In the early days of poverty many a county bonded itself for hundreds of thousands of dollars to secure railroads to promote agricultural development. Three-fourths of all the freight the railroads haul must sooner or later move over the public highways, and every ton so moved is costing at an average rate of 23 cents per mile.

Verily, road improvement is a business proposition-a matter of dollars and cents.

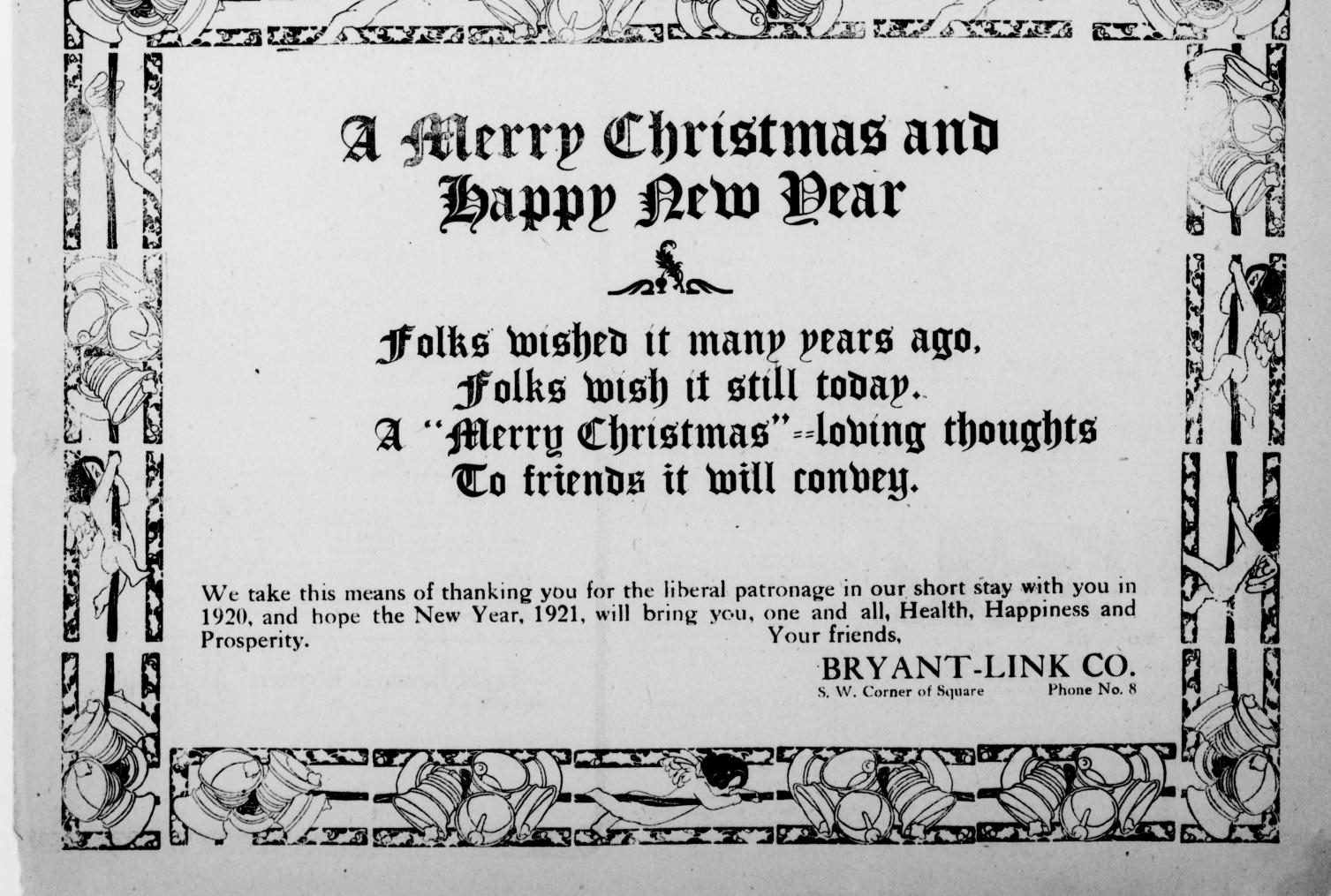
BETTER SCHOOL ADVANTAGES

Average of School Year Is 180 Days in Five States Having Best Road Systems.

Good roads make it possible to have better school advantages. In the five states of the Union which have the best system of public highways the average length of school year is 180 days. In the five states that have given the least attention to road improvements the school year is less than half that long.

Cheerfulness.

Cheerfulness is full of significance: it suggests good health, a clear conscience and a soul at peace with all buman nature.-Charles Kingsley:



ease, Please, Dear Santa Claus



YULETIDE FESTIVITIES IN OTHER LANDS

with their quaint and simple jollity. The English always remembered everyone from their neighbors down to their servants. "In the

man always invited his neighbors and tenants to his great hall at daybreak on Christmas morning. There they meg and good old Cheshire cheese." The house was decked with ivy and

ENGLAND, Christmas one throws a handful of wheat which celebrations of three or four has been brought for the purpose on hundred years ago charm us it, another chops it down very carefully as the tree must fall toward the their precarious living from the east just as the sun god rises. It is alms of villagers. If these waifs then cut into two or three pieces. The possess two ragged garments apiece first chip that falls is brought home they are envied as fortunate by their ountry, an English gentle- as particularly precious.

Then the logs are taken home, one to each side of the door. The mother breaks on the longer log a small wheat were regaled upon toast, sugar, nut- cake of unleavened flour, called poga-

The day passes in preparation for the feast the following day. At sun-Under the title of a "Christmas set one of the men, fitted out with



after Christmas, which was called has been kept all day. "Boxing Day."

consisted of a feast for rich and the log burning all night. books describing England at the time the followers of Thor and Odin, of the crusades, was another evidence. Christmas and the days following

which still prevails to some extent, a Ae he passes the threshold the mother Notice of First Meeting of Creditors. small gift of money was given to post- throws at him a handful of wheat In the District Court of the United men and other delivery men the day from a bowl in which also the chip

Then the log is lighted and imme-In 1100 Henry I granted a charter diately the young folks run out and to London, making it a city and the "celebrate" noisily by firing off guns Christmas celebration, it is recorded, and pistols. It is important to keep

poor. The people gathered in the There are no holidays in Scandistreets around blazing bonfires sing- navia to which both young and old ing and dancing, after feasting upon look forward with so much pleasure as oxen, deer, ale and mead. The wassail the days of Yule. These days, in ye bowl, spoken of so often in many olden times, were also celebra d by Watkins, of Snyder, in the County of



English offered to all comers.

is hard to say anything definite about ing to commemorate the fact that of Yule). Christ was born in a stable among the humblest of the animals.

of the ever-ready hospitality that the are legal holidays in the city and there is much merrymaking, but it is In Russia on Christmas Eve every- not to be compared to what one wit. the bankrupt and transact such other one dresses-or at least they used to, it nesses in the country. In many dis- business as may properly come betricts of Sweden and Norway, among fore said meeting. bolshevist Russia-for a gay mas- the peasants and farmers, these conquerade. Each one was supposed to tinue for thirteen days and are called represent some animal, the idea be- the "tretten Yule days" (thirteen days

afternoon, everything is ready for the Bulls, 1 and 2 years old, J. A. J. Peasants among the Bulgarians, big feast. The house has been thor- Jones, Fluvanna, Texas. Germans and others have a legend oughly cleaned, and leaves of juniper that animals are conscious on Christ- and fir are strewn on the floor. When mas Eve. Some people believe that the work is finished the family gener-"at midnight the sheep awake and ally go into the bakehouse, which has school at Pride, is at home on a visit



verse together. But it is a mortal sin for a man to attempt to overhear them; a sin punishable with sudden death."

Holland has many festivities, promicarnival. In Switzerland the ski and toboggan hold sway.

An interesting practice takes place in Serbia on Christmas Eve. The younger men and boys of the family early in the morning go to the forest. After crossing themselves three times as is the custom of the Greek church, or saying a prayer, they select a tree, then known as the Badayi. They greet it, "Happy Badayl to you." Then the old Herode's song.

kneel in their stalls while by a holy takes a thorough wash from head to miracle all the beasts are able to con- foot, or a bath in a large tub. This is daughter. the only bath many take during the whole year.

In some places old-fashioned ways still exist. Young men often paint or nent among them, a skating or ice blacken their faces, put queer crowns on their heads or hats, wear large stars on their breasts, and generally carry long wooden swords. One man daughters, Ruby and Pearl, are is furnished with a large pouch, and down from Fluvanna attending the men then visit each farm and so teachers' institute. licit contributions for a frolic. Now and then they indulge in great mischief and fun. If they find out that a LOST-A purse containing around young fellow loves a girl of the village \$52.00, somewhere in Snyder. Rethey visit her house and sing to her ward if returned to Signal office.

CALL FOR GARMENTS

BY THE RED CROSS.

Texas chapters and members of the American Red Cross have been called upon to make and ship at the earliest possible moment several land, and other of the small Balkan cording to an announcement received today by the Scurry County Chapter. Each one of the eighty-six chapters in the state has had assigned to it a definite quota of garments, the amount of clothes asked of this chaper being fixed at 10.

Grim evidence of the toll taken in child life of these stricken countries is contained in the call for garments, which states that the rigors of the past three winters have killed so many of the younger children that there is little need for clothes for children under the age of 12 years. Most of the garments asked for will be made for those between the ages of 12 and 14 years. The amount of refugee clothing fixed for the southwest has been set at the minimum figure and will only tide the children over the worst of the winter. It is expected that by making the request conservative the entire amount needed will be reached without delay.

In Roumania alone, with a population of three million, statistics received at St. Louis show that more than 5,000 children under 14 are running wild in pathetic little bands gypsy fashion, crowding together for company and protection, and finding their sleeping quarters in caves and comrades.

Garments made by Texas Red Cross members will be shipped direct to the Bush docks, Brooklyn, New York, marked for export and will be sent direct from there to the Balkans

GARDEN PLOWING-If you want your garden broke up or any kind of plowing, see me. Done on quick notice and prices reaconable.

W. F. Bertram of Windham was farm out on the divide and will move here about the first of the year

States for the Northern District of Texas, in Bankruptcy, Abilene,

In the Matter of Thomas Clyde Watkins, Bankrupt.

No. 693. In Bankruptcy.

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 20, 1920. Office of Referee.

To the Creditors of Thomas Clyde Scurry and District aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 20 day of December, A. D. 1920, the said Thomas Clyde Watkins was duly adjudged bankrupt. and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in the city of Abilene, Taylor County. Texas, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1921, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine

D. M. OLDHAM, Referee in Bankruptcy.

The day before Christmas, in the FOR SALE-12 registered Hereford

Miss Carlie Card, who is teaching march in a procession, that the cattle been made warm, and each member with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.

> Just received a supply of rental batteries. If your battery goes dead phone 99, we'll bring a rental battery put it in your car and recharge your oldone. The Cash Garage

Mr. S. C. Porter and wife left last Friday for La Porte, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with their

PLENTY of nice shade trees. Come and inspect the different assortments. J. M. Doak

Mrs. Forrester and her two

Arthur Goebel, Foch, Texas. 28p





Feeding the Ghosts

When a stockman feeds a scrub, ghosts of the scrub's neglected and starved ancestors share his food with him. Fanciful as this may sound, it is none the less true.

A pure-bred shows more gain in tender, wellflavored meat from 100 pounds of feed, because, with generations of good breeding and good feeding back of him, he is haunted by none of the scrub's ghosts.

The pure-bred in the feed pen is an economy to the stockman. From the pure-bred come choicest steaks, juiciest roasts, at lowest cost to the consumer.

You've noticed how a grass-fed steer of good breeding will often outweigh and outsell a corn-fed scrub of the same age.

Distributors,

With the present narrow margin between the growing cost and the market price of beef, it is your duty -to yourself, to your family, to your community-to raise only the animals that make the beef that brings a price that pays you a profit on your investment. Don't waste good corn on poor steers.

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At the recent meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco, Texas, E. B. Barnes, was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 79th, Masonic district. Mr. Barnes has also been appointed one of its inspectors by the Grand Commandery of the state, another high honor which is very much appreciated. The Snyder Commandery has long been recognized as one of the leading Lodges of this part of the state, and the selection of one of its members to such high honors is proof of its efficiency Mr. Barnes is postmaster at Snyder.

J. D. Doak and wife left yesterday or Dallas to spend the Christmas polidays with their daughter, Mrs. Josie Roberts.

Dink Merrell and wife came in Sunday from Dallas to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.

A. Parker and family of the Foch ommunity were in Snyder Monday hopping.

Rev. A. W. Waddill, pastor Method st church, Stamford, was in the city

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Mrs. F. M. Jones, of

"From the time I en-

. . I looked with dread

Palmer, Okla., writes:

tered into womanhood

from one month to the

next. I suffered with my

back and bearing-down

pain, until life to me was

a misery. I would think

I could not endure the

pain any longer, and I

gradually got worse. . .

Nothing seemed to help

me until, one day, . . .

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The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles,"

Mrs. Jones goes on to

say, "and was not only

not a pain. .

decided to

Under the Holly Bough

"Ye who have scorned each of Or injured friend or brothe: & In this fast fading year; Ye who, by word or deed. Have made a kind heart bleed, Come gather here!

"Let sinned against and sinning Forget their strife's beginning, And join in friendship now. Be links no longer broken, Be sweet forgiveness spoken Under the holly-bough.

'Ye who have loved each other, Sister and friend and brother, In this fast fading year; Mother and sire and child, Young man and maiden mild, Come gather here;

"And let your heart grow fonder, As memory shall ponder Each past unbroken vow; Old loves and younger wooing Are sweet in their renewing Under the holly-bough." -Charles Mackay.



Origin of Quaint Traditions of the Yuletide



holiday season recalls quaint ideas and Christmas fancies of old, even back to the ancient days of the Druids-a time when the mistletoe sprig, as a potent mascot, was presented as an omen of good for-

tune, as a symbol of health, wealth and prosperity, and inthose days long ago the house that sported a branch of mistletoe at Christmas would never be unlucky.

It is from the Druids that the custom of decorating our churches and homes with evergreens comes, for they believed that all the sylvan sprites flocked together on these boughs, there to remain until the warm weather came. In midwinter the Druids sent around sprigs of ivy and mistletoe to remind the people to decorate their dwellings with evergreens, in order to propitiate the sylvan sprites and secure protection from frosts and wintry blasts. Holly berries long have been considered as giving wonderful power when worn in the shape of a wreath, which must be made and worn in imitation of a sacred crown of thorns and of berries, and the wearer of this crown must go alone at midnight on Christmas and sit in the dark, and, in accordance with that ancient tradition, when worn on Christmas eve the holly wreath will evoke visions of spirit forms coming in the air to sing their Noel songs, and all the beasts will be seen to kneel down in worship.

The Yule cake and Yule log, too, have their important part in this ancient Saxon tradition for the Christmas festival season. The cake had the same powers as the bride cake has on Christmas night. The Yule log was used to light the Christmas fire the next year because it preserved the house from fire during the year and subdued the spirit of the flames. Its powers were bestowed in the days of the Druids, when the belting fires were lighted and the brands secured from the fire to light the fire the next year. The ancient Saxons burned the Yule log as a symbol of the turning of the sun toward spring.

Holland, perhaps, has the prettiest custom of all nations for the Christmas festival. On the night before Christmas in commemoration of the star of the east, the young men of their towns assemble and carry through the dark streets a large, bright star; all the people go out to reet and give to the bearers of this

the Chinese worship the Kitchen God by preparing dishes of candy and various sweets with which they smear his mouth. Later they burn him amid the firing off of crackers, the delty being sent up in a charlot of smoke and fire to a conference with the king of the celestial regions. The idea of smearing his mouth with sweets is that he may not say anything but honeyed words, or that his lips may stick together and so prevent his talking

The Kitchen God, according to story, had been ill treated by his brother and had many servants, but allowed their brother to work with the servants and have dinner with them. Their cruelty developed day after day, until at last they treated him heavenly by seating him in a sedan chair made of paper.

"star of Bethlehem," as it is called.

Seven days before their New Year,

alms for the poor.

gold and silver given to the Christ He is said to be doing nicely. . child, as many believe, but from an

old custom of priests putting on board of all outgoing ships a box of alms. This box was opened at Christmas time and masses said for the givers of the alms, and was called "Christ mass" box, and from this has come our custom of Christmas boxes and gift giving.

Mrs. W. B. McCormick left Monday for her home in Snyder after several days' visit with Mrs. Frank Hill and other friends in Crowell .-Floyd County News.

The junior and primary departsister-in-law, who were very rich and ments of the Methodist Sunday school will have a Christmas tree Friday night in the basement of the

W. F. Burney of Knapp carried The creation of giving gifts at his little boy to Lubbock Monday Christmas came, not from presents of to undergo an operation on his knee.

such as most of us wrote in our copy books at school.

They reduced these old copy book maxims to a splendid and scientific system, pouring more, and more, and still more value into the car, and then marshalling all the resources of modern massed manufacture to get their product into the hands of the people at an honorable and an honest cost.

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It will last, and it will keep on growing, as it has kept on growing for five years (faster than Dodge Brothers works could keep pace with it), as long as the number of those who believe that a manufacturer should build to serve and not merely to sell, continues to increase.

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All of this is wonderful, in one way, and quite natural and logical in another.

It all dates back to the day when John and Horace Dodge conceived and designed and finally built the car -after warning each other, and their associates, not even to think of it in any other terms than the best obtainable value.

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Snyder, Texas

GUY E. PAXTON

greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have "It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good bealth. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female

> Even the moon contributed Its share to Christmas superstitions, for, as the legend runs, if Christmas comes during the waning of the moon we shall have a very good year, and the nearer to the full moon the better.

Notice. Notice is hereby given of the regular annual meeting of the Shareholders of The Snyder National Bank, Snyder, Texas, to be held in their offices the second Tuesday in January, at Colorado last Friday.

1921, for the purpose of electing Directors for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Towle visited

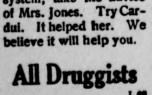
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COLLECTIONS FOR METHODIST ORPHANS HOME IS \$313.00

The collection last Sunday morning at the Methodist Sunday school and also at the morning sorvice went for the Orphans Home at Waco.

There were 169 givers at the Sunday School and a collection of \$141.16 the morning service there were 231 givers with a total col lection of \$172.00. Making a total of the two services \$313.16. with about 200 givers.

The spirit of giving seemed to be and Mrs. A. Johnston.

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manifest and especially to such a worthy cause. It seems that one of the greatest pleasures anyone could have would be to make some orphan's heart glad at Christmas time.

Misses Doris Marshall and Zonell Harris arrived Wednesday from C. A. Denton, to spend the holidays with home folks:

Misses Lois, Myrle and Bess Johnston are home from Midland to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr.

FILLING CHURCHES.

In Chicago it is said that depression in trade has added to church going, according to statements by Chicago pastors, and they believe

that financial and business depres-

sion are responsible for the increasing congregations. "The prosperous business man, is incined to self-sufficiency," said Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, "and when commercial depression comes the merchant and business man leans

more and more on spiritual aid." The financial condition of things will be a wonderful aid, if it will

only bring men to church. not in self, which is the least support | Taft. to which he can turn in time of adversity, but in God who is the giver of all good and perfect gifts. Only anxious seekers.

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A. J. Kemp, J. W. Jackson and Scurry, County, Greeting: J. C. Rea, all of Foch, were here ing in Christmas.

guest of her aunt, Mrs. John M. Holt, this week. She attended the teach-lonce a week for 20 days previous to ers' institute while here.

C. E. Fish has accepted a position with the Snyder Garage and would be pleased to have his friends call and see him.

Marriage license were issued Monday to Amil H. Kruse and Miss Lois More of the Ira community.

"We need," said President-elect | Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Anderson and Mr Harding, "an old time religious and Mrs. O. P. Thrane went to Post awakening." Man's dependence is Saturday night to hear Ex-President

Income Tax Reports.

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> NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN PROBATE

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You are Hereby Commanded to Monday just looking around and tak- cause to be published (in a newspaper of general circuation, which has been published continuously and reg Miss Vashti Jay of Dunn was the ularly for a period of not less than one year in your county) at east the reurn day hereof, copies of the followig notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons iterested in Estate About 230 acres in cultivation, bal-Loyd and Mary Evans. E. M. Lewis ance in grass. See J. W. Feshas filed his final account as admin- mire. istrator of said estate and filed an application in the County Court of Scurry county on the 16th day of April, 1920, for appointed as guard- brother arrived at her home. Howian of the estate Loyd Evans, Jr., Gladys Evans, Lewis Evans, May think he was somewhat of a care, and one day when her mother told her to Evans and Pettus Evans, which said application will be heard by said with disdain and remarked, "Oh, you Court on the 10th day of January, little bothering thing!" 1921, at the Court House of said County, in Snyder, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said report and answer said application, should they desire so to do. Herein fail not, but have you before fish."-Boston Transcript. said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness my hand and official seal,

Vain Acquisitions

Club room.

"Some men gets a heap of educa tion," remarked an old colored philosopher, "just as some people gets & whole lot of bait without ketchin' any

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